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Fig. 1.

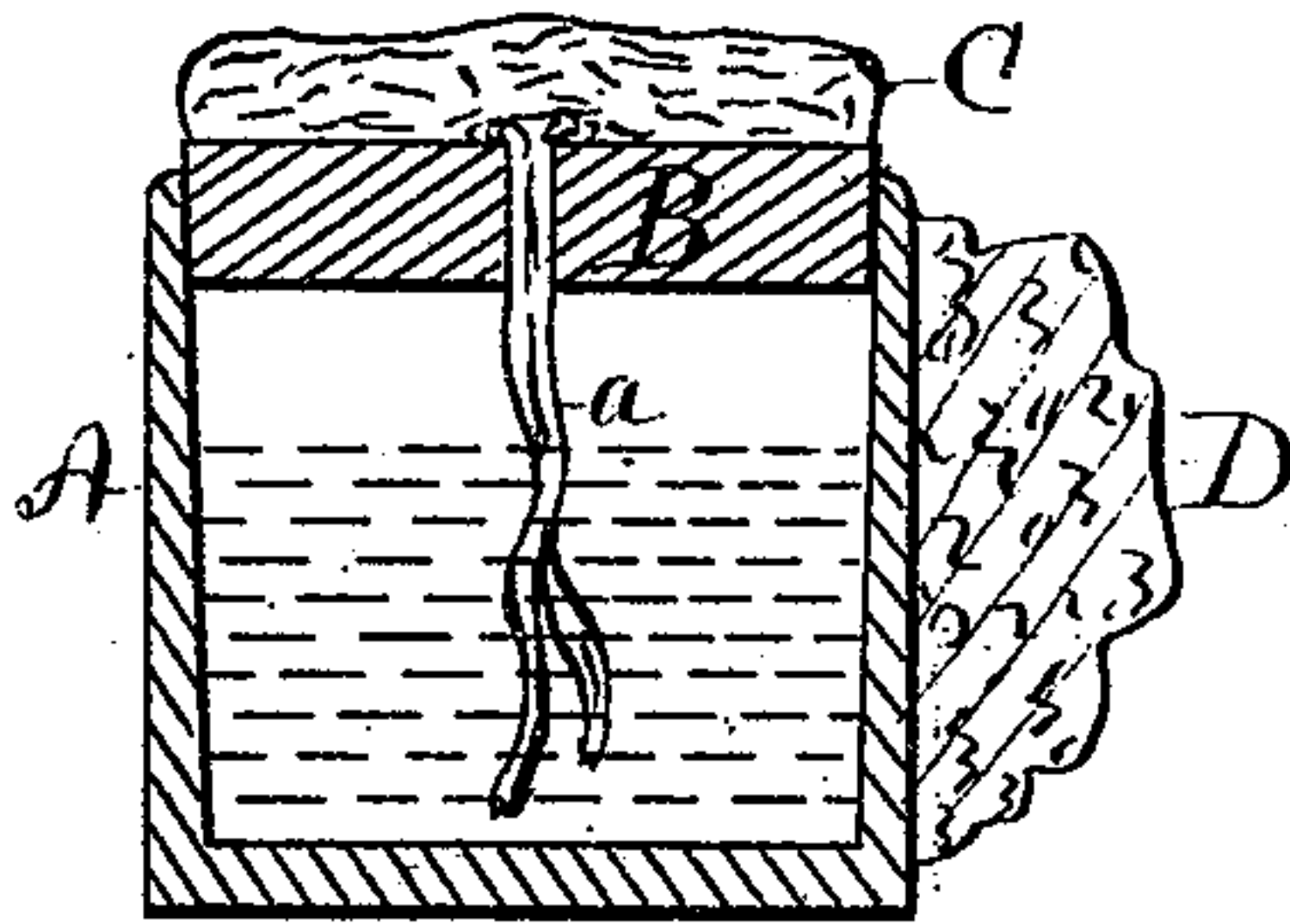
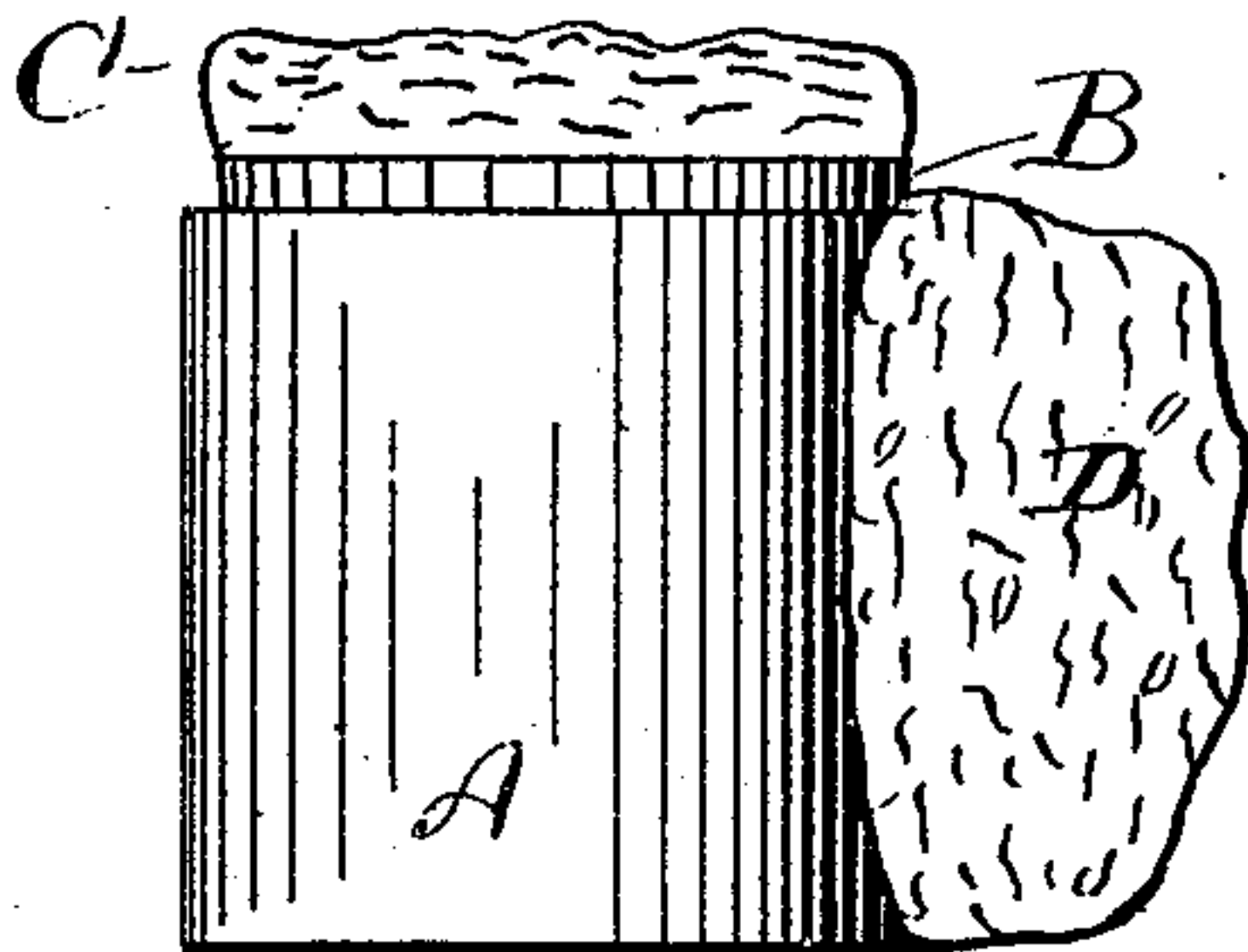


