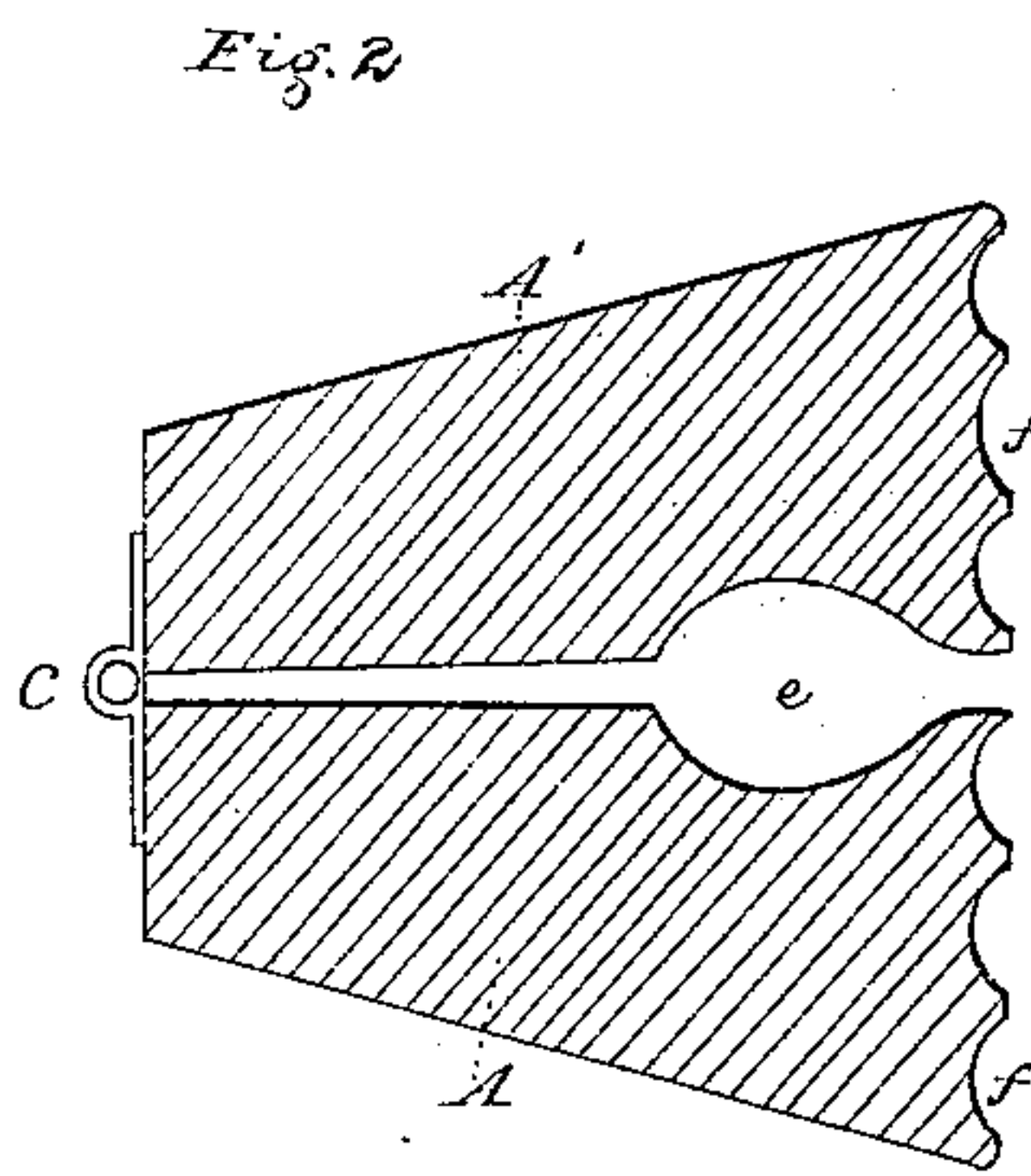
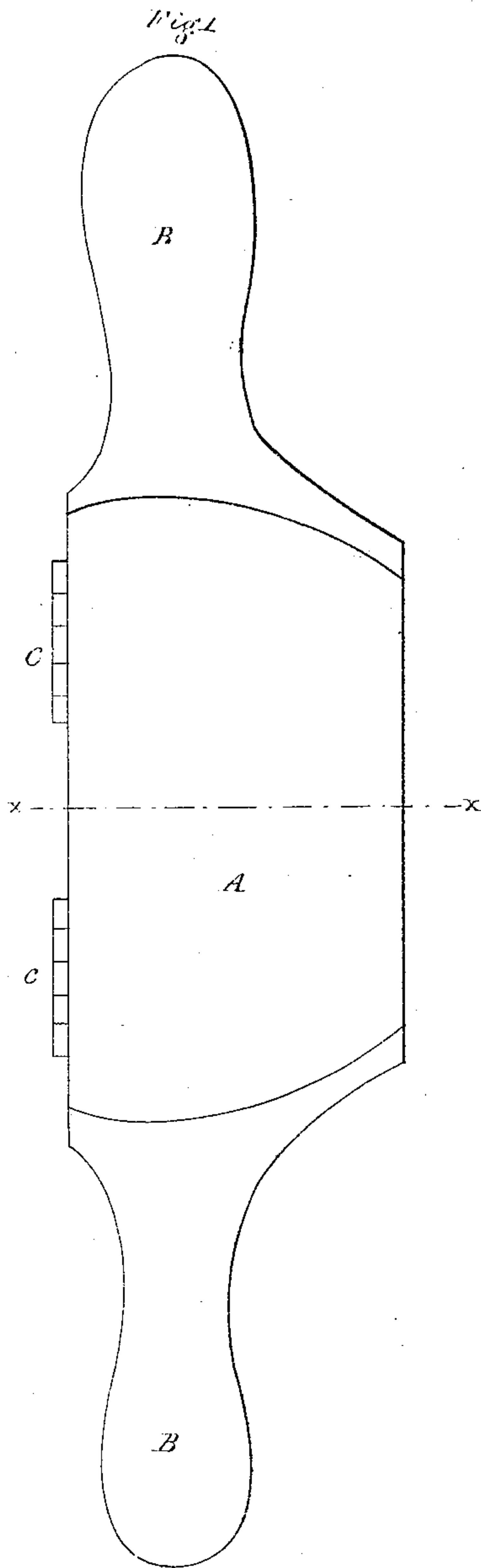


