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Fig. 1.

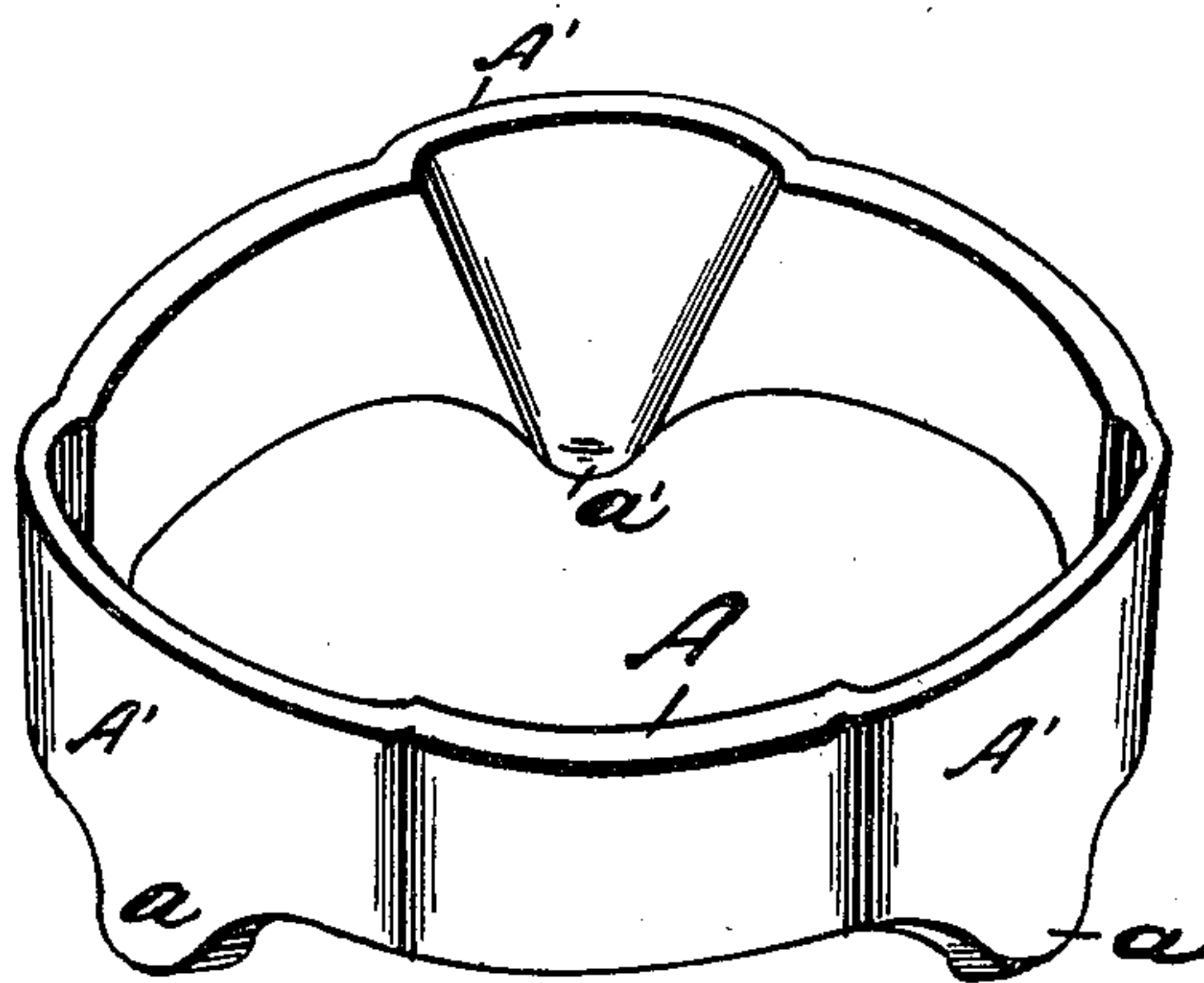
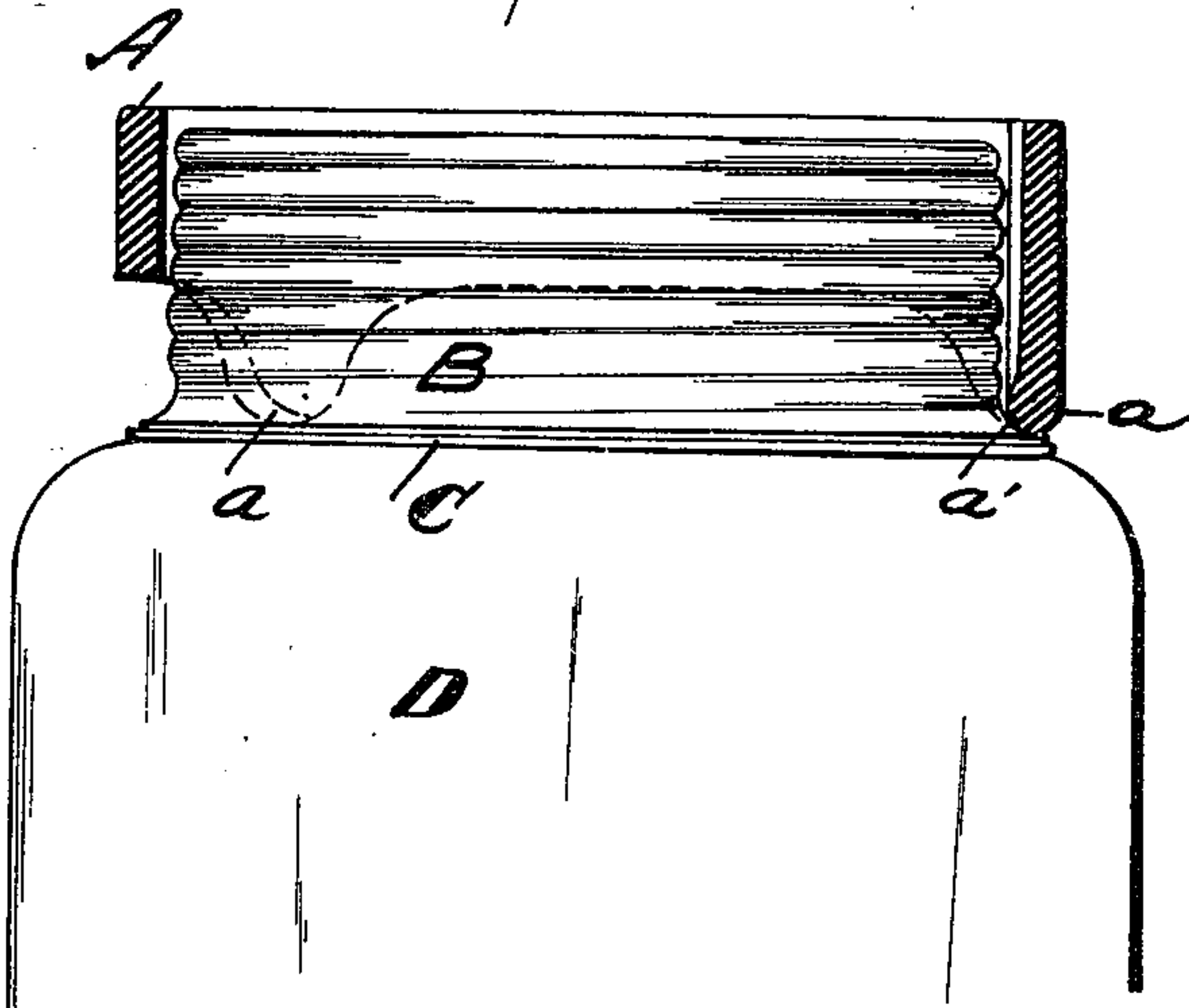


