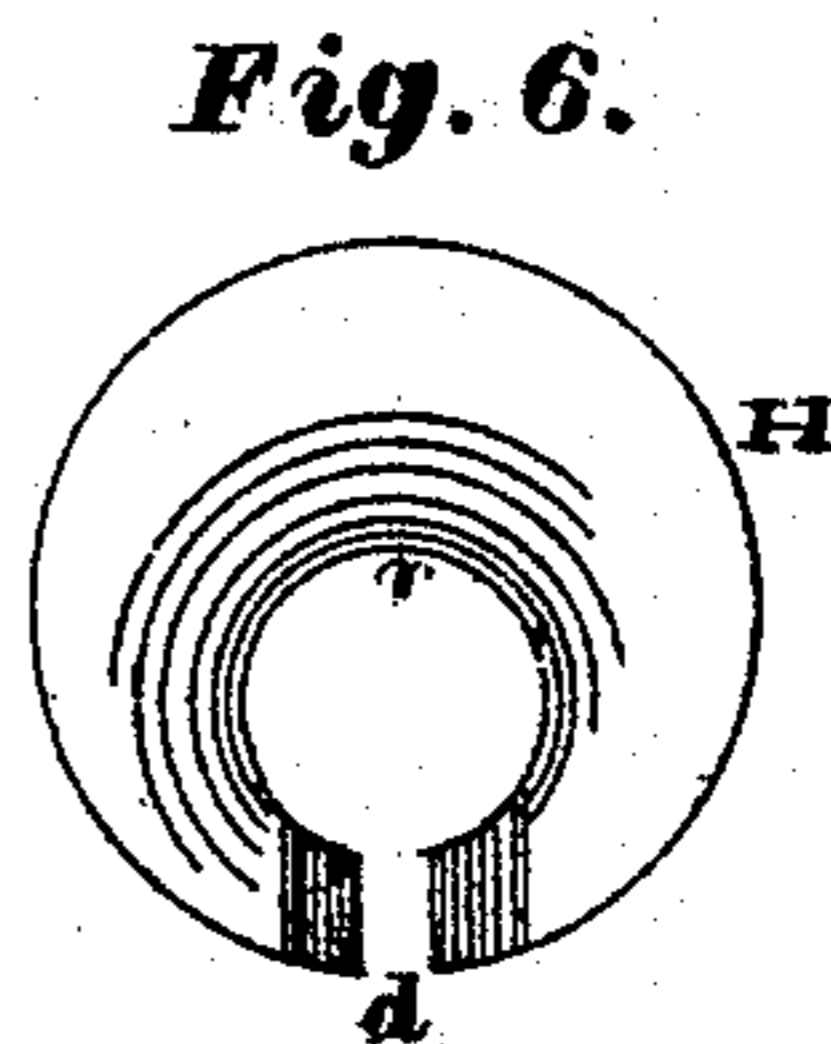
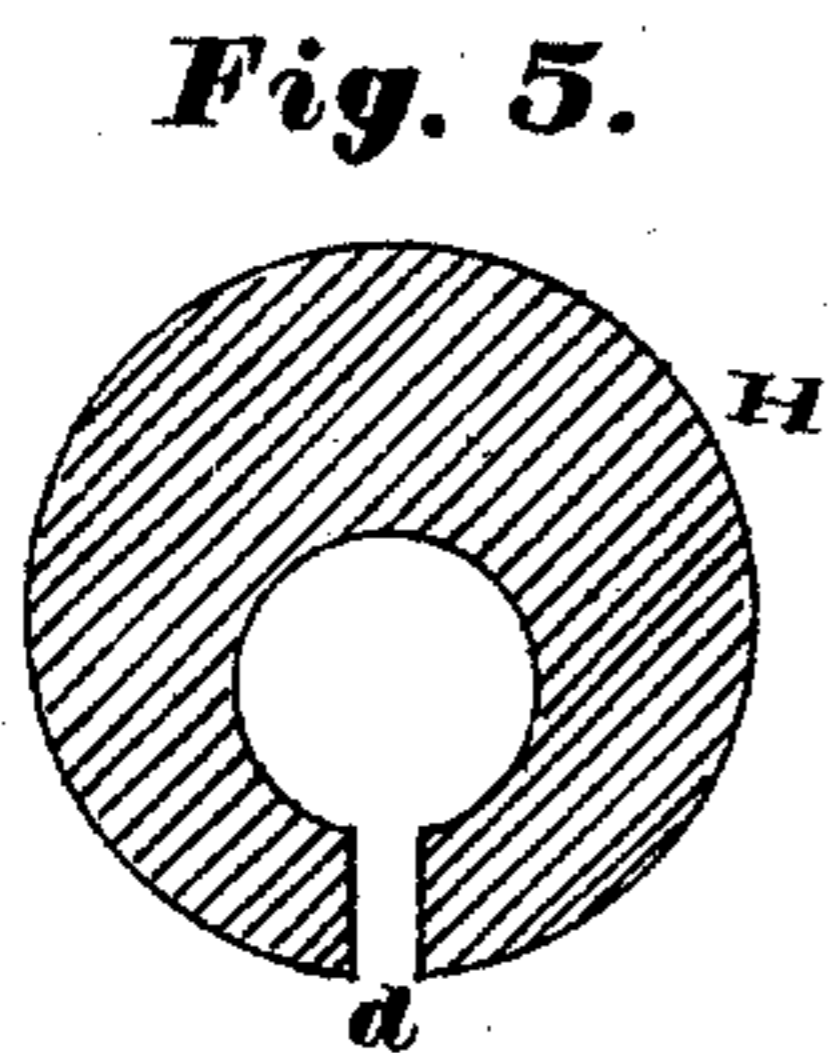
