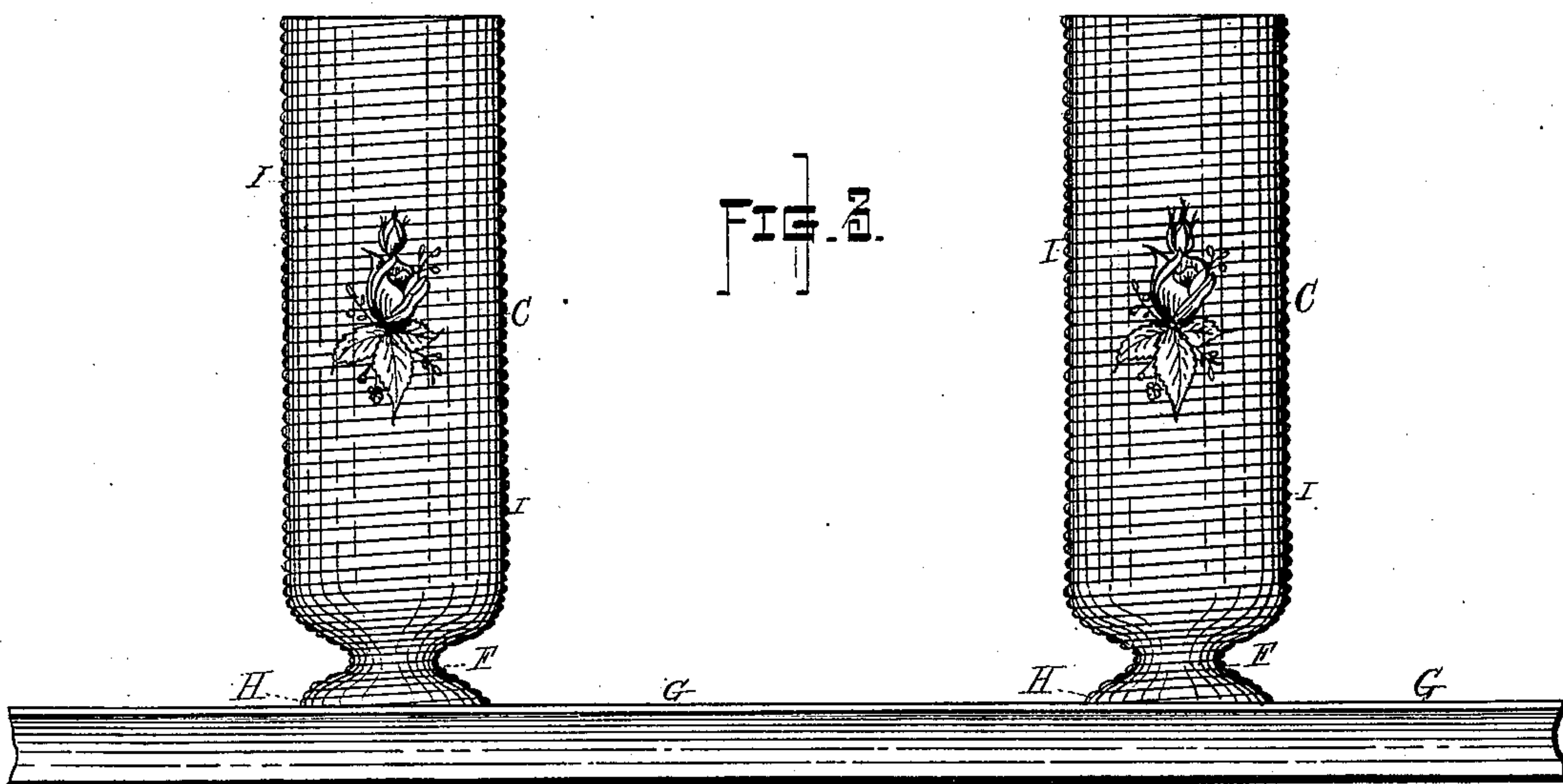
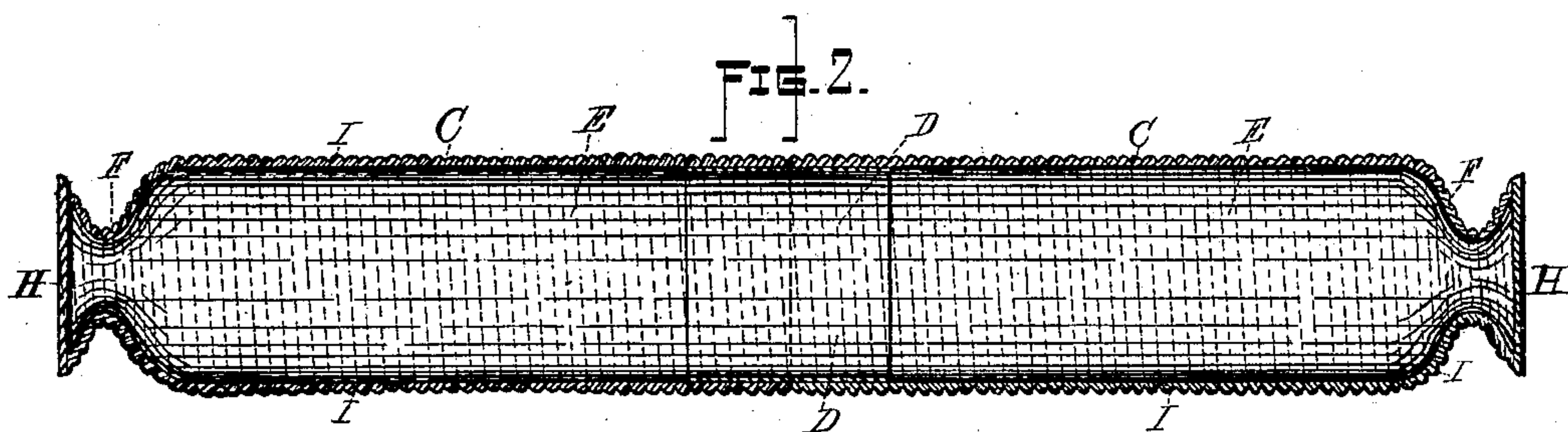
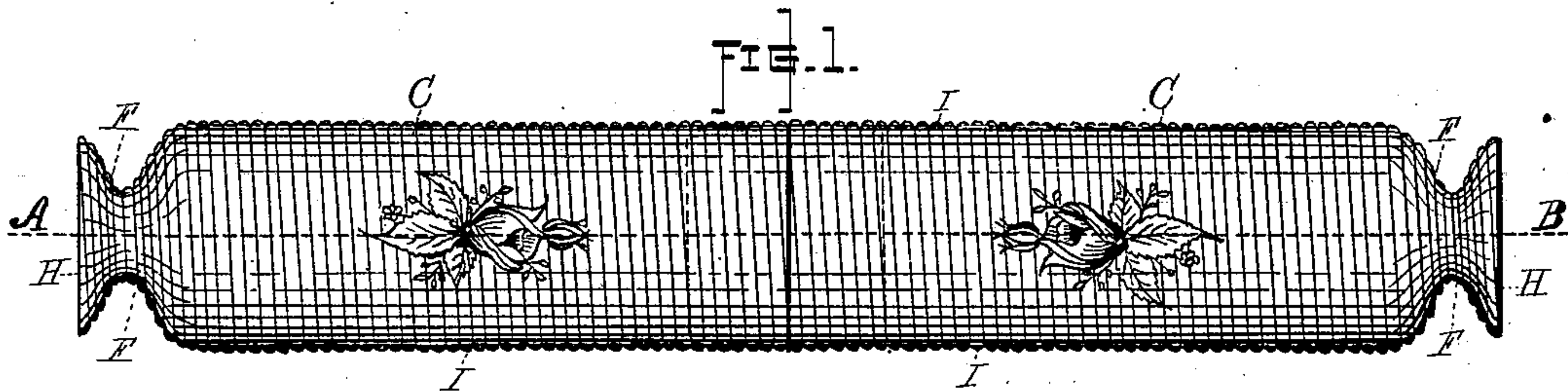


