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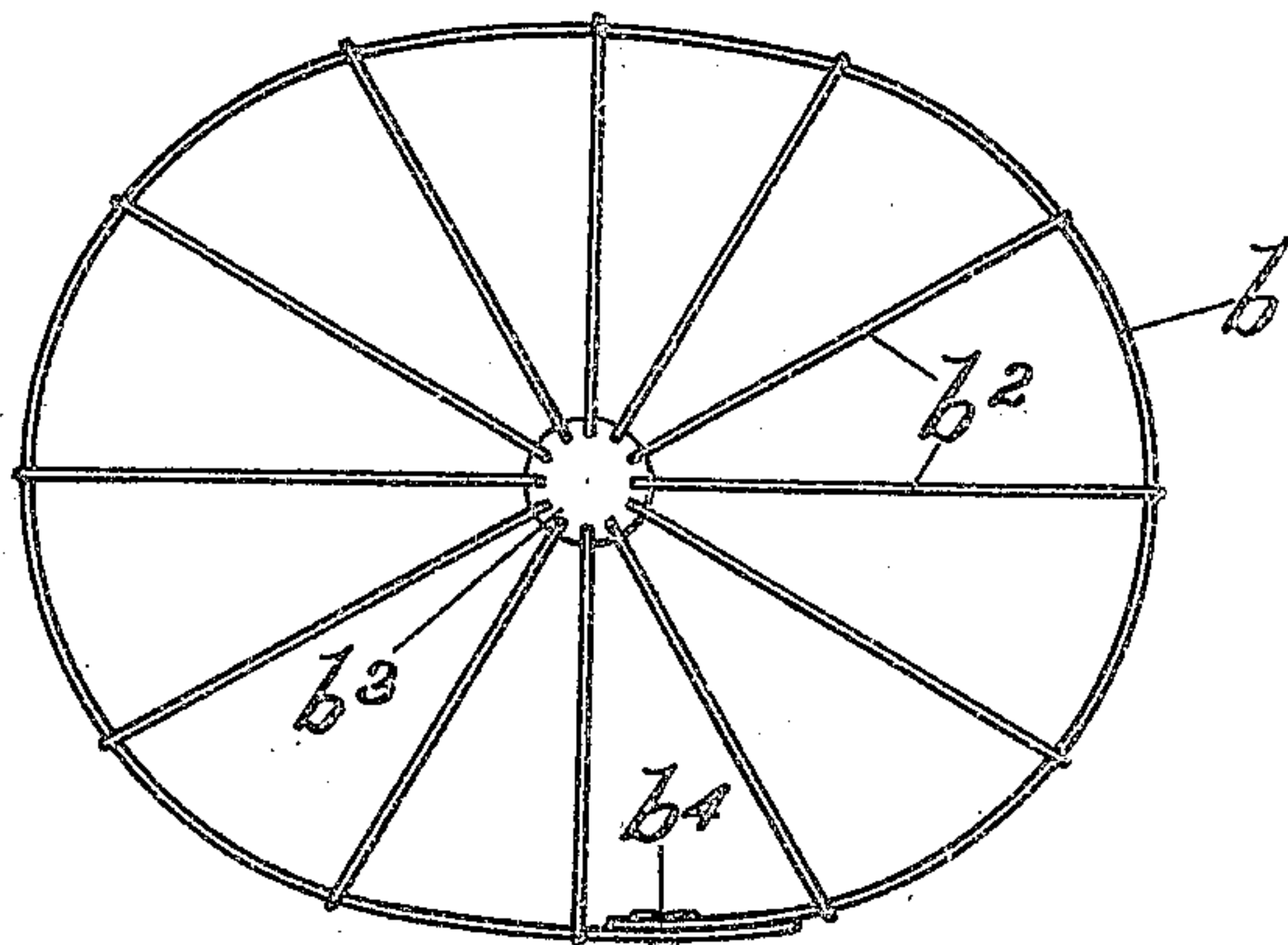
