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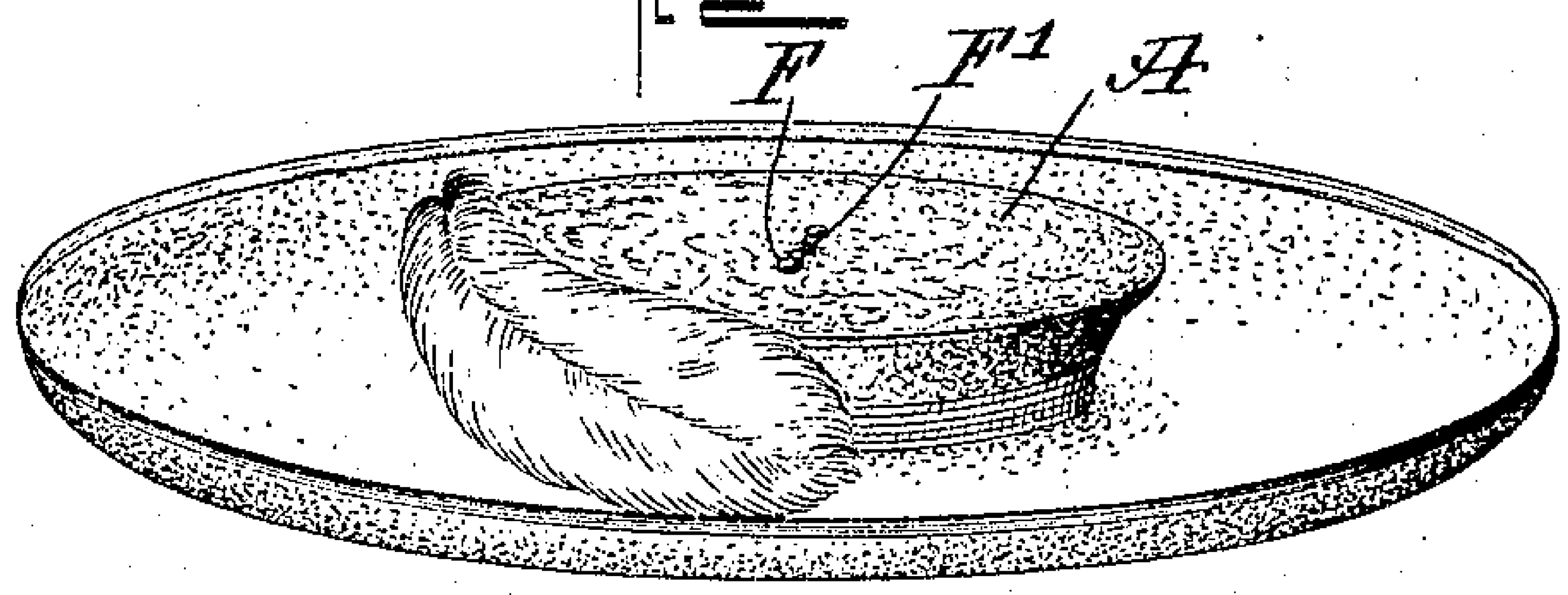
Fig. 1.



