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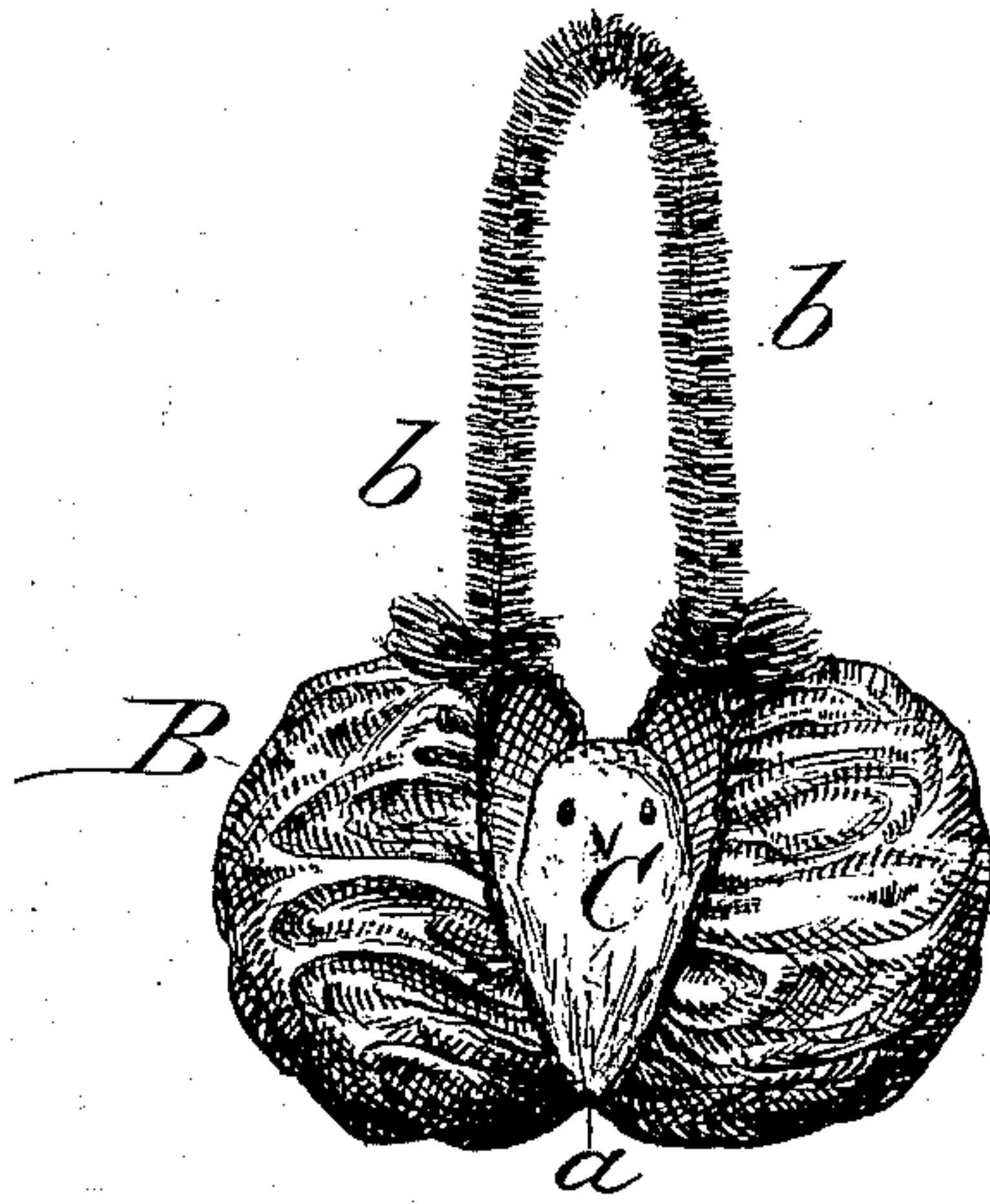
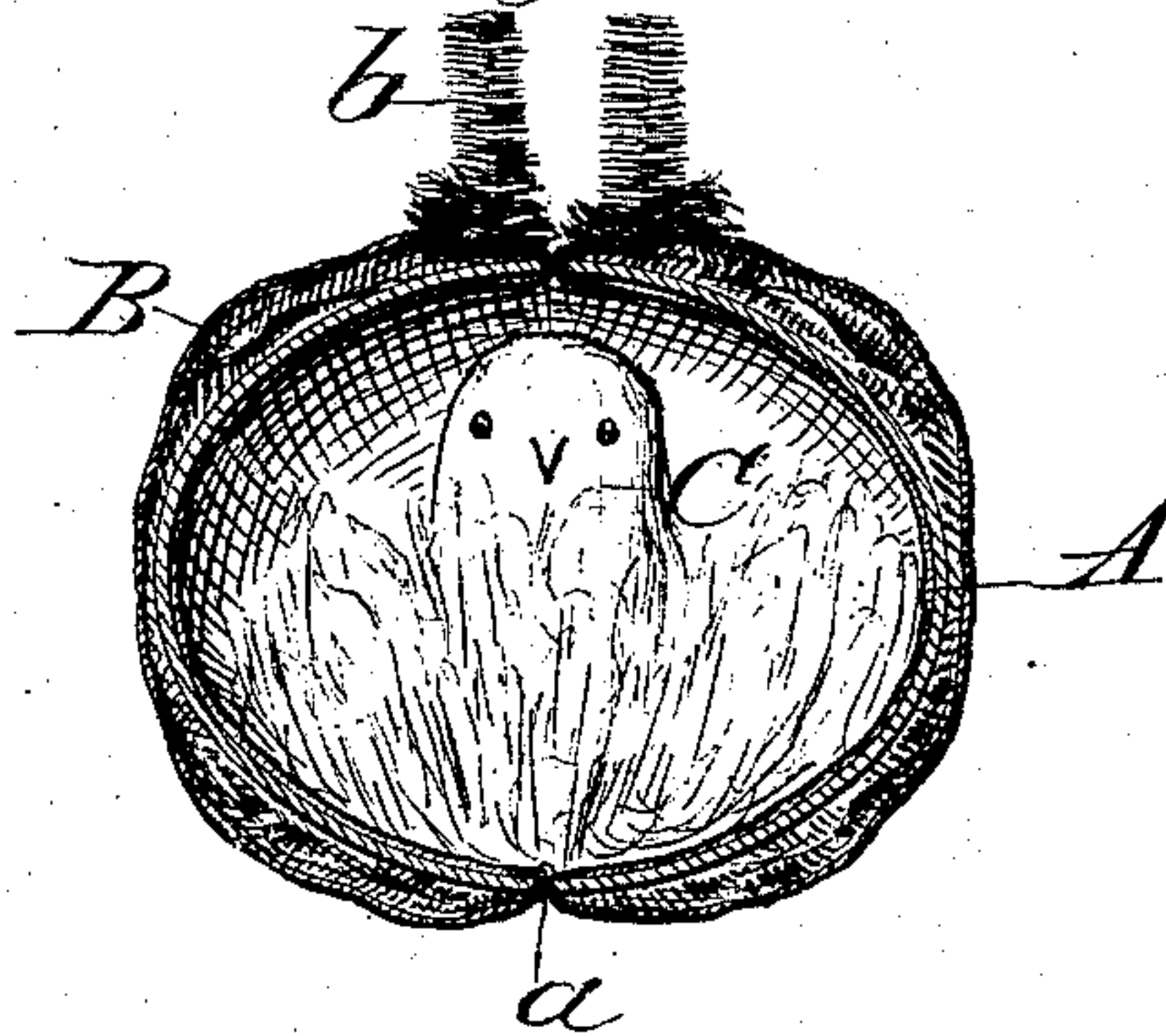


