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Fig. 1.

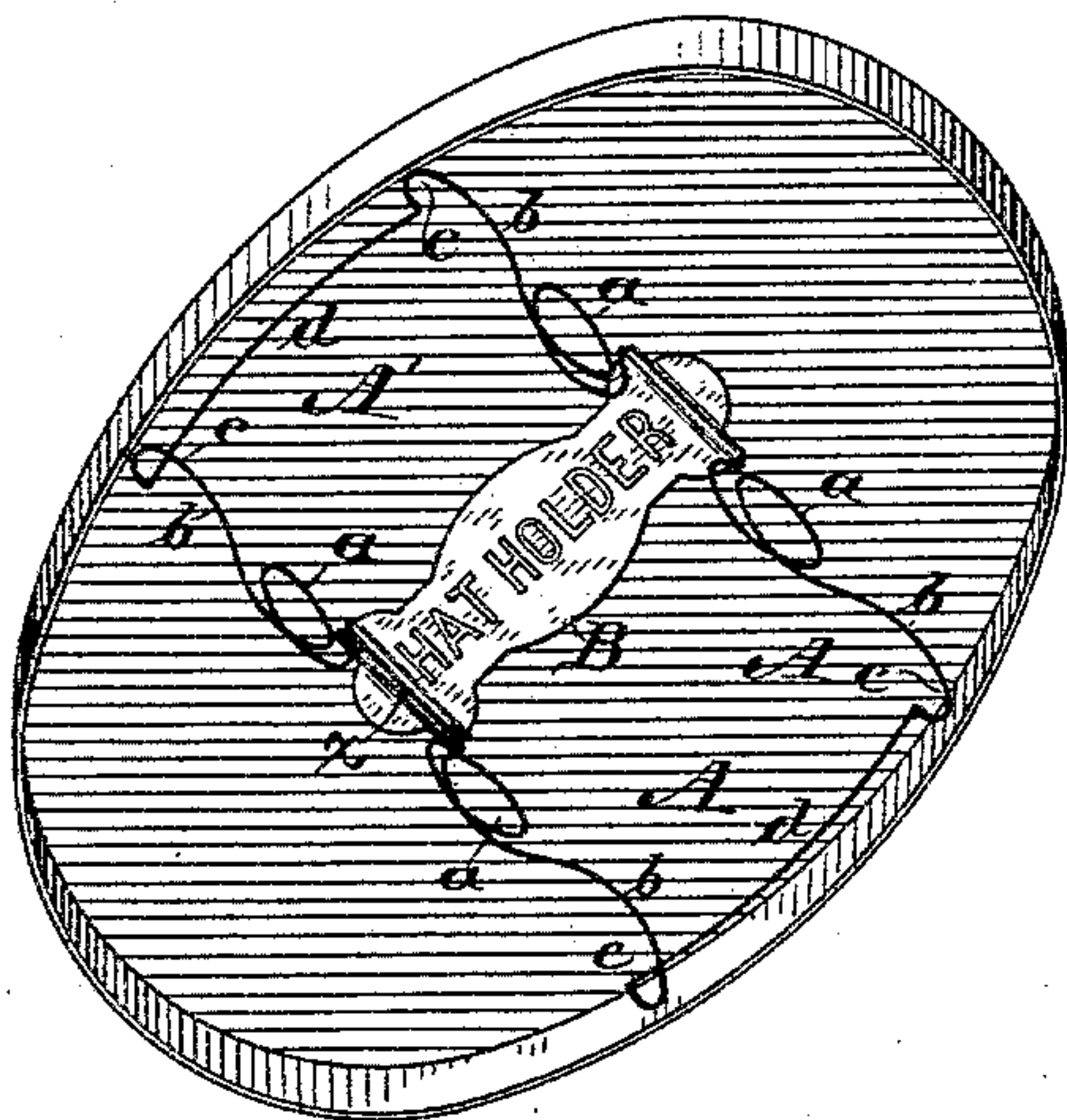


Fig. 2.

