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Fig. 1

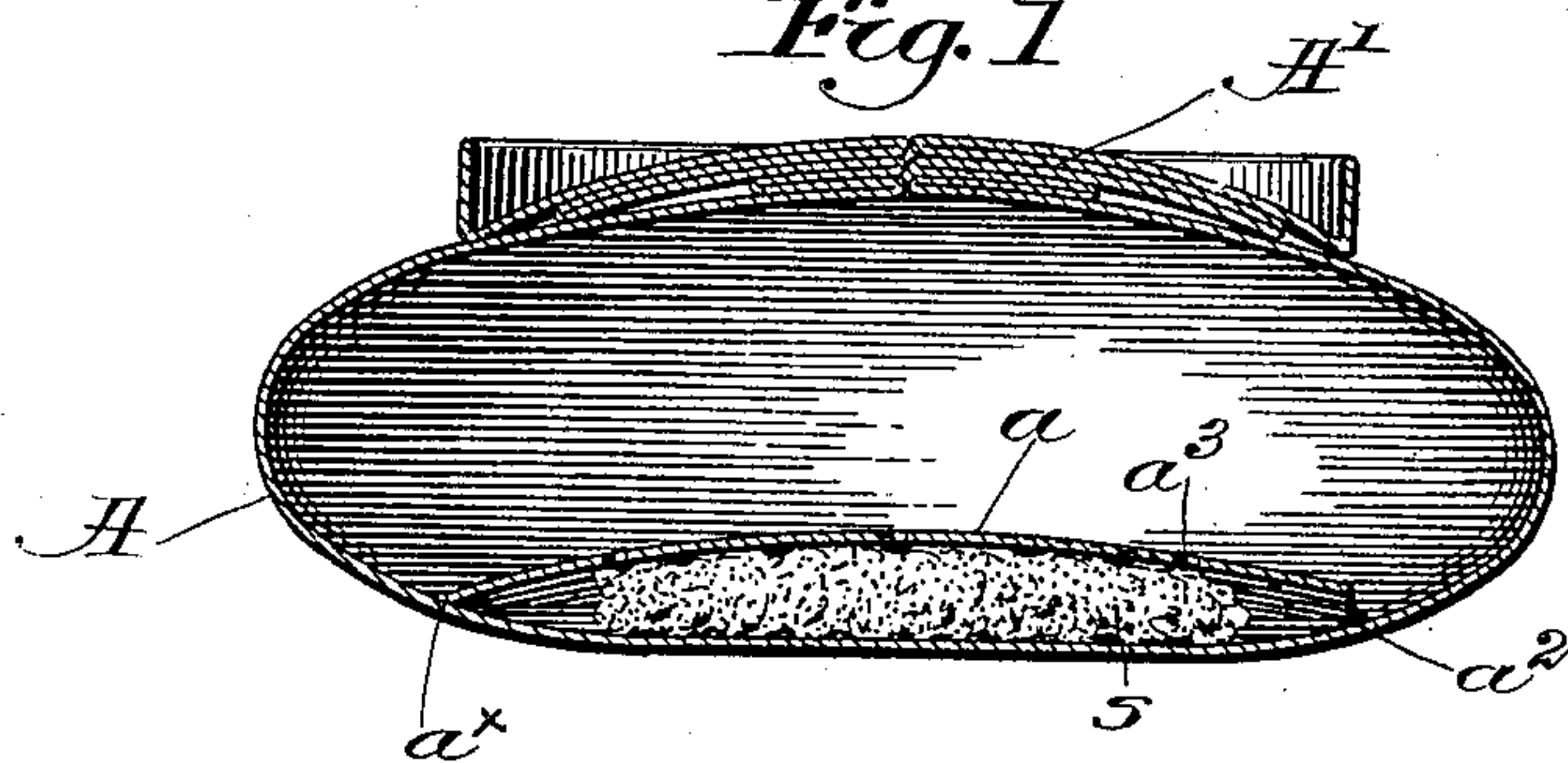


Fig. 2.