Fig. 2.



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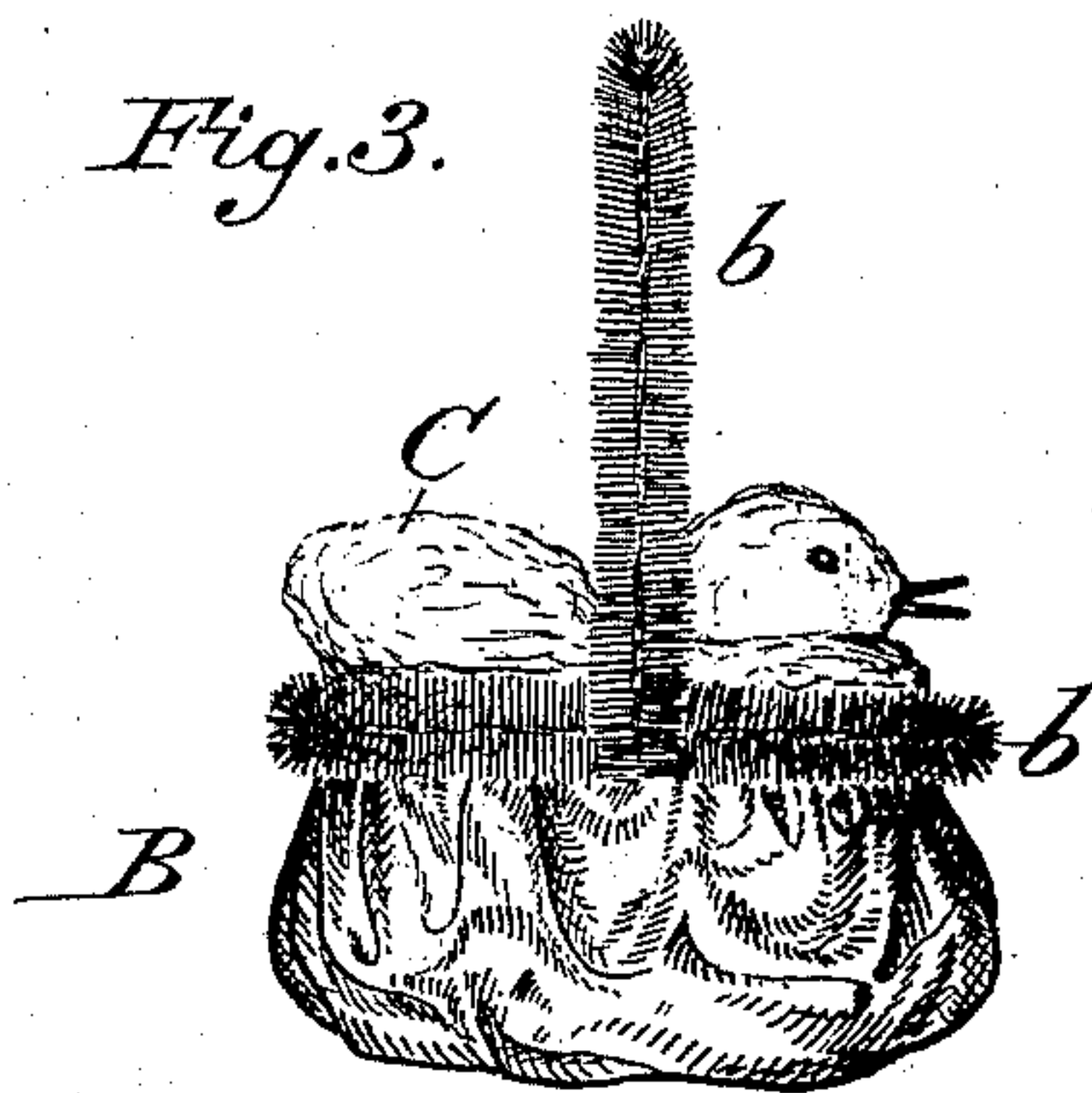
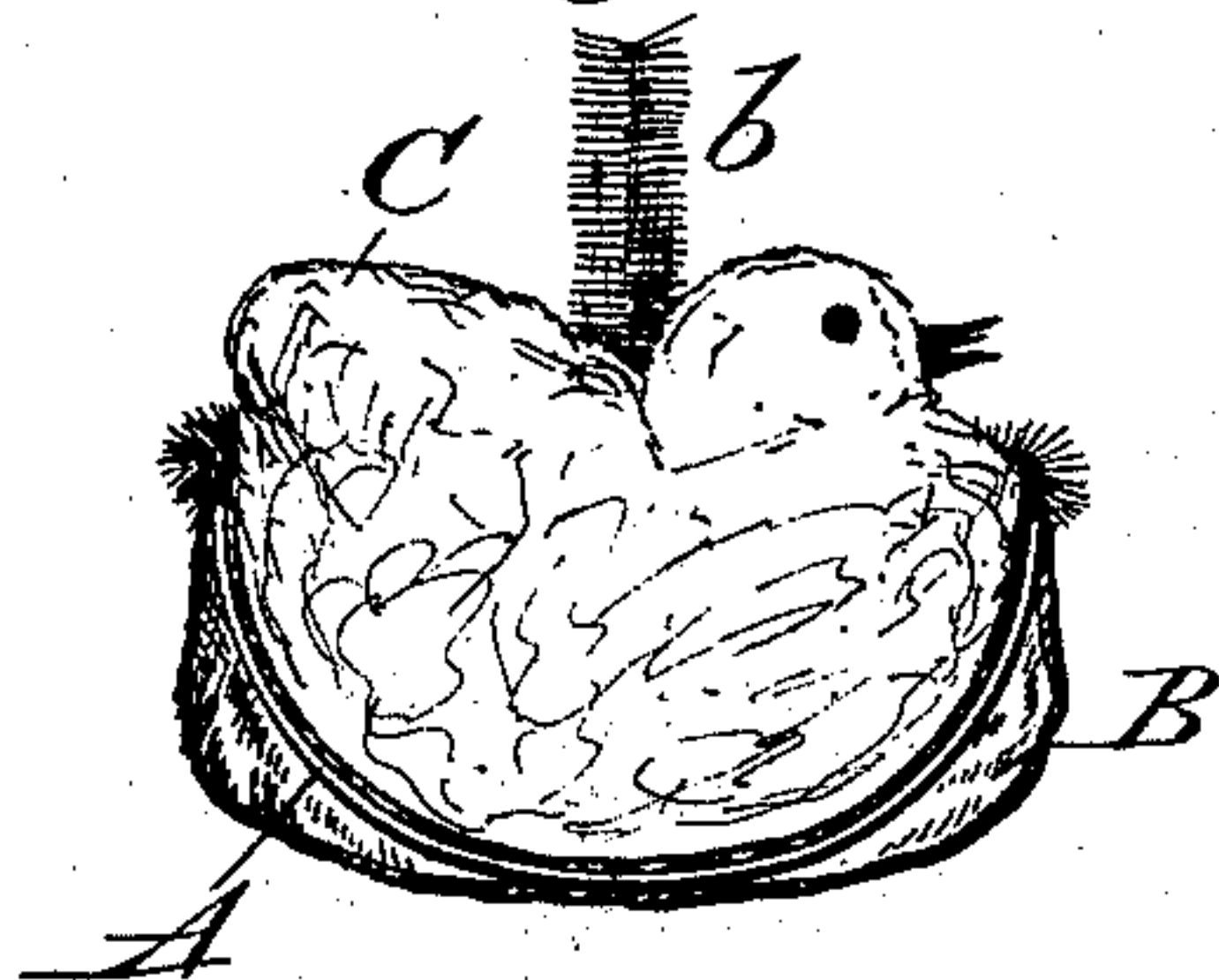


