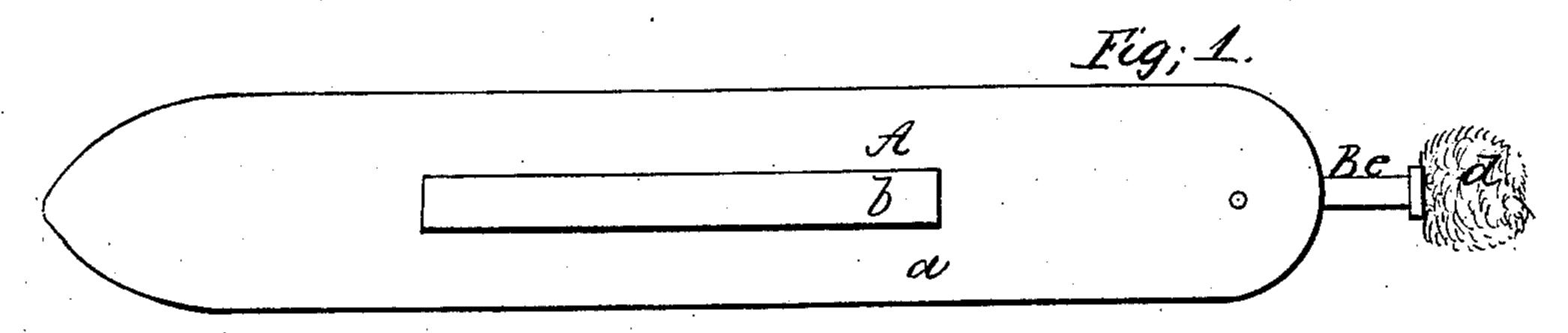
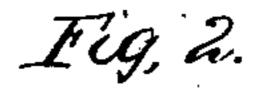
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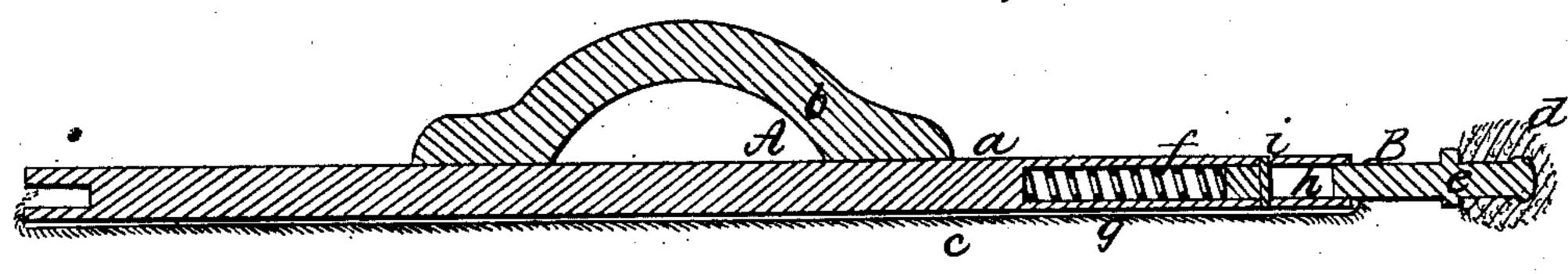
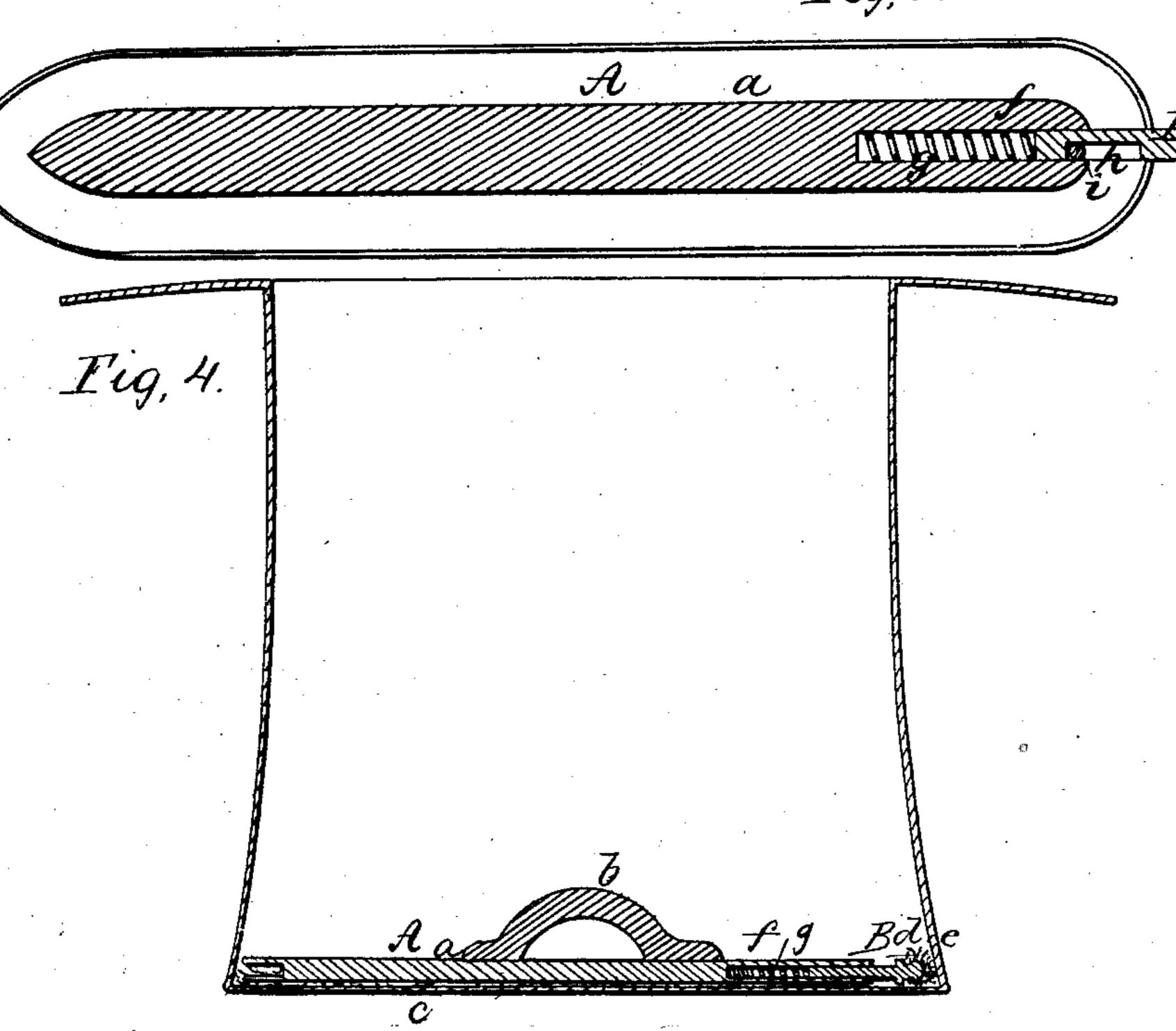


