

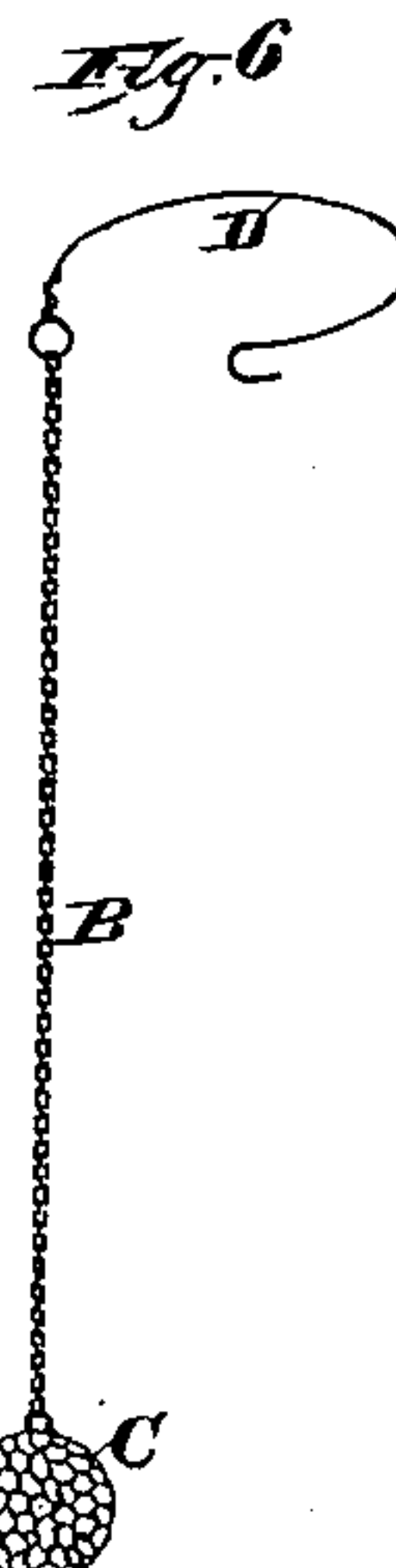
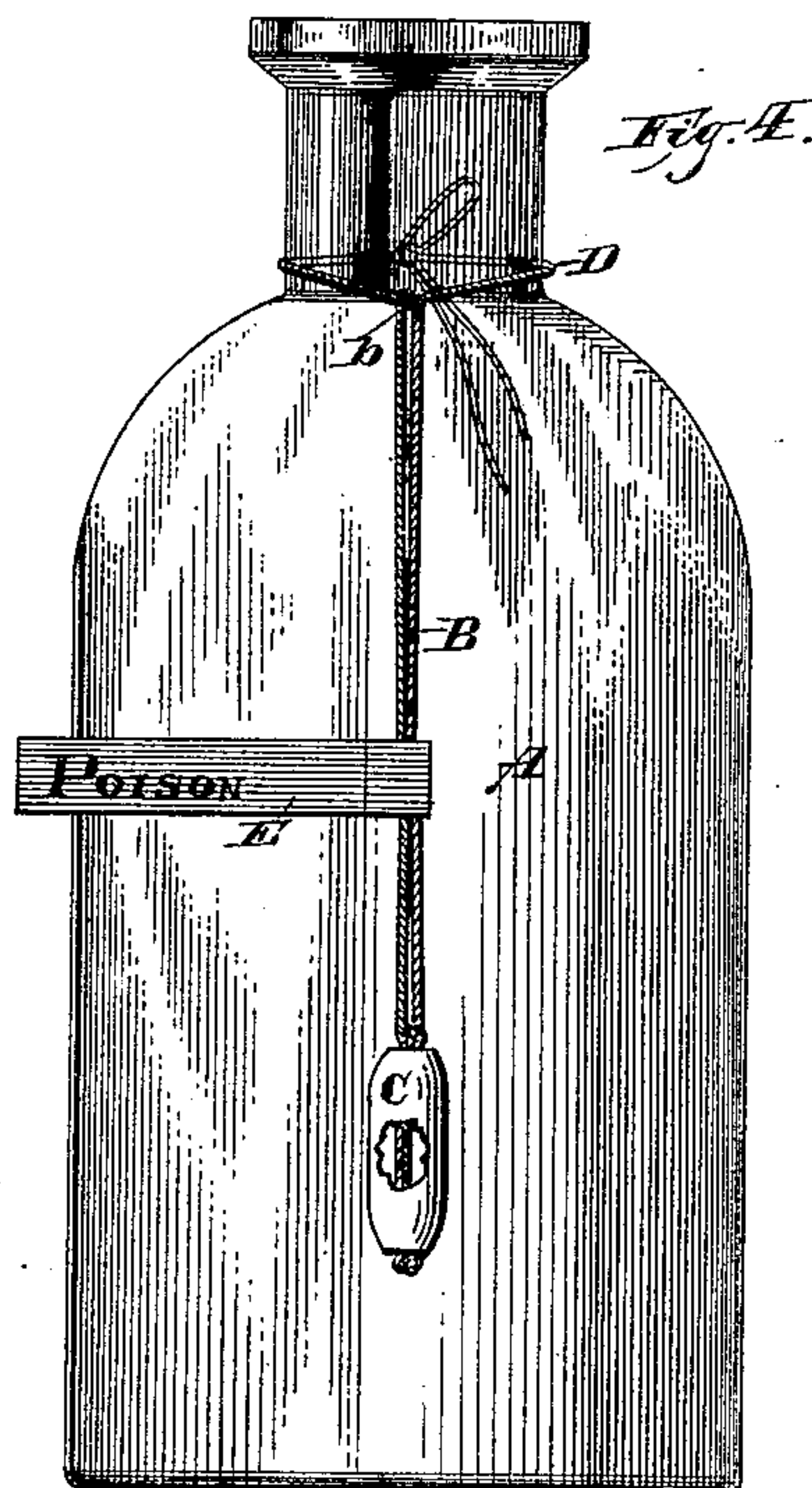
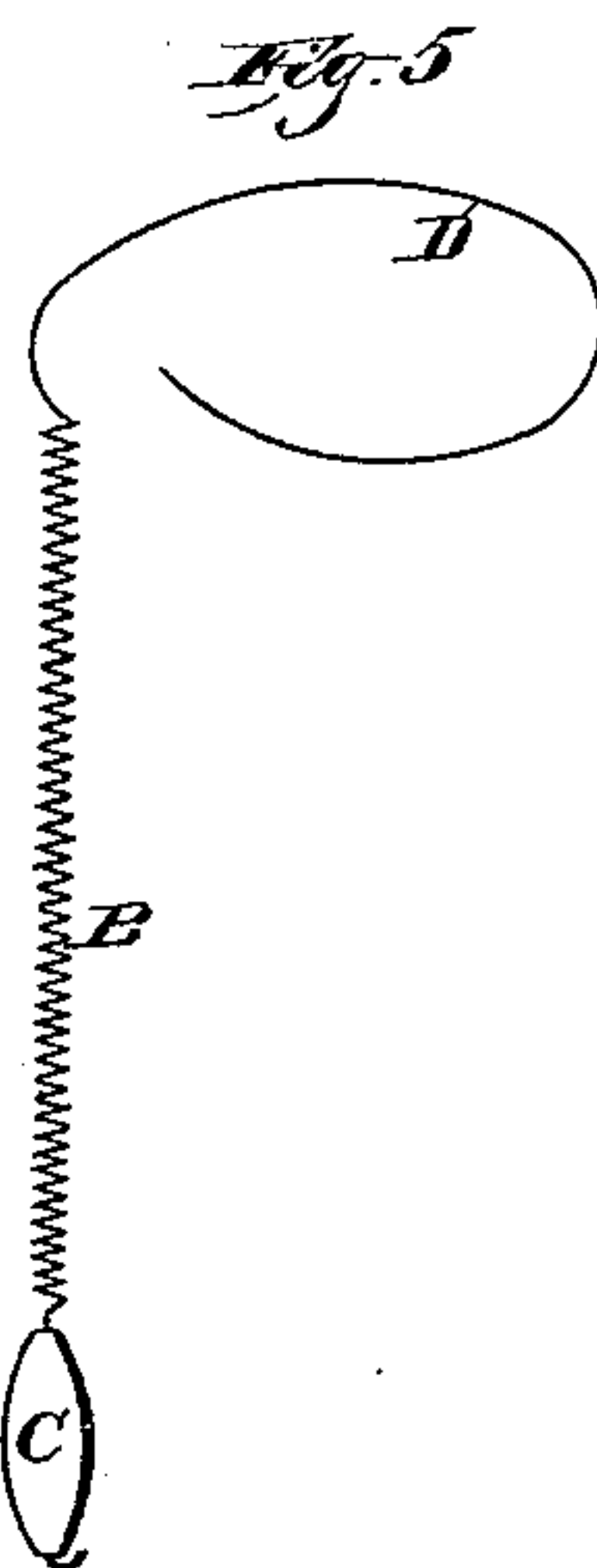
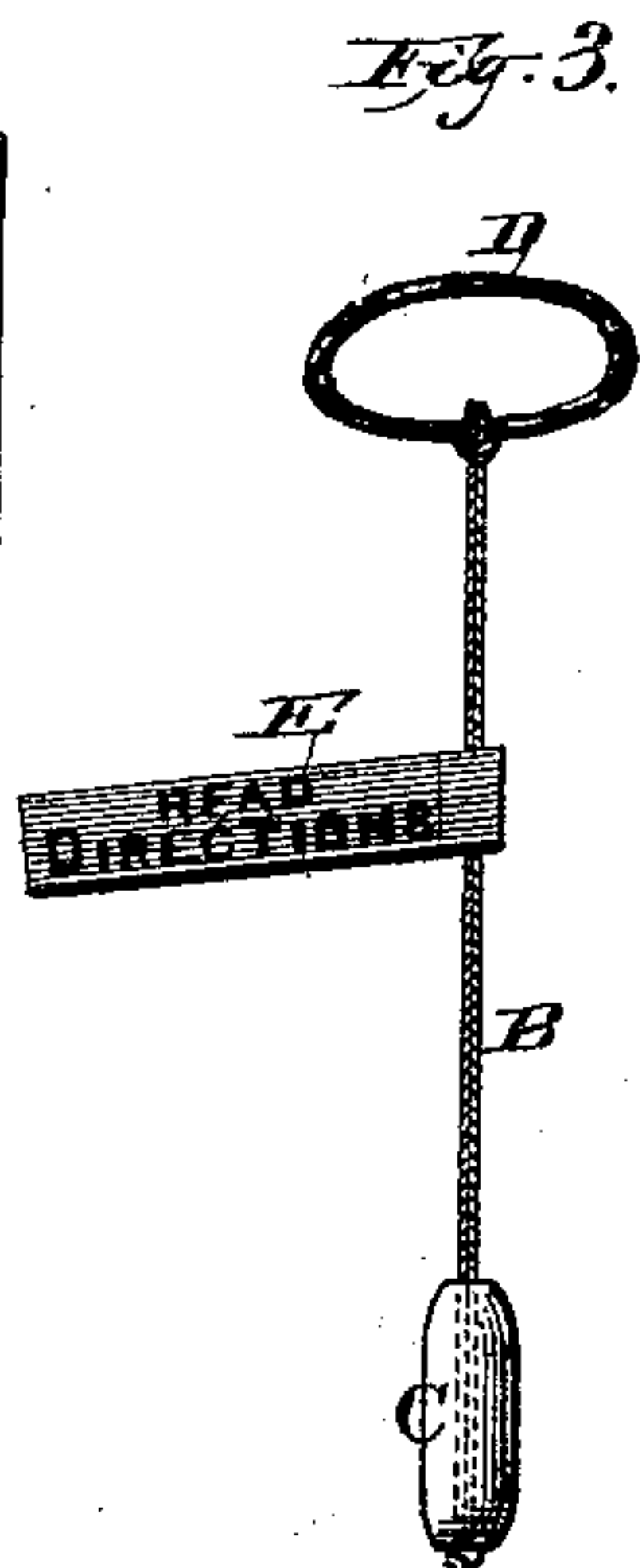
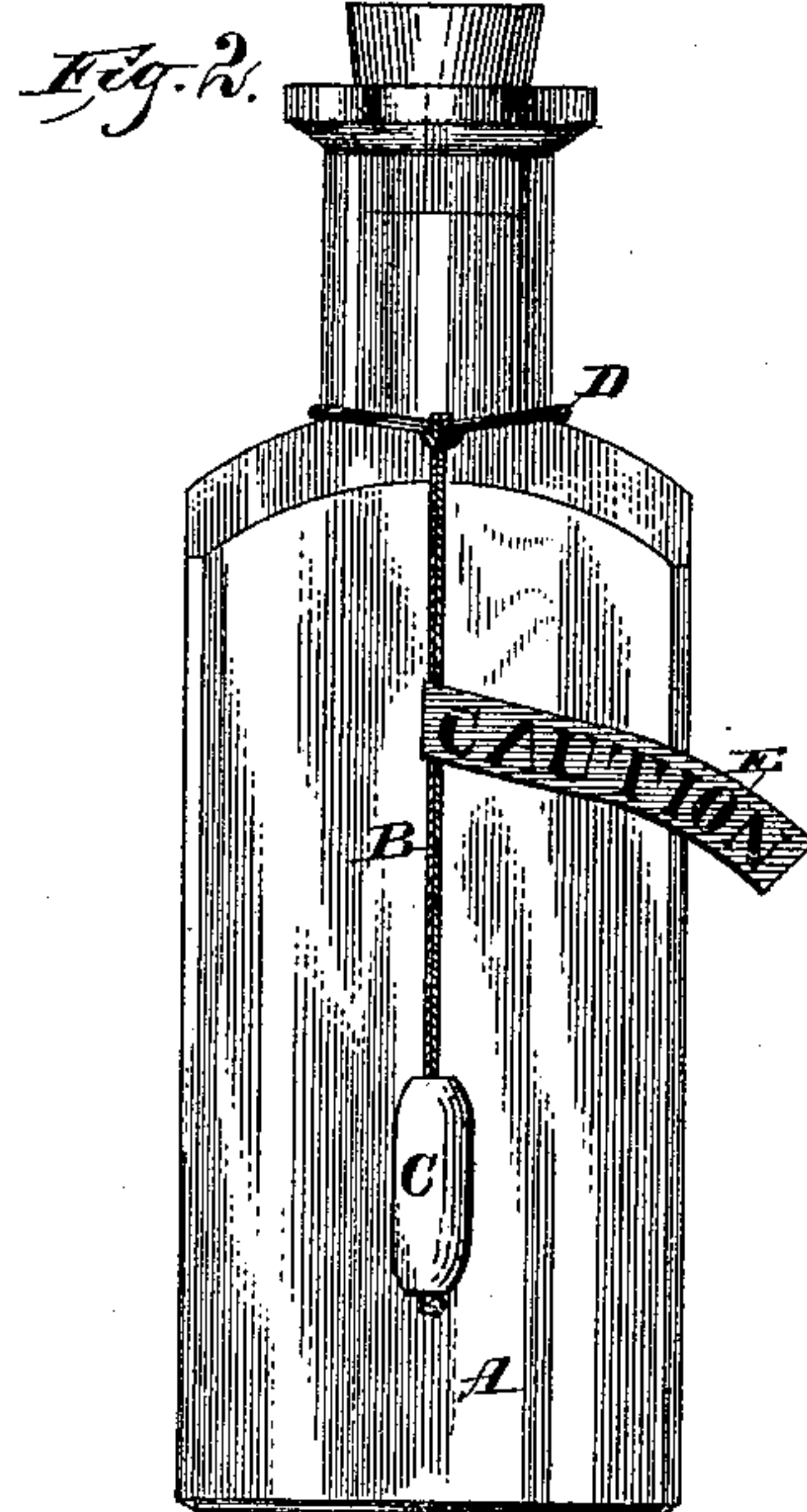