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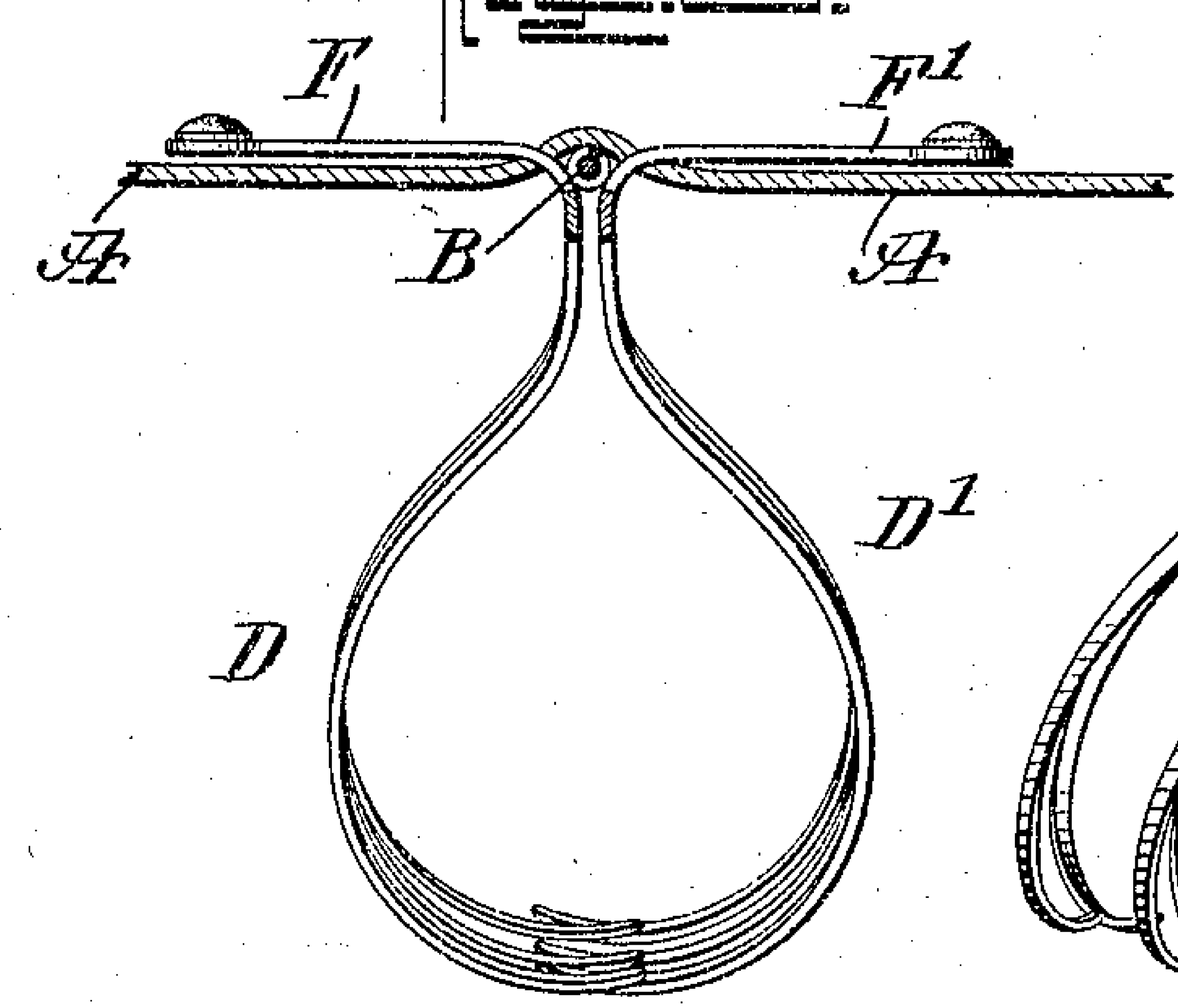

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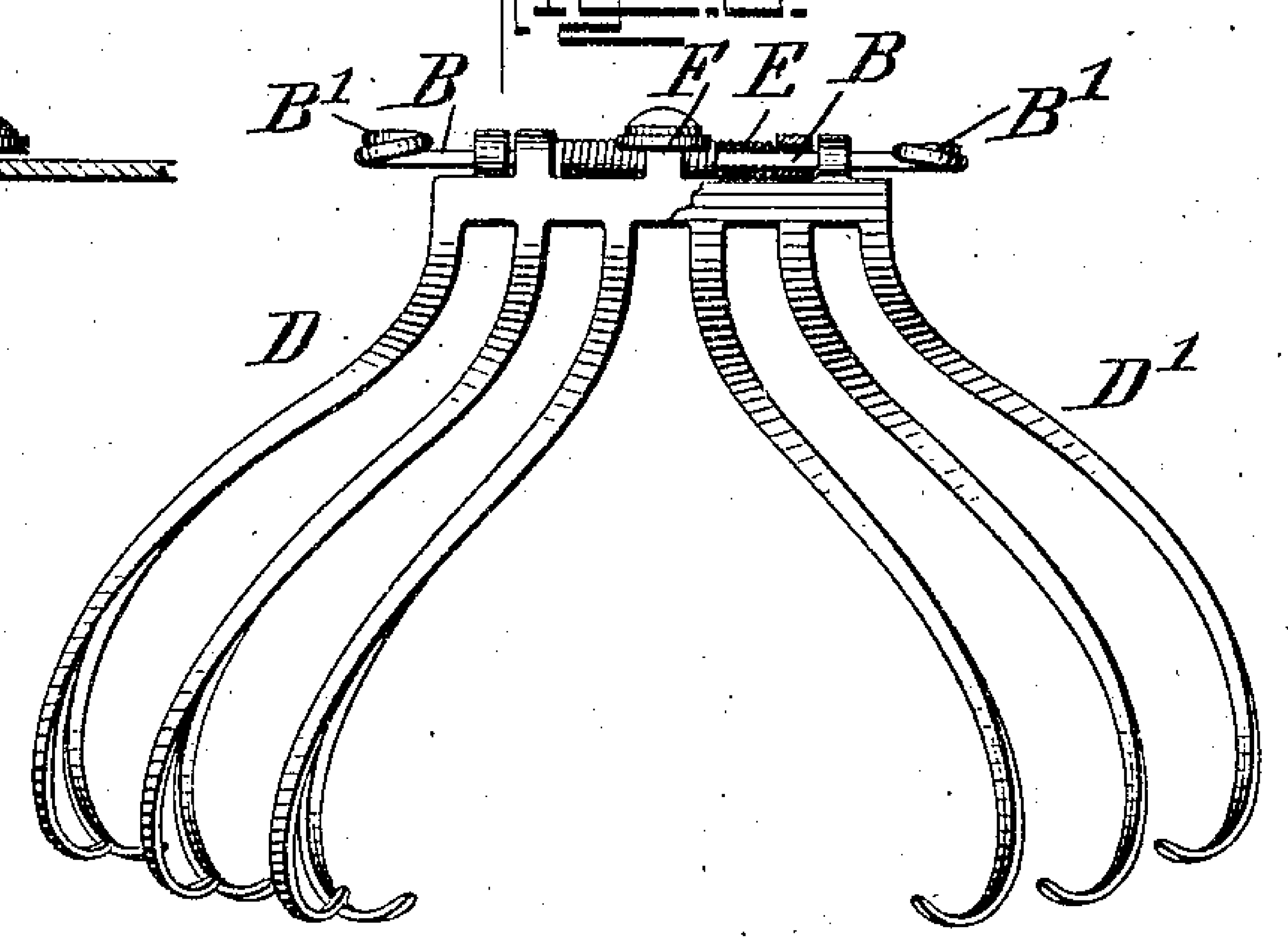

