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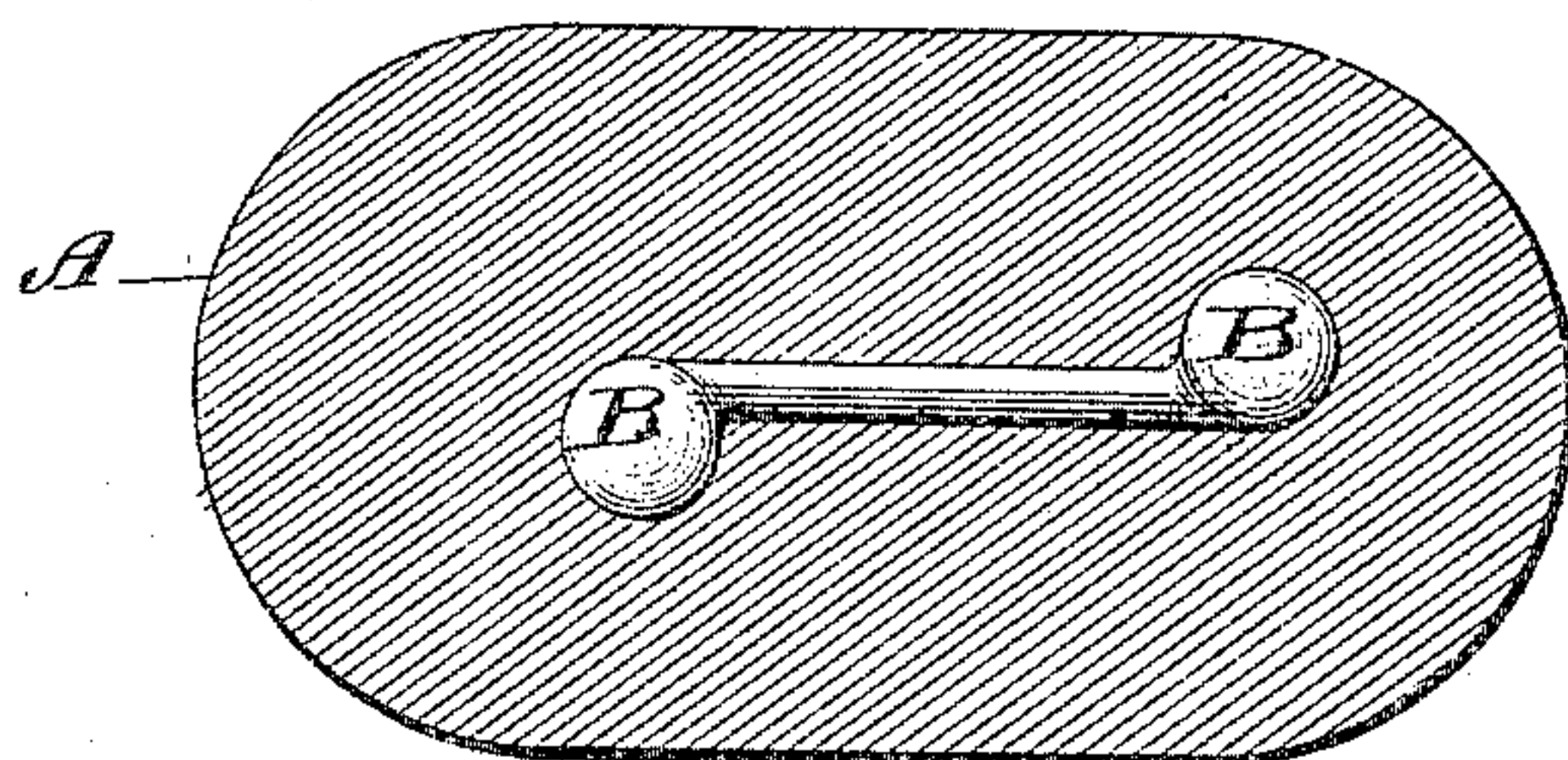
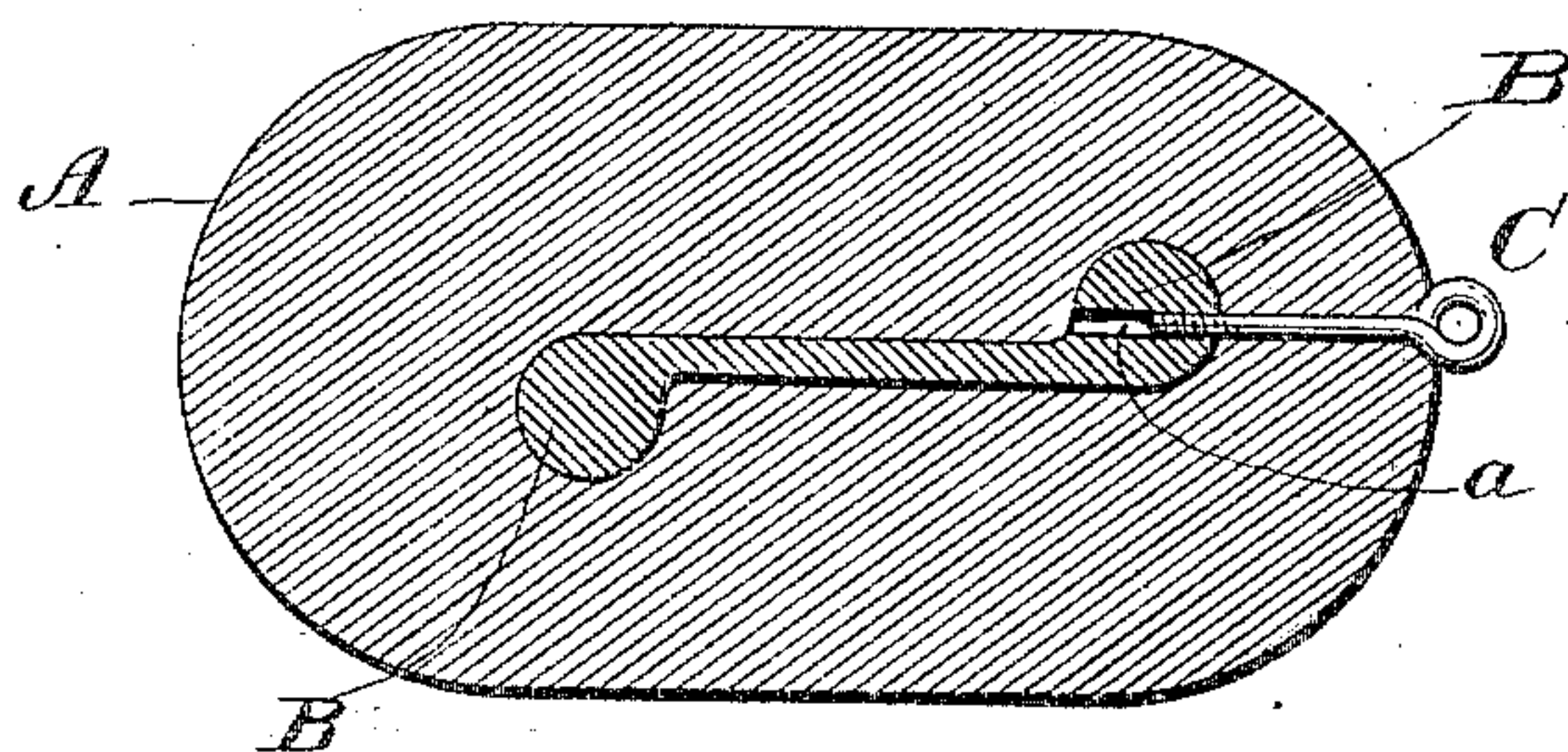


