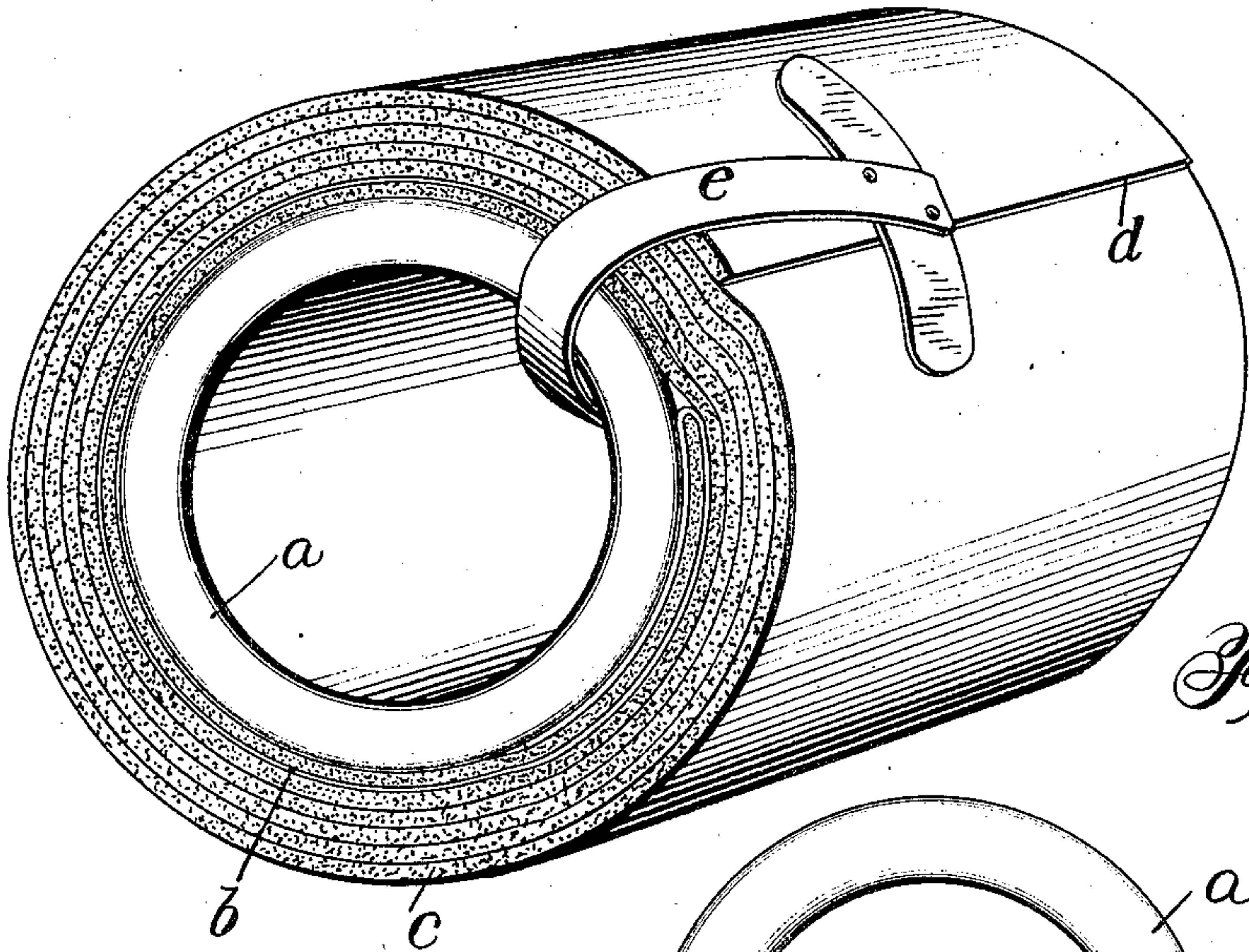


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