

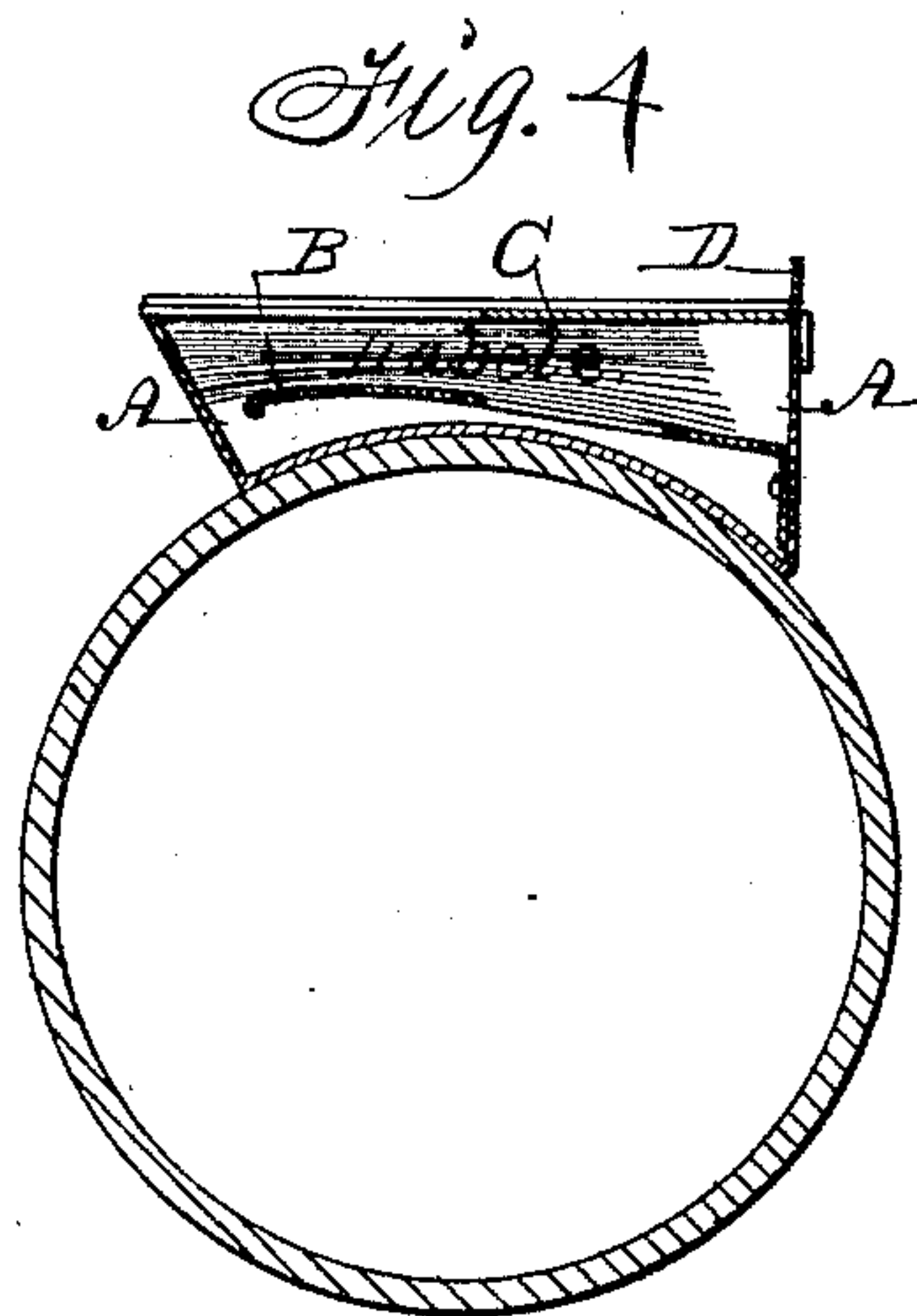
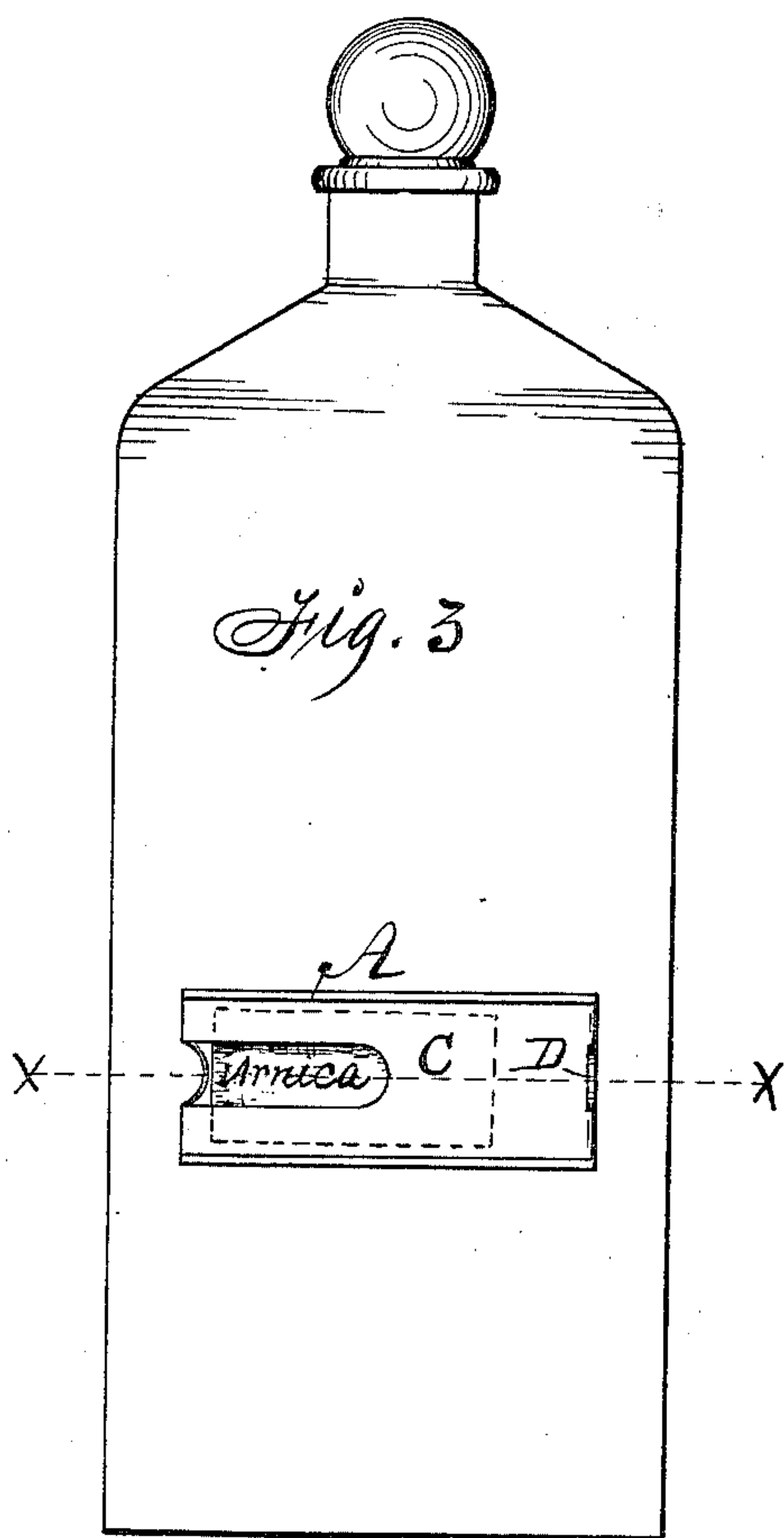
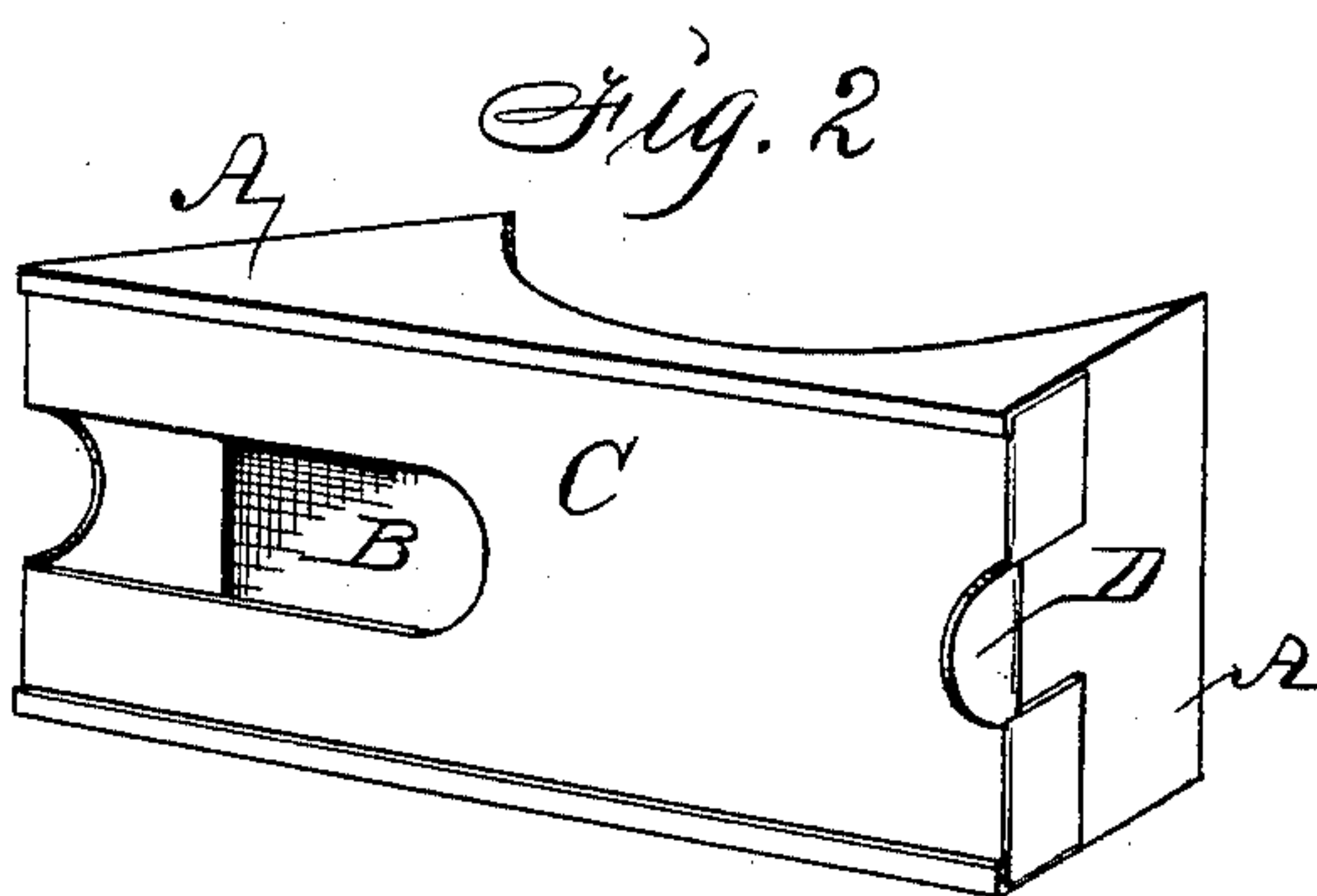
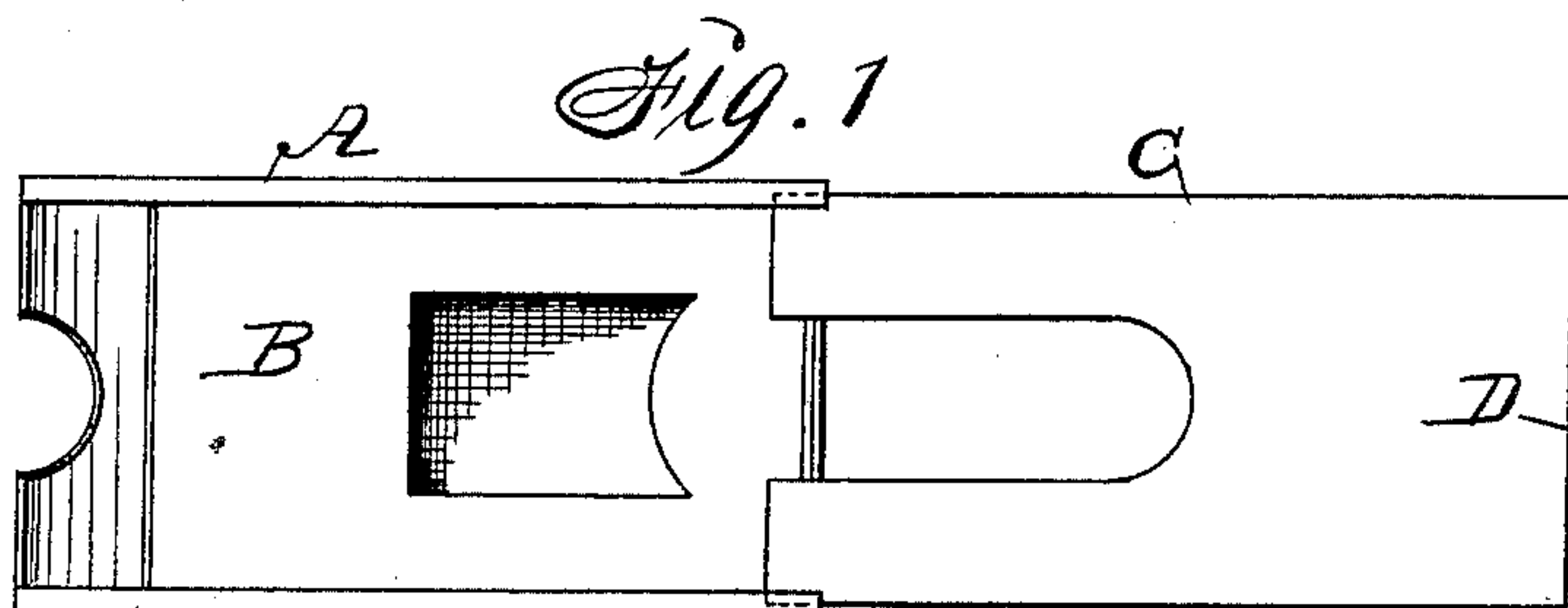
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OLIVER E. GIVEN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Stuart, in the county of Guthrie and State of Iowa, have invented a Druggist's Label-Case and Attachment for Bottles and Jars, of which the following is a specification.

