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Fig 1.

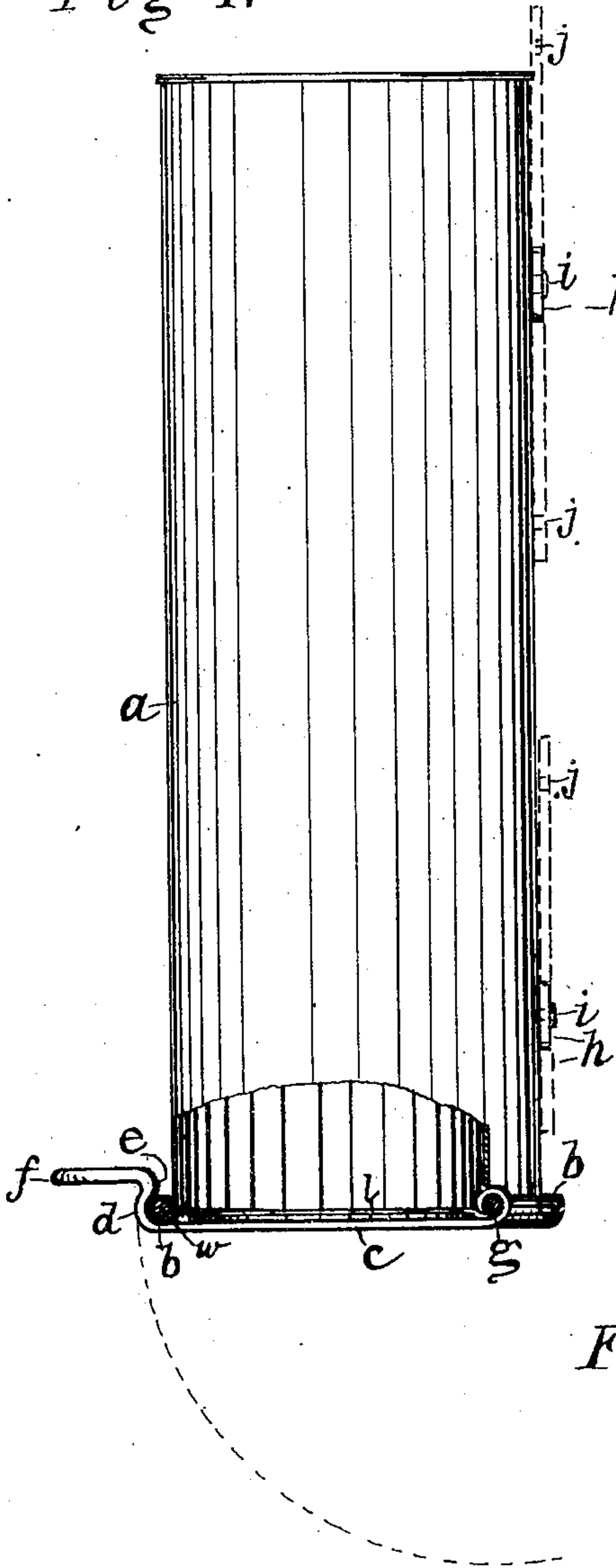


