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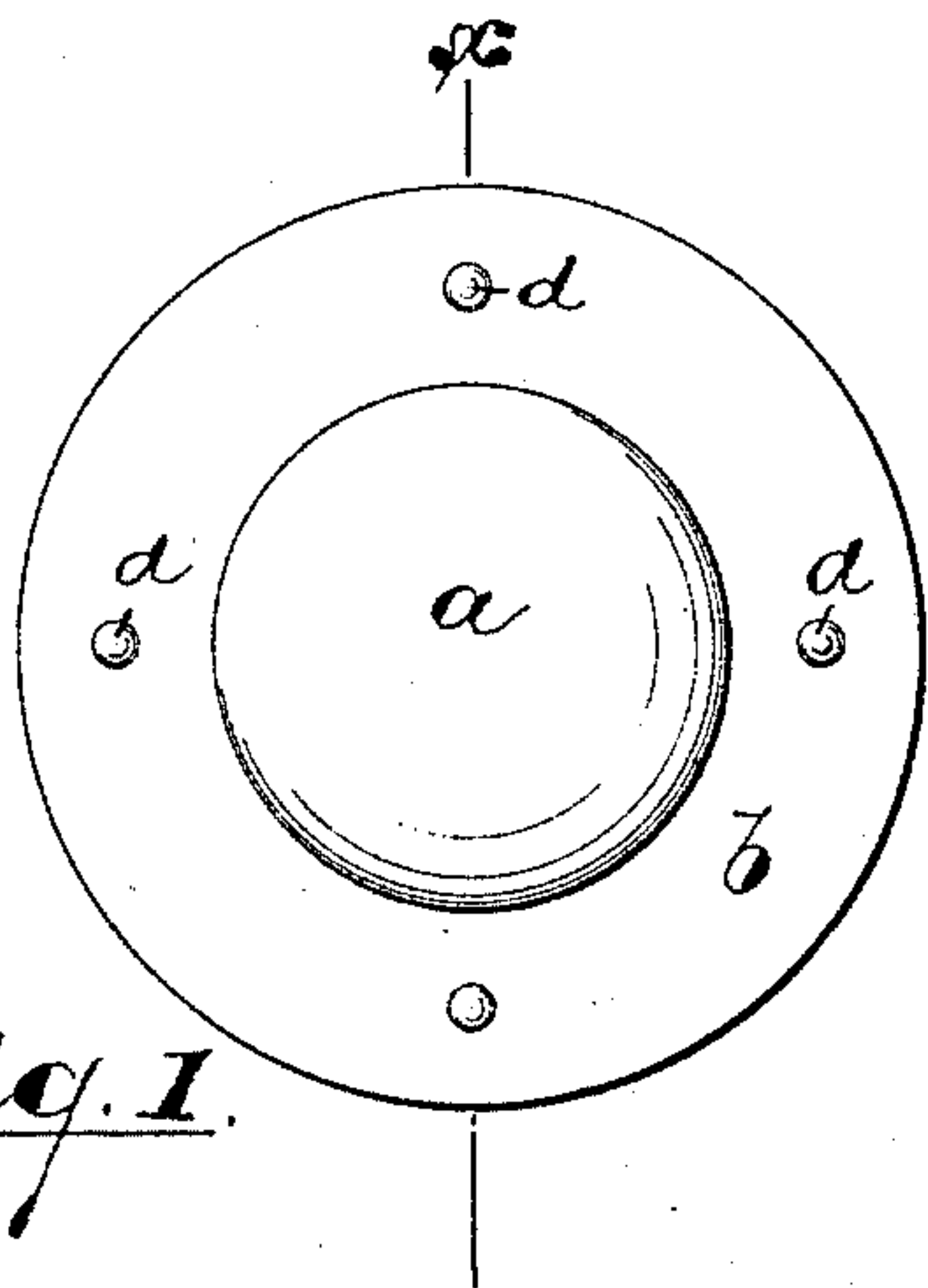


Fig. 1.

