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Sponge Cup.
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Fig. 2.

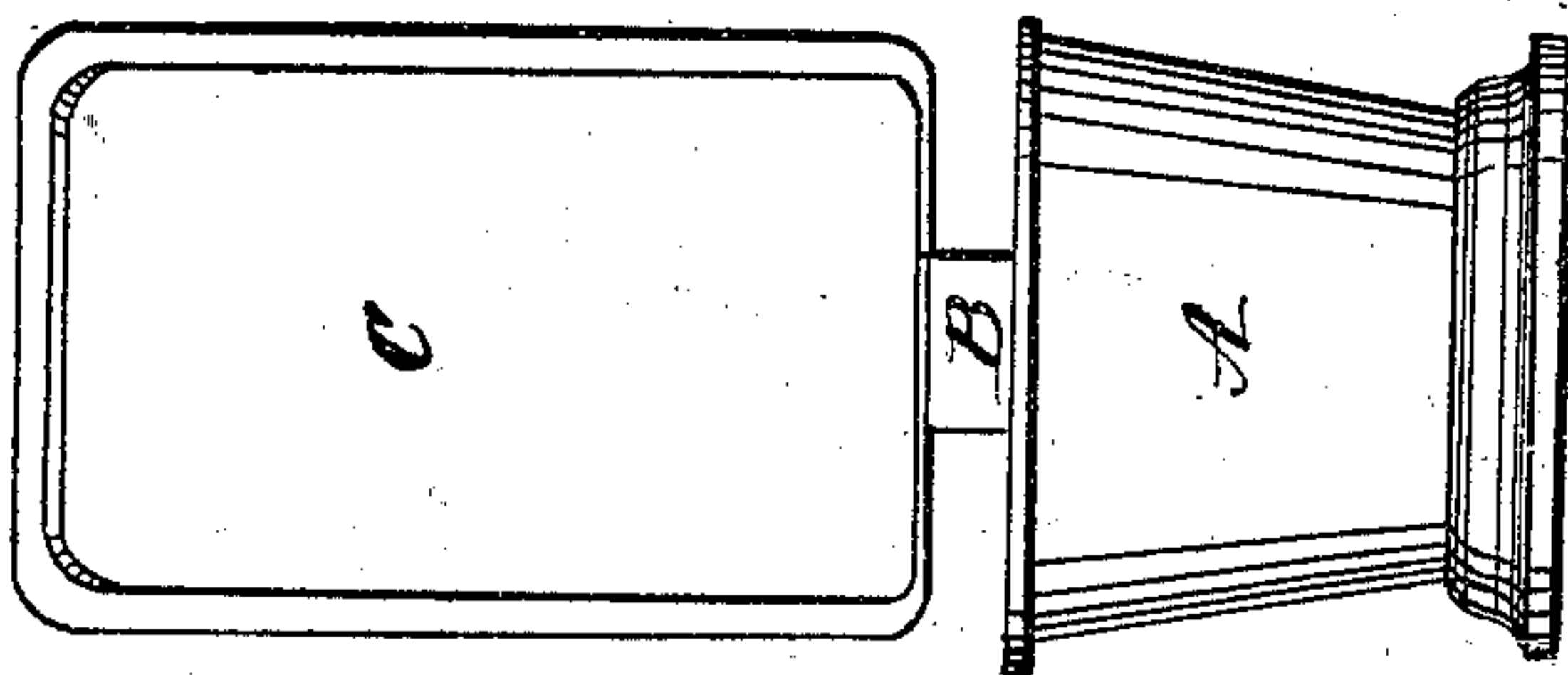
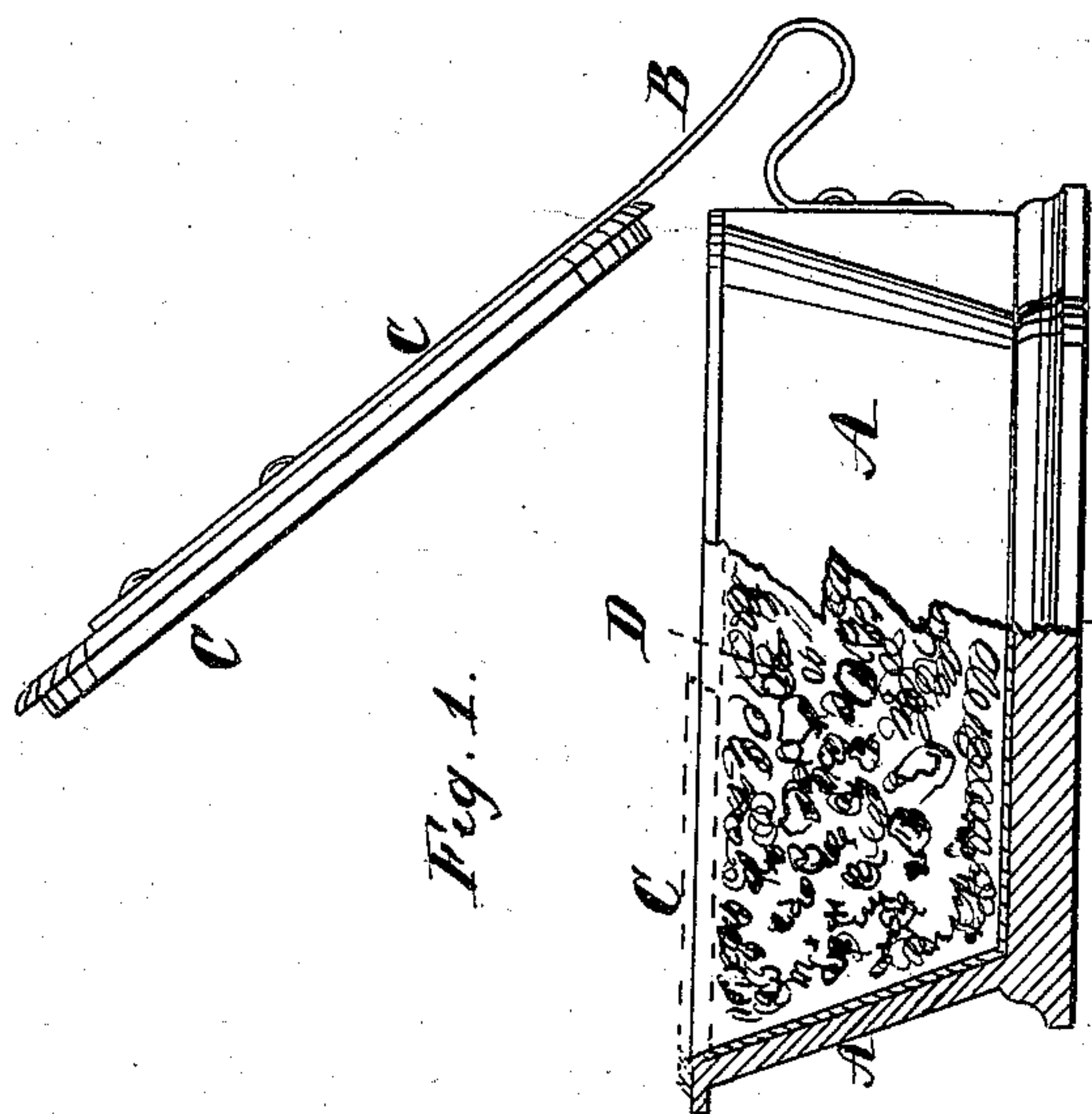


