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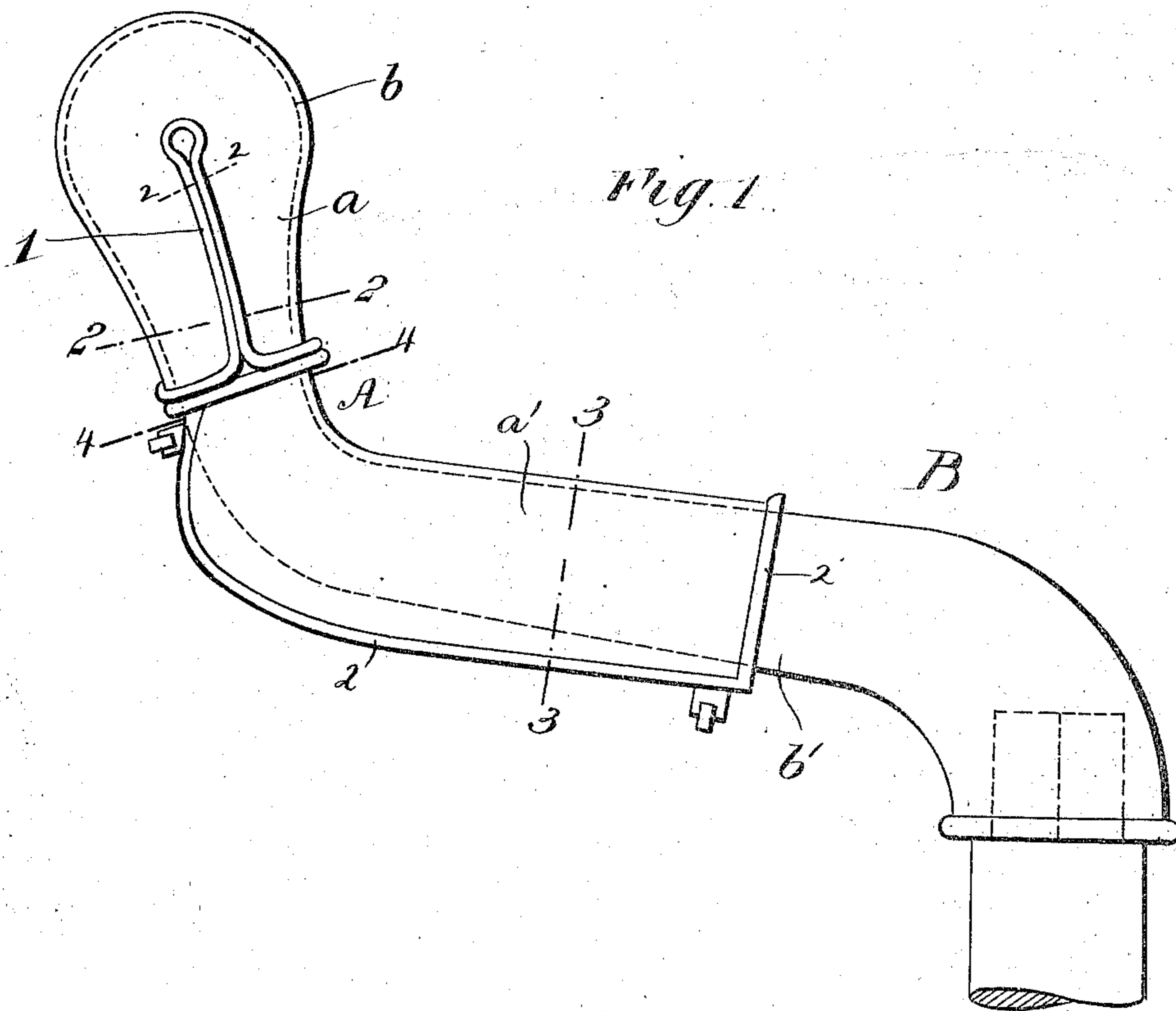


Fig. 2.

