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Fig. 1.

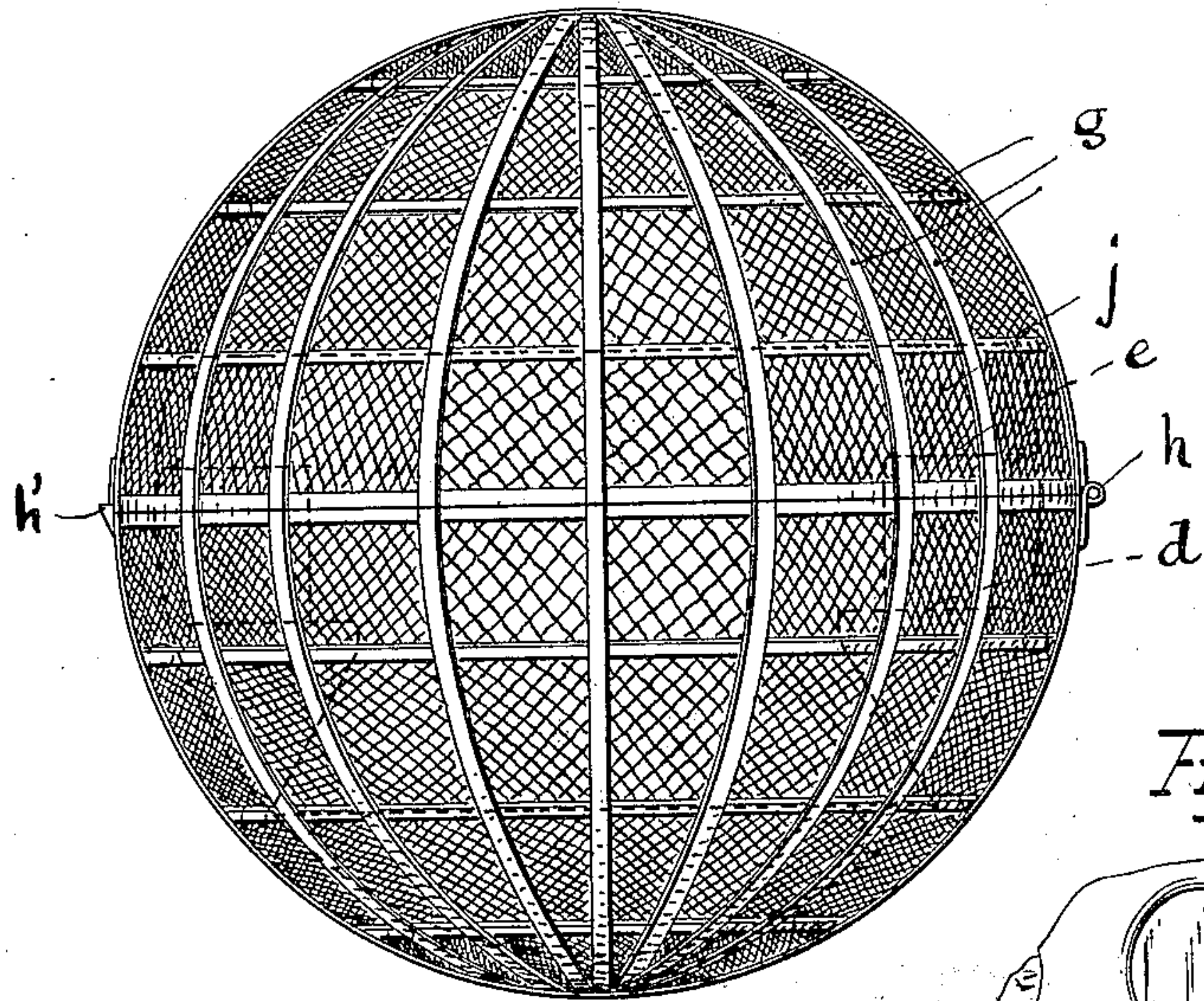


Fig. 3.

