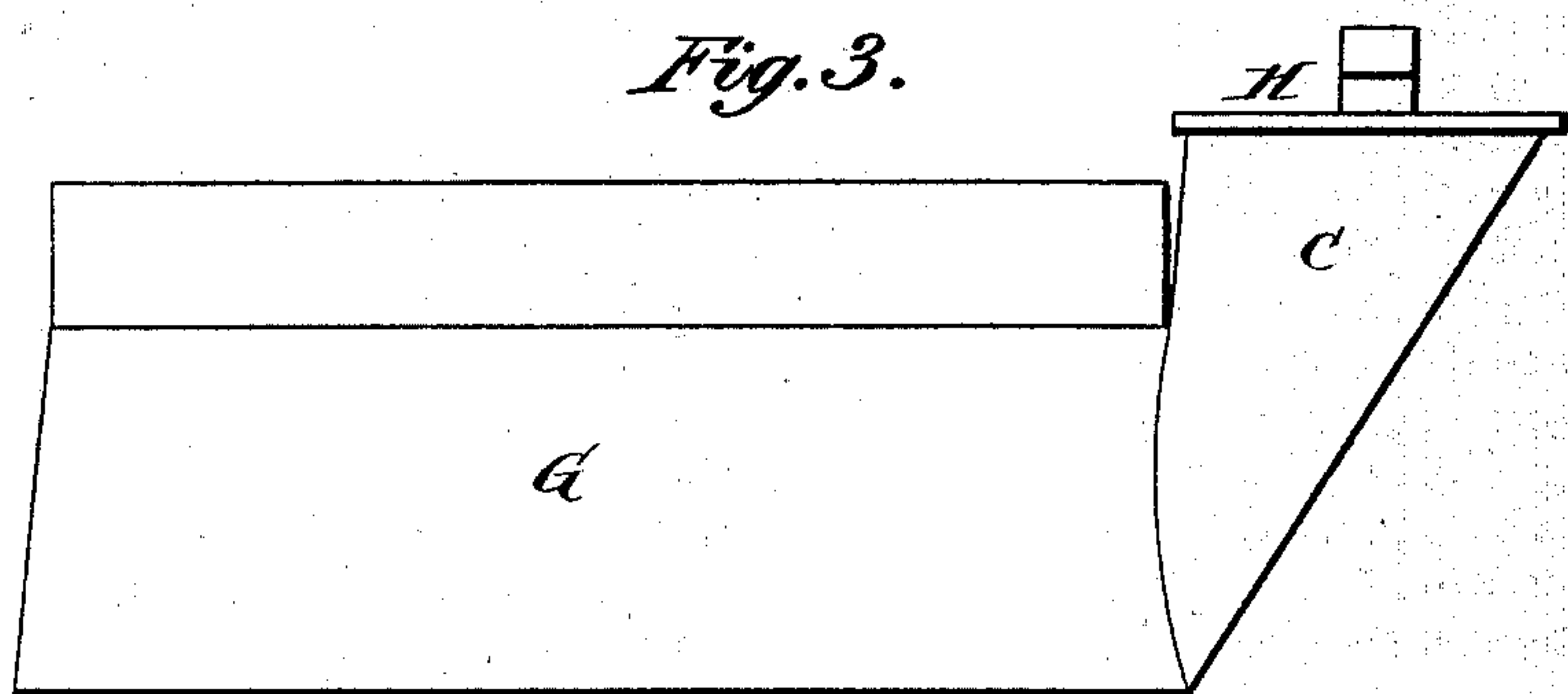
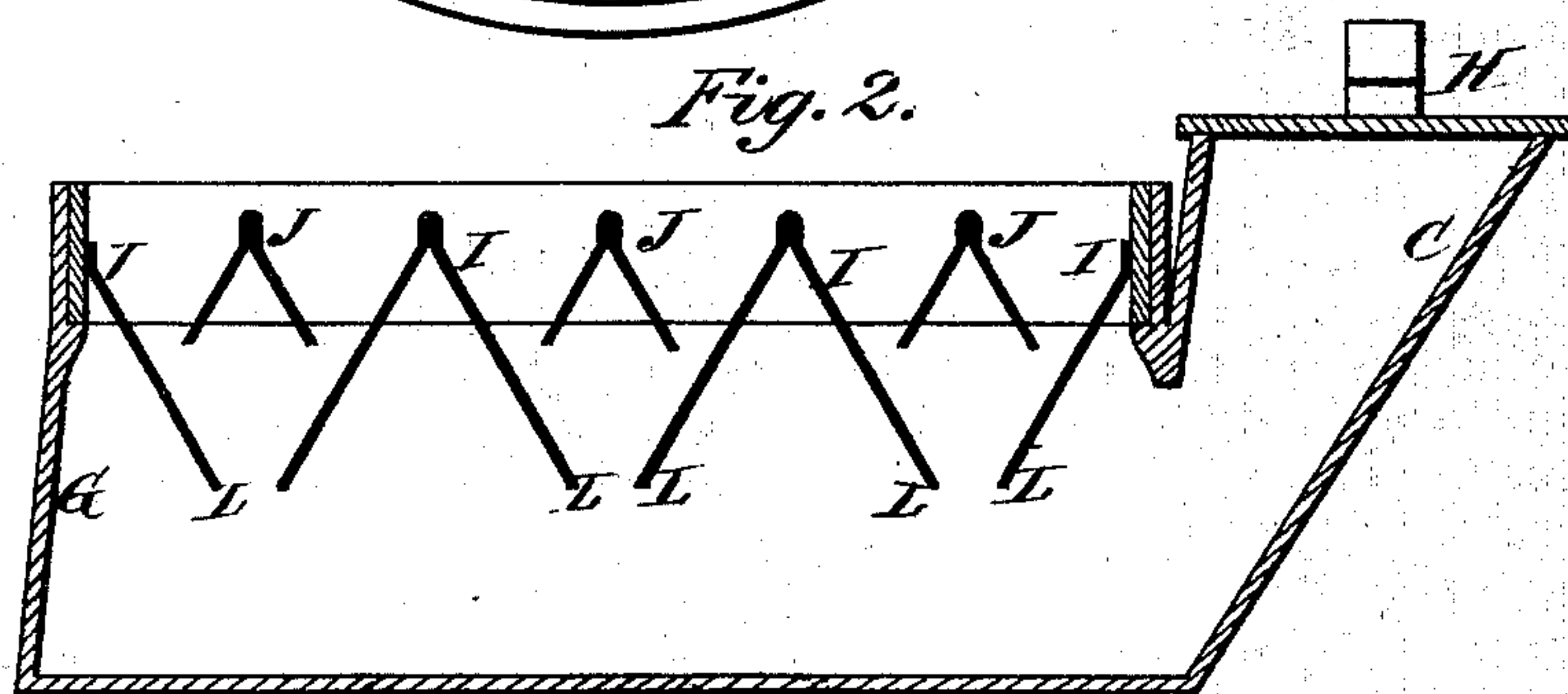
