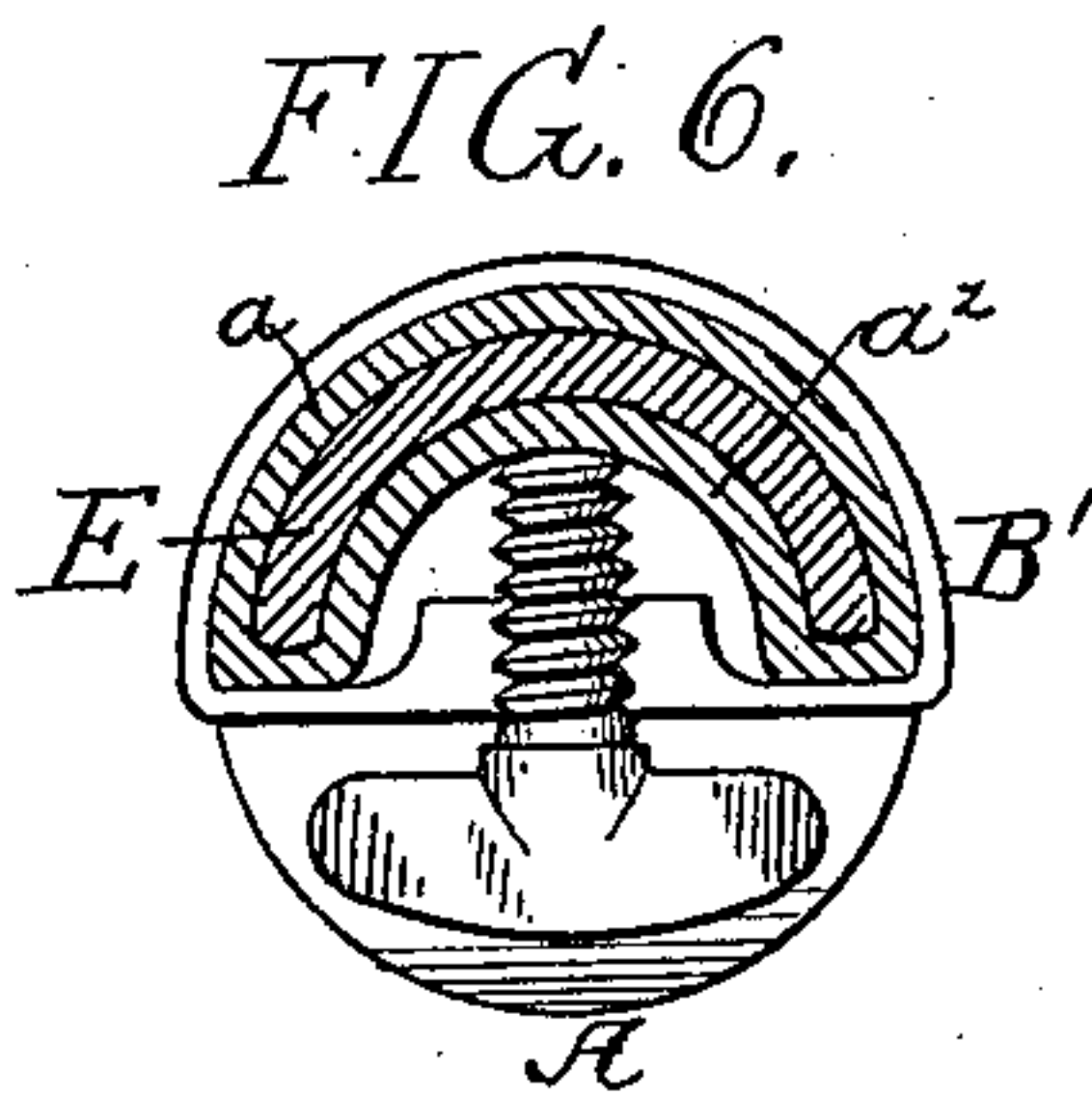
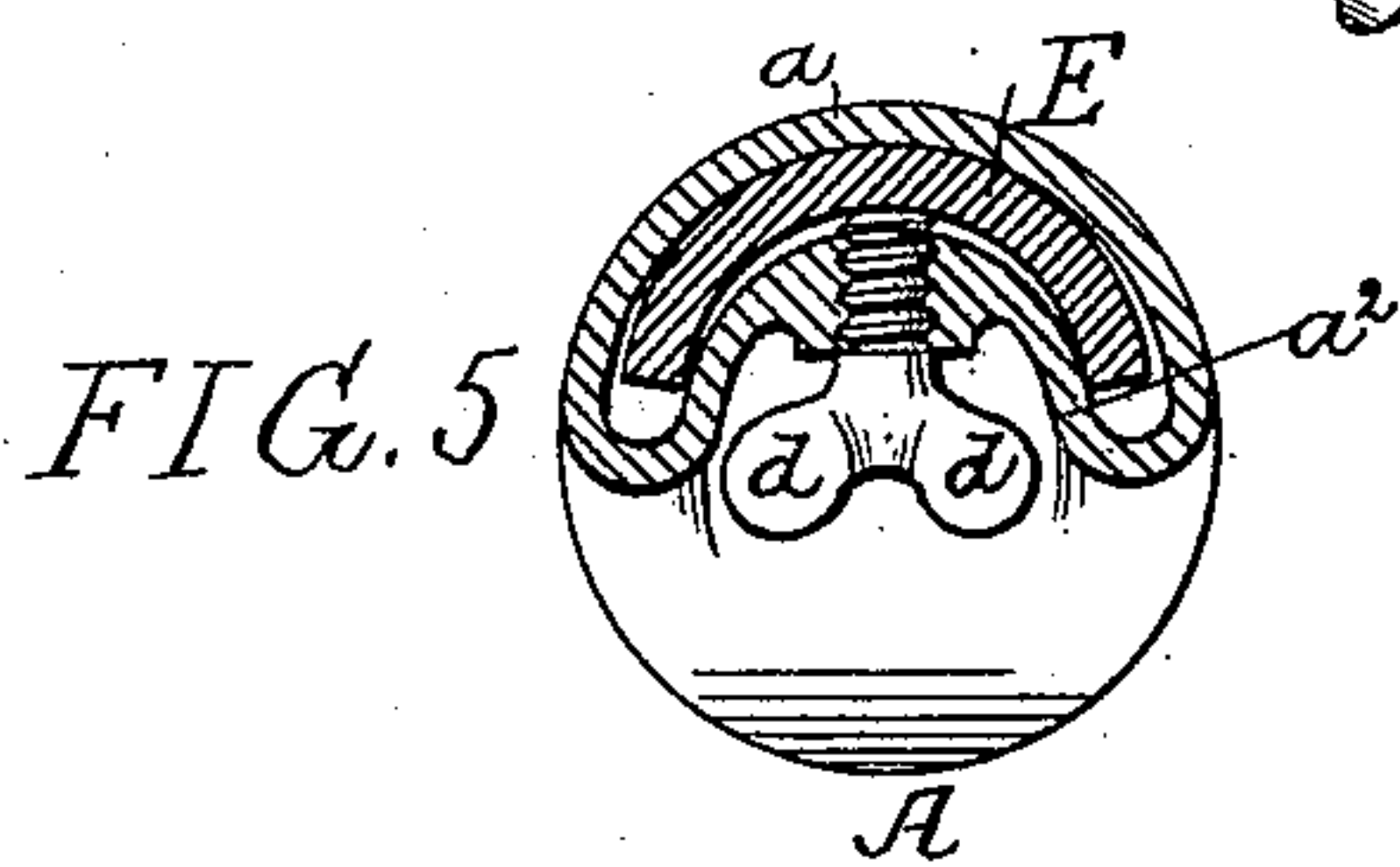
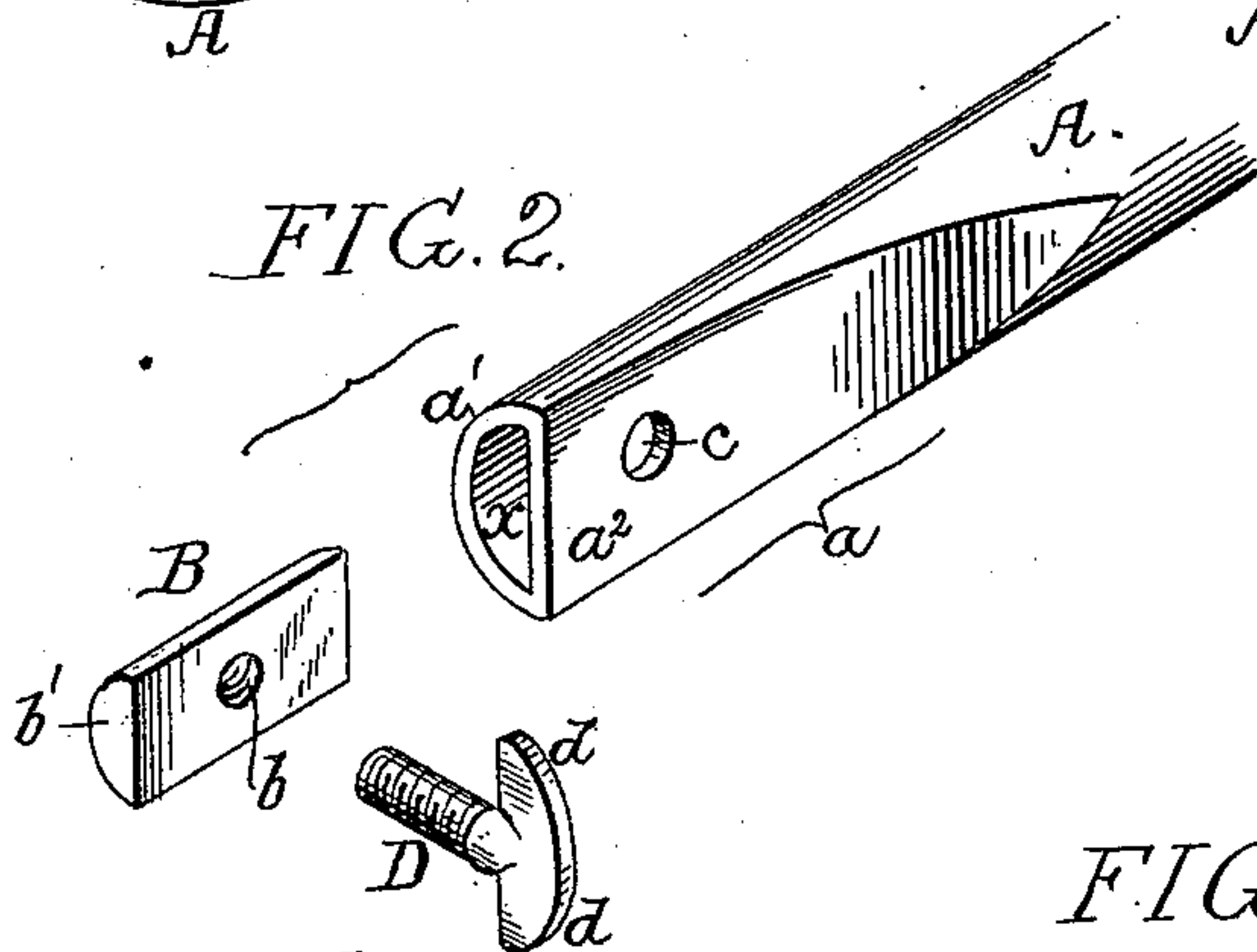
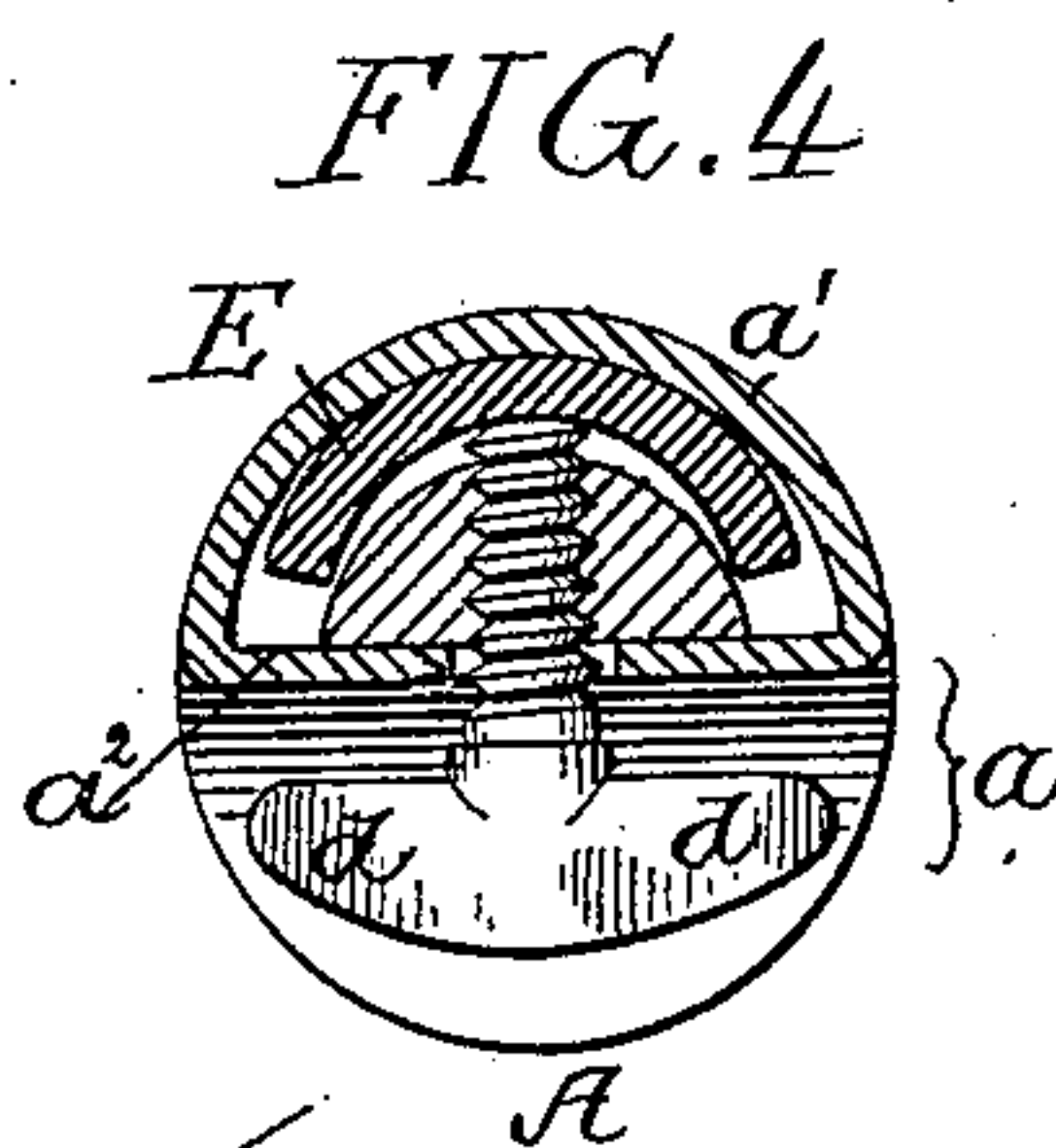
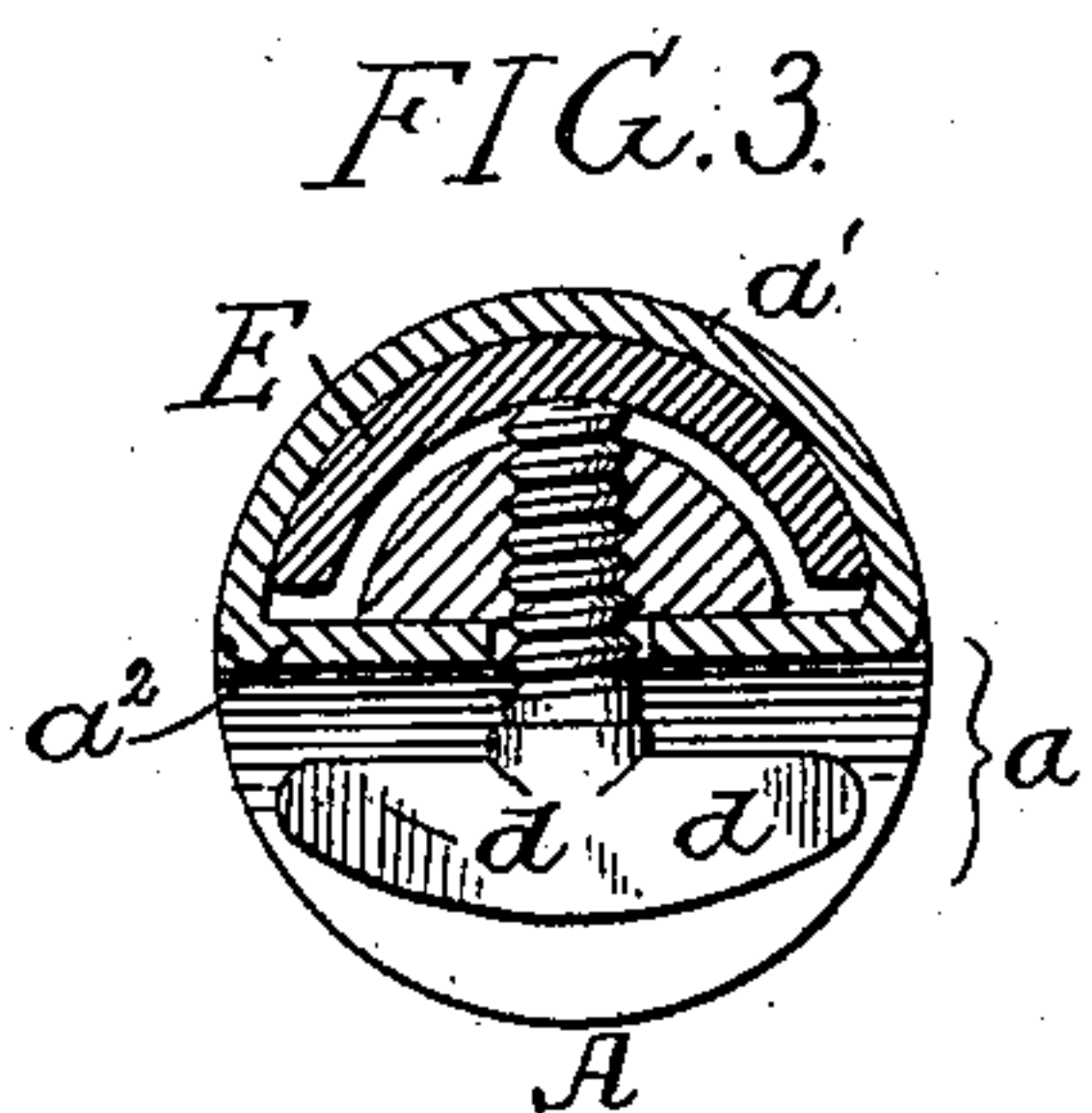
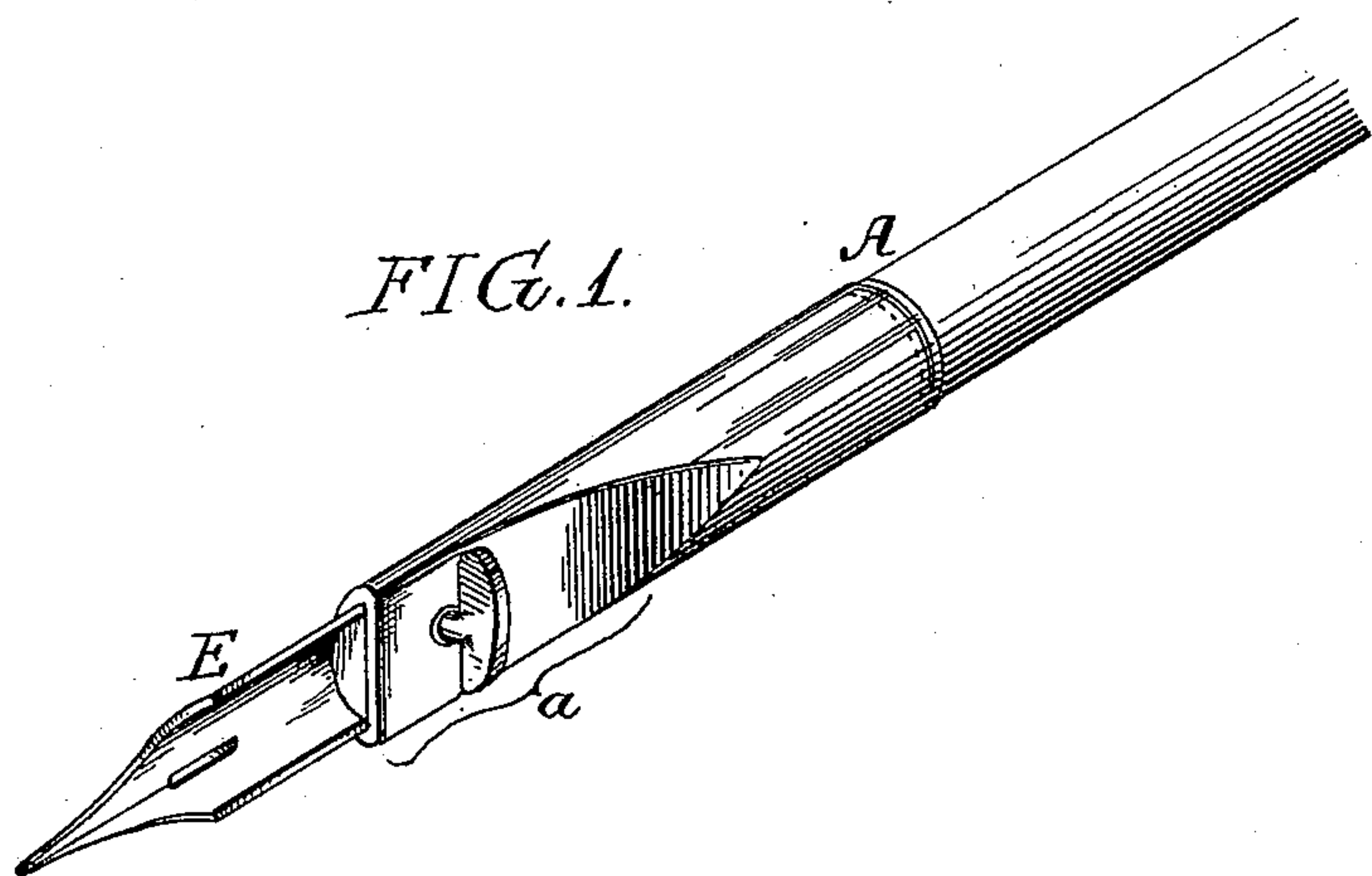


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY J. KENNEDY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Camden, Camden county, New Jersey, have invented certain Improvements in Penholders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide means for securing a pen to a penholder in such a manner that it can be readily removed, the device being so constructed as to accommodate itself to different shapes and sizes of pens. This object I attain in the following