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Fig. 1.

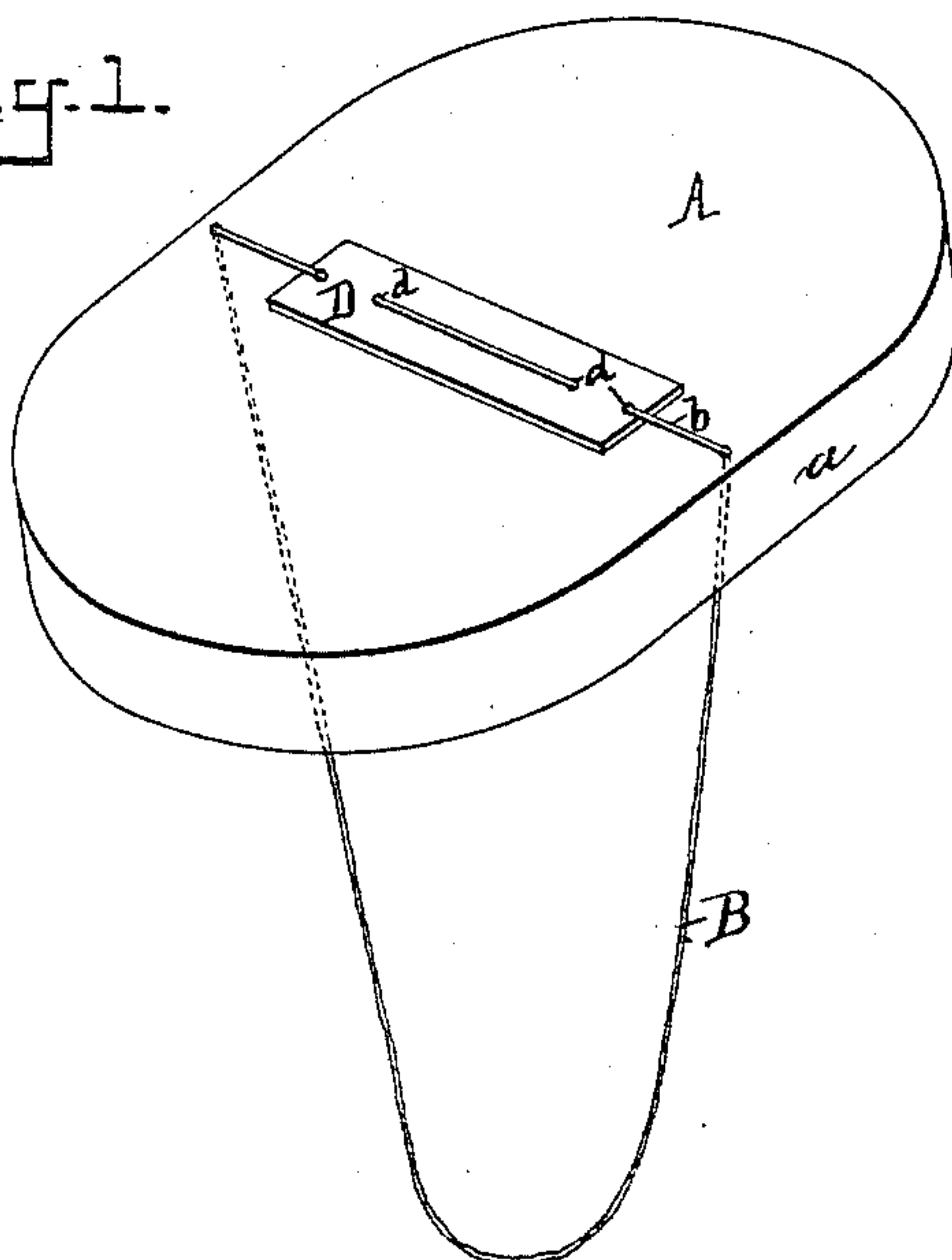


Fig. 2.

