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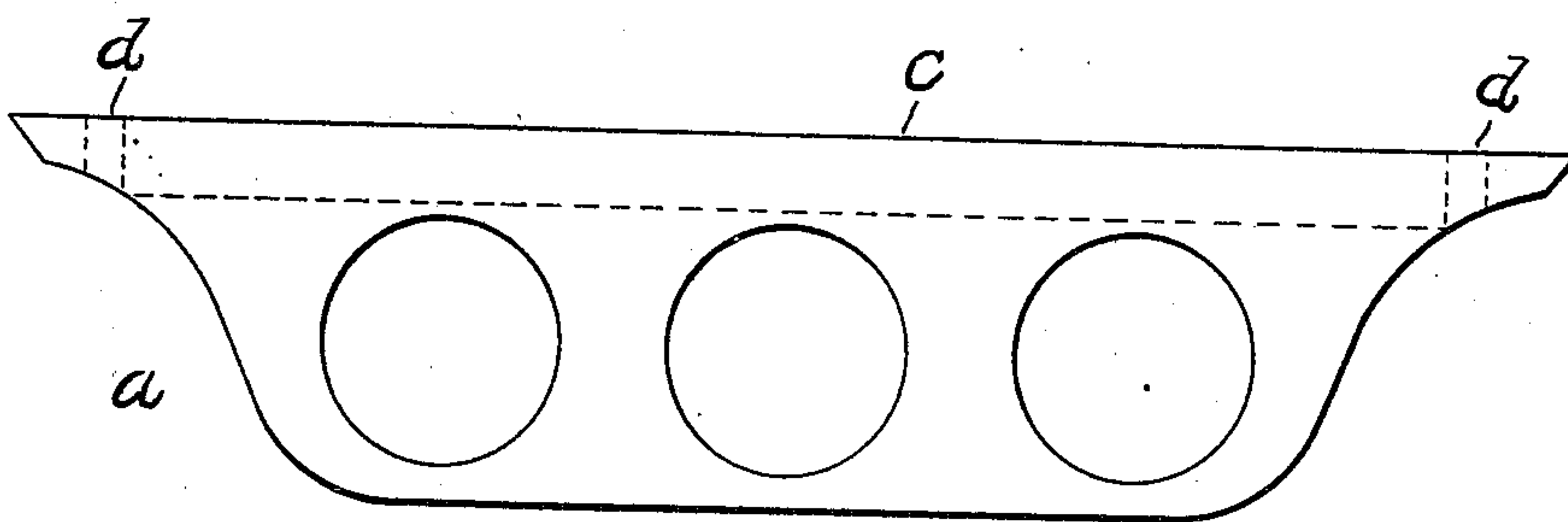


Fig. 1.

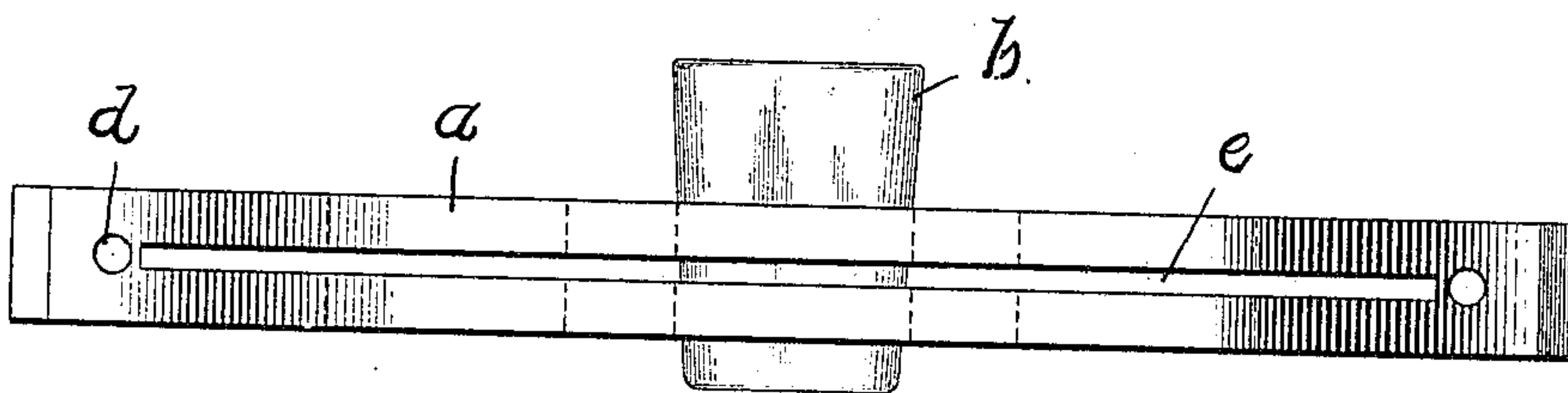


Fig. 2.