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADDISON A. REEVE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Artificial or Toy Easter-Eggs; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a view of an artificial or toy egg divided transversely and jointed at its lower edge, showing the inclosed bird. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section. Fig. 3 is a side view of an egg divided horizontally, showing the young fowl resting therein; and Fig. 4 is a side view of the same, partly broken away to show the bird more clearly.

My invention consists in an artificial or toy Easter-egg composed of suitable ornamental material, as hereinafter more fully described.

The shell of the egg is represented at A, and may be constructed of any suitable material, such as paper, card-board, leather, or other like substance capable of being cut or molded into the proper form; or a natural egg-shell may be employed as the frame of the toy. The frame or shell A may be divided transversely, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, in which event it is preferably hinged or jointed at *a* in any suitable manner; or the egg may be divided horizontally or longitudinally, as shown in Figs. 3

and 4. The frame or shell A is suitably lined, and has an ornamental covering, B, of paper, silk, satin, or other appropriate material. If desired, suitable ornamental designs may be painted, embroidered, or otherwise attached to this covering. Chenille, silk, or velvet cords *b b* are provided, by which the egg may be handled. Within the egg is placed a representation of a young bird or fowl, C, which consists of a suitable frame having a covering of downy material, or may consist entirely of such material.

This article forms a pleasing toy, and may also serve a useful purpose by being employed as a sachet bag or case.

If desired, the form of egg shown in Figs. 1 and 2 may be provided in the interior with a piece of elastic cord or other device for holding the parts closely together until separated by the fingers.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, an artificial Easter-egg composed of the frame or shell A and covering B, substantially as specified.

2. In a toy Easter-egg, the combination of the frame or shell A, covering B, and bird C, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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