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Cigar Holder.

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Fig. 1.

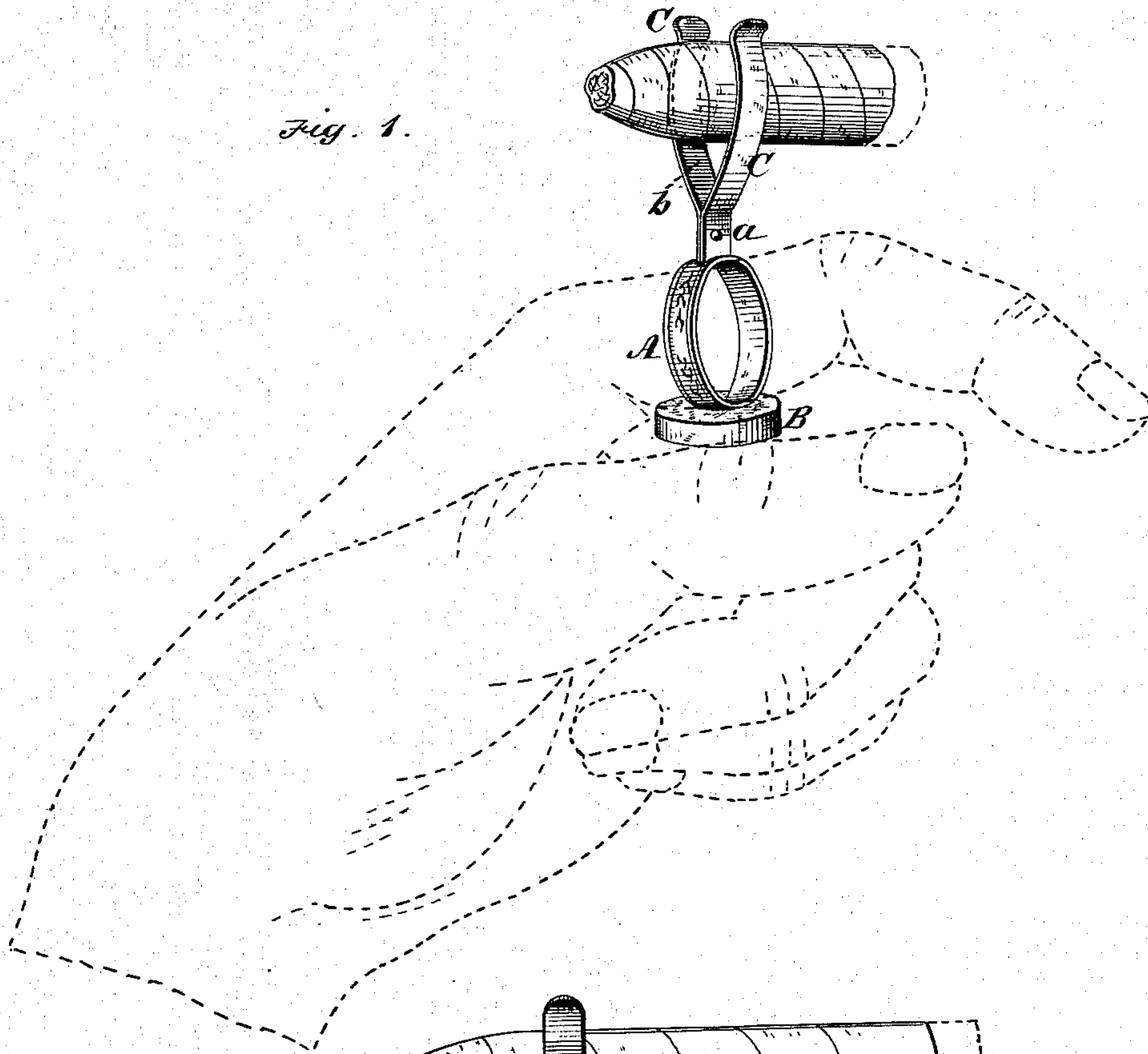


Fig. 3.

