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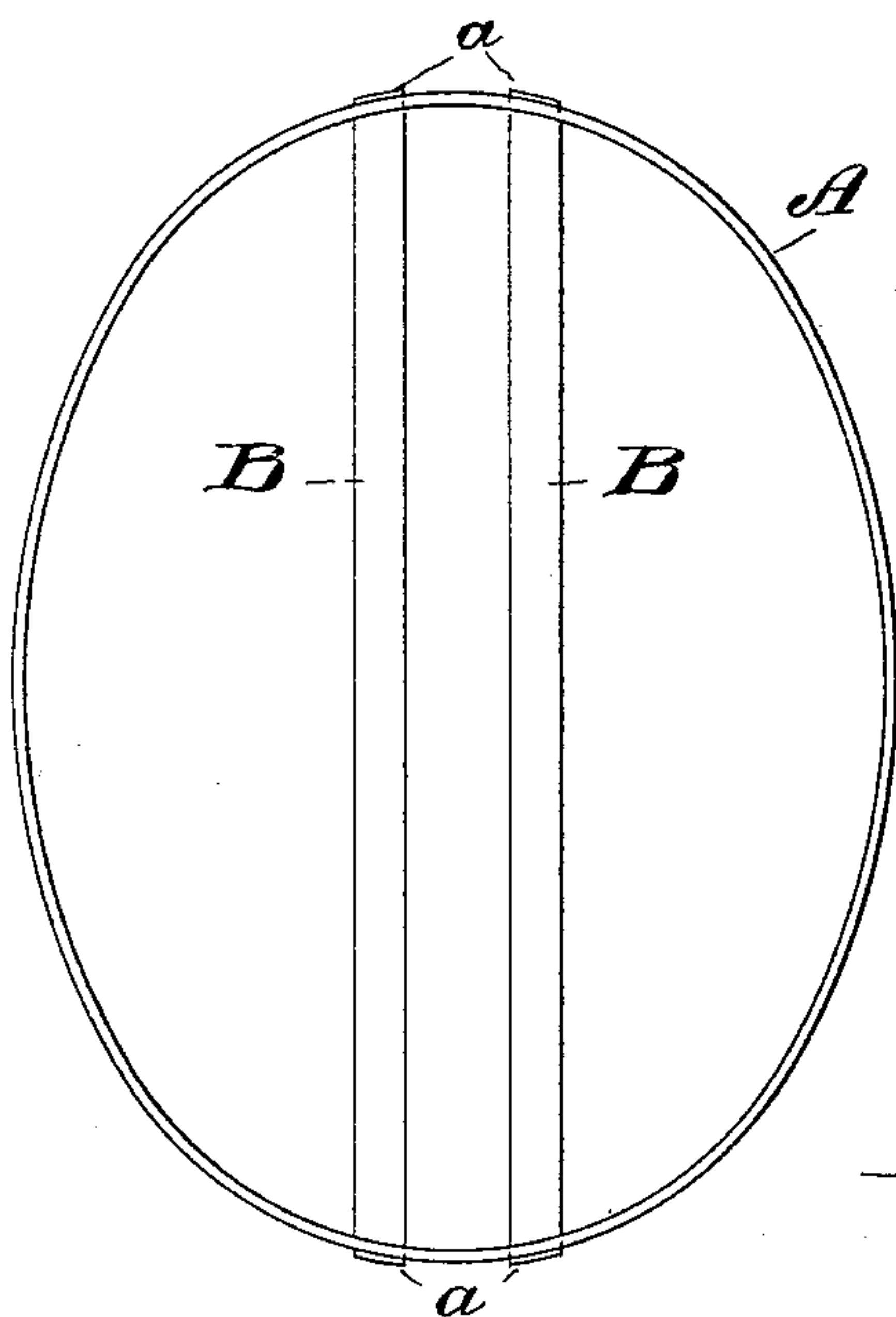
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