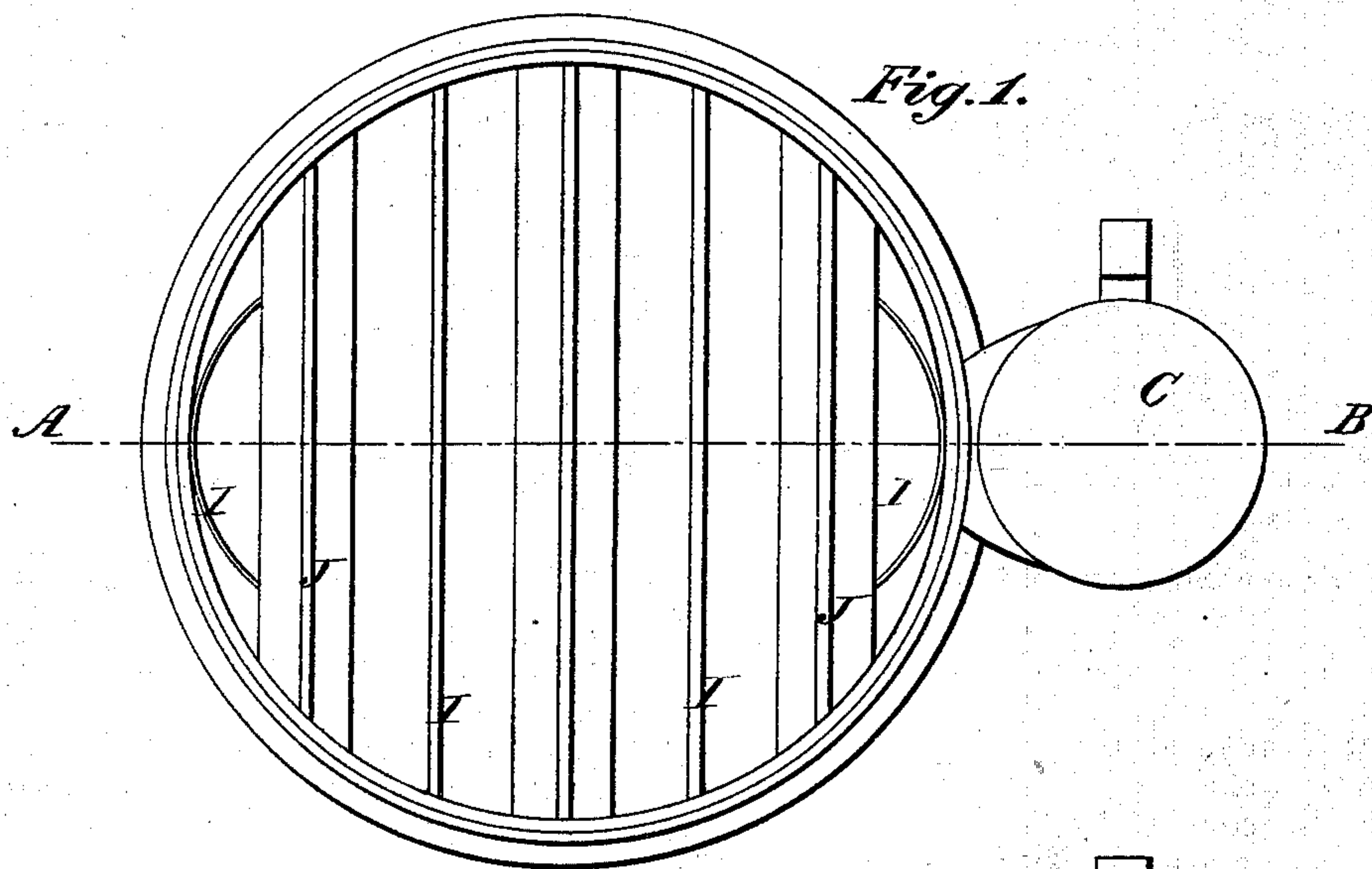


