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Fig. 1.

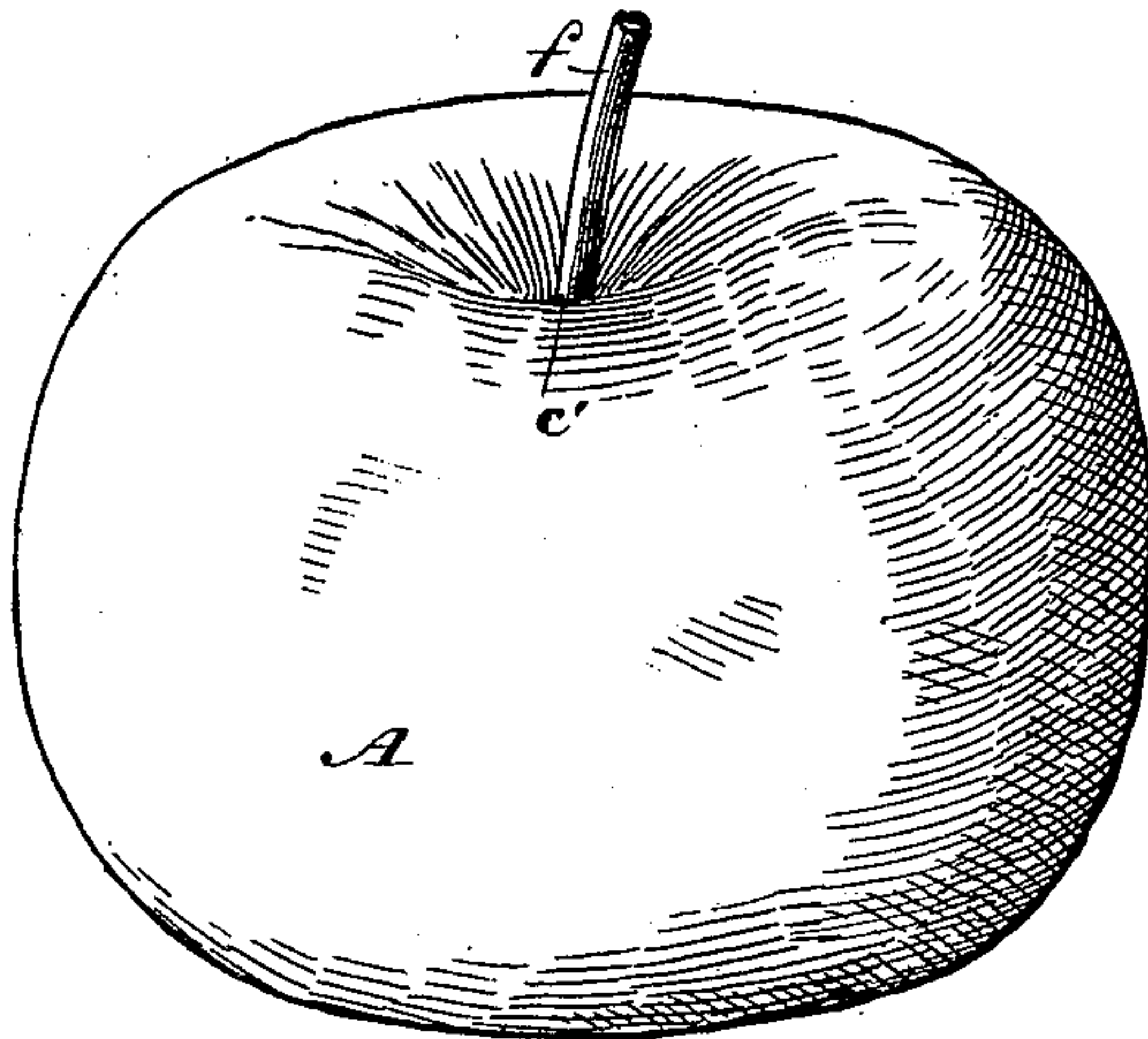


Fig. 2.

