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Fig. 1.

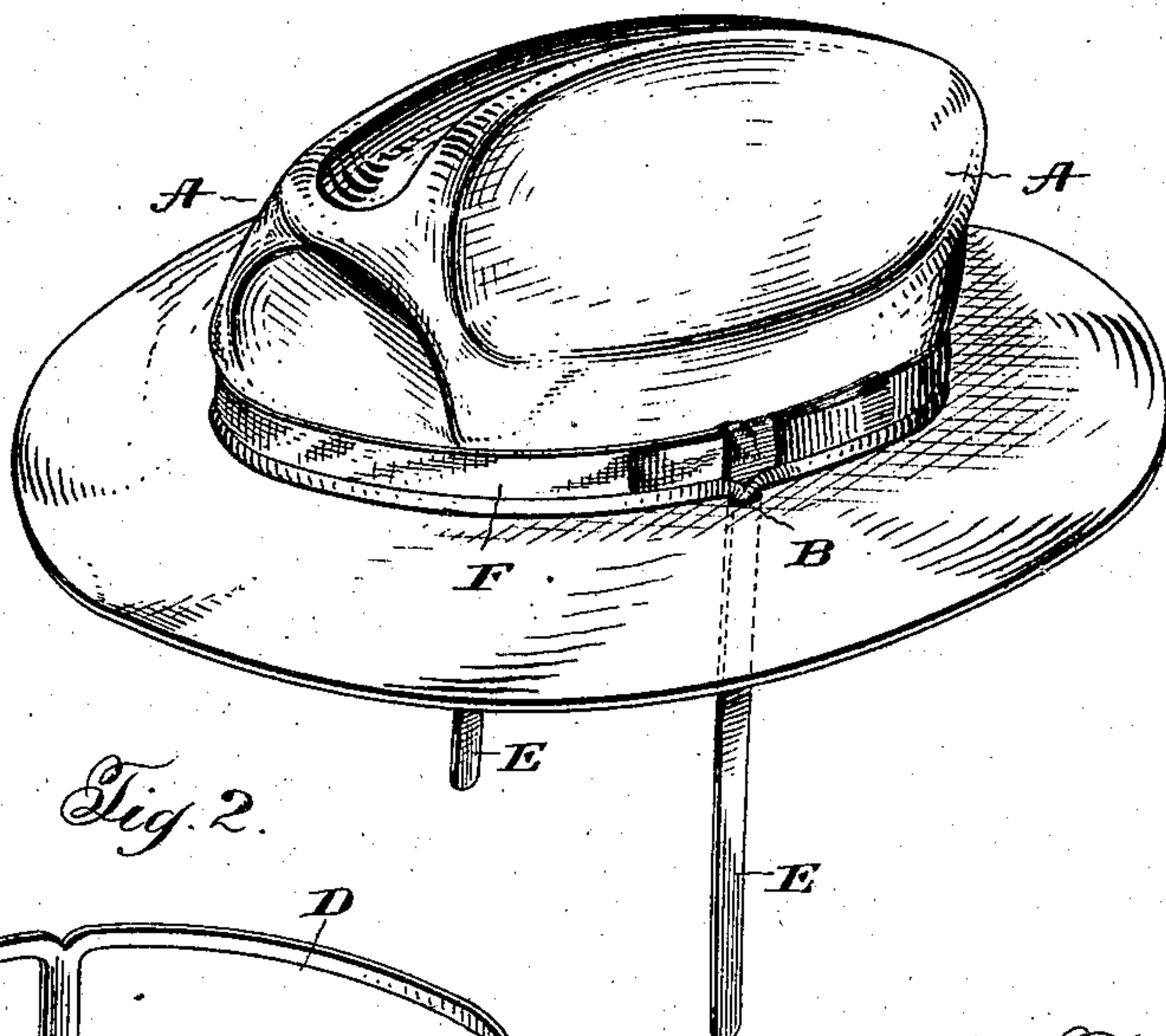


Fig. 2.

