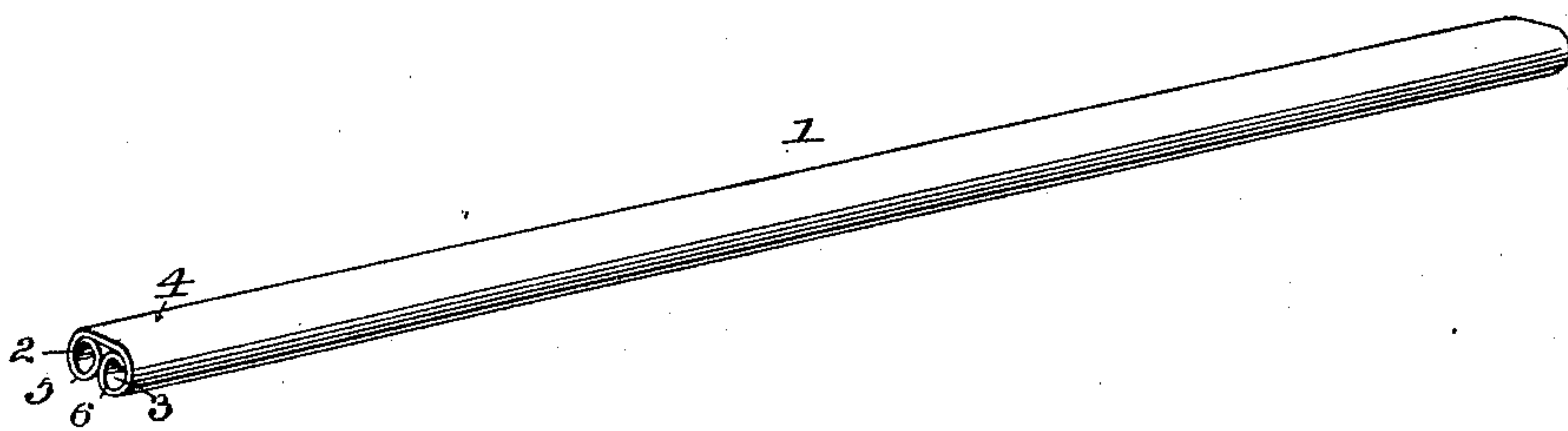


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## ARTIFICIAL STRAW.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARVIN C. STONE, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful Improvement  
5 in Artificial Straws, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference more particularly to a double paper tube of peculiar construction adapted to be employed for imbib-  
10 ing liquid beverages in a manner similar to the natural straw now commonly used for this purpose. The double tube is made of a single strip of paper by bending the same longitudinally in the general form of the letter B—  
15 that is to say, the two edges of the straw are turned or curled inward to form two tubes, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The drawing represents a sectional perspective view of my improved double tube.

20 Referring to the drawing, 1 represents a single strip or ribbon of paper having its edges bent longitudinally and curled or turned inward toward each other to form two tubes 2 and 3, the edges being extended along-  
25 side the central portion of the paper and the article thus produced presenting in cross-section the general form of the letter B.

It will be observed that one side of the double tube is flat, as at 4, while the opposite side presents two convex surfaces 5 and  
30 6, representing the tubes. The paper from

which the double tube is made may be treated before the bending operation by a suitable waterproofing material, such as liquid par-  
affin, or the article after it is bent into form 35 may be subjected to the coating. In the latter case the coating will act to bind and hold the edges of the strip in the tubular forms. It is designed to make the double tube in imi-  
40 tation of the natural straw, and as a result of its double form the capacity of the straw is increased, while its peculiar flat form will adapt it to be held with more comfort between the lips.

Having thus described my invention, I 45 claim—

As a new article of manufacture, an artificial double straw made in imitation of a natural straw and consisting of a single strip of  
50 paper bent longitudinally, with its edges curled inward and extended along the body portion of the strip and a waterproofing coating applied thereto and serving to secure the edges of the strip in place and preserve its  
55 tubular form.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand, this 23d day of January, 1896, in the presence of two attesting witnesses.

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