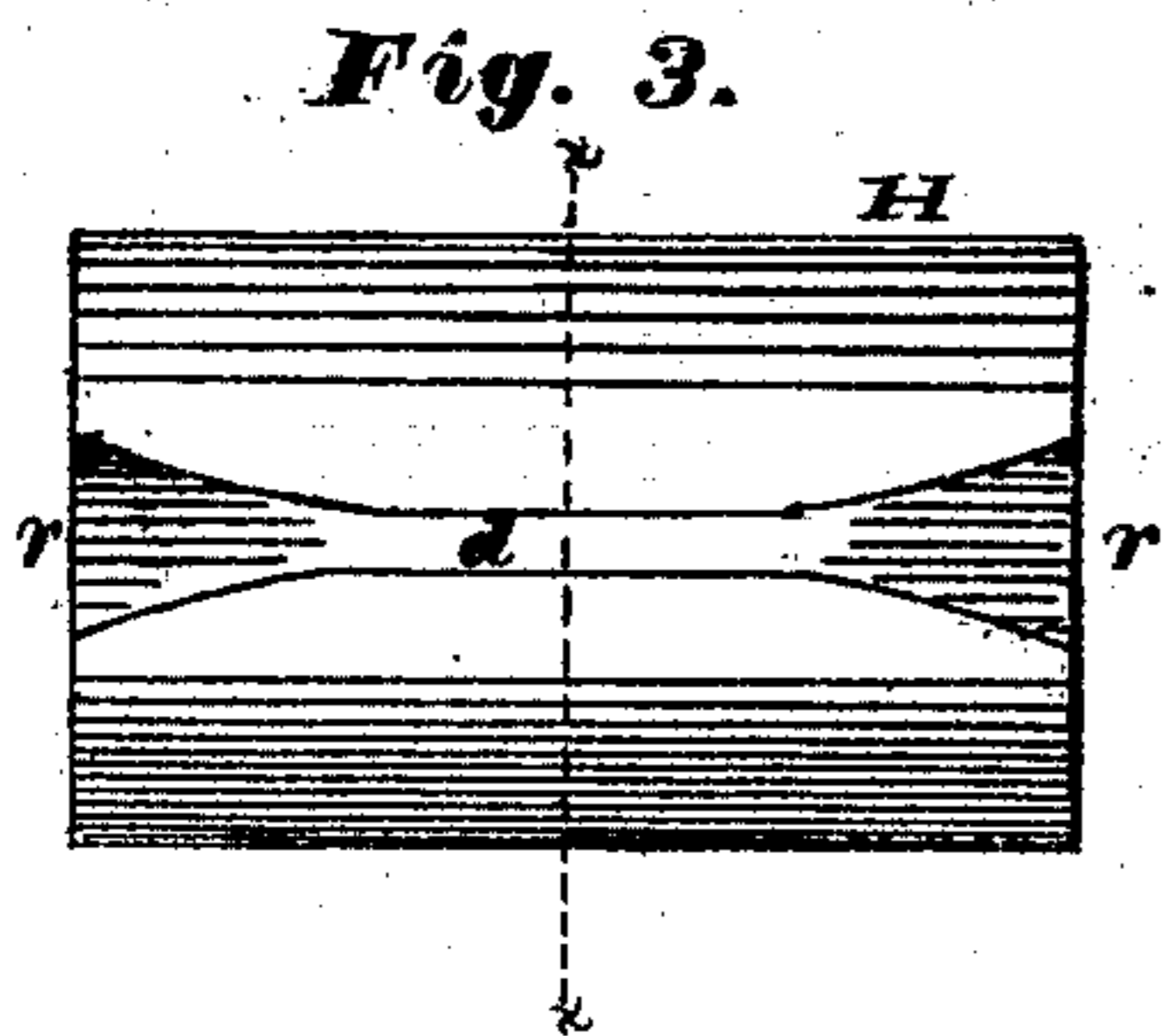