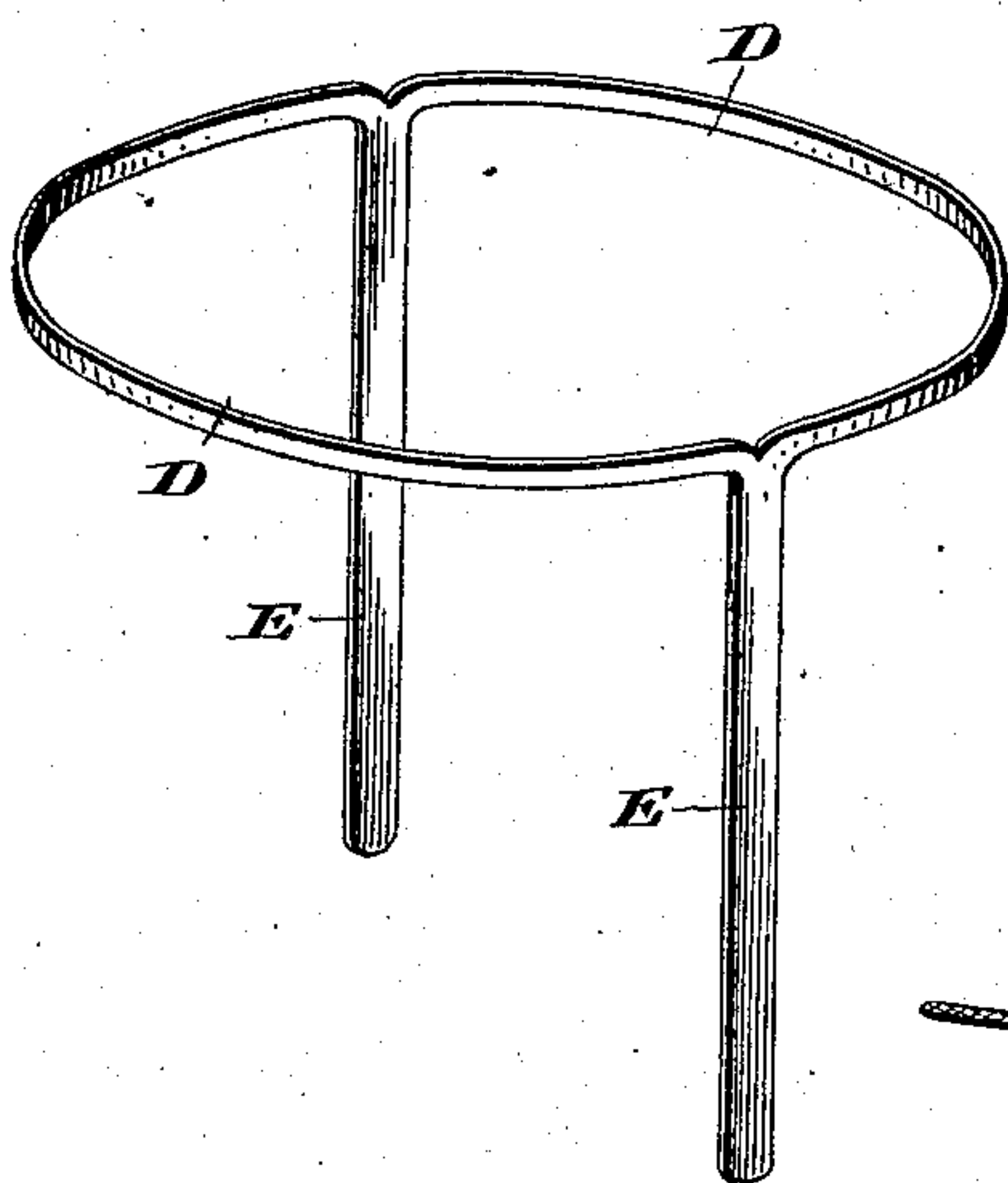


Fig. 4.

