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Fig. 1

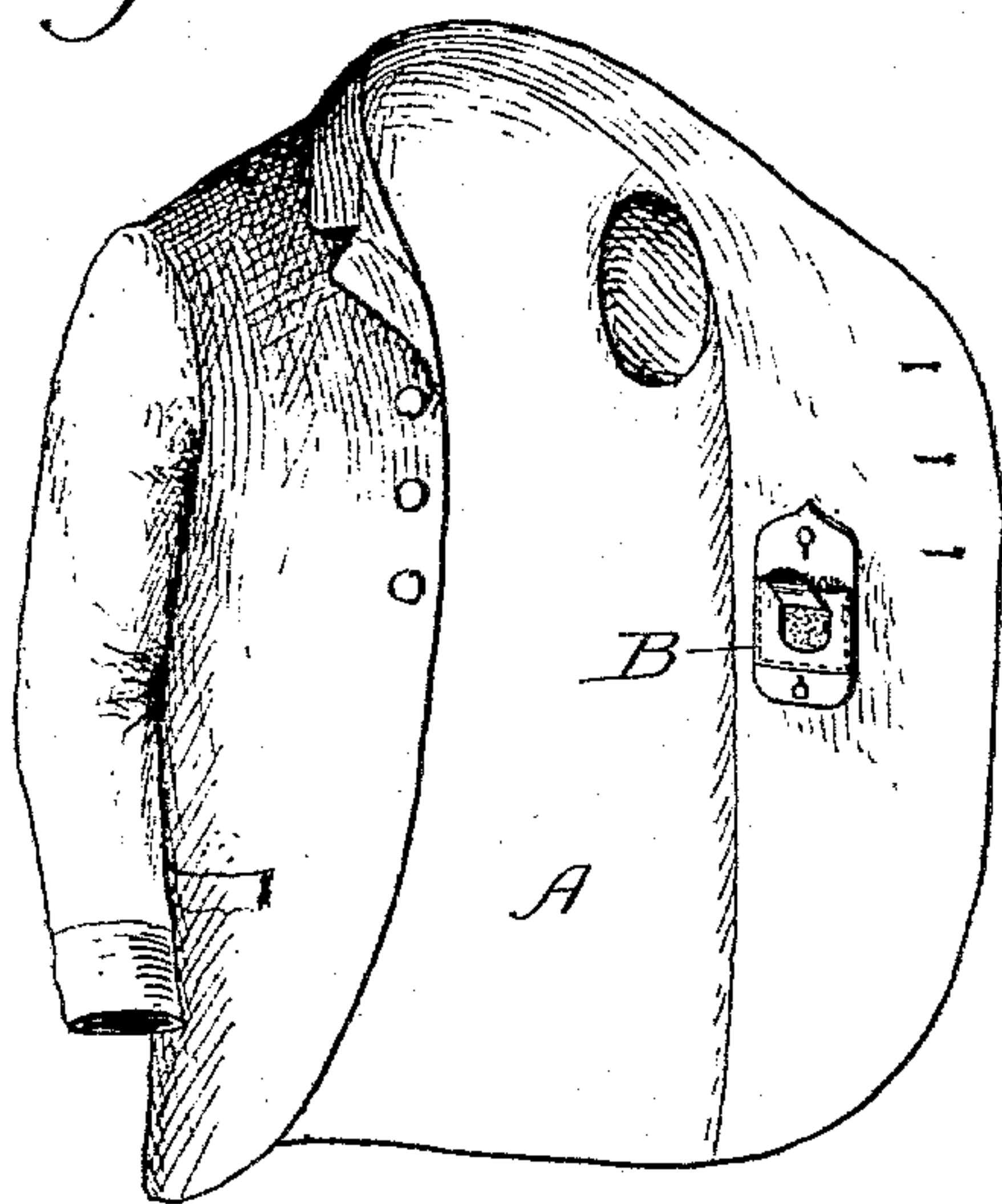


