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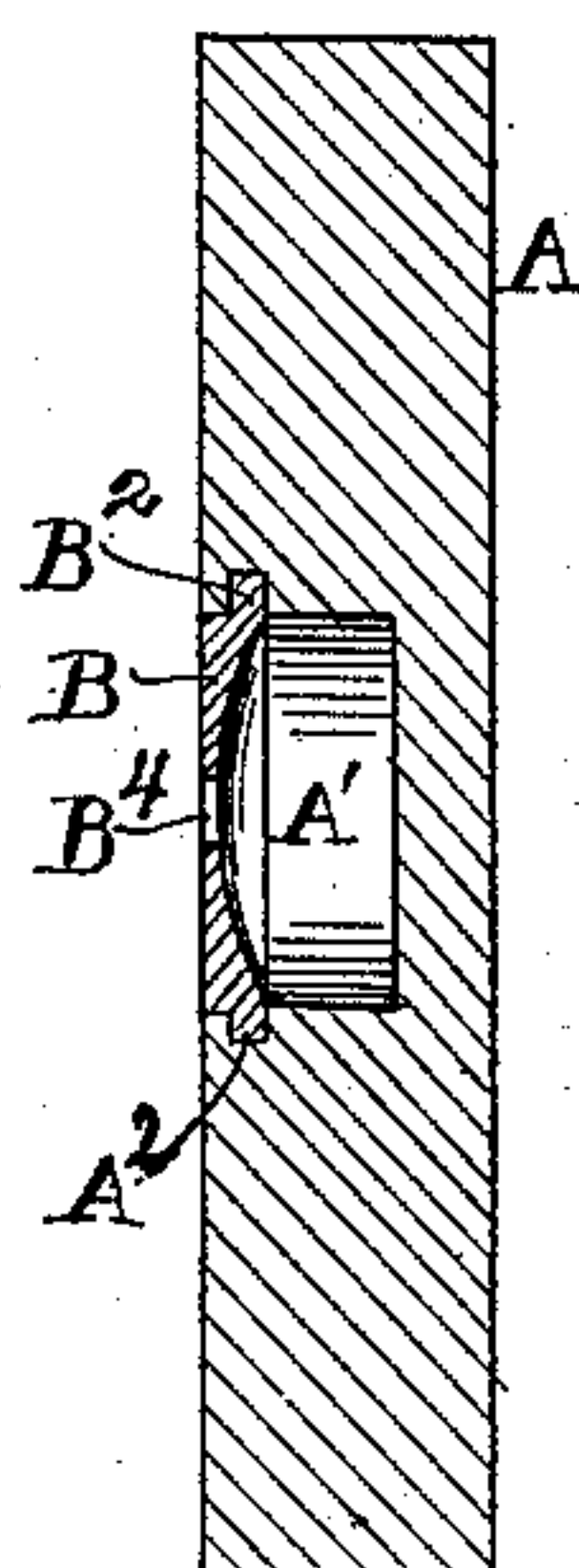


Fig. 1.