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DWIGHT F. WALBRIDGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have made certain Improvements in Slate-Wipers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a slate-sponge and holder for school use more particularly; and the invention consists in the combination, in one device, of a wet and dry sponge connected to a combined handle and water-receptacle, keeping one sponge constantly moistened by an attached wick depending through a cork stopper in the handle, and to which the sponge is fastened. A dry sponge is cemented to the side of the holder or handle, for wiping dry after the wet sponge has been used, all as clearly hereinafter explained.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a vertical cross-section through the whole device; Fig. 2, an elevation of the whole.

A represents a hollow receptacle, round, square, or other suitable shape, having a stopper, B, of cork, set tightly in the top. To this stopper is cemented a sponge, C, and in its center is set a depending wick, *a*, of any suitable material, and which goes through the stopper, and hangs down into the receptacle A, which contains water. This wick *a*, by capillary attraction, constantly draws up sufficient water to keep the sponge C moist; but no water can escape from the receptacle, as,

besides the stopper, the inside is painted or otherwise prepared to prevent water soaking through. This sponge C is used to wipe off figures, &c., on the slate. On the side of the receptacle A, which is in fact also the handle of the whole, is cemented or otherwise fastened another sponge or wiper, D, which is always dry, having no connection with the inside of the box A. This is used to dry, by wiping, the moisture on the slate left by sponge C. This is the whole device. It is simple, cheap, handy, and extremely useful for the use of school-children or others. It is of small size, and can be attached to the slate, if desired, by a string. It is to do away with the greasing of slates by spitting on them, and then wiping with the hands, sleeves, or handkerchief.

I claim—

The wiper constructed of and combining the hollow handle and water-receptacle A, sponge C, attached to stopper B, and attached wick *a*, and the wiper or dry sponge D, fastened to the side of handle A, all substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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