Fig. 2.



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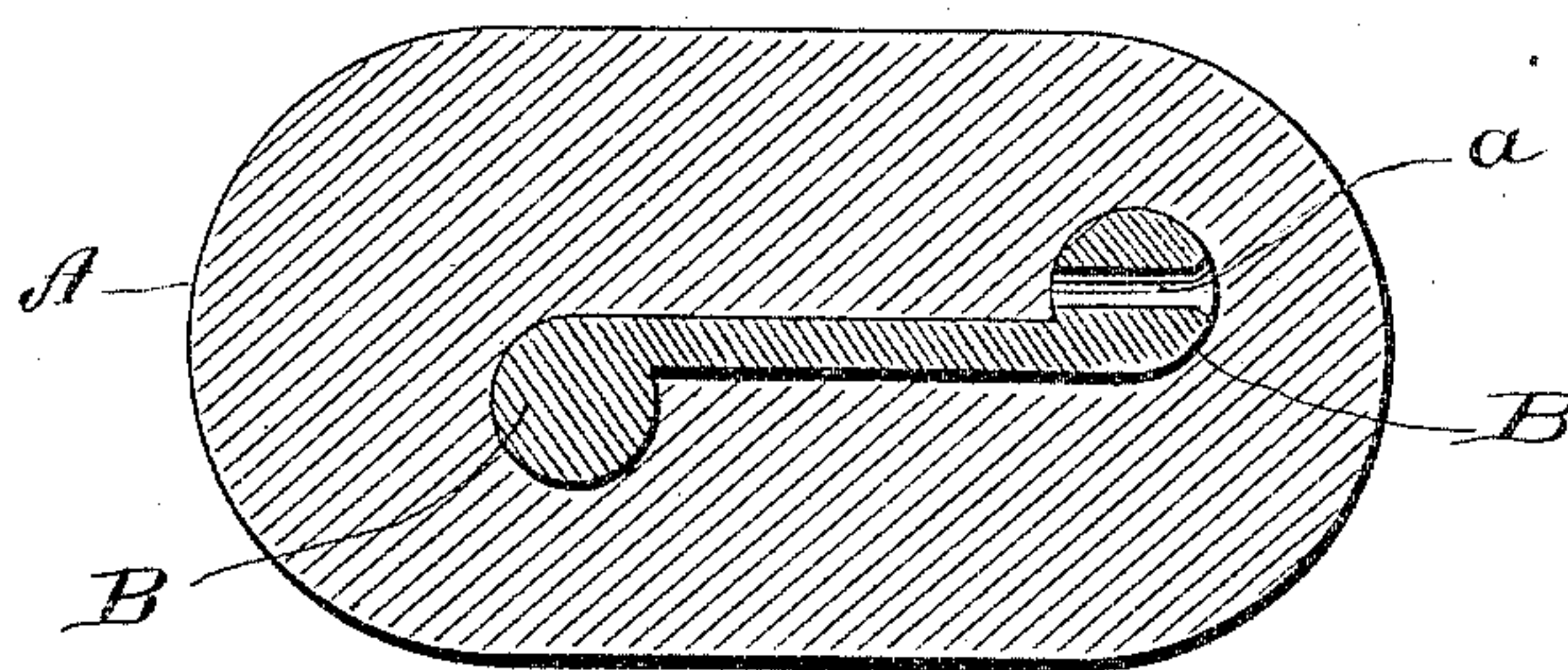
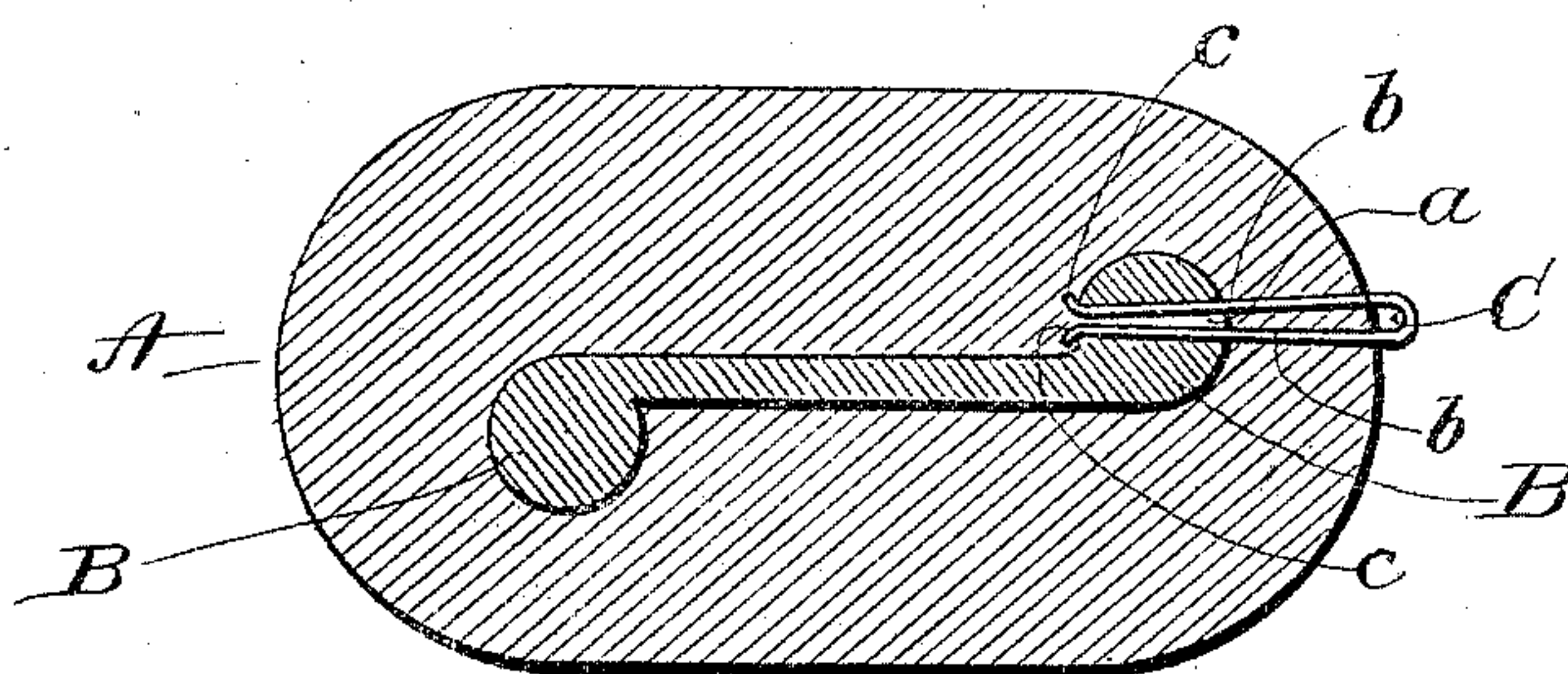


