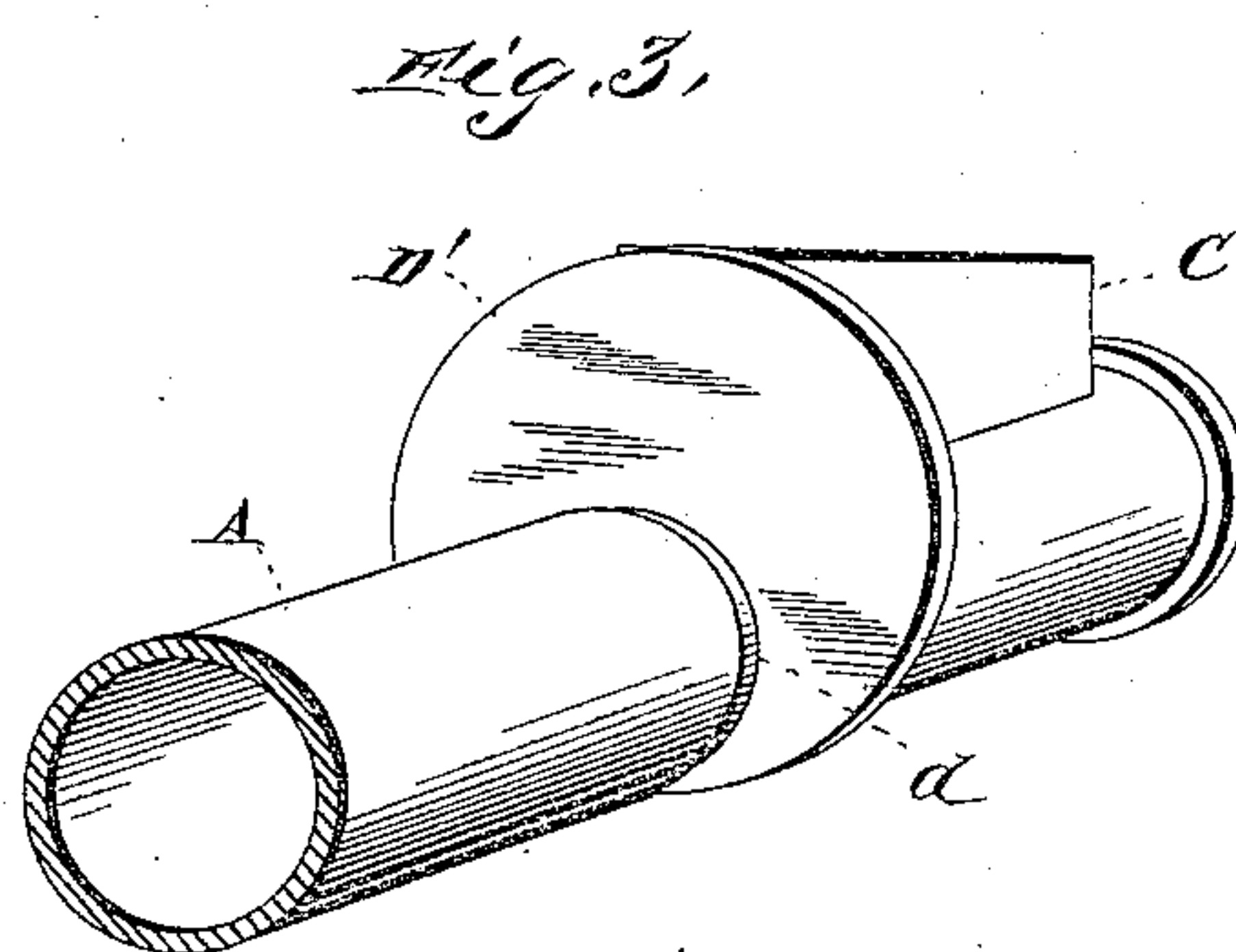
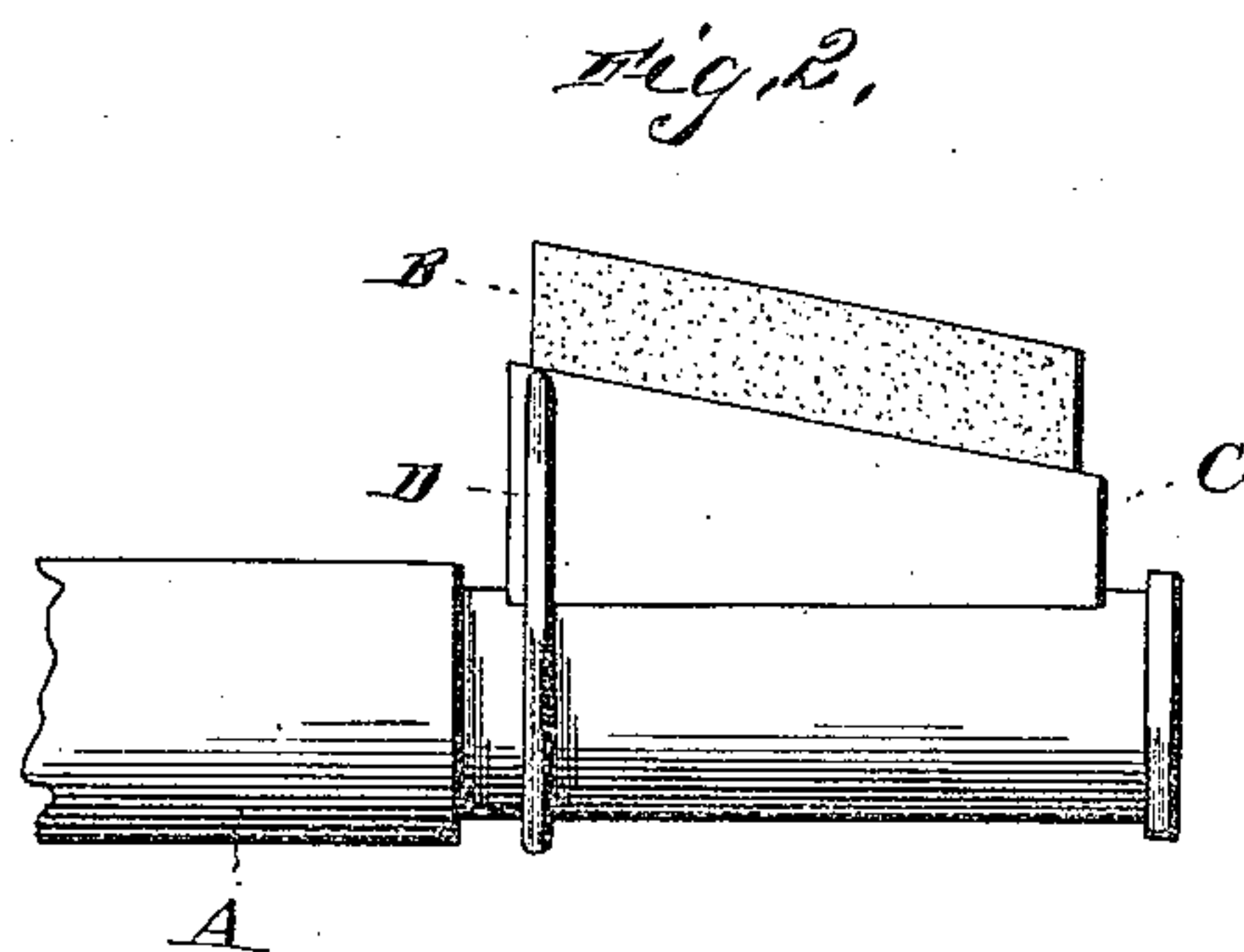
