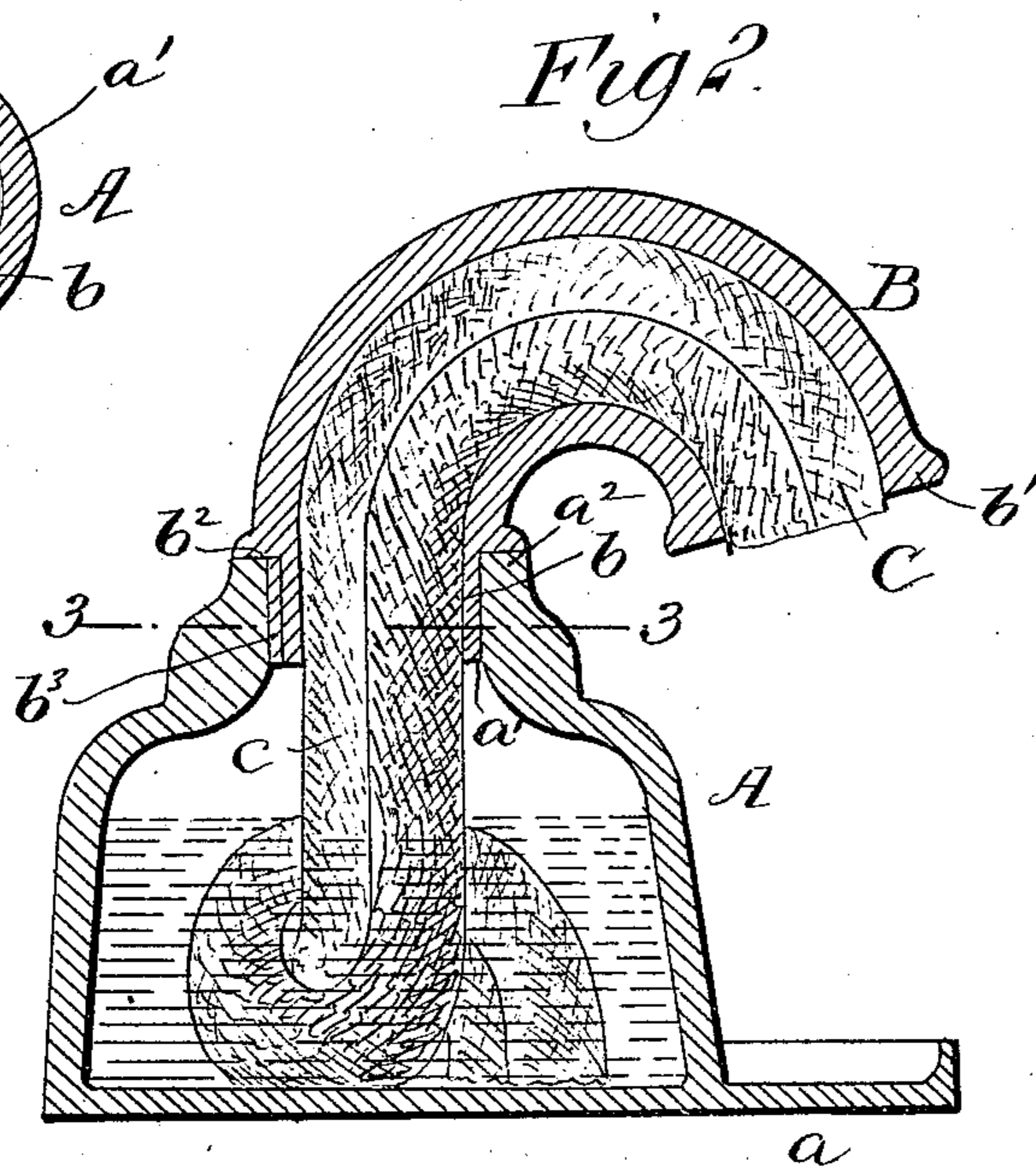
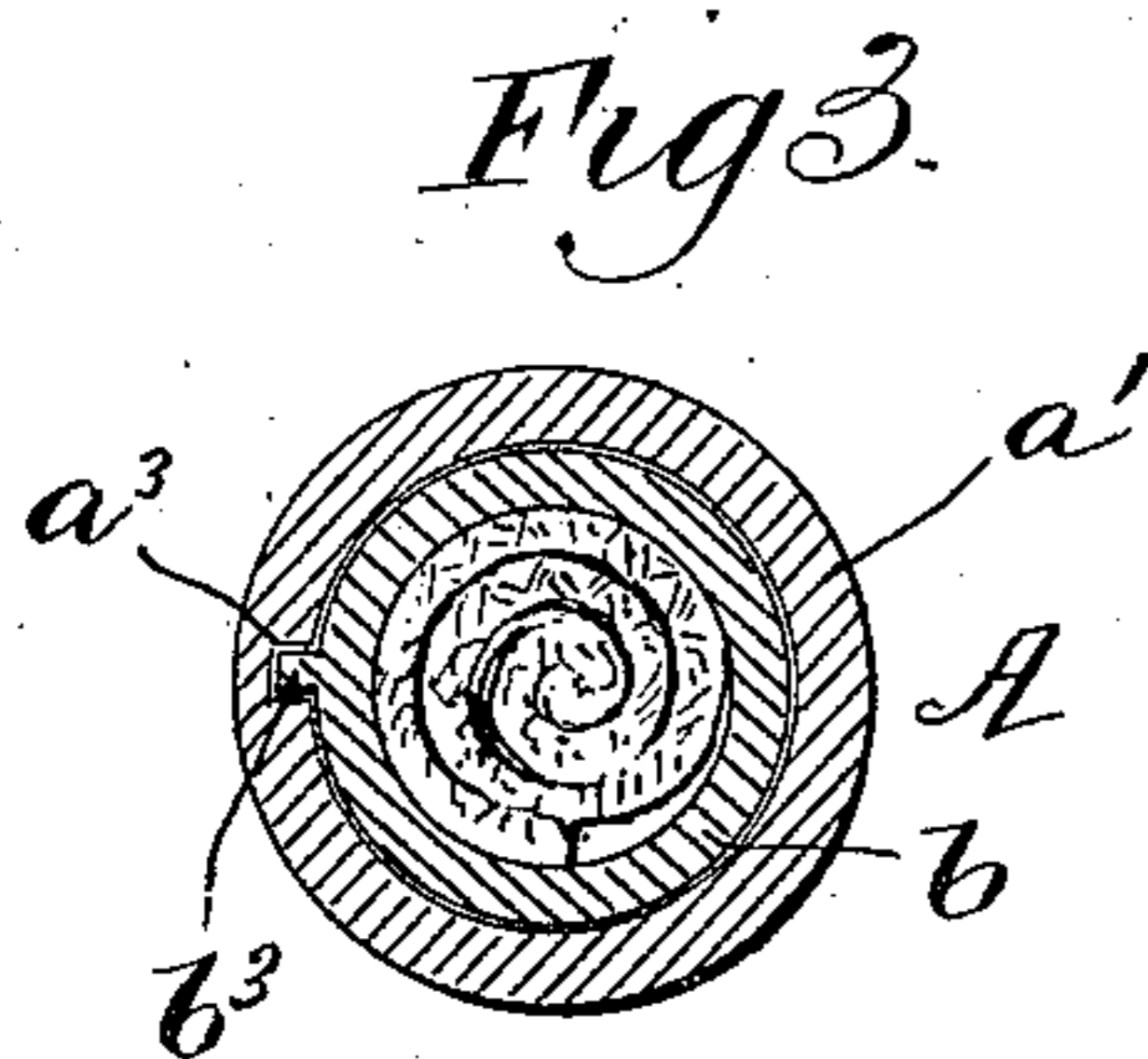