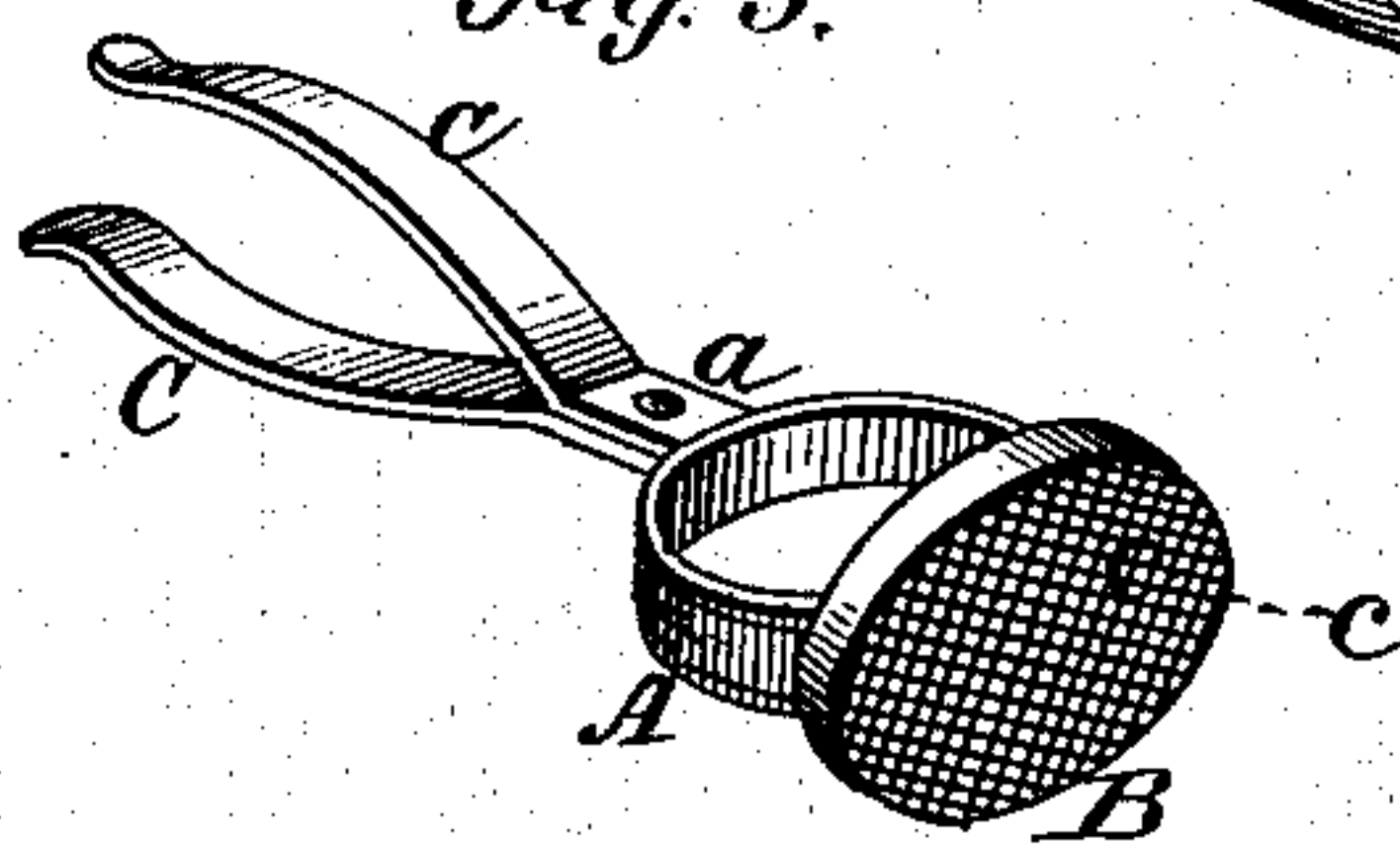
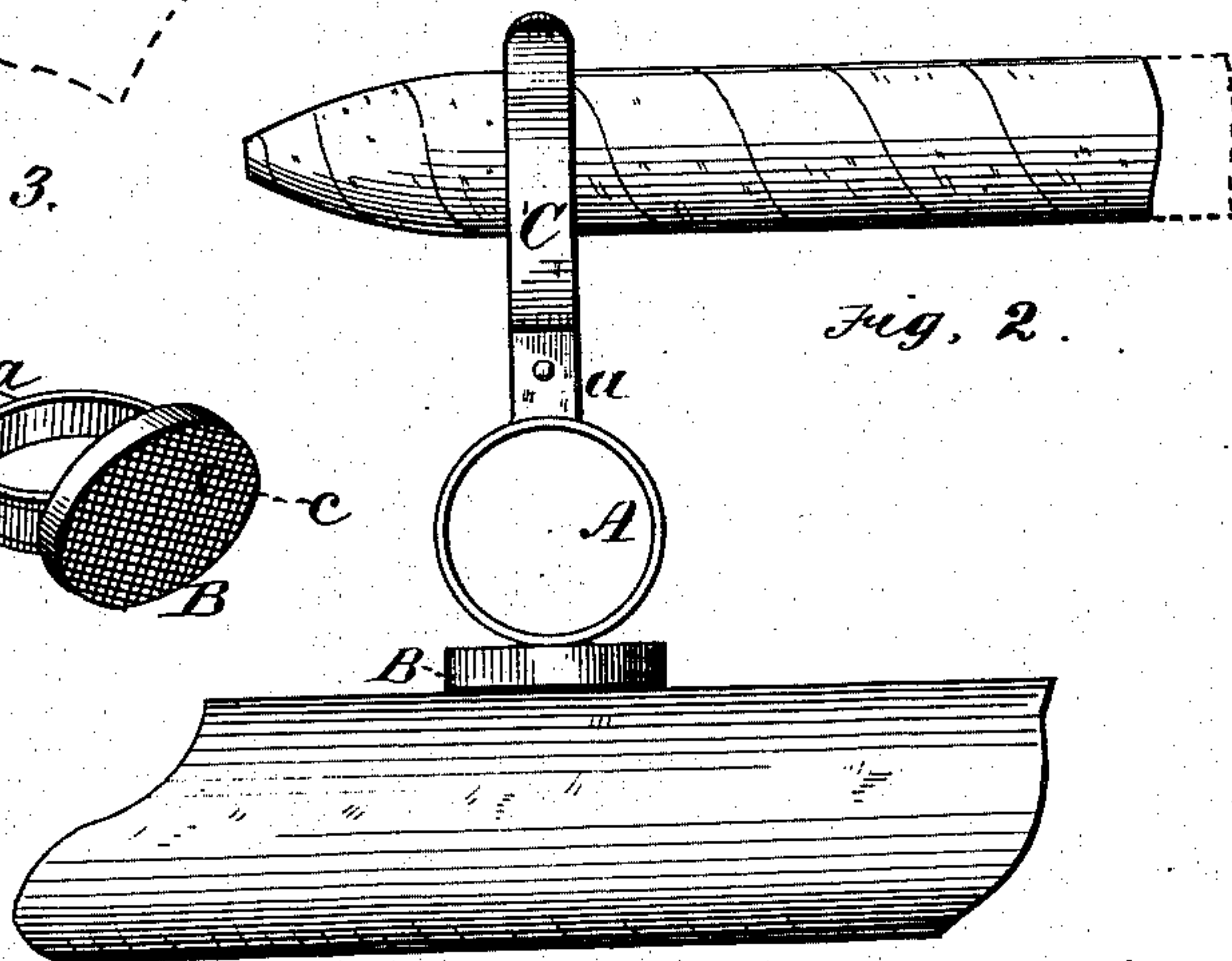


