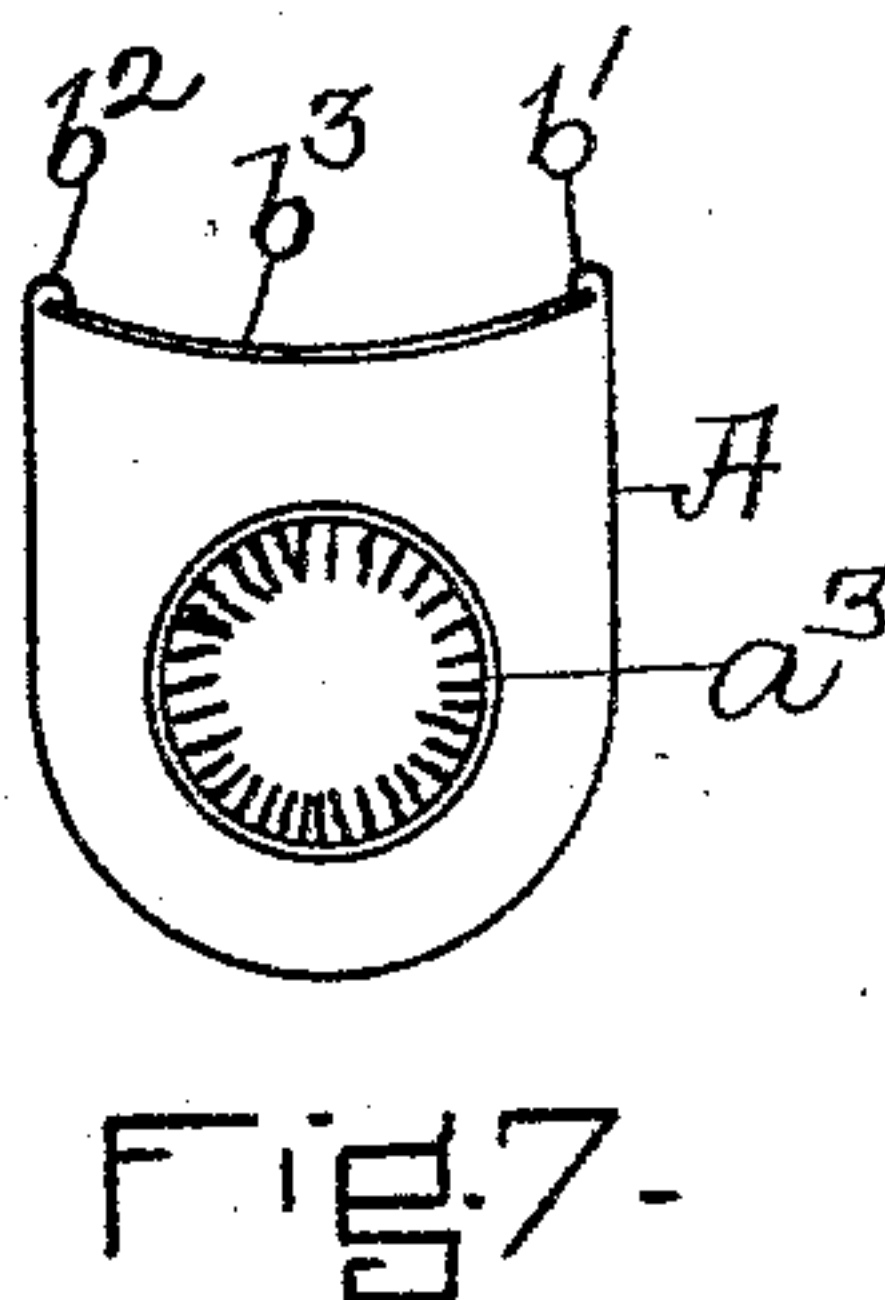
