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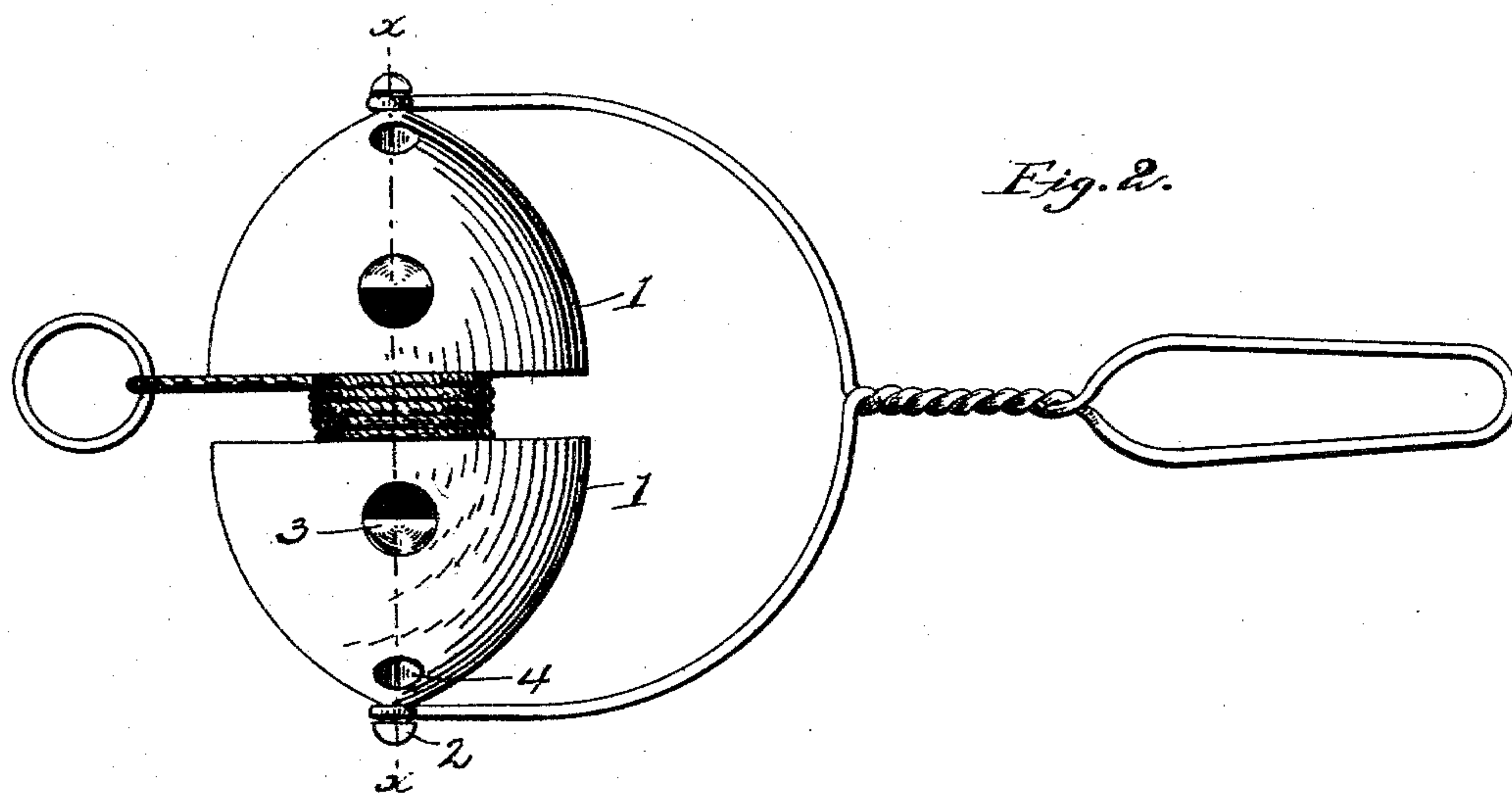
