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TAG ATTACHMENT FOR MAIL BAGS.

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FIG. 1.

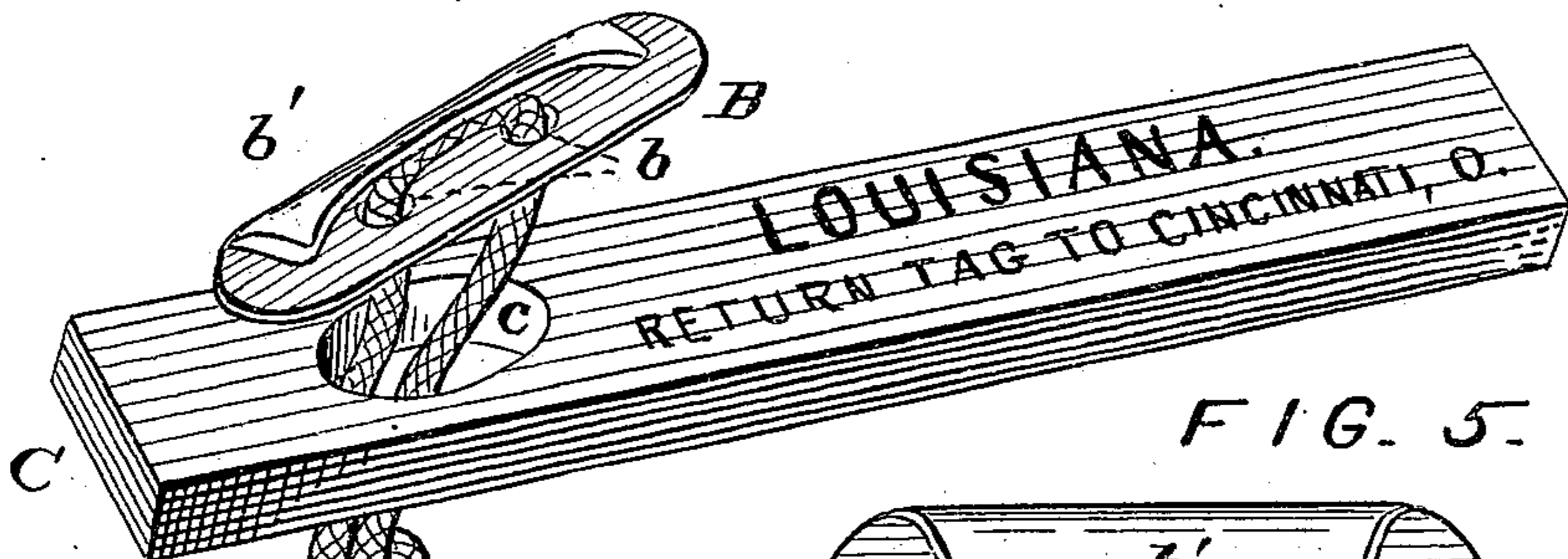


FIG. 5.