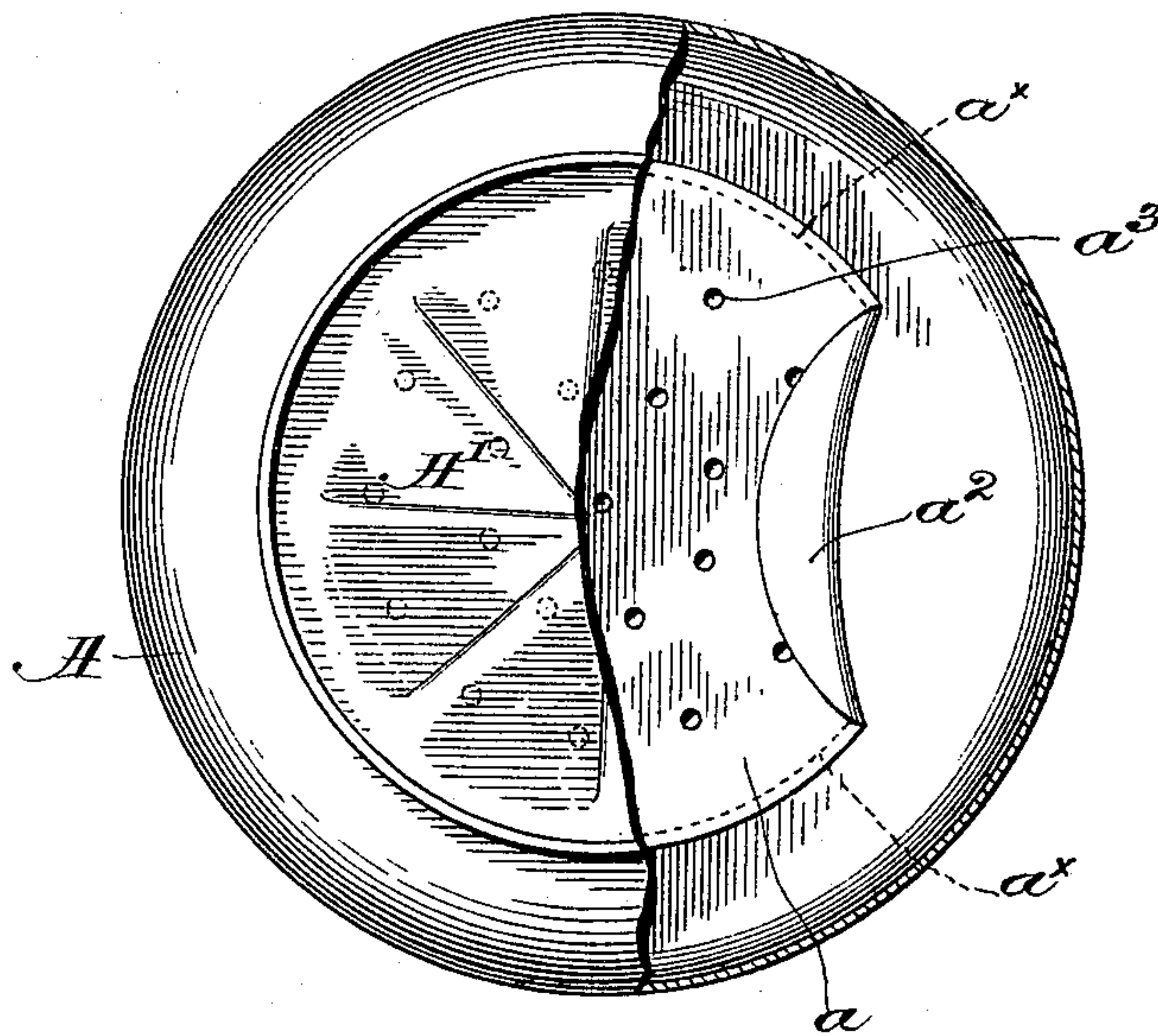
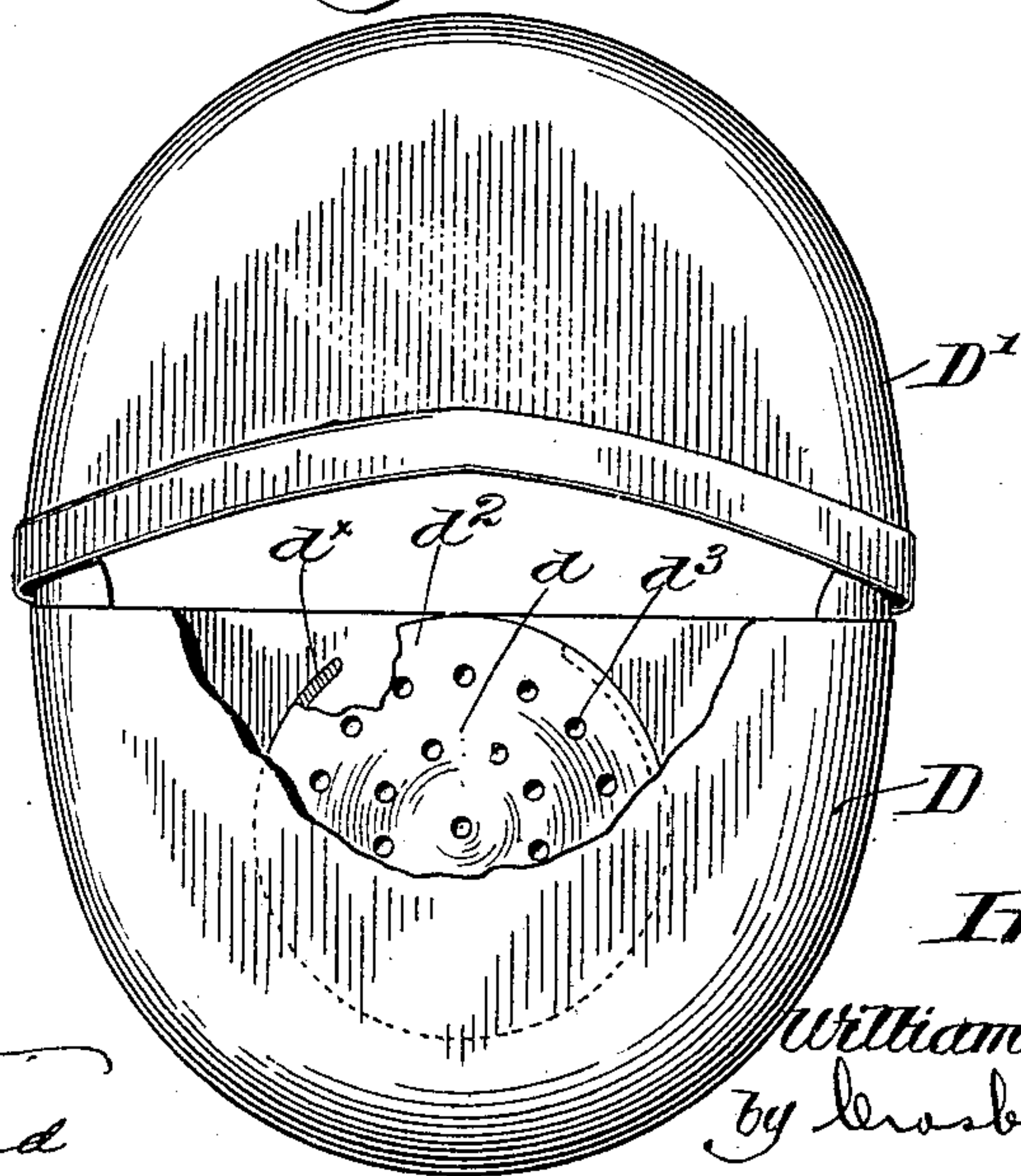