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW GEECK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Owosso, county of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, have
5 invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Devices for Straightening Can-Jar Covers; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in
10 the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention has for its object an implement for straightening the edges of jar-covers after the cover has been screwed down in contact with the rubber gasket usually employed.
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In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device. Fig. 2 is an elevation of a portion of a canning-jar, showing the implement in position in cross-section.
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Referring to the letters of reference on the drawings, A represents an annular ring or
25 band of metal, wood, or other suitable material, provided with lugs *a*, depending from its lower edge, and provided on the inside with an offset portion *a'*, fashioned so as to conform to the contour of the lower edge of the
30 cover B. On the annular ring A are provided raised portions *A'* *A'* to afford means whereby the ring may be rotated around the cover without the possibility of its slipping in the hand.

35 C is the rubber gasket usually employed.
D is the canning-jar.

As is well known, it is a common practice when the covers of canning-jars stick to the gasket, and thus prevent removal, to insert a
40 knife or other suitable implement between the edge of the cover and the rubber gasket and in some cases to pry the gasket out in order to free the cover, so that it can be removed.

The employment of such an instrument causes the edge of the cover to be turned up or to become very irregular, so that when it is desired to again use the cover it cannot be brought down to form a perfect seal.
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The object of my invention is to straighten the lower edge of the cover and to bring the same in close contact with the gasket when
50 screwed into position. This is accomplished by placing the annular ring over the cover, when by rotating the same the lugs *a a* will force the edge of the cover in close contact
55 with the rubber gasket C, smoothing out all irregularities in the edge of said cover, and thus securing a perfect seal.

What I claim is—

1. A device for straightening the edges of
60 jar-covers consisting of an annular manually-rotatable ring adapted to encircle the cover and provided with depending lugs, their lower edges adapted to bear against the edge of the cover and when said ring is rotated, to
65 straighten out any irregularity in the edge of the cover and force the same in close contact with the jar or gasket, substantially as described.

2. In a device for straightening the edges
70 of jar-covers, the combination of an annular manually-rotatable ring adapted to encircle the cover when in position upon the jar and provided with depending arms or lugs, their lower edges adapted to force the edge of the
75 cover in close contact with the jar or its gasket, and suitable offset portions on said ring to facilitate rotation, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.
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