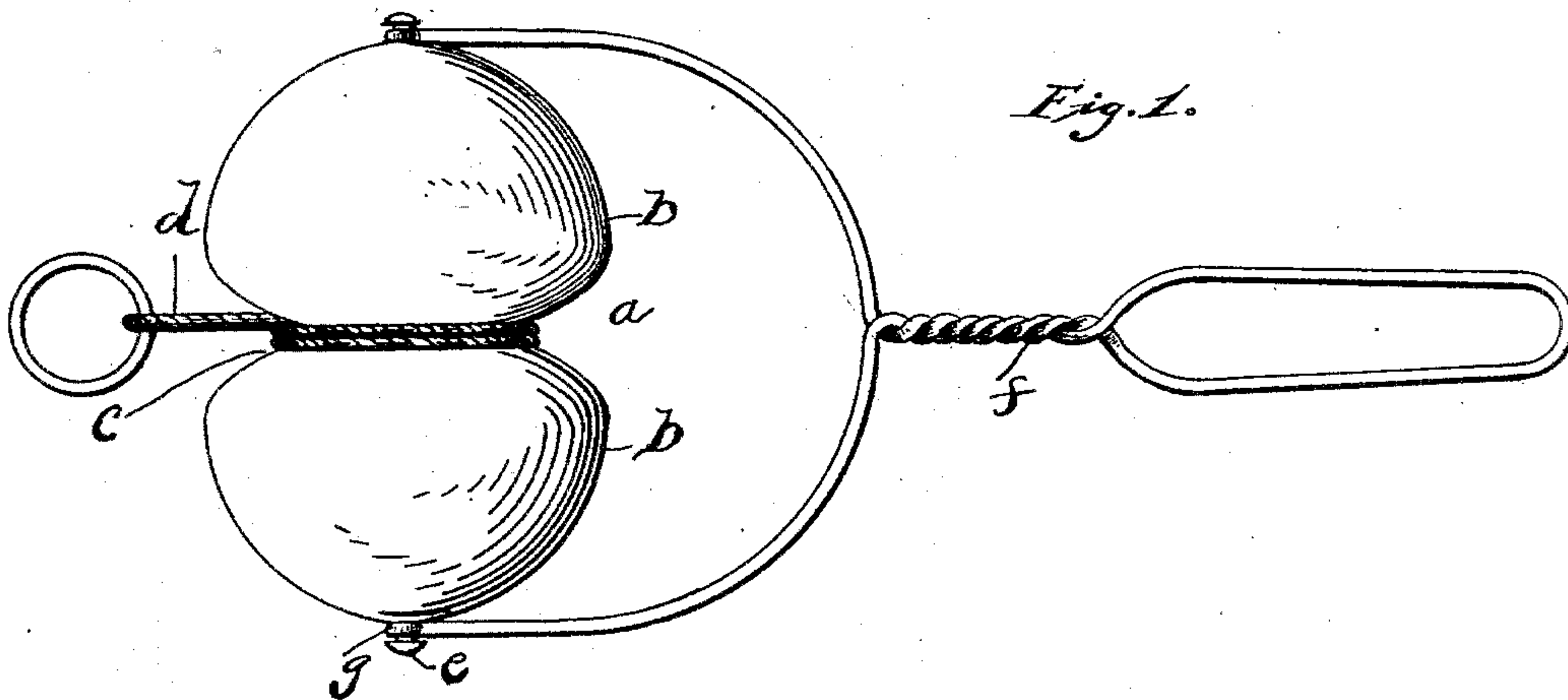
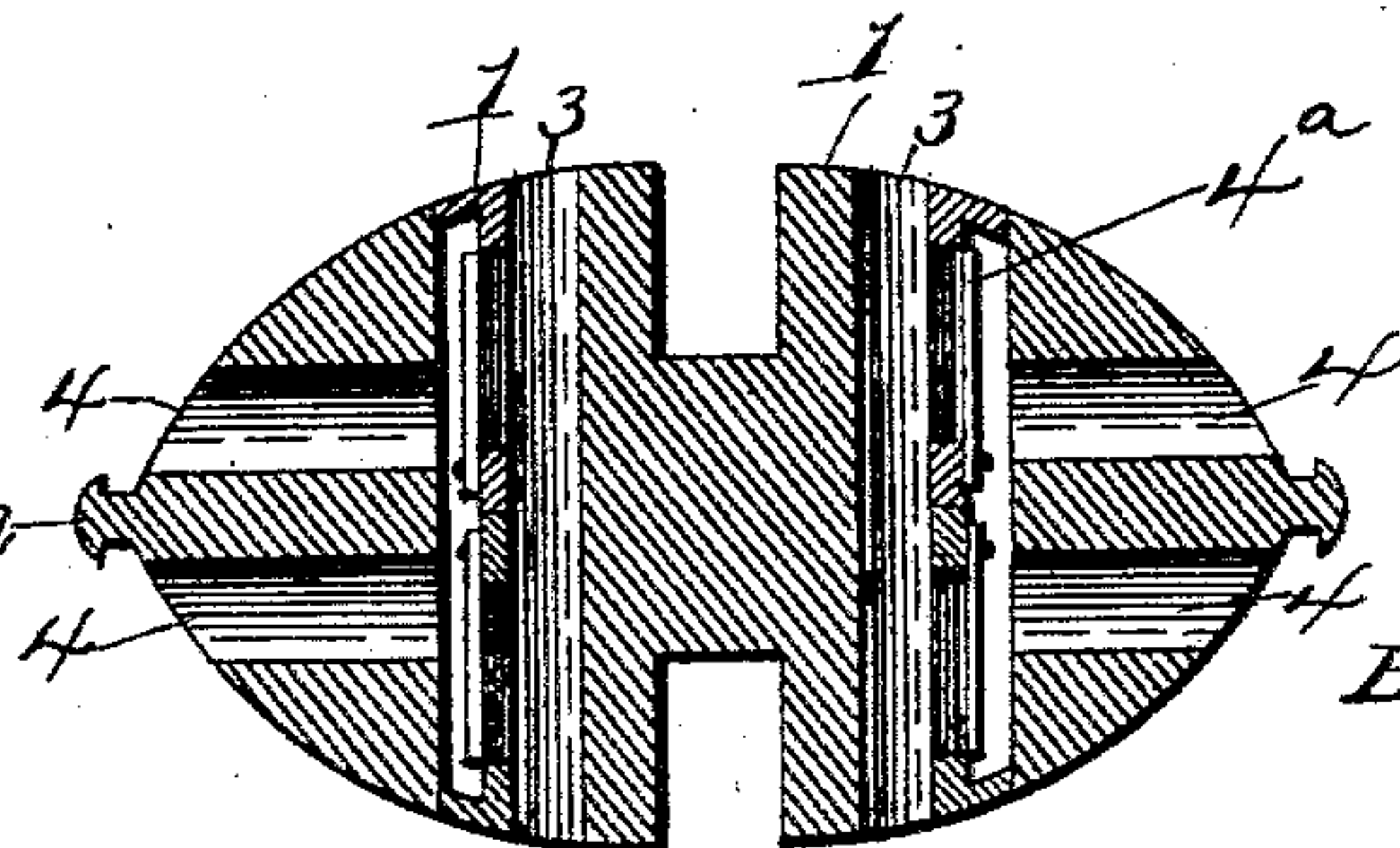


