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Fig. 1.

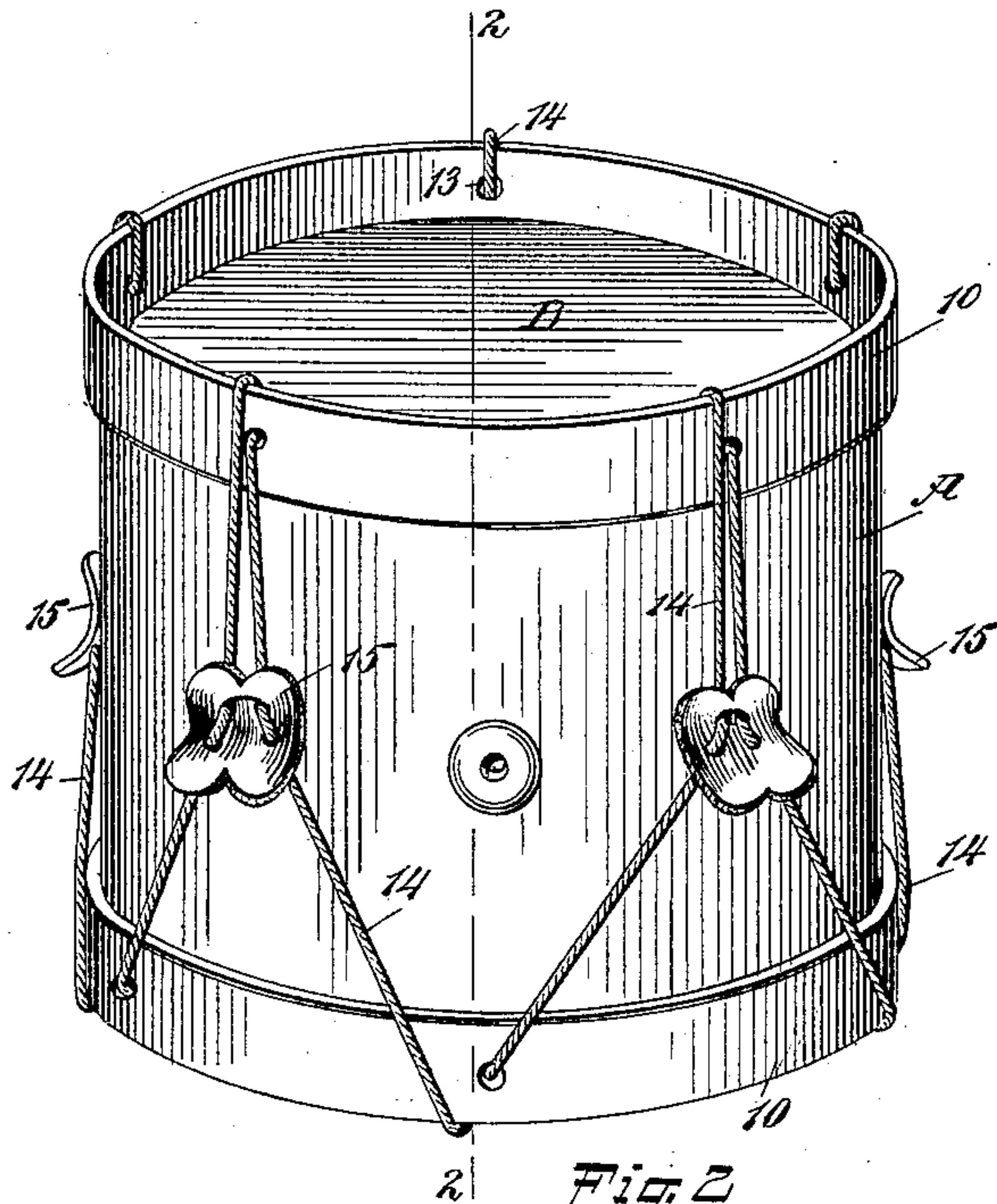


Fig. 2.