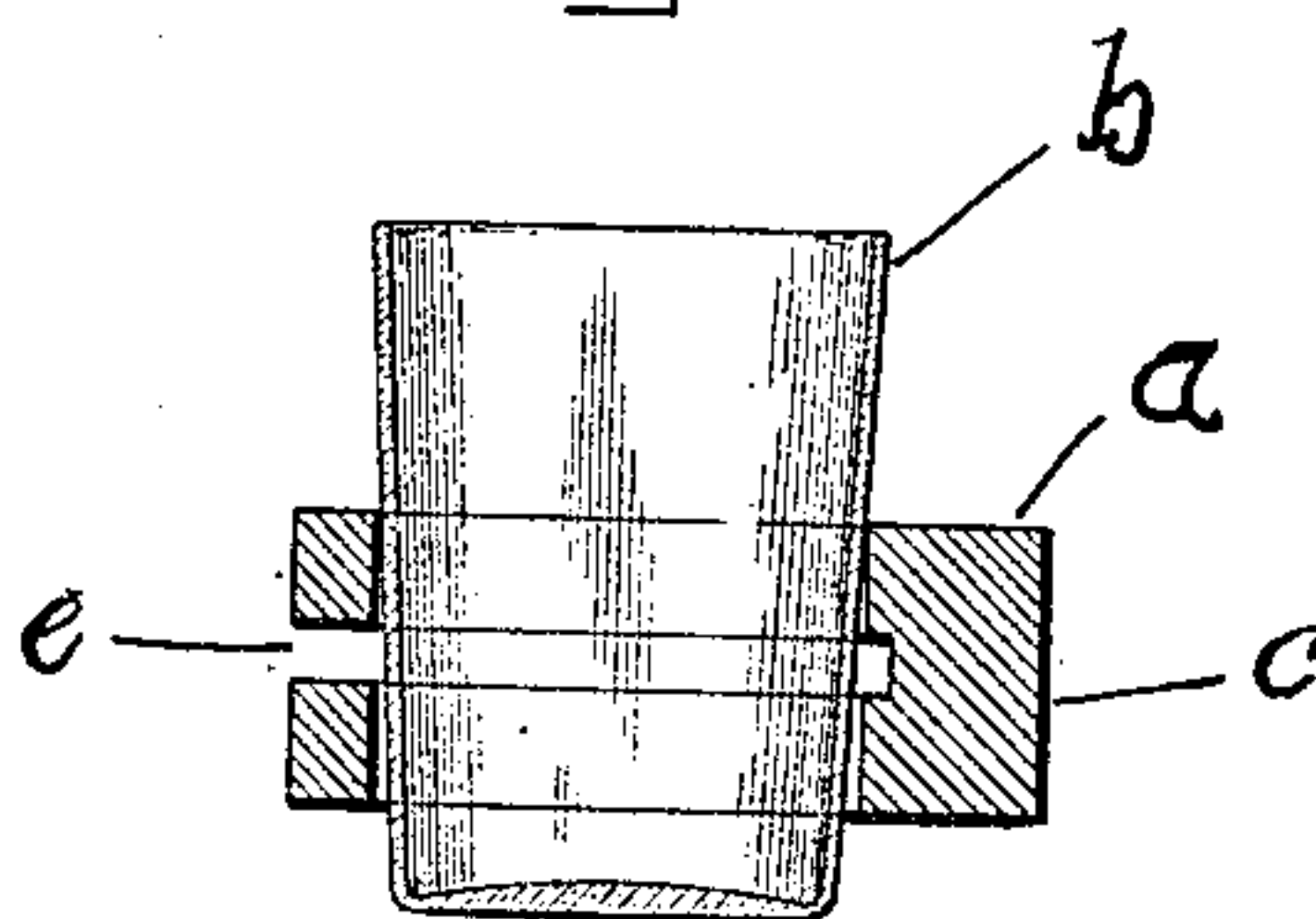


Fig. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CALVIN P. HARRIS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York city, New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Holders for Communion-Cups, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

My invention relates to holders for communion-cups, and more particularly to a novel construction of the holder for individual communion-cups, such as is intended to be secured upon a suitable part of a pew.

The chief object of the novel construction of communion-cup holder hereinafter described is to obviate disturbing-noises when the cup is set in place in the holder.

To this object my invention consists in providing any suitable form of communion-cup holder with one or more horizontal kerfs or slots, such as may be formed by a saw or in any other suitable manner, with the result of dividing the body of the holder into a series of comparatively thin, and therefore comparatively elastic, layers or sheets, which arrangement is calculated to prevent any vibration or blow of the holder from being transmitted to the pew itself, as would be the case with a solid holder. Any vibrations resulting from the act of inserting or removing the cup will thereby be absorbed in the comparatively thin portions of the holder.

I will first describe a holder for communion-cups embodying my invention and then point out its novel features in a claim.

Figure 1 is a top view of a convenient form of holder for three communion-cups, the dotted line showing the extent to which I prefer to continue the kerf or kerfs which divide the holder into horizontal layers or sections. Fig. 2 shows a front view of the holder of Fig. 1 with a communion-cup set in place in the middle hole thereof and showing in this

specific instance only one horizontal kerf, whereby the holder is divided into but two horizontal sections. Fig. 3 is a central vertical section.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

a represents a holder for communion-cups embodying my invention, having any suitable number of receiving-holes for the communion cup or cups *b*. The rear edge *c* of the holder may be placed against the back of a pew and the holder then screwed into place through screw-holes *d*.

At *e* is formed a horizontal kerf which may be multiplied any desired number of times, and the effect of which kerf is, as explained, to obviate disturbing-noises in the insertion and removing of communion-cups or other accidental blows on the holder.

Preferably the holder herein described would be made of wood to match that of the pew.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

A pew-rack for communion-cups consisting of a strip or board adapted to be attached edgewise to the back of a pew, said strip having a vertical opening therethrough adapted to hold a communion-cup when set therein, and said strip having a horizontal slot or kerf cut into one edge thereof and extending therein beyond the cup-holding openings, whereby the rack is rendered noiseless.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, on this 17th day of July, A. D. 1905.

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