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Fig. 1.

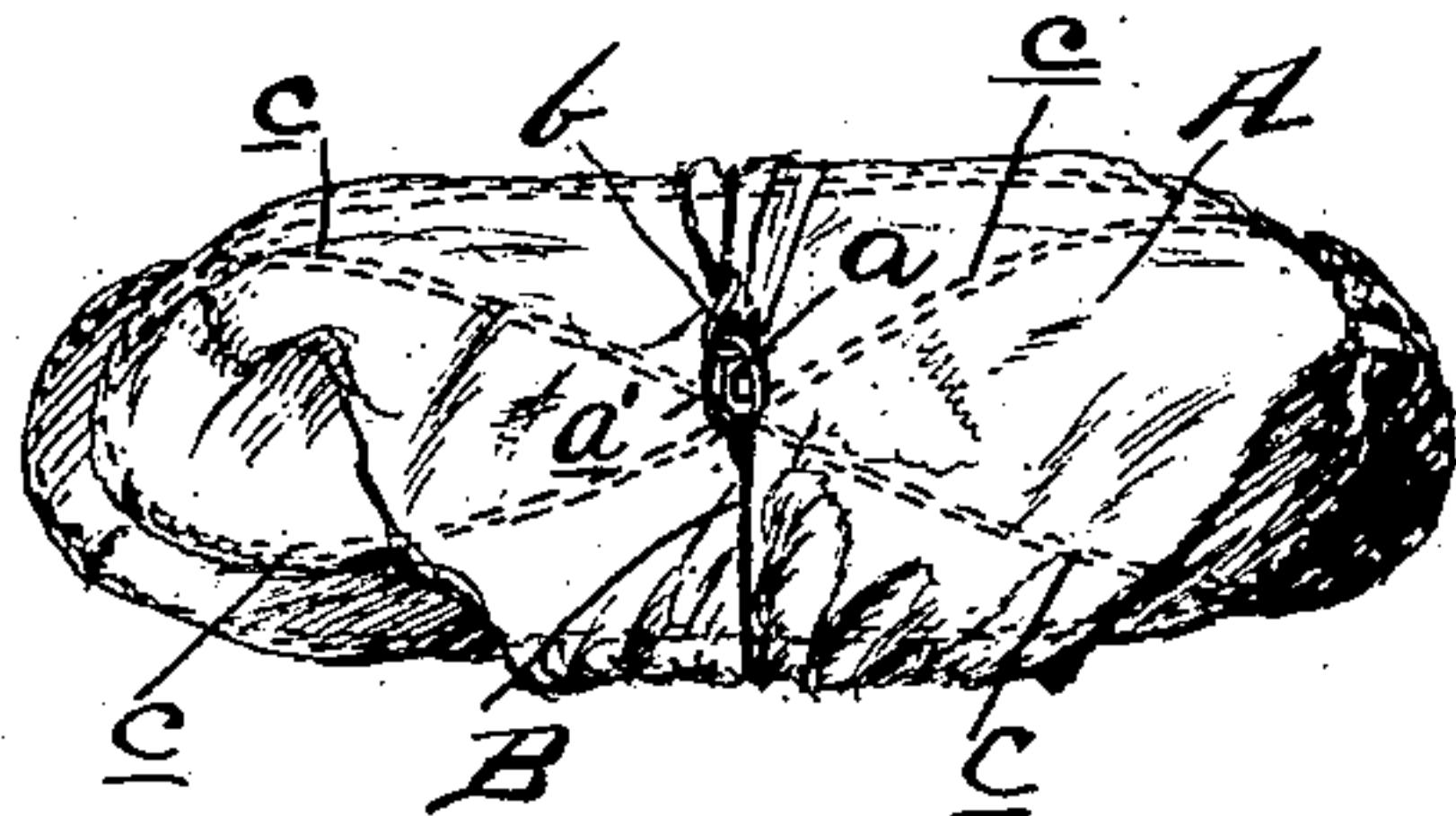
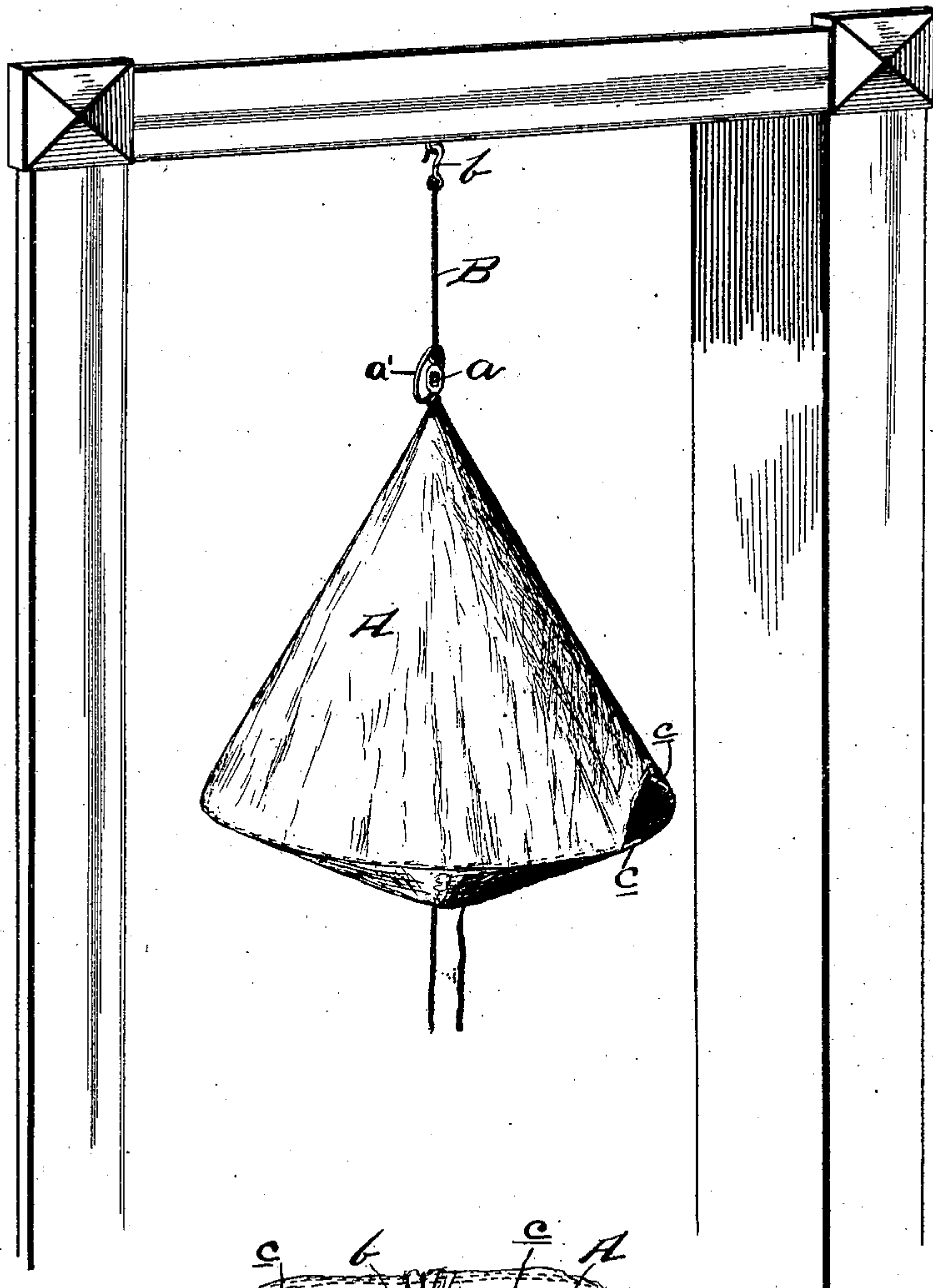