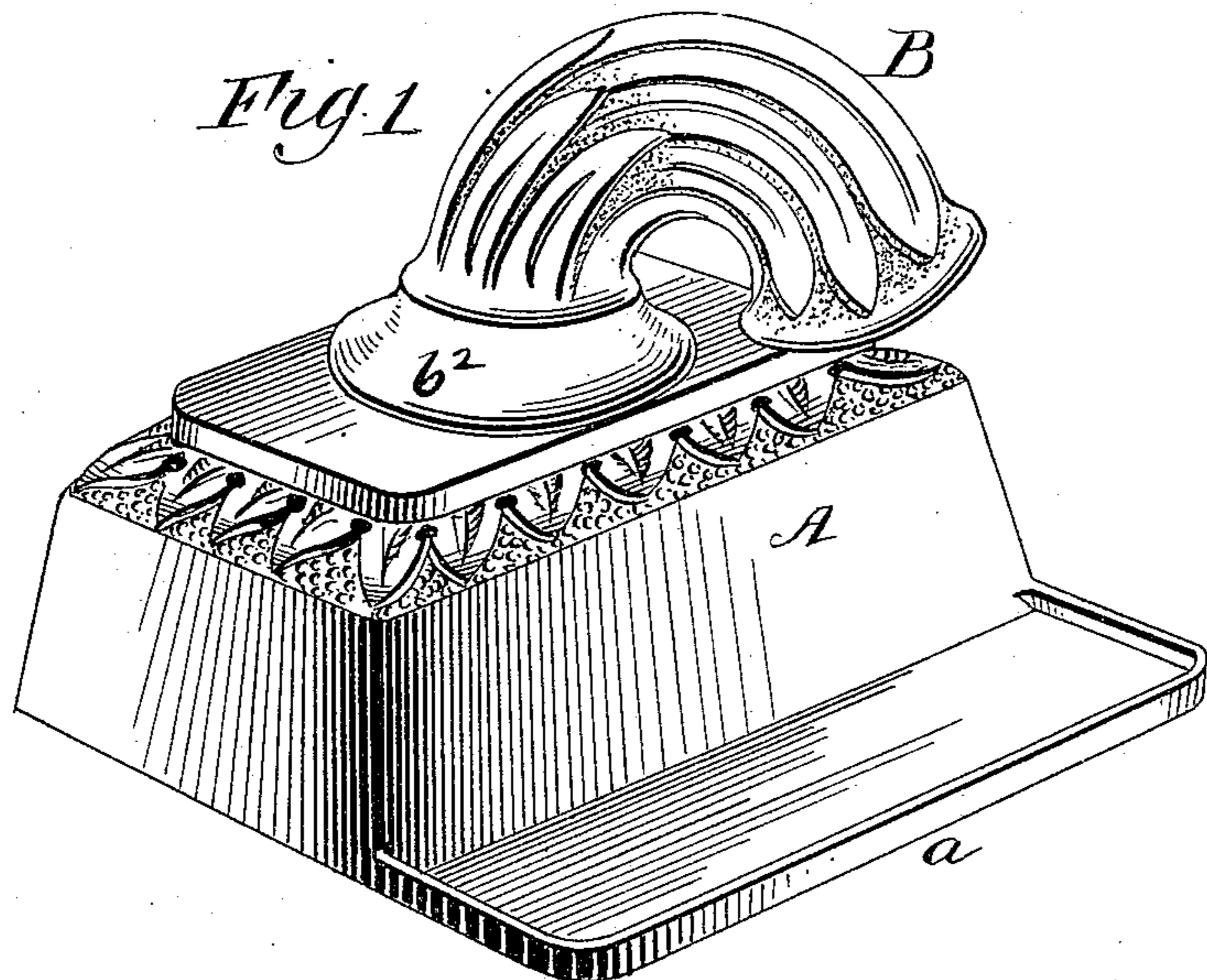


