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BATHING MITTEN.

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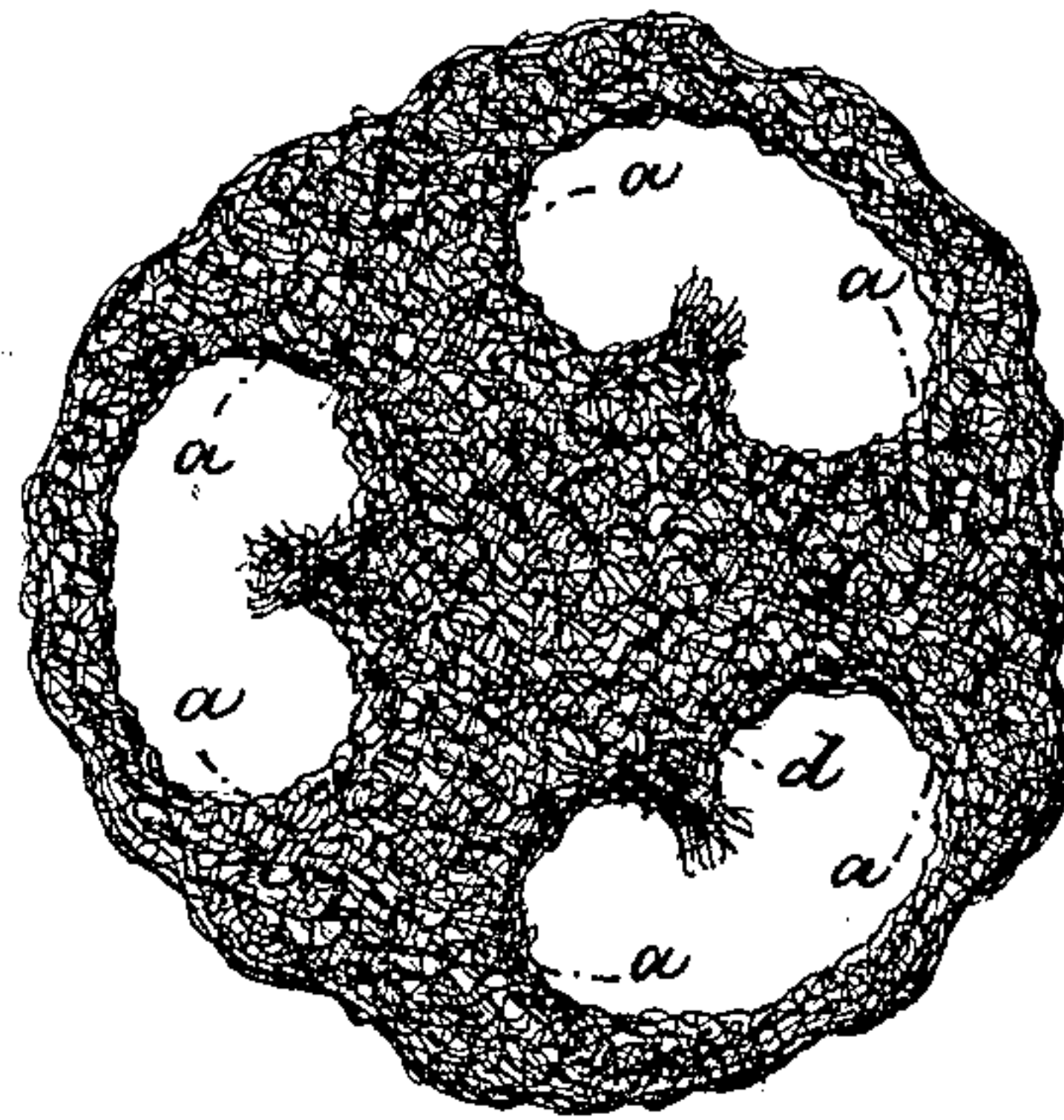
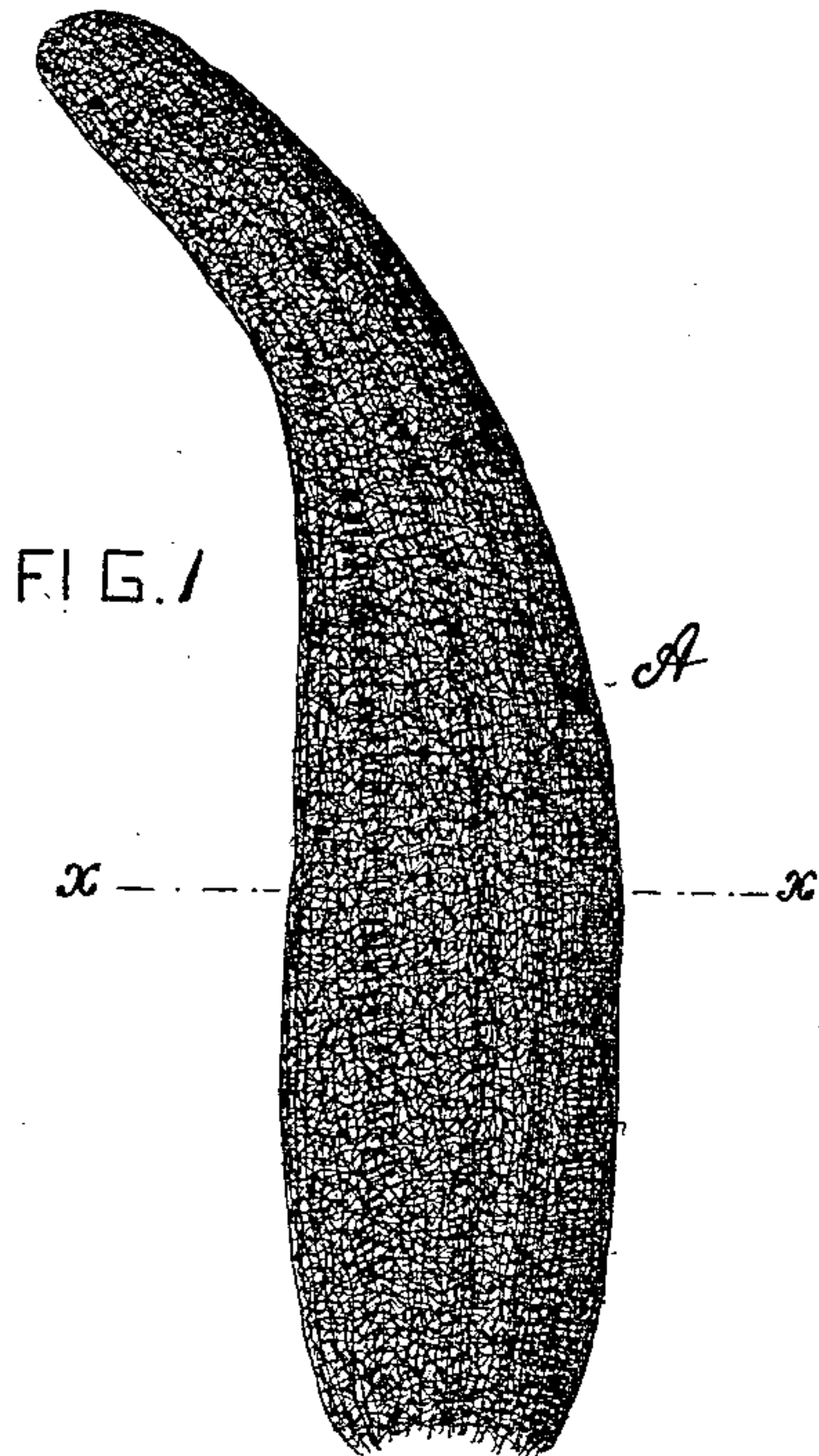
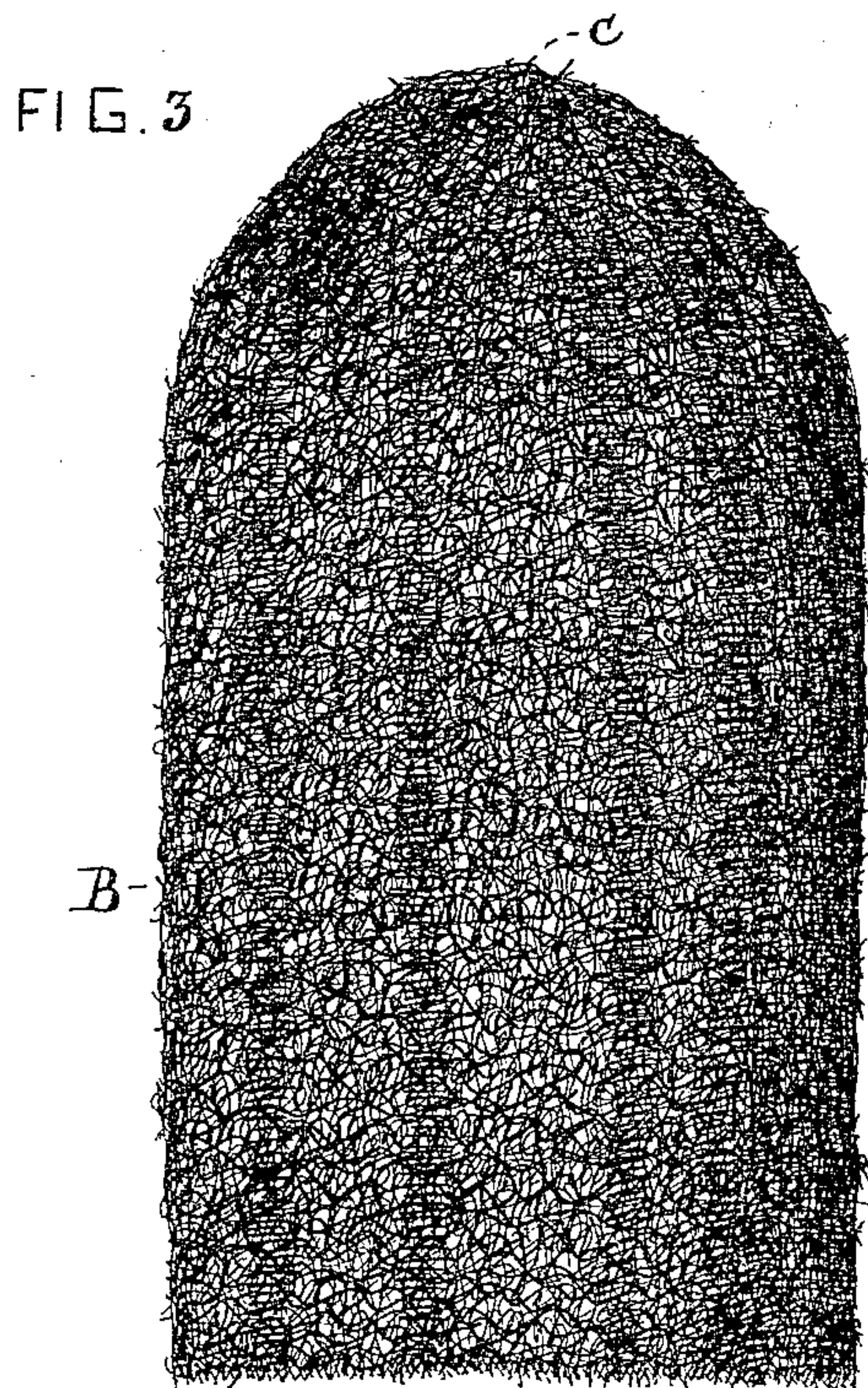


