

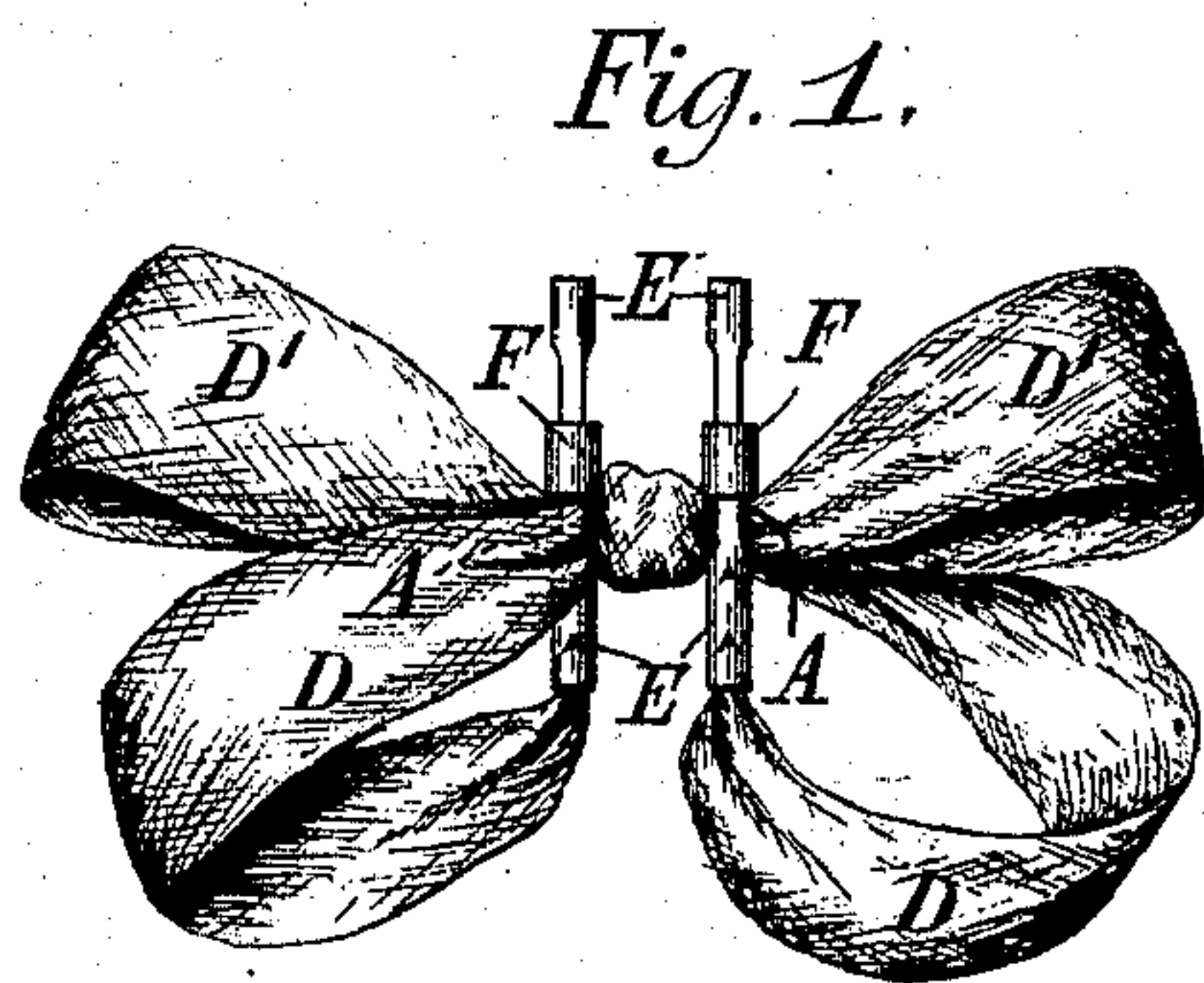
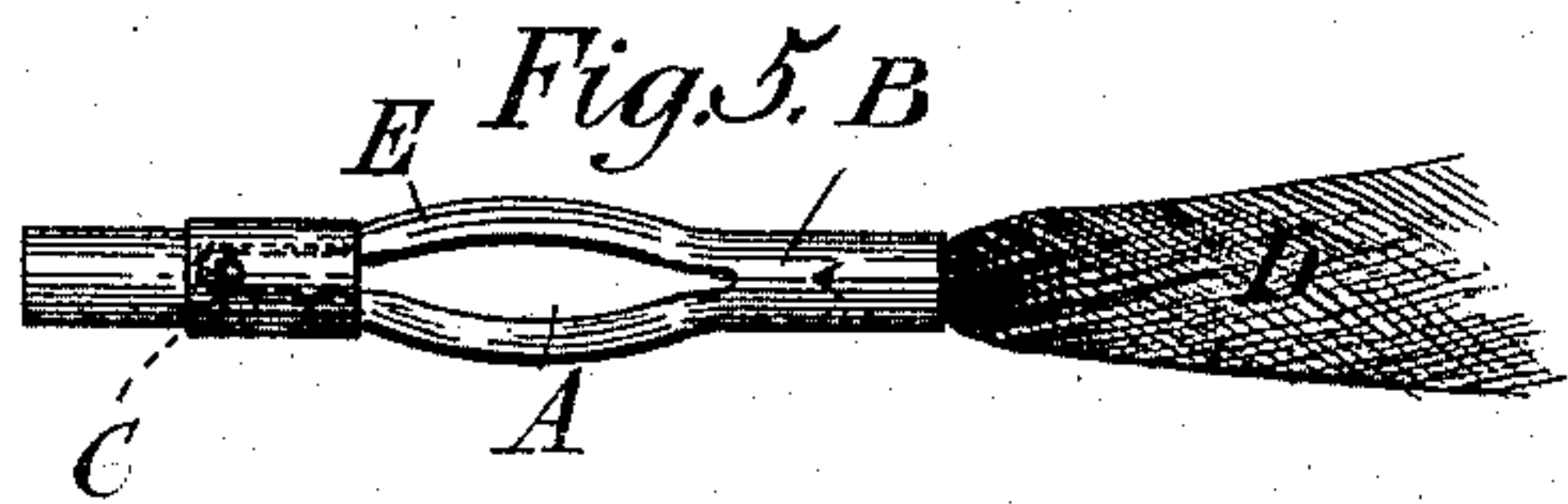
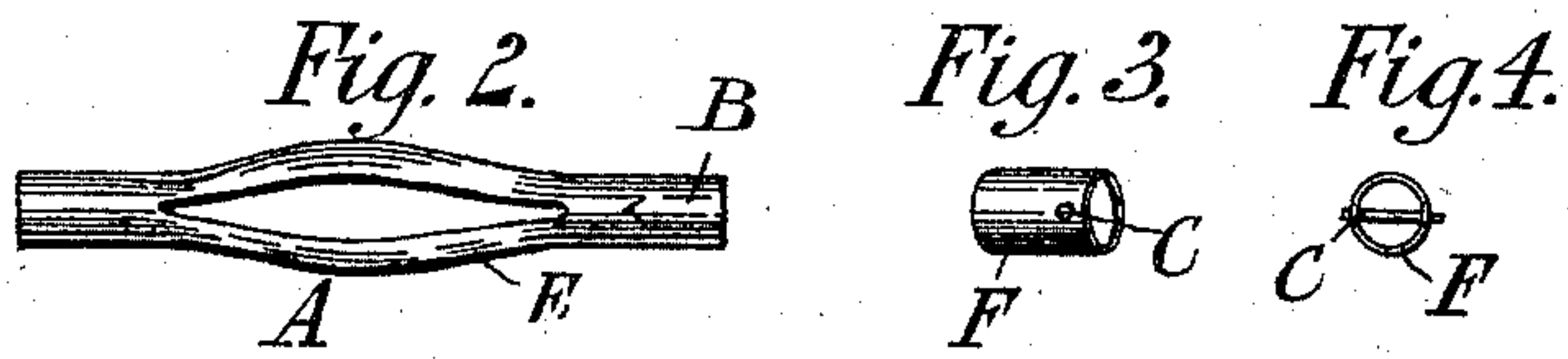
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ARTHUR EVANS DAVIS, a citizen of Great Britain, residing at 53 Melbourne Grove, East Dulwich, S. E., London, in the county of Surrey, England, have invented a new and useful Boot or Shoe Lace Tag and Tie Fastener, (for which I have obtained Letters Patent in Belgium, No. 109,812, dated May 7, 1894,) of which the following is a specification.