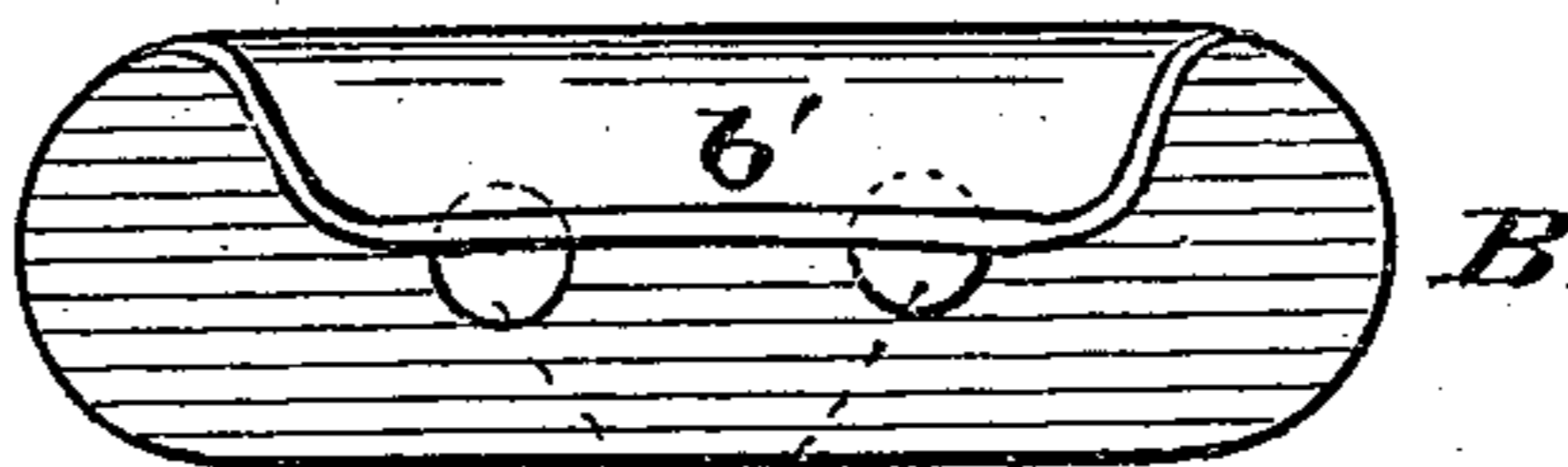


FIG. 2.