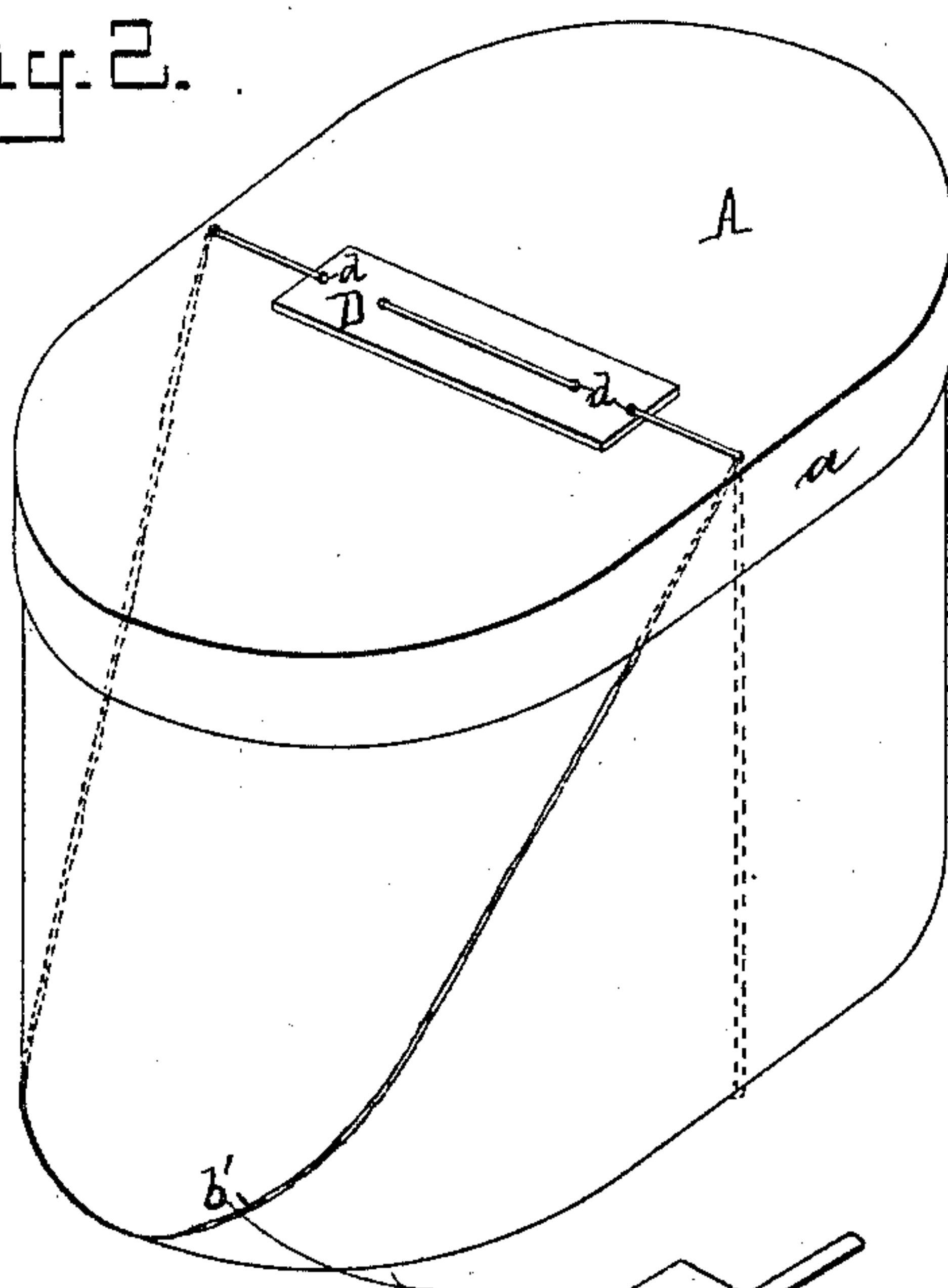
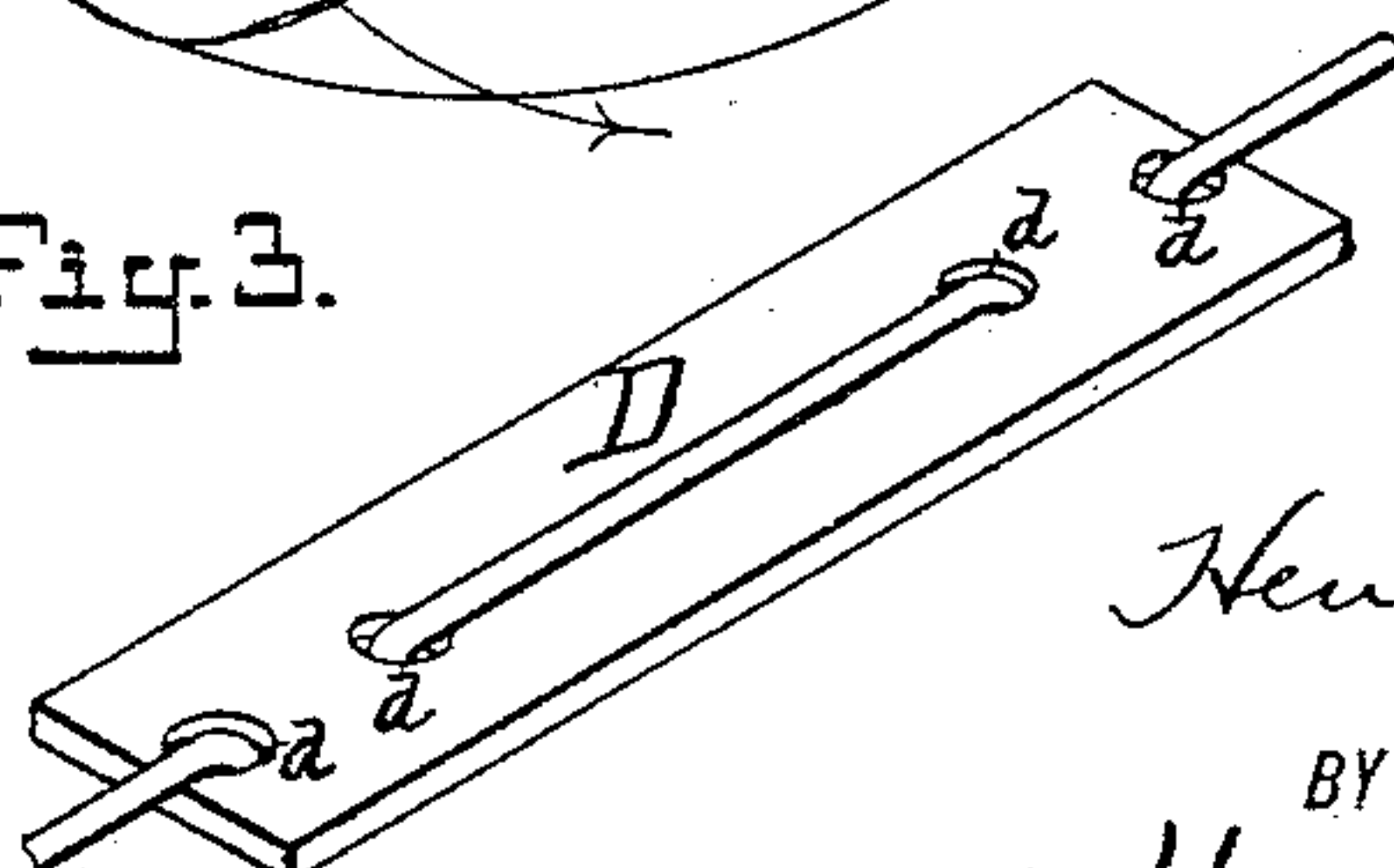


