

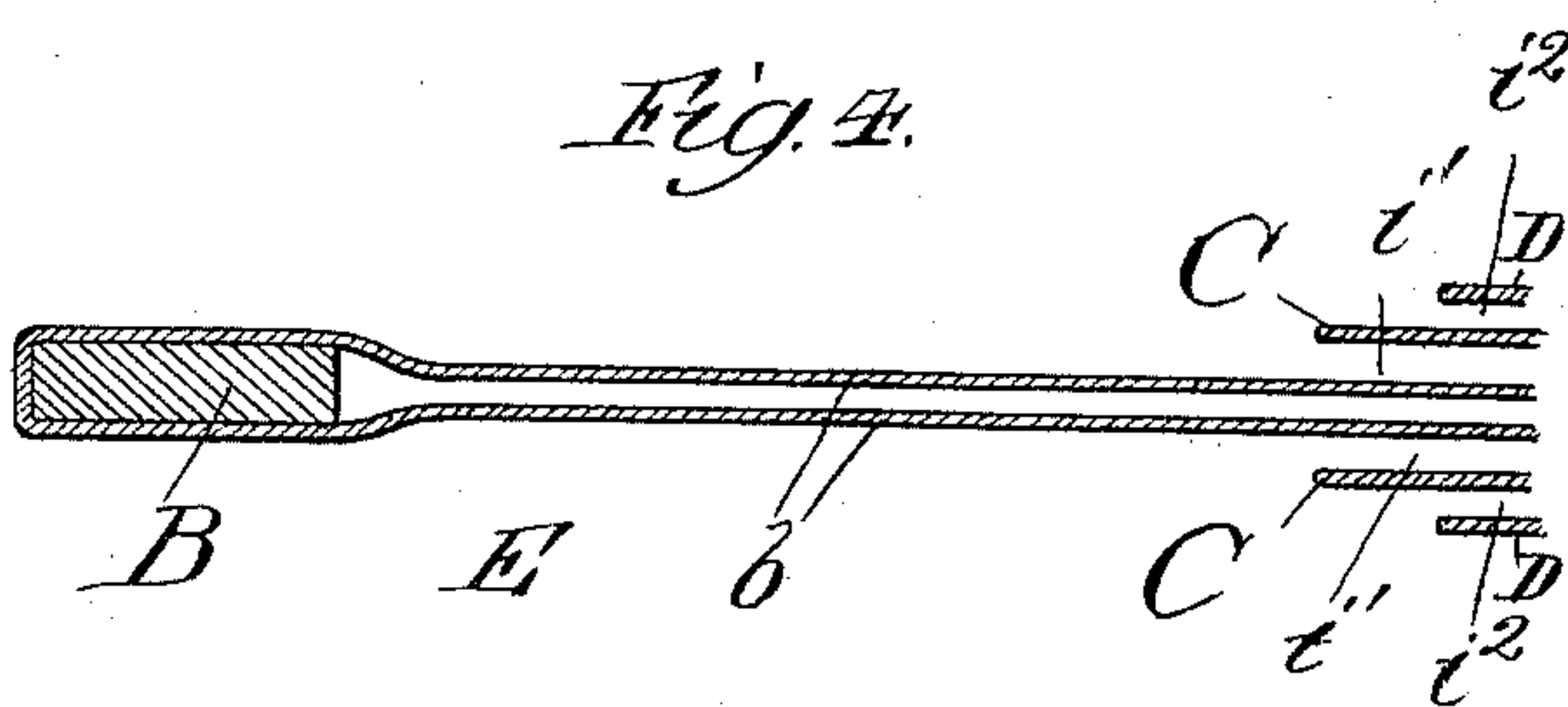
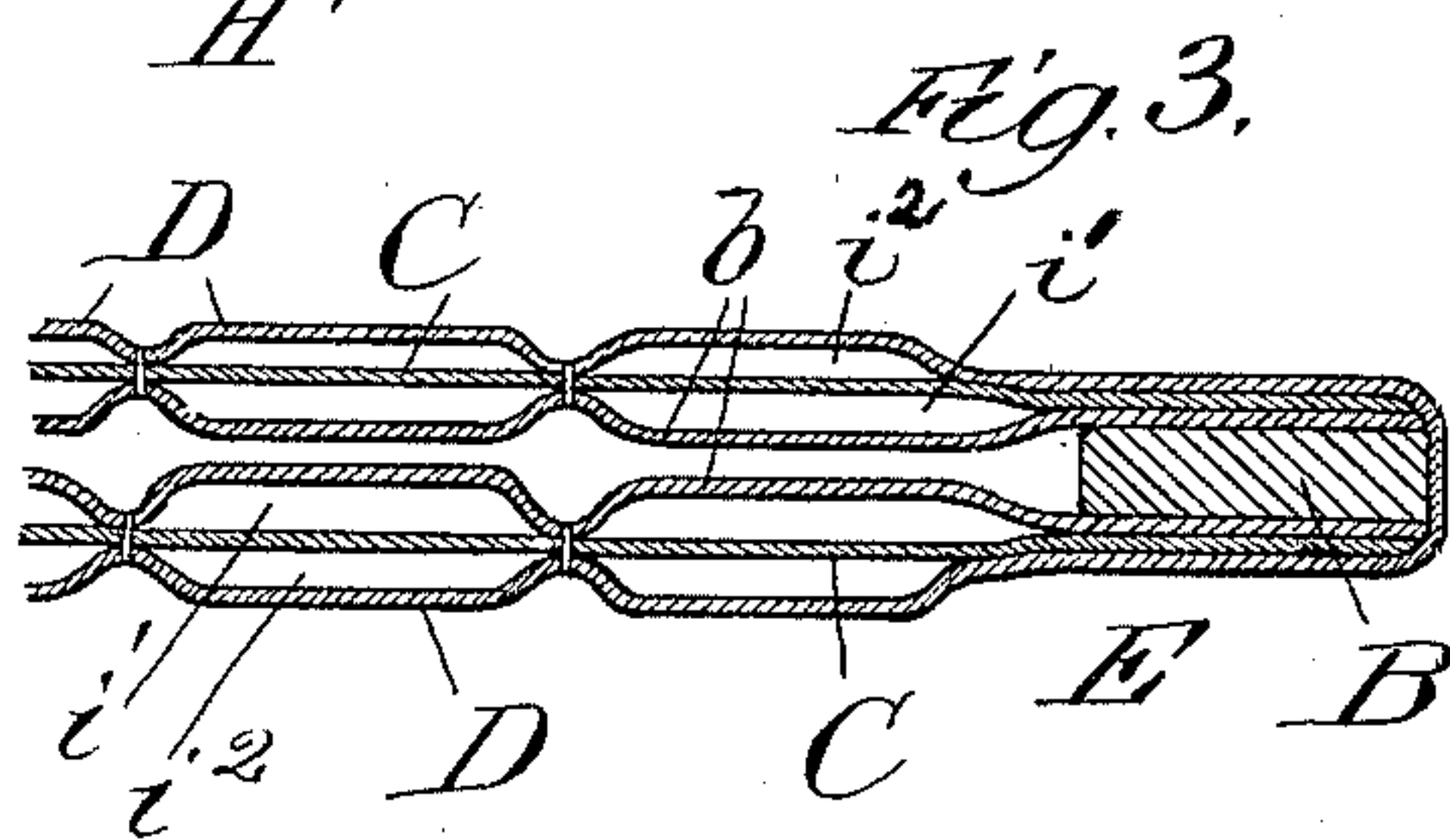
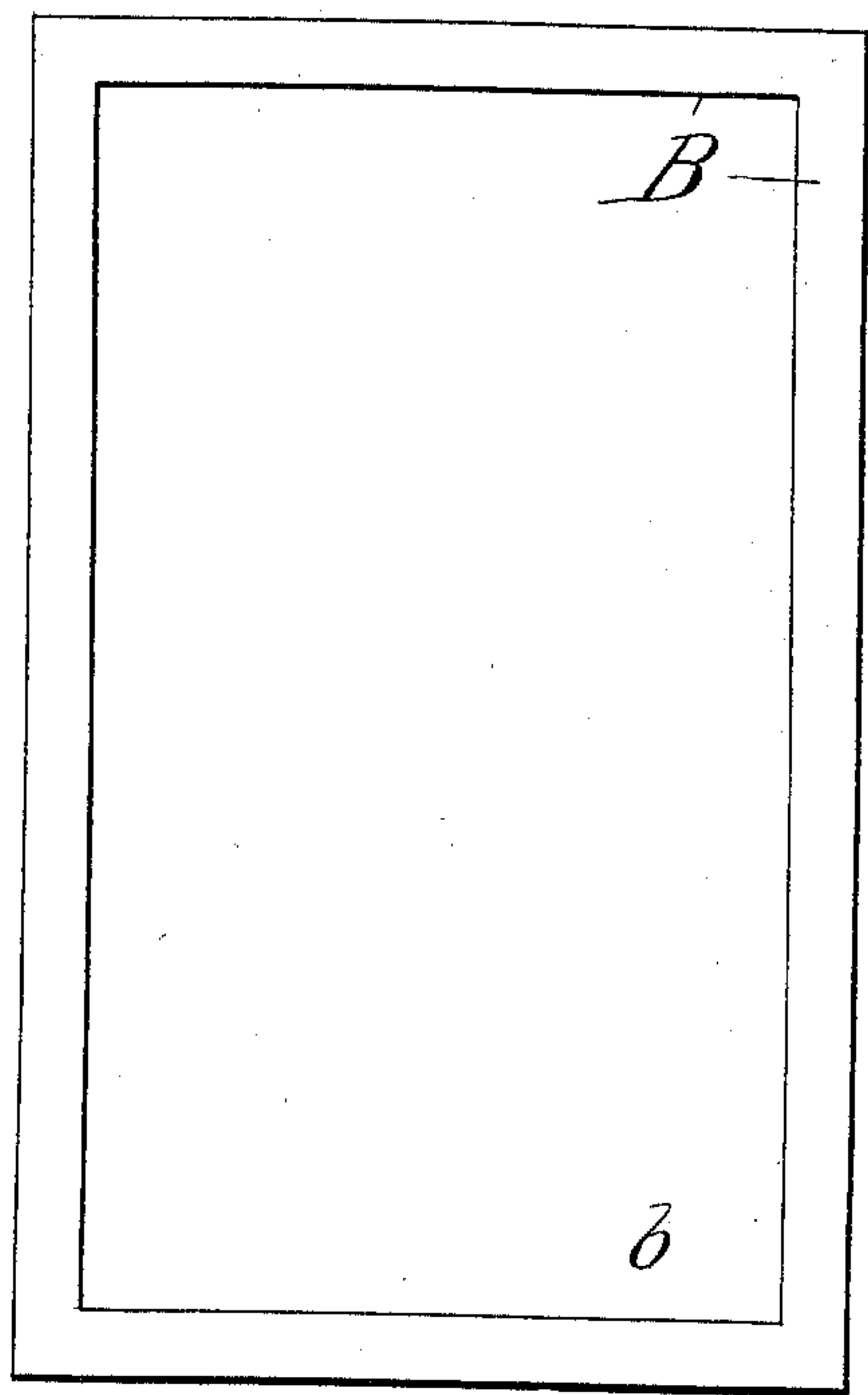
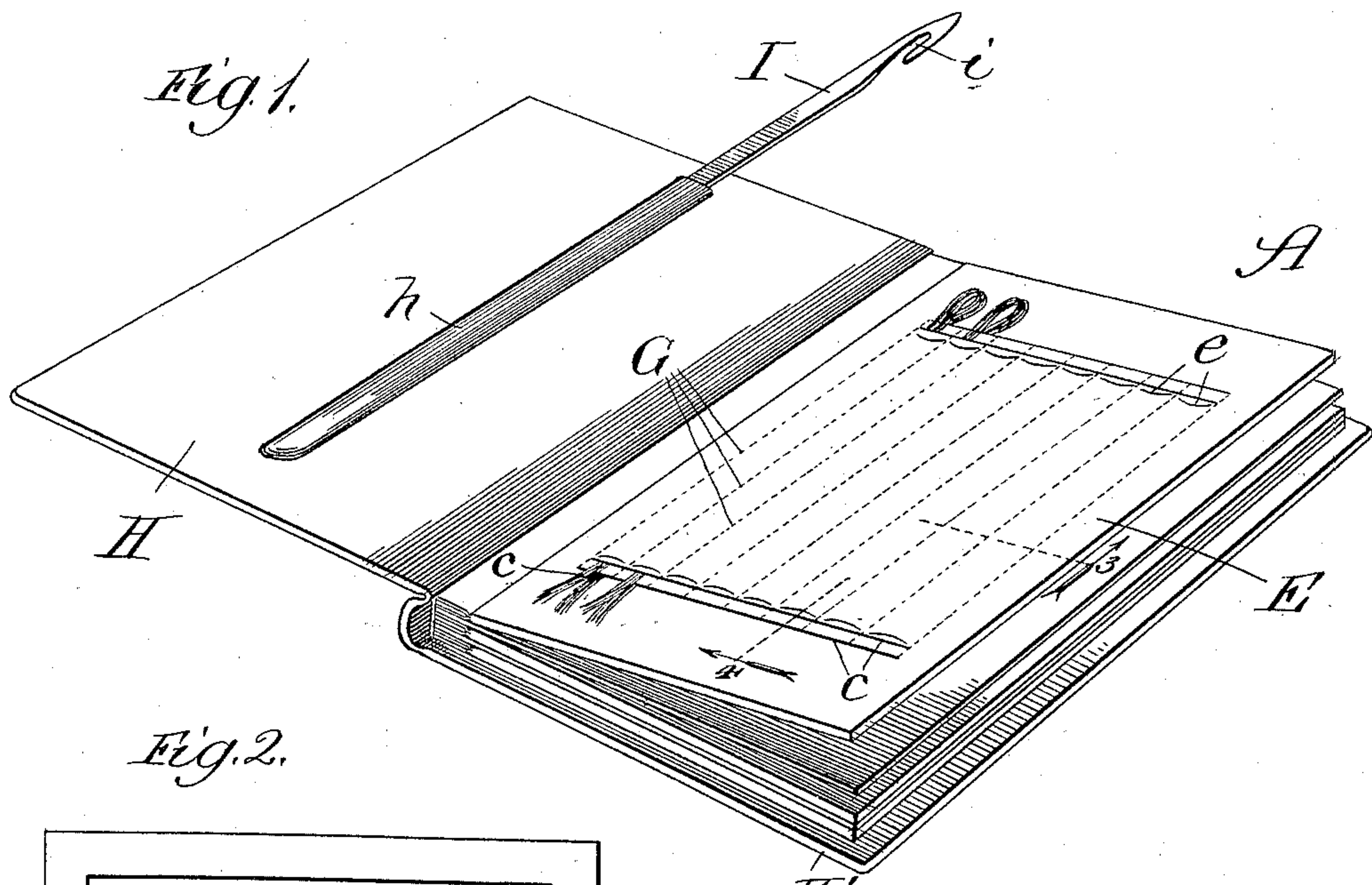
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JENNIE W. GLEASON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Silk-Skein Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a silk-skein holder preferably in the shape of a book, with one or more pages having pockets or chambers for the purpose of holding silk-skeins independently and efficiently; and the invention consists in the features, combinations, and details of construction hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a book in an open condition constructed in accordance with my improvements; Fig. 2, a plan view of one of the frames or leaves detached from the book; Fig. 3, an enlarged sectional detail taken on line 3 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 an enlarged sectional detail taken on line 4 of Fig. 1.

