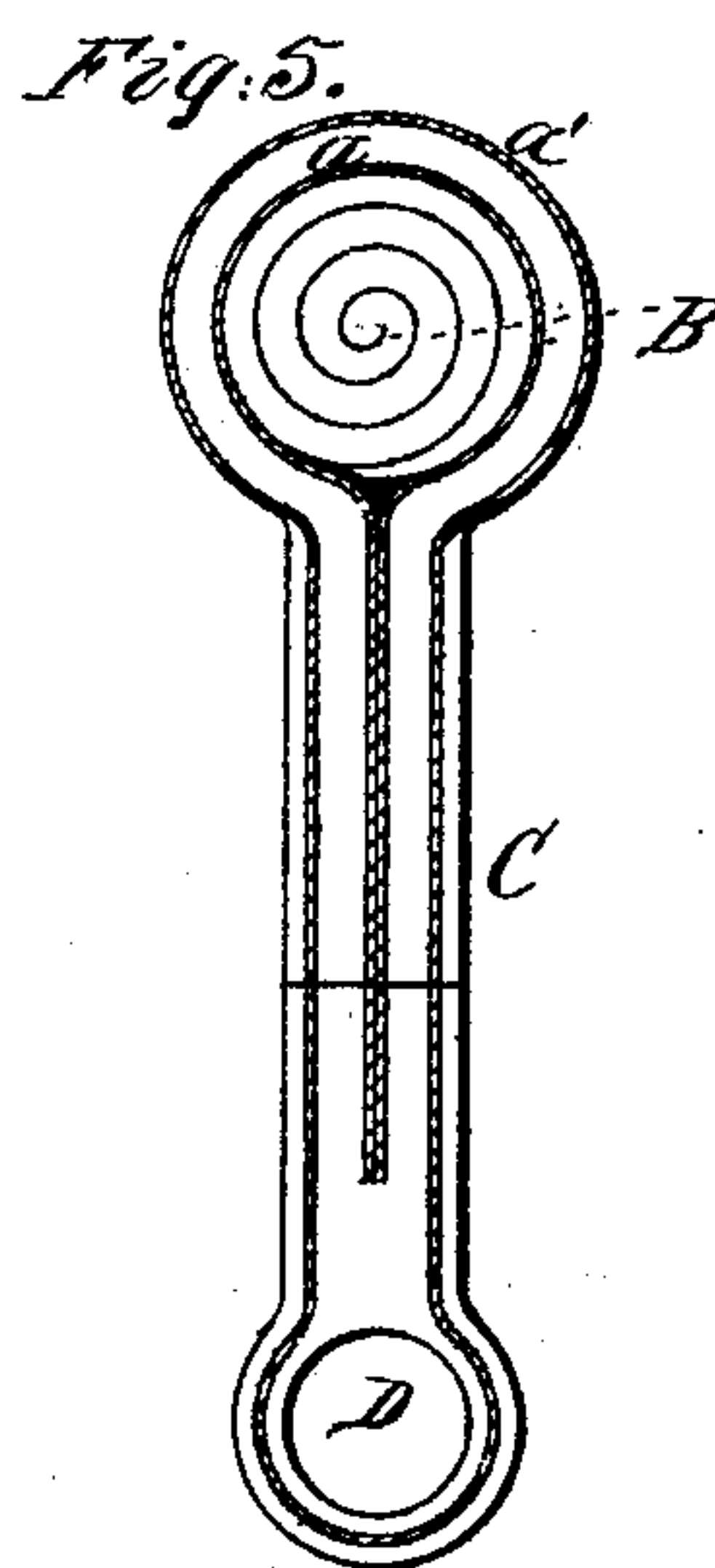
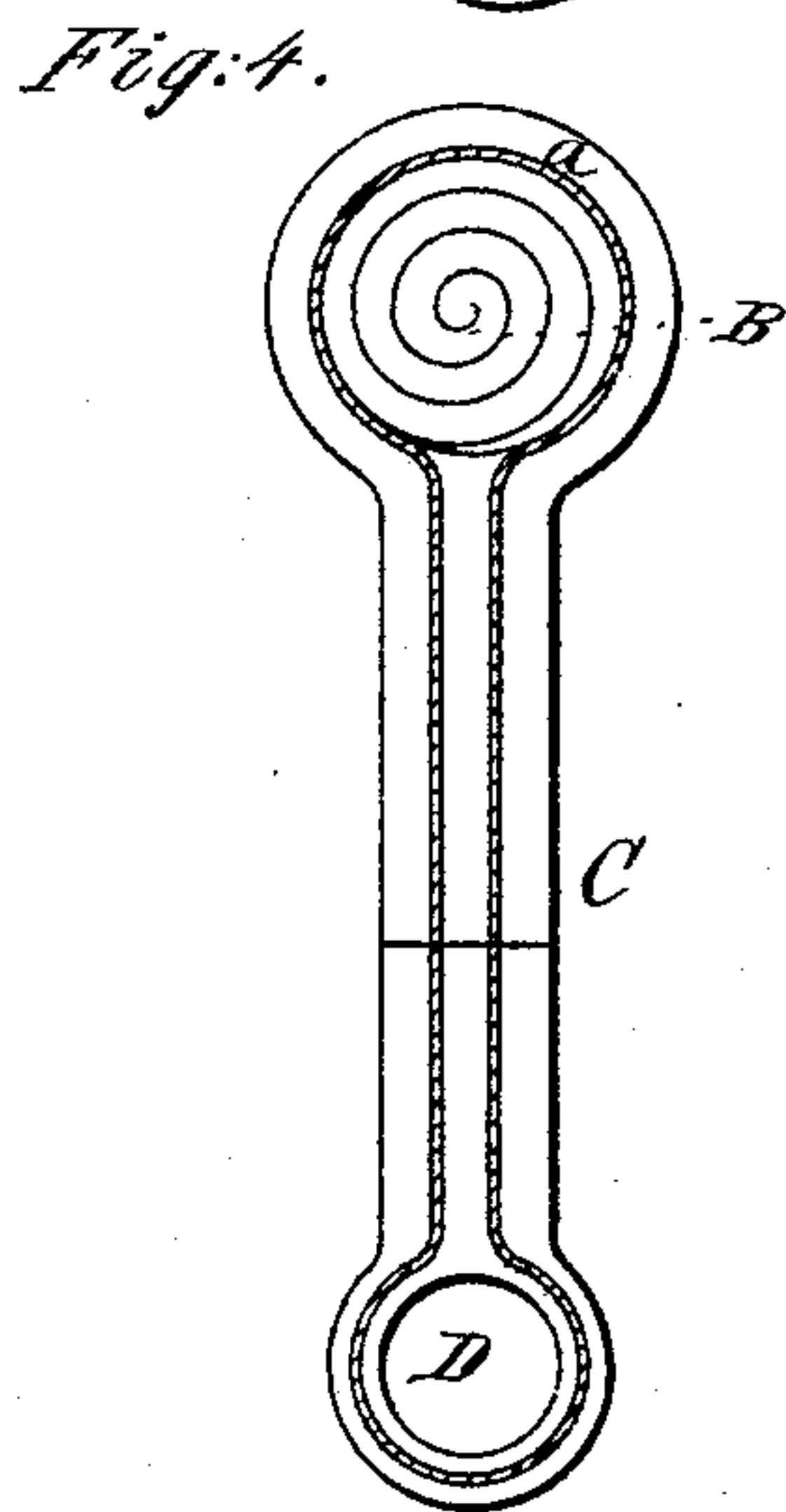
