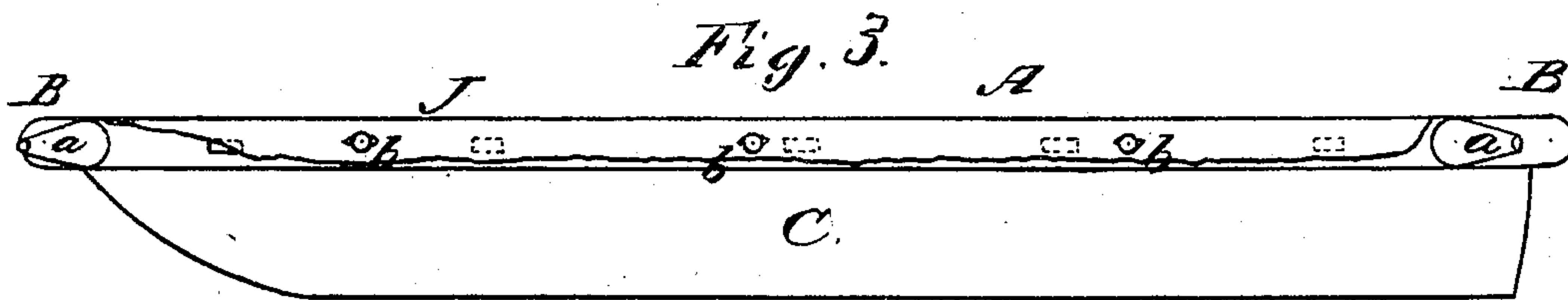
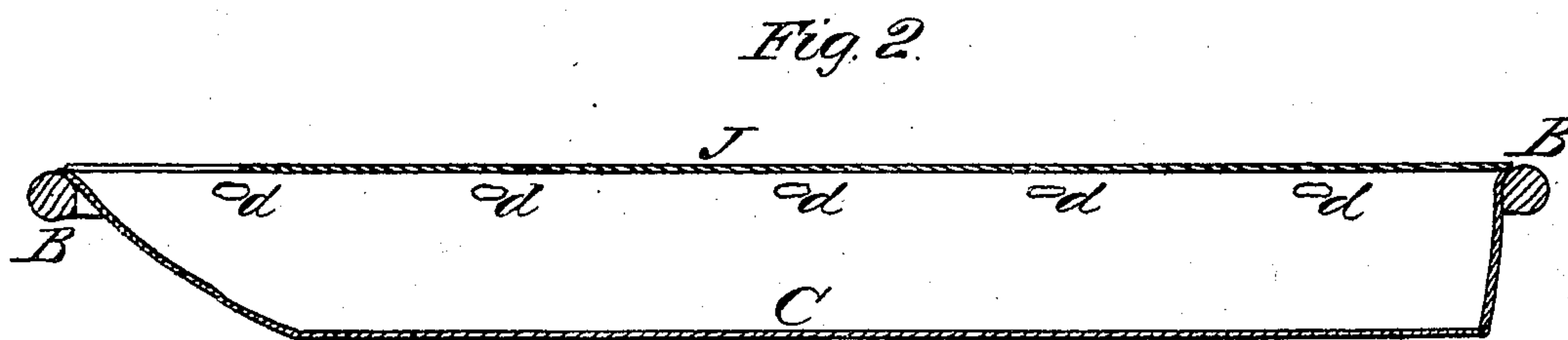
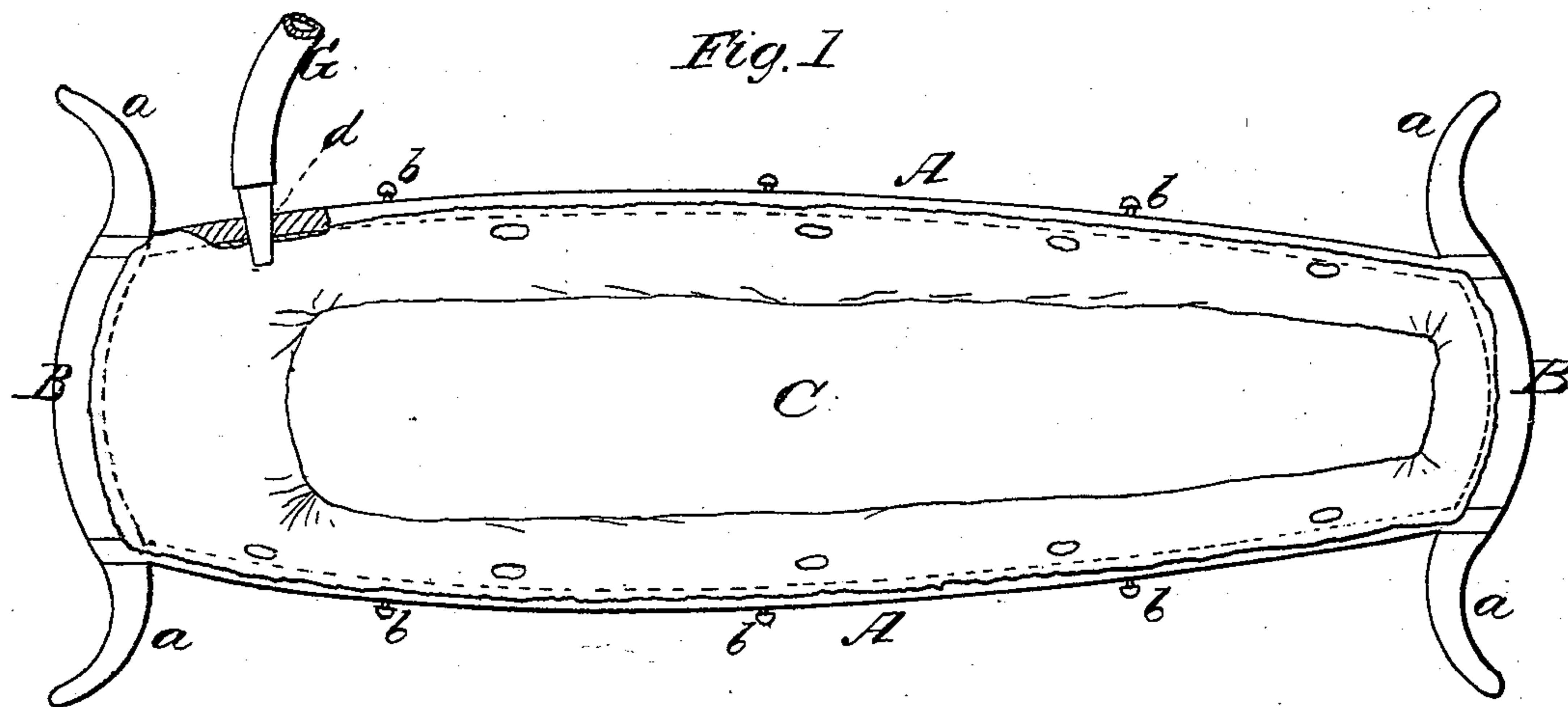