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IMPROVED RUBBER FOR WASHING CLOTHES.

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, JAMES CHARLTON, of the city and county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in "Rubber for Washing Clothes;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in making a rubber for washing clothes, said rubber being made in two parts, hinged together, and provided with a recess and corrugated face, the whole being constructed, arranged, and operating in the manner hereinafter described.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation. In the accompanying drawings, which form part of my specification—

Figure 1 represents a side view of my improved rubber for washing clothes.

Figure 2 represents a transverse section, when cut through at line marked *x*.

In constructing my improved rubber for washing clothes, I use good hard wood or any other suitable material, and form two pieces, A and A', of the shape shown in fig. 1. The pieces are hinged together as indicated at C, and provided with a corrugated face, *f*, and recess *e*, as shown in fig. 2. B represents the handles of the rubber. The skillful mechanic will readily understand the construction of the rubber by reference to the drawings, without further description, therefore I will proceed to describe its operation, which is as follows:

The clothes are caught between the pieces A and A', and by pressing together the handles B, will hold a portion of the clothes in the recess *e*, which will prevent the clothes from slipping from between the pieces A and A'. With the clothes thus held by pieces A and A', the operator then rubs the clothes on the ordinary wash-board, treating the clothes in the manner common to the washing process.

By means of this plain, simple, cheap, and durable device, the hands of the operator are saved from all abrasion of the skin so common to the washing process.

Having thus described the nature, construction, and operation of my improvement, what I claim as of my invention, is—

A rubber for washing clothes, said rubber consisting of parts A and A', provided with handles B, and corrugated face *f*, and hinged together as herein described, and for the purpose set forth.

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