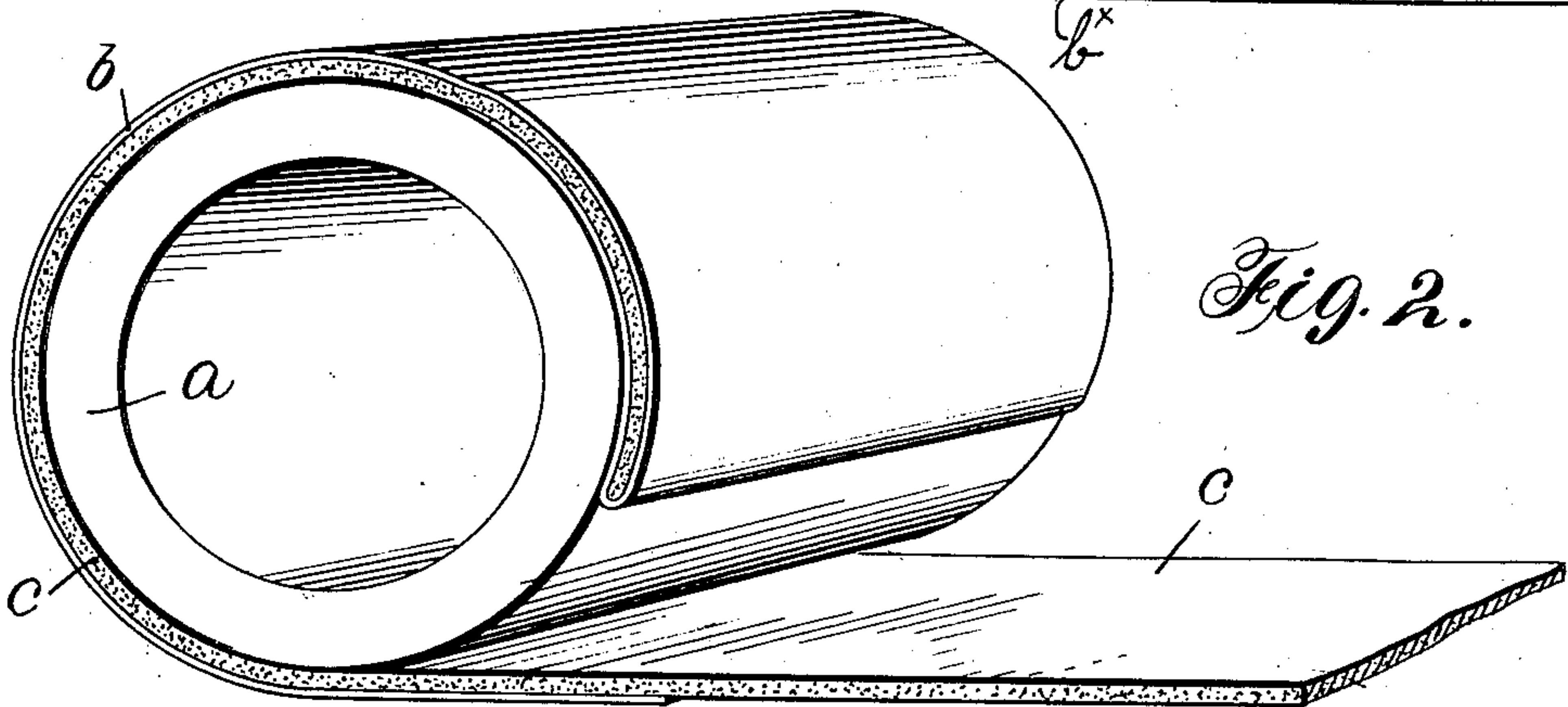
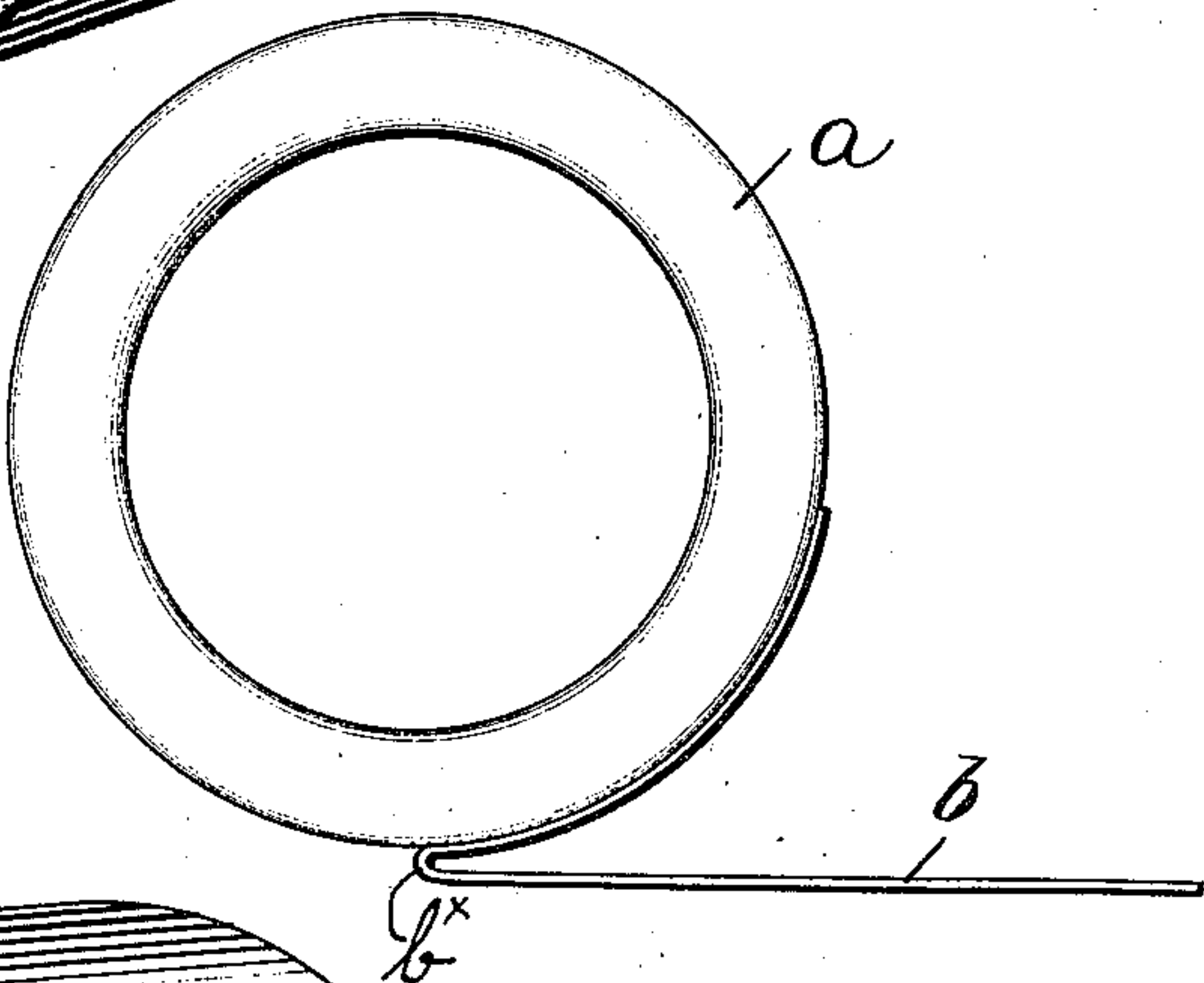
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*Fig. 1.*