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BATHING APPARATUS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. DE LAP, of Athens, in the county of Calhoun and State of Michigan, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Bathing Apparatus; 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 drawing is a representation of a plan view of my bathing apparatus. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a side view of the same.

This invention has relation to bathing apparatus; and it consists in a flexible water-proof pocket combined with a light rigid frame, constructed as will be hereinafter explained.

In the annexed drawings, the letter A designates the side bars of a light but rigid frame, and B B are the end bars of this frame, which are constructed with horns or handles *a*. The side bars A A are perforated at *d* for the introduction through them of the nozzle of a steam or water pipe, G, for the purpose of giving a douche bath to a person lying in the tub or pocket C, and covered by a cloth, J. Each side bar has several holes through it for allowing different parts of the body to be douched. The cover J may be of oiled silk, or of any other suitable material, and it is designed for

preventing exposure of the person being treated; also, for confining the vapors in the bath when steam or medicated warm water is used. This cover J is fastened to buttons *b*, fixed to the side bars A, so that it can be readily attached and detached. The pocket C is flexible, and it is made of india-rubber, or other suitable flexible water-proof material, and one end of it is raised, so that the head of a person lying on it will be submerged in the water.

Among the many advantages of my bathing apparatus, it is portable, and can be put into a very compact shape. The pocket being flexible, it will accommodate itself to a person lying in it, and will be very comfortable. It can be used as a stretcher for moving sick and wounded persons, and it is not expensive.

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

The frame A B, having a flexible water-proof pocket secured to it, the side bars of which frame are perforated, and have attached to them a cover, J, substantially as and for the purposes described.

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

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