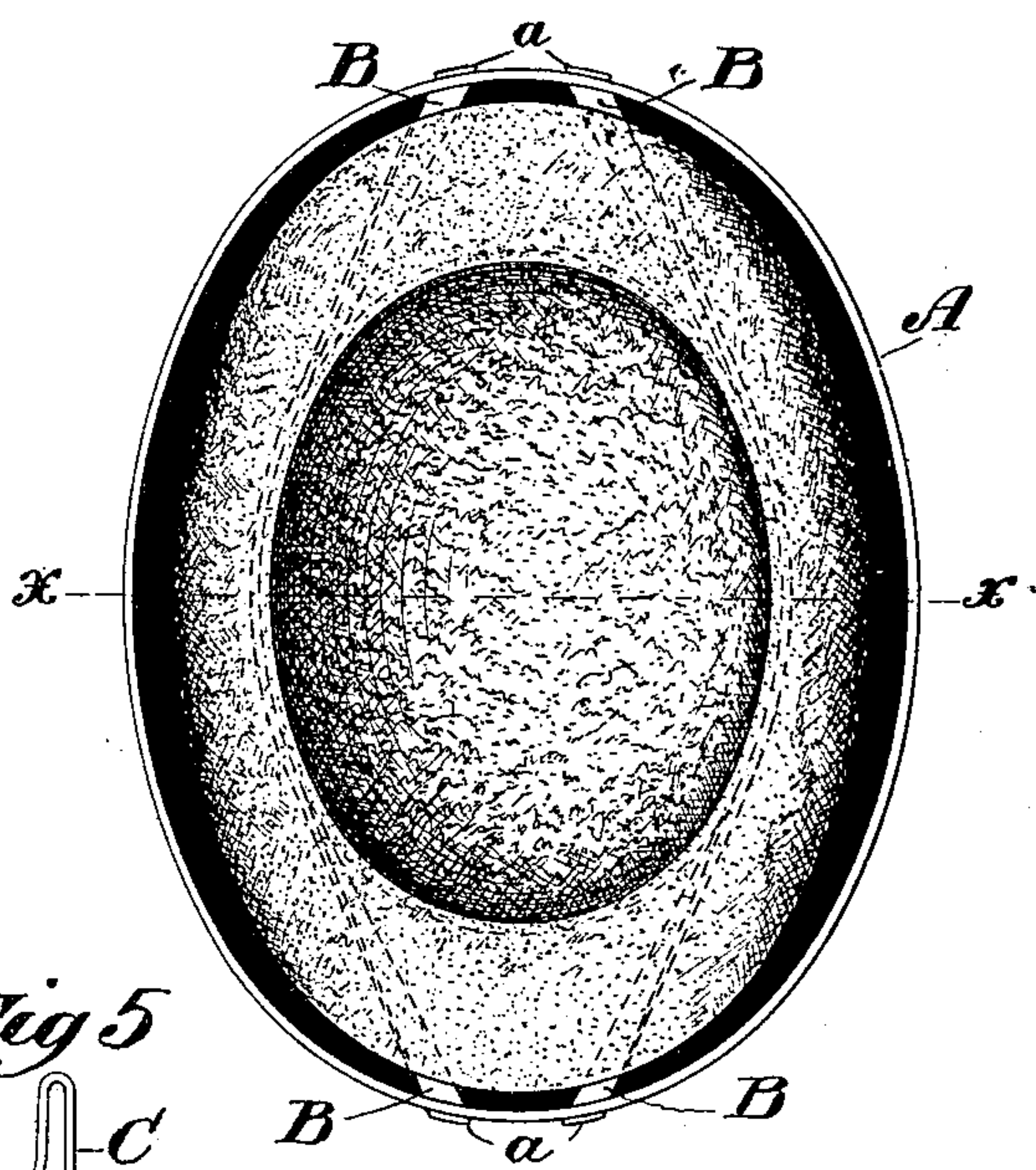
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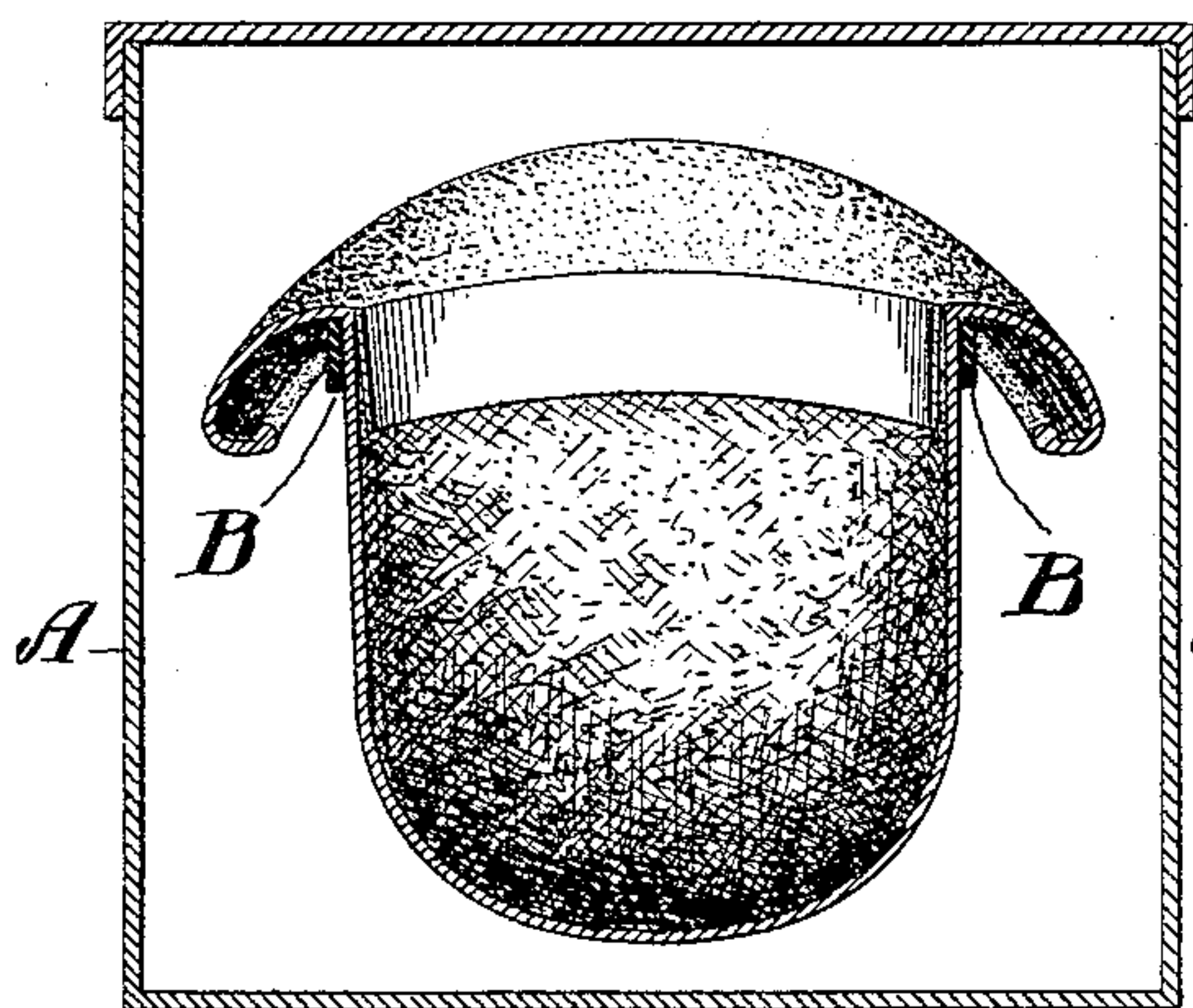
*Fig 1*