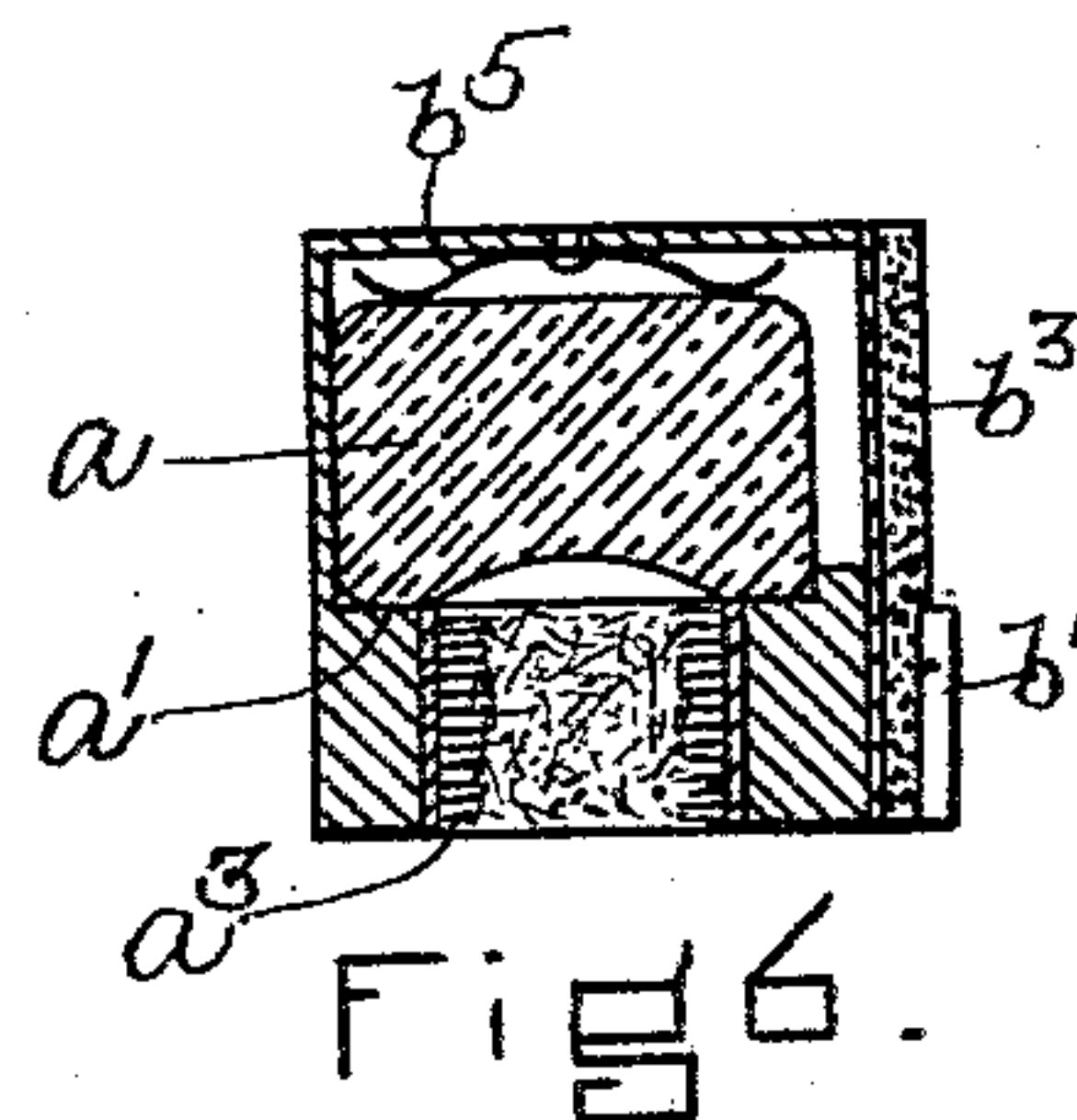