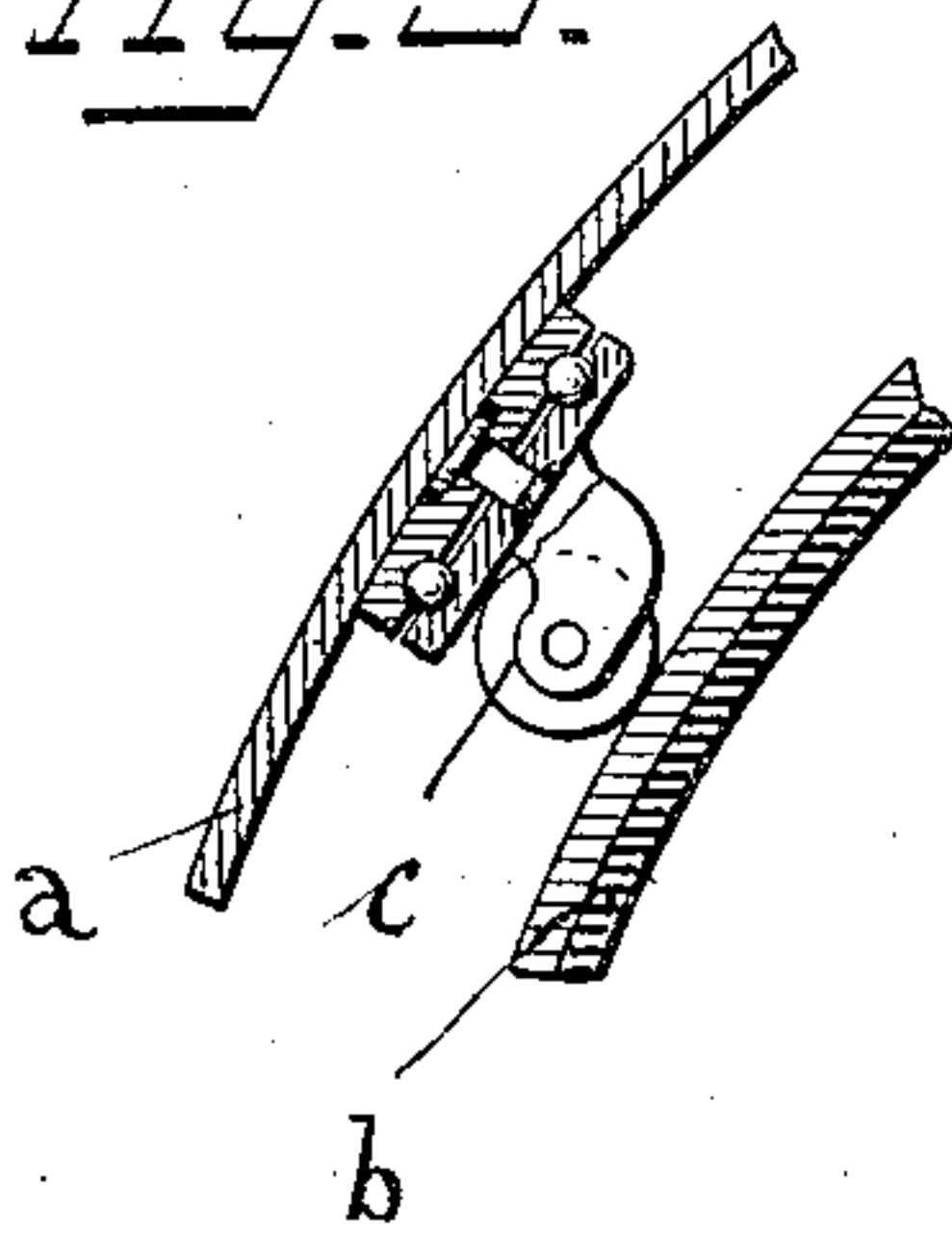


Fig. 2.

