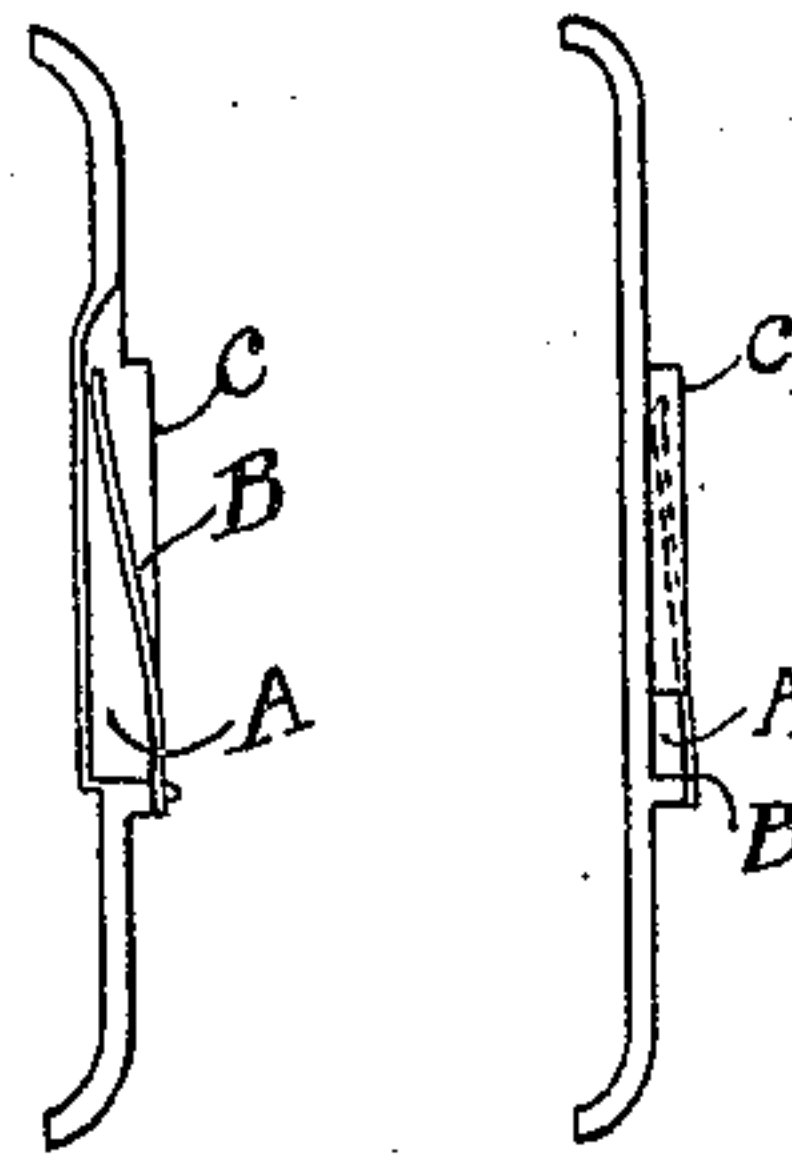
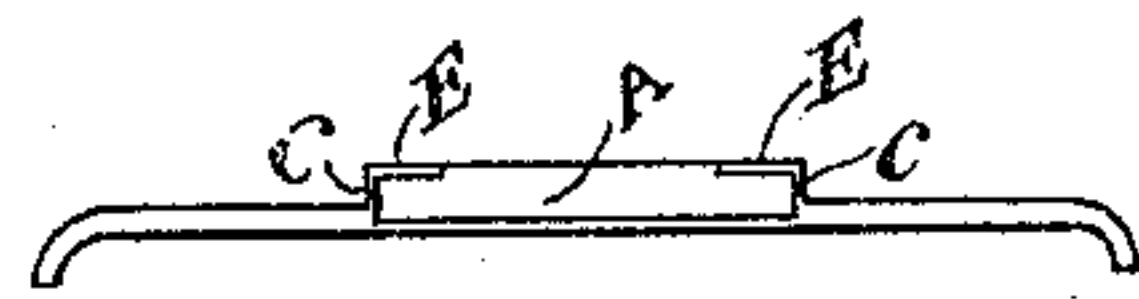
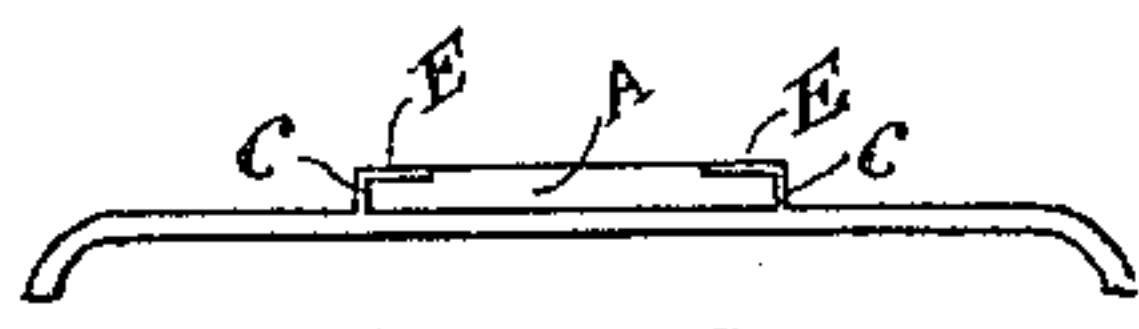
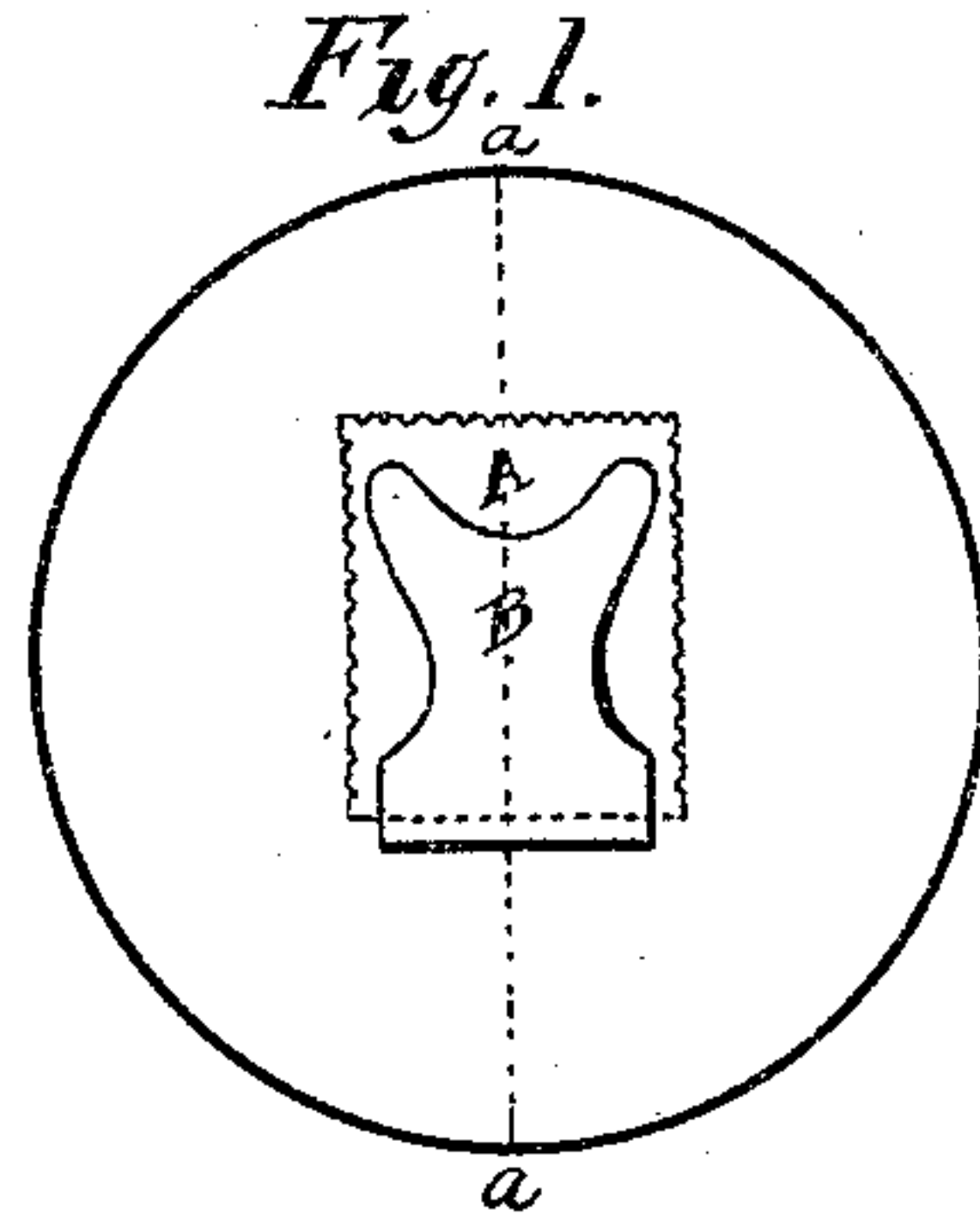