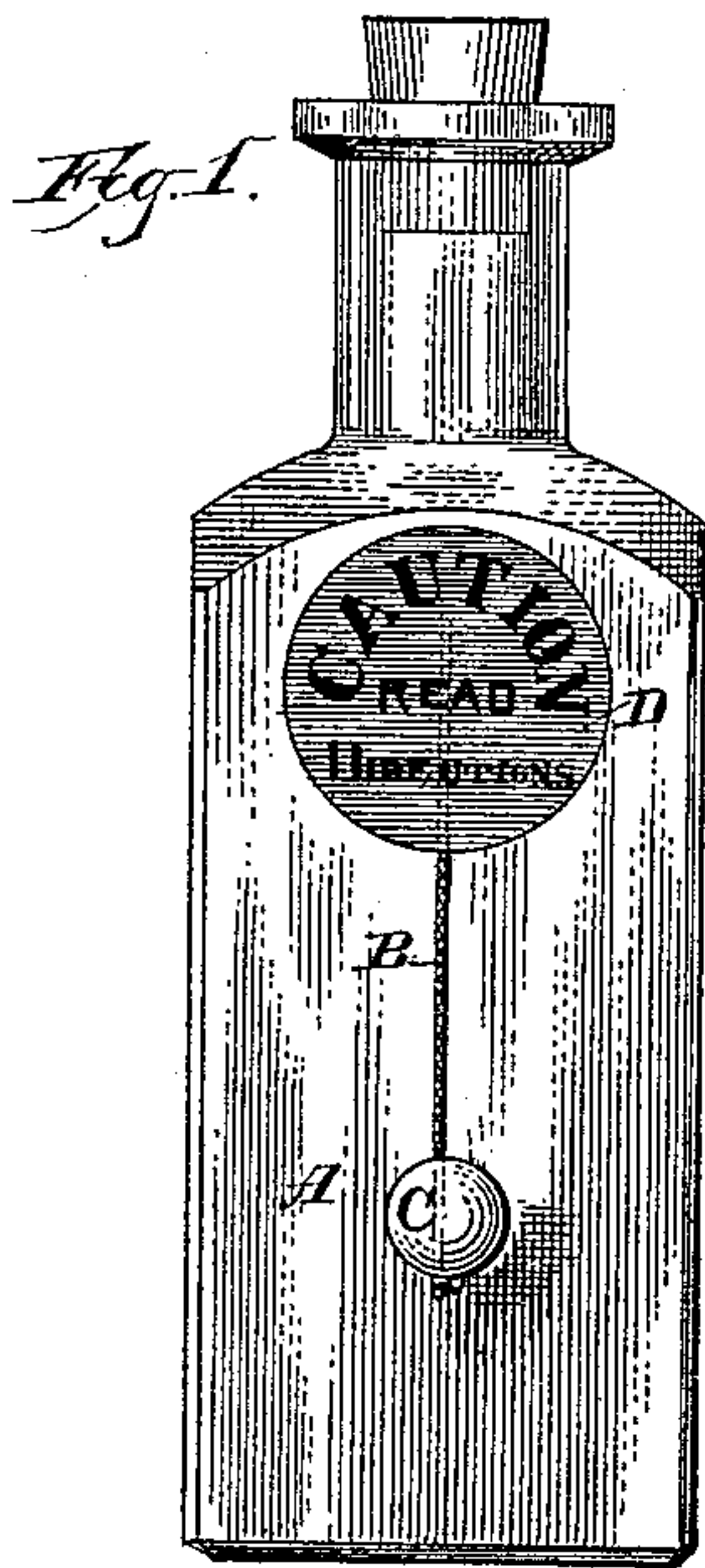
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## ALARM-TAG FOR DRUGGISTS' BOTTLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELBRIDGE K. BARKER, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee, and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Alarm-Tags for Druggists' Bottles, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to druggists' appliances; and it consists in an alarm-tag, as will be more fully set forth hereinafter, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a bottle with one form of my device attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing another form of the same. Fig. 3 is a view of the form shown in Fig. 2 detached from the bottle. Fig. 4 represents another form attached to a bottle, and Figs. 5 and 6 show still other forms detached and ready for attachment.

