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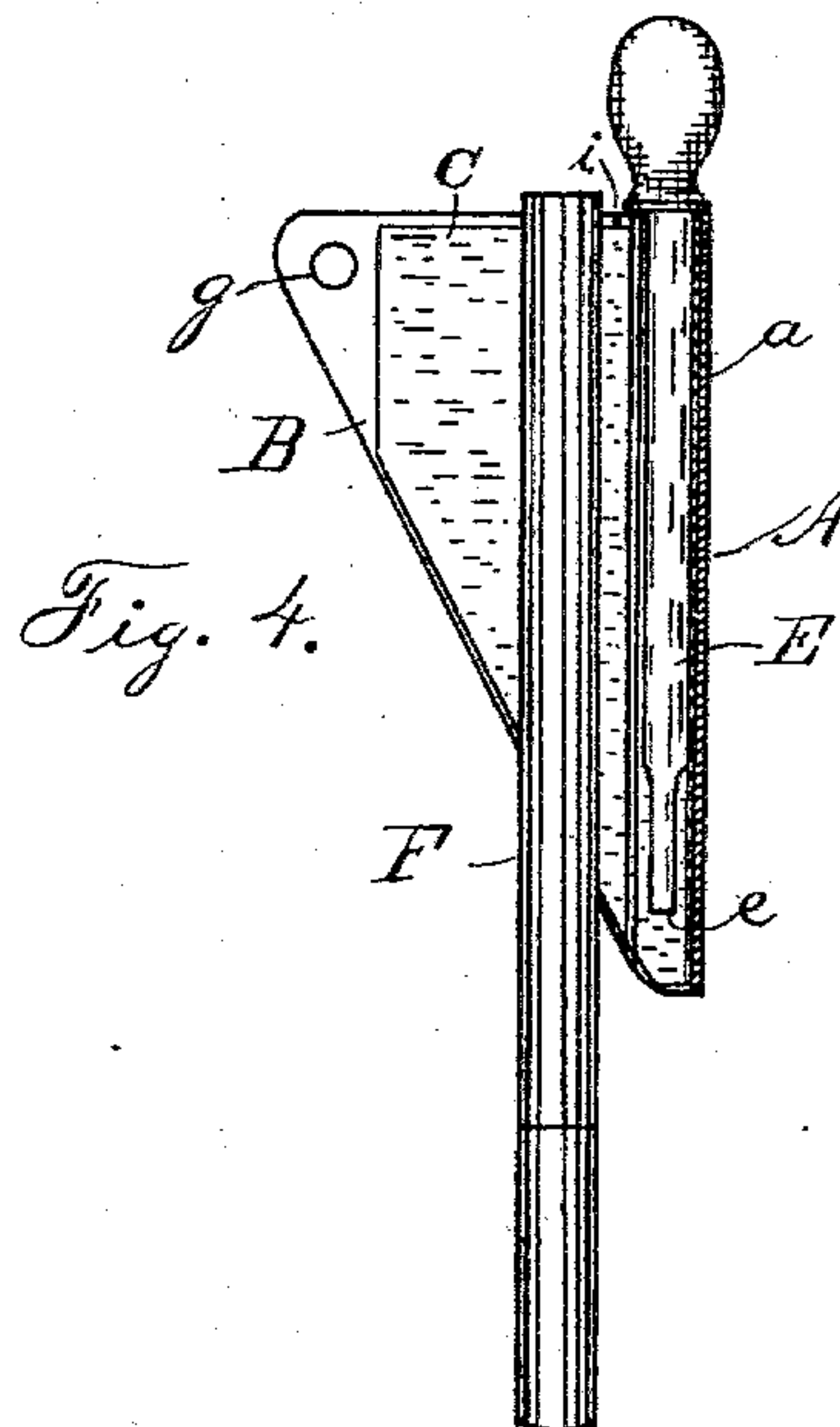