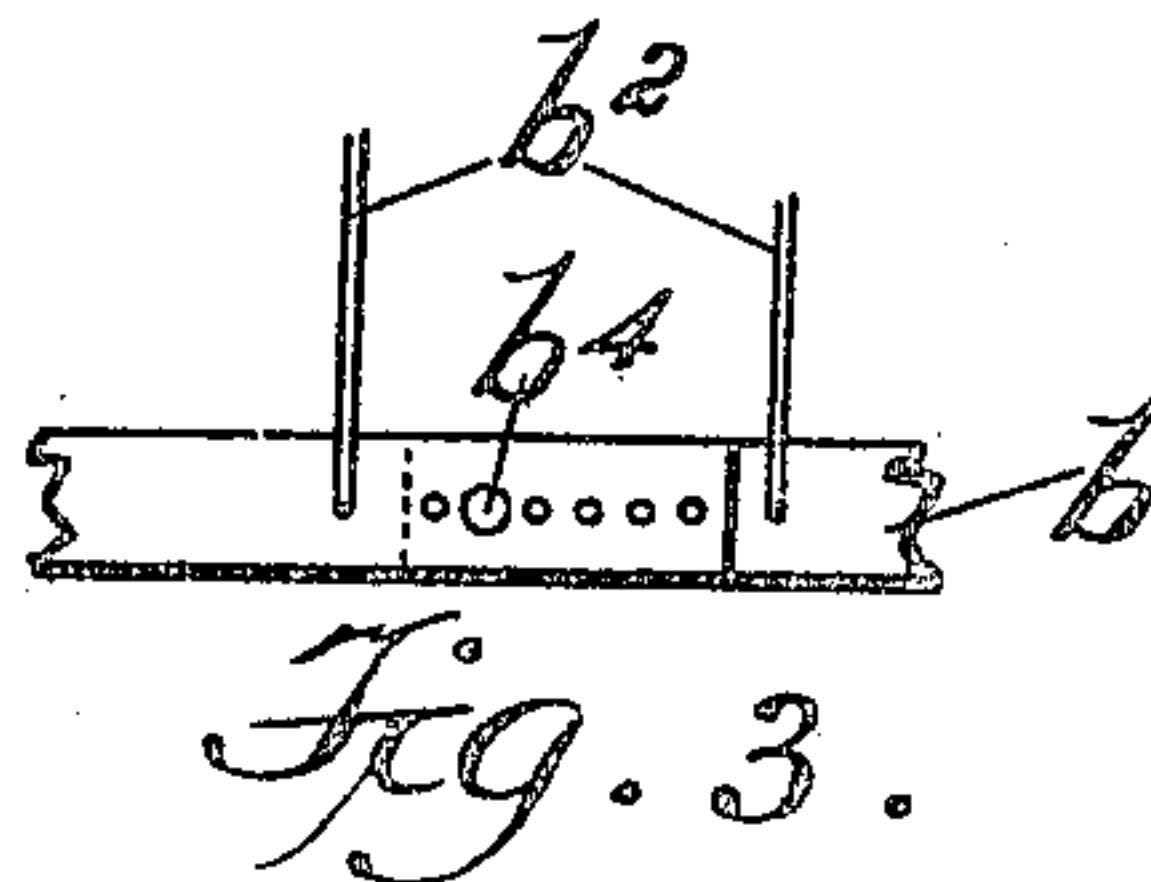
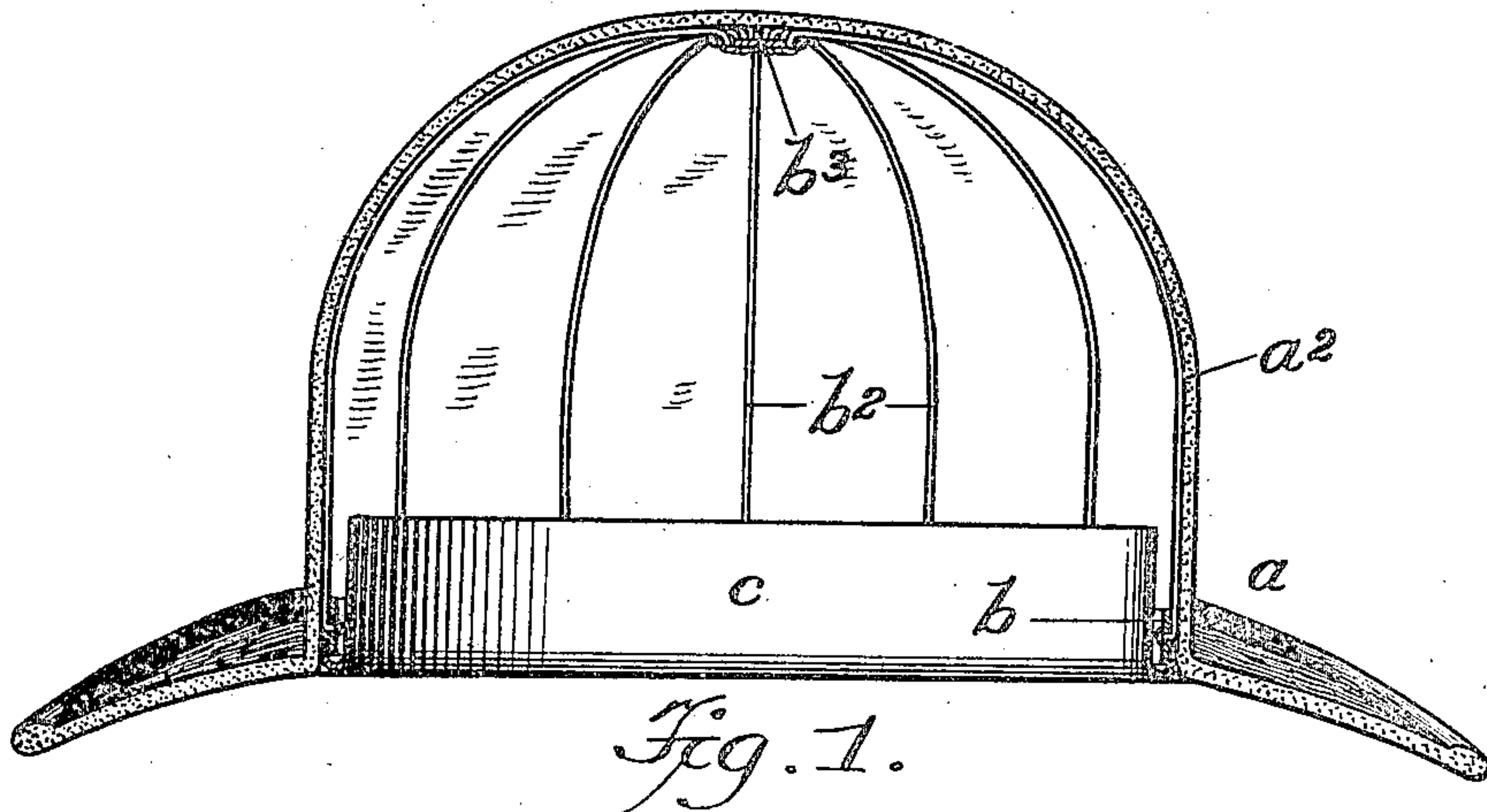


