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FIG. 1.

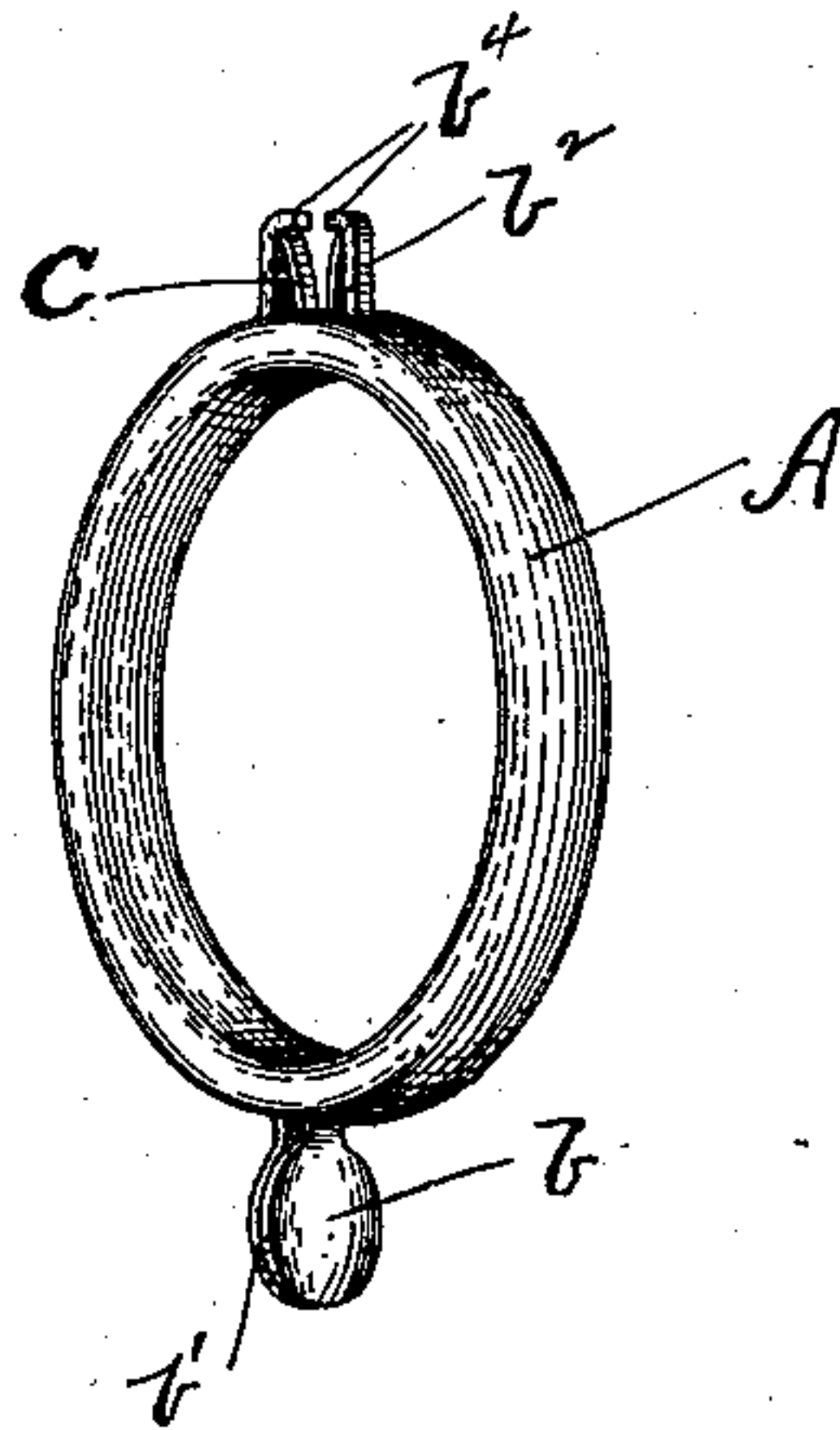
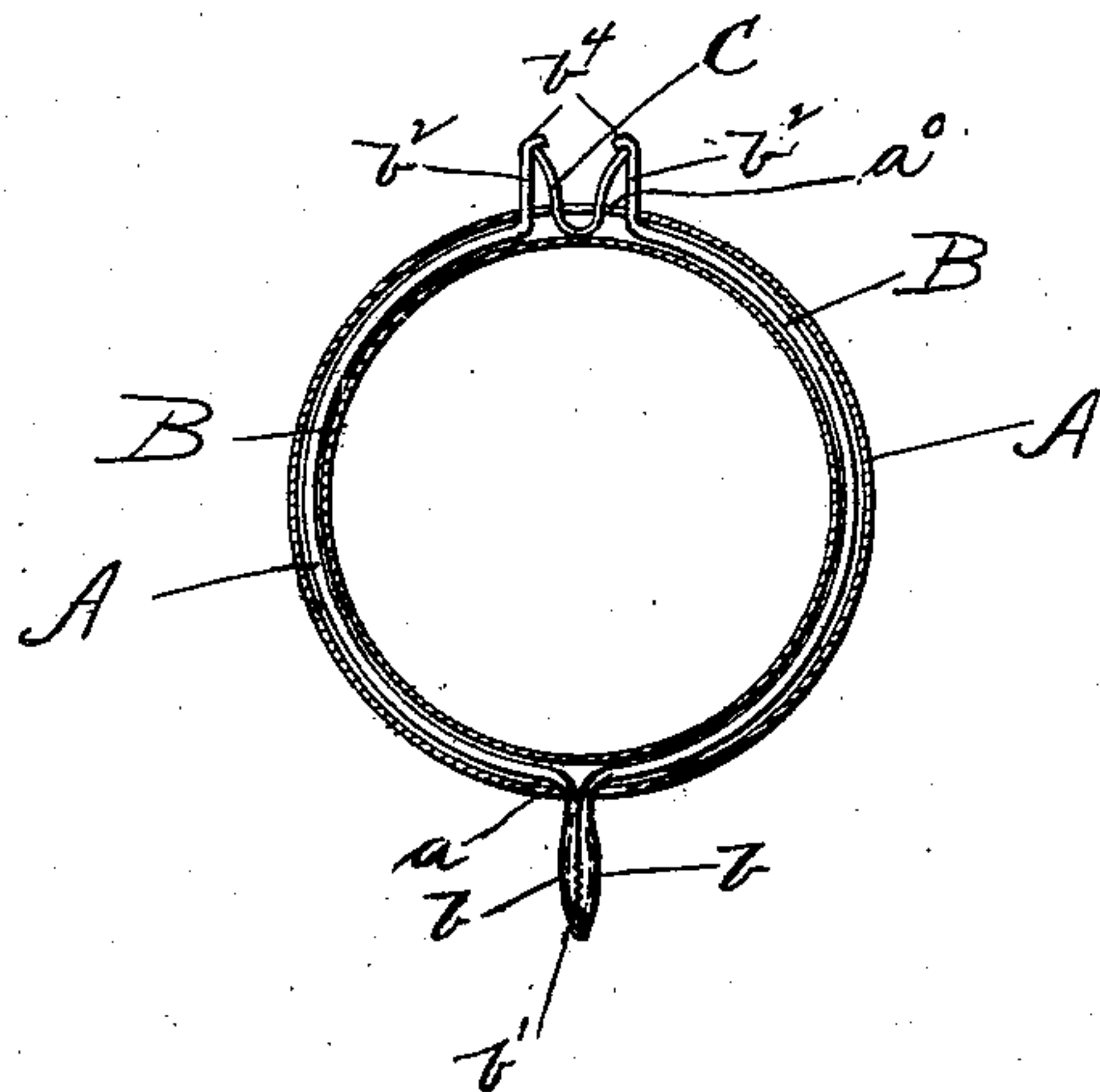


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD FONTAINE WILKINSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-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.