FIG. 2



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BATHING-MITTEN.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JUDSON S. SNYDER, of Brooklyn, New York, have invented an Improved Bathing-Mitten, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a bathing-mitten made from the fruit of the "luffa-plant," which is a kind of a cucumber, of the family *Cucurbitaceæ*, and species *Cucumis acutangulus*. The fibers of this plant form a connected net-work which is sufficiently hard to form an agreeable substitute for a brush for bathing purposes.

The invention consists in the various features of improvement more fully pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of the luffa-fruit in its natural state. Fig. 2 is a cross-section on line *x x*, Fig. 1, after the pulp and pits have been removed. Fig. 3 shows the mitten completed.

In preparing my improved bathing-mitten I take the luffa-fruit A, from which the pulp and pits should be removed. The luffa is next steeped in water to make it soft or pliable, and is cut up into suitable lengths of about eight inches each. Next I cut out the core *d* by a pair of scissors or a knife. This I do by cutting through the lines *a a*, Fig. 2, parallel to the circumference of the fruit. In this way I obtain a tube open at both ends.

One end is now drawn together and sewed up, as at *c*, Fig. 3, to form a pocket. The mitten B is now completed, and forms a utensil into which the hand may easily be introduced. When steeped in water and soap, it forms a convenient substitute for a bathing brush or sponge, with just an agreeable degree of hardness. As the entire hand and wrist are received within the mitten, the latter can be easily manipulated.

It will be seen that by removing the interior of the luffa without splitting or cutting through its body I obtain a seamless tube. This tube, when drawn together at the end, will thus form a seamless bathing-mitten. The advantage connected with this construction is that the absence of a longitudinal seam prevents the mitten from opening under the influence of the water. Moreover, the mitten, being of even strength throughout, can be put upon the hand in different positions at different times to wear evenly.

I claim as my invention—

A bathing-mitten formed of an unsplit and seamless luffa-fruit having its core and pulp removed, and having one of its ends drawn together, substantially as specified.

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