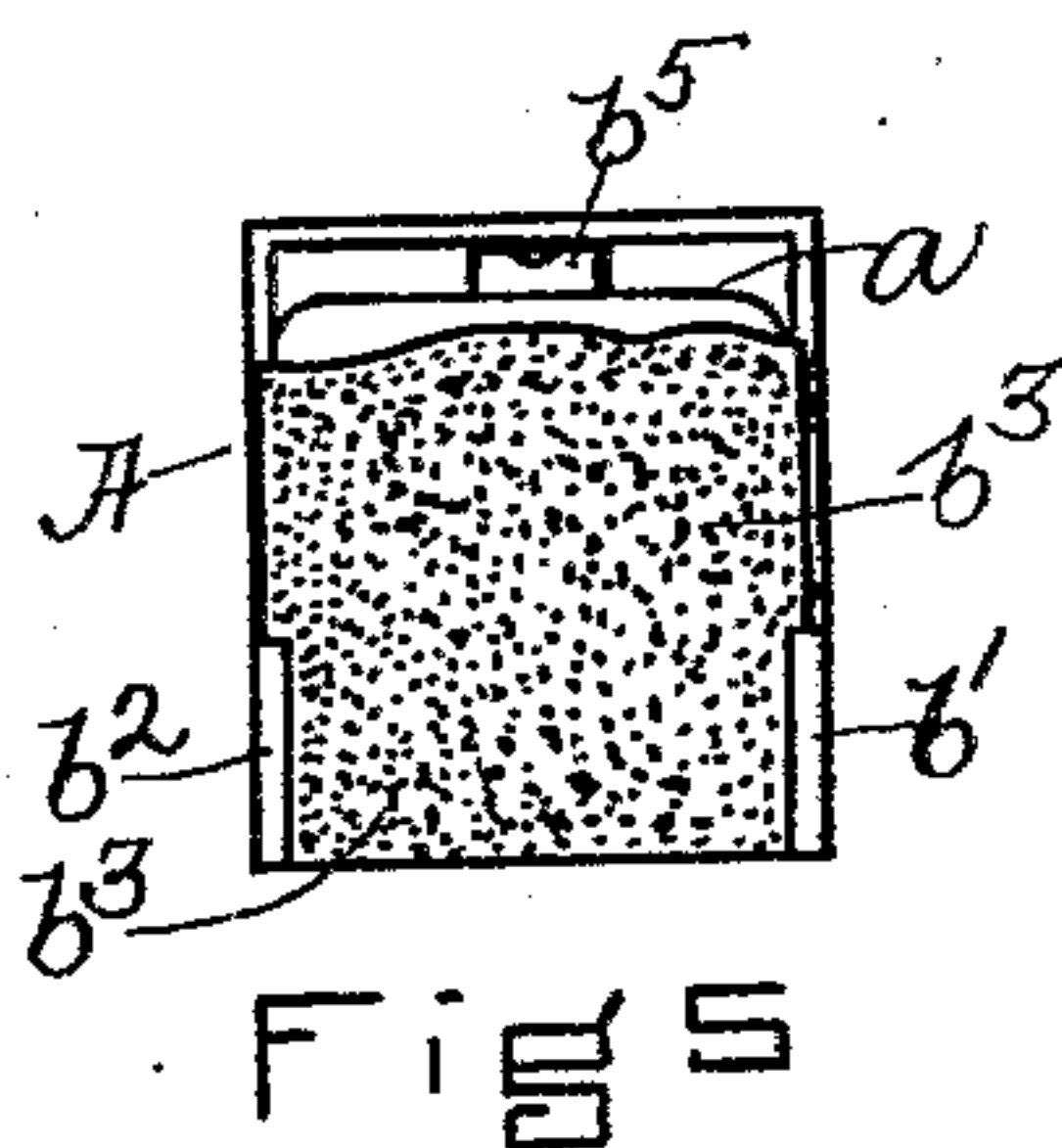
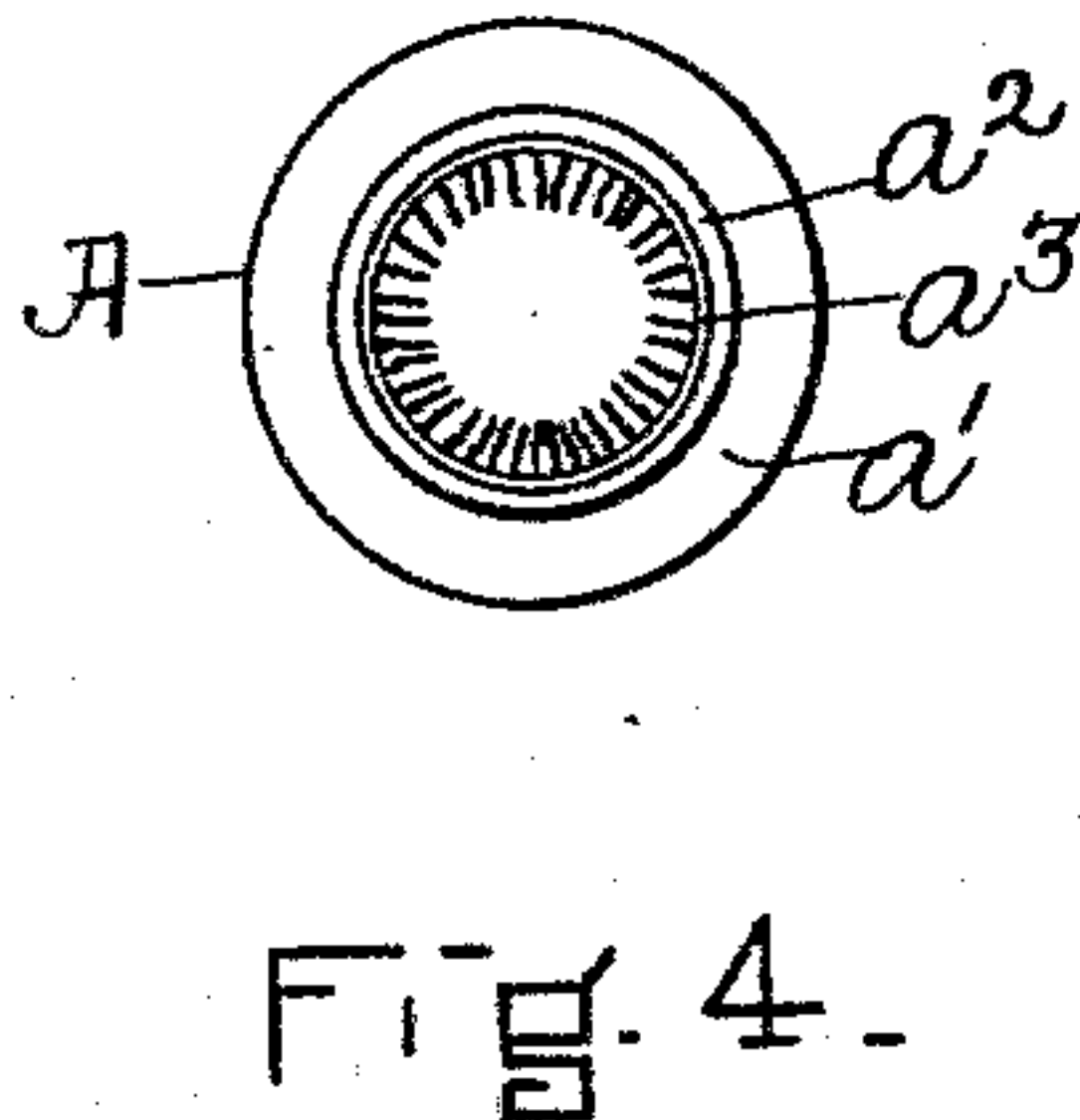