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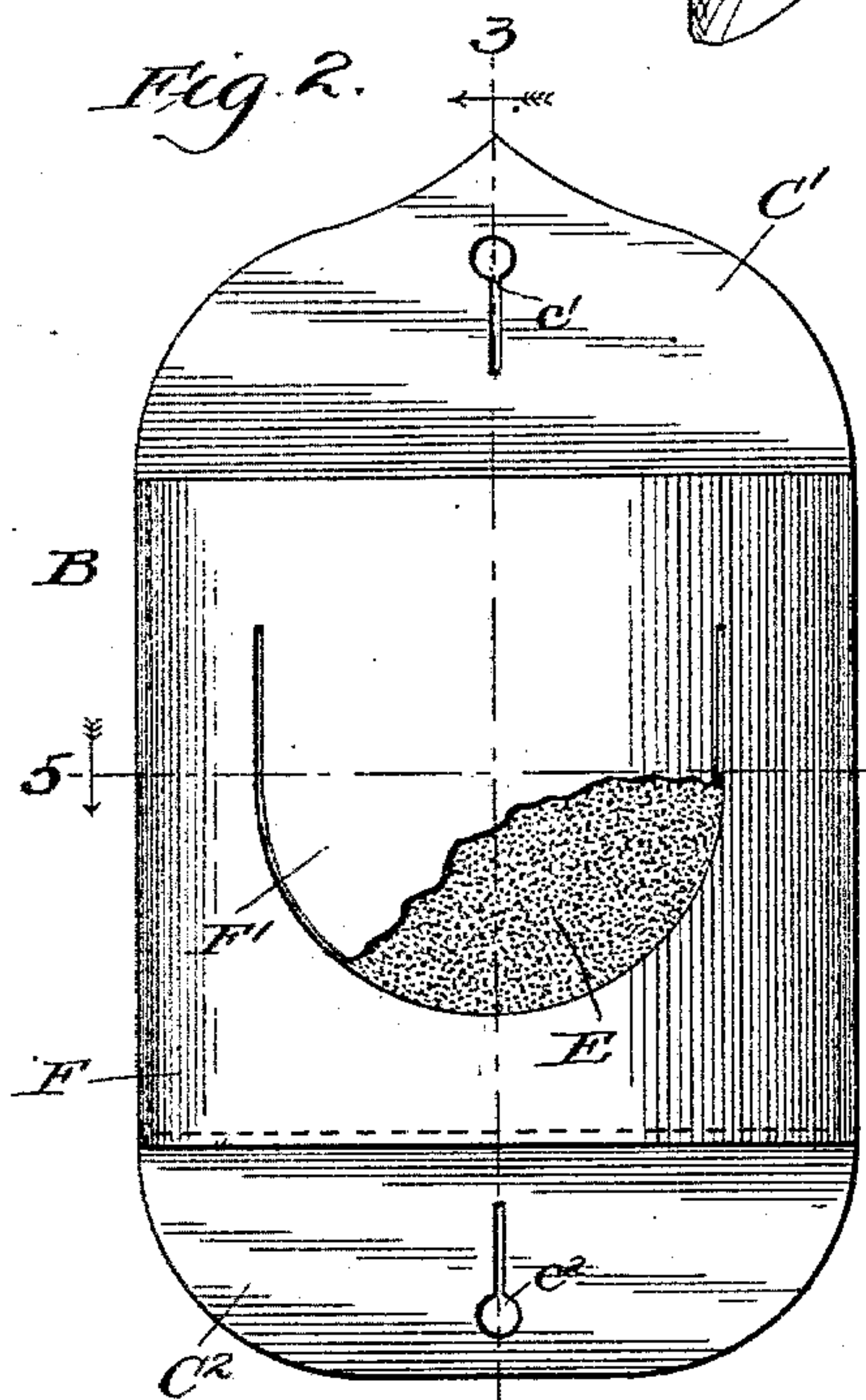