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE LINDE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Newark, county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stamp and Envelop Moisteners, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which

similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to that class of devices for moistening stamps and envelopes which embody a reservoir adapted to continuously feed water to an absorbent material, into contact with which a stamp or envelop may be brought.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved device of this class which will be exceedingly simple and inexpensive in construction, and which will furthermore possess advantages in point of convenience, ease of operation, durability, effectiveness, and general efficiency.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved moistening device. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse sectional view. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 3 3, Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the body of the device, which forms a closed reservoir and constitutes the base of the device. The bottom of the base or body portion A may be extended forwardly, as shown at  $a$ , to provide a transverse waste-receptacle at the front of the device for the reception of any surplus water which may drop from the absorbent material.

In the top of the reservoir-body A is formed an opening  $a'$ , adapted to receive the corresponding end  $b$  of a detachable neck B, through which the absorbent material or substance C projects from the reservoir. The outlet end  $b'$  of the neck B projects to a point over the waste-receptacle  $a$ , said neck being preferably semicircularly curved, as shown. At the end  $b$  which is received by the opening in the top of the reservoir the detachable neck B is provided with an annular shoulder

$b^2$ , which forms a firm rest upon the top surface  $a^2$  of the reservoir surrounding the opening  $a'$ .

To lock the neck against lateral displacement from its normal position with relation to the front of the reservoir and to the bottom waste-receptacle  $a$ , the end  $b$  of the neck is provided with a vertical key  $b^3$ , extending downwardly from the shoulder  $b^2$  and received by corresponding interior groove  $a^3$  in the wall of the opening in the top of the reservoir.

The neck is adapted to carry a wick C, contained within the reservoir and projecting upwardly through the neck and to the outlet end thereof. This wick absorbs the water within the reservoir, and, being practically inclosed throughout its length, evaporation is obviated and the wick is adapted to always remain in moist condition. The relative arrangement is such that the absorbent wick entirely fills the neck, so that the water in the reservoir is practically closed against evaporation. Thus by the improved construction and arrangement comprised in my invention the durability and effectiveness of the device is materially enhanced.

In operation it is only necessary to bring the gum surface of the stamp or envelop into contact with the end of the wick or absorbent material C, which projects slightly from the outlet end of the neck.

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

An improved device for moistening stamps and envelopes, comprising a body or base portion forming a closed reservoir and provided with an opening in its top having a groove or recess interiorly formed in its wall, and a removable neck having an end corresponding to and fitting in said top opening and provided with an annular shoulder resting upon the top surface of the reservoir surrounding said opening, said neck being provided with a key upon its insertible end extending downwardly from said annular shoulder and received by said groove or recess, the neck being curved and projecting over the side of

the reservoir to an outlet end and being adapted to carry a wick or absorbent material extending from the reservoir and act as a siphon to carry water from the reservoir to  
5 the outlet end, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as

my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 9th day of October, 1896.

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