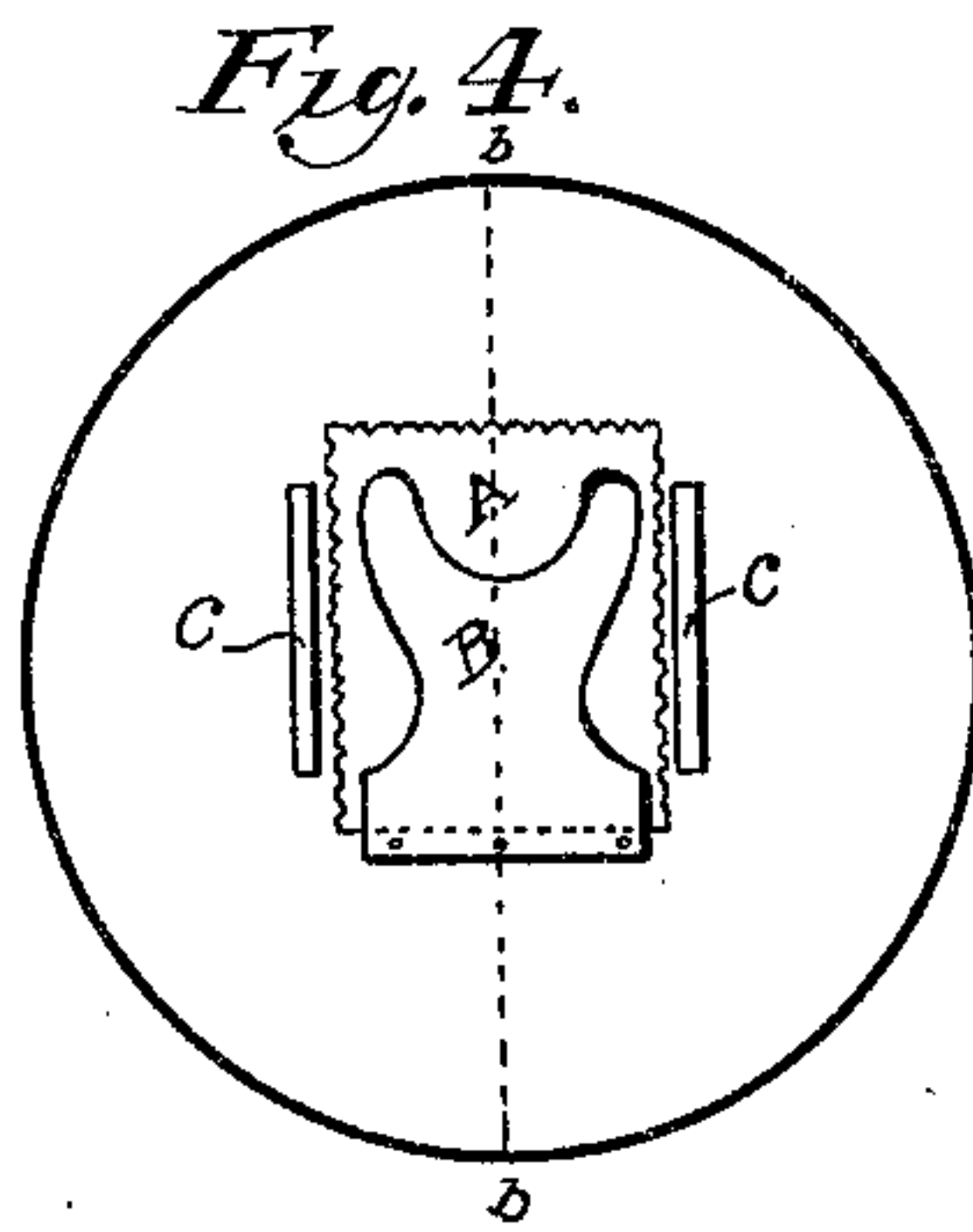
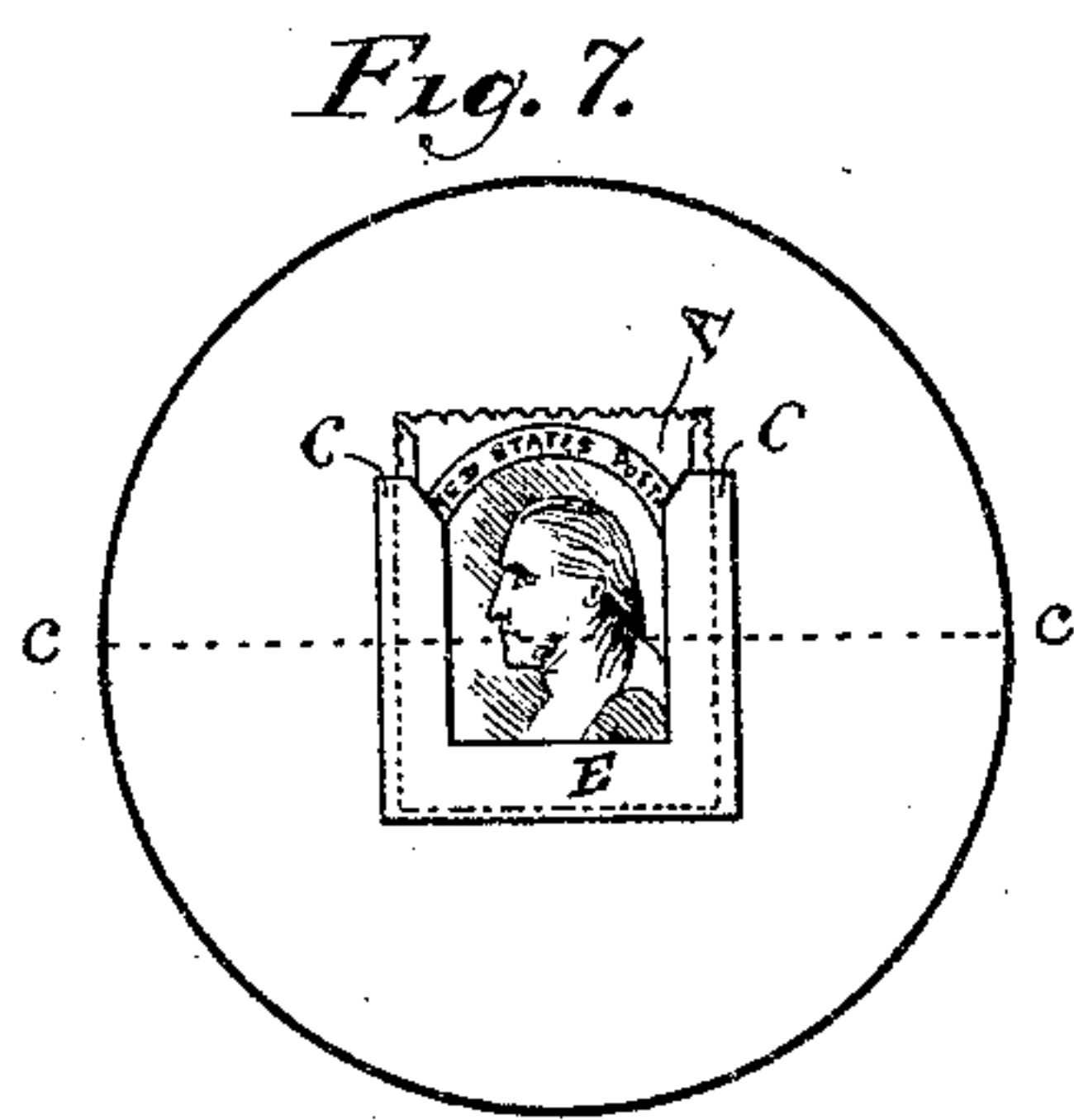


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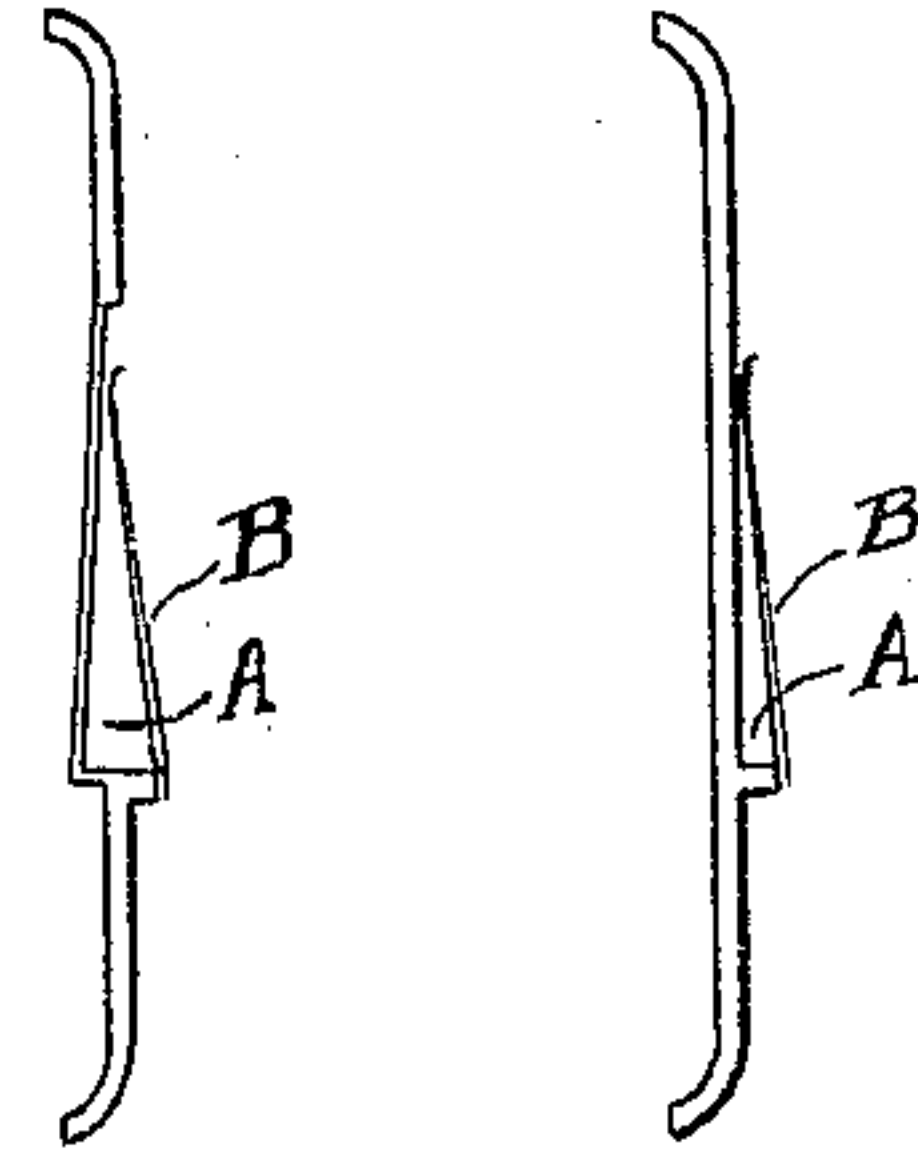