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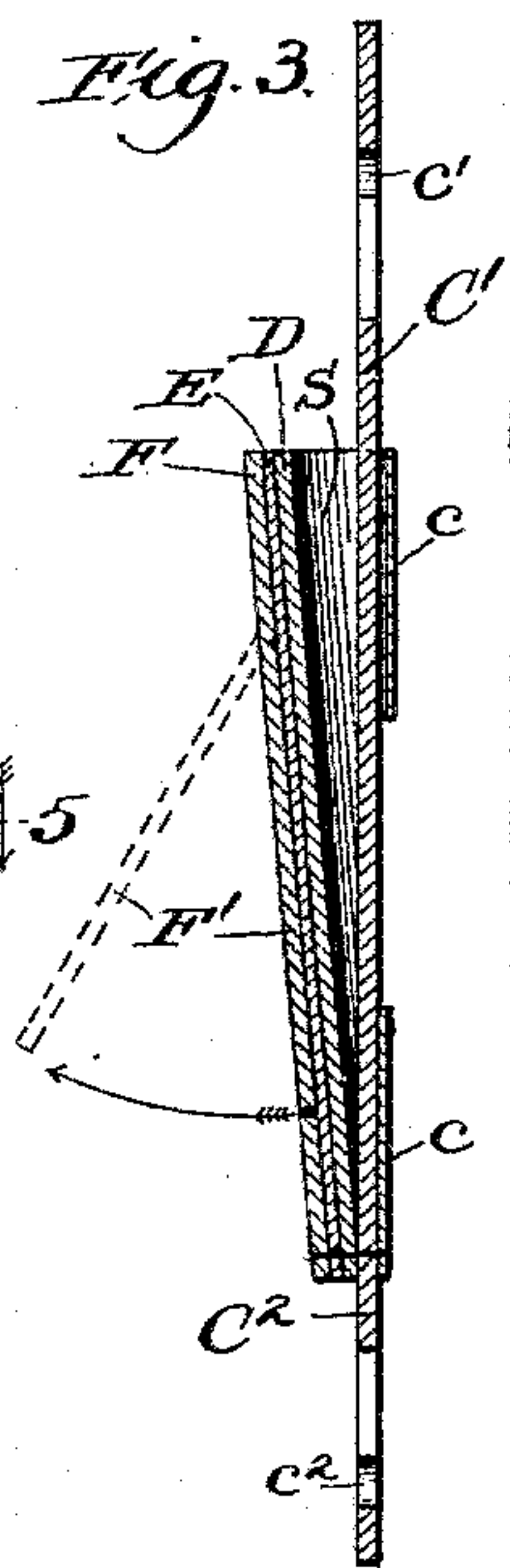
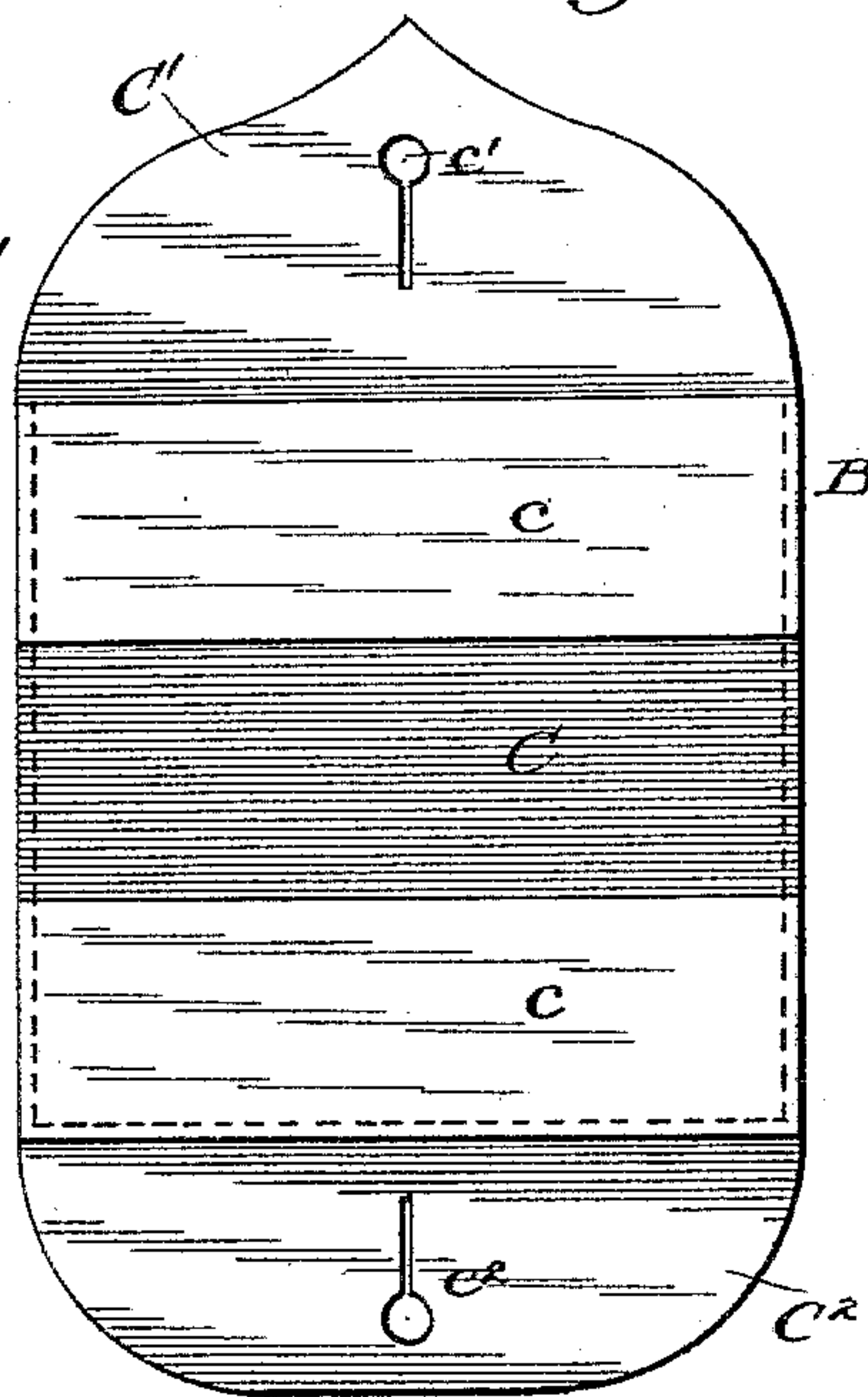