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. MARBLE, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented new and useful Combined Box and Mantle Ornaments or Vases; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a side view of my said new article of manufacture as it appears when used as a corset box or holder. Fig. 2 represents a longitudinal section on line A B, Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 represents the device when represented and used as vases or mantel ornaments, as will be hereinafter more fully described.

To enable those skilled in the art to which my invention belongs to make and use the same, I will proceed to describe it more in detail.

In the drawings, the parts marked C C represent the two ends of the corset box or holder when united together by the tube or telescopic piece D, which is made small enough to enter with a close fit the interior E of the end pieces C C, as indicated in full and dotted lines, Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings; and, if preferred, said piece D may be slightly attached by adhesive material, or in any other convenient way, at one of its ends to the inside of one of the end pieces C, so that when the box is used for containing a corset, it can be opened and closed without liability of the tube-piece D being pulled out. In ordinary practice, however, if the tube-piece D is made from thick paper, or some similar material, its elasticity and expansive force may be quite sufficient to hold it in place, especially if one end is made slightly larger than the other, and the smaller end allowed to project to receive the other end

C of the box, which is slipped over the projecting end of D after the corset has been inserted.

The ends C C may be made of any suitable material, such, for instance, as the pith of rattan, coiled spirally to form the ends C C, said coils being united by glue, varnish, or other adhesive substances, and the inner surface may also be covered with a thin coating of paper, to make a more perfect finish. They may also be made from sheets or strips of paper, or other similar substances.

The ends F may be made in the form shown in the drawings, or in any other desired shape, so as to furnish suitable bottoms or bases for supporting the same when they are used as vases or mantel ornaments, as represented in Fig. 3 of the drawings, where the ends C C are represented detached from each other, and arranged upon a mantel, G.

To give greater strength, wood ends or heads H in this instance are secured to the coiled material I, and which wooden part H extends out beyond the coiled material; but its outer edge is so turned as to represent a continuation of the coiled material I.

The ends C C may be ornamented in any desirable manner, to give them an attractive and pleasing appearance when used as vases, or mantel and other ornaments.

Having described my combined corset-box and mantel ornaments or vases, what I claim therein as new and of my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with the ends C C, provided with bases F H, of the movable tubular or telescopic piece D, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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