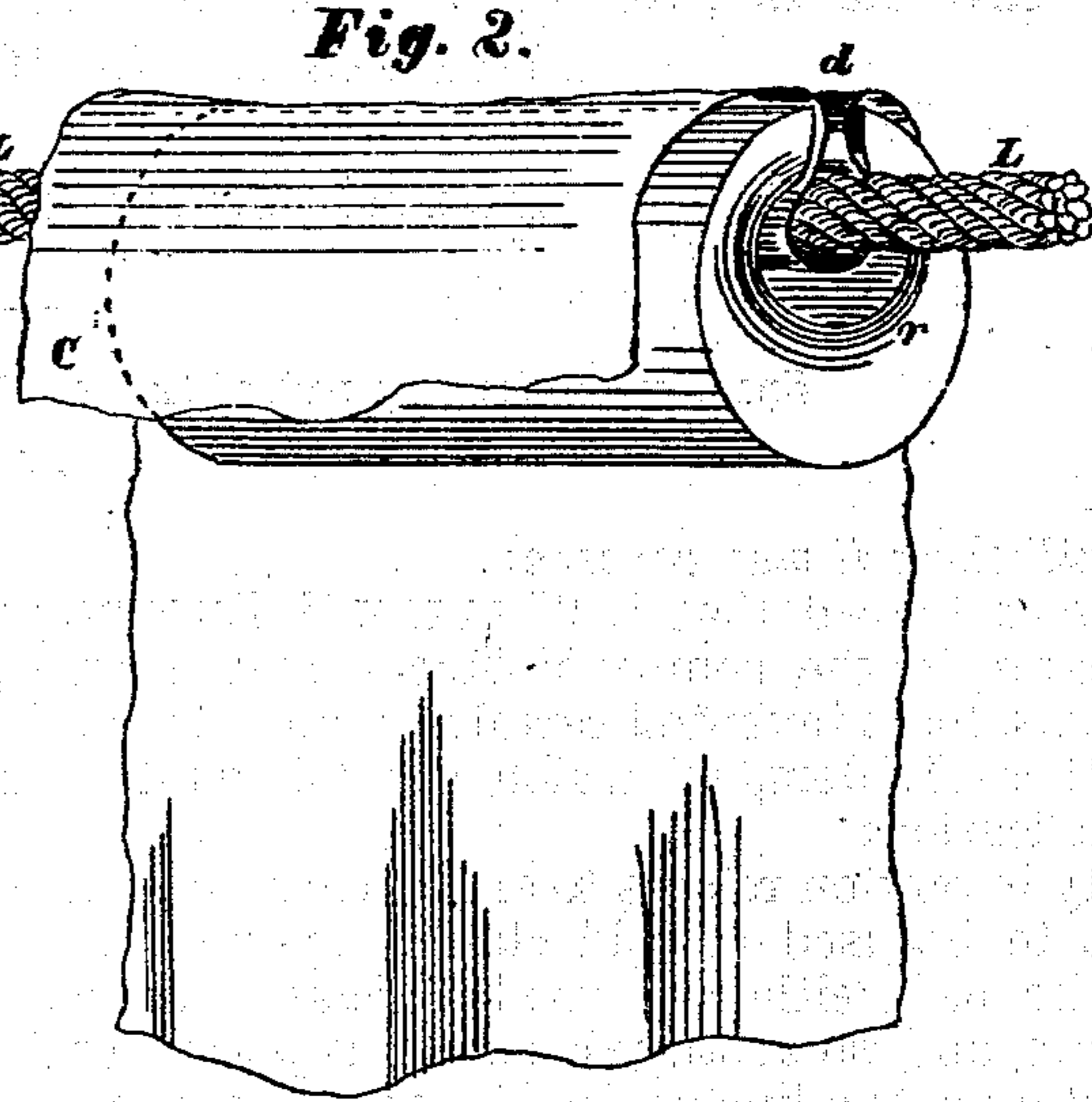
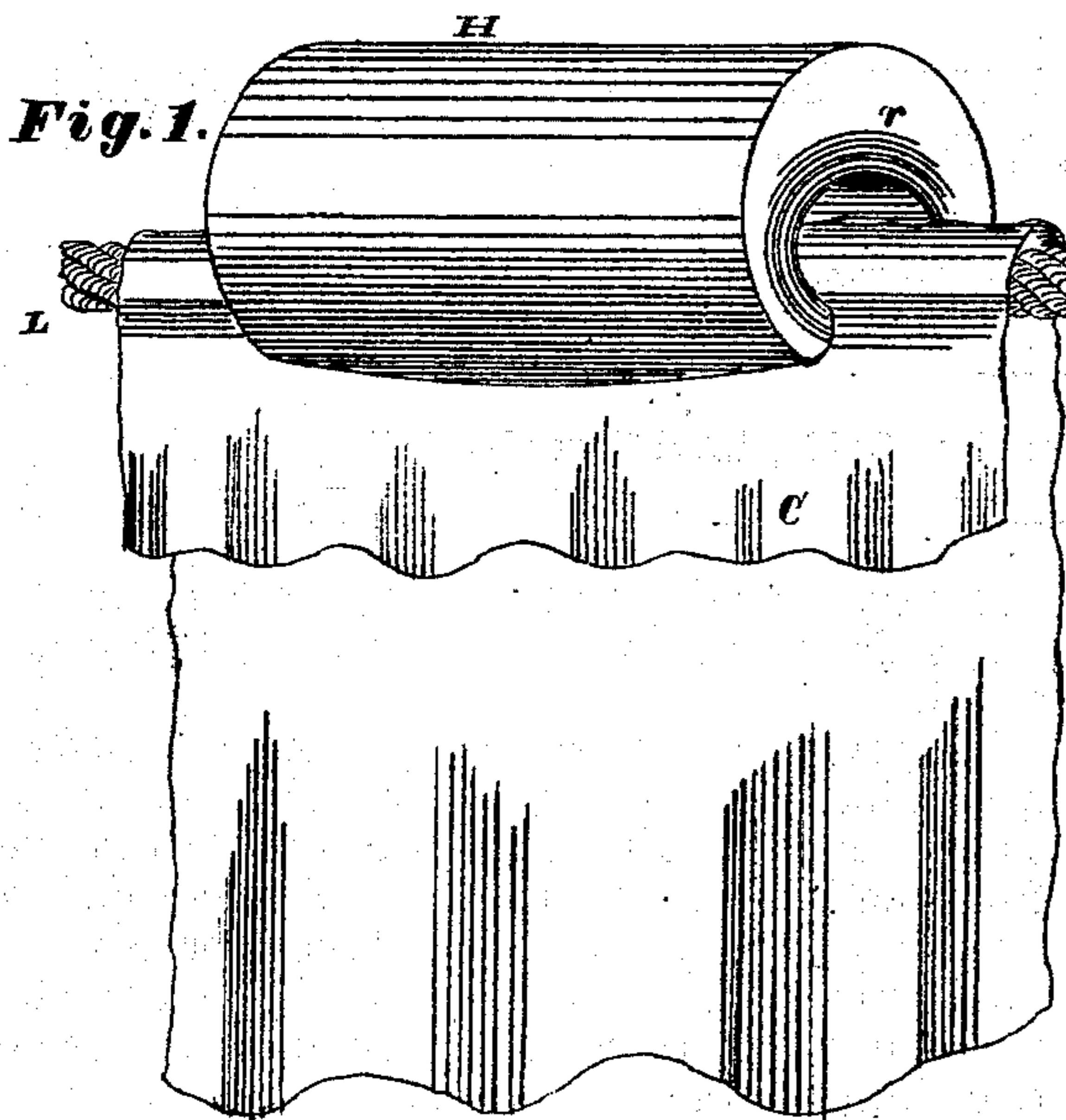


