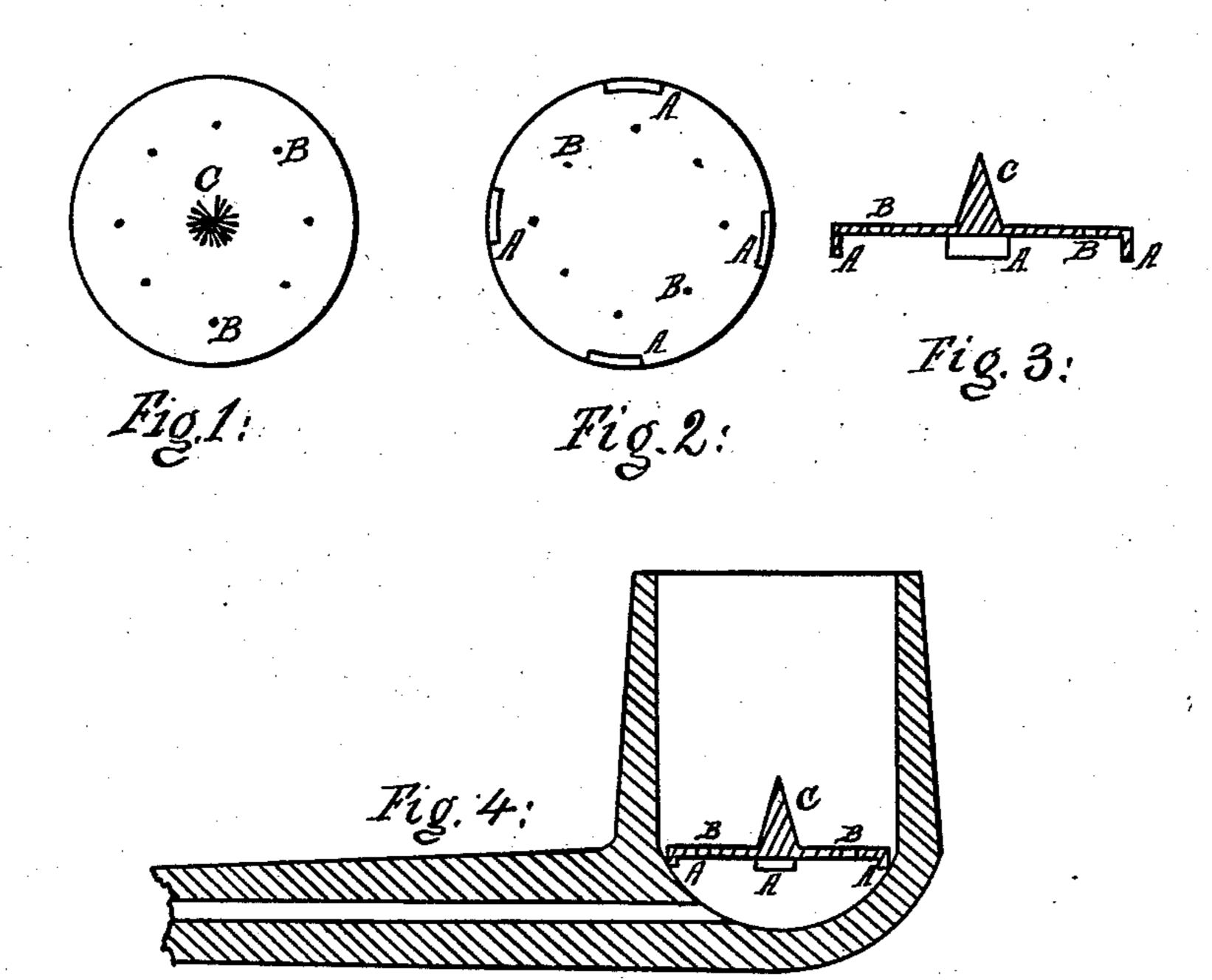
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## TOBACCO-PIPE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, John J. Weber, of St. Clair, county of Schuylkill, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tobacco-Pipes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to pipes for smoking tobacco; and it consists in a device placed in the bottom of the pipe-bowl for equalizing the draft of air through the tobacco, and for preventing the tobacco being drawn into the stem of the pipe.

I attain my object by the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top view of my device; Fig. 2, a bottom view; Fig. 3, a longitudinal vertical section, and Fig. 4 a section of a pipe-bowl having my invention in it.

Similar letters of reference indicate like

20 parts in all the views.

It will be seen that my invention consists in a strainer having feet underneath and a central projection on top. It may be struck up by dies out of sheet metal, or may be made of any other suitable material. The feet A A A A, of which there may be any number, rest on the bottom of the pipe-bowl, as shown in Fig. 4, thus leaving an air-space between the strainer and the bottom of the bowl. The projection C is in the center of the top of the strainer, and may be of any length, as desired. The holes B B B B are arranged around the projection C, as shown.

Now it is a well-known fact to smokers of

pipes that in ordinary pipes the tobacco burns 35 down the center, or in a line with the hole in the bottom of the bowl which leads to the pipestem, and leaves a mass of unburned tobacco around the sides of the pipe-bowl. Wherever the tobacco touches the pipe-bowl or any non- 40 combustible in the bowl it burns slowest, and by the use of the projection C, I thus prevent the burning too freely of the tobacco in the center of the bowl, and at the same time, the holes B B B in the strainer being regularly 45 distributed around the projection C, the draft through the tobacco is equalized, and the tobacco will burn freely and evenly. I construct the holes in the strainer of such size as to prevent the tobacco from passing through them, 50 and by this means keep the pipe-stem clean and free of tobacco.

The advantages of my invention over ordinary pipes are freedom from clogging of the stem, free burning of the tobacco, and even-55 ness of burning.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Let-

ters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, the herein-described pipe-strainer, having the legs A A A 60 A, the perforations B B B, and the projection C, all constructed and arranged as and for the objects set forth.

JOHN JACOB WEBER.

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