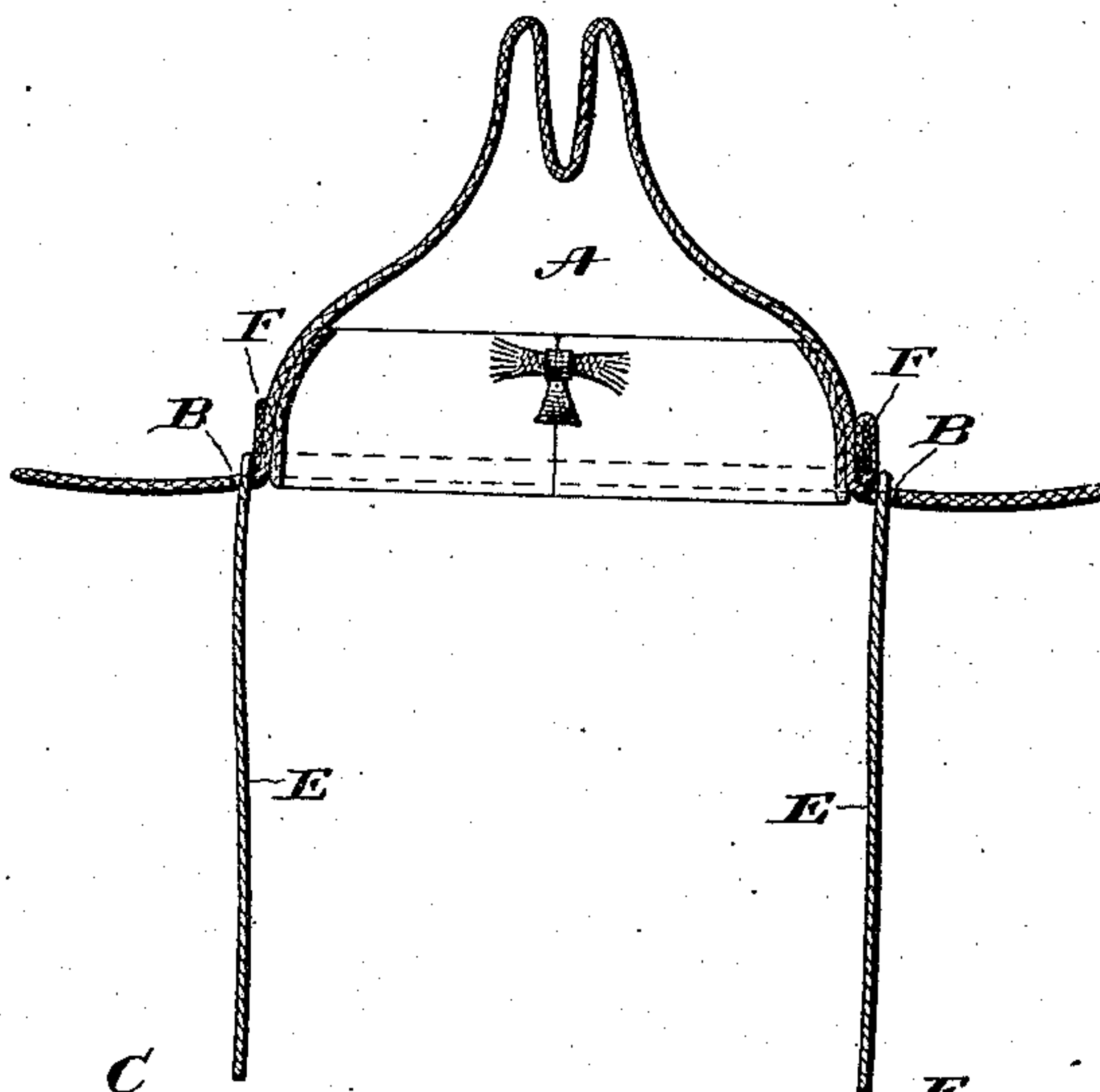
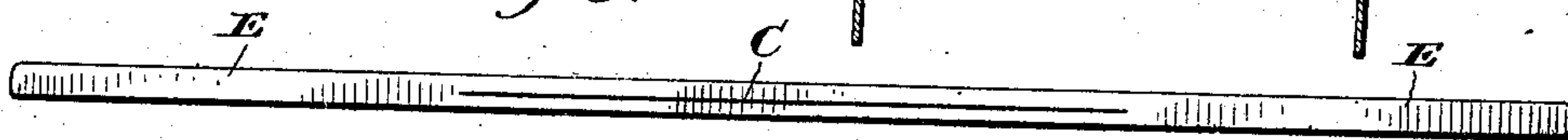


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. PIERCE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Topeka, in the county of Shawnee and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat Holders and Bands, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to improvements in that type of devices known as hat holders, and has for its primary object the provision of a simple and efficient device which, although capable of various uses, is peculiarly adapted for use on the service hats of the army and navy.

