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Fig. 1.

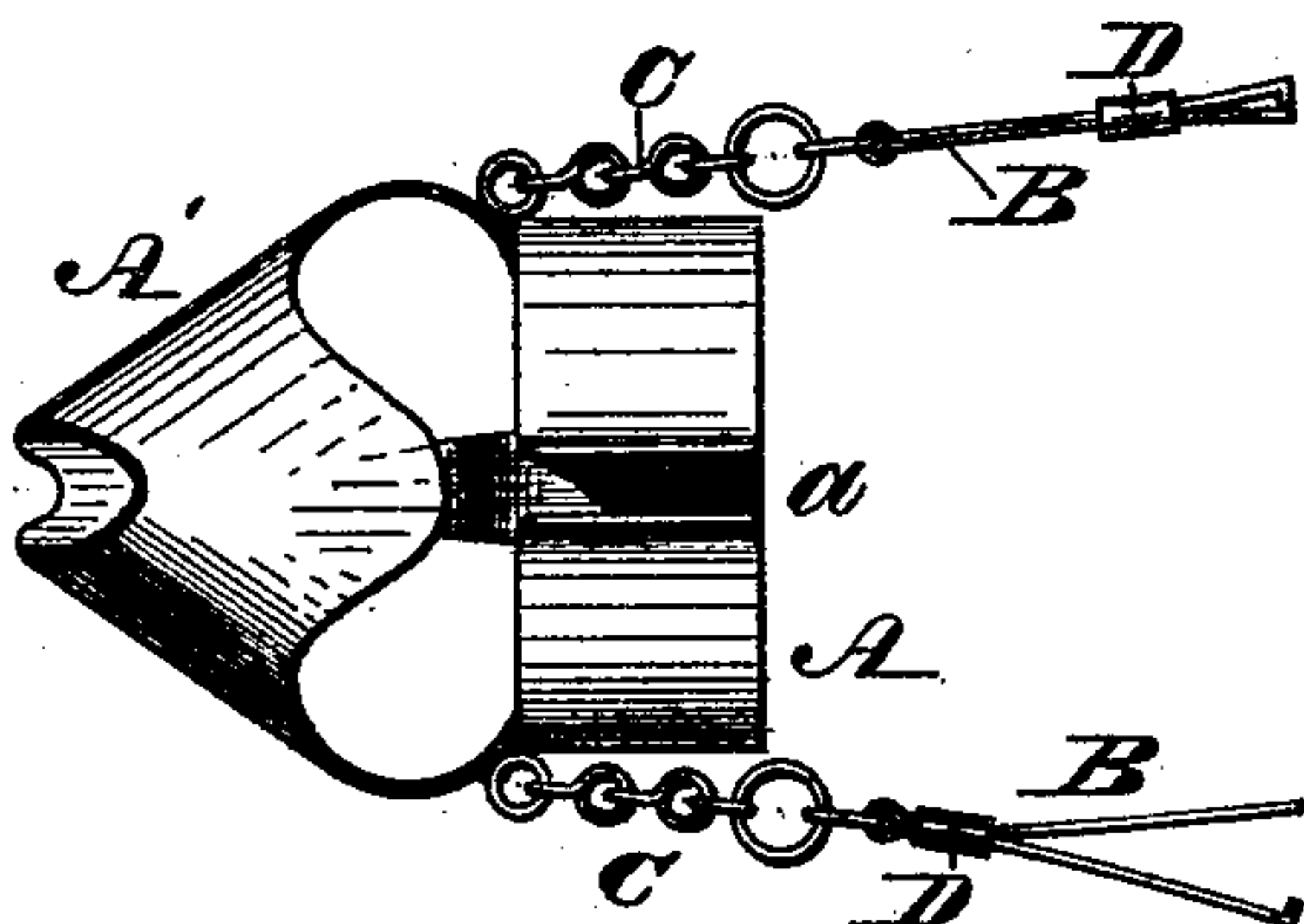
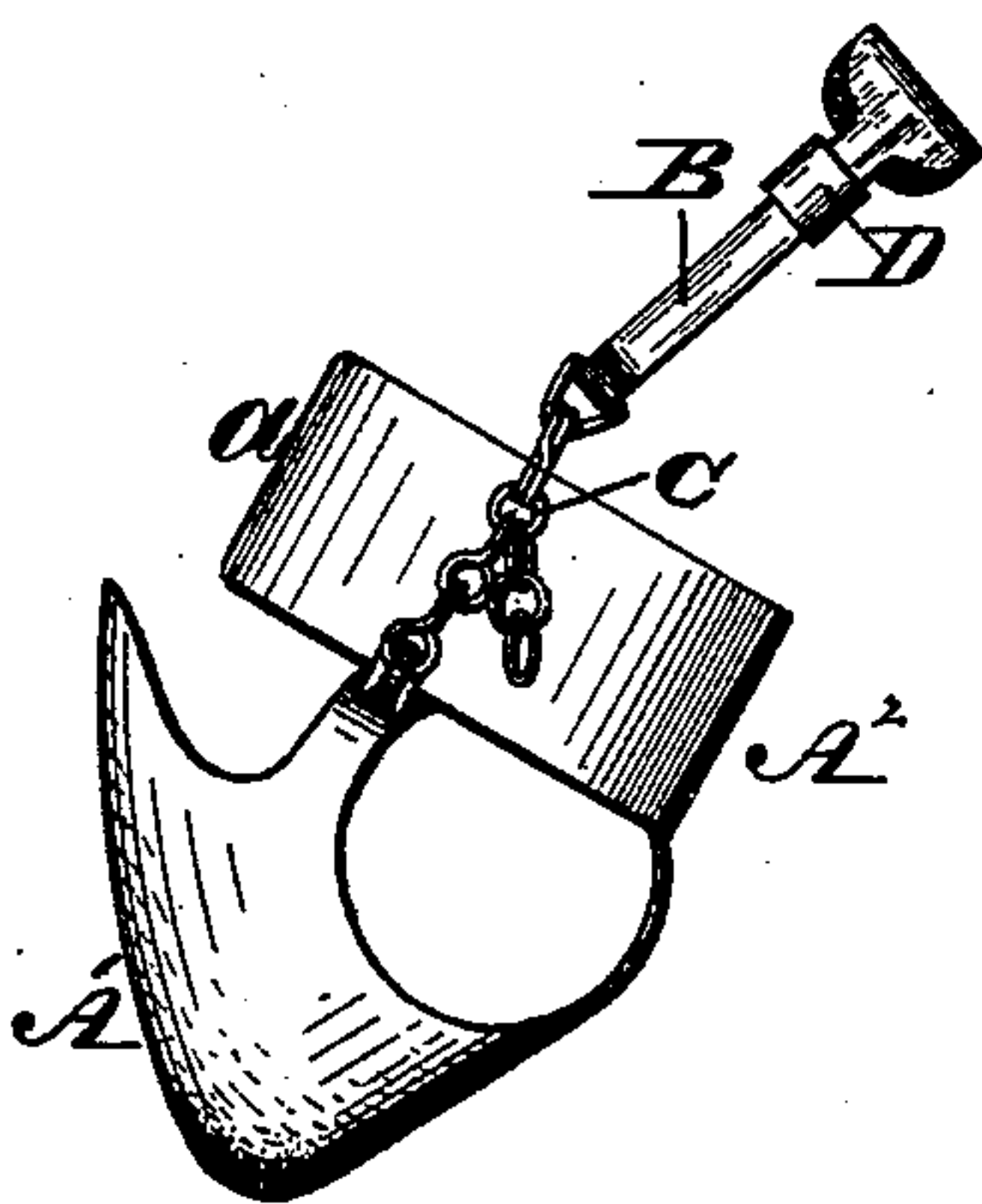