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## IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-HOLDERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM Z. BROWN, of Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, have invented certain Improvements in Clothes-Holders, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to an article of manufacture to be used to hold clothes upon a line; it can be made either of wood or glass and is non-elastic, and so arranged that it is permanently fixed upon the line so that it will not get lost.

Figures 1 and 2 are perspective views, showing different manners of using the holder. Fig. 3 is a side view of a holder. Fig. 5 is a section as taken through the lines *x x*, Fig. 3. Fig. 6 is an end view.

L represents the clothes-line, C the clothes, and H the holder. The holders are designed to be made of wood or glass. The holder is a hollow cylinder, made open at each end, divided as shown at *d*, and rounded as shown at *r*, so as to facilitate slipping it over the clothes.

The holder is designed to be kept upon the

line permanently, and can only be put upon or taken from the line at the end, it being non-elastic.

I know that an elastic split ferrule, made of metal, has been used for a similar purpose; but this is a holder designed so it cannot be removed from the line only at the end of the line, and yet answer the purpose it is designed for as well if not better than one of metal, as the holder when made of wood or glass will not rust or corrode and thereby stain the clothes.

The outside of the holder can be made round, octagon, or any configuration that is desired.

I claim as my invention—

A non-elastic clothes-holder, consisting of a hollow cylinder, open at each end, divided along one of its sides, and having its inner edges rounded off, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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