Fig. 2. Moses Olidort.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MOSES OLIDORT, a subject of the Czar of Russia, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Crown-Protectors for Hats, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to hats, and particularly to what are known as "Derby" hats; and the object thereof is to provide an interior frame for hats of this class which will protect the crown of the hat and prevent it from being mashed or broken from the outside by a blow or otherwise; and with this and other objects in view the invention consists in a device of the class specified constructed as hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a section side view of a Derby hat provided with my improvement; Fig. 2, a plan view of the crown-protector detached from the hat; Fig. 3, a side view of a detail of the construction.

In the drawings forming part of this specification I have shown at *a* an ordinary Derby hat, and in the practice of my invention I place in the crown *a*² thereof a protector-frame and guard, which operates to hold the crown in proper shape at all times and which will prevent the said crown from being broken or injured by a blow delivered thereon or accidentally in any way.

The frame which I employ comprises an annular band *b*, which fits within the bottom portion of the crown and within the sweat-band *c*, and connected with the band *b* in any desired manner are ribs *b*², which are also connected at the top of the crown with a plate, ring, or similar device *b*³. The ribs *b*² are made of fine spring-wire, and in practice any desired number thereof may be employed, and the frame so formed fits within the crown of the hat and retains it in proper position and prevents the contraction or wrinkling of the crown and also prevents injury thereto when said crown is struck or comes in contact with any substance or article.

In the form of construction shown the band *b* is open at one side, and the ends thereof are adjustably connected, as shown at *b*⁴, and the base portion of the frame may thus be adjusted to fit hats of different sizes.

In placing the protector in position within the hat the sweat-band is first turned downward, the protector is then inserted within the crown of the hat, and the sweat-band is then turned back into its proper position, thereby securing the protector in place.

It will be seen that the protector can at any time be readily removed from the hat and transferred to another, if this is desired. My invention, however, is not limited to the exact construction of the crown-frame herein shown and described, and any flexible and elastic frame which will fit the interior of the crown may be employed without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing its advantages.

Although I have described my invention as particularly applicable to Derby hats, it will be apparent that the same may be applied to any style or form of hats and to hats made of any desired material, and in addition to the said invention serving to protect the hat and keep it in proper form it also serves to protect the head of the wearer and prevent the same from being injured by a blow, either accidentally or otherwise, as in the case of being struck intentionally or by falling articles of various kinds or classes.

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

1. A crown-protector for hats, comprising an open-work frame composed of spring material and shaped to fit the interior of the crown, the lower portion or base of the said protector being so shaped as to fit between the sweat-band and the crown of the hat, and removably secure the protector in position within the hat, substantially as described.

2. The herein-described form-retainer and crown-protector for hats, comprising an open-work frame composed of spring material and so shaped as to fit the interior of the crown, said frame being adapted to be inserted into the crown of the hat and secured therein, and the size of the bottom portion of the frame being adjustable, substantially as shown and described.

3. A crown-protector for hats, comprising an open-work frame of spring material shaped to fit the interior of the crown, the base being

composed of a flat strip adapted to be placed between the sweat-band and the hat, and removably secure the protector in place, substantially as described.

- 5 4. The combination with the crown of the hat of a form retainer and protector, comprising an open-work frame composed of spring material and so shaped as to fit the interior of the crown, said frame being inserted into the crown and secured therein, and
10 the size of the bottom portion of the frame

being adjustable, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 28th day of January, 1905. 15

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