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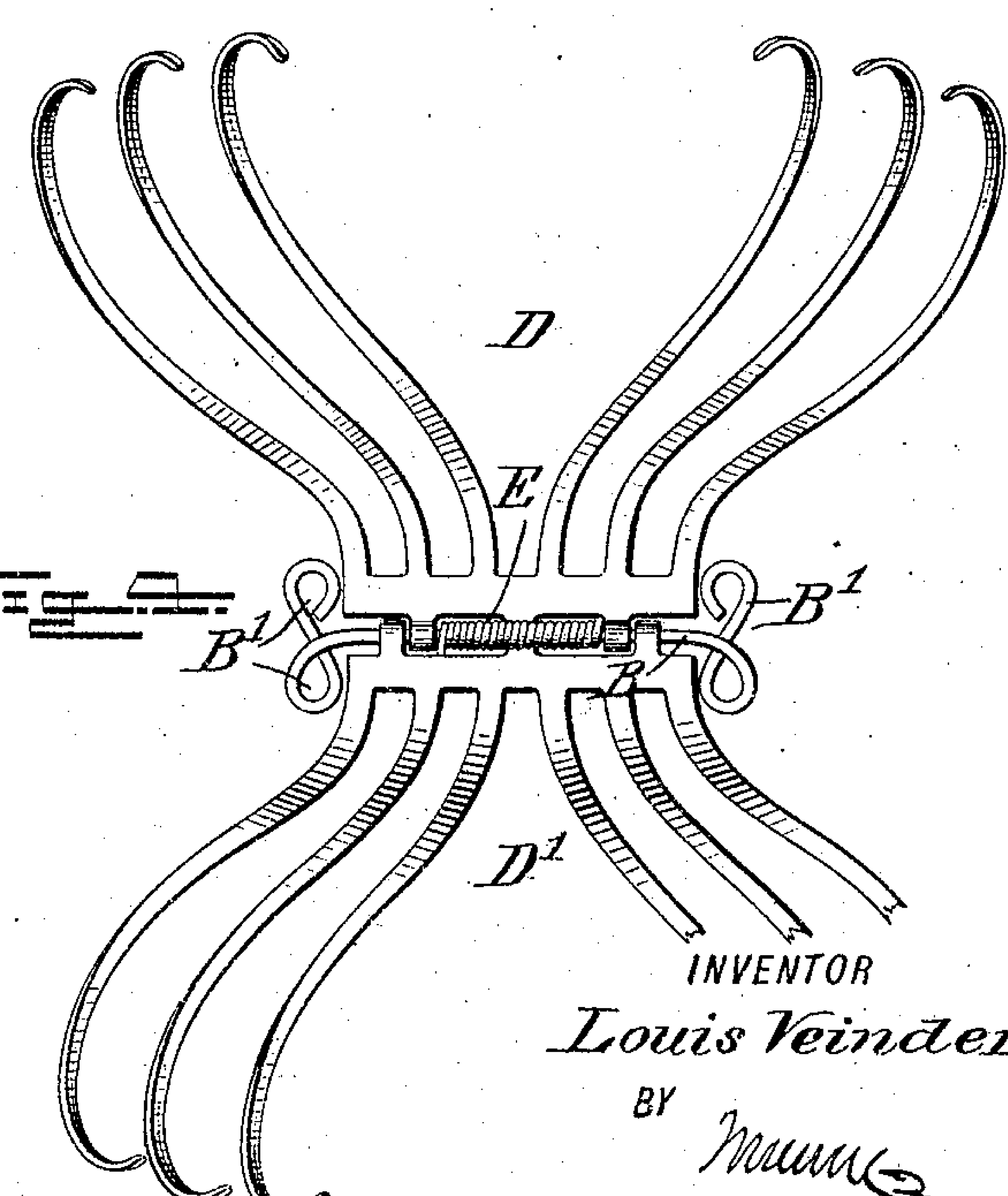