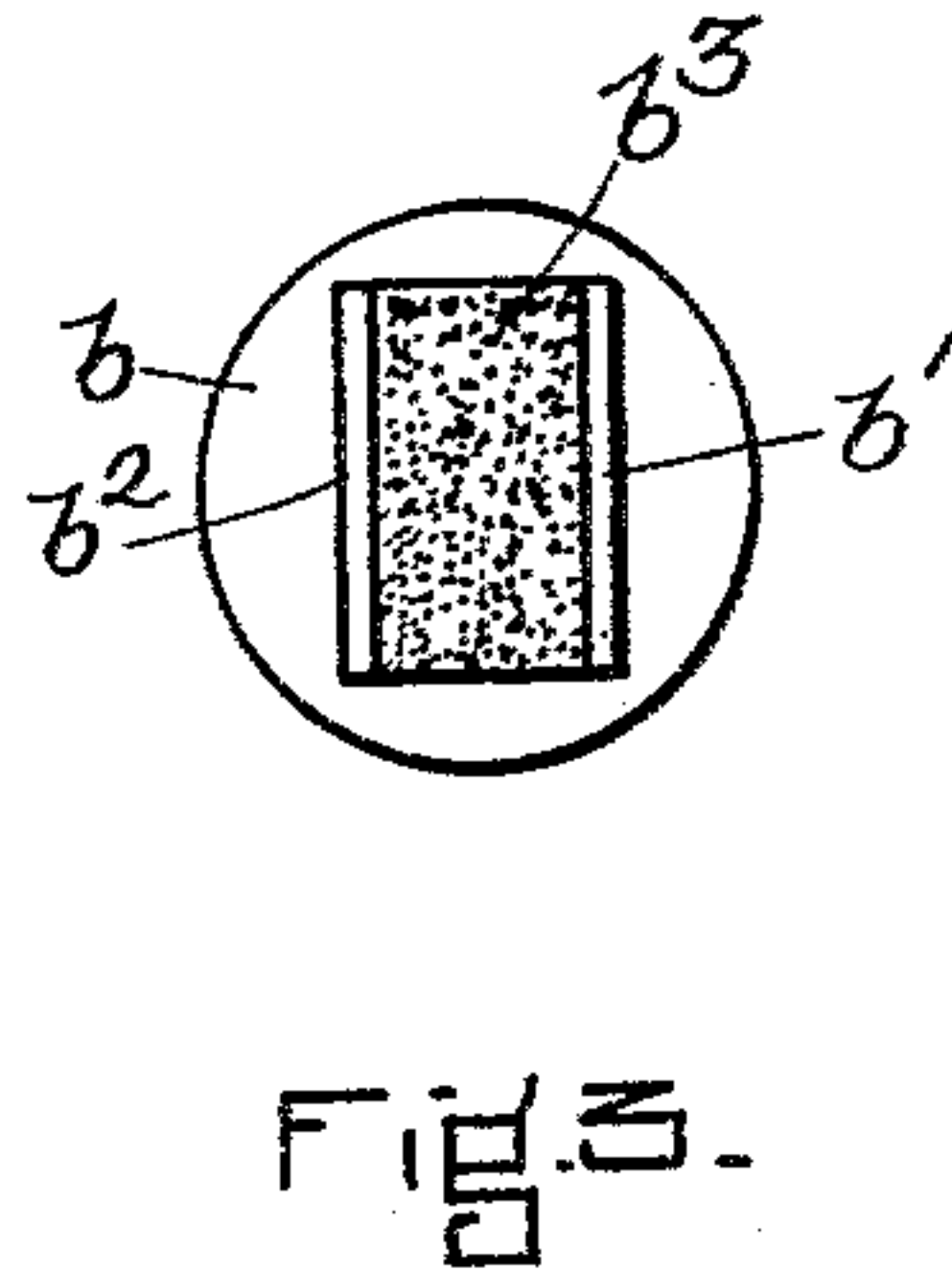
