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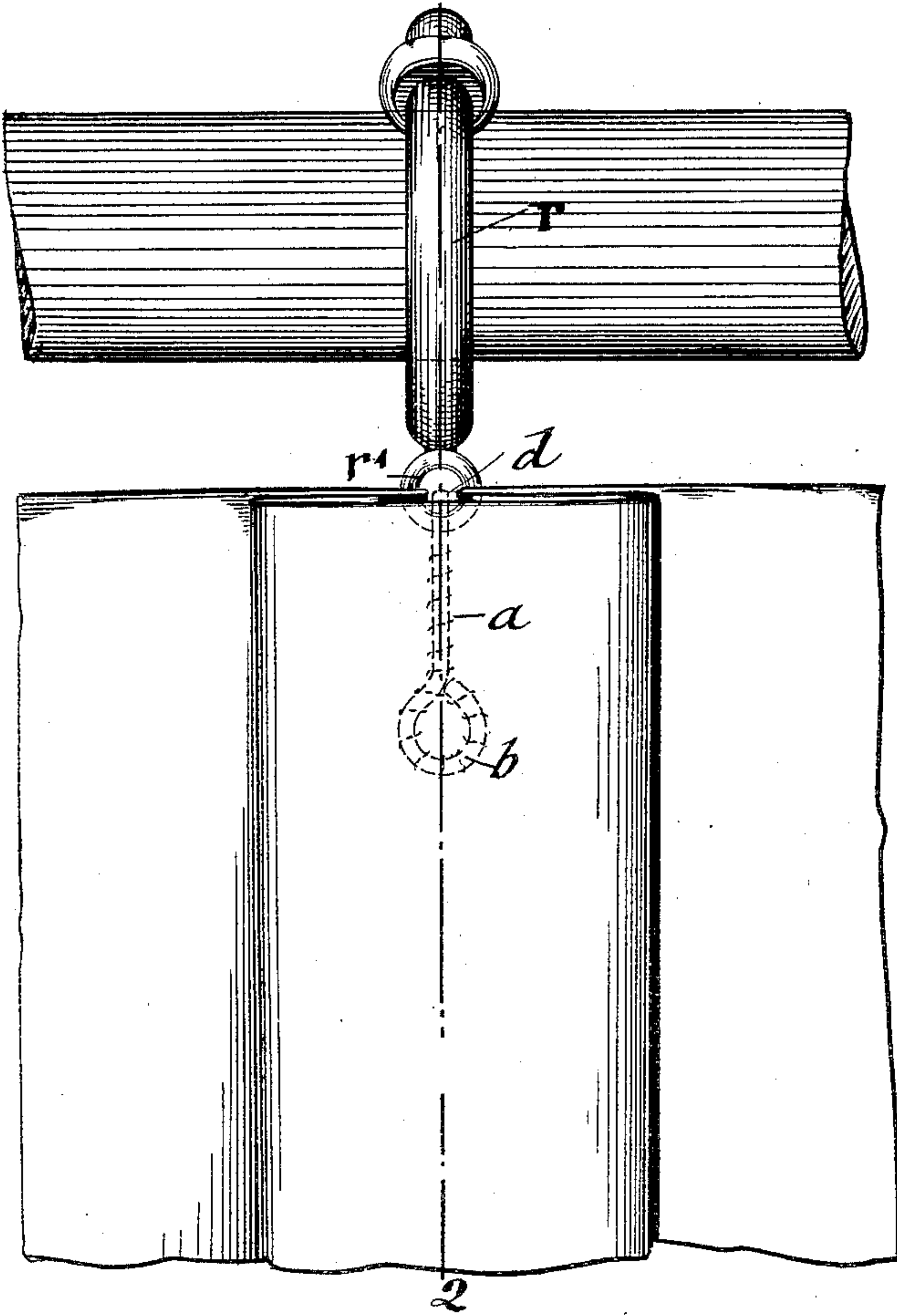
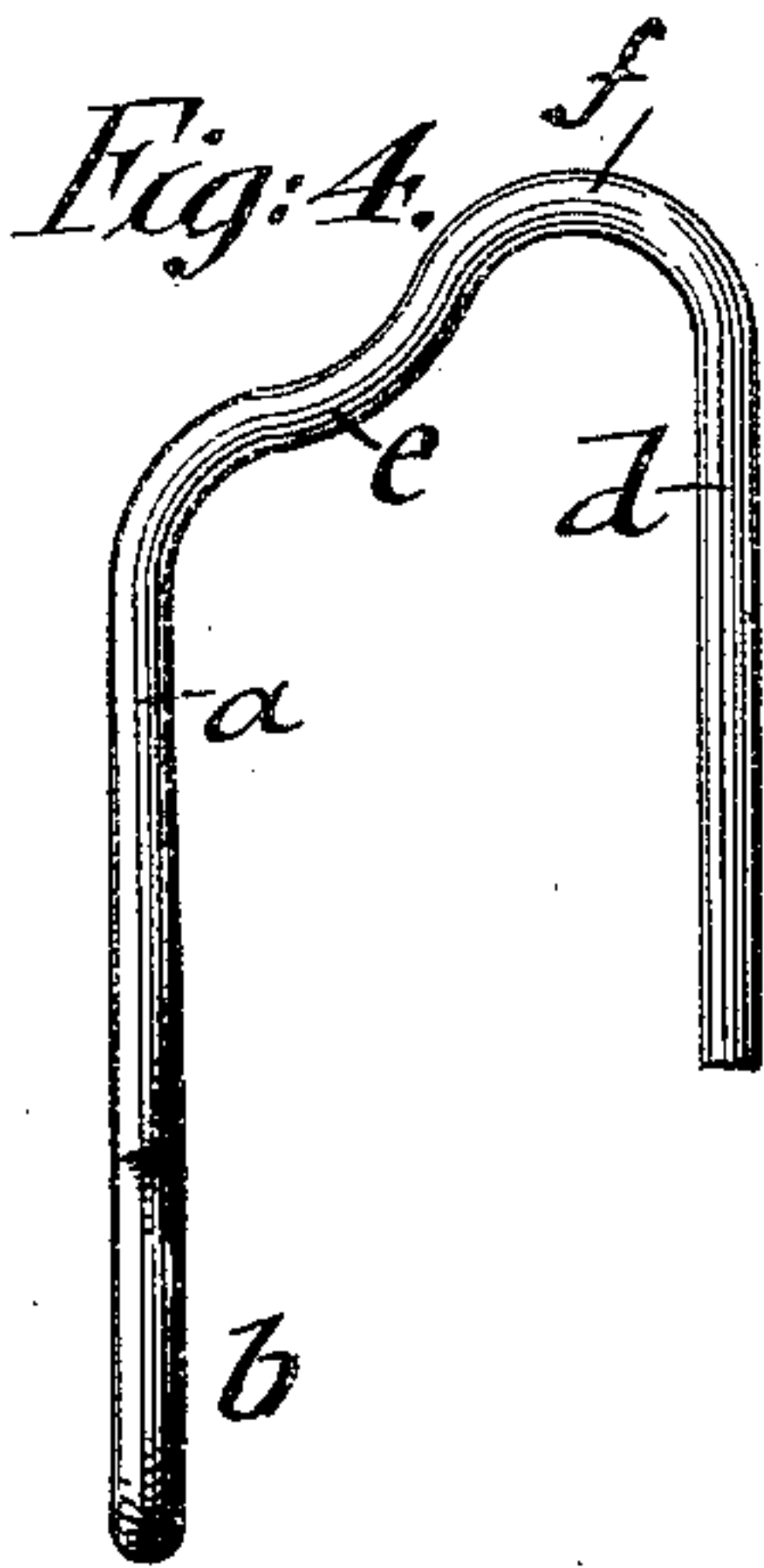
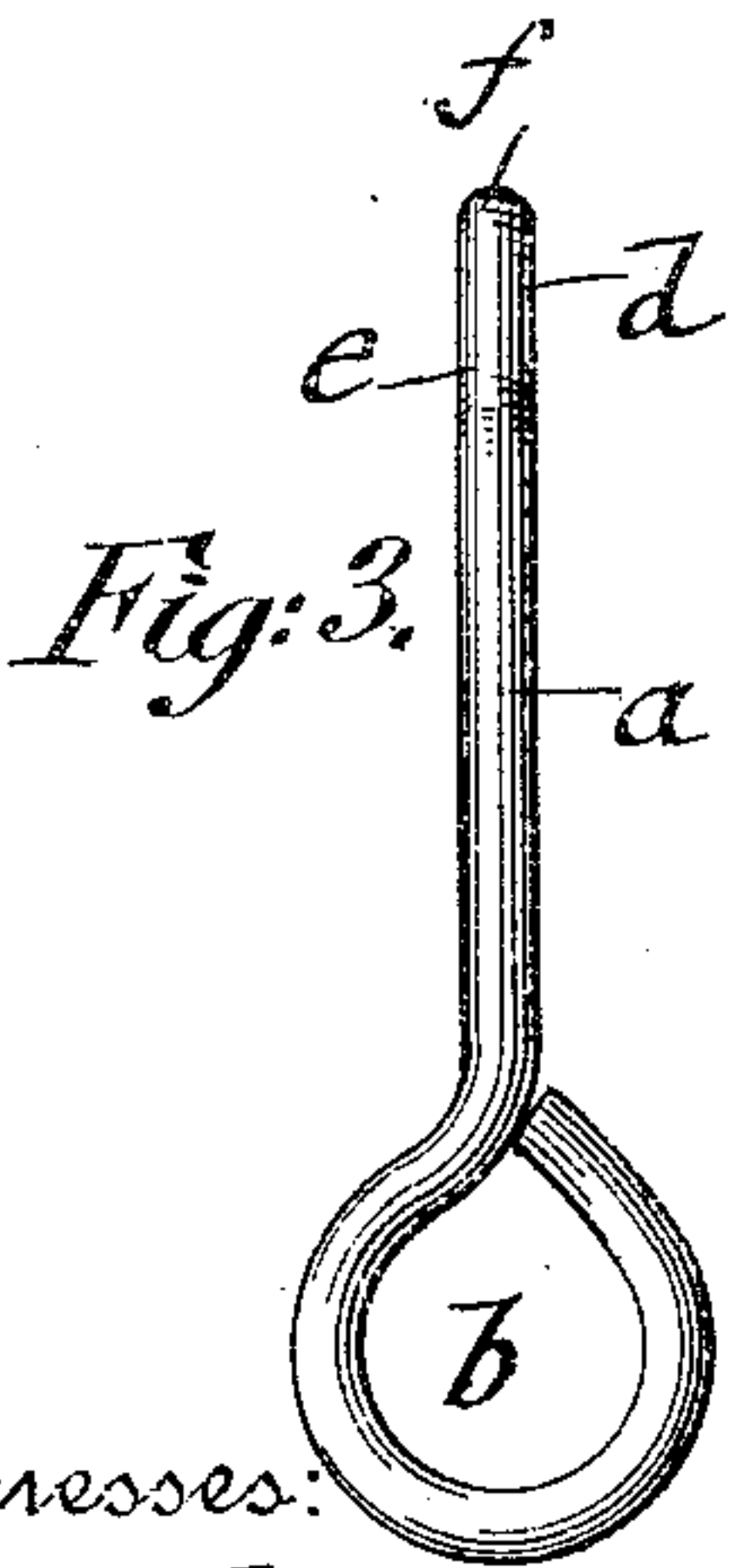
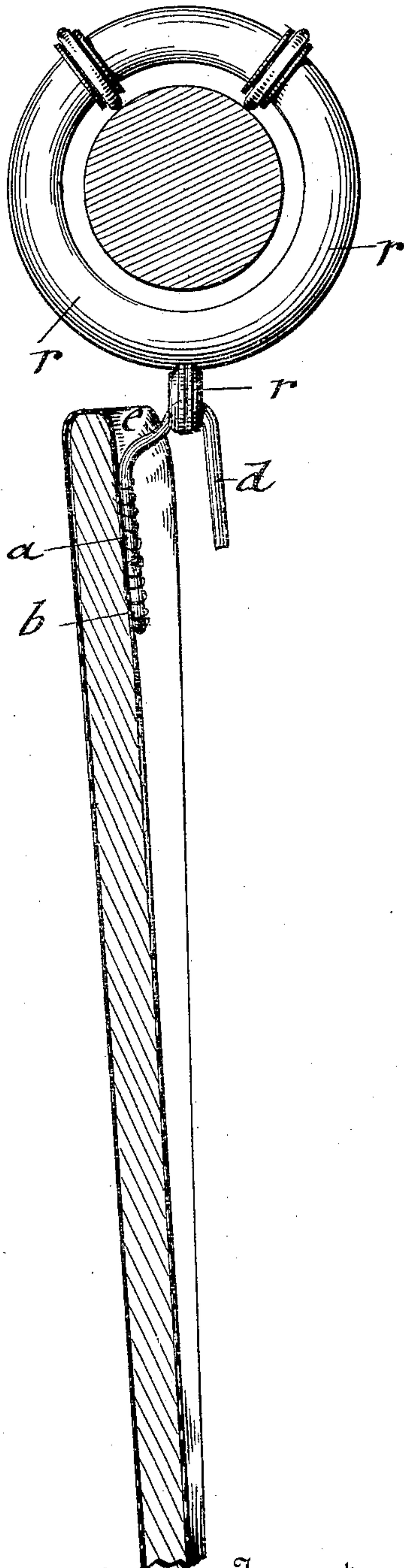


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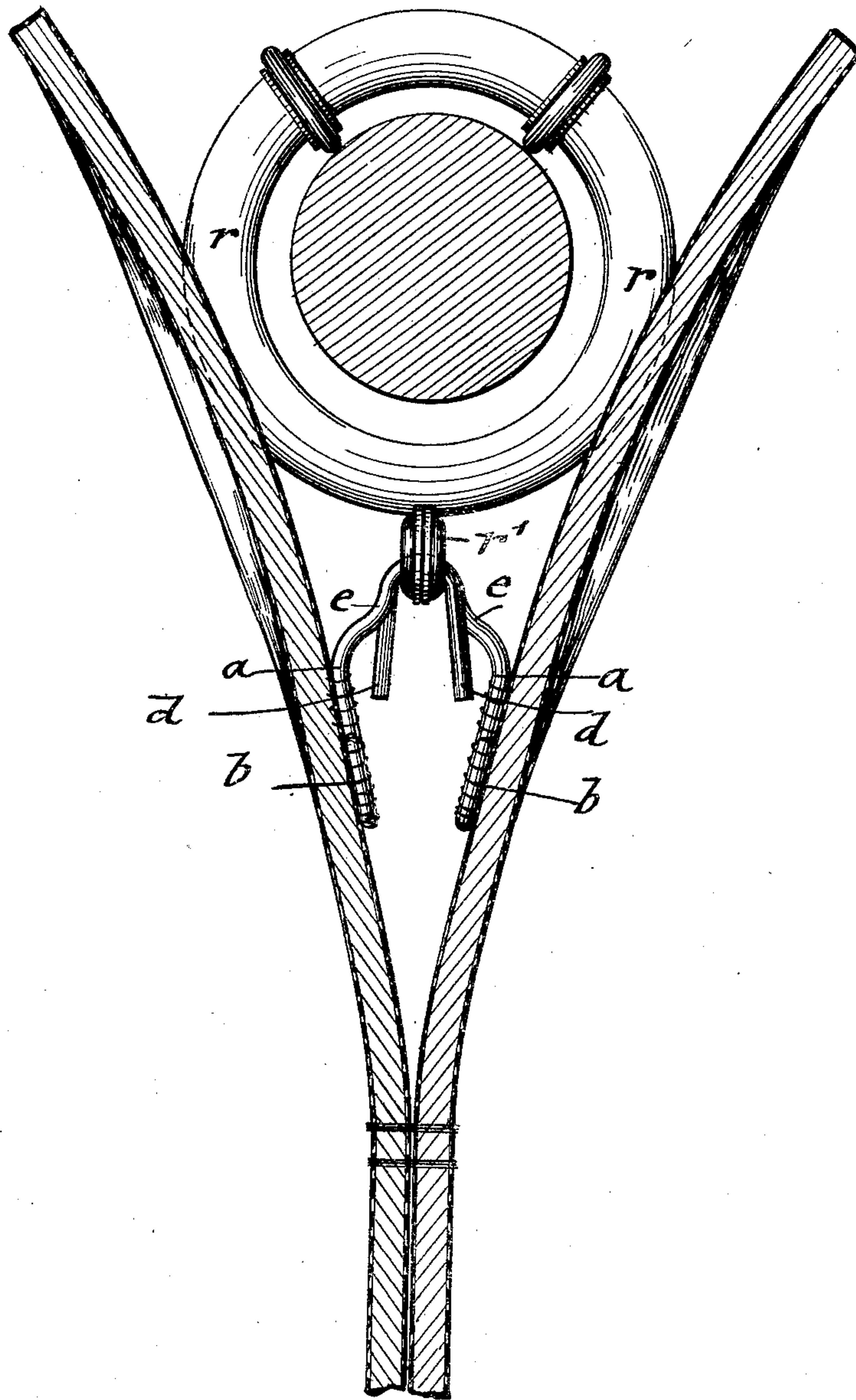
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Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. MAASS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in Bergenfields, in the county of Bergen and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curtain-Hooks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved curtain-hook of that kind which is used for suspending curtains from the rings of curtain-poles. Heretofore such curtain-hooks were provided with an eye at the lower end for attachment to the upper end of the curtain, and a shank extending from the eye and bent into a hook at the upper end. These hooks were objectionable as the curtains, and especially curtains with French headings, could not be suspended straight from the eyes of the curtain-pole rings, but had imparted to them an uneven and unsightly appearance owing to the inward hanging of the upper end of the curtain.