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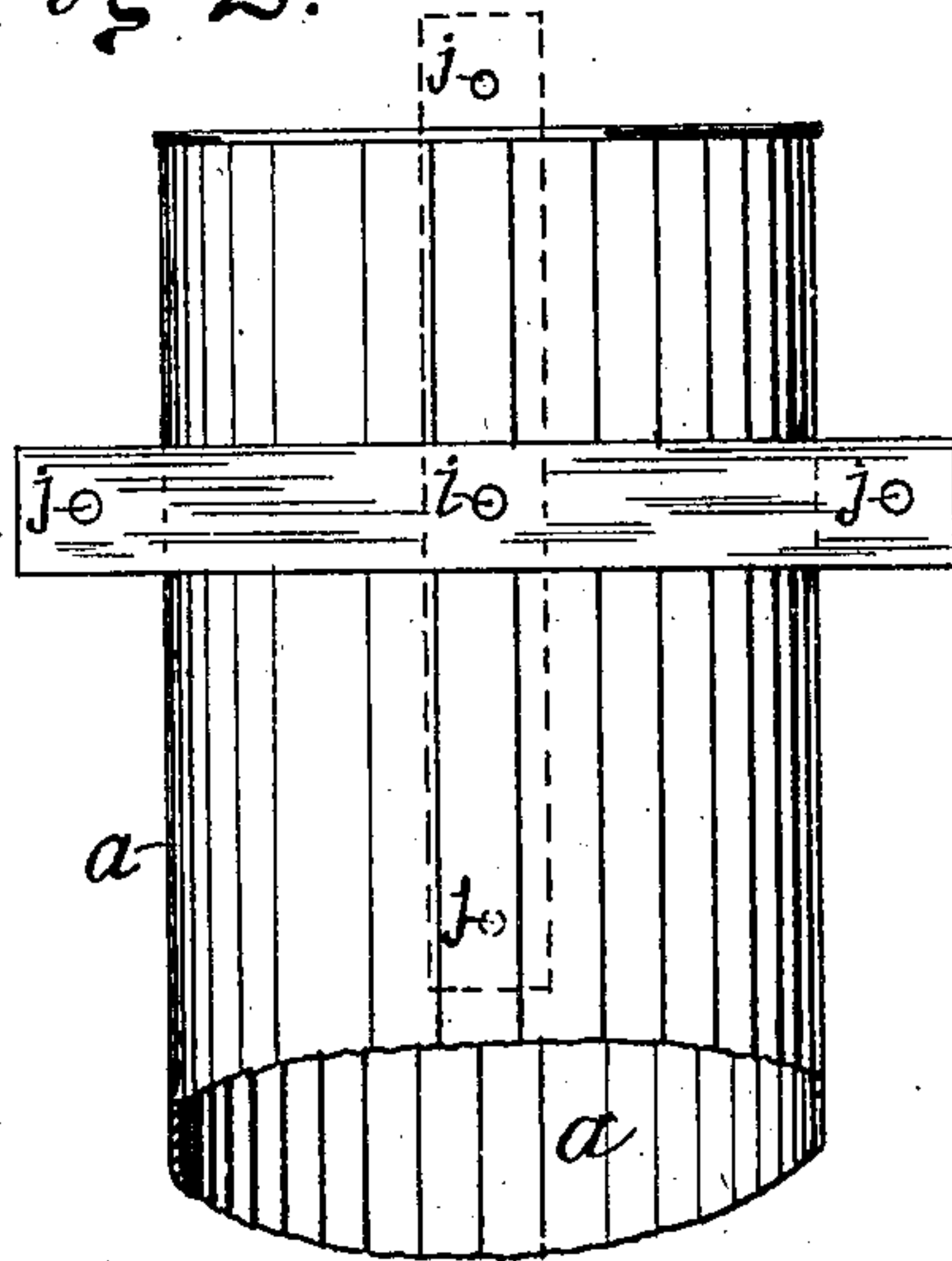