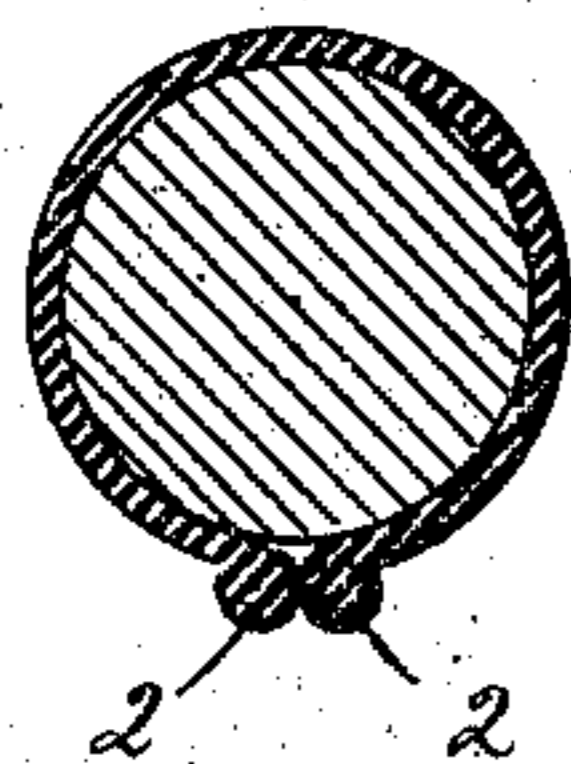


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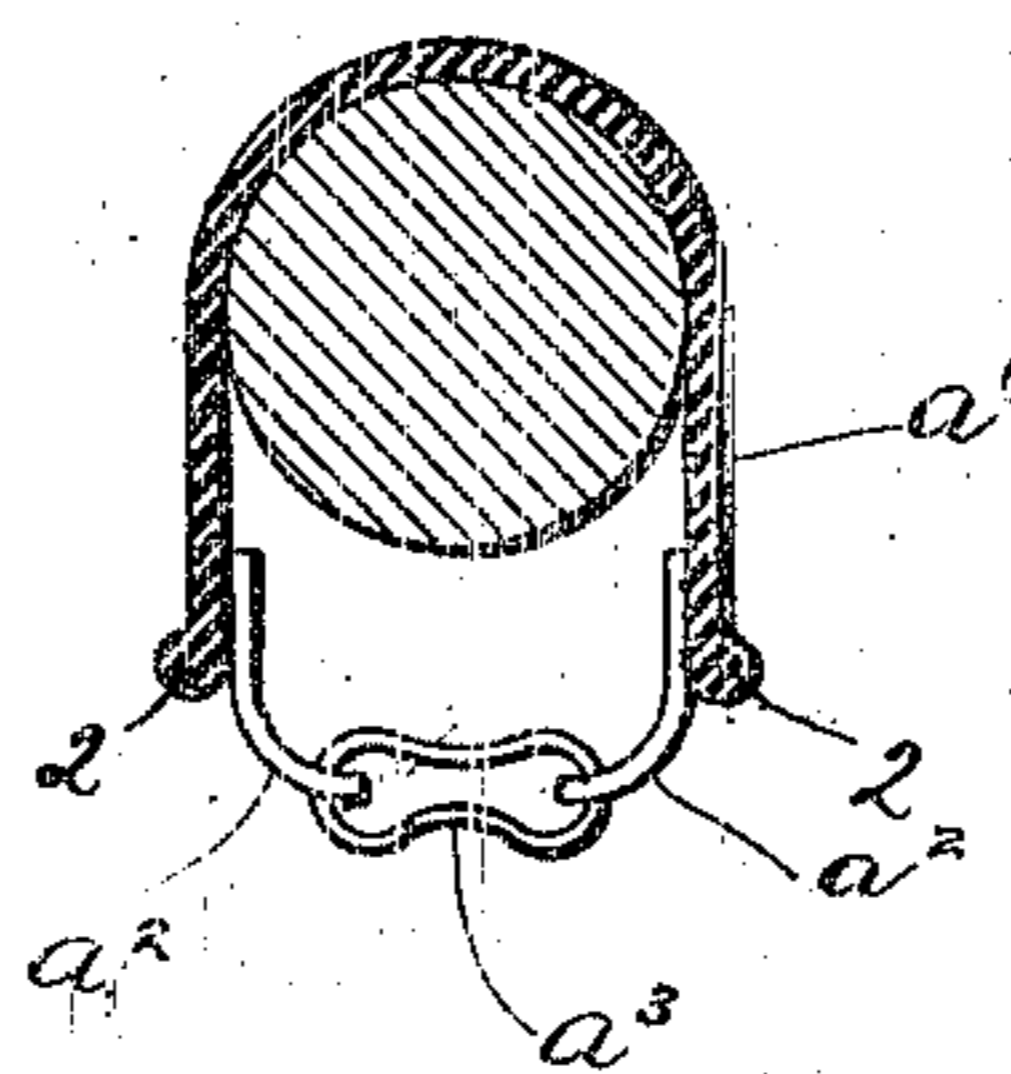
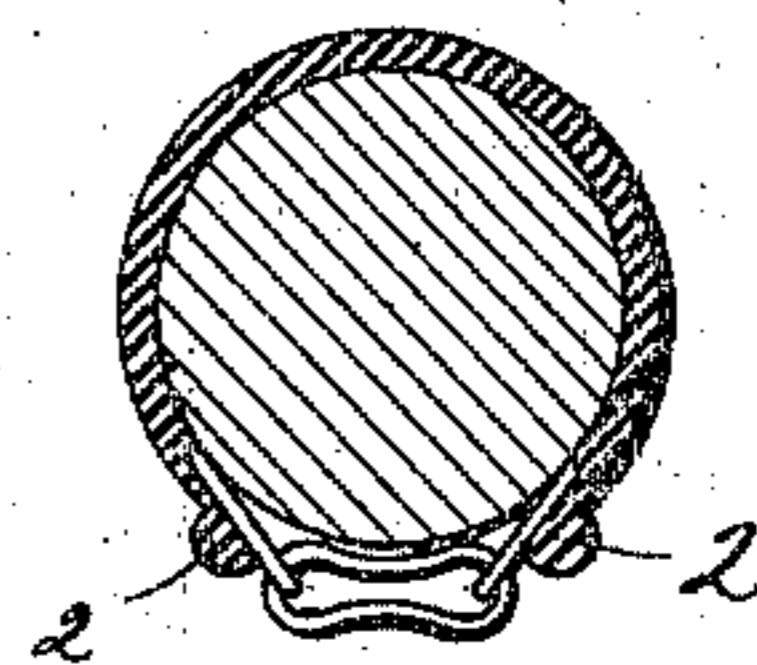