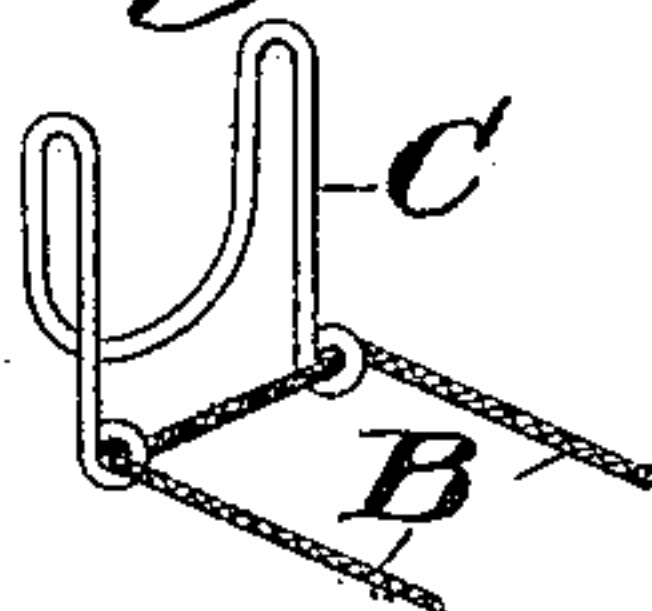
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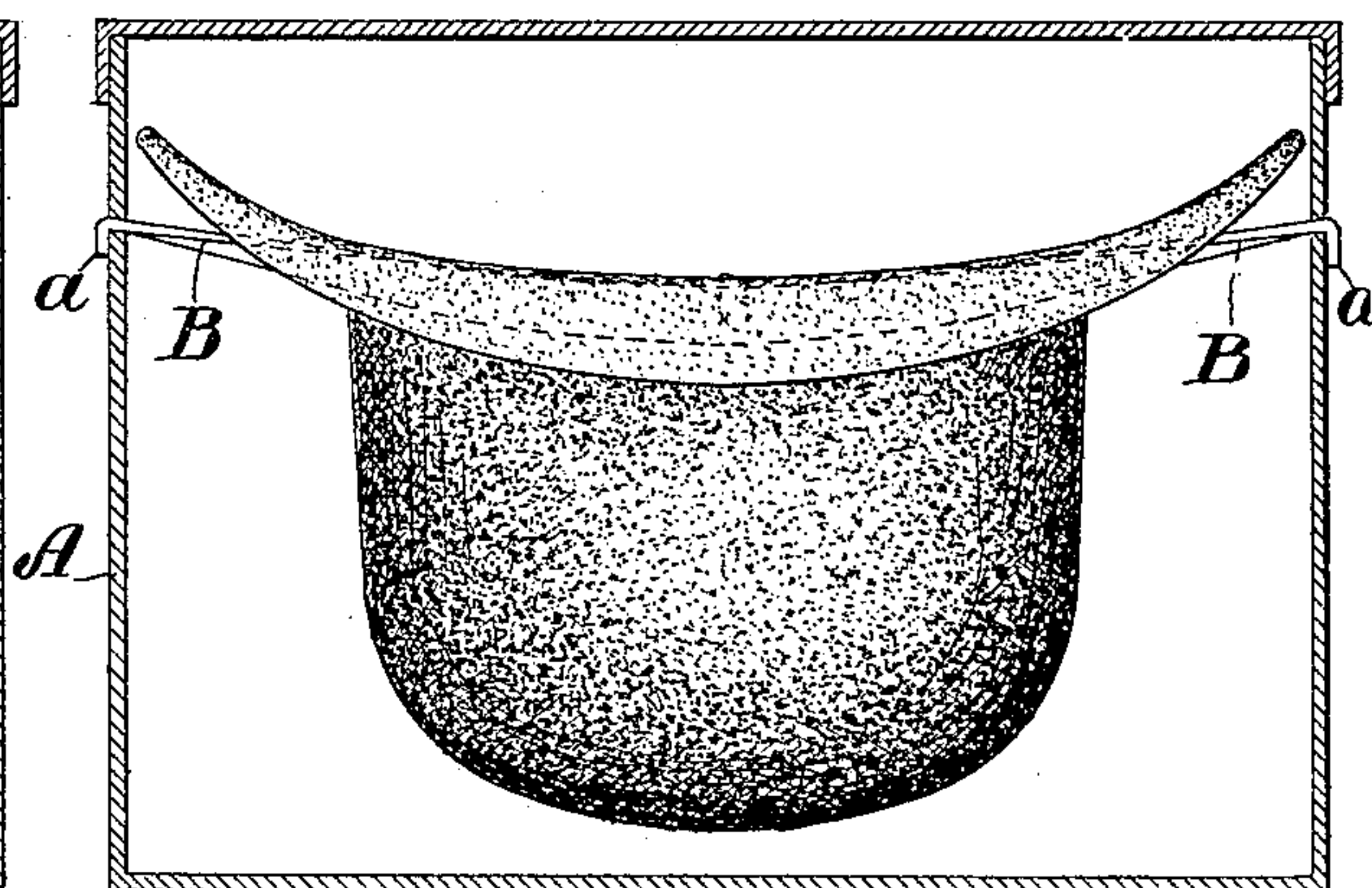