A convenient embodiment of the invention embraces a holder adapted to pass around both the front and rear portions of the crown of a hat, and having an intermediate extension or extensions to pass through the brim of the hat at a point or points near the juncture of the crown and brim and to be passed around beneath the chin or back of the head of the wearer and fastened to prevent jarring or blowing of the hat from its normal adjustment.

The invention also embraces a holder formed of a band or cord of suitable material split to form an opening closed at its ends for the reception of the crown of the hat, and a fastening extension thereon.

In keeping with the function of the device as above defined, the invention still further comprises a member adapted to encircle the crown of the hat and having a fastening extension adapted to pass through the brim of the hat and around the chin or the back of the head, as desired.

A highly advantageous characteristic of the holder made in accordance with the foregoing definitions is that the hat will be engaged by the holder at both its front and rear, and the strain thereon transmitted through the fastening extension or extensions is equalized or evenly distributed around the crown and brim, thereby overcoming any tendency to distort the hat from its prescribed shape.

All of the before stated features of the invention as well as other novel details in the construction of a convenient embodiment of the invention will be apparent from the detailed description hereinafter contained, when read in connection with the accompa-

nying drawing forming a part hereof, and wherein such embodiment of the invention is disclosed.

In the drawing: Figure 1 is a perspective view of an ordinary service hat with the holder applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the holder removed. Fig. 3 is an elevation showing the manner of forming the holder, and Fig. 4 is a sectional view of the hat and holder.

Referring more specifically to the drawings wherein like reference characters refer to corresponding elements in the several views, A designates a hat of the fedora form shown, or of any other shape or style desired, the same having at its opposite sides centrally disposed apertures B. The holder in this instance is formed of a strip of buck-skin of suitable length, slit longitudinally intermediate its ends as at C, (Fig. 3) to provide a central opening D (Fig. 2) of a size to receive and snugly fit the crown of the hat, and unsevered extensions E adapted to pass downwardly through the apertures B in the brim and to be passed around and tied beneath the chin or back of the head of the wearer. It will be noted that the apertures referred to are located at points immediately adjoining the line of juncture between the brim and crown of the hat whereby there is no tendency to bend or draw the brim downwardly when the extensions E are drawn taut; also that by reason of the encircling of the slit central portion of the device around both the front and rear of the hat, any downward pull on the said extensions is equalized or evenly distributed entirely around the hat with the resultant advantage before suggested. Another characteristic of the device is that it may be readily formed of various materials and serve the additional function of the ordinary decorative hat band F, the latter in such instance being dispensed with.

When not in use, the fastening extensions may be tucked in under the sweat-band of the hat, as is obvious.

I claim:—

1. A hat holder having portions adapted to pass around both the front and rear of the crown of a hat, and an intermediate fastening extension adapted to pass through the brim of the hat.

2. A hat holder having portions adapted to pass around both the front and rear of the

crown of a hat, and intermediate fastening extensions at opposite sides of the device adapted to pass through the brim of the hat.

3. In combination with a hat, a holder  
5 therefor having portions adapted to pass around both the front and rear of the crown of the hat, and intermediate fastening extensions at opposite sides of the hat adapted to pass through apertures in the brim of the  
10 hat at points near the juncture of the crown and brim.

4. A holder formed of a strip of material split longitudinally to form an opening closed at its ends for the reception of the crown of a  
15 hat, and a fastening extension thereon.

5. A holder formed of a strip of material split longitudinally to form an opening

closed at its ends for the reception of the crown of a hat, and fastening extensions projecting from the opposite ends of the split  
20 portion.

6. A holder comprising a portion adapted to encircle the crown of a hat, and oppositely disposed fastening extensions adapted to pass through the brim of the hat, in combination  
25 with a hat having apertures in its brim to accommodate said extensions.

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

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