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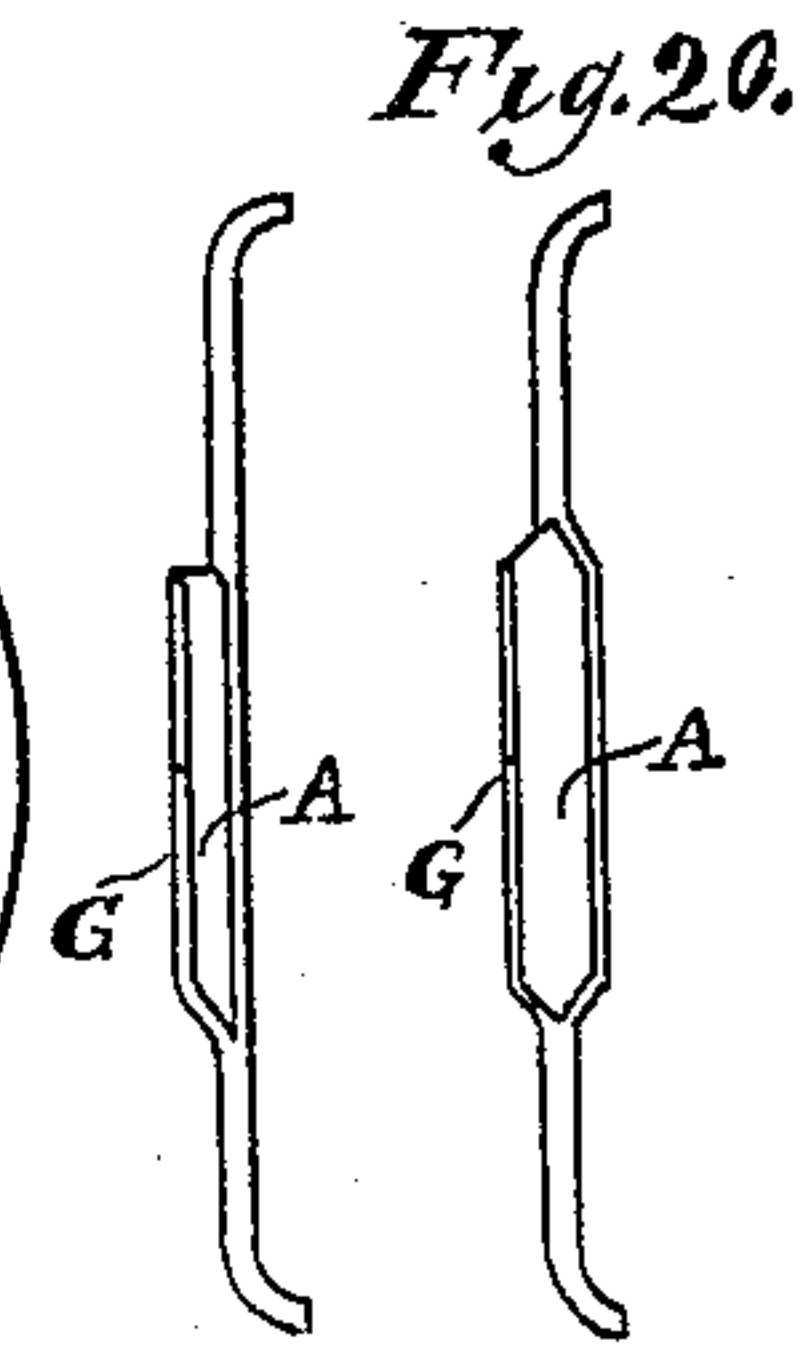
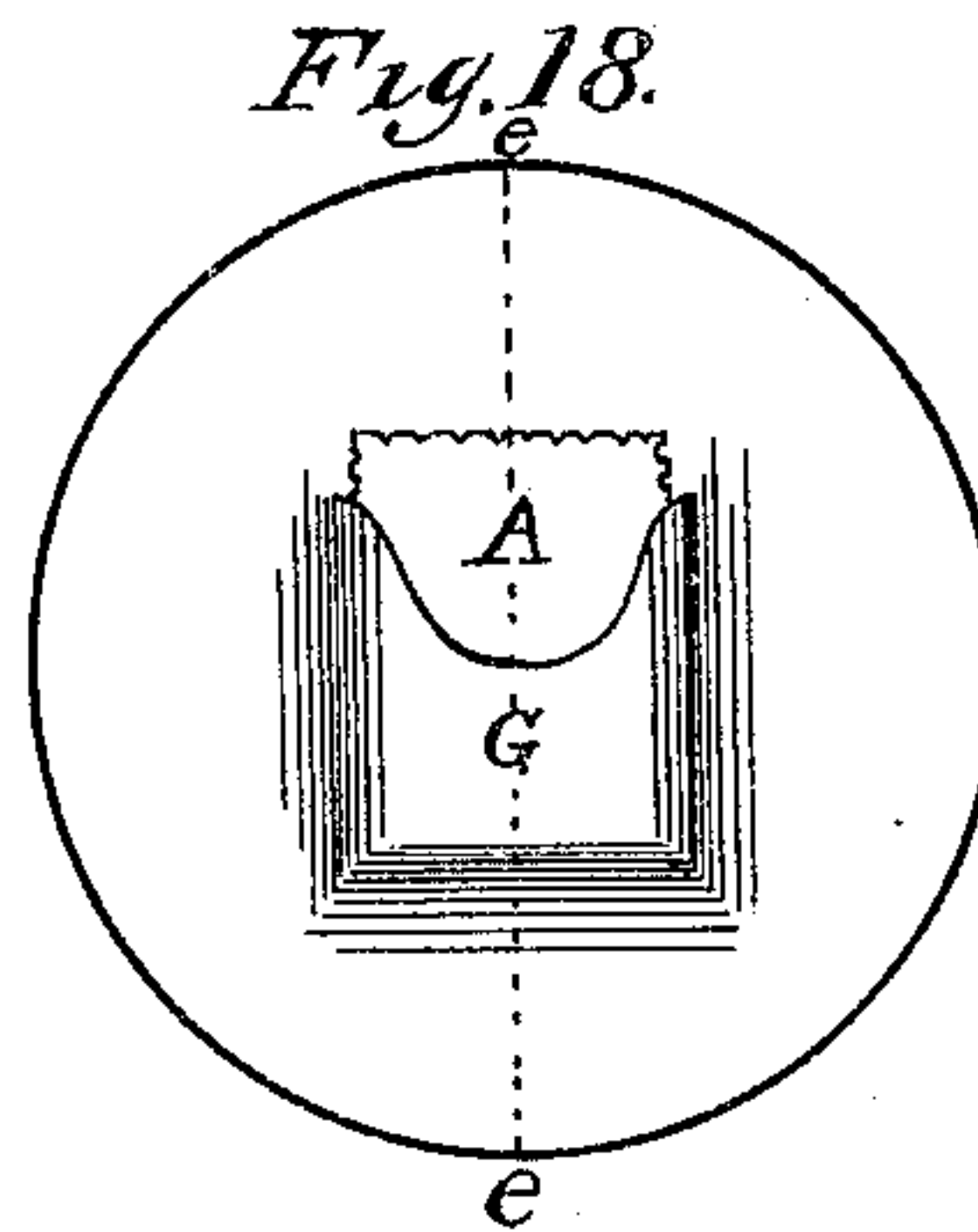
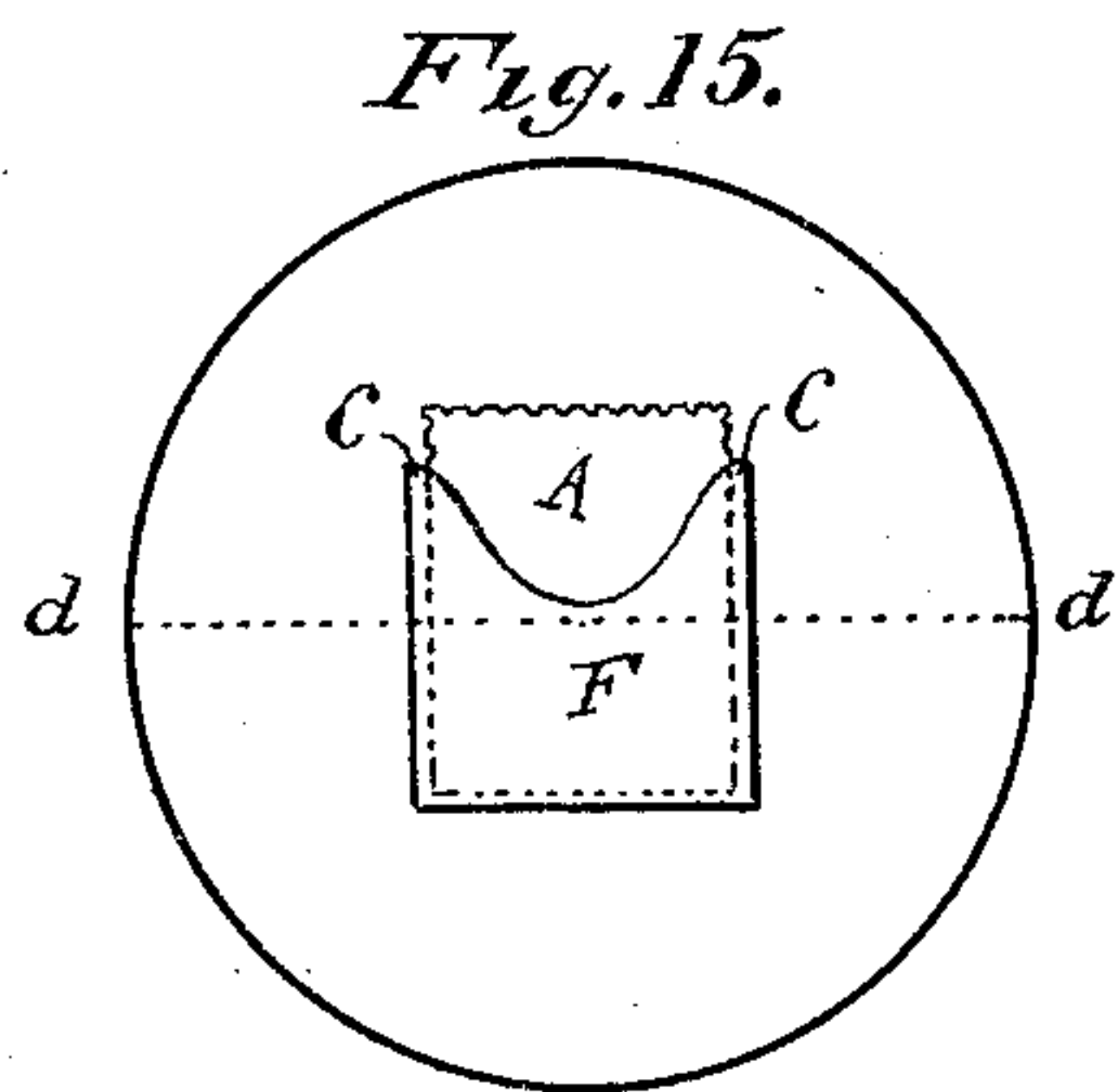