My object is to provide a receptacle for labels and to combine it with a vessel from which medicine is to be sold in small quantities at different times in such a manner that the receptacle containing labels for that specific medicine or compound will be handled with the vessel, and consequently the labels will be in readiness for use and their receptacle will be perceptible to the sense of sight and also of touch, and a reminder that a label should be used, and this is specially important when the medicine dispensed is poisonous.

My invention consists in the construction of a label-case from which the labels may be withdrawn in a longitudinal direction by adhesion to a finger of the user and attaching it to a jar or vessel, as hereinafter set forth, pointed out in my claim, and illustrated by the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front face view of my case, showing it open. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same case, showing it closed. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing my case attached to a jar as required for practical use. Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view through the line *xx* of Fig. 3.

A is a sheet-metal case adapted to hold labels and to be attached to the outside of a circular, square, or angular vessel. One end of this receptacle forms an acute angle with the front edges of the sides thereof and has a circular notch in the center of its front edge. The other end of the receptacle forms right angles with the front edges of the sides thereof.

A flat spring B, corresponding in width with the inside of the receptacle, is fixed at one end to the inside of one end of the receptacle and projects upward and forward therefrom to the front of the case, as clearly shown in Fig. 4.

C is a sliding cover fitted in bearings formed on the top edges of the parallel sides of the case. These bearings are formed by bending the edges of the sides of the case inwardly, and the sliding cover is held in its proper po-

sition by the force of the spring B. This lid has an integral projection D, that extends upward from the surface of the lid and is adapted to be used as a thumb-rest or finger-hold in opening and closing the case. The projecting portions on each side of said lug D are directed downward and adapted to engage the ends of the case to prevent the lid from being pushed beyond its proper position. This lid has an oblong notch in its flat end to admit the finger of the person when it is desired to remove the label therefrom. The case is detachably fastened to a bottle or jar by means of any suitable cement placed on that part of the surface that is to be covered by the case and then pressing the case thereon.

In the practical use of my invention I fasten the case on the back side of a bottle or jar, which, for example, contains tincture of arnica. I then remove the lid from the case and press the spring B backward and fill the receptacle with labels corresponding in size with the inside thereof and bearing the words "Tincture of Arnica." These labels must be ready gummed and placed in the receptacle with the gummy side toward the lid. When an order is received for said drug, I grasp the vessel with my hand in such a manner that the end of one of my fingers comes in contact with the gummy side of a label. After pouring out the required amount of the said drug, I replace the vessel on the shelf and remove my hand therefrom, and the moisture of the cuticle of my finger causes a label to adhere lightly to my finger. I now have it ready for use and can immediately attach it to the vial into which the arnica was placed, thereby saving much time and trouble in retailing and labeling medicine and also avoid the dangers and accidents incident to dispensing drugs without labeling each vial or parcel, so that its contents can be known without tasting and testing.

It is obvious that my manner of constructing a label-case adapts it to be attached to a bottle, so that the sliding cover and the labels will move at right angles to the bottle, and that a person handling the bottle can place a finger on the exposed gummed surface of a label when he takes hold of the bottle, and that a label will adhere to the finger and consequently be taken from the case by the re-

moval of the finger and hand from the bottle  
and case and be perceptible to the sense of  
feeling and sight, and thus a monitor and  
safeguard that will cause the application of  
5 a label every time it is important to do so.

I claim as my invention—

A label-case adapted to be fixed to the out-  
side convex surface of a jar or bottle, so that  
the cover will slide at right angles to the jar,  
10 comprising a case having a concave back, a  
spring fixed to the inside of the back to press

cards outward and away from the bottle, and  
a sliding cover fitted to the open front of the  
case to slide at right angles to the bottle and  
provided with an opening to allow the finger 15  
of a person to come in contact with the gummed  
surface of a label under the cover, substan-  
tially as shown and described.

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