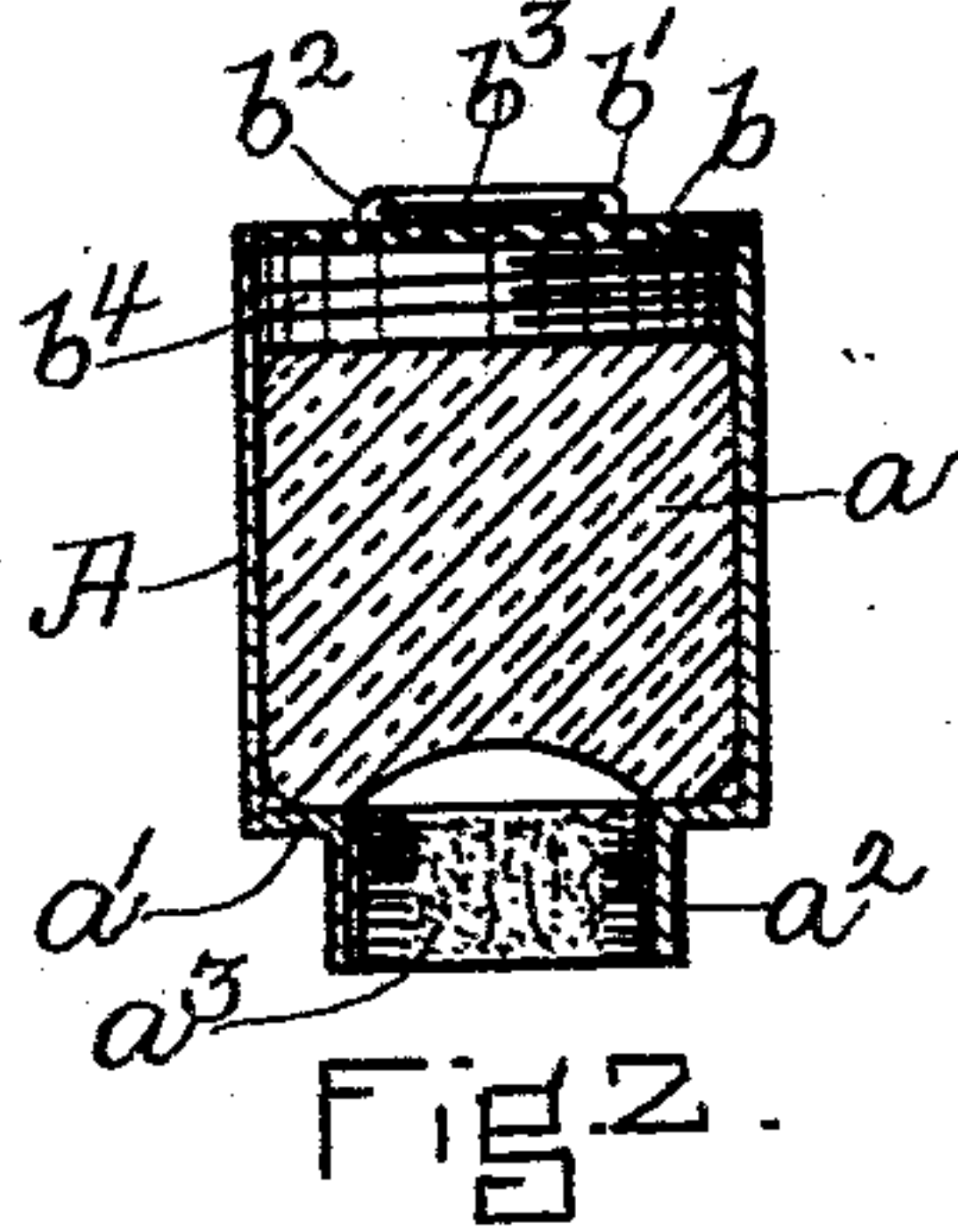