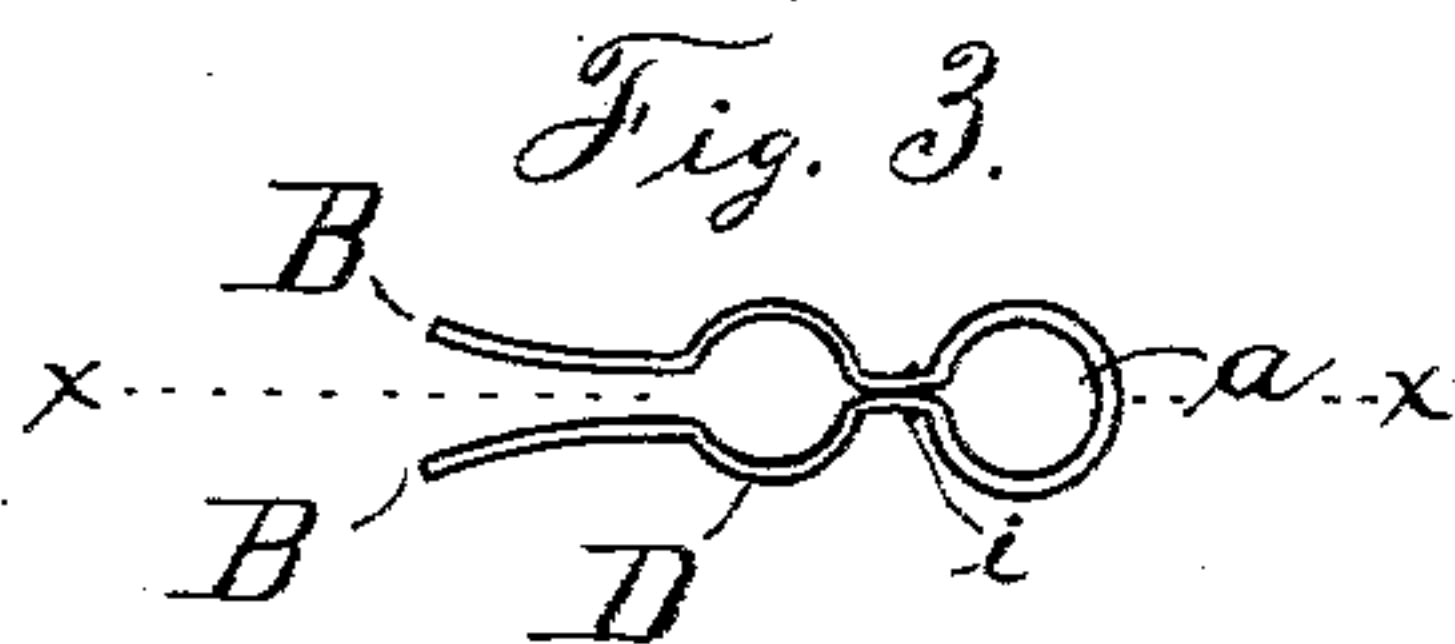
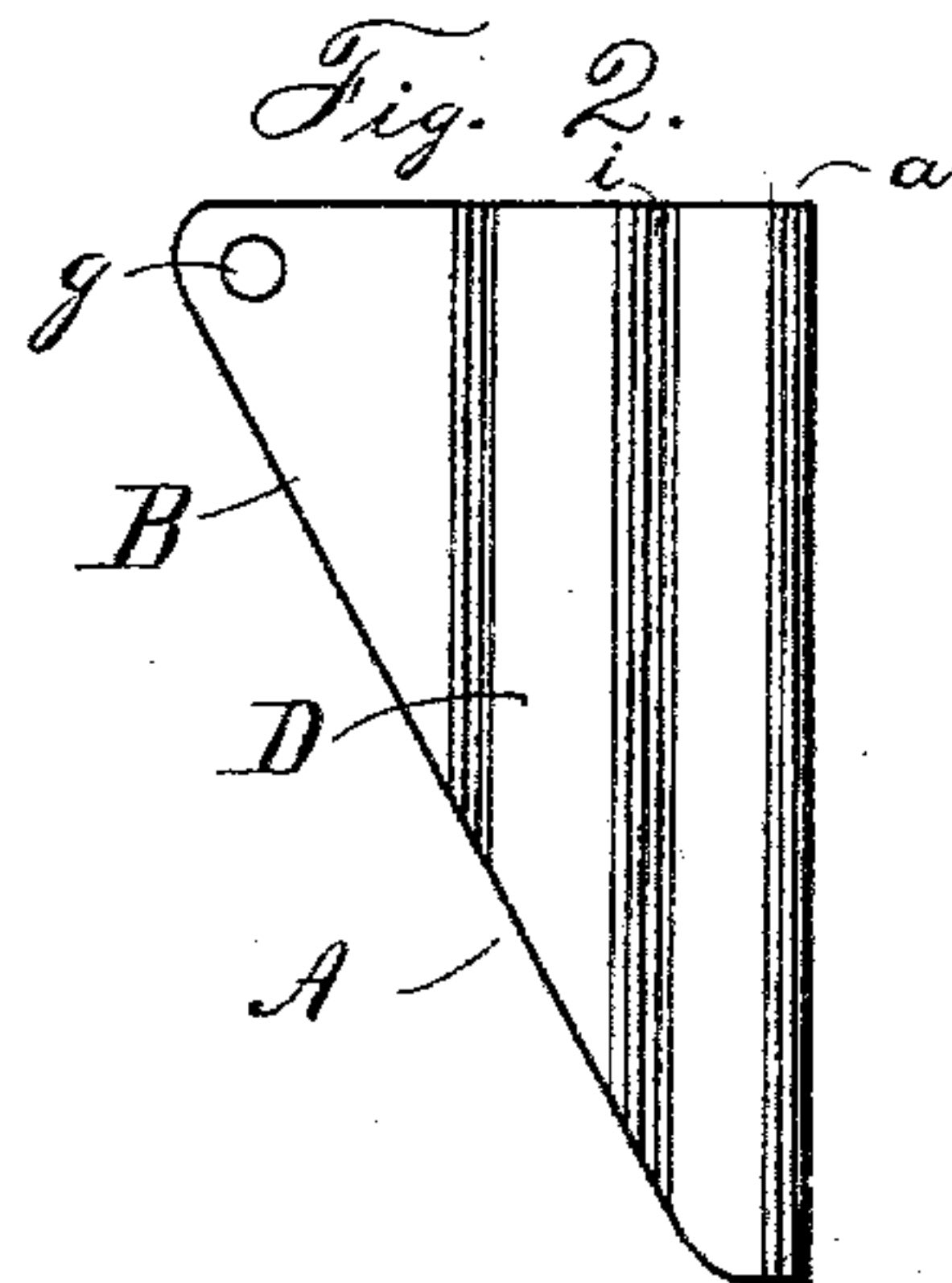