My object is to provide a tag by means of which the bow of a shoe lace after tying may be held and prevented from becoming untied, while the tag itself shall not dangle about.

The invention consists of a hollow tag in the middle of which a slot is formed through which the bow of the shoe lace is passed and held by a sliding collar, thus giving a tidy appearance to the bow and preventing its becoming untied.

The accompanying drawings illustrate my invention, similar letters indicating similar parts throughout.

Figure 1 shows the bow after being tied and secured by the tags. Fig. 2 is the tag proper and Figs. 3 and 4 show the sliding collar, while Fig. 5 is the tag and collar complete.

The tag consists of a metal cylinder Fig. 2 slotted out at A and formed at B in the usual way for securing it to the lace, while the collar which slides upon the said tag and which is shown in Figs. 3 and 4 is prevented from

being lost by the pin C. In Fig. 1 the lace is represented by the letter D, the tags by the letter E and the collars by the letter F.

The lace D is secured to the tags E E at each end in the usual way and after being tied the bows which are formed by tying are passed through the slots A A in tags E E as shown and collars F F are then slipped up to the lace, and hold it firmly, the sides of the tags E E being slightly expanded in order to form springs, thus preventing the collars F F from slipping back, and the tags E E are thus at the same time held by the bows D' D' and cannot dangle about, while the bows cannot become untied.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The herein described shoe-lace tag, comprising a cylindrical section adapted to be secured to a lace and having a longitudinal slot through which a bow of the lace is adapted to be passed, said section being expanded upon each side of the slot to form a spring or locking portion and a sleeve slidably mounted upon the said section, and provided with a pin extending through the slot, for the purpose specified.

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