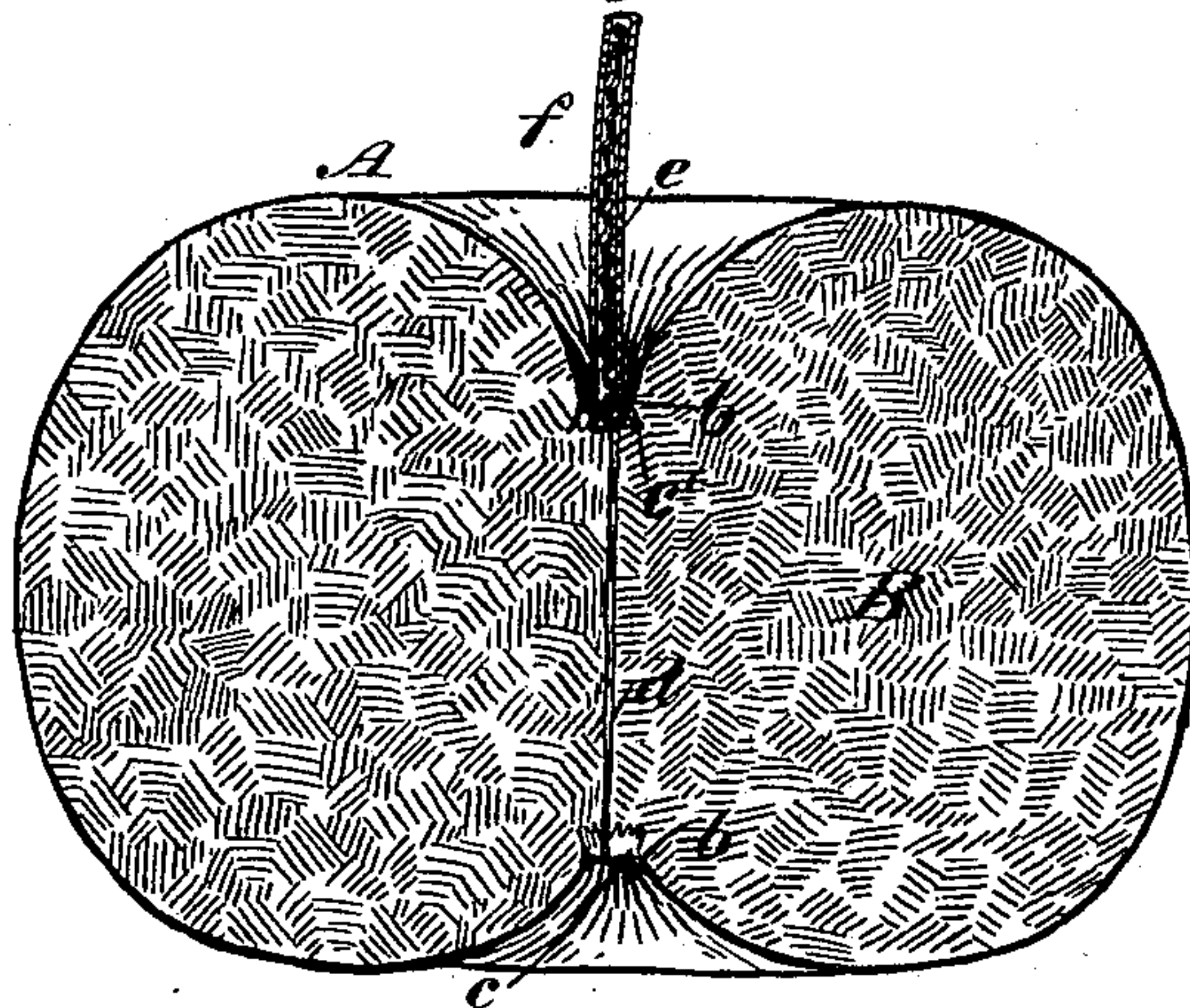
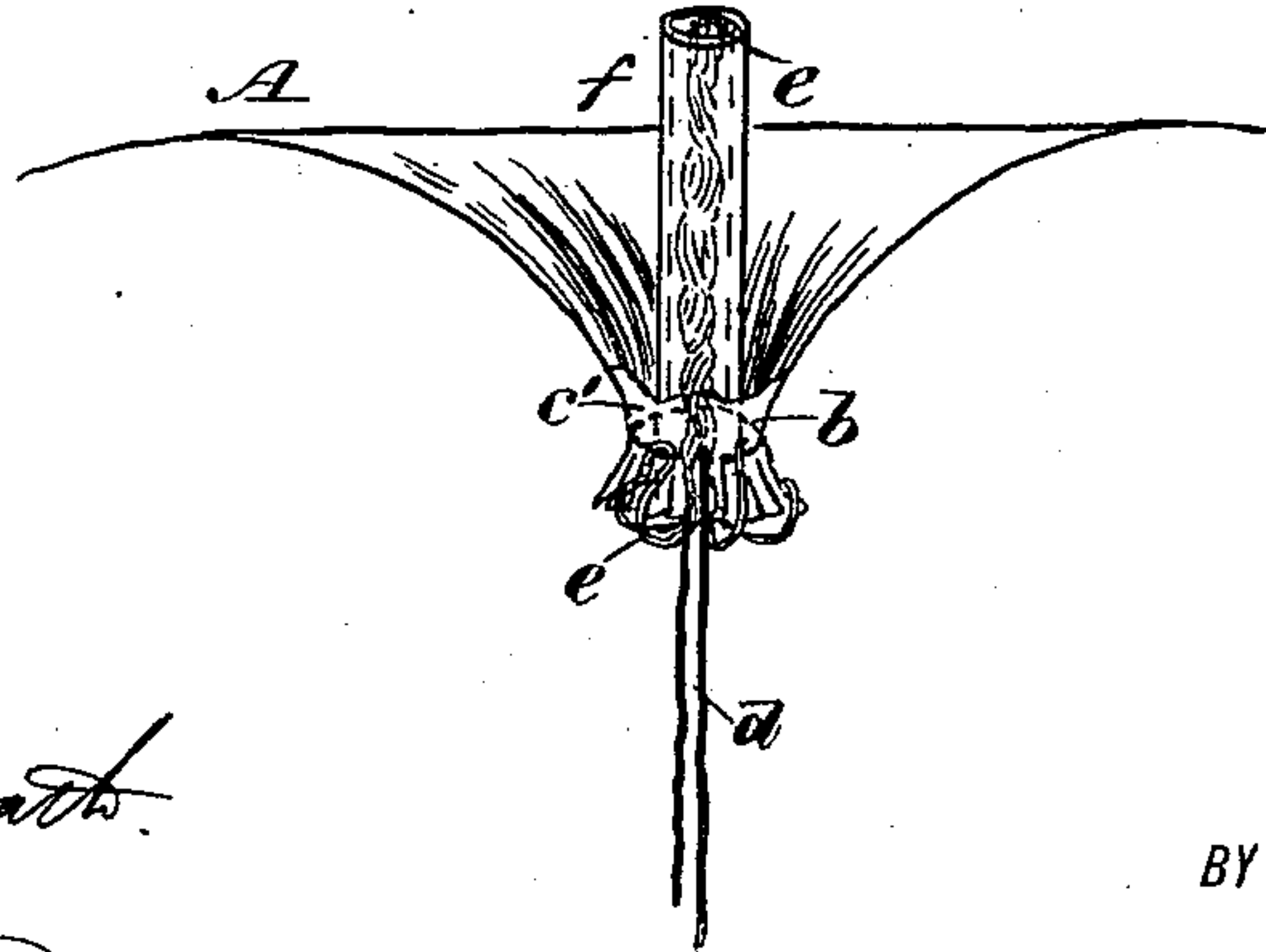