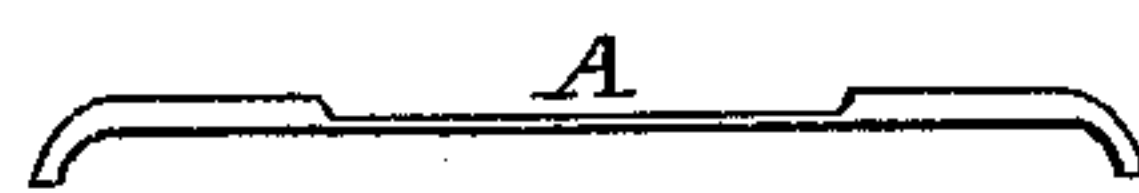
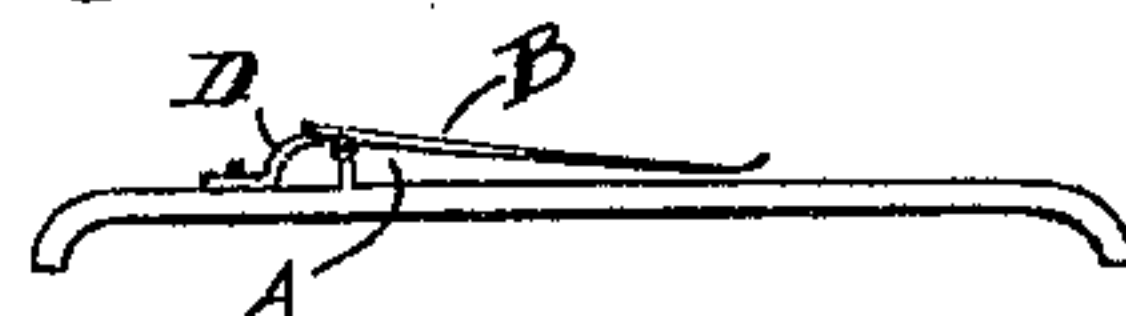
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*Fig. 5.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## WATCHCASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM M. RUSH, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Joseph, in the State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Watchcase, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in watchcases, in which, by means of springs, ribs, lips, recesses, and the expansion of the sheets composing the lids of watchcases, provision is made for a receptacle or case in which to keep and carry postage-stamps.