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ANCHOR ATTACHMENT FOR SOAP-CAKES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREELAND W. OSTROM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Anchor Attachments for Soap-Cakes; 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 anchors, such as are secured within a cake of soap, with the end in view to the attachment thereto of a chain or the like, and has for its object to provide suitable means whereby said anchor may be readily attached to said chain.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a sectional elevation of a cake of soap with an anchor therein, the latter being shown in plain elevation; Fig. 2, a similar view showing a screw-eye inserted through the soap into said anchor; Fig. 3, a view similar to Fig. 1, but showing the anchor in section; and Fig. 4, a similar view showing another style of eye secured within the opening in the anchor.

Similar letters denote like parts in the several figures of the drawings.

A is the soap-cake, and B the anchor, which consists of a bar having secured thereto or formed therewith offsets extending in opposite directions. One of said offsets is provided with an opening *a*, and after the anchor has been secured within the soap by compressing the latter, an eye C may be inserted through the soap and within the afore-said opening. To this eye any suitable chain or the like may be attached, and if it is desired to detach the soap it is not necessary to uncouple the chain from the eye, but the latter is merely withdrawn from the anchor. This eye may be in the form of an ordinary screw-eye, as shown in Fig. 2, in which instance the opening *a* would be threaded to

accommodate the shank of said eye, or said eye may consist of a spring-loop having legs *b* and terminal toes *c*, as shown at Fig. 4, the legs being compressed and forced through the opening *a*, while the toes having passed beyond the opening spring apart and extend beneath the wall of said opening, thereby retaining the eye within the anchor. Thus it will be seen that by providing a detachable eye for the anchor I am enabled to greatly facilitate the substitution of one cake of soap for another, while at the same time, if it is desired to remove the soap for the purpose of carrying it for toilet use during traveling, the absence of the eye will afford an ordinary plain cake of soap. The fact that the eye is attached to the anchor only when the soap is to be used offers an especial advantage, since the soap can thus be packed in the usual manner without any obstruction of the eyes.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. In a cake of soap having an anchor secured therein, an eye detachably secured to said anchor, substantially as set forth.

2. In a cake of soap, the combination, with an anchor secured therein and having an opening, of an eye, the shank whereof is inserted through the soap and detachably secured within said opening, substantially as shown and specified.

3. In a cake of soap having an interior anchor, the combination, with an opening in said anchor, of an eye having a shank, the latter being inserted from the outside of the soap and detachably secured within said opening while the eye projects from the soap, substantially as set forth.

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

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