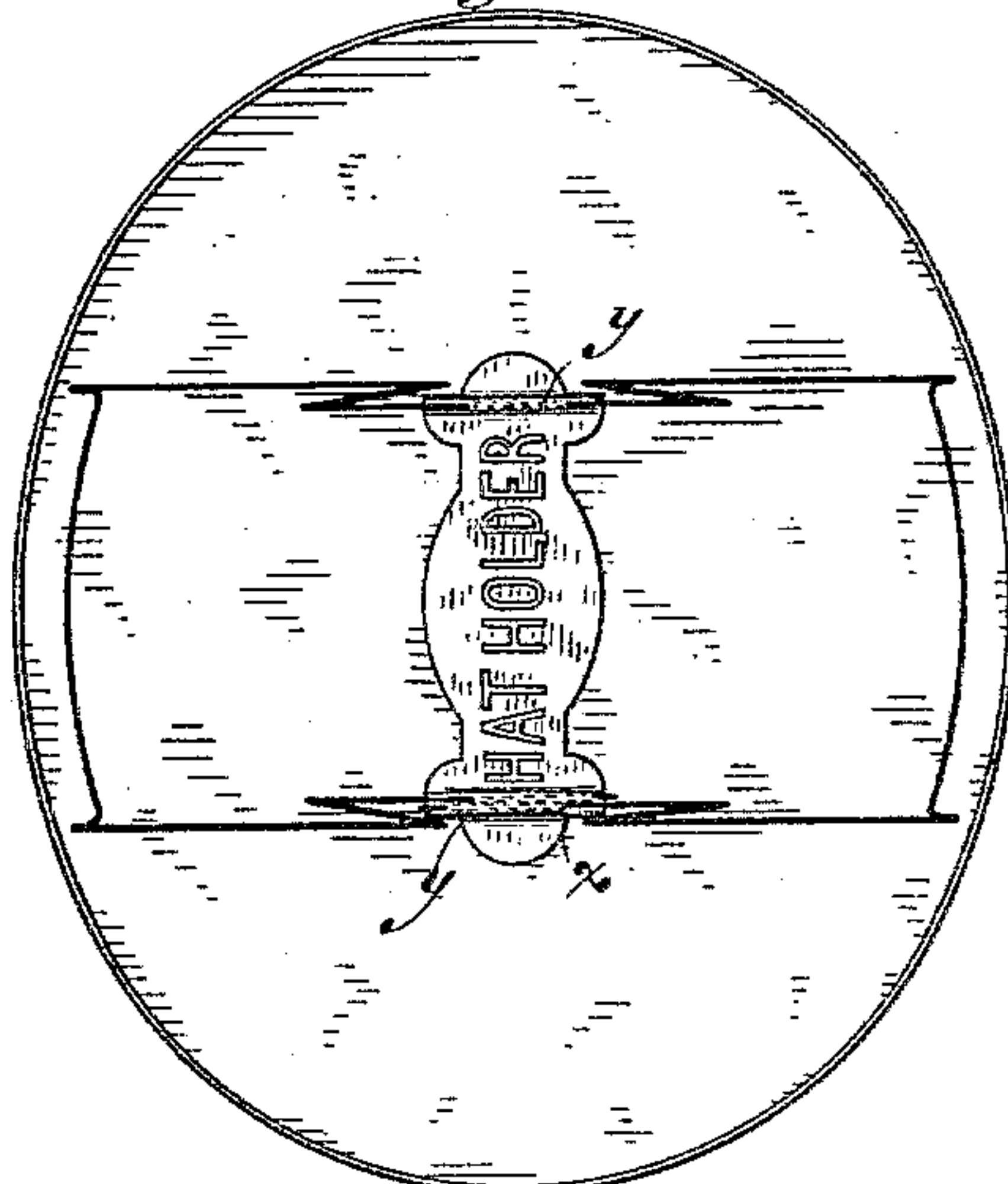


Fig. 3.