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY H. SNOW, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brooklyn, Kings county, New York, have invented an Improved Box-Lid Fastener, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide hat, bonnet, or muff boxes and similar light receptacles with fastening and carrying devices which will permit of the box being readily opened and closed and securely fastened and conveniently carried.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hat-box lid provided with my fastening and carrying devices, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the application of the lid to the box and the manner of applying my fastening device. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the preferred form of carrying-handle, which is to be combined with my retaining-band.

My invention is more especially applicable in connection with that class of rounded boxes or receptacles which are best illustrated by the oval hat-boxes, or bonnet-boxes, or cylindrical muff-boxes, of pasteboard or light wood, used by hatters or furriers. In the construction of these boxes it is common to have tapes fastened to the body of the box near the upper edge and tied over the lid in a knot. This has the disadvantages attending the use of any knot, that, on the one hand, it is apt to become loose, especially when the box is carried by the tape, or, on the other hand, when it is securely tied it requires time to untie the knot.

According to my invention I provide an endless band B, which may be of string, tape, cord, or other suitable material, and which I pass over the lid A and secure it to the latter at diametrically-opposite edges of the lid and either inside or outside the flange *a*. All the securing that is needed is to pass it through openings in the lid near the edges and inside the flange, as shown. This band is practically endless, being made so in the first instance or having its ends permanently tied or

otherwise secured together, so that they cannot become undone by accident. The part *b* of this band, which passes diametrically across the top of the lid, is provided with a handle D, of light material, such as pasteboard, which is preferably constructed as illustrated more fully in Fig. 3. From this view it will be seen that the strip is provided with four perforations *d*, through which the band is threaded. The band, it should be understood, is of practically inelastic material—such, for instance, as moderately stout string or the tape material usually used heretofore in tying on hat-box lids—and this inelastic characteristic is necessary because in carrying the box by the handle D, which is combined with the band, the weight of the box will come upon the band.

The manner of applying the lid and its retaining-band will be readily understood on reference to Fig. 2. The long loop *b'* of the band is dropped over the outside of the rounded end of the box as the lid is put in place, and is then drawn around the bottom end of the box, as indicated by the arrow in Fig. 2, until the cord reaches the position indicated by the dotted lines. It is owing to the rounded character of the box that this can be done, notwithstanding the inelastic character of the bands used.

I claim as my invention—

A hat-box or similar receptacle having a cylindrical, oval, or similar rounded body and the lid provided with an inelastic endless band passing over the top of the lid, secured at diametrically-opposite edges of the latter, and adapted to be drawn around the bottom of the box to secure the lid thereon, all substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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