A represents a bottle—such, for instance, as is used by druggists in filling prescriptions (shown in Figs. 1 and 2) or for containing tinctures, salts, &c., like the "shelf-bottle" shown in Fig. 4.

My invention is intended to be applied as a cautionary tag or label to such of these bottles (or other packages) as contain poisonous or dangerous stock or ingredients, such as laudanum, morphine, strychnine, &c.

I am aware that alarm-bottles have been used wherein there was a peculiarity in either the shape of the bottle, its color, or in an attachment thereto designed to put the user (whether druggist or customer) upon guard, as by ringing a bell or rattling against the bottle; but my invention goes further than this, and is different from any such of which I am aware, in that it includes a cautionary label directly attached to the cord, chain, or wire, hereinafter named, by which the alarm-weight is suspended, and hence when the alarm is given the eye is attracted thereby to the cautionary label. To accomplish this purpose my device may be made in a variety of forms.

In Fig. 1 I show one of the simplest forms, consisting of the cord B, weight or alarm C, and attaching device D, this latter in this form also bearing the cautionary label on its face, while the other side is preferably gummed, so

as to adhere to the bottle and secure the upper end of the cord B between the bottle and said gummed surface of the label.

In Figs. 2 and 3 I show the cord B and weight or alarm C, together with a different form of attaching device D (this being a rubber band) and an independent or additional cautionary label, E, secured (as by pasting and folding over one end) to the cork B.

Fig. 4 shows a similar device, save that in place of the elastic band the two ends of the cord B are carried around the neck of the bottle (the cord being doubled and knotted at *b*, as shown) and tied, as shown, forming the attaching device D in this instance.

In Fig. 5 I show a device more especially intended for the shelf-bottles, wherein fine wire is substituted for the cord B, said wire being coiled for the greater portion of its length and receiving the weight or alarm C at one end, while its other end is bent around a bottle-neck and hooked into the top coil, thereby making an alarm-tag in connection with the cautionary label, which is not shown in this figure nor in Fig. 6, though it will be understood that it is to be applied in all cases.

In Fig. 6 a chain is employed in place of the coiled wire.

It will be understood that the shape and material of the alarm-weights C are non-essential, provided they are of sufficient weight and hardness to make a noise when in contact with the moving bottle, and they may be of wood, glass, porcelain, metal, or any other material found suitable, and likewise these alarm-weights may be suspended from any description of chain, cord, or wire found suitable, (as rubber, cotton, linen, silk, or metal, for instance,) and which possesses the requisite degree of strength and flexibility for the object to be attained.

The cautionary label may bear any preferred inscription or symbol, those illustrated in the drawings being suggested as appropriate under most circumstances, and, finally, the specific means of attachment may be varied indefinitely without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

1. An alarm-tag for druggists' and similar bottles, consisting of a cord, chain, or wire having an alarm-weight at one end and an attaching device at the other end, and a cautionary label directly secured to the said cord, chain, or wire, substantially as set forth.
2. In an alarm-tag for druggists' and similar bottles, the combination of a cord, chain, or wire, an alarm-weight, an attaching device, and a cautionary label forming a part of the attaching device and directly secured to the

cord, chain, or wire by which the alarm-weight is suspended, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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