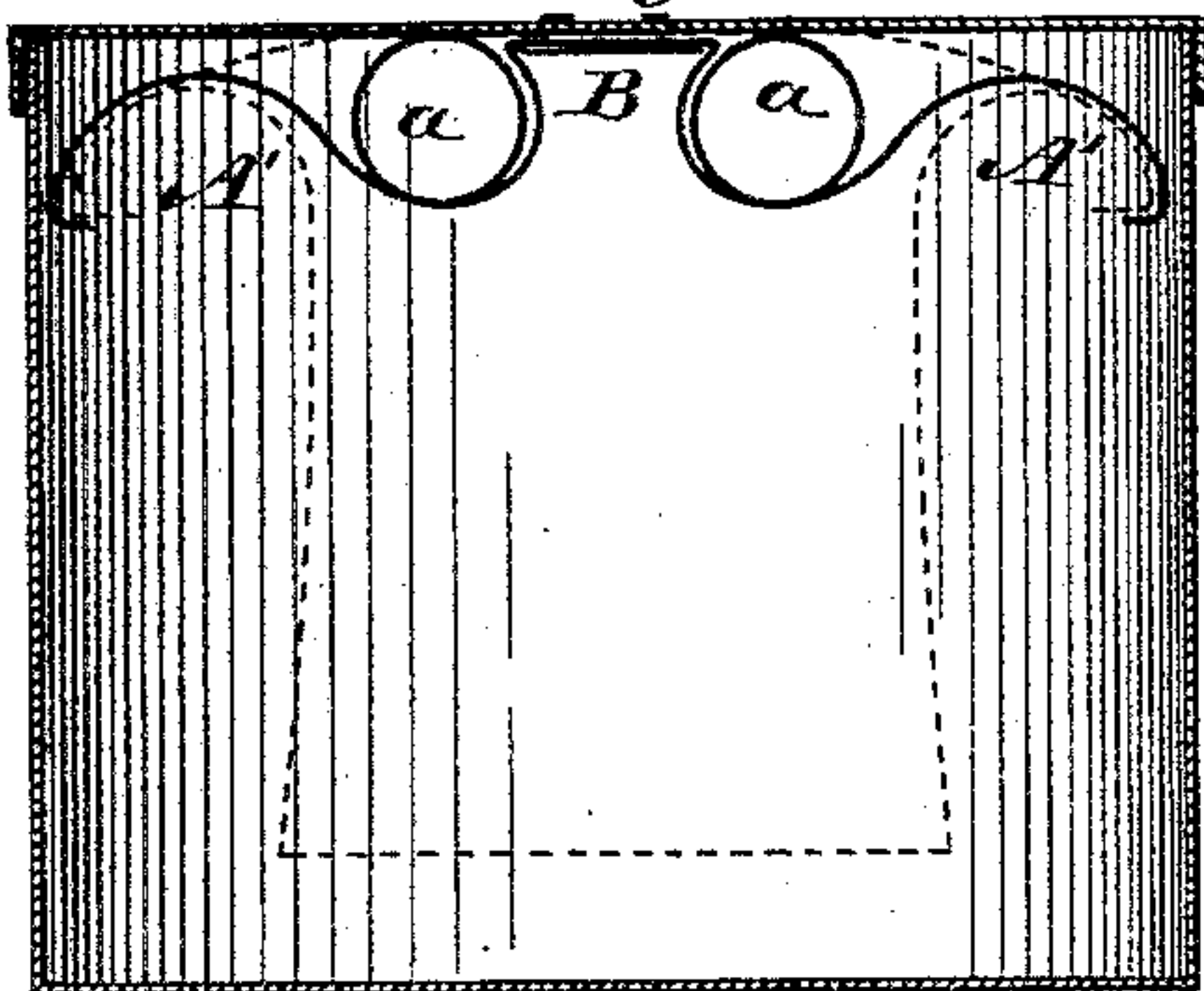


Fig. 4.