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM NILES LOCKWOOD, of Concord, county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Tobacco-Pouches, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

10 This invention has for its object the production of a cheap, simple, and convenient tobacco-pouch adapted to retain the contained tobacco properly moist, and to this end I provide the pouch with a receptacle adapted to
15 receive a moistened sponge or other suitable absorbent material.

Figure 1 is a cross-sectional view of one form of tobacco-pouch embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a top or plan view thereof,
20 partially broken out to show the construction of the receptacle for absorbent material; and Fig. 3 is an elevation of another form of pouch opened and partially broken out to show the construction.

25 Both forms of pouch herein shown are well-known and are made of thin india-rubber or equivalent material, the one shown in Figs. 1 and 2 having an annular body portion A and a crimped or folded neck A', while the
30 pouch shown in Fig. 3 consists of two open pockets D D', connected at one edge in such manner that the pocket containing the tobacco may be turned into the other.

In carrying out my invention I apply a thin,
35 preferably disk-like, piece of rubber *a* to the bottom of the body portion A of the one style of pouch or to the wall of one of the pockets, as at *d*, Fig. 3. Around its edge for the greater portion of its length the additional
40 ply or disk is vulcanized to the main portion of the pouch, as at *a*^x, Figs. 1 and 2, and *d*^x, Fig. 3, leaving an unconnected lip *a*² or *d*² in the two forms shown. This portion of the auxiliary ply unconnected with the pouch
45 forms a mouth or opening, through which a piece of moistened sponge or other suitable absorbent material *s* may be inserted, as shown in Fig. 1. The inner wall of the receptacle formed by the auxiliary ply is perforated, as at *a*³ or *d*³, as the case may be, so
50 that the vapor from the moistened absorbent material will permeate the tobacco in the pouch and keep it properly moist.

In the form shown in Fig. 3 the absorbent

material may be moistened when necessary 55 by merely exposing the mouth of the absorbent-receptacle and pouring in a proper quantity of water or other fluid.

By untwisting the neck A', Fig. 1, the mouth of the receptacle may be exposed for a like 60 purpose.

It will be seen that the flexibility of the pouch is not in the least altered by the application thereto of my invention, and the construction is exceedingly simple and cheap and 65 thoroughly effective.

My invention is not restricted to the precise construction and arrangements shown and described, as the same may be modified without departing from the spirit and scope of my 70 invention.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A tobacco-pouch, constructed of flexible 75 material, such as rubber, and having a moistening-receptacle, perforated internally to communicate with the interior of the pouch and provided with an unconnected portion forming an open mouth to admit the moisten- 80 ing agent, the said receptacle being also of flexible material throughout, substantially as described.

2. In a flexible tobacco-pouch, an auxiliary, perforated ply of flexible material attached 85 along a portion of its edge to the inner surface of the pouch, to form a receptacle therein having an open mouth, substantially as described.

3. In a flexible rubber tobacco-pouch, a perforated ply of thin rubber vulcanized along a portion of its edge to the inner surface of the pouch, to form a receptacle therein having a mouth, substantially as described. 90

4. A flexible rubber tobacco-pouch having 95 a double bottom, formed by an inner ply or flap, to constitute a chamber, the inner ply being perforated and disconnected from the outer ply along a portion of its edge, to form a mouth, substantially as described. 100

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

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