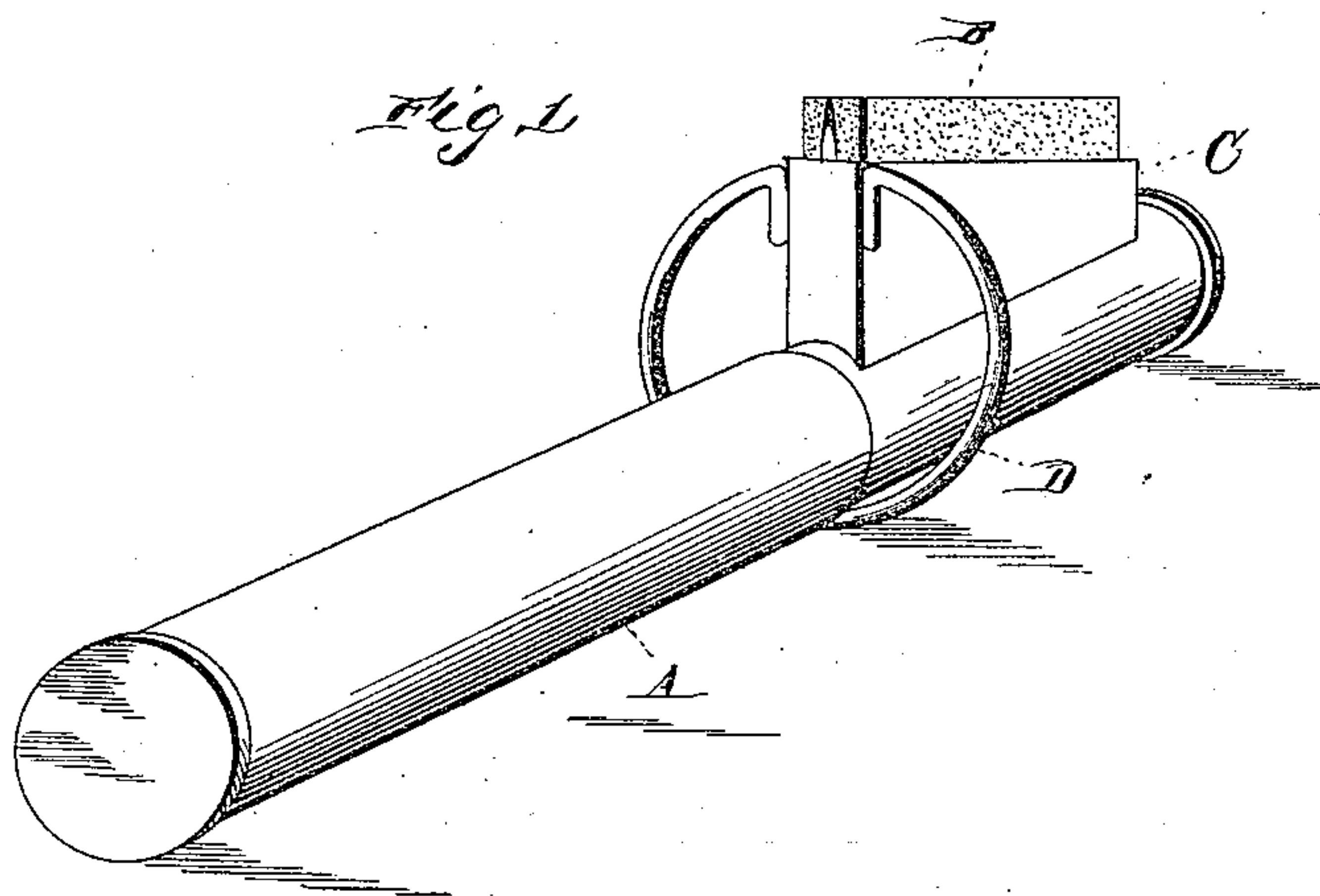