Fig. 1.



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STAMP-MOISTENER.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 58,420, dated October 2, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, H. A. HOYT, of Mott Haven, county of Westchester, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stamp-Moisteners; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved stamp-moistener, part being broken away to show the construction, and showing, in red lines, the position of the forward end of the cover when closed. Fig. 2 is a front-end view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

My invention has for its object to furnish an improved apparatus for moistening internal-revenue or postage stamps preparatory to attaching them to their places; and it consists of a stamp-moistener formed by combining a spring and cover with a sponge and sponge-cup, as hereinafter more fully described.

A is the sponge-cup, which, in the drawings, is represented as being rectangular in form, with the corners rounded off; but the said cup may be made in any desired or convenient form, the main consideration being that the cup may be so large as to contain a sponge large enough to moisten the larger varieties of stamps at one application. This cup A is made of cast-iron and lined with porcelain, or of some other material that will not be rusted

or affected by moisture. To the rear end of the cup A is attached one end of the spring B, the other end of which is attached to the end of the cover C. The lower side of this cover C is made in such a form as to fit into the mouth of the cup A and press upon the upper side of the sponge D. The sponge D is cut into such a shape that it will fit into the cup A, as shown in Fig. 1.

In using the apparatus the sponge is moistened so that it will dampen or wet the stamp sufficiently to cause it to adhere to the surface to which it may be applied; but the sponge D should not be so wet as to wash off the mucilage from the stamp. The stamp is then laid upon the sponge, and the cover brought down upon the stamp, pressing it down upon the sponge D. The stamp is then removed from the sponge and applied to the manuscript or envelope in the ordinary manner. The stamps when moistened in this manner are much more liable to adhere than when moistened in the ordinary manner, as the mucilage will not be so liable to be rubbed off.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

An improved stamp-moistener formed by combining the spring B and cover C, constructed and arranged as described, with the sponge D and sponge-cup A, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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