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FIG. 1.

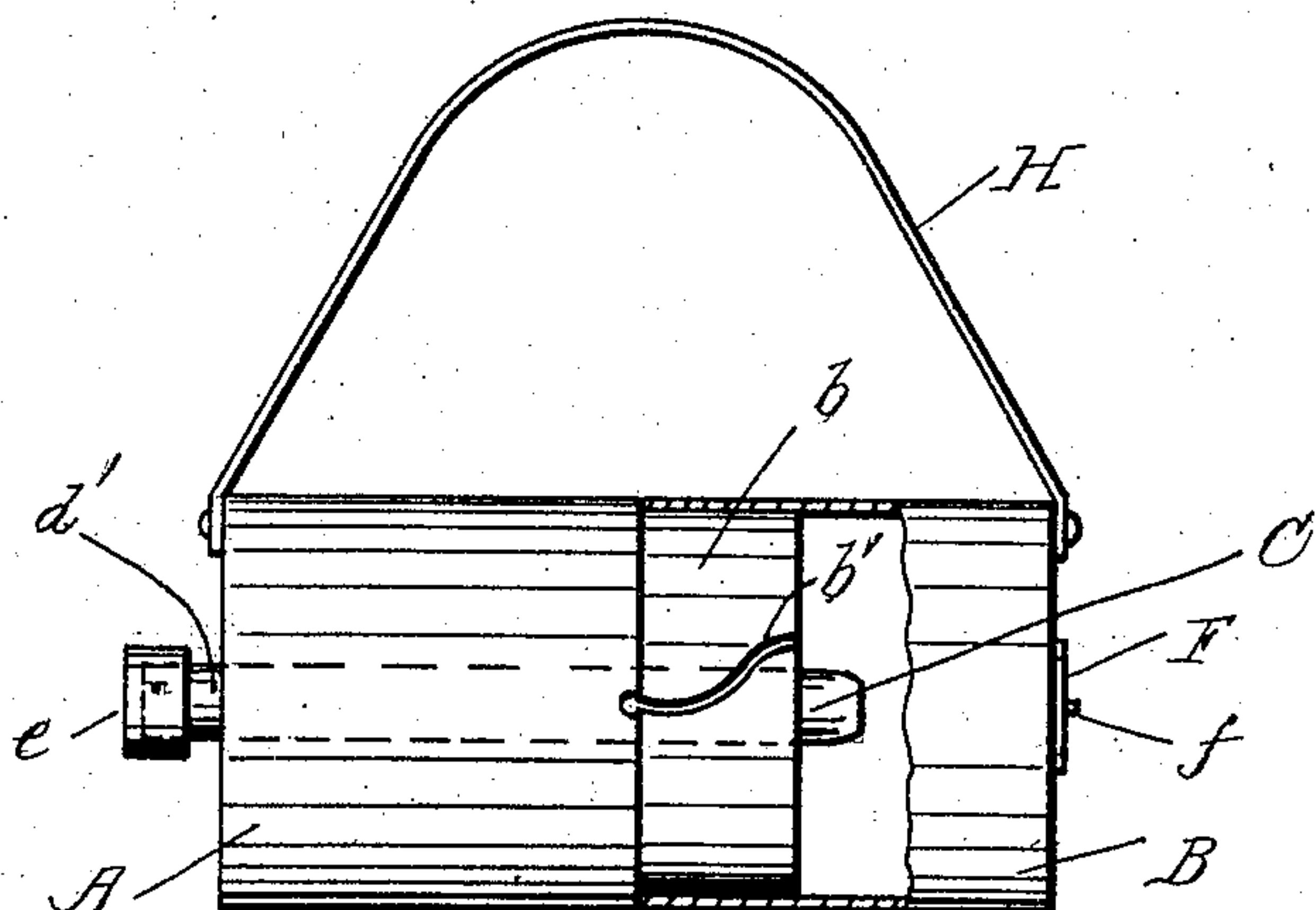


FIG. 2.

