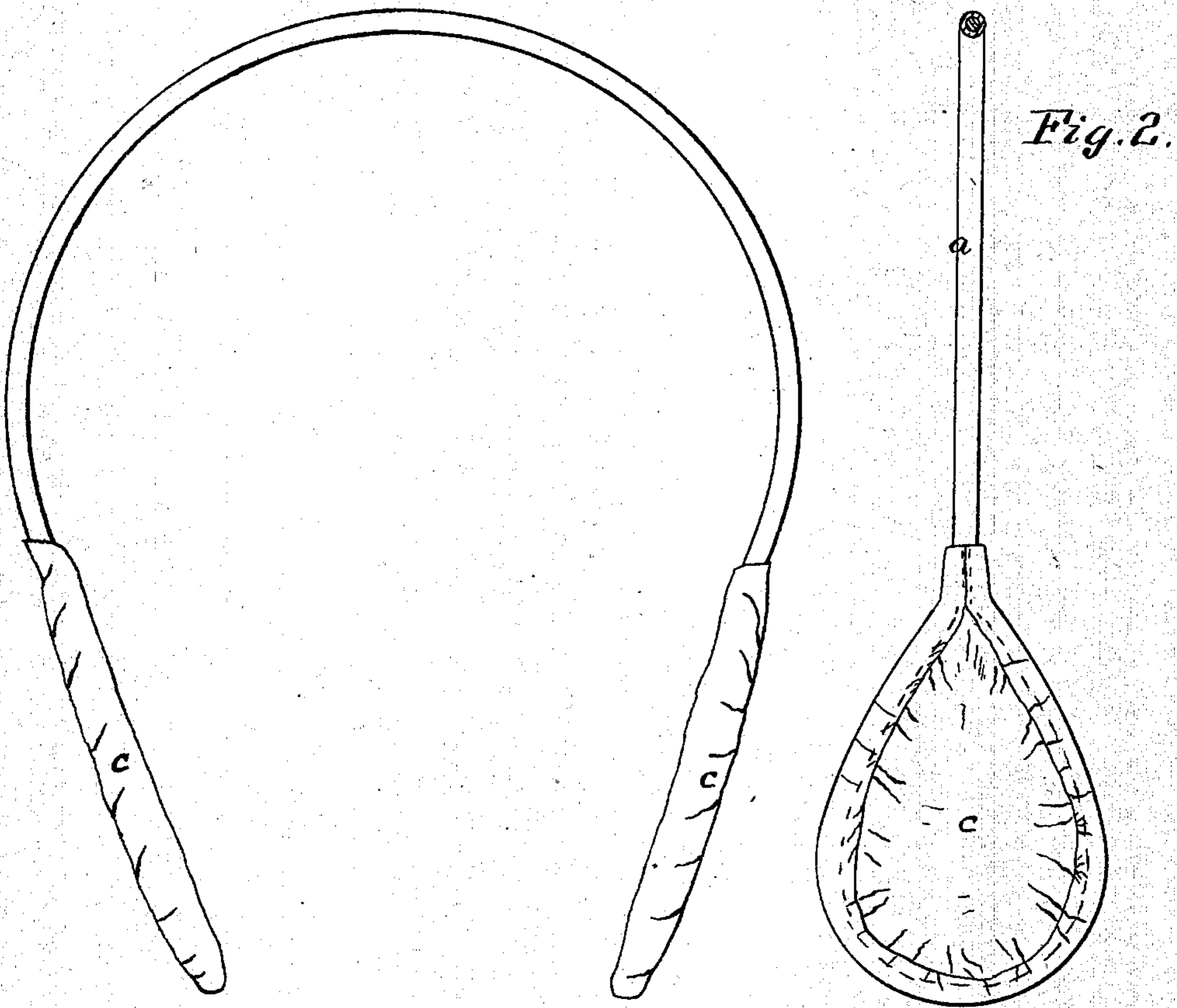
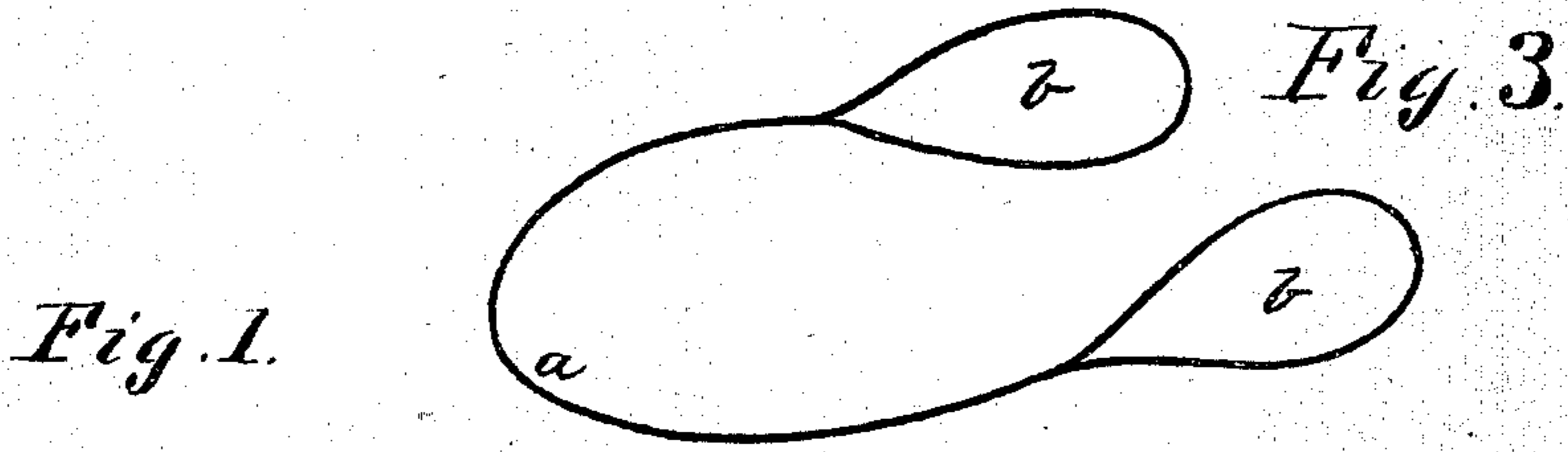


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## IMPROVEMENT IN EAR-COVERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MELVIN STONE, of Vermillion, in the county of Erie and State of Ohio, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Ear-Covers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings making a part of this specification and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a side view of my ear-cover. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the same.

This invention has relation to means for keeping the ears warm in cold weather; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of the spring-wire head-clamp, having looped ends, covered with cloth or fur, held full to make a kind of pouch for each ear. The object of this invention is to provide an ear-covering which will keep the cold air from the ear without compressing the same.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter *a* designates a spring or wire, bent to pass around the head, and looped at each end, as shown at *b*. The bend of the wire or spring should be covered with cloth. Each loop *b*

should be of sufficient size to pass over the ear freely; and is designed to be covered with cloth or fur, held full to form a bag or pouch, *c*, which will fit snugly over the ear without compressing the same.

The wire-loop, passing over the ear, will fit closely against the side of the head, and exclude the cold air from the interior of the pouch.

I am aware that a bent wire, with ear-pouches at the end, and passing under the chin to support a chin-cover, is not new; therefore I do not claim such invention.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The spring-clamp ear-protector, constructed as described, consisting of the bent spring *a*, of suitable shape to be passed over the head, and having its looped ends *b* covered with cloth or fur, held full to form bags or pouches for the ears, as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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