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVED HAT-BRUSH.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 38,632, dated May 19, 1863.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, COURTLAND F. PHELPS, a resident of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Hat-Brush; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a top view; Fig. 2, a vertical and longitudinal section, and Fig. 3 a horizon-

tal and longitudinal section of it.

The nature of my invention is a combination consisting not only of an ordinary hat brush, but a spring holder applied thereto and in such manner as to hold or co-operate in holding the hat-brush within a hat when such brush may be placed therein.

In the drawings, A is the brush, of which a is the body, b the handle, and c the velvet or plush covering or substitute for bristles, as commonly employed in the making of brushes. The spring-holder is shown at B as consisting of a cushioned knob, d, affixed on the end of

a stem, e. The said stem is placed within a corresponding socket, f, made longitudinally in the body a and at one end thereof. There is also a helical spring, g, placed within the socket and between its bottom and the inner end of the stem. The stem is recessed or notched, as shown at h in Fig. 3. A pin, i, passed through the body and the notch, serves to keep the holder in connection with the said body.

Fig. 4 represents the manner in which the holder secures the brush in place within a hat. The spring of the holder operates to press the cushion-knob of the holder and the brush-body against opposite sides of the internal part of

the hat.

I claim— The improved brush or combination of the brush and the spring-holder, or its equivalent, the latter being for the purpose specified. COURTLAND F. PHELPS.

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