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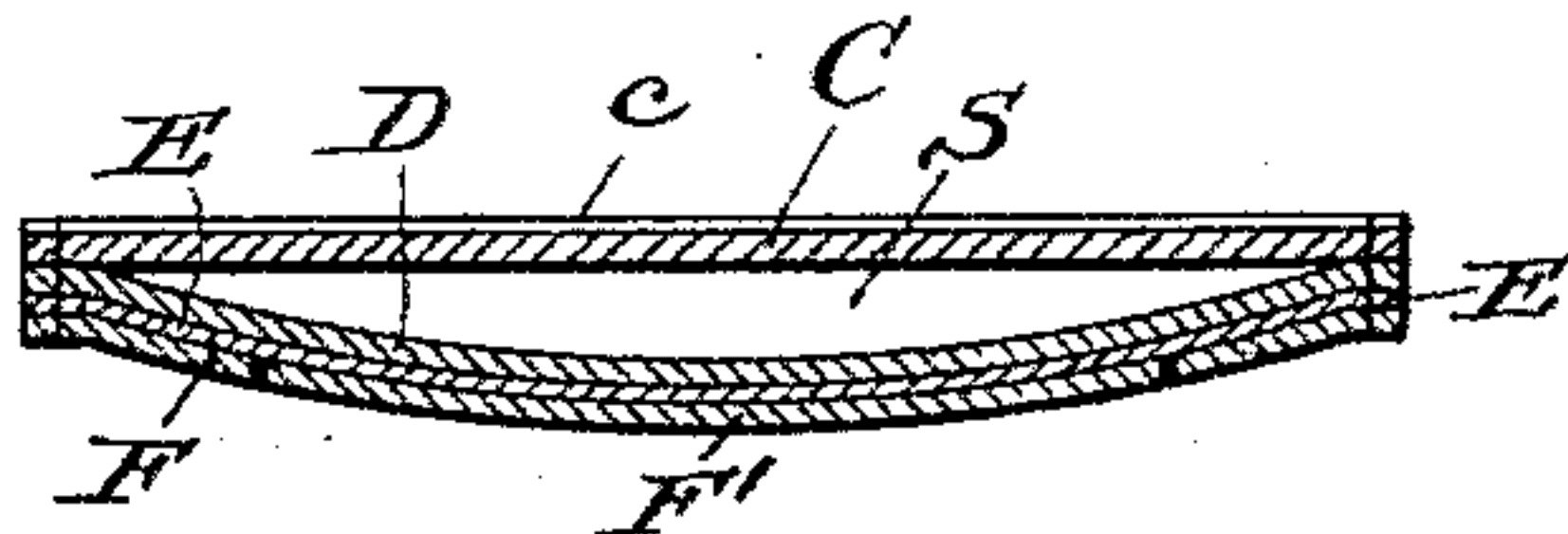