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved curtain-hook by which the curtains can be quickly connected and suspended from the curtain-pole rings; and for this purpose the invention consists of a curtain-hook provided with a suspending portion of inverted U-shape and provided with an inward bend between the shank and terminal of the hook of the suspending portion, as will be more fully described herein-after and finally pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a side-elevation of a portion of a curtain-pole and curtain showing my improved curtain-hook attached to the curtain and suspended from a curtain-pole ring, Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section on line 2, 2, Fig. 1, Fig. 3 is an end-view of the hook, drawn on a larger scale, Fig. 4 is a side-view of Fig. 3, and Fig. 5 is a vertical transverse section through two curtains arranged back to back and suspended by my improved hooks from one pole.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the figures.

Referring to the drawings, *a* represents the shank of my improved curtain-hook. At the lower end of the shank is arranged the eye *b*, and from the other end extends the suspension-portion *d* of the hook. The suspension portion is made in the shape of an inverted U, in such a manner that the end

of the suspension-portion is approximately parallel with the shank of the curtain-hook. Between the upper end of the shank *a* and the rounded-off bend *f* of the suspension-portion is arranged an inwardly-bent curve *e*. The straight end of the suspension-portion *d* serves to engage the eye *r*<sup>1</sup> of the curtain-pole ring *r* and support thereby the curtain at some distance from the same so that the portion of the curtain which extends above the curtain-ring and pole (as in Fig. 5) will not be forced by the ring to hang at a considerable angle from the vertical.

The hook is applicable to plain curtains or to curtains with so-called French headings, and more especially to the latter as they can be hung by the improved hook in a more convenient and attractive manner, without the inward bend given by the old-style hooks to the upper ends of the curtains or the French headings used for the same. The improved hook can also be used with great advantage when two curtains are to be hung and sewed back to back, the heading of each curtain being suspended by its own hooks from one pole and one set of rings, as shown in Fig. 5.