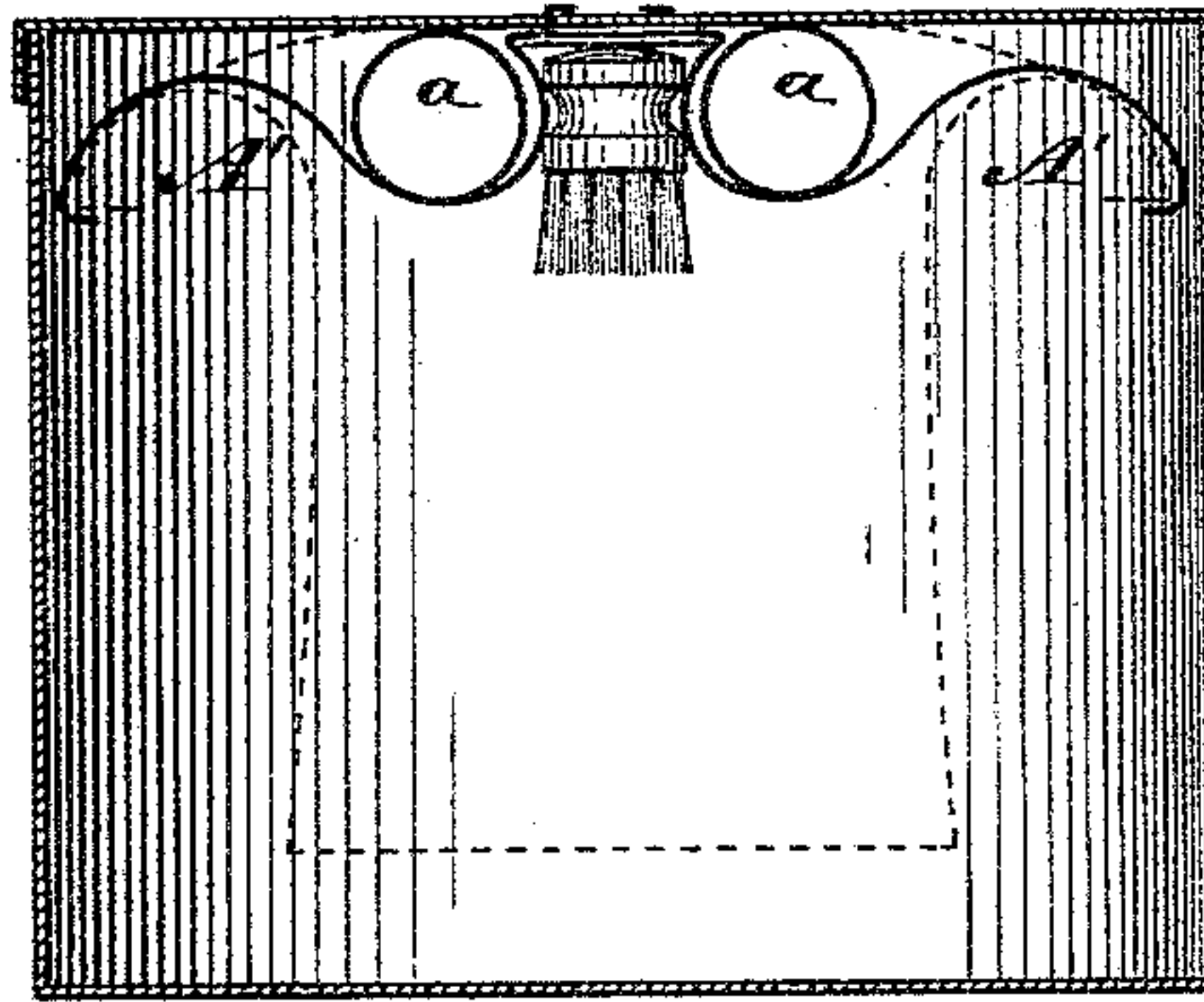


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Fig. 8.



Fig. 9.



Fig. 10.