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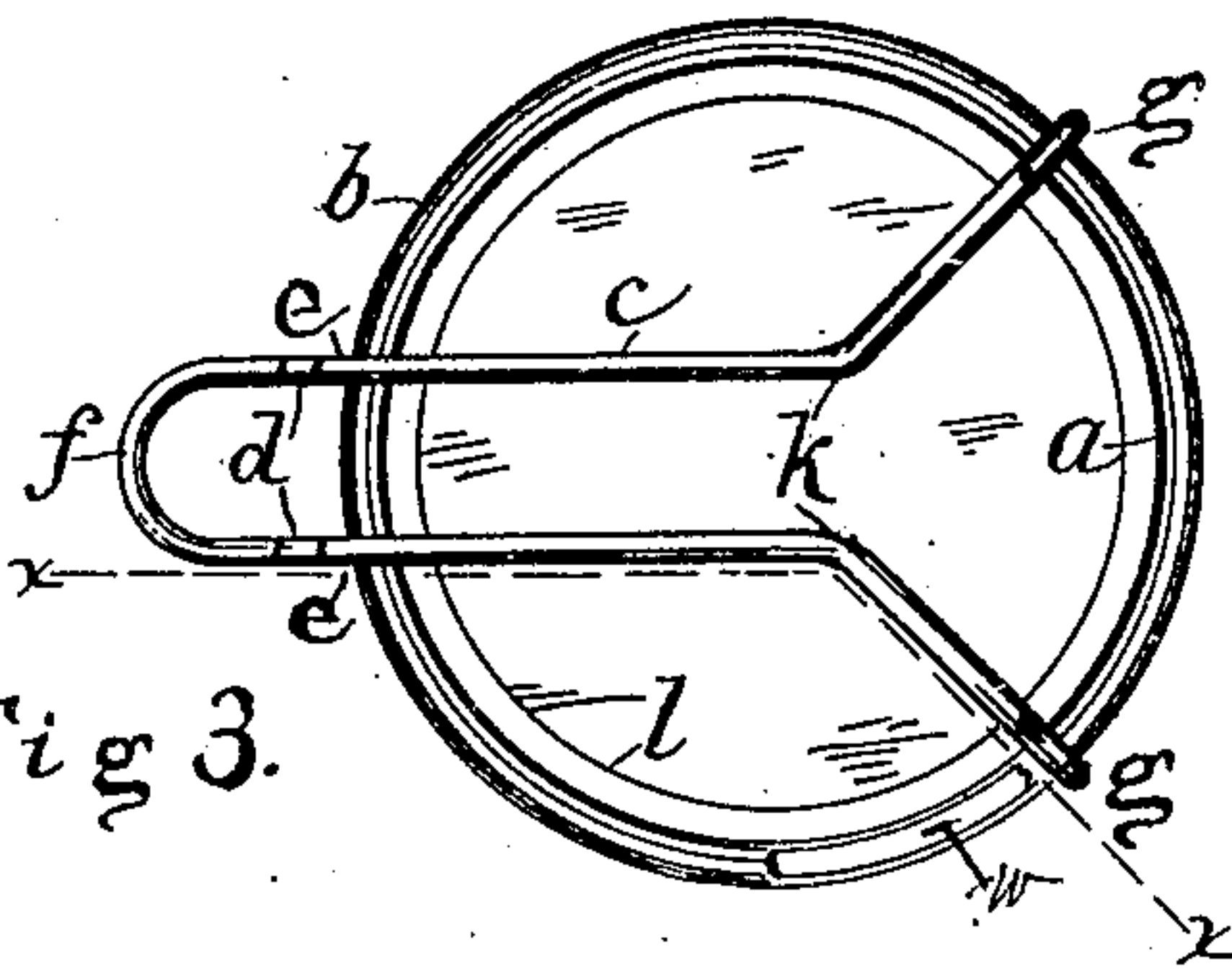
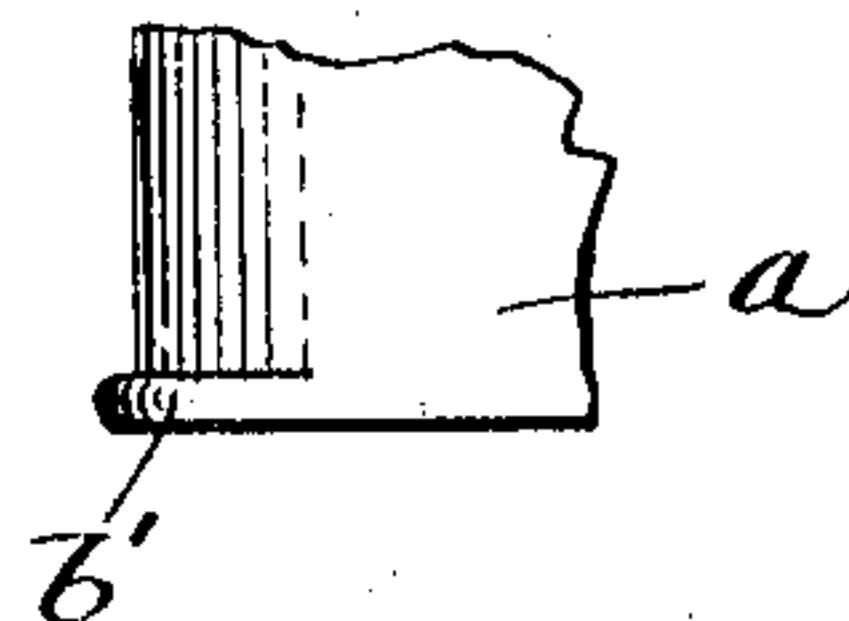


