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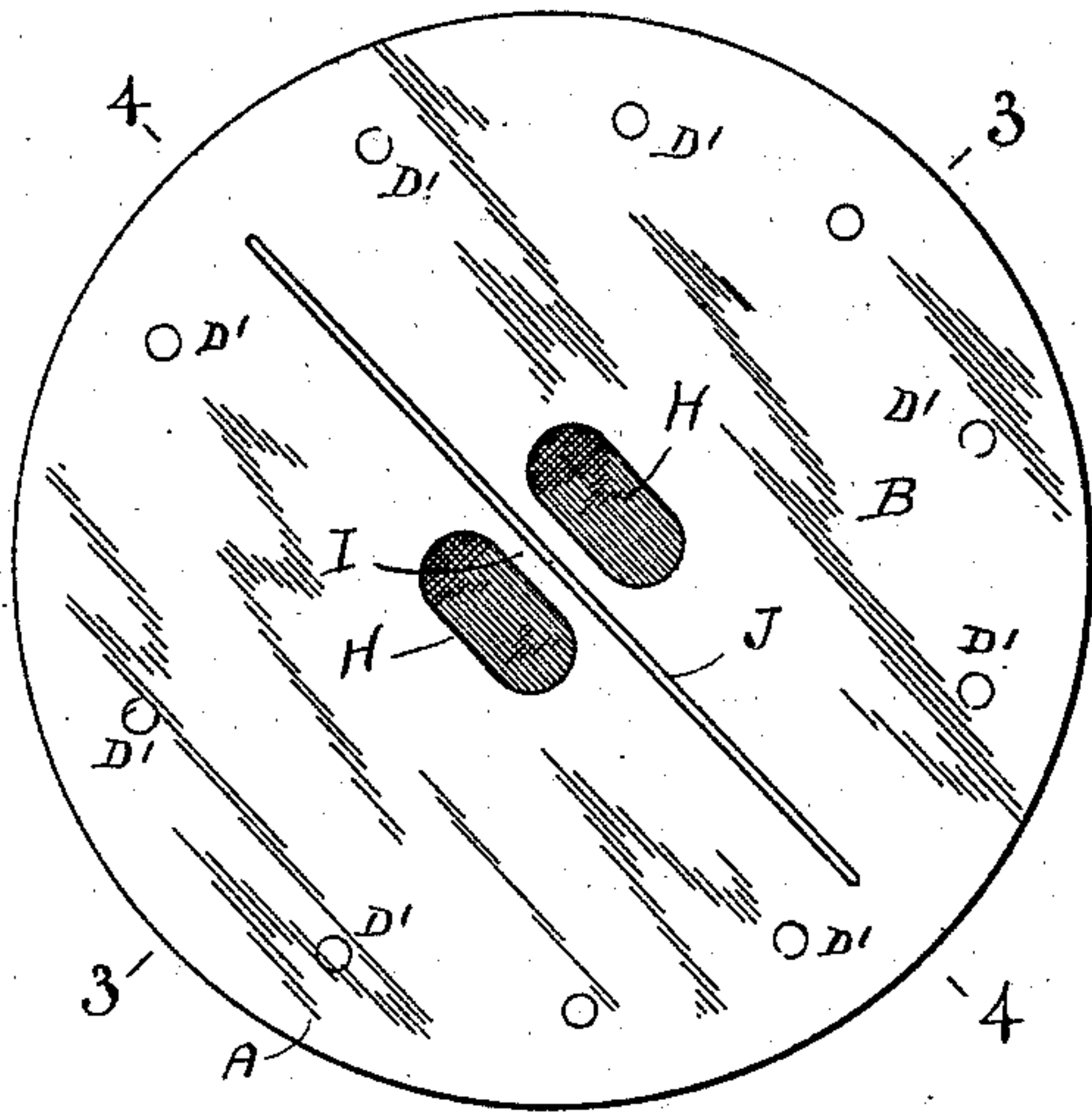


Fig. 1.