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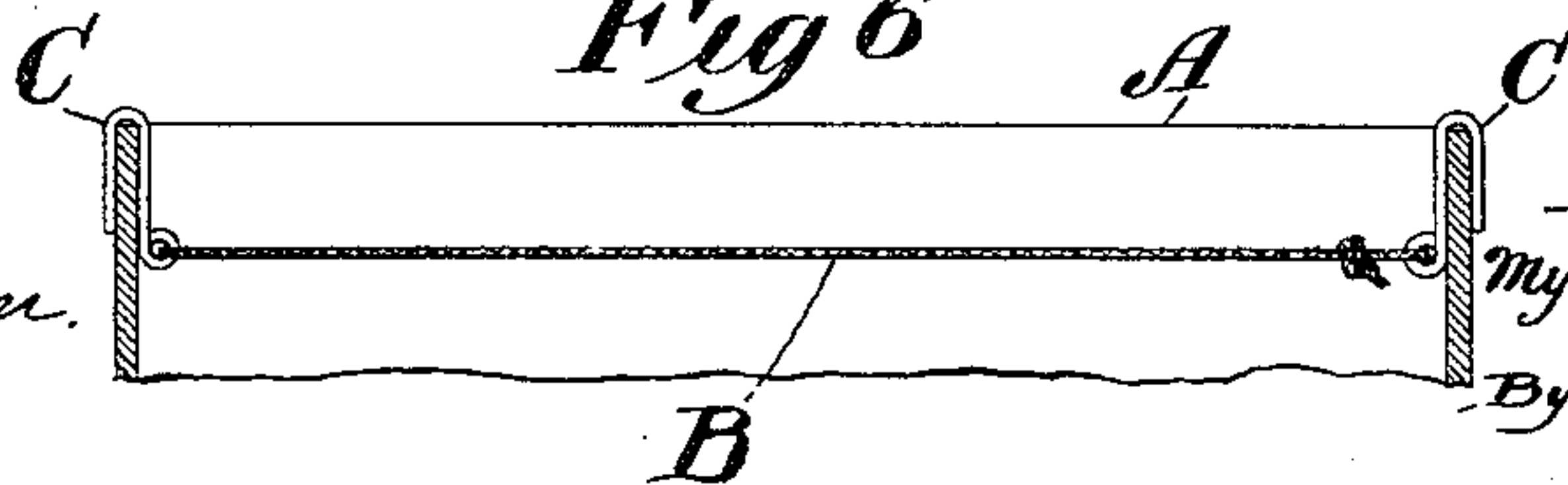
*Fig 5*