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS B. ACKERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Match-Pouches, which is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a representation of a coat to which my match-pouch is shown attached. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of my match-pouch. Fig. 3 is a vertical section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of my match-pouch. Fig. 5 is a horizontal section on the line 5 5 of Fig. 3.

My invention has for its object to provide a match safe or pouch which may be attached to the garment of the person using the same in a convenient position thereon, which will be flexible and occupy but little space, and will obviate the necessity of carrying the usual match-safe.

Referring to the drawings by letter, A represents a coat, to the inside of one of the flaps of which is secured the match-pouch B. The said match-pouch is formed upon a body-piece C, preferably of leather, terminating at its upper and lower ends in the flaps C' and C², respectively, the said flaps being provided with the buttonholes c' and c², respectively, which are adapted to serve for the attachment of the match-pouch to the garment. Any other equivalent attachment will serve equally well for the purpose, however. Thus I may provide on the back of the body-piece C one or more transverse strips c, of some textile material, sewed at their ends to the body-piece C. By one or more of the strips c the match-pouch may be pinned to the garment.

To the front of the body-piece C is sewed along its bottom and sides the pocket-piece D, thereby forming between it and the body-piece a space or pocket S. To the outside of the pocket-piece D is sewed a sheet E, of frictional material, adapted to ignite a match which is rubbed against it. Outside of the sheet E is sewed the protecting-piece F, which is cut to form at its center a flap F'. (Shown partly broken away in Fig. 2 and shown swung outward in dotted lines in Fig. 3.)

The use and advantages of my device will be apparent from the foregoing description and the drawings illustrating the same. The match-pouch may be attached inside of the breast of the coat, as shown in Fig. 1, either by buttons sewed to the coat or by a safety-pin, as hereinabove described. The matches will be contained in the space or pocket S. When it is desired to ignite one, the flap F' is raised and the head of the match struck against the frictional material on the sheet E thereby exposed.

The match-pouch may be located in such a position that the flap of the coat protects the match from wind as it is ignited. The pouch is flat and occupies but little space. It is flexible and produces no inconvenience to the wearer. It may be made attractive in design and can be manufactured at a very small cost.

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

1. A match-pouch of flexible material, provided with means for attaching it to a garment; and with a friction-surface on the front portion of the pouch protected by a flap over the same.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a match-pouch formed of a body portion of flexible material provided with means for attaching it to a garment, a pocket-strip secured to the body portion, a friction-surface on the outside of the pocket-strip, and a protecting-flap covering the friction-surface, substantially as described.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a match-pouch formed of a body portion of flexible material provided with means for attaching the same to a garment, a pocket-strip secured to the body portion, a friction-sheet secured to the outer side of the pocket-strip, and a protecting-sheet covering the face of the friction-sheet, said protecting-sheet being provided with a cut or slit to form a lifting tongue or flap whereby access to the friction-sheet may be had.

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