My invention relates to improvements in rings and holders for curtains, portières, and the like, and has for its object to provide a combination ring and holder that will take the place of the ring and the hook and safety-pin now commonly in use.

My invention will be understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein the same parts are indicated by the same letters throughout both views.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a combination curtain ring and holder constructed according to my invention; and Fig. 2 represents a central vertical section through the ring, showing the operative parts in elevation.

A represents a circular hollow ring, preferably of thin metal, having in opposite points of its outer circumference two slots a and a^0 , respectively.

B B represent two similar curved rods or strips, each having at one end an enlarged (preferably circular) lug b , provided upon its inner edge with teeth or serrations b' , the two said lugs when together, as in the finished article, forming the jaws of a clamp, as seen most clearly in Fig. 2. These said clamping-lugs project from the slot a in the lower side of the ring, the said slot being long enough to allow the said lugs to be moved apart a short distance for inserting the edge of the curtain or portière. The upper ends of these curved rods or strips B B are bent outwardly through the slot a^0 in the upper side of the ring, forming arms $b^2 b^2$, which serve as thumb and finger grips by means of which the said arms $b^2 b^2$ may be pressed together in releasing the curtain-gripping lugs $b b$, as will be readily understood. The upper ends of the arms $b^2 b^2$ are preferably bent over toward each other, as shown at $b^4 b^4$, and a bent

spring C, preferably U-shaped, as shown, is interposed between the said arms and is held in position by its ends engaging beneath the bent-over ends $b^4 b^4$ of the said arms $b^2 b^2$, all as seen most clearly in Fig. 2.

The curved rods or strips B B are placed in position by having their upper ends introduced through the lower slot a and then pushed along until the said ends reach the upper slot a^0 , when the said ends are bent outward, as shown, and then the spring C may be interposed between the arms $b^2 b^2$. The action of this spring will be to hold said arms $b^2 b^2$ apart and so force the gripping-lugs $b b$ together, so that in its normal position the said spring will hold the said gripping-lugs securely upon the curtain or portière.

I may use a coil-spring in place of the bent spring, if desired; but the bent spring is preferable on account of cheapness.

A combination ring and holder constructed as above may be made of any suitable size to adapt it for use with light lace curtains or heavy portières or curtains, as the case may be, without any variation in construction or shape.

The great advantages to be derived from the use of my device will be apparent to any one and need not be herein dwelt upon.

I do not wish to be considered as limiting myself to the precise details of construction herein shown and described and reserve the right to make such changes in the details of form and construction as can be made without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. In a curtain-holder, the combination with a hollow ring having slots in its outer circumference; of a pair of similar curved rods extending through opposite sides of said hollow ring and projecting at their ends from said slots; gripping-jaws formed upon one pair of corresponding ends of said curved rods; thumb and finger grips formed upon the other pair of corresponding ends of said curved rods; and a spring interposed between said thumb and finger grips, substantially as described.

2. In a curtain-holder, the combination with
a ring provided with passages upon opposite
sides thereof; of a pair of curved rods pass-
ing through said passages, and bent out-
5 wardly at their ends; gripping-jaws formed
upon one pair of corresponding ends of said
curved rods; thumb and finger grips formed
upon the other pair of corresponding ends
thereof, and a spring interposed between said
10 thumb and finger grips, substantially as de-
scribed.

3. In a curtain-holder, the combination with
a ring provided with passages upon opposite
sides thereof; of a pair of semicircular rods

passing through said passages upon opposite 15
sides of said ring; one pair of corresponding
ends of said rods being bent outwardly and
carrying rigid gripping-jaws, and a spring
acting upon said rods and tending to hold
said gripping-jaws closed, substantially as 20
described.

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

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