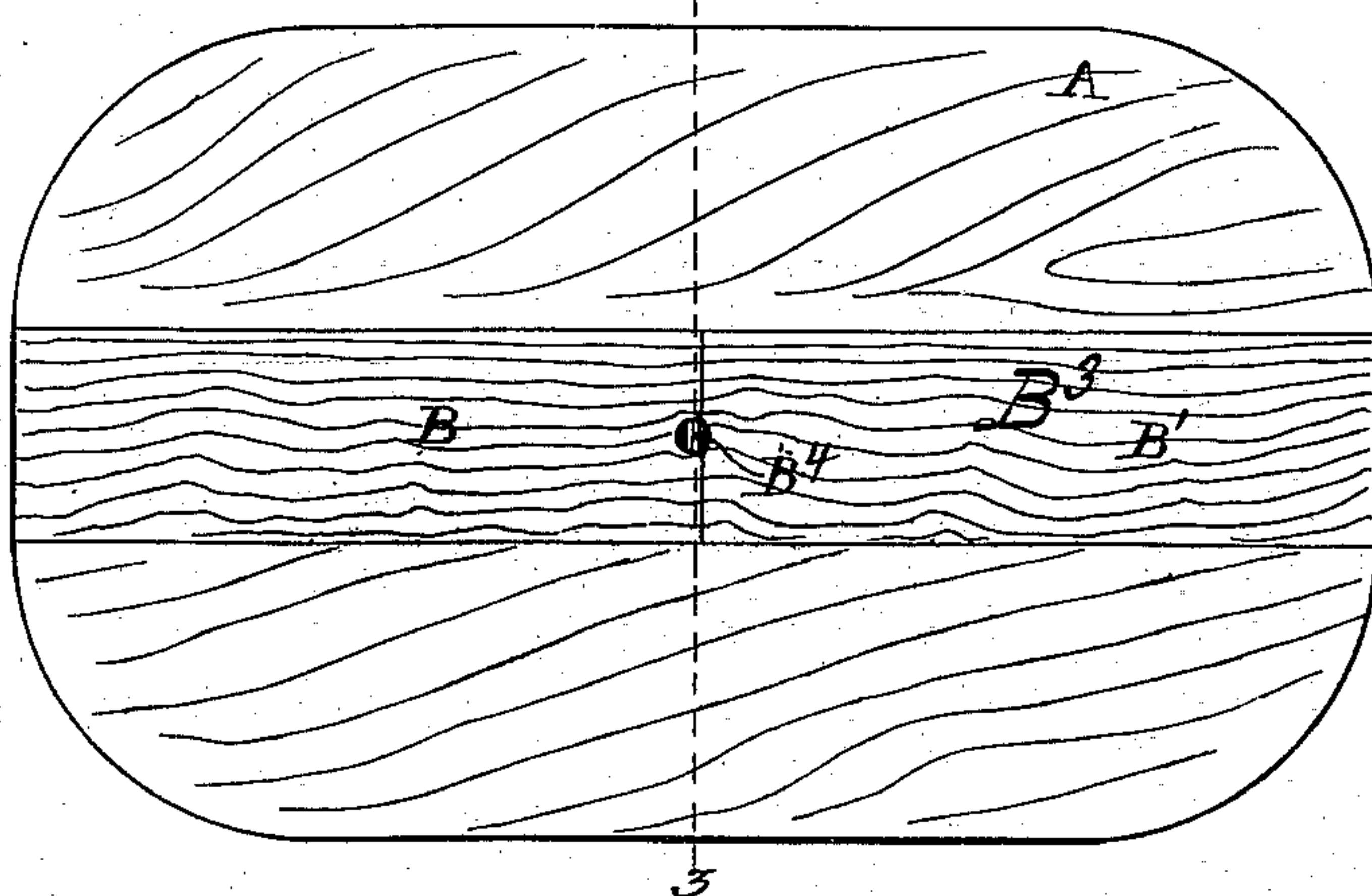


Fig. 2.

