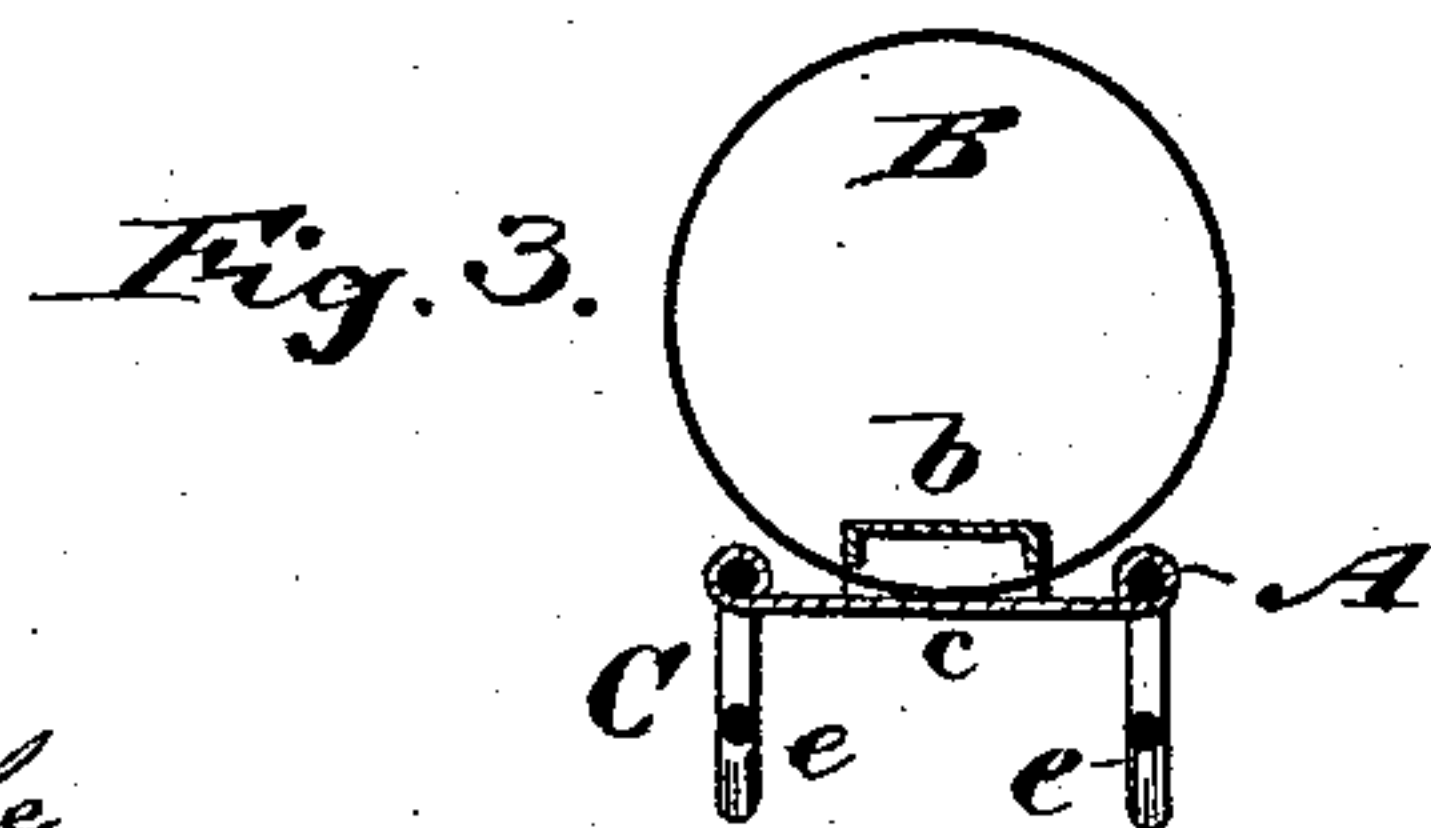
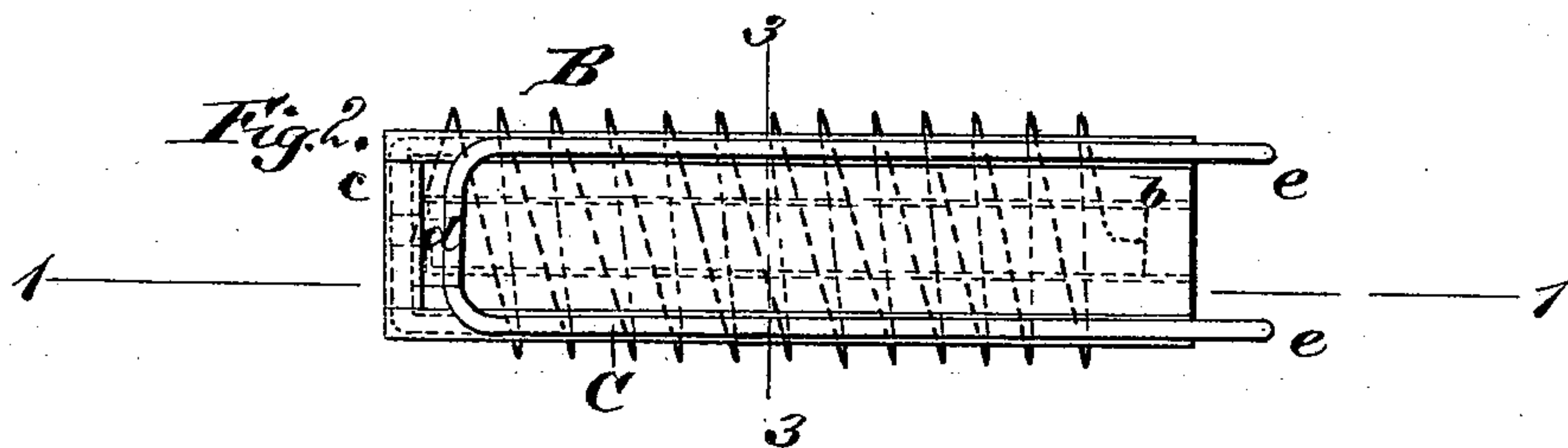