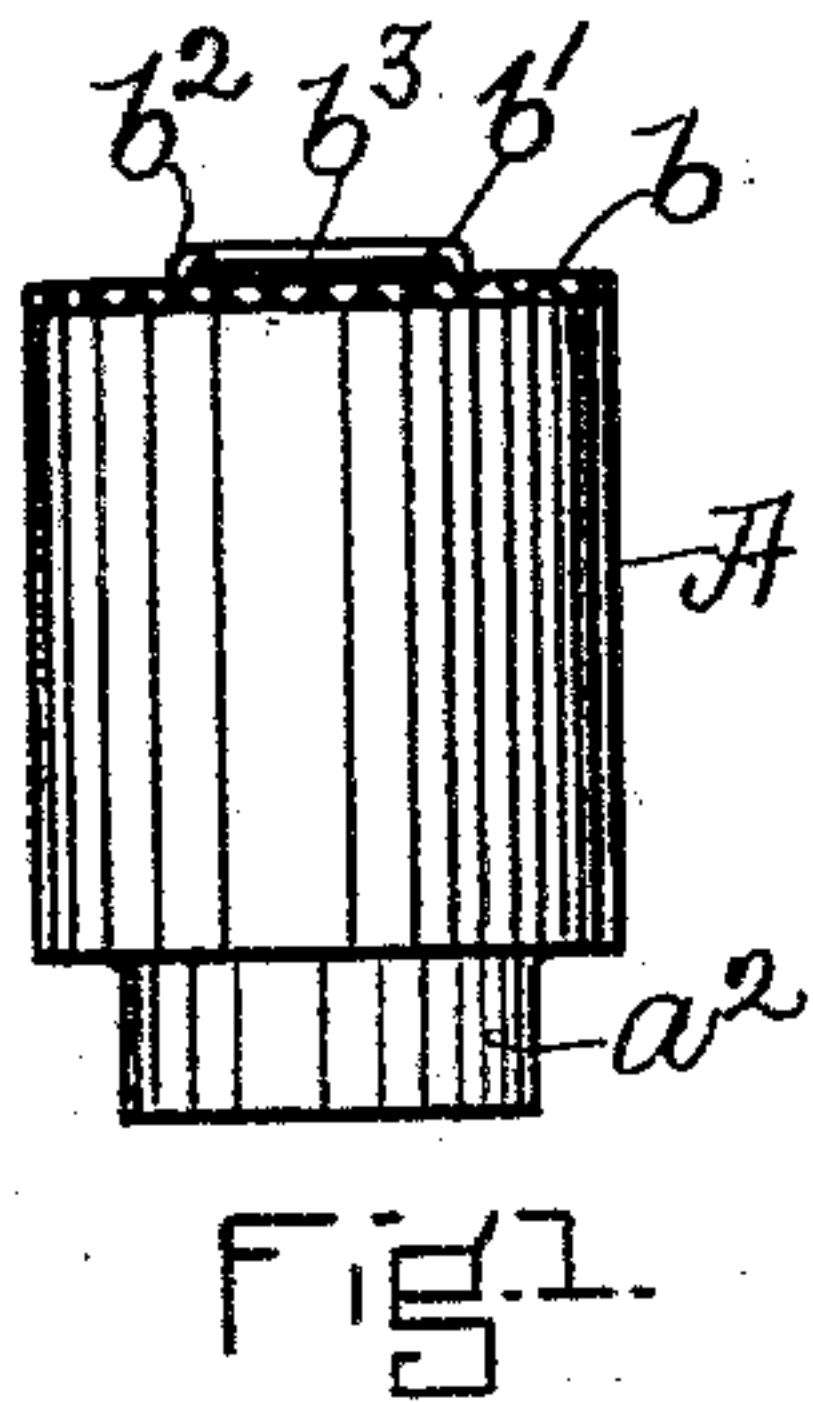