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## IMPROVEMENT IN SPITTOONS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY TONGUE, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a Spittoon, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to provide a spittoon in which the contents thereof shall be excluded from view, and which shall be convenient for the deposit of cigar-stubs, tobacco-quids, and other débris which is usually deposited in a spittoon, while, at the same time, it shall be easy to clean; and its nature consists in covering the top of the receptacle with strips of metal or other suitable material so formed as to have sharp edges on top, and so placed that the alternate smaller strips shall conceal the interstices between the larger ones, there being spaces of suitable size between the larger and smaller strips to allow saliva to pass through; and, further, in providing the receptacle with a covered hollow handle in which tobacco-quids and other substances can be put, while, at the same time, the handle is used to discharge the contents of the box, as herein-after fully described and shown.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a top or plan view of my improvement in spittoons; Fig. 2, a section thereof on line A B, showing the construction of the covering-strips; Fig. 3, an elevation.

G represents the body of the spittoon, which is made of metal or other suitable material, (in this case of metal,) and its handle C is hollow

and communicates with the interior of the box G; and it is provided with a lid, H, for the convenience of closing it and giving it a neat appearance. I L, I L, &c., represent the peculiar form of the larger metal strips, which are put across the top of the spittoon, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and fastened at their ends by solder or otherwise, to hold them in place. Alternately between the strips I L are placed V-shaped strips J, and fastened at their ends in a manner similar to the strips I L, and their bases are wide enough to cover the spaces between the strips I L, and consequently conceal the interior of the box G.

Strips J and I L can be made of tin or thin metal stamped into form, so as to be produced at small cost, and they may be provided with a metal rim and set in earthen boxes, if desired.

As will be seen, the tops of the strips are quite sharp, so that nothing is likely to catch on them, while, at the same time, there is space enough between them for the saliva to pass through.

I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A spittoon, G, provided with the strips J and I L and hollow handle C, for concealing and emptying the contents, as set forth.

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