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN FLETCHER DICKSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Trenton, county of Mercer, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Removable Coverings for Handles, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar letters and figures of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to an improvement in removable coverings for handles, the object thereof being to supply an efficient article of this character adapted especially for use of motormen, whereby they can manipulate metallic handles for operating brakes, &c., without bringing the hands in direct contact therewith, thus preventing the injurious consequences resulting from handling brass or other metallic handles, a further object being to provide a handle whereby a motorman does not run any risk of receiving a shock through the medium of a handle charged by conditions of the atmosphere during electric storms.

The invention will be hereinafter fully described, and specifically set forth in the annexed claim.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a brake-handle having my improved cover attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional elevation taken on a line 2-2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional elevation taken on a line 3-3 of Fig. 1 and a view of the clasp, and Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional elevation taken on a line 4-4 of Fig. 1.

In the practice of my invention the cover A is preferably composed of rubber, but any other flexible material may be employed. This said cover comprises a hood *a*, adapted for engagement with the upwardly-projecting knob *b* of the handle B, and a flap *a'*, which

engages with the longitudinally-projected portion *b'* of the said handle.

The hood *a* of the cover has an opening or slit 1 extended therethrough for facilitating the attachment of the same to the handle, and the abutting edges of this said slit are provided with a bead 2 for supplying rigidity to the device. This said bead extends around the edge of the flap *a'* for the purpose of strengthening the same, whereby a durable covering is provided. These two said portions *a* and *a'* are preferably made in two pieces, and beads 3 and 4 are provided upon their respective end portions where they contact with each other. Upon the opposite inner surfaces of the flap *a'* are attached loops *a²*, adapted to engage a link *a³*, forming a clasp to secure the flap to the handle.

I do not confine myself to the specific details of design and mechanical construction as herein described and shown, as it is obvious that under the scope of my invention I am entitled to slight variations thereof. For instance, the hood *a'* could be permanently attached to the flap *a'* or it might form an integral part thereof without departing from the scope of my invention.

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

As a covering for handles, the combination of the hood having a slit therein and a bead upon the edges of said slit and a beaded flap and clasps for attaching the flap to a handle, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 16th day of September, 1896.

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