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HAT-FASTENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS VEINDER, a subject of the King of Roumania, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Hat-Fastener, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved hat-fastener, more especially designed for fastening ladies' hats in position on the head and arranged to permit the wearer to conveniently place the hat in proper position, and to then fasten it securely to the topknot of the hair without disturbing the position of the hat and to allow the wearer to readily open the fastener whenever it is desired to remove the hat.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement as applied. Fig. 2 is an enlarged end elevation of the improvement. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the same, and Fig. 4 is an inverted plan view of the improvement, showing the claws in an open position.

To the inside of the crown A of the hat is secured the fastener-frame, preferably in the form of a pintle B, terminating at its ends in double eyes B′, fastened by stitches to the crown to hold the fastener-frame in place, and on the said pintle B are pivoted claws D D′, normally held in a closed position by a spring-coil E on the pintle and engaging with its ends the said claws, as plainly indicated in the drawings. From the pivotal ends of the claws D D′ extend handles F F′, passing through an opening in the crown A to the outside thereof, to enable the user of the hat to take hold of the said handles for pressing the same toward each other, and thus imparting an outward or opening movement to the claws D D′, the claws opening against the tension of the spring E, which when the user releases the handles causes the claws D D′ to close automatically. The free ends of the prongs or tines of the claws overlap when the claws are in a closed position, and the said claws are curved in opposite directions to form a ring-like structure when the claws are in a closed position. (See Fig. 2.) Each claw is preferably provided with two sets of prongs or tines, the sets diverging outwardly, as plainly indicated in Figs. 3 and 4.

In applying the device to the hat the pintle is disposed transversely on the hat for the claws to engage the topknot of the hair from opposite sides. In order to hold the hat securely in position on the head of the wearer, the latter immediately before placing the hat in position on the head takes hold of the handles F F′ and presses the same toward each other for opening the claws, and then the hat is placed in position on the wearer's head, after which the handles are released to allow the claws D D′ to close and engage the topknot of the hair from opposite sides. When the claws are closed and their prongs or tines overlap, then the hair engaged by the ring-like structure holds the latter, and consequently the hat, securely in place on the wearer's head.

By having the sets of diverging prongs or tines practically two spaced bunches of the hair are engaged by the claws D D′ to prevent displacement of the hat in any direction, especially when a strong gust of wind strikes the hat at the front or rear.

In addition to the double eyes B′ furnishing a convenient means for attaching the device to the inner side of the crown of a hat by stitching they also serve to prevent relative displacement of the pivoted claws thereon, as is apparent. By attaching the pintle B to the inside of the crown of a hat through the medium of said eyes it is not necessary to cut or otherwise mutilate the hat, the only opening necessary to be made therein being that through which the operating-handles for the claws are inserted in the attachment of the device to a hat. The said double eyes B′ are located near the adjacent edges of the pivoted portions of the claws D D′, and they also serve as stops for preventing the pintle B from slipping out of place.

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

1. A hat-fastener comprising a pintle having a pair of spring-actuated self-closing claws journaled thereon, having their free ends extending past each other when the claws are closed, and manually-operated means connected to said claws and adapted to extend through an opening in a hat to be taken hold of by the operator to open the claws, said pintle having means at its ends for attaching the structure to the crown of the hat by stitching, and said means being near to the claws and serving as stops for preventing displacement thereof and maintaining the pintle in place.

2. A hat-fastener, comprising a pintle having a pair of manually-operated self-closing claws journaled thereon, and provided with double eyes at each end for attachment of the structure to a hat by stitching, said eyes being near to the claws and serving as stops for maintaining the pintle in place and preventing displacement of the claws.

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

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