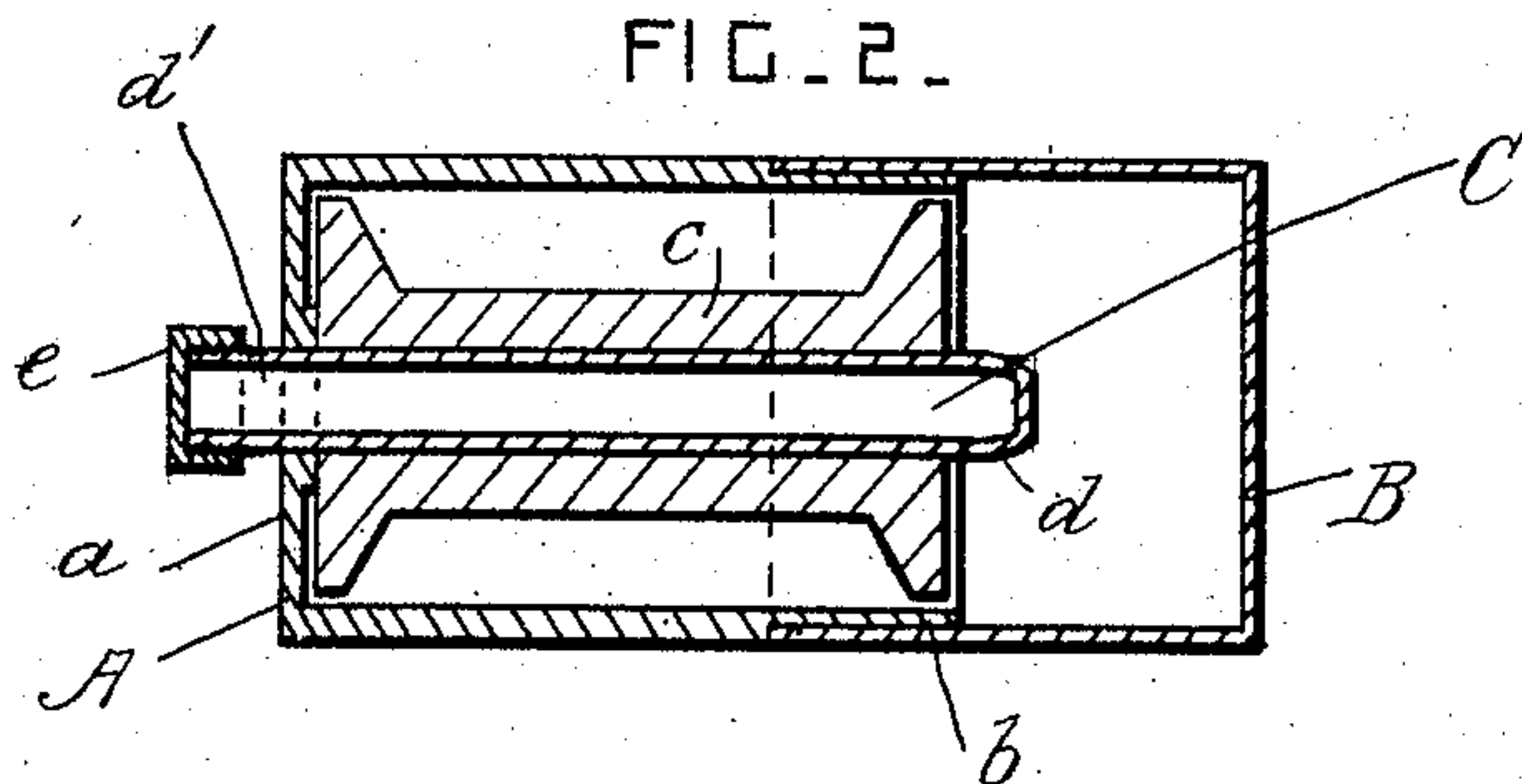
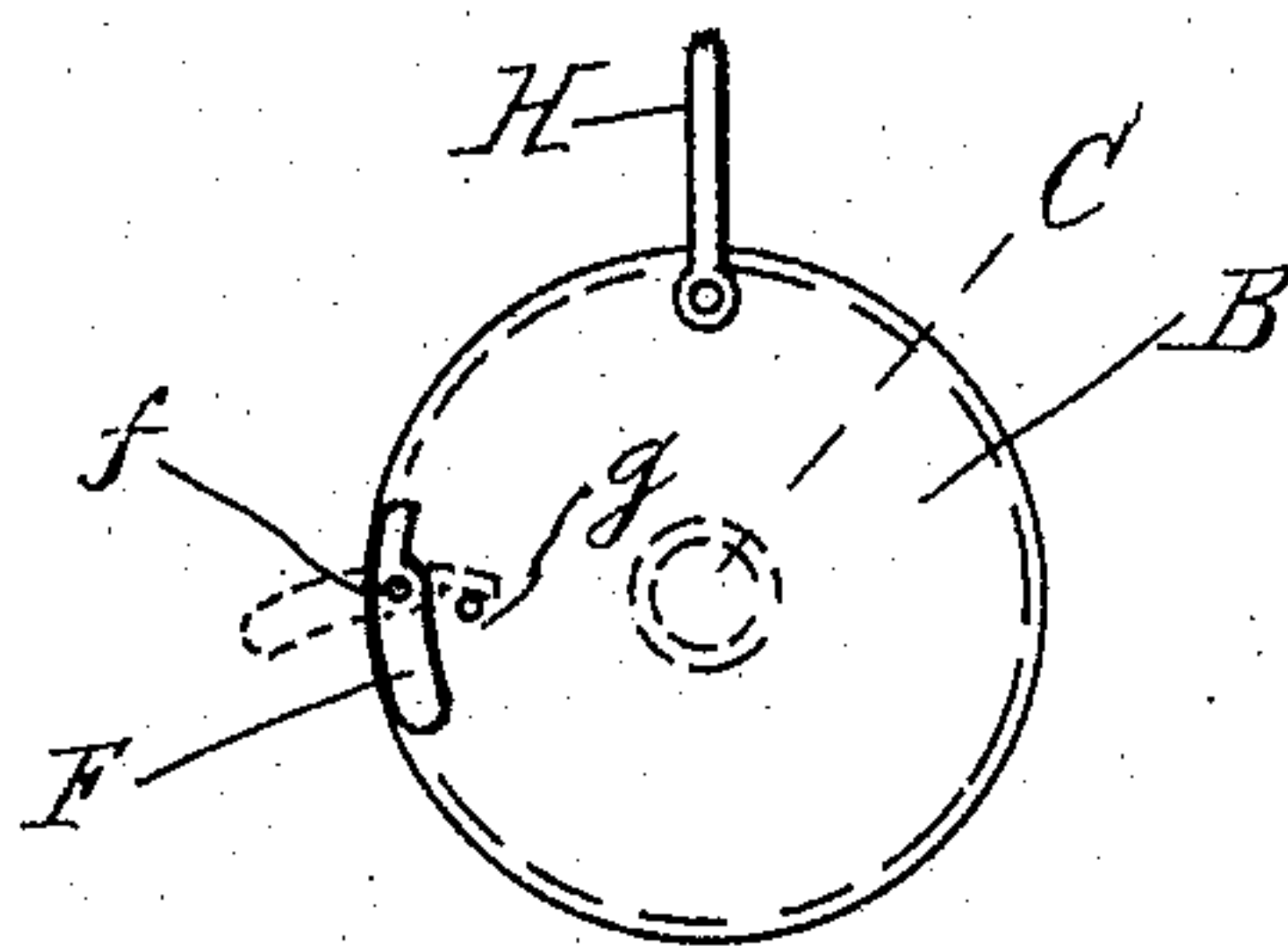