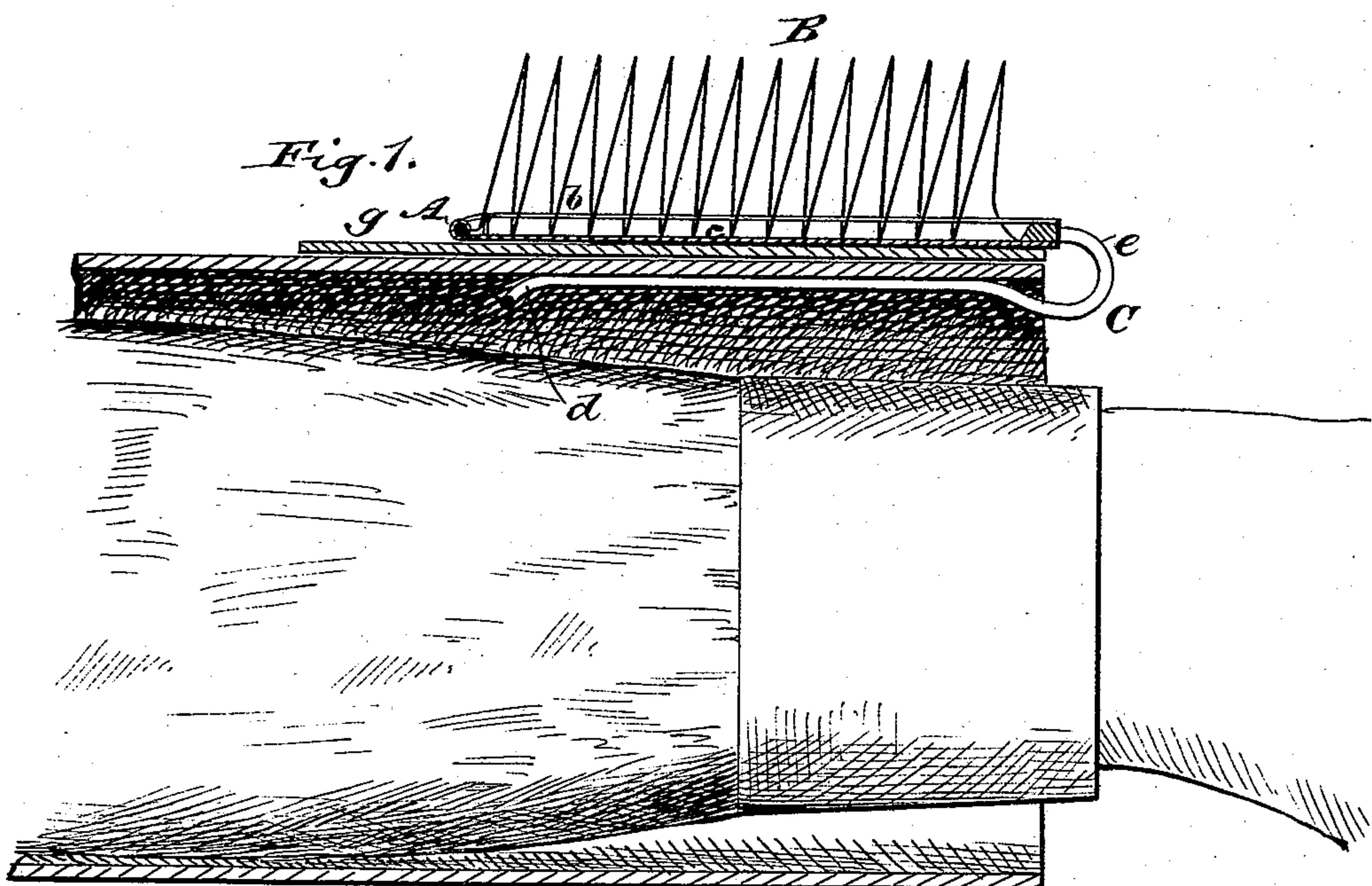