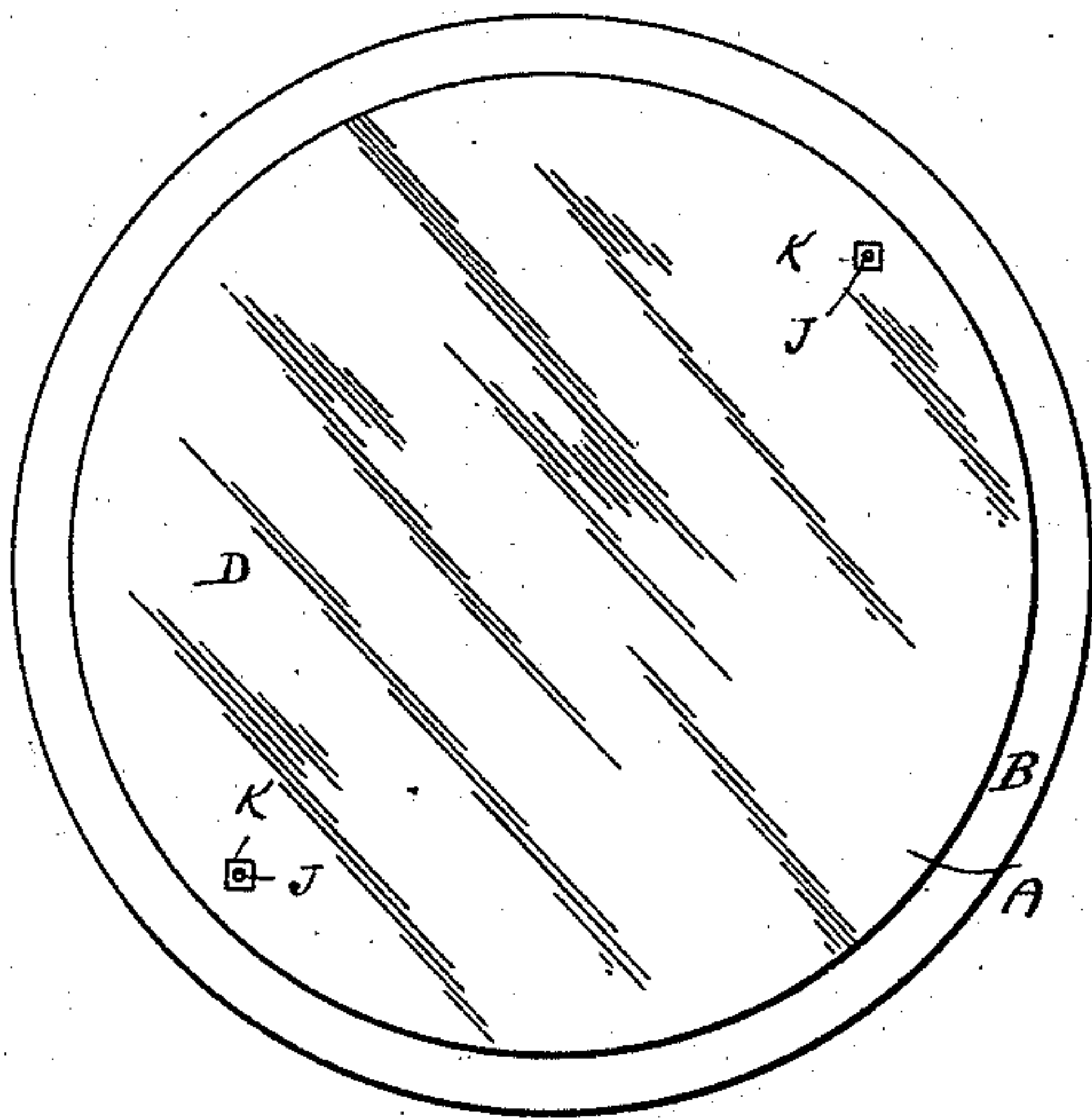


Fig. 2.