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GODFRIED LAUBE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Huron, in the county of Beadle and State of South Dakota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toys, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The object of this invention is to produce a top which will be capable of unusual momentum with the resultant prolonged action.

A further object is to provide a top in which the power for driving is applied midway between its bearings, and, furthermore, in providing, if desired, a continuously-operating toy.

A further object is to produce a toy of the above-referred-to class with a sounder which will increase its pleasure and amusement producing qualities.

A still further object is to produce a toy having the advantages above enumerated which will be simple in construction, strong and durable, and comparatively inexpensive.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel details of construction, as well as in the combination and arrangement of parts, to be hereinafter more fully set forth and specifically claimed.

In describing the invention in detail reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts in the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my top, showing one embodiment of the invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view of a modified form in which the sounder is employed, and Fig. 3 is a central sectional view of Fig. 2.

In the drawings, *a* is the top, consisting of knob-like sections *b b*, with an interposed annular groove *c* for the reception of the string or other flexible pulling agent *d*.

Each end of the body is provided with spindles *e*, embedded in the wood. In this construction the spindles are of metal, as they will better withstand the wear.

The handle consists of a piece of wire bent centrally and twisted to form a handhold *f*, the ends of the wire diverging and then bent on a longitudinal plane with the handhold. Each extremity is bent to produce a U-shaped bearing *g*, in which the spindles rest.

In Fig. 2 the enlarged ends 1 1 have the spindles 2 formed therewith. Each enlargement has transverse apertures 3, intersected by longitudinal passages 4, terminating at the outer walls.

Embedded in the body and forming one wall of the transverse openings are sounders 4^a, similar to the reeds of an ordinary harmonicon, and as the air circulates through the passages, as described, the reeds will be acted on, as will be apparent.

The invention will be understood from the foregoing description, coupled with the drawings, and it will be noted, in view of the modifications shown and described, that various changes may be resorted to in the proportions and other details of construction of both the top and sounders and yet the spirit of the invention will not be departed from.

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

A top consisting of a body, enlargements at each end of the body, said enlargements having transverse openings therethrough, and longitudinal openings leading into the first-named openings, semicylindrical strips having holes therein, reeds secured over the holes, said strips being placed within the transverse openings so that the reeds come in front of the longitudinal openings, spindles projecting at each end of the body, and bearings for the spindles whereby the top may be revolved, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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