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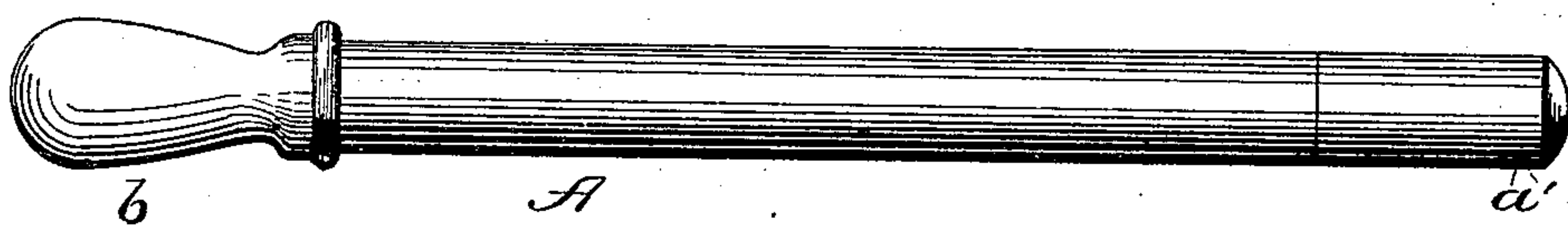


Fig. 1.

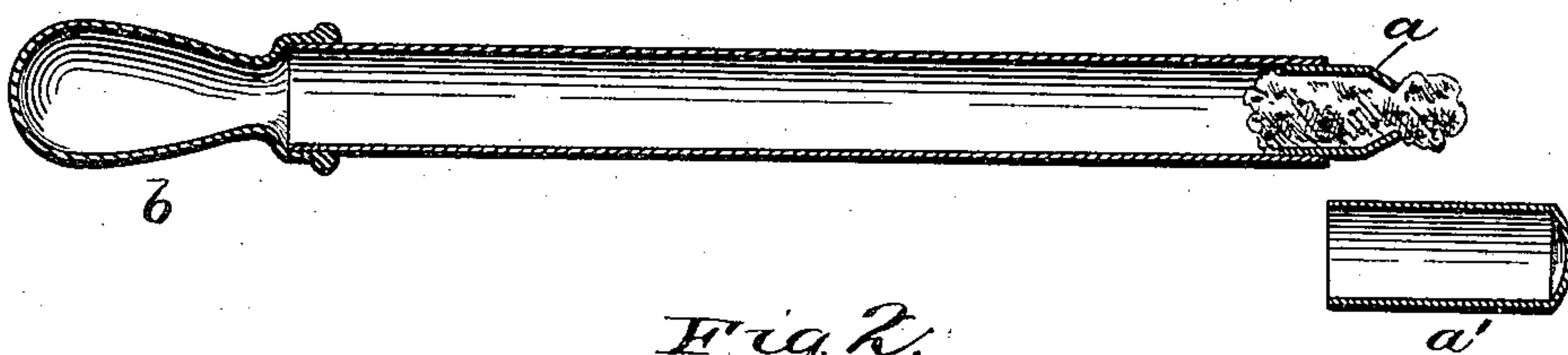


Fig. 2.

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## MUCILAGE-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES S. PINKHAM, 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 Mucilage-Holders; and I do hereby 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.

My invention relates to mucilage-holders, and has for its object to provide a receptacle or holder for the mucilage, combined with a swab or brush, which may be used for the desk or carried in the pocket, and which is easily filled, and in which the swab does not dry or harden.

In carrying out my invention I employ a rigid cylinder provided with a contracted neck for holding a swab and for receiving a cap or covering for said swab, and a bulb for saturating or filling the swab with mucilage whenever required.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents the external view of my improved holder, and Fig. 2 a longitudinal section of the same.

A is a cylinder or reservoir, which may be made of any rigid material, as metal, hard rubber, glass, or porcelain. It is provided with a contracted neck, *a*, which is preferably made separate and soldered or otherwise secured in one end thereof. This neck is made to fit the inside of the cylinder, and projects a short distance, as shown, and furnishes a seat over which the cap or cover *a'* fits. A sponge or other porous material is forced into and through this neck and operates as a wick to absorb and a swab to spread the mucilage.

The contraction of the neck serves to hold the swab tightly in its place and confines the same within a diameter such that a cap or cover of the size of the cylinder may be readily adjusted without obstruction by the swab. To the opposite end of the cylinder I connect an elastic bulb, *b*, for forcing the liquid into the sponge. This bulb is conveniently and sufficiently attached by stretching or opening its mouth and bringing it over the end of the cylinder or holder. When the mucilage is exhausted, the bulb is removed and the cylinder refilled.

The operation of this device is very simple. Having filled the reservoir, a slight pressure on the bulb forces the mucilage into the wick or sponge, which becomes saturated, and when the cap *a* has been removed the mucilage may be applied to any surface in the manner of using a pencil or brush, the cylinder being used as a handle.

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

1. A mucilage holder and swab consisting of the combination of a rigid receptacle or body, a sponge or other absorbent materials and an elastic bulb, substantially as described.

2. In a mucilage holder and swab, the combination of a rigid receptacle or body having a contracted neck, and a shoulder, a sponge, a bulb, and a cap, substantially as described.

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

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