*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 2.*

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN F. MITCHEM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Elizabeth, in the county of Union and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cloth-Holding Devices, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to improvements in devices for holding cloth and particularly to improvements in devices adapted for holding remnants of cloth and also adapted to form a mounting therefor, which will give to the cloth a tubular or cylindrical form when rolled.

An object of my invention is to provide a device of this character which will be simple in construction, comparatively cheap in manufacture and efficient in use.

In the drawings illustrating the principle of my invention and the best mode now known to me of applying that principle, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my new cloth-holding device showing the cloth mounted thereon; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of my new cloth-holding device showing the cloth at the beginning of the rolling of the cloth; and Fig. 3 is an end view of my new cloth-holding device.

The device consists of a tube *a* of stiff material, such as that used in mailing tubes and the like. To the outside cylindrical surface of this mailing tube is fastened, as by gluing, one end of a flexible flap member *b*. This flap member is bent or doubled back upon itself, and the length of the free portion is about equal to the circumference of the tube, so that the free portion of the flap member *b* will extend about once around the tube. One end of the cloth *c* is inserted between the free portion and the pasted end of the flap member *b*, the line of the bend *b\**, where the flap member doubles back upon itself, serving as a guide or gage for positioning the inner edge of the fabric, so that the latter will wind or wrap exactly true and not spirally; and the cloth is then rolled, as will be readily understood from an inspection of Fig. 2. The cloth is, of course, rolled so that the pattern or design will be on the outside, exposed fully to view. The outer end *d* of the cloth is held in place by a suitable clasp *e* one end of which extends into the tube and the other end of which lies over the end *d* of the cloth.

The tube *a* really forms a hollow shaft for supporting the cloth, while the flap member serves to secure the inner end of the cloth in place and the line of the bend *b\** in the flap member serves as a gage to position the inner edge of the fabric so that the latter may roll true; that is, so that the ends of the roll will present a neat even appearance,—a matter of importance where fabrics are being exposed so as to attract the favorable attention of prospective purchasers. Further, when the salesman starts to roll the fabric on my new holder, the latter permits him to throw his whole weight upon the holder and thereby enables him to produce a compact roll of neat appearance; and although this great pressure may be exerted on the holder, yet the thickness of the fabric acts not at all as an obstacle to the rolling movement of the tube and there is, therefore, no tendency to strip the flap therefrom.

I desire to be distinctly understood as not limiting myself to the precise form shown in the drawings and hereinbefore described; but I desire to be understood as claiming my invention in the broadest, legally permissible manner.

I claim:

1. A display package of the class described consisting of the combination of a hollow shaft; a roll of material mounted on the exterior thereof; a flap member attached to said hollow shaft for securing the inner end of said roll; and means for securing the outer end of said roll in place.

2. A display package of the class described consisting of the combination of a tubular shaft; a retaining member attached to the outside thereof; a roll of material mounted on the exterior of said shaft, the inner end of said roll being held by said member; and a clasp which fits over the end of said tubular shaft and holds the outer end of said roll in place.

3. A display holder of the class described of a shaft made in the form of a tube; a retaining member attached thereto; a roll of material wrapped around said shaft and having its inner end held by said member; and a clasp one part of which enters one end of said shaft and another part of which holds in place the outer end of said roll of material.

4. A display holder of the class described of a shaft; a flexible flap member attached to the outside thereof and adapted to be



doubled back upon itself; and a roll of material the inner end of which is held by said flap member, said roll being wrapped upon said shaft.

- 5 5. A holder for the display of fabrics consisting of a shaft; and a flexible flap member one end of which is fastened lengthwise of said shaft and which is bent back upon itself, the space between the fastened end of the  
10 flap member and the free end thereof being adapted to receive the end of the fabric and the line of the bend where the flap member doubles back upon itself serving as a guide by which to start the fabric straight in order  
15 to roll it exactly true.

6. A holder for the display of fabrics consisting of a shaft in the form of a tube; and

a flexible flap one end of which is fastened lengthwise of said shaft and which is bent back upon itself, the space between the fastened end of the flap and the free end thereof being adapted to receive the end of the fabric and the line of the bend where the flap member doubles back upon itself serving as a guide by which to start the fabric  
25 straight in order to roll it exactly true.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand at New York city, N. Y., this second day of November, 1908, in the presence of the two undersigned witnesses.

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