manner, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a penholder and pen, illustrating my invention. Fig. 2 is a detached perspective view of a portion of the penholder. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view showing a large pen in place. Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view showing a small pen in place. Figs. 5 and 6 are views illustrating modifications of my invention.

Penholders as commonly used are so constructed as to fit a certain-sized pen, and if small pens are used they are held loosely in the penholder, and generally the pens after being in the penholders any length of time become rusted fast to the holder or gummed fast by ink gaining access between the pen and penholder. I overcome these difficulties in the following manner, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

A is the penholder having a curved back  $a'$  and a cross-plate  $a^2$ . In the recess  $x$  thus formed I insert a block B, having a screw-threaded orifice  $b$ . This block is somewhat smaller than the orifice  $x$  and has a rounded back  $b'$ . The space between the back of this block and the curved portion  $a'$  of the penholder is sufficient to admit of the largest and smallest pens, the back of the block fitting the smallest pen and the curved portion  $a'$  of the penholder fitting the largest pen.

Through an opening  $e$  in the plate  $a^2$  of the penholder is inserted a thumb-screw D, the screw-threaded portion of the bolt entering the screw-threaded opening of the block B, and when the pen F is in the position shown in Figs. 3 and 4 the end of the thumb-screw presses against the under side of the pen, forcing it against the curved portion  $a'$

of the penholder, thus firmly locking the pen to the holder. The wings  $d d$  of the screw are of such proportions as to not interfere with the writer. By simply unscrewing the thumb-screw the pen is immediately released and can be readily removed and a new one inserted, if necessary.

In Fig. 5 I have shown a modification of my invention in which the cross-plate  $a^2$  is of sufficient thickness to enable a screw-threaded opening to be cut therein, the thumb-screw being screwed into this opening, answering the purpose set forth above.

In Fig. 6 I have shown a band  $B'$  passing around the exterior surface of the penholder and having a boss formed thereon, through which passes the thumb-screw; but in this instance the end of the screw, instead of bearing directly upon the pen, bears upon the cross-plate  $a^2$  of the penholder, forcing it against the under side of the pen, thereby holding the pen in position.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, in a penholder, of the recessed socket having a curved back and a cross-plate, said cross-plate being perforated, a filling-block adapted to the orifice between the curved back and the cross-plate, the said block having a screw-threaded opening with a thumb-screw adapted to pass through the orifice in the cross-plate and into and through the screw-threaded opening in the filling-block, so as to press against the under side of the pen, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The combination, in a penholder, of the recessed socket having a cross-plate and a curved back, a filling-block having a curved back of a radius less than that of the back of the socket, with a thumb-screw passing through said cross-plate and filling-block and adapted to press against the under side of the pen and force the same against the curved back of the socket, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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