Fig. 11.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN A. NEWMAN, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a cheap and efficient device for holding hats.

My improved hat-holder is especially designed for use in hat-boxes to protect the hat in transportation from being rubbed or broken. The device may also be used on opera-chairs, railway-cars, wardrobes, &c. It is so constructed that the hat may be readily placed in position and removed. It holds the hat away from the bottom and sides of the box with only a small surface of contact, so that it will not become soiled, rubbed, or otherwise injured.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved hat-holder applied to the top of a hat-box; Fig. 2, a plan view of the same; Fig. 3, a side view of the device within a box, also showing by dotted lines a hat in position; Fig. 4, a similar view showing also the manner of holding a hat-brush. Figs. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 show different ways of bending the frame, and Fig. 11 is a view of the central plate.

The device in its simplest form is a metallic frame bent to give it elasticity and formed to hold a hat by the brim at two opposite edges. It is, however, preferably formed of a metallic frame A, made of a single piece of wire attached to a central plate B. The ends of the wire overlap at *x* and are secured together in any suitable way. The plate B is formed with recesses *y*, in which the wire frame is seated. The wings A' A' on each side of the central plate are bent to form two spring-coils *a*, two scrolls *b*, (corresponding in shape to a hat-brim,) abrupt bends *c*, and a cross-piece *d*, parallel with the plate A and adapted to rest under the brim of a hat, as indicated in Figs. 3 and 4. The plate is attached to a hat-box, opera-chair, or the like in any suitable way. In Fig. 1 it is shown as applied to the top of a hat-box. If desired, however, the plate may be omitted, the wire frame thus constituting the entire device, which may be conveniently

attached to the desired object by means of staples or the like.

A hat-brush may be conveniently held between the coils *a*, as indicated in Fig. 4. The frames are preferably bent to a form suitable for this purpose.

In Fig. 5 the frame is shown as having double coils to increase its elasticity.

In Fig. 6 the coils are omitted; but the sides of the frame are bent into S shapes or scrolls.

In Fig. 7 there are double coils and no scrolls or S-bends.

In Fig. 8 there are single coils and large connecting-coils.

In Fig. 9 there is the combination of scrolls, small coils, and large connecting-coils.

Fig. 10 shows the combination of scrolls, double coils, and large connecting-coils.

Fig. 11 is a view of the central plate.

The device may be used for hats of any size, the spring-metal frame giving it this capacity; or the frame may easily be enlarged or reduced by suitably bending the wire. The hat should be placed in position by first placing one side of the brim under one of the cross-pieces *c*, and then placing the opposite side of the brim under the opposite cross-piece. By pressing aside one wing of the frame the hat may be readily withdrawn.

It is obvious that other modifications might be made without departing from the substance of my invention. The various examples shown are, however, sufficient to illustrate my invention embodied in the best forms.

I claim as my invention—

1. A hat-holder consisting of a spring-metal frame composed of two similar wings A', each having two parallel sides formed with abrupt bends *c* at their outer ends, and a cross-piece *d*, connecting the two sides and adapted to rest under the brim of the hat.

2. A hat-holder consisting of a spring-wire frame formed of two similar wings A', each of said wings consisting of two sides formed with spring-coils near their inner ends and at their outer ends with abrupt bends *c*, connected by a cross-piece *d*.

3. The combined hat-holder and hat-brush holder herein described, consisting of a spring-wire frame formed with two similar

wings A', said wings each having abrupt bends *c* at their outer ends, adapted to rest under the brim of a hat and connected by a cross-piece *d*, and near the middle with
5 spring bends or coils, between which the hat-brush may be held.

4. The combination, substantially as here-
inbefore set forth, of the central metallic
plate, the spring-metal frame or hat-holder
10 consisting of two similar wings A', extending
from each side of the central plate, said wings

being each formed with spring-coils near the central plate, and scrolls extending outwardly from said spring-coils and having abrupt bends *c* at their outer ends connected by a
15 cross-piece *d*.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto sub-
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