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BANNER OR OTHER LIKE ROD.

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Fig. 1

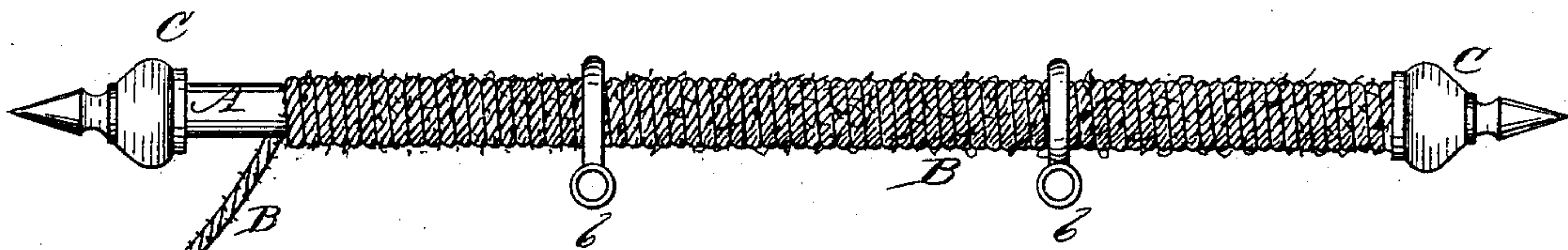
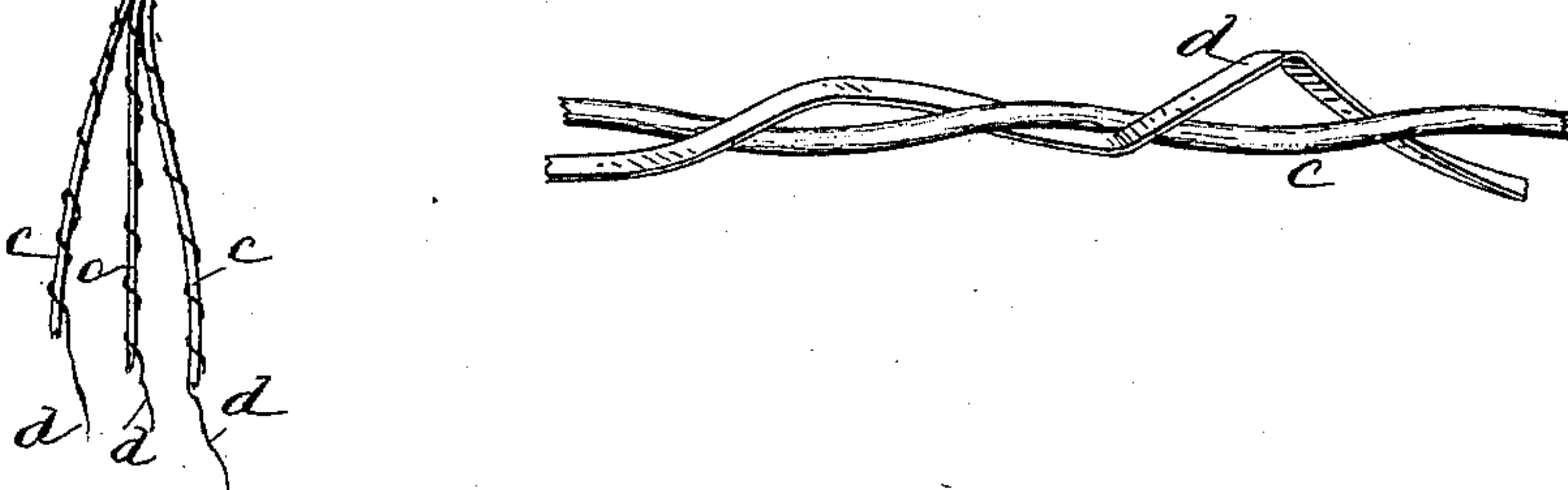


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUFUS H. SAWYER, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Banner or other Like Rod, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is mainly designed to be applied to rods for carrying small banners, commonly known as "bannerets," for domestic decorative purposes; but it is also applicable to like rods for carrying lambrequins, lace curtains, &c. It will suffice here, however, to describe it as applied to banner-rods, such as used for fancy embroidery bannerets. These rods, as ordinarily made, consist of a plain straight rod of wood covered with a wooden strip or web of plush or velvet wrapped around the rod and glued thereon, ornamental tips being applied to the ends of the rod. This construction not only shows an unsightly seam where the two edges of the strip meet, but the glue used to secure said strip or covering is apt to soil the surface of the latter, and said surface, which may be described as flat, is of such a nature that it readily roughs up or mats down, which gives it an objectionable appearance.

My invention has for its object the remedying of these defects, and the making of the finished rod more durable and ornamental.

The invention consists in a cord-covered rod, substantially as hereinafter described.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 represents a longitudinal view of a banner-rod covered, or being covered, with tinsel cord, the one end of said cord being left untwisted to better illustrate how the same is made; and Fig. 2, a longitudinal view, upon a larger scale, of a portion of one of the strands of said cord with a strip of tinsel as applied to it.

A is the rod proper, and B the cord covering thereof. C C are the hollow ornamental tips, of any suitable pattern, on the end of the rod; and *b b* are the usual rings and appendages for attaching the banner.

The cord B, which may be of any desired color or colors, is wound spirally and closely around the rod. This may be done rapidly by machinery, as in other winding operations, and the end or ends of the wound cord be secured by fitting the hollow tip or tips C tightly over them and over the end or ends of the rod, as shown at the right hand of Fig. 1, thereby making the tips have a double function or use, and the cord assisting in wedging or holding the tips to their places.

The cord when wound on the rod will give a corduroy finish, not liable to mat down or rough up, without any longitudinal seam, and requiring no glue to secure or mar it, and much more durable and less easy to be soiled than other coverings, besides presenting a peculiar ornamental character to the rod.

The cord B is composed of silk or other fibrous strands *c*, each covered loosely with a strip of tinsel, *d*, wrapped loosely around it, and the several strands thus covered afterward twisted about each other to form the cord, the tinsel surface of which will not be liable to fade, and will be highly ornamental.

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

An ornamental bar comprising the bar having a cord composed of a metallic and a fibrous strand wound spirally around it, substantially as set forth.

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