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER RITZENTHALER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Huron, in the county of Erie and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Thread and Needle Cases; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to cases for holding thread and needles; and it consists in the novel construction and combination of the parts hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of the device, partly in section. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section through the device. Fig. 3 is an end view of the device.

The thread-case is cylindrical and is formed of two parts A and B. The part B or cover is slidable over an extension *b* of the part A, which is smaller in diameter than the exterior of the part A. The extension *b* is provided with a curved slot *b'*, through which the free end portion of the thread is slipped, so that the thread may be pulled out of the case at the bottom of the slot between the parts A and B.

The main part A of the thread-case is provided with a central tube C, which projects within the part B, and a spool of thread *c* is journaled on this tube so that it can revolve freely. The end portion *d* of the tube inside the case is closed and the other end portion, *d'*, of the tube projects through the end *a* of

the part A and is provided with a suitable closing device, such as a screw-threaded cap *e*. The tube C forms the receptacle for the needles.

F is a blade which is pivoted on a pin *f*, projecting from the end of the part B, and *g* is a stop-pin which also projects from the said end. When the blade is turned, as shown by full lines in Fig. 3, so that it does not project, the end of the thread can be slipped under it and held in position. When the knife-blade is turned up as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 3, the blunt end of it comes against the stop-pin, and the thread can be cut off against the sharp portion of the blade.

H is a flexible support, of cord, chain, or other suitable material. This support is attached to the part A and B and may be attached to the dress of a lady by any approved means, so that the thread and the needles may be carried conveniently.

What I claim is—

In a spool-box, the combination, with a case-body, of a tube secured in the end of the said body and provided with an open end portion which projects externally from the said end, a removable closing device for the said open end of the tube, and a case-cover which engages with the said case-body.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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