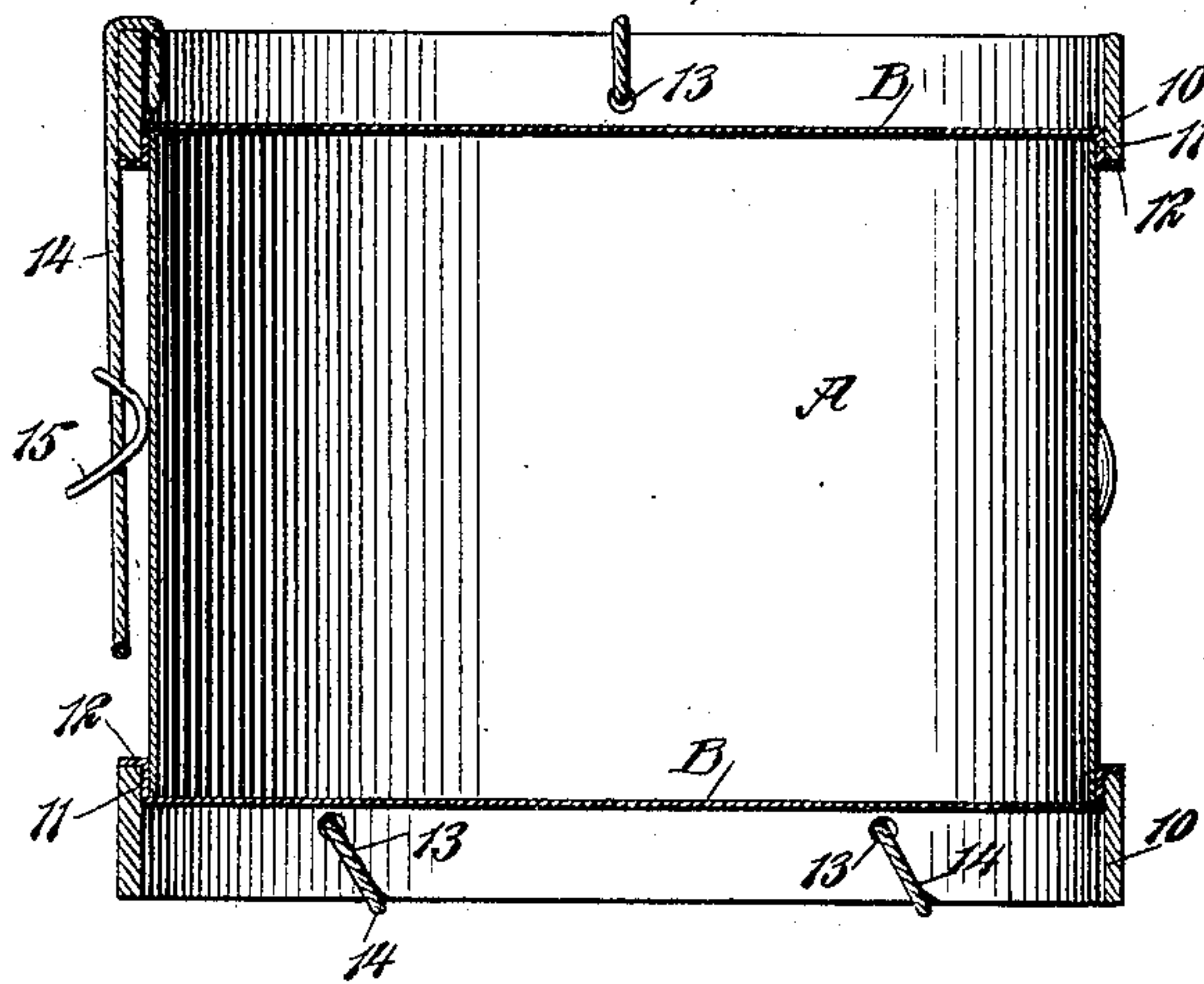
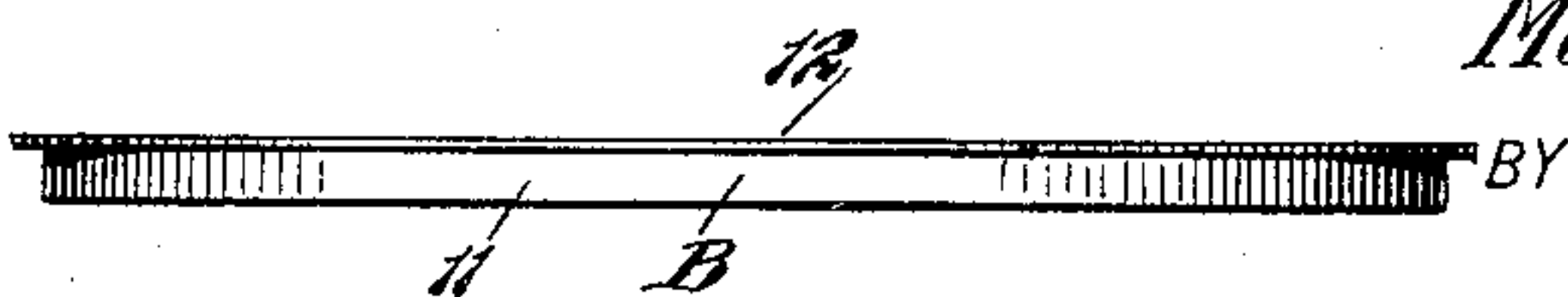