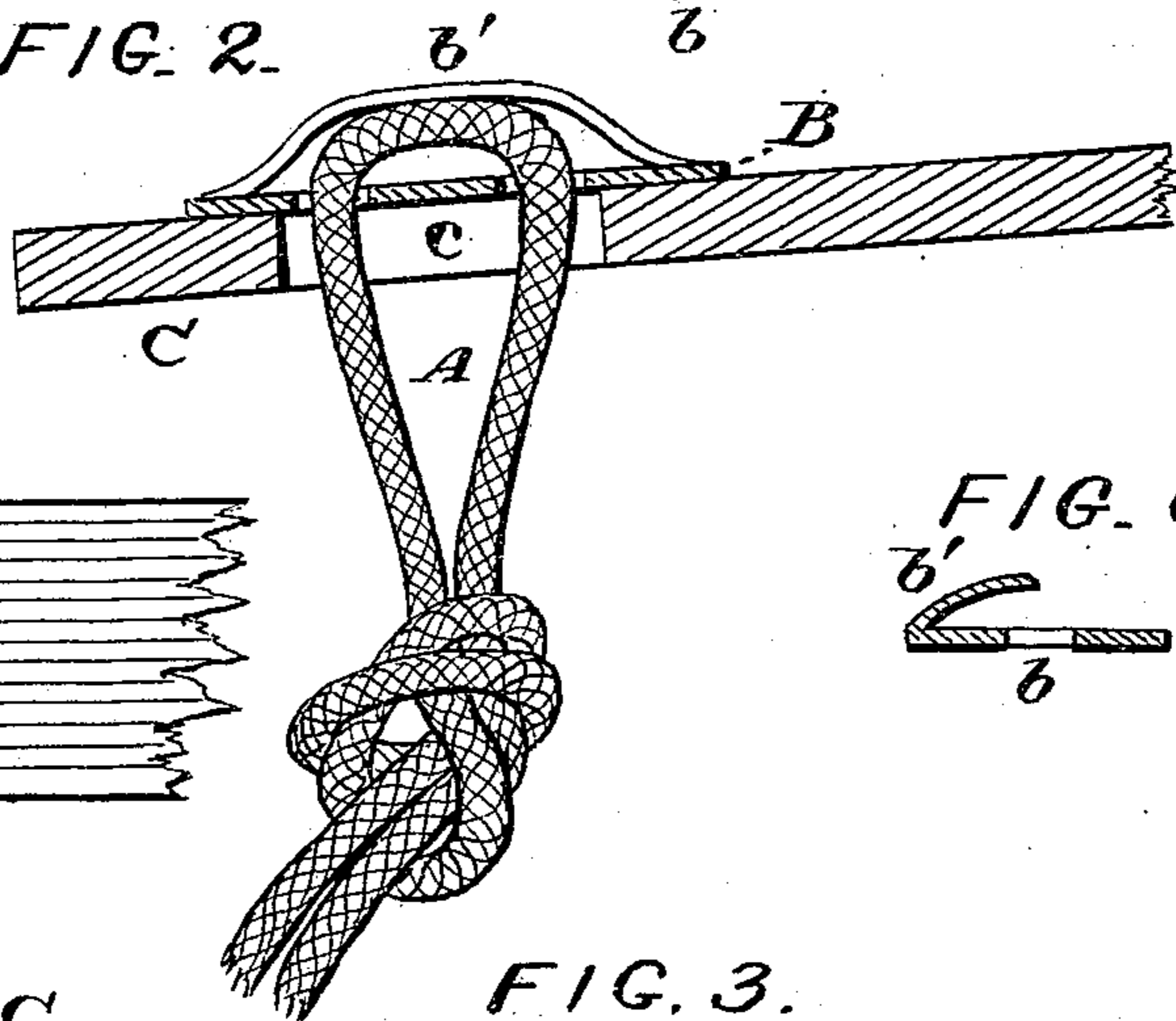


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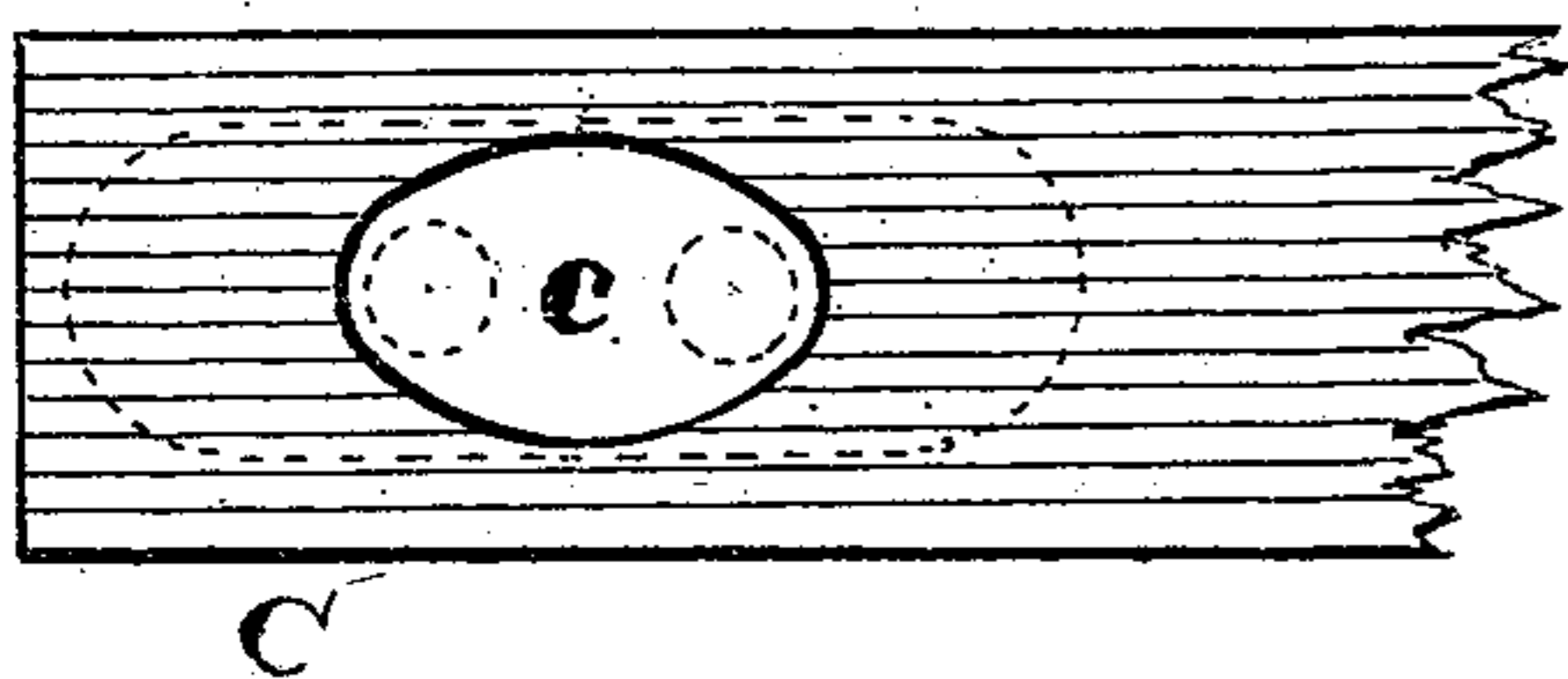


FIG. 6.