The advantages of my improved curtain-hook are that, when used for curtains with French headings, it brings the heading closer to and almost in a straight line with the plait of the curtain, and that it facilitates the hanging of the curtain as compared with the old-style hook, which latter exerts a pull on the heading and bends it out of the vertical line at the top, so as to look very unsightly. With ordinary curtains, without French headings, the improved hooks give the curtain-pole rings a greater freedom of movement in opening or closing the curtain, and a more graceful suspension. In hanging thick and heavy curtains, the improved hook furnishes a greater space within the hook for the curtain.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A curtain-hook comprising a straight vertical elongated shank having a flat eye at its lower end, an inwardly-curved portion at the upper end of the shank, an upwardly-curved portion at the end of the inwardly-curved portion, a downwardly-curved portion at the end of the upwardly-curved portion and forming therewith a ring-receiving



hook offset by means of said inwardly and upwardly curved portions, and a downwardly-directed straight portion at the end of said downwardly-bent portion substantially adjacent to said hook and parallel to and substantially as long as said shank, said shank, said straight portion and the curved portions all lying in a plane perpendicular to the plane of said eye and passing through the center thereof.

2. A curtain-hook comprising a straight vertical elongated shank having a flat eye at its lower end, an inwardly-curved portion at the upper end of said shank and forming therewith an obtuse angle, an upwardly-curved portion at the end of said inwardly-curved portion and forming an acute angle

with said shank, a curved hook-receiving portion at the end of said upwardly-curved portion, and a downwardly-directed straight portion at the end of the hook-receiving portion and parallel to and substantially the same length as said shank, said straight portion, said shank and said curved portions lying in a plane perpendicular to the plane of said eye and passing through the center thereof.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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