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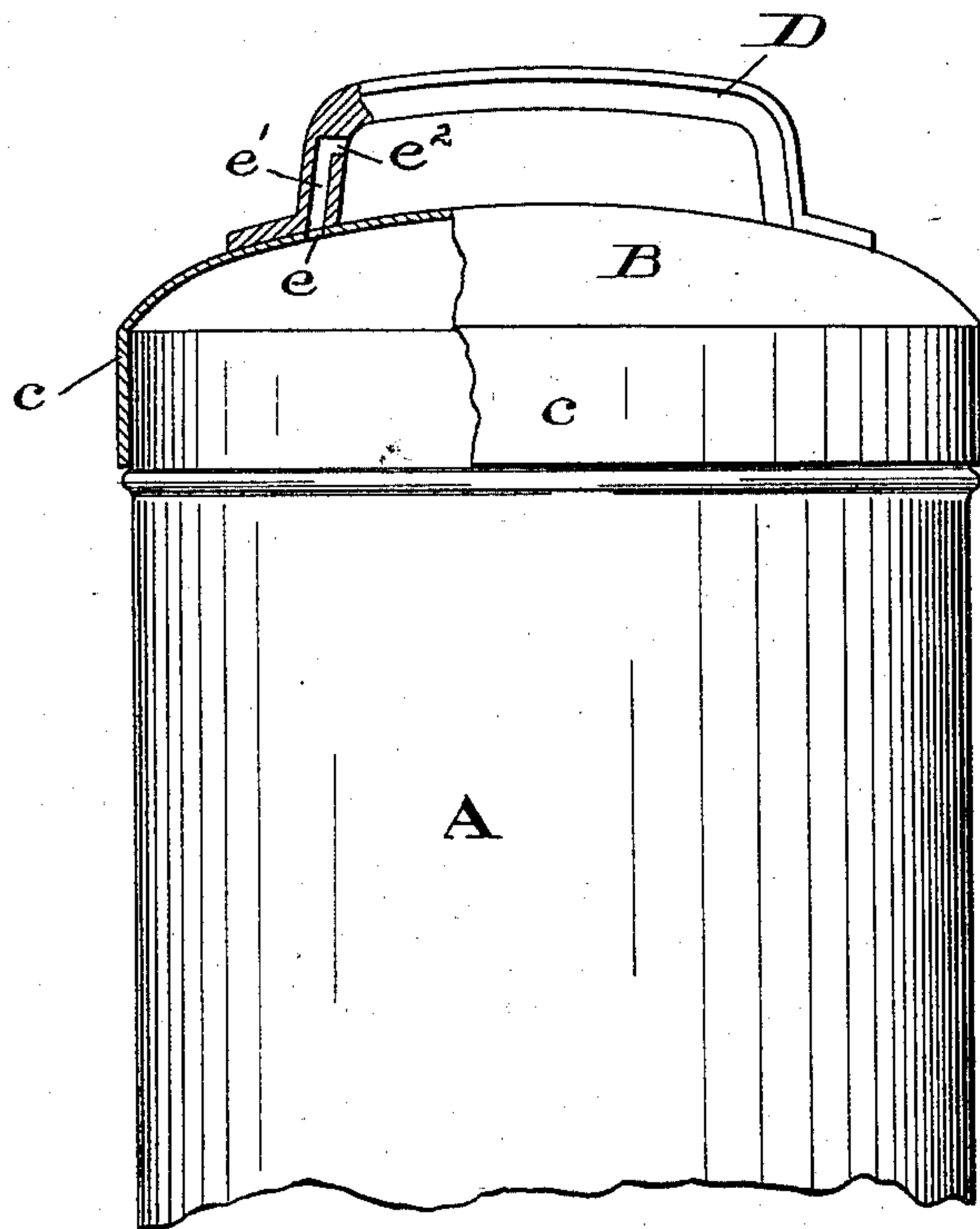