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. BOWEN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Devices for Preventing or Checking Involuntary Spermatie Discharges, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

My invention consists of a device for preventing or checking involuntary spermatie discharges, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and definitely claimed.

Figure 1 represents a top or plan view of a device embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a side elevation thereof.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the two figures.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the body of the device, consisting of the front portion or cap, A', which is of the form of the organ to which it is applied, and is constructed of light and thin material, being preferably of open or skeleton form, as shown in the drawings, so as to bear upon the person as little as possible. The part A², to which the cap portion is connected, is approximately cylindrical in form and slotted at its side, as at a, so as to be readily adapted to different sizes and also to yield as the organ enlarges.

B represents clasps, (one or more,) which are connected with the sides of the cap by means of cords, links, rings, or chains C, said clasps being provided with slides D, whereby they may be held firmly in position.

The operation is as follows: The cap A is fitted on the head of the organ and the clasps are attached to the hair around said organ, whereby the cap is prevented from dropping off, it being noticed that the device hangs loosely and easily in position without liability to injure the contiguous parts, the connections C being short and flexible and

avoiding tension on the hair. When a discharge is likely to occur, the device is elevated with the organ, and the connections C are drawn sufficiently taut as to pull the hair, the effect of which is to awaken the sleeper, who is thereby enabled to prevent or check the discharge.

I am aware that devices of this character are constructed having pressure-plates adapted to bear upon the head of the organ; also, that the same are constructed with pins which are forced into the organ, lacerating the same; also, that bands inclosing the body of the organ have attaching devices secured thereto; but I am not aware that the construction herein described and claimed is old, wherein the cord and clasps are secured to the cap which incloses the head of the organ, so that when the latter is erected the cords are drawn, so that the fastenings pull upon the parts to which they are attached.

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

1. A device for the purpose named, consisting of a cap or front portion, A', and a main portion, A², the latter of cylindrical form, slotted at one side, and having fastening devices connected to said cap by cords, said parts being combined substantially as described.

2. A device for the purpose named, consisting of a cap or front portion, A', of skeleton form, a main portion, A², rigidly secured to said cap and having a slotted side, non-extensible chain C, secured to said portion A², and clasps B, the said cap A' projecting in front of said portion A², substantially as and for the purpose described.

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