Fig. 2.



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CIGAR-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CAMPBELL CARRINGTON, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful
5 Improvements in Cigar-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates, as the title indicates, to devices for holding cigars while being smoked; but my improvements especially relate to those of the kind in which spring
10 clamping-jaws secured to a finger-ring hold the cigar in convenient position for smoking.

The object of my improvement is to furnish a cigar-holder of this class provided with a
15 combined counter-weight or balance and foot-rest, whereby the cigar is held in the desired position upon the smoker's finger without depending upon a tight fit, and whereby the holder may be placed upon a table with its cigar
20 without bringing the cigar in contact therewith, so that the cigar may not scorch said table or other surface. This I accomplish by providing the finger-ring which carries the holding-jaws with a weighted resting and balancing
25 foot; but the invention is hereinafter fully described with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a view, in perspective, of a cigar-holder embracing my invention,
30 showing by dotted lines the manner in which the device is held by the index-finger; Fig. 2, a side elevation, showing the holder as supporting the cigar free from a table-top or other surface; and Fig. 3, a perspective showing the
35 match-strike.

In these drawings, A is a finger-ring; B, a weighted foot-rest soldered or otherwise secured thereto; and C C are spring-jaws, suitably fastened by a standard, *a*, to the ring,
40 and adapted to receive and clasp the cigar; and *c* is the match-strike surface.

The foot-rest B is preferably of an oval or lozenge form, with its longer axis at right angles to the ring-band, for the sake of comfort
45 and convenience in manipulating, and should also be of sufficient weight to preserve its gravity when the cigar, with its holder, is temporarily laid upon the table. The longer axis

of the weight need not be at right angles to the ring-band, and indeed some prefer the reverse. It may also be observed that instead
50 of the spring clamping-jaws I may use the ordinary cigar-smoker attached by standard *a* to the ring; or the spring-jaws may have a sliding clamping-ring; but I prefer to so temper them as to avoid this latter.

The inner sides of the spring-jaws may, if desired, be corrugated or roughened, as shown at *b*; but the spring's tension is all sufficient,
60 as a rule.

While my invention has all the advantages of the usual cigar-holders of this class in preventing the staining and scenting of the fingers, &c., the weighted foot-rest gives the additional advantage of avoiding the turning
65 of the ring, which would carry with it the cigar during involuntary movements of the fingers, as the weighted foot balances the weight of the cigar in whatever position the hand may be placed, so that a person using it may
70 write, drive, play billiards, shuffle cards, lift weights, row, fish, &c.; but the great advantage derived from my improvement of a cigar-holding finger-ring with a weighted foot-rest is its capacity for supporting the cigar in a
75 secure and safe manner at an elevation above the surface of a card-table, billiard-table, or desk or other surface, thus preventing the scorching, burning, or staining of any wooden, marble, or cloth table surface; and, further,
80 by such I avoid bringing the mouth end of the cigar into contact with dusty or wet surfaces, &c.—a valuable consideration with tidy smokers.

After a cigar is partially smoked, if desired, it may, by means of my device, be left
85 upon a desk, table, or mantel-piece in a safe position.

The advantages of my improvement apply equally as well to cigarettes and cheroots as
90 to cigars.

The match-strike *c* is shown on the under surface, but it may be on the top or edge, or ring or jaws.

I claim—

In a holder for lighted cigars, the combina-
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