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. CURRIER, residing in Los Angeles, county of Los Angeles, and State of California, have invented an Improvement in Billiard-Chalk Holders, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention relates to a novel holder for chalk employed on billiard-cues.

In accordance with this invention the chalk-holder consists of a casing or receptacle in which the chalk is placed, which casing or receptacle is provided with a circular mouth or opening for the reception of the end of the cue, and the said mouth or opening is provided with a wiper, which may be of felt, lamb's-wool, or other suitable or fibrous material which will permit of the ready entrance of the end of the cue, so as to enable the tip to be chalked, and which acts as a wiper to remove any chalk which may adhere to the side of the cue. The casing or receptacle is provided on its outer side with a holder for an abrasive material, preferably a piece of sandpaper, by which the player may fix the cue-tip if it requires it.

The chalk-holder is made substantially small, so that it can be carried in the pocket of the player.

These and other features of this invention will be pointed out in the claims at the end of this specification.

Figure 1 represents in elevation one form of pocket chalk-holder embodying this invention; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section of the chalk-holder shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a top or plan view of the chalk-holder shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 4, a bottom or inverted view of the chalk-holder shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 5, a front elevation of a modified form of chalk-holder; Fig. 6, a vertical longitudinal section of the chalk-holder shown in Fig. 5, and Fig. 7 an inverted plan view of the chalk-holder shown in Fig. 5.