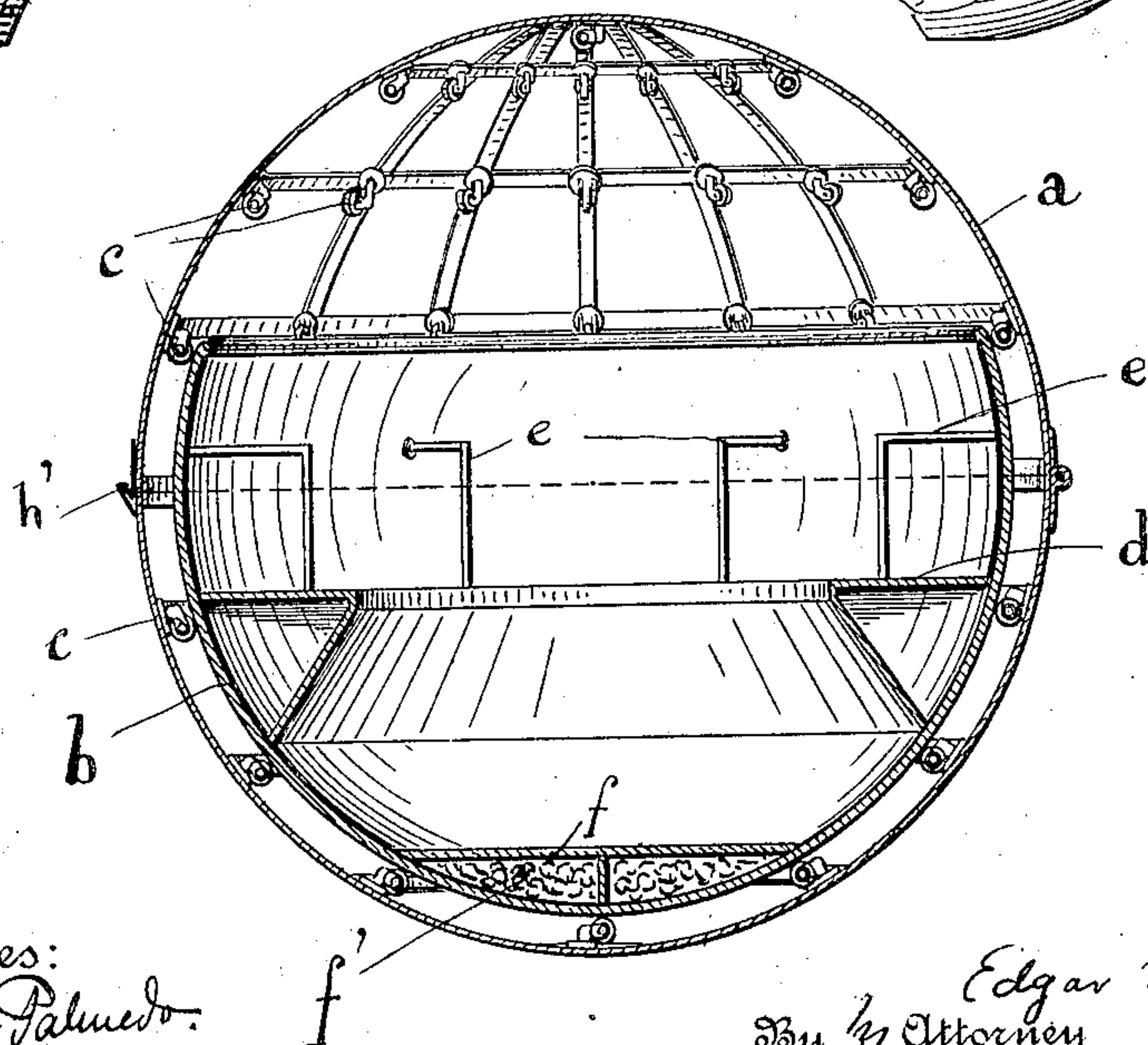
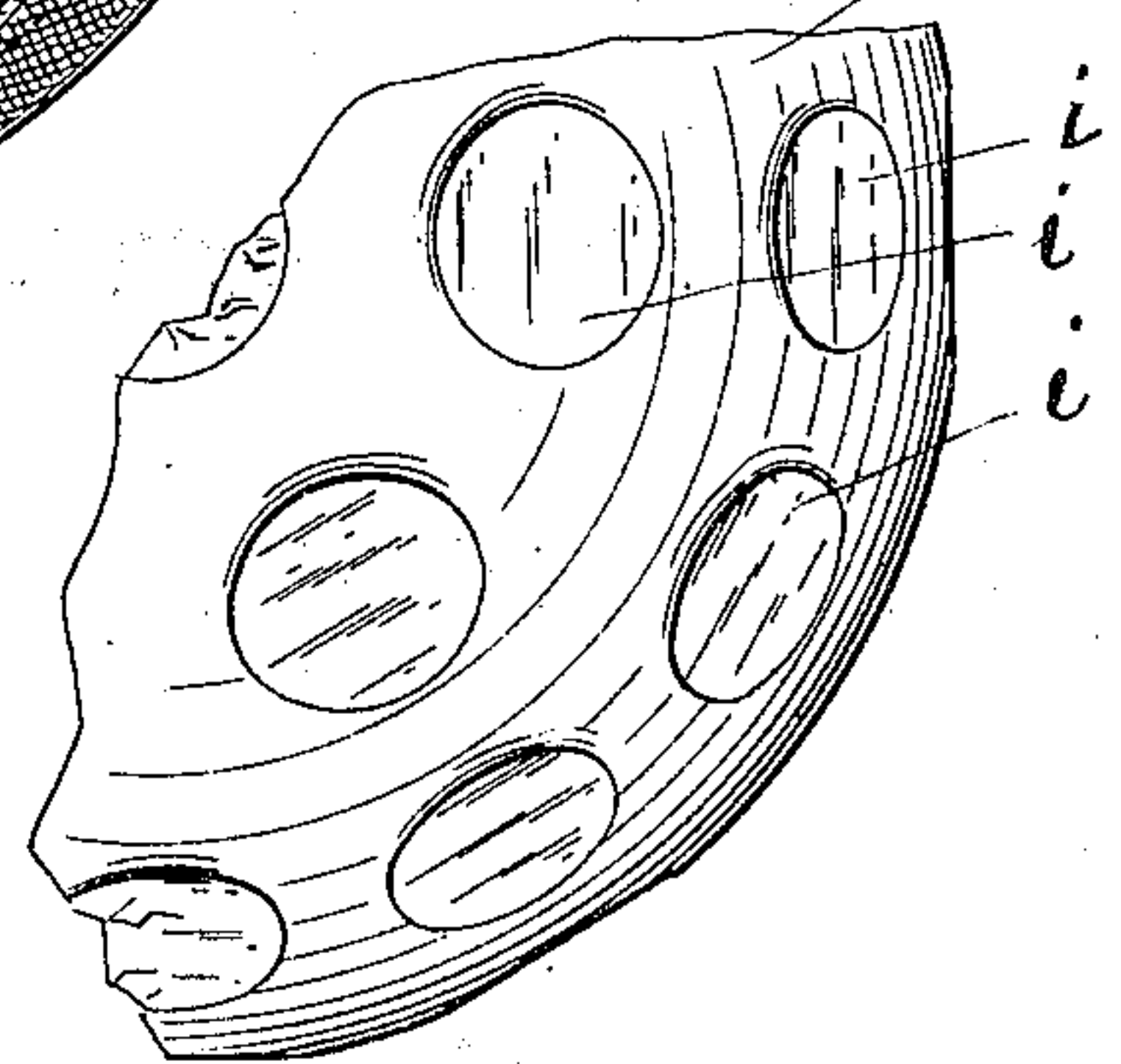