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT HAENTZE, a citizen of the United States, residing in Chicago, Cook county, Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mail-Receiving Cases, of which the following is a full and correct specification, reference being had to the hereto accompanying drawing, forming a part hereof, and in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation, the part shown in section being taken on the cutting plane $x-x$ of Fig. 3; Fig. 2 is a fragment of the upper end of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a plan view as seen when looking into the case or cylinder; Fig. 4 shows a fragment of the lower end of the cylinder when not beaded but provided with only a short catch b' .

Like reference letters denote like parts throughout.

The object of my invention is to provide a mail-receiving case adapted to receive and hold newspapers and things of that size down to letters of any size, which shall be secure against injury from storms and which shall be easily and rapidly accessible in both receiving and discharging mail and, at the same time, be durable and conveniently put up for use and of cheapest construction. To attain said desirable ends I make a cylinder a , preferably of sheet-metal, closed at the top, and open at the lower end. Preferably, it is also beaded, or both beaded and wired at its lower end, although neither of said parts is actually necessary. But when beaded the beading b is outside and, when desired, a wire w is inclosed in said beading. Said open end is provided with a gate c made, preferably, of a single piece of wire, doubled at f , its center, and there formed into a handle f to which is attached a catch e beyond which is an opposite bend d from which the gate c projects across the said opening, the two parts of said wire lying parallel and in the same plane to the points k from which they diverge to the hinges g in the cylinder.

The parts b and e spring or yield to each other so that the catch e may spring on the bead b which forms the fixed catch therewith, and the catch e of the gate c is securely locked against any weight of paper which may be placed in the cylinder.

The mechanism for fastening the cylinder a to a suitable support consists of two bars h each revoluble on a single central pivot i and provided at each end with a hole j to pass a nail or screw. Said bars may be turned so as to be parallel to the axis of the said cylinder, as indicated by the broken outlines, and thereby be out of the way in shipping.

A flat plate l is attached to the gate c when the case a is to hold small articles which might pass out through the meshes of the wire gate.

When the open end of the cylinder is not beaded then a short projection b' to form a fixed catch is put on the outside of the case to coöperate with the moving catch e forming a part of the gate.

The relative position of the pivots i is such that the bars h may have the position shown by the broken outlines as their permanent position so that a hole j will be found beyond each end of the case to receive some fastening mechanism.

What I claim is:

1. The combination with a cylinder closed at top and fully open at its bottom end and provided with a fixed catch, of a catch provided with a handle at one end and a gate at its other end and hinge-mechanism to said gate and cylinder.

2. The combination with a cylinder, closed at its top and fully open at its bottom, and beaded at its bottom, of a doubled wire provided with a handle at its center, to which is connected a catch, and to said catch is connected a gate having spread end parts provided with hinges.

3. The combination with a mail-receiving case, closed at its top and beaded and fully open at its bottom and provided with centrally pivoted and rotatable supporting-bars, of a doubled wire provided with a handle at its center, a catch to said handle and a gate to said catch said doubled parts parallel and the end parts thereof spread and hinged and connected to said case.

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