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MORTON E. CONVERSE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Winchendon, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Toy Drum, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

One purpose of the invention is to provide a drum especially designed as a toy and so constructed that metal heads may be employed and held in place by hoops.

Another purpose of the invention is to construct the drum in such manner that when the parts are separated they may be nested for shipment and the parts again assembled and secured in position by any person familiar with the outlines of a drum.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved drum. Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken practically on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is an edge view of the lower or bottom edge of the drum.

The body A of the drum is in the nature of a shell, as usual, and may be made of any suitable material. In connection with the body hoops 10 are employed, which hoops are adapted to assist in holding the heads B in position, the heads B being placed at the top and bottom of the body A. The heads are made of thin metal, and each head is provided with a marginal flange 11, which extends from its inner face at an angle thereto, and a second flange 12, which is at an angle to and constitutes, preferably, a portion of the flange 11. The two flanges thus virtually form a single angular member for the head, and the flanges 12 of the heads extend in an outward direction, and when the drum is in

position for use the flanges 11 of the heads will be vertical and the flanges 12 will be horizontal, while the flanges 12 of the two heads will face one another. When the heads are placed on the body, the flanges 11 fit snugly against the outside surface of the body and the flanges 12 receive the inner edges of the hoops 10, as shown in Fig. 2. The hoops are provided with openings 13, through which a cord 14 is laced, the ends of the cord being suitably connected, and the various dual strands of cord thus obtained may be tightened or loosened by tabs 15, through which the dual strands are passed. In fact, the cords, tabs, and hoops serve to hold the heads in position on the body, and the heads may be loosened or tightened to some extent by the adjustment of the tabs 15.

It is evident that when a drum is constructed as described the parts may be readily separated and the bodies, heads, and hoops may be nested, and thus occupy but little space in transportation, and that any one at all familiar with the construction of a drum will be enabled to place the parts together and secure them in their proper positions.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A drum comprising a cylindrical body, metallic heads having rigid cylindrical flanges projecting toward each other and surrounding the ends of the body, and rigid plane annular flanges extending outwardly from the free or inner ends of said cylindrical flanges, hoops surrounding said cylindrical flanges and resting on the annular flanges, and means for fastening the parts together, substantially as described.

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

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