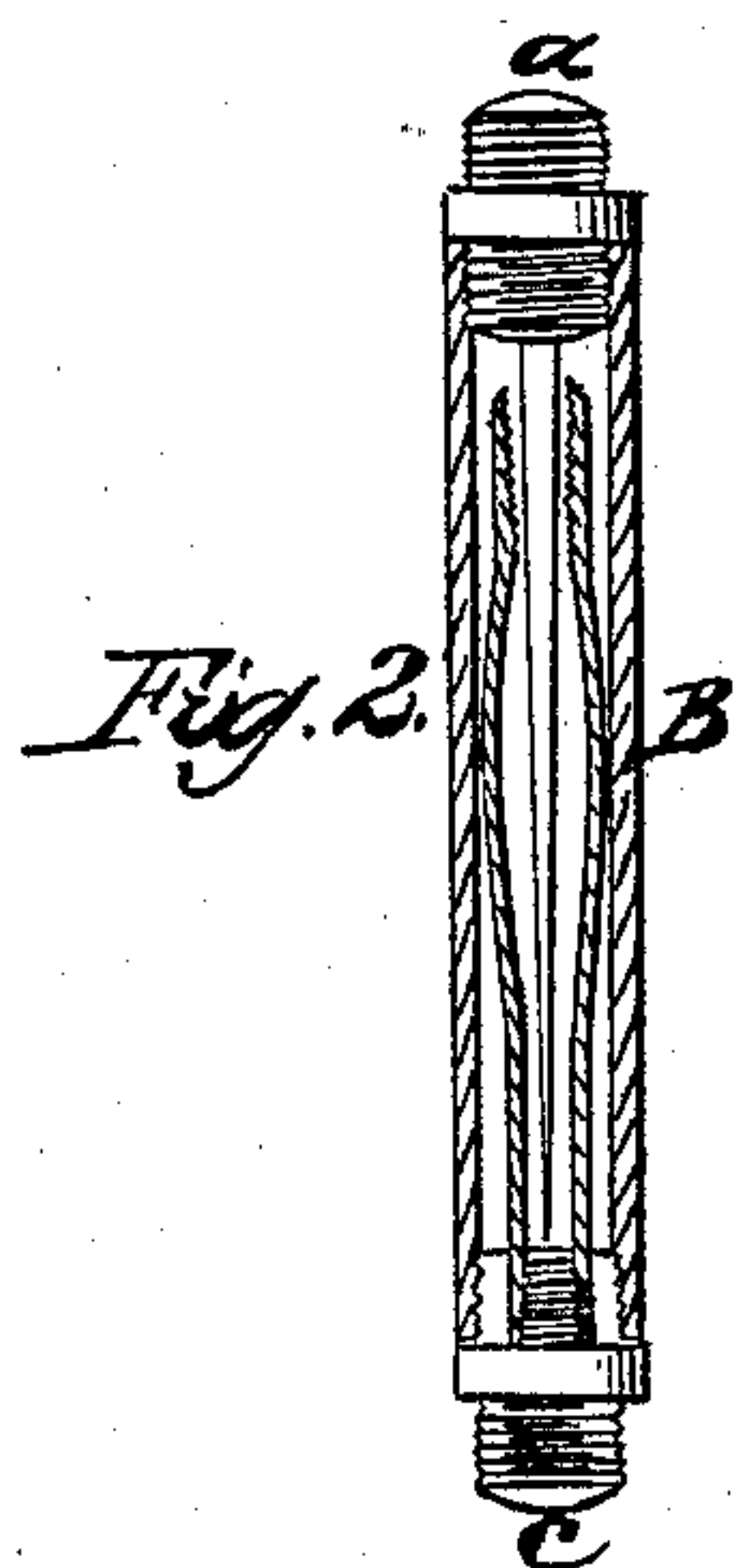
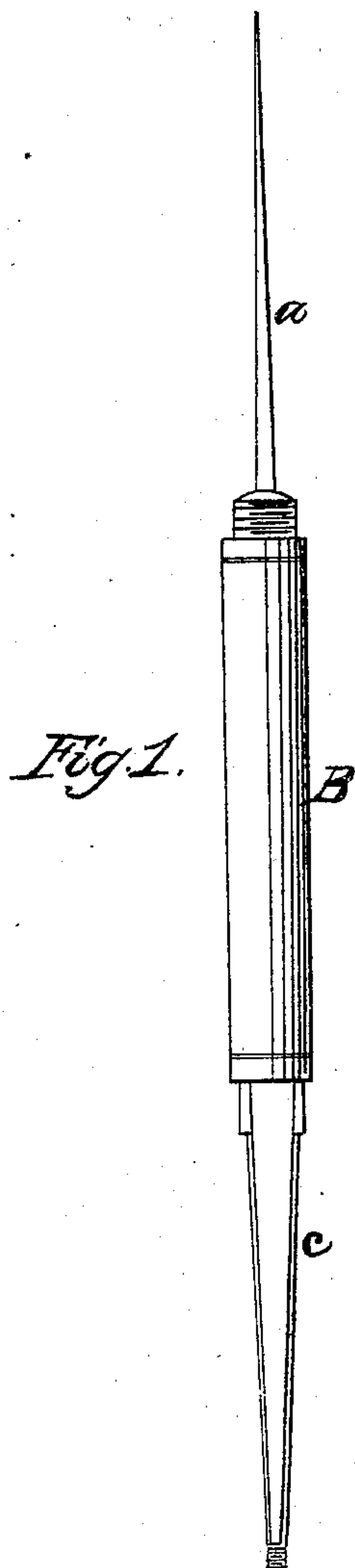


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POCKET-CASE FOR PRINTERS' BODKIN AND TWEEZERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM QUAIL, of the city and county of New York, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Portable Bodkin and Tweezers; 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.

This invention relates to a new and useful device, whereby certain instruments which are in constant use by printers are combined and rendered portable, and the invention consists in providing a case in which the instruments are secured when not in immediate use, and whereby they are rendered safe and portable for the pocket or otherwise.

Figure 1 represents the case, with the bodkin and tweezers exposed or extended from the case, and

Figure 2 shows them within the case, the view being a longitudinal section.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

It is well known that the long, pointed awl, marked *a*, (called a "bodkin" by printers,) is an indispensable article in adjusting the lines in type-setting, and that the tweezers or nippers, which in the drawing are marked *c*, are not less useful in picking out defective or wrongly-set type. From the peculiar form of these instruments it has never been found practicable to carry them in the pocket, and thus preserve them, but they are usually left lying around loose, and consequently they frequently get lost, and thereby subject the printer to much trouble and expense. By my device the two instruments are rendered as portable in the pocket as a pocket-knife or pencil.

To accomplish this I provide a tubular case, marked B, which has a screw-thread cut a short distance within each end, while the bodkin and tweezers have each a head, with screw-threads upon them, which fit the case, so that when they are reversed and screwed in they occupy the case as seen in fig. 2, the points of each being thus perfectly protected, while they are as easily and conveniently carried in the pocket as a small pencil-case, as seen in fig. 1. The instruments are screwed into the case, in which position they or either of them may be used, the case serving as a handle.

I do not confine myself to this particular method of confining the instruments in the case; I am aware that it may be done without the screw-threads; but what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination and arrangement of the case B with the bodkin *a* and the tweezers *c*, substantially as described and for the purposes set forth.

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