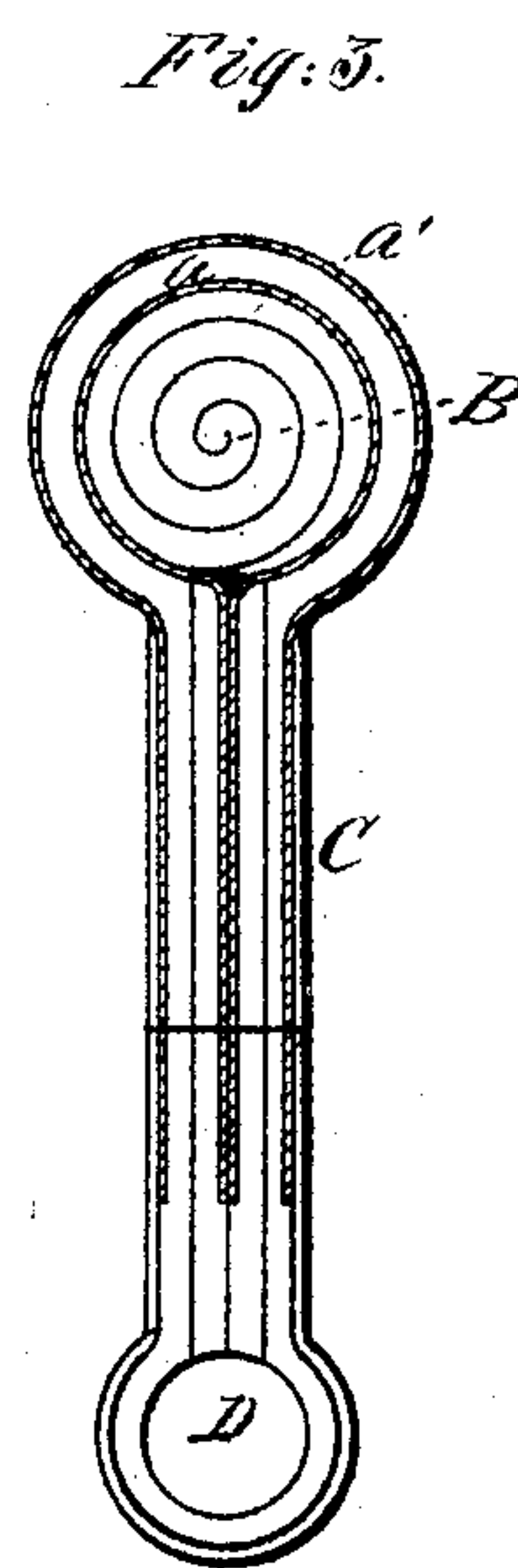