In constructing a book in accordance with my improvements I make one or more leaves A, which are constructed as follows: A frame B is provided, having stretched thereon on each side of the frame a layer or covering of cloth or paper *b*, which is passed over one bar of the frame to the other and preferably on both sides thereof, as shown in Fig. 3, so that it fills the space inside the frame, so as to make a yielding but at the same time comparatively stiff double leaf, both sides of which can be used, as hereinafter described.

For the sake of economy I prefer to make the leaf of each page double, as shown in Fig. 4, in which one sheet *b* is passed over the frame so as to present a double appearance with a space between. The space between the double leaf is not used for any purpose, and this double leaf may be cemented together, if desired, or may form a single leaf, so that where I speak of "both sides" of the leaf I mean the outside of each leaf.

To form the individual pockets for holding the skein of silk, I secure a primary sheet of comparatively stiffer paper C to one of the sheets composing the page *b* at its lateral edges and at longitudinal points G intermediate the same, so as to form pockets *i'* be-

tween this stiff sheet C and the page *b*. For the sake of economy these are arranged, preferably, on each side of the page, as is clearly shown in Figs. 3 and 4. A second sheet of comparatively stiffer paper or cloth D is also secured at its lateral edges to the page *b* or sheet C over the primary sheet and at the longitudinal points G, so as to form a second set of pockets *i''* in alinement with the first set of pockets. If desired, this upper covering E may be corrugated or indented at *e*, so as to present an ornate appearance to the eye.

In experimental use I have found that in order to hold all the varieties of shades and colors of silk-skeins for embroidery-work it is advisable to have about four pages containing in all about one hundred pockets or chambers to receive the skeins, and for the purpose of holding the frames, pages, or leaves efficiently and economically I bind them into a book having covers H and H' of any desired size and shape, the inside of one cover having a pocket *h* to receive the threading-needle I, by which the skeins are inserted in their pockets or chambers.

In use I take a silk-skein which when cut once forms threads of the desired length for embroidery-work, preferably about a yard long. I then double the skein once and insert the loop in the hook *i* of the needle I and pass the needle through one of the pockets *i'* between the first sheet and the leaf, and thence back and through the pocket *i''*, arranged in line therewith and formed by and between the first and second sheets. In this manner the sheets and leaf being drawn taut act to hold the silk-skein, so that the user can grasp one thread and pull it out independent of the others.

The principal advantages incident to the use of a silk-skein holder constructed in accordance with my improvements are, first, that the variety of silk-skeins can be held independently of each other and in an economical and efficient manner, and, second, that when the skeins are inserted in the holder individual threads may be drawn out with comparative ease and without disturbing the rest of the skein or the adjacent skeins.

I claim—

1. In a silk-skein holder, the combination

of a frame portion provided with a flexible or yielding cover, a primary sheet secured thereto at its lateral edges and at intermediate points so as to form two or more individual
5 pockets or chambers, a second sheet secured over the primary sheet and to the frame at its lateral edges and intermediate points so as to form individual holding-pockets in alinement with the first-named pockets, substantially as
10 described.

2. In a silk-skein holder, the combination of a frame portion composed of relatively rigid bars and provided with a flexible covering, a primary sheet secured thereto at its
15 lateral edges and intermediate parallel points so as to form individual holding pockets or chambers, and a second sheet secured to the frame portion over the first-named sheet and at its lateral edges and intermediate parallel
20 points so as to form individual holding-pock-

ets in alinement with the first-named pockets, substantially as described.

3. In a silk-skein holder, a book composed of two cover portions hinged together and at least two frames hinged thereto and composed
25 of comparatively rigid bars provided with a flexible covering, a primary sheet secured thereto at its lateral edges and intermediate points or lines so as to form individual holding-pockets, and a second sheet secured there-
30 to and above the first-named sheet at its lateral edges and intermediate parallel points or lines so as to provide a second set of holding-pockets in alinement with the first-named pockets, substantially as described.

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