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDGAR M. FRASER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York city, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Amusement Devices, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to amusement devices, and consists in the arrangement of a hollow spherical casing or frame adapted to revolve on any surface, level or elevated, and made in two halves capable of being opened and closed. This frame is provided on its inner surface with swivel casters, ball bearings or the like, upon which rolls a semispherical car equipped with seats for passengers. The car carries a ballast whereby it will always tend to remain at the bottom of the inner surface of the spherical frame while the latter revolves.

To make my invention more clear, the same is illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which

Figure 1 shows an elevation of the spherical frame; Fig. 2 a vertical section thereof and of the semispherical car contained therein; Fig. 3 shows in enlarged scale the swivel casters applied to the inner surface of the spherical frame, and Fig. 4 is a modified construction of the frame showing the same made solid and provided with glass windows.

In the drawing, *a* denotes a hollow spherical frame or casing and *b* the semispherical car adapted to roll in said spherical frame upon swivel ball-bearing casters *c* (Figs. 2 and 3). The semispherical car is provided with seats *d* and railings *e* and at the bottom with a floor *f*, below which a ballast *f'* is contained, whereby the semispherical car will always tend to remain at the bottom of the inner surface of the spherical frame.

The frame may be constructed of strips or ribs *g* of wood or metal covered with wire netting *j*. The same is made in two sections which at one point are hinged together, as at *h*, and which opposite thereto are provided with a suitable spring lock *h'*

for locking the halves when closed. The entrance to the inner semispherical car is obtained by opening the sections of the spherical casing.

The car may be made of wood or metal and may be covered on the convex surface with rubber. The outer casing or frame may, instead of the above named construction, be solid, and may be made of wood or other material and be provided with a number of apertures for ventilation or glass windows *i* (see Fig. 4).

I do not wish to restrict myself to the particular construction shown, since the latter may be changed without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. The herein described amusement device, comprising a hollow spherical casing made in two sections which are hinged together and capable of being locked, a balanced semispherical car for passengers contained in said casing, and means supporting said car and enabling it to roll upon the inner surface of said casing, substantially as set forth.

2. The herein described amusement device, comprising a hollow spherical casing made in two sections, which are hinged together and capable of being locked, a semispherical car for passengers contained in said casing and swivel casters secured on the inner surface of the said casing to carry the said car, substantially as set forth.

3. The herein described amusement device, comprising a hollow semispherical casing made in two sections which are hinged together and capable of being locked, a semispherical car having seats for passengers and carrying a ballast, swivel casters secured on the inner surface of the casing to carry the said car, substantially as set forth.

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