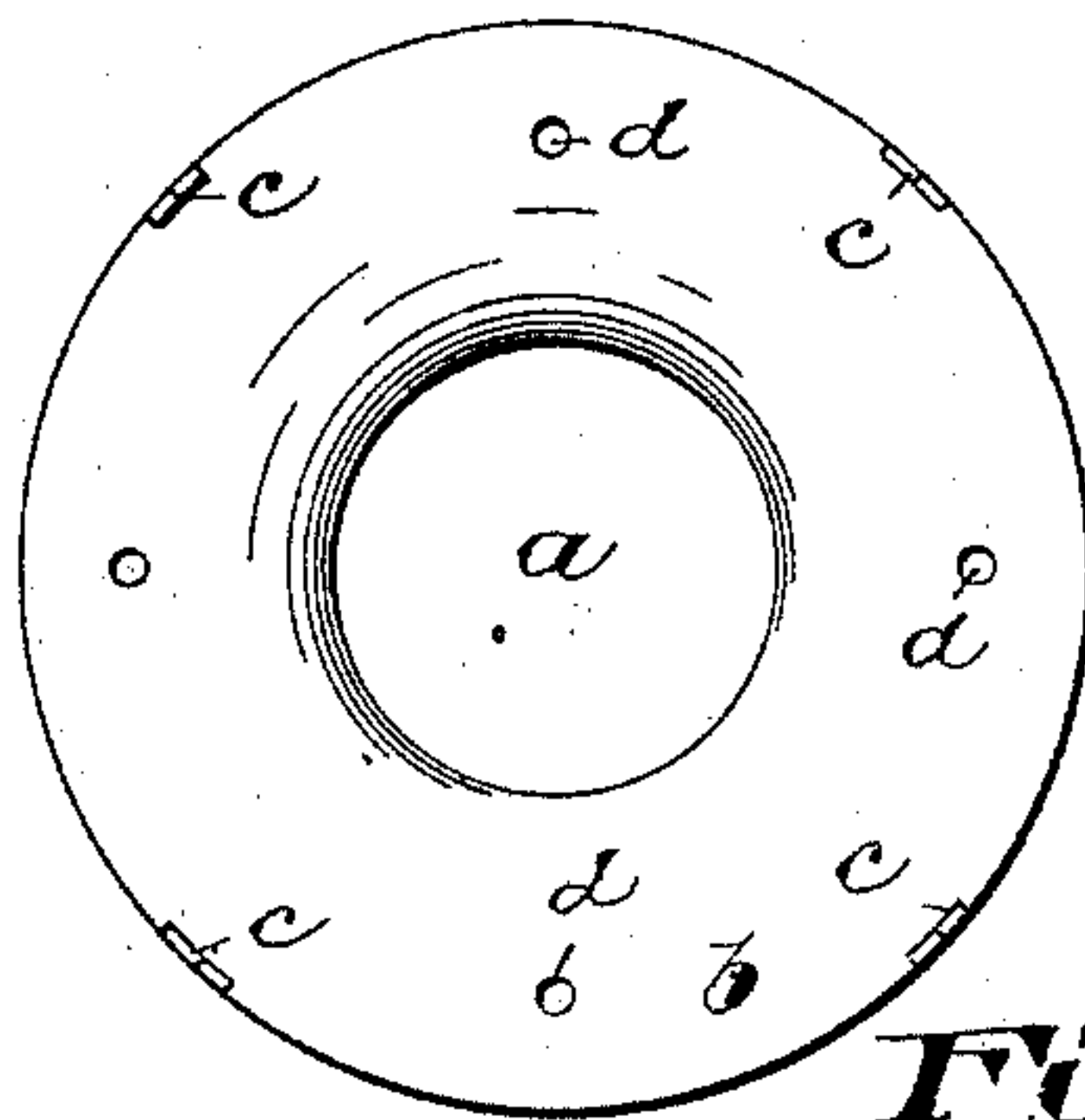


Fig. 2.