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CAROLINE HYDE, of Stonington, in the county of New London and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and
5 useful Improvement in Artificial Fruit, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists in a novel, cheap, and advantageous construction of artificial
10 fruit, and further consists in a special construction of the same whereby it may be utilized either as a pincushion or sachet, or both, substantially as hereinafter described, and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

15 While the invention is not restricted to any one kind of artificial fruit, it will here be shown and described as an imitation of the apple, which will serve as well as any other for the purpose of explanation; but the pear
20 and many other kinds of fruit having an attached protruding stem would answer equally as well.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification,
25 in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 represents a view in perspective of an artificial apple embodying my invention; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section of the
30 same; and Fig. 3, a sectional perspective view, upon a larger scale, of said piece of fruit in part, mainly illustrating the stem portion thereof.

A indicates a piece of cloth, silk, satin, or
35 other suitable material or fabric designed to correspond to the skin or rind of the piece of fruit, and which will admit of being painted on the outside to give it the different shades and hues of the natural fruit. Thus I take
40 a substantially straight piece of cloth A, or its equivalent, and pucker or ruffle it along its two opposite edges, uniting the ruffles by a thread *b* along either edge. The one of these threads is then drawn and caught to gather
45 and nearly close the one ruffled edge of the cloth, so as to form the bottom or outer end *c* of the artificial apple, and the ends of the cloth are then united to form a bag, into which any suitable absorbent and penetrable, pref-

erably flocculent, material B is inserted as a 50 filling. A wire thread or cord *d*, which may be doubled over upon itself, is then united with the gathered end *c* and run up through the filling B and connected at its opposite end with a wire *e*, that projects out through 55 the other or stem end of the imitation apple, and that, after the ruffled edge forming the top edge of the bag has been gathered together, is twisted and made to draw the two ends *c c'* inward, so as to compact the filling 60 B within the cloth wrapper or covering and hold the whole firmly together and give a natural finished shape to the artificial apple. The wire *e*, that projects through the gathered end *c'*, virtually forms the stem of the fruit, 65 and its continuation or cord *d* corresponds to the core thereof. A covering *f*, which may be a simple piece of rubber or other tubing, is applied to the protruding end portion of the wire *e* and may be inserted within the 70 gathered end *c'* to give said portion of the wire a closer resemblance to the stem of the natural fruit. This stem portion forms a handle by which to hold or manipulate the piece of artificial fruit, which, made as de- 75 scribed, will closely resemble the natural fruit and may be used as a pincushion, or, by applying perfume to the absorbent and penetrable filling B, may be utilized as a sachet or as both a pincushion and sachet. 80

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

1. Artificial fruit comprising an outer covering or wrapper of cloth or its equivalent 85 made to resemble the skin or rind of the natural fruit, a soft filling within said covering, and a stem-like projection on one side or end of the piece of artificial fruit, said stem-like projection extending through the 90 fruit and secured to the opposite side or end thereof and serving to give the form of fruit and bind the whole together, substantially as specified.

2. A piece of artificial fruit, constructed, 95 substantially as herein described, of a piece of cloth or its equivalent made to form a wrapper or covering corresponding to the skin

or rind of the natural fruit and gathered together on its edges on opposite sides of the piece of fruit, in combination with an absorbent filling within said covering and a central connection between the gathered sides of the covering, said connection projecting from one side, and the whole corresponding to the core and stem of the piece of fruit, as set forth.

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