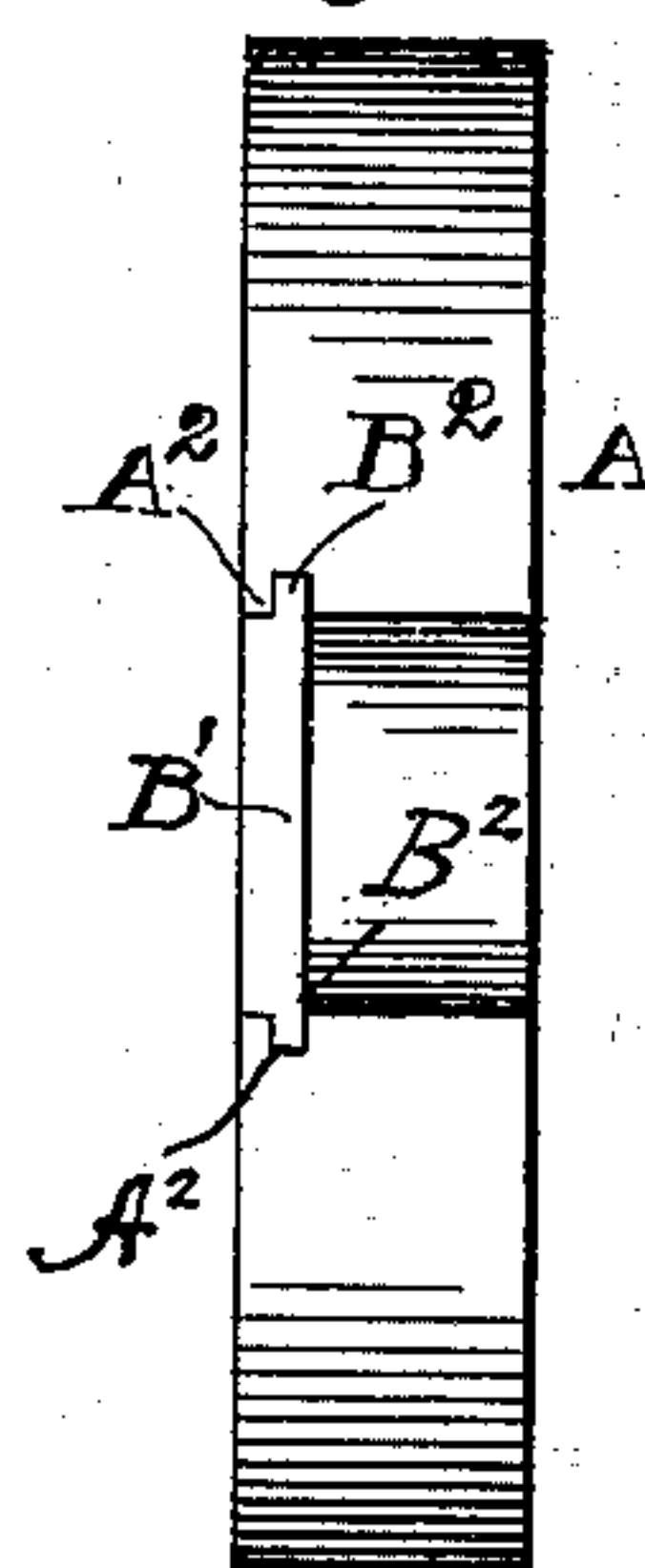


Fig. 4.

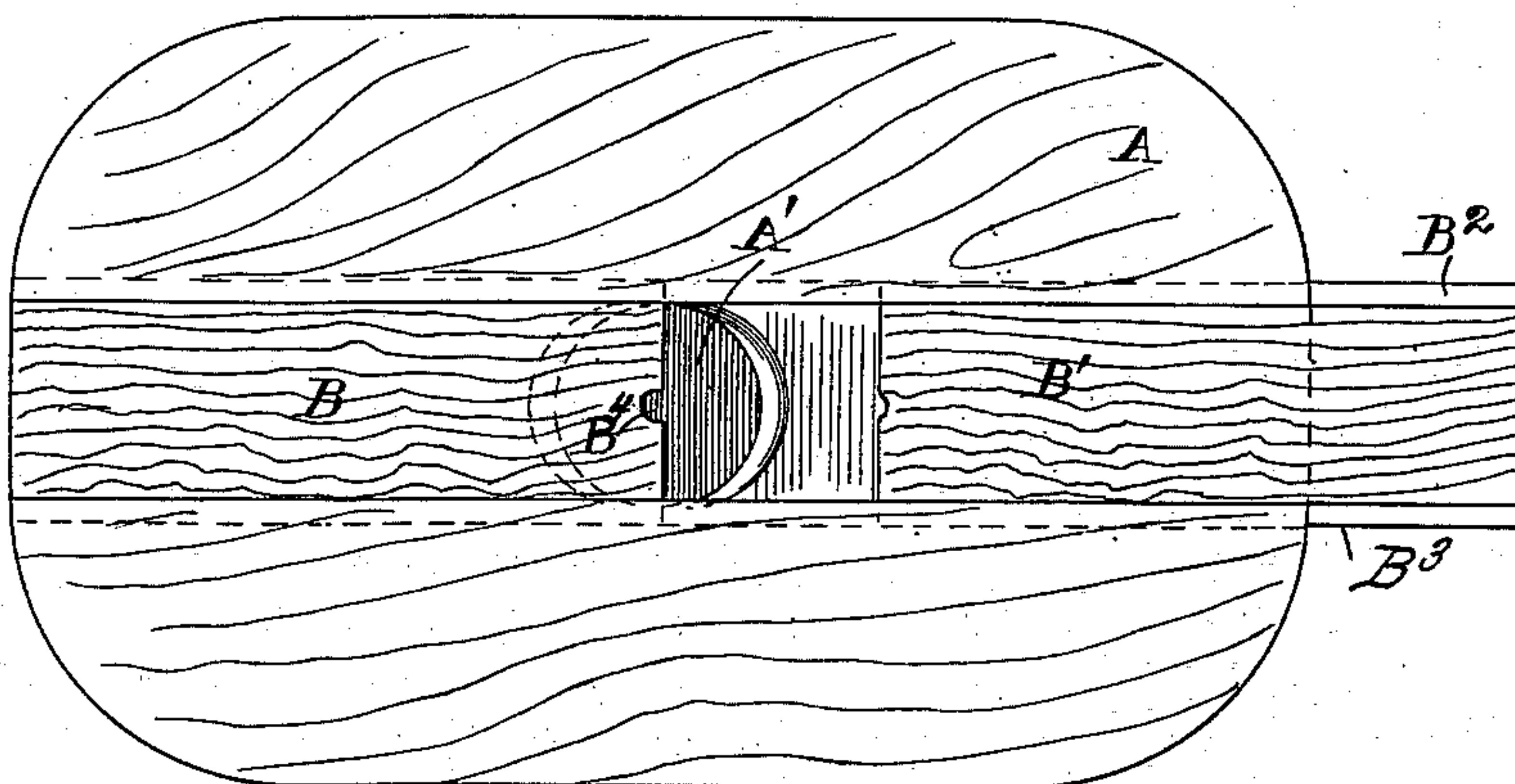
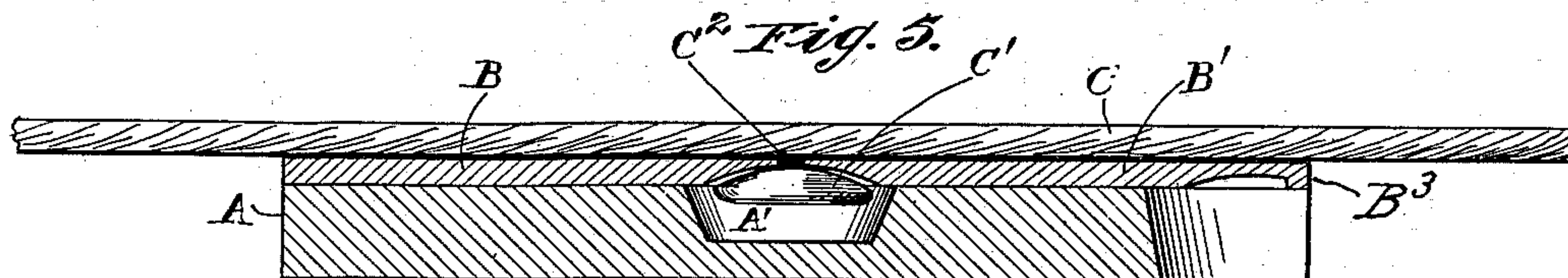