The object of my invention is to provide for the safe and convenient carriage of postage-stamps within a watchcase and in the smallest space. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the inside of the outer or the outside of an inner lid of a watchcase to which a spring B is attached to hold the stamp A in place against the case. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of Fig. 1, drawn on dotted line *a a*, showing the spring B and stamp-space A. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of Fig. 1, at dotted line *a a*, showing the case recessed in order to afford the greater stamp-space A and spring B. Fig. 4 is a view of a lid of a watchcase, to which ribs C C are attached to prevent the stamps shifting, and spring B to hold them against the case. Fig. 5 is a sectional view of Fig. 4, at dotted line *b b*, showing the stamp-space A, the spring B, and the rib C. Fig. 6 is a sectional view of Fig. 4, at dotted line *b b*, showing the case recessed in order to afford greater stamp-space A with the spring B and the rib C. Fig. 7 is a view of a lid of a watchcase in which the lip E has been added to the ribs so as to afford a space within which to secure the stamps. Fig. 8 is a sectional view of Fig. 7, at dotted line *c c*, showing stamp-space A, the ribs C C, and lips E E. Fig. 9 is a sectional view of Fig. 7, at dotted line *c c*, showing the case recessed in order to afford a greater stamp-space A with ribs C C and lips E E. Fig. 10 is a sectional view of a lid of a watchcase, showing a stamp-space A and clip or spring B with a reinforcing spring D. Figs. 11, 12, 13, and 14 are sectional views showing the forms of recesses to be made in the opposite lid to receive the stamp apparatus attached to the

other lid. Fig. 15 is a view of a watchcase with the ribs C C covered by a shield F. Fig. 16 is a sectional view of Fig. 15 at dotted line *d d*, showing the case recessed in order to afford a greater stamp-space A with ribs C C and shield F. Fig. 17 is a sectional view of Fig. 15 at dotted line *d d*, showing ribs C C, stamp-space A, and shield F. Fig. 18 is a view of a lid of a watchcase whose sheets have been expanded at G, so as to provide a stamp-space A. Fig. 19 is a sectional view of Fig. 18, at dotted lines *e e*, showing one sheet of the lid G expanded away from its fellow, so as to create a stamp-space A. Fig. 20 is a sectional view of Fig. 18, at dotted lines *e e*, showing the two sheets of the lid expanded away from each other so as to create a greater stamp-space A.

From the foregoing it will be perceived that my invention may be carried out in various ways in practice, and while I make no broad claim to the clasps, springs, &c., for holding tickets, labels, &c., still I am not aware that a watchcase has ever heretofore been provided with such a holder as is here described; and its advantages are that it enables any one to carry postage-stamps in the pocket without having a separate special receptacle for the same, and without risk of having them stuck together and destroyed by moisture in a pocket-book, the cases of the watch affording a convenient and safe receptacle for them without encumbering the pockets with a separate receptacle, and the impervious nature of the metal lids of the case preventing access of moisture from perspiration and keeping them always dry and free from soil, without in any way affecting the usefulness and slightly appearance of the watch.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a watch case having, inside of the same and attached to one of its lids or disks, a holder for stamps, consisting of a thin piece of material overlapping and retaining the stamps against lateral displacement substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. A watch case provided with a stamp holder in one of its lids or disks, and a corresponding recess or depression in the adjacent



lid or disk to accommodate the stamp holder, substantially as shown and described.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a watch case having, inside of the same and attached  
5 to one of its lids or disks, a holder for stamps, consisting of a thin piece of material fixed to the lid or disk in central position and overlapping and retaining the stamps against lateral displacement substantially as shown and  
10 described.

4. As a new article of manufacture, a watch case having, inside of the same and attached to one of its lids or disks, a holder for stamps, consisting of a thin piece of elastic or spring-  
15 ing material fixed to the lid or disk in central position and overlapping and retaining the stamps against lateral displacement substantially as shown and described.

5. As a new article of manufacture, a watch

case having, inside of the same and attached 20 to one of its lids or disks, a holder for stamps, consisting of a thin piece of elastic or springing material fixed to the lid or disk in central position and overlapping and retaining the stamps, and side flanges on each side of said  
25 holder, substantially as and for the purpose described.

6. As a new article of manufacture, a watch case having, inside of the same and attached to one of its lids or disks in central position, 30 an overlapping stamp holder, and having this same lid or disk recessed or depressed at a point opposite such holder substantially as and for the purpose described.

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