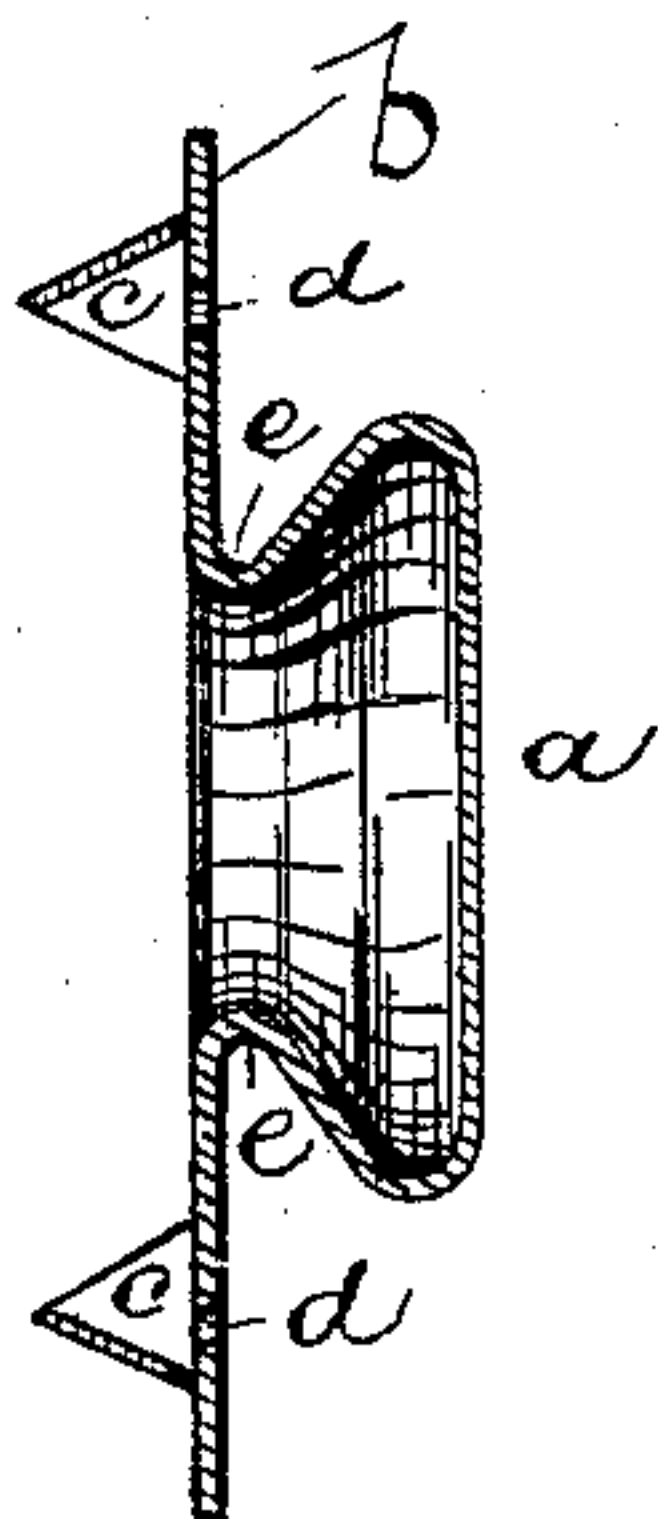


Fig. 3.

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## PICTURE-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS GREEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Holders; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a portable holder for picture-frames, mirrors, and the like, which shall be highly ornamental in appearance and effective and reliable in operation; and the invention consists in the improved picture holder or support and in the arrangement and combination of the several parts thereof, as herein set forth, and finally pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each figure where they occur, Figures 1 and 2 represent, respectively, front and rear plan views of a picture-holder embodying my improvement; and Fig. 3 represents a vertical transverse section through line *x* of Fig. 1.

In said drawings, *a* indicates a knob and *b* a flange, which are circular in form, as indicated in Fig. 2. Projecting from the edge of said flange and integral and at right angles therewith are spurs *c*. The flange is also provided with perforations *d*, the purpose of which will presently appear. Between said flange and the knob is formed an angular groove *e*, which will be hereinafter more particularly described.

In order to secure lightness in respect to weight and to facilitate the manufacture as well as to secure economy in the cost of the

article, I prefer to make it of sheet metal and to bring it to the desired form by spinning or with dies, thus making the knob hollow. The face of the knob and the flange, or either of them, may be embossed or otherwise highly ornamented according to the taste of the designer, as will be obvious.

The holder may be secured to a wall, wainscoting, or partition by means of the spurs independent of any other extraneous means of support or by nails driven through said perforations into said wall, &c., or by both combined. It will be noticed that the groove *e* is as close as possible to the flange, the object of which is to reduce to the minimum the horizontal or outward draft or pull upon the knob, as will be understood, and to secure this result I form the inner wall of the groove in line with the face of the flange and the outer wall at an acute angle therefrom, as shown in Fig. 3, whereby the cord by which a frame is suspended is automatically forced to hug closely said flange, as will be manifest.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

The improved picture-holder herein described, consisting of a hollow knob, a flange *b*, whose circumference is greater than that of the knob, a groove *e*, formed by the junction of said knob and flange, and spurs *c*, projecting from said flange, whereby the device may be secured to a wall independent of other extraneous means of support, the whole being formed from a single piece of sheet metal, as described, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of October, 1890.

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