*Fig 4*



*Fig 6*



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## HAT-PACKING SUPPORT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MYRON C. SCHOONMAKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bethel, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Packing Supports; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has reference to devices for supporting hats within bandboxes, and has for its object to provide means whereby hats may be suspended within a bandbox without any contact of the crown-tip with the box or support, while at the same time the hat shall be firmly held without danger of chafing.

With these ends in view my invention consists of two juxtaposed sections or strips of resilient material, as elastic, secured to the bandbox so as to extend diametrically across the same.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan showing a bandbox with my improved support in proper position therein; Fig. 2, a similar view illustrating a hat supported by my improvement; Fig. 3, a section taken at the line *x x* of Fig. 2; Fig. 4, a side elevation of a hat supported as shown at Fig. 2, the bandbox being sectioned; Fig. 5, a detail broken perspective, showing a hook attached to my support to facilitate the securing of the latter to the bandbox; and Fig. 6, a broken sectional elevation of the top of a bandbox with my improvement secured thereto by said hooks, which latter are caught over the edge of the box.

Similar letters denote like parts in the several figures.

A is the bandbox, and B B are the hat-supports, which are made of web-elastic or any other resilient material. These supports extend across the interior of the box at a short distance below the top, and are secured at their ends to the box by pasting or gluing, as shown at *a*, Fig. 4. The securing of these ends

is immaterial, since it may be effected in many ways—as, for instance, by knotting or by the use of the hooks C, which are shown at Fig. 5 as secured to the ends of the supports (only one being shown) and caught over the edge of the box.

Round or flat elastic or elastic webbing may be used effectively to constitute my improved supports.

The hat is depressed between the supports B B, the latter yielding readily to admit the body of the hat, until said supports laterally embrace the base of the hat-body. It will thus be seen that the hat is firmly embraced at the opposite sides of the base of the body, and also that the supports themselves have a free movement in all directions, thereby insuring the hat as against any chafing or damage during shipment.

Of course it will be readily seen that a series of hats may be packed within a bandbox by the use of several sets of my supports extending at suitable intervals diametrically across the interior of the box.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A hat-packing support consisting of two parallel and elastic bands extending in the same horizontal plane diametrically across the interior of the bandbox, said bands being separated by a space considerably less than the diameter of the base of the hat-crown, and normally secured at their extremities to the said box, whereby, when the hat-crown is inserted and depressed between said bands, the latter will automatically yield and by their resiliency exert a firm grip on said crown and hold the hat in suspension within the box, substantially as shown, and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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