Referring to Figs. 1 to 4, A represents a cylindrical casing, preferably of metal and open at its upper end for the reception of a cylindrical piece a of chalk, which may be of any suitable or usual material, commonly known as "billiard-chalk." The cylinder or casing A is provided with a bottom a' , having

an opening of a size sufficient to permit of the ready entrance of the end of a cue, and the said bottom has extended from it a cylindrical boss or extension a^2 of substantially the same diameter as the opening in the bottom a' . The cylindrical boss or extension a^2 , in accordance with this invention, is provided on its inner side with a lining a^3 , preferably of fibrous material, which may be lamb's-wool, felt, or other suitable material of such a nature as will yield to the entrance of the end of the cue and will hug the same tightly, so that when the cue is withdrawn the lining a^3 will act as a wiper along the side of the end of the cue to remove any particles of chalk-dust which may adhere to the sides of the cue when the tip is being chalked.

In chalking a cue a player frequently will carry the chalk around the tip of the cue in such a manner as to rub some of the chalk onto the side of the cue, and this chalk adhering to the side of the cue becomes detached therefrom upon the first stroke of the player, and, as a result, falls upon the table and frequently interferes with the playing of the game. Furthermore, the particles of chalk accumulating on the table necessitates the frequent brushing of the table, which raises a very considerable dust, which is exceedingly annoying and frequently injurious. This defect in the present method of chalking the cues is entirely obviated by means of the wiper a^3 .

It frequently happens in playing billiards that the tip of the cue becomes hardened or roughened up and requires the use of some abrasive material, such as sandpaper, to put it into good condition, and in order that the player may have at hand such an abrasive material the pocket chalk-holder shown herein is provided with a receptacle for a piece of sandpaper or other like abrasive material.

The receptacle referred to may be formed by providing the cover b with two longitudinal guide-strips b^1 b^2 , forming a guideway into which is fitted or slipped a piece b^3 of sandpaper, emery, or like material, which, when worn, can be readily removed by slipping it out of its guideway and a new piece substituted therefor. The cover b may and preferably will be provided with a screw-threaded annular flange b^4 , which extends into the receptacle A and engages screw-

threads on the inner circumference of the said receptacle.

By reference to Fig. 2 it will be seen that the bottom a' of the receptacle forms an annular shoulder upon which rests the piece a of chalk.

I may prefer to make the receptacle A of cylindrical shape, as represented in Figs. 1 and 2; but I do not desire to limit my invention in that respect, as the receptacle A may be made in other shapes—as, for instance, such as shown in Figs. 5 to 7, inclusive, wherein the receptacle A is provided with straight sides connected by a curved backing having on its front side the guide-strips b' b^2 for the reception of the piece b^3 of sandpaper or other abrasive material. The receptacle A is provided with a bottom a' , which is made solid, as represented in Fig. 6, and provided with a central opening having the lining a^3 of fibrous material. In the construction shown in Figs. 5 and 6 the front wall of the receptacle A may be left open, if desired, for the insertion of the chalk a , and the latter may be pressed down upon the bottom a' by means of a spring b^5 , the opening in the front wall of the receptacle being normally closed by the piece b^3 of sandpaper. The chalk-receptacle herein described may be cheaply constructed, and it is my purpose to make the same of metal, and the surfaces of the receptacle may be utilized for advertising purposes.

The chalk-holder is designed to be made small, so that it can be readily carried around in the pocket of the user without danger of the chalk becoming crumpled or wearing away.

I claim—

1. In a holder for billiard-chalk, the combination with a receptacle for the chalk provided with a cue-receiving opening, of a wiper or lining secured within the opening, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. In a holder for billiard-chalk, the combination with a receptacle for the chalk provided with a cue-receiving opening, of a wiper or lining secured within the opening, and a receptacle on the outside of the holder for the reception of a piece of sandpaper or like abrasive material, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. In a holder for billiard-chalk, the combination with a cylindrical casing or receptacle provided with a bottom a' having a cue-receiving opening and with a hollow boss a^2 extended from said opening, a wiper or lining a^3 fitted within the hollow boss, and a removable cover b provided with a receptacle for abrasive material, substantially as described.

4. A holder for billiard-chalk consisting of a receptacle or casing for the reception of the chalk provided with a bottom having a cue-receiving opening, a cleaning medium within the cue-receiving opening acting as a wiper upon the sides of the cue, and guide-pieces forming a receptacle for sandpaper or like material secured on the outside of the said casing, substantially as described.

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

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