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAY O. WEST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skein-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in skein-holders; and its purpose is to provide a light cheap portable device for holding a skein of yarn while same is being unwound which can be used anywhere; second, to provide a skein-holder which can be readily folded up in portable shape; third, to provide a skein-holder adapted to holding any-sized skein without adjustment; fourth, to provide a skein-holder adapted to all purposes for which such a device is used of cheap construction. I attain these objects by the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a skein-holder as suspended for use in a doorway or any convenient place. Fig. 2 shows my skein-holder as it is folded for transportation.

Similar letters refer to similar parts in the two views.

Fig. 1 shows the skein-holder A suspended by the wire B, which is provided with a swivel-joint *a* and a hook *b*. The holder is made of cloth or suitable material and is distended at the bottom by a flexible hoop of band-metal *c*, preferably of steel.

Fig. 2 shows the skein-holder folded. The steel band forming the rim is turned into a figure 8 and the ends brought together, and the wire support B is then brought around the holder and hook *b* inserted in the swivel *a* or a ring *a'* suitably placed, making a neat and compact package.

I am aware that skein-holders have before been constructed; but they have been made of wood or metal, with arms and hooks upon same to carry the skein, and that method of construction is not only much more expensive

than the one shown in my device, but is bulky, heavy, and not capable of being folded into small compass. Such devices, further, require rigid support, while my device can be suspended in a doorway or other convenient place.

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

1. In a skein-holder the combination of a flexible approximately cone-shaped body, and a band for distending the same; substantially as described.

2. In a skein-holder the combination of an approximately cone-shaped flexible body, a band for distending the same, and means including a swivel connection for suspending the holder; substantially as described.

3. In a skein-holder the combination of a body of flexible material, and a flexible foldable band for distending the body; substantially as described.

4. In a skein-holder the combination of a body of flexible material, a band for distending the body, and means including a swivel connection for suspending the holder; substantially as described.

5. In a skein-holder the combination of a body of flexible material, a flexible foldable band for distending the body, and means for securing the band in folded position; substantially as described.

6. In a skein-holder, the combination of a flexible body, a flexible foldable band for distending the same, means for supporting the holder, and a hook-and-ring device for securing the band in folded position; substantially as described.

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

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