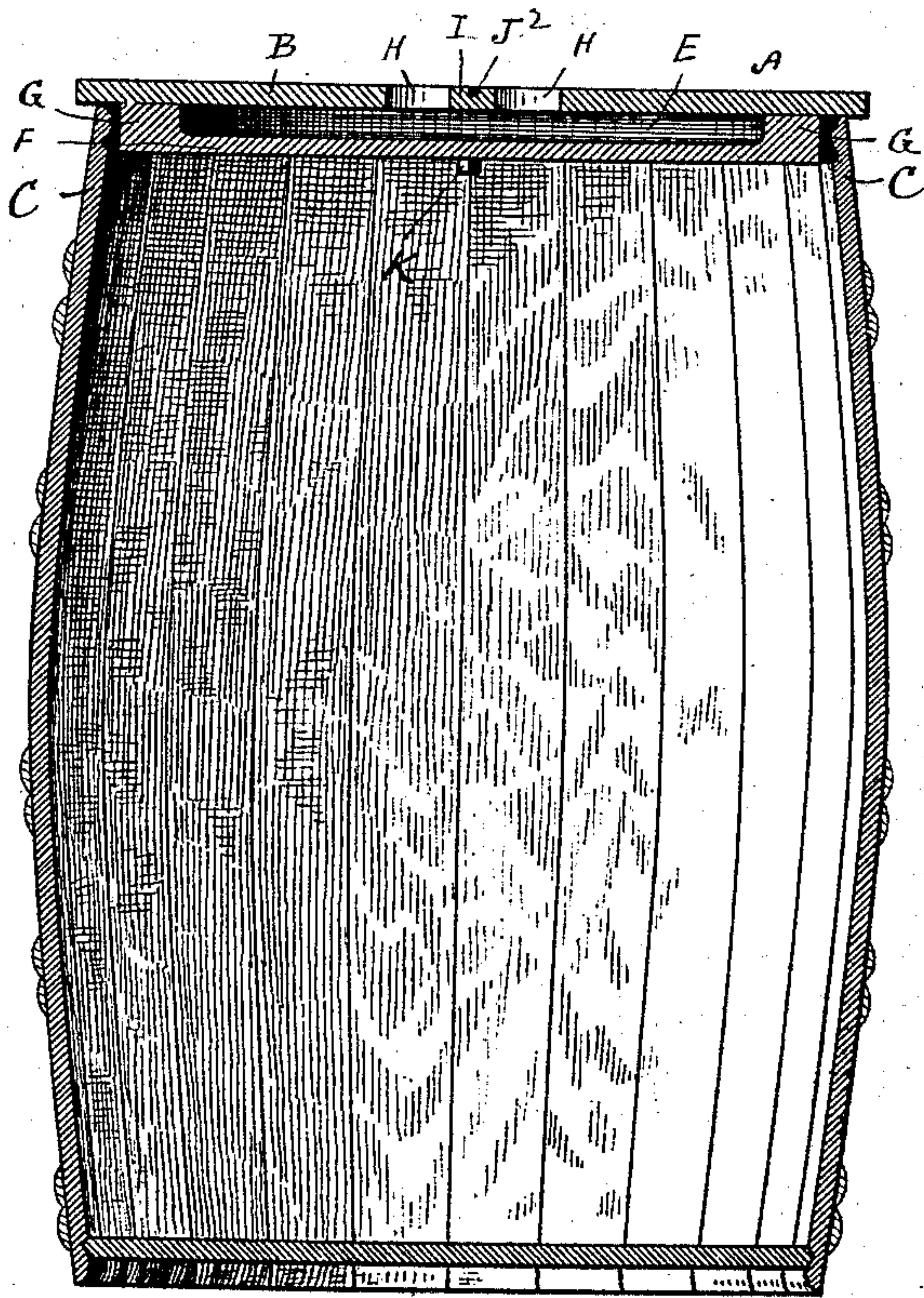


Fig. 3.