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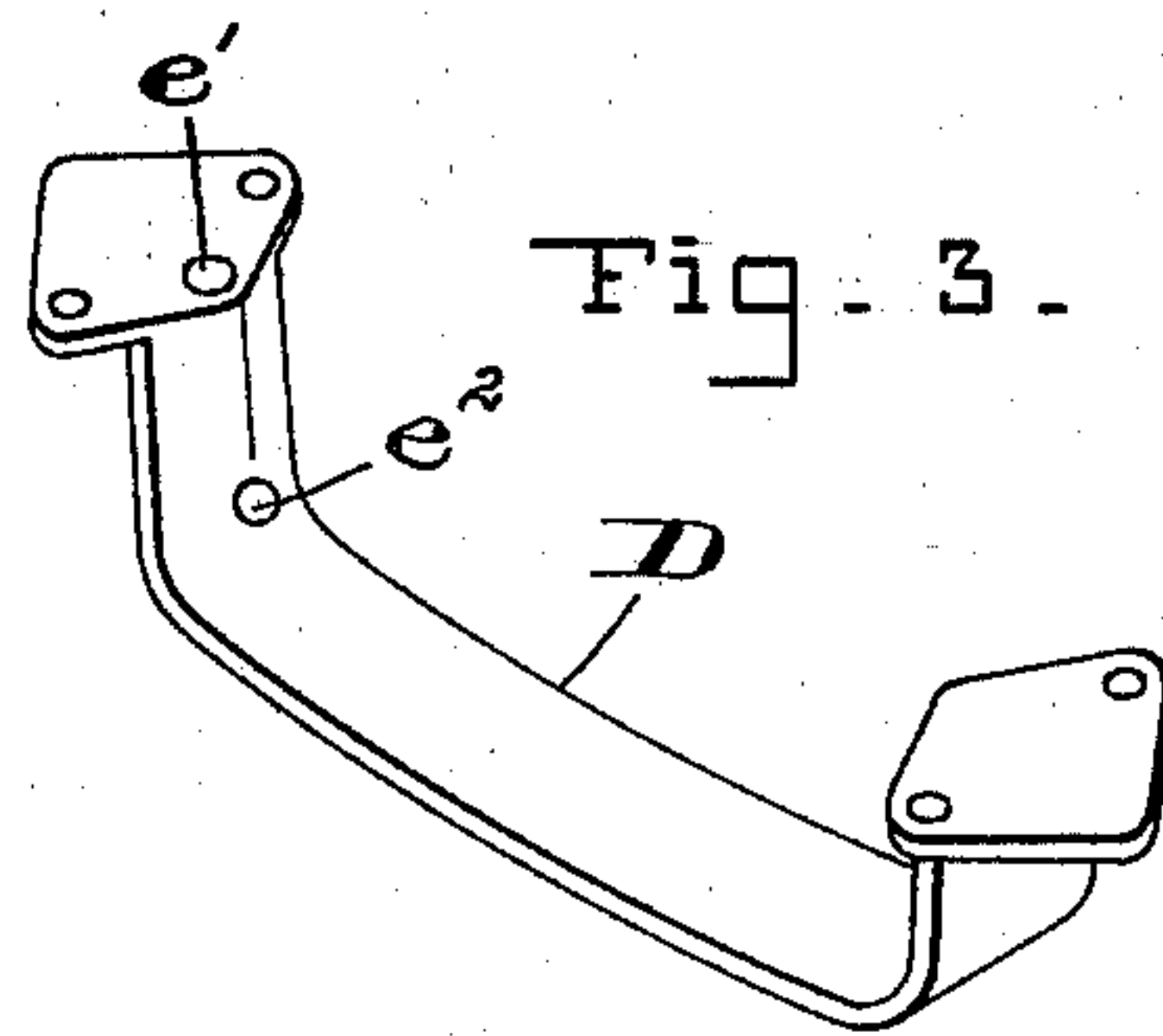
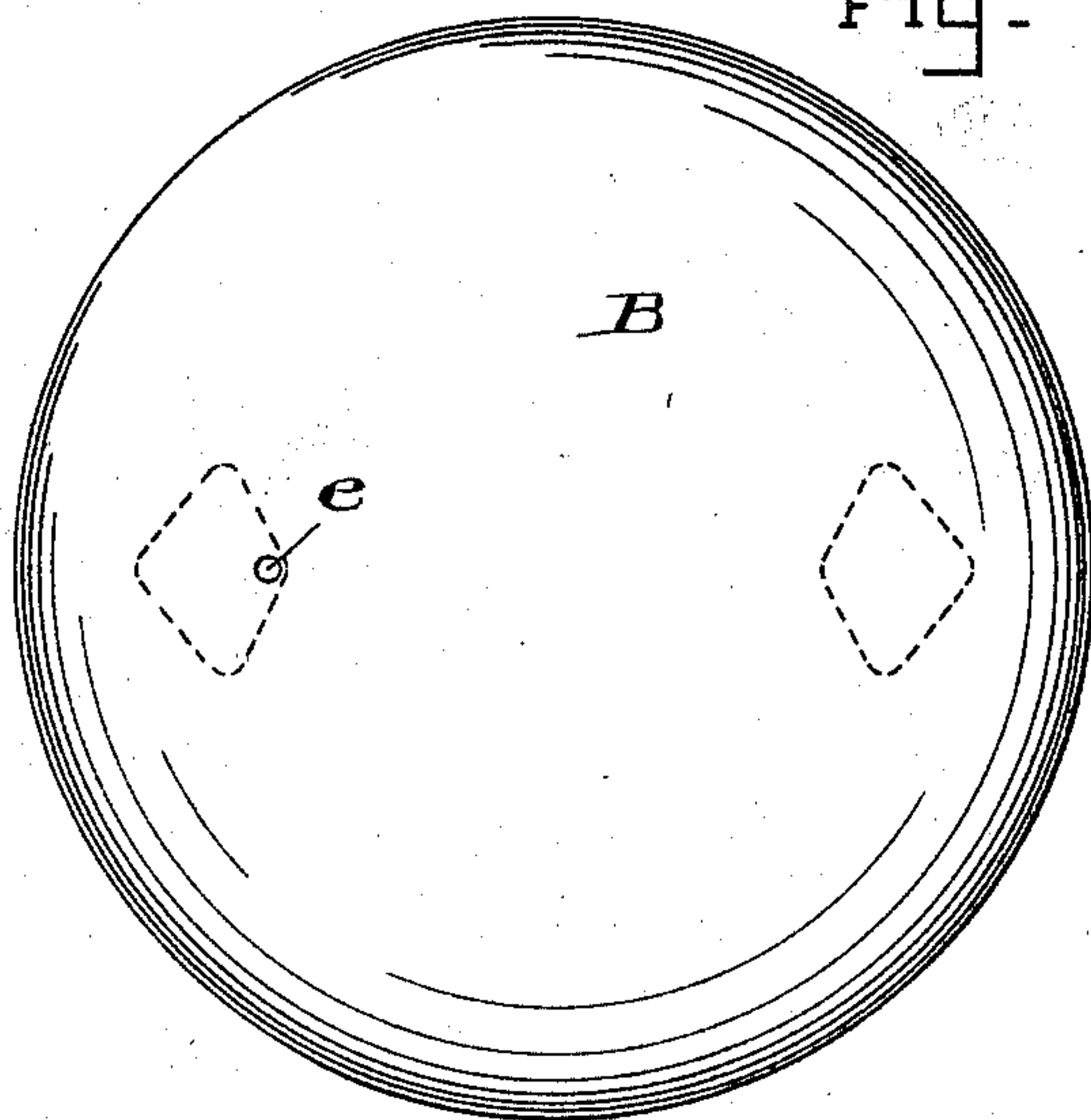