Fig. 5.



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## PRESS-BOARD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANS O. RUNDQUIST, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Rockford, in the county of Winnebago and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Press-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates specifically to a press-board to be employed in pressing the portions of a garment that are situated immediately behind and contiguous to the buttons thereof; and it consists, essentially, of a base portion having a recess for the reception of a button countersunk transversely thereinto and a cover to be applied to such recess after a button has been placed therein, such cover having a central opening to admit there-through the neck of the button and the thread securing the same to its garment.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a top plan view of a press-board embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a right-hand end view of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the press-board at the dotted line 3 3 in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a top plan view of the press-board, showing the button-recess countersunk thereinto and a portion of the cover thereof adapted to be slid longitudinally to close such recess. Fig. 5 is a central longitudinal section of the press-board and a garment having a button attached thereto, all being in operative position and relation.

Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

A is the base portion of a press-board, having a button-recess A' countersunk transversely thereinto.

B B', taken together, form the cover of the button-recess A', which former has a central vertical hole B<sup>4</sup> therein to receive the neck of a button and the thread securing the same to its garment. I prefer to have this cover B<sup>3</sup> formed of two parts B B', connected with the base portion A of the press-board by means of grooves A<sup>2</sup> therein and counter-part tongues B<sup>2</sup> on the edges of such cover, the part B also being preferably made fast in the grooves A<sup>2</sup> and the part B' being capable of being slid therein; but obviously

the parts B B' may be so arranged as to both be capable of sliding therein, or any other analogous or suitable means of connecting such cover with the base portion A may be employed without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

C is a garment having a button C' connected thereto by means of a neck portion C<sup>2</sup> and the thread passing from the latter to such garment C.

When the parts of the press-board are arranged as shown in Fig. 4, the button C' is slid downward into the recess A' therein and the part B' of the cover is slid to the position shown in Figs. 1 and 5. The garment may then be pressed in the usual manner with a hot goose or sad-iron.

Heretofore it has been practically impossible to press the portions of a garment that are located immediately behind the buttons thereon, this being especially so where large buttons are employed and the garment is composed of heavy material. Inability to press those portions of a garment leave the same thicker than the portions of the same accessible to the pressing-iron. Moreover, the striking and contact of a hot pressing-iron against a button is liable not only to injure the same, but to stretch and displace the neck portion C<sup>2</sup> of the button. My invention completely obviates those difficulties and obviously renders it both possible and practicable to thoroughly press the portions of garments located behind the buttons thereof.

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

In a press-board, in combination, a base portion having a button-recess countersunk transversely thereinto, and a cover, consisting of one or a plurality of slides, having a transverse central hole therein to receive the neck of a button, while the garment to which it is attached is undergoing the operation of being pressed, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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

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