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Valve for Bellows.

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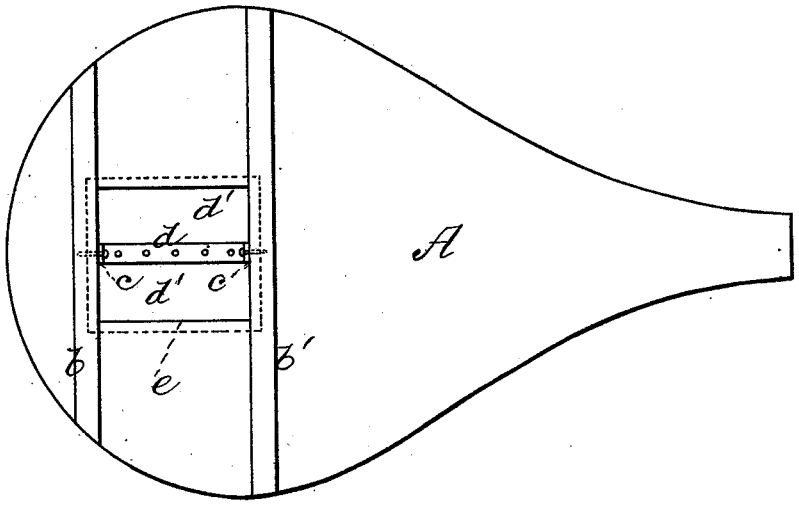
Fig. 1.



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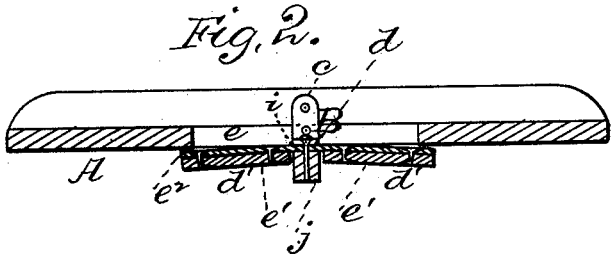

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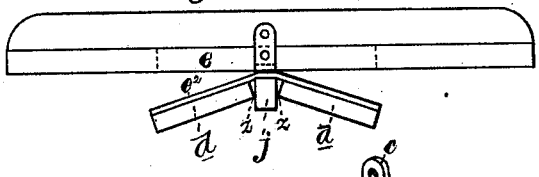

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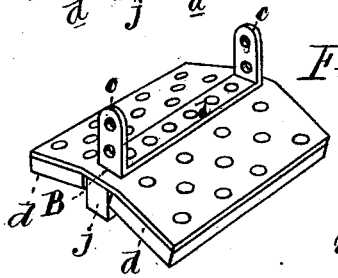

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IMPROVEMENT IN VALVES FOR BELLOWS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **213,375**, dated March 18, 1879; application filed January 18, 1879.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN BADGER and H. P. BENJAMIN, of Belvidere, in the county of Boone and State of Illinois, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Valves for Bellows; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a top view of a bellows-board, showing our valve. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same. Fig. 3 represents a cross-section of valve, showing same open. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of valve and attachment-bar.

This invention has relation to improvements in blacksmiths' bellows; and the nature of the invention consists in the arrangement and novel construction of a double valve, hinged at its middle portion to a metallic bar extending across the valve-hole, and formed of elastic paper-board with a sheep-skin facing, whereby the valve is made very light and sensitive, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawings, the letter A designates the plank part of an ordinary bellows, strengthened on the outside by transverse cleats *b b'*, and having formed therein a rectangular opening, *e*, between the said cleats, and bounded on two sides thereby. Spanning this opening, and secured by means of its arms *c* to the said cleats, is a metallic bar, *d*, centrally arranged, as shown in Fig. 1, thus dividing the valve-opening into two equal parts.

B designates the valve, composed of two wings, *d'*, and opening downward and closing upward against the under side of board A. This valve is composed of a sheep-skin face, e^2, and of two sheets of paper-board, e^1, secured thereto by means of nails or tacks extending through the face and clinched upon the sheets e^1. These are of sufficient size to lap the edges of the opening, and are separated by a flexible part, *i*, of the facing. This double valve is placed in the opening with its flexible part *i* resting on the bridge-bar *d*, and is clamped in position by means of a central wooden bar, *j*, and rivets extending through the whole, as shown. The wings being stiffened by the paper-board, which is extremely light, renders the valve very sensitive in opening and closing.

The central stop-bar *j* acts as an abutment, against which the inner edges or shoulders *z* of the paper portion rest when the valve-wings are depressed, and the elastic action between the paper and wood enables them to be easily separated by the wind-pressure when the bellows is closing, so that they will close at once, allowing little or no air to escape.

We are well aware that a double-weighted pump-valve has been formed by securing metallic blocks on the upper surface of a flexible valve-piece centrally secured, and we do not claim such invention.

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a bellows having the opening *e* and the central bar *d*, the double valve B, consisting of the leather bridge and facing e^2, the central depending wooden stop-bar *j*, and the paper wings or stiffeners e^1 under said leather, and having inner edges or shoulders *z*, adapted to bear against the stop-bar *j* when the wings are depressed, substantially as specified.

In testimony that we claim the above we have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of two witnesses.

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