Fig. 3.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AUGUST MAAG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Covers for Ice-Cream Cans, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in cans having removable covers, such as are employed to contain ice-cream or other substances.

One object is to provide a construction whereby the operation of inserting and removing the cover from the mouth of the can is facilitated, and another object is to remedy a defect inherent in the use of ordinary ice-cream-can covers.

It is a well-known fact that every time the cover of an ice-cream can is removed, where the can is packed in ice and salt, and especially when the cover fits tightly, there is an inward suction of air, with the result that salt-water is often drawn into the can; also, during the operation of serving out ice-cream the warm outside air gains access to the can every time the cover is removed, and when the cover is replaced on the can this warm air is confined in the can and soon becomes cooled and slightly contracts, and thus a partial vacuum is formed. The outside air, in order to fill this partial vacuum, forces its way into the can through the crevice between the cover and the wall of the can and carries with it particles of salt-water that may have collected around the rim edge of the cover, and thus the ice-cream in the can becomes impregnated with salt, which is objectionable.

My invention provides a can of improved construction in which this defect is remedied.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a portion of a can embodying my invention, parts being broken away to show the construction. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the cover of a can with handle removed. Fig. 3 is a perspective inverted view of the handle.

Referring to the drawings, the letter A designates a can of ordinary construction, and B the cover to close the can-mouth, having a deep vertical flange *c*, which fits snugly around the outside wall of the can adjacent its mouth. A handle or hand-grasp D of well-known form is on the cover.

The parts having the features so far described constitute no part of my invention, as they are well known in the construction of cans.

My invention consists in providing a vent in the handle and through the cover which, when the can is closed by the cover, forms a communication between the interior of the can and the outside atmosphere. The cover B has a hole *e* through it, which is coincident with a passage *e'*, extending through one leg of the handle D and having its termination *e<sup>2</sup>* at the under side of the handle, where it is shielded by the hand-grasp part, so that dust or salt cannot get access thereto. By this provision air may have access to the ice-cream can and thereby prevent the liability of the entrance of salt-water when inward suction occurs.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. An ice cream can having a cover and a handle on the cover and provided with a vent in the handle which is in communication with the can.

2. A can having a flanged cover and provided with a handle on the cover, and having a hole, *e*, in the cover which is coincident with a passage, *e'*, extending through one leg of the handle, said passage having its termination, *e<sup>2</sup>*, at the under side of the handle where it is shielded by the hand-grasp part.

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

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