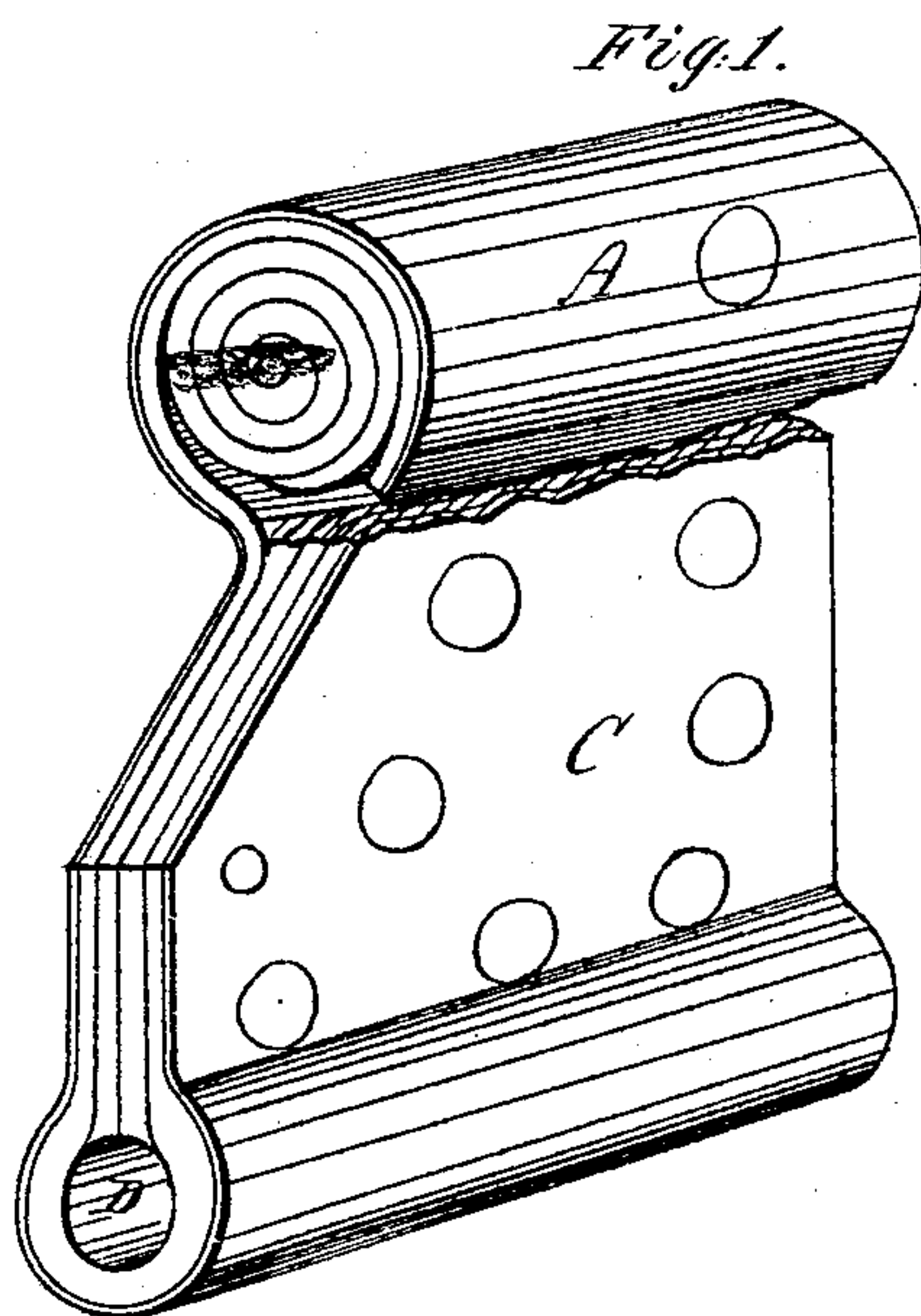
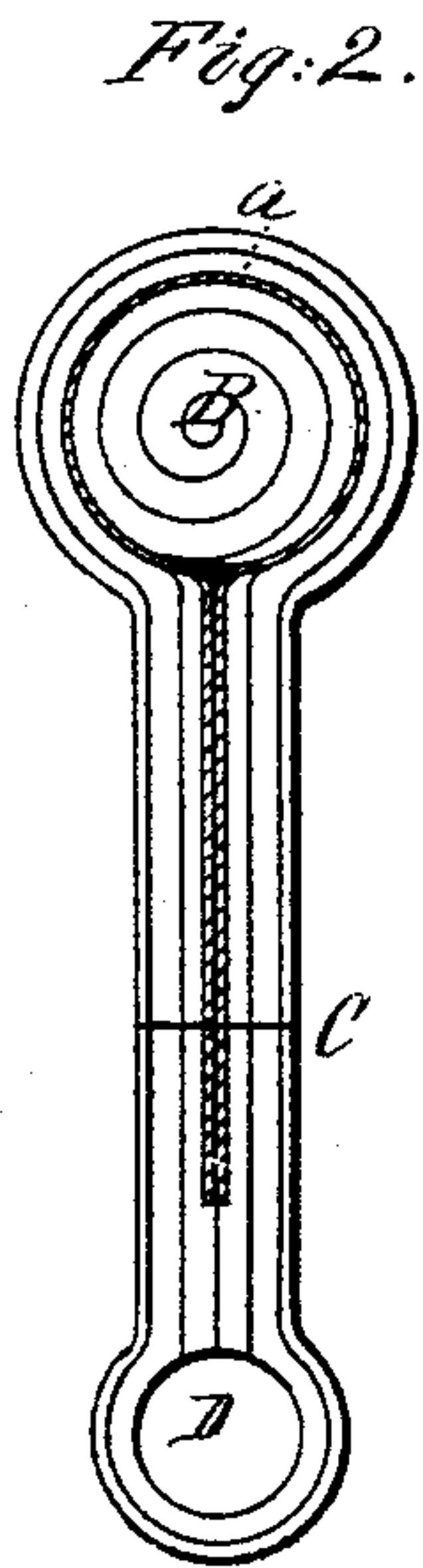