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAAC W. HOUSSE, of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba and Dominion of Canada, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pen-Racks, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention is a pen-rack adapted for convenient attachment to the sleeve or cuff of a coat or other garment. The construction and mode of use are as hereinafter described.

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

Figure 1 represents a longitudinal section, upon the line 1 1 in Fig. 2, of my improved pen-rack as applied to a coat sleeve or cuff on the arm of a penman; Fig. 2, an inverted plan of the rack detached, and Fig. 3 a transverse section of the same upon the line 3 3 in Fig. 2.

A is a longitudinal frame-piece or holder composed of an upper plate *b* and lower plate *c*, adapted to carry in between them the lower peripheral portions of an elongated longitudinal spring-wire coil B, secured at its ends to the holder and having its individual coils sufficiently spread or far apart to receive down between them and to hold with a spring-pressure one or more pens, or it might be pencils, which when inserted may rest upon the top plate *b* of the holder. Underneath the holder A and virtually forming a part of it is a longitudinal spring-clamp C, composed of a piece of spring-wire bent to form longitudinal parallel side bars united at their one end, which is the mouth or free end of the spring-clamp, (shown at *d*), and looped and connected at their individual ends *e* to the forward end of the holder, thus forming a longitudinal lip-shaped spring-clamp that in fitting the pen-rack to the sleeve or cuff of a coat or other garment is readily entered under the outer end of the sleeve or cuff and passed along the inside of the sleeve or cuff, while the holder A is on the outside thereof, so that the two grip the sleeve or cuff with a spring-pressure

in between them and keep or hold the spring-wire coil B in place on the outside of the garment, as shown, for instance, in Fig. 1. If desired, this self-holding pen-rack may be similarly applied to the pocket of a vest on the person or elsewhere, but is generally designed to be used on the cuff of the coat, or it might be shirt of the writer when the coat is removed, and usually on the left arm, so as to be within easy reach of the penman by his other hand to insert the pen in or remove it from the rack. Thus applied to the left arm the rack will not interfere with the use of said arm for putting the hand into the pocket, turning over the leaves of a book, or lifting any outside object.

If necessary, a small slip of blotting-paper *g* may be introduced over the cuff and under the holder A or base of the rack to catch any ink that might fall from the pen when placing it quickly in place on the rack.

I do not separately claim the spring-wire coil B for holding the pen, as any suitable pen-carrying device or rack proper might be substituted for and be combined with the holder for said device and the spring lip-shaped clamp connected therewith.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, the pen-rack adapted for attachment to a sleeve or cuff, as shown and described, the same consisting of the wire-coil pen-rack proper having the longitudinal base-plate *c* and the spring-clamp C, attached to one end of the latter and formed of parallel straight side bars or portions which are bent outward at their free ends, as specified, whereby when the device is applied to a sleeve or cuff the said straight portions of the clamp lie in frictional contact with the inner side of such sleeve or cuff.

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