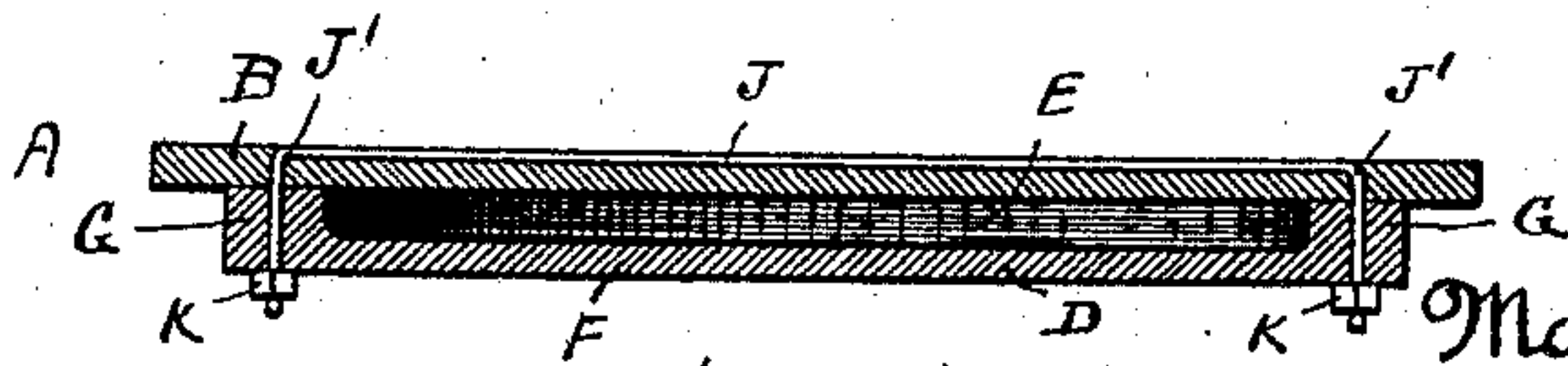


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## BARREL-COVER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARTIN H. PARKS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Winchendon, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Barrel-Covers, of which the following is a specification, accompanied by drawings forming a part of the same, in which—

Figure 1 represents a top view of a barrel-cover embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents the under side of the cover. Fig. 3 is a central sectional view of a barrel with my improved cover applied thereto, the cover being shown in sectional view on line 3 3, Fig. 1; and Fig. 4 is a central sectional view of the barrel-cover on line 4 4, Fig. 1.

Similar letters refer to similar parts in the different figures.

The object of my invention is to provide a barrel-cover which is light, cheaply made, and constructed of wood without seam or joint upon its exposed surfaces; and it consists in the feature of construction, as hereinafter described, and set forth in the annexed claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, A denotes a barrel-cover embodying my invention and consisting of an upper circular board B, with its diameter slightly greater than the diameter of the barrel-head, so it will extend over and rest upon the ends of the staves of the barrel C. Attached concentrically by screws D', on under side of the board B, is a circular board D, with its diameter slightly less than the diameter of the barrel-head, so it may be inserted within the barrel when the cover is in its position, as represented in Fig. 3.

Before attaching the boards B and D a circular recess E is formed in the board D, leaving a thin wooden bottom F and an annular rim G to receive the attaching-screws D'. In the central position of the upper board B, I form two parallel elongated openings H H, with a strip I between them, forming the handle by which the cover is lifted.

The elongated openings H H are adapted to receive the thumb and fingers of the hand, and the recess E is sufficiently deep to allow the thumb and fingers to be inserted beneath the handle I. The handle I is reinforced, when desired, in case of heavy covers and

the attaching-screws D' relieved of strain by means of an iron rod J, extending across the handle H and bent at right angles, as at J'. The ends of the rod pass through the rim G and are provided with screw-threads to receive the nuts K, which are screwed up against the under side of the board D and serve to attach it to the board B and also sustain the weight of the cover when it is lifted by the handle H.

The rod J may rest upon the upper surface of the board B or be recessed therein, as represented at J<sup>2</sup>, Fig. 3.

I am aware that it is not new to form a barrel-cover having central holes, as at H H, to receive the hand and also that such openings have been covered by a circular piece of sheet metal attached to the under side of the barrel-cover, thereby presenting a metal surface with a joint at its edge exposed upon the under side of the cover.

In my improved cover the board D is integral and nearly or quite fills the space between the ends of the barrel-staves, with the joint between the rim G and the upper board B not directly exposed to the contents of the barrel.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The within-described cover consisting of a circular board B, provided with a pair of parallel elongated openings H, H, forming a handle I between them, and a circular board D of less diameter than the board B and provided with a circular concentric recess E on one side forming a rim G at its edge, said rim G being united to the under side of said board B, substantially as described.

2. In a barrel-cover the combination of a circular board B provided with elongated openings H H and a handle I, a circular board D attached concentrically to said board B and provided with a recess E, a rod J extending lengthwise across said handle I and having its ends bent and passing through said boards B and D, and nuts K held upon the ends of said rod whereby said boards B and D are attached, substantially as described.

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