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CLINTON H. BURTON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Moistening Devices for Envelopes, &c.; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of the invention and is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a side view. Fig. 3 is a modified form in perspective.

This invention relates to certain improvements in moistening devices; and it consists in the construction and combination of parts, as will hereinafter appear.

In the drawings, A refers to the cylinder or reservoir for holding the water, B to the brush, and C to its inclosure or case, all arranged and constructed similar to the same parts disclosed in my patent No. 422,714.

This invention or improvement, however, contemplates securing eccentrically to the cylinder or reservoir A and to the brush case or inclosure C a ring or annulus D, forming a bearing therefor, the brush-case being placed uppermost and both the reservoir and brush-case being arranged within the plane of said annulus or ring, whereby it is evident the center of gravity will be directed through the bottom of said reservoir or cylinder. Thus when the device is laid down the brush case or inclosure will always, regardless of the po-

sition it may then have, automatically assume an upright position, and consequently its open side be presented upward, thereby preventing liability of the accidental escape of the water from the cylinder or reservoir through the open end of the brush-case, as would be the case should this end of said case happen to rest on the surface or floor in setting down the device.

In the modification as disclosed in Fig. 3, in lieu of using a ring or annulus I can use a disk or circular plate D', having an eccentric opening *d* in it, through which the reservoir or inclosure passes, the plate or disk being secured to or resting against the inner end of the brush case or inclosure.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with the reservoir or cylinder and the brush-case, of the circular gravity bearing eccentrically connected to said cylinder or reservoir and to said brush-case, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with the reservoir or cylinder and the brush-case, of the ring or annulus eccentrically connected to said reservoir or cylinder and to said brush-case, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, with the moistening-reservoir and brush, of the automatic circular gravity bearing, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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