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM TAYLOR, of Maynard, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Pickers for Looms, of which the following is a specification:

In the drawing, Figure 1 shows, in perspective, one common form of picker, broken by use as they generally break, and the object of my invention is to strengthen pickers at this point; and my invention consists in a picker made in the ordinary way, except that a sheet of metal is incorporated with it to give it greater strength.

Fig. 2 is a plan of my improved picker composed of rawhide secured together with rivets, and made in all respects in the usual way—that is, like Fig. 1—except that a sheet of metal is formed, as shown in the drawing, so as to extend from the plug down into the shank of the picker.

In all the figures *a a'* represent the metal.

Fig. 3 shows a modification of my invention, designed principally to be used in repairing pickers which have been thrown aside.

The upper part A (see Fig. 1) of the worn-out picker is cut off and a sheet of metal, *a*, inserted in the shank of the picker and bent properly to receive the plug B. A sheet of rawhide is also inserted in the shank, and over this metal sheet *a*, and a second sheet of metal, *a'*, over this rawhide sheet, the whole being secured to the shank and spindle hole C and D by rivets in the usual way, as will be plain to all skilled in the art from the drawing. These metal sheets I usually make of about

the same width and shape as the rawhide sheets, only a little narrower to prevent them from projecting so as to be struck by the picker-stick.

In some cases, where the neck or shank is made very strong, the spindle-hole D gives out; and Figs. 4 and 5 show the application of my invention to strengthening the connection between the shank and the sleeve D, which will be plain without further description.

I have shown my invention as applied to one form only, but it is equally applicable, of course, to any other form of picker.

I find that pickers strengthened with metal, as above described, will last over four months, while pickers such as shown in Fig. 1 rarely last as much as two weeks; and my improved picker operates precisely as well in every respect, and costs very little more. I use Russia sheet-iron, but sheet-steel or other tough metal sheets or strips will answer.

I am aware that the use of a metal hoop around the plug is not new, and therefore I disclaim the use of metal generally in connection with rawhide pickers.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A rawhide picker having its plug connected to its shank, as above described.
2. A rawhide picker having its spindle-sleeve connected to its shank, as above described.

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