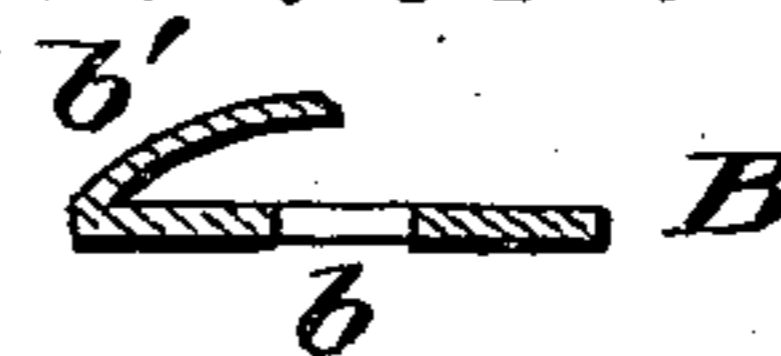


FIG. 3.

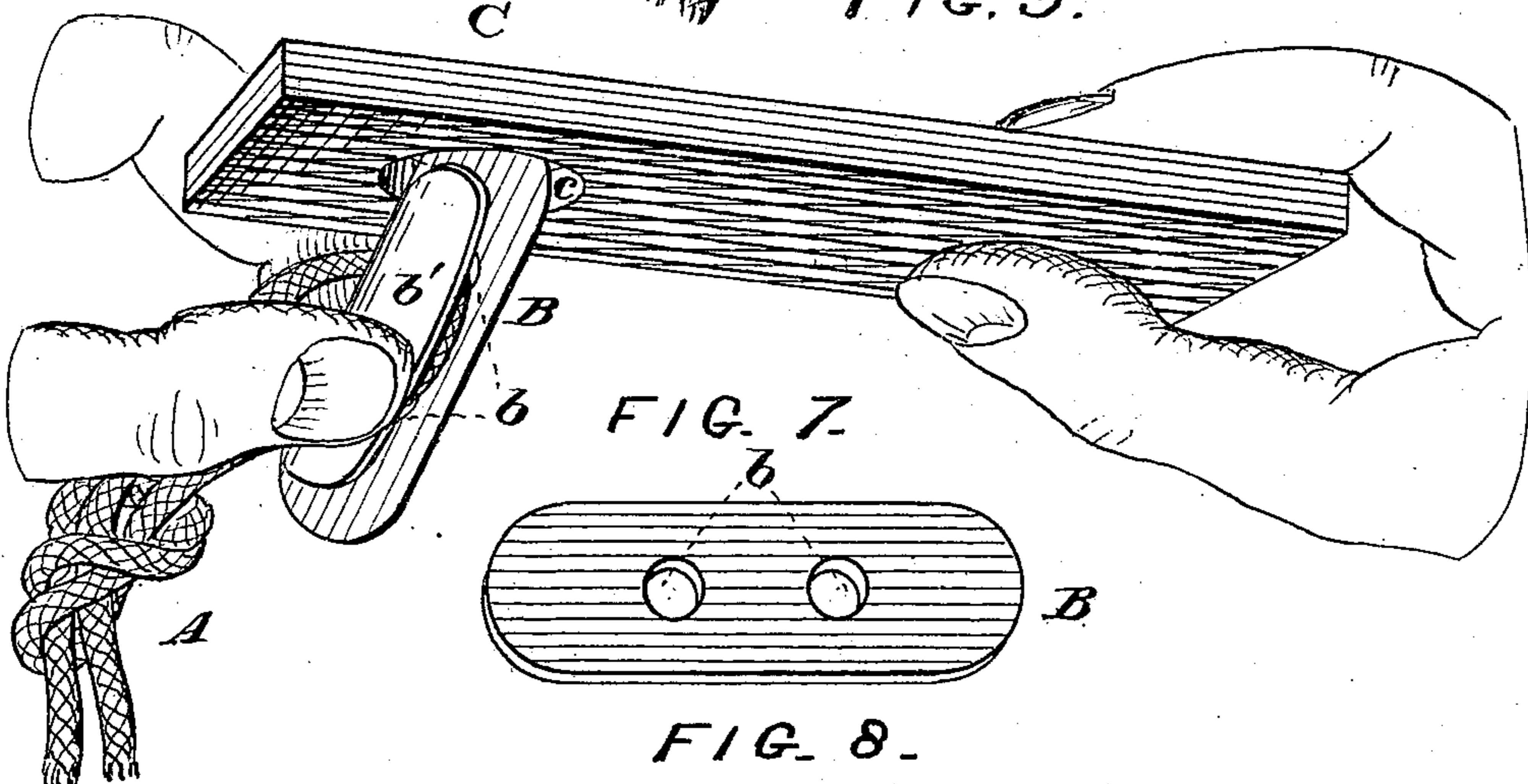


FIG. 7.



FIG. 8.



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## TAG ATTACHMENT FOR MAIL-BAGS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM P. O'HARA, of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in  
5 Tag Attachments for Mail-Bags, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved device for attaching to and detaching from mail-bags the customary wooden tag inscribed with  
10 the name of the place to which the package is to be sent and of the place to which it is to be returned. The construction of my device is such as to enable such attachment and detachment to be made with great expedition  
15 and without destruction of any of the parts.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a tag engaged upon the fastening or puckering cord of a mail-bag. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3 represents the mode of introducing the button  
20 through the oval orifice in the tag. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the perforated end or heel of the tag. Fig. 5 is a top view, and Fig. 6 is a transverse section, of my button. Figs. 7 and 8 represent by top view and longitudinal section a modification of my button.

A represents part of the customary fastening or puckering cord of a mail-bag.

B is my retainer or button, which may be  
30 stamped out of sheet metal or be cast, and which has the represented oblong form with rounded ends. Through two holes, *b b*, in this button the bight or loop of the fastening-cord is rove.

35 The preferred form of my button has a lip, *b'*, which, curving over the bight of the cord, both protects it from wear and affords a convenient surface for the user's thumb to grasp in handling the button, either for engagement with or disengagement from the tag, as  
40 shown in Fig. 3. Furthermore, said lip both makes it easier to insert or to withdraw the button, and protects the bight of the cord from injury and wear in such insertion or  
45 withdrawal, the button having been thrust entirely through the oval hole *c* of the wooden

tag C. This having been done, a retrograde pull of cord A causes its two strands to assume a position coincident with the longitudinal axis of the hole *c*, so as to bring the  
50 button to the position shown in Fig. 2 and indicated by dotted lines on Fig. 4, in which it becomes and remains parallel with the tag, and from which it cannot be accidentally dislodged or displaced. Such tag can be attached and detached very much more expeditiously and easily than by the usual twine fastenings, and cannot, like these fastenings  
55 often do, work loose and get "lost off," endangering miscarriage of the package or obliging examination of and possible scattering of its contents. The use of this attachment would manifestly effect a great saving in the present cost of twine, and secure important dispatch in handling and shipment of  
60 the mails.

It will be seen that I employ the customary puckering-cord, A, which is permanently attached to each mail-bag.

The above-described preferred form of my  
70 improvement is susceptible of various modifications. For example, the lip *b'* may be omitted, as shown in Figs. 7 and 8, and the orifice in the tag may be of oblong or of circular or other form. 75

I claim as new and of my invention—

1. The combination of looped cord A and doubly-perforated button B with the tag C, having the oval orifice *c*, whose major axis is lengthwise of the tag, substantially as and for  
80 the purpose designated.

2. As a new article of manufacture, the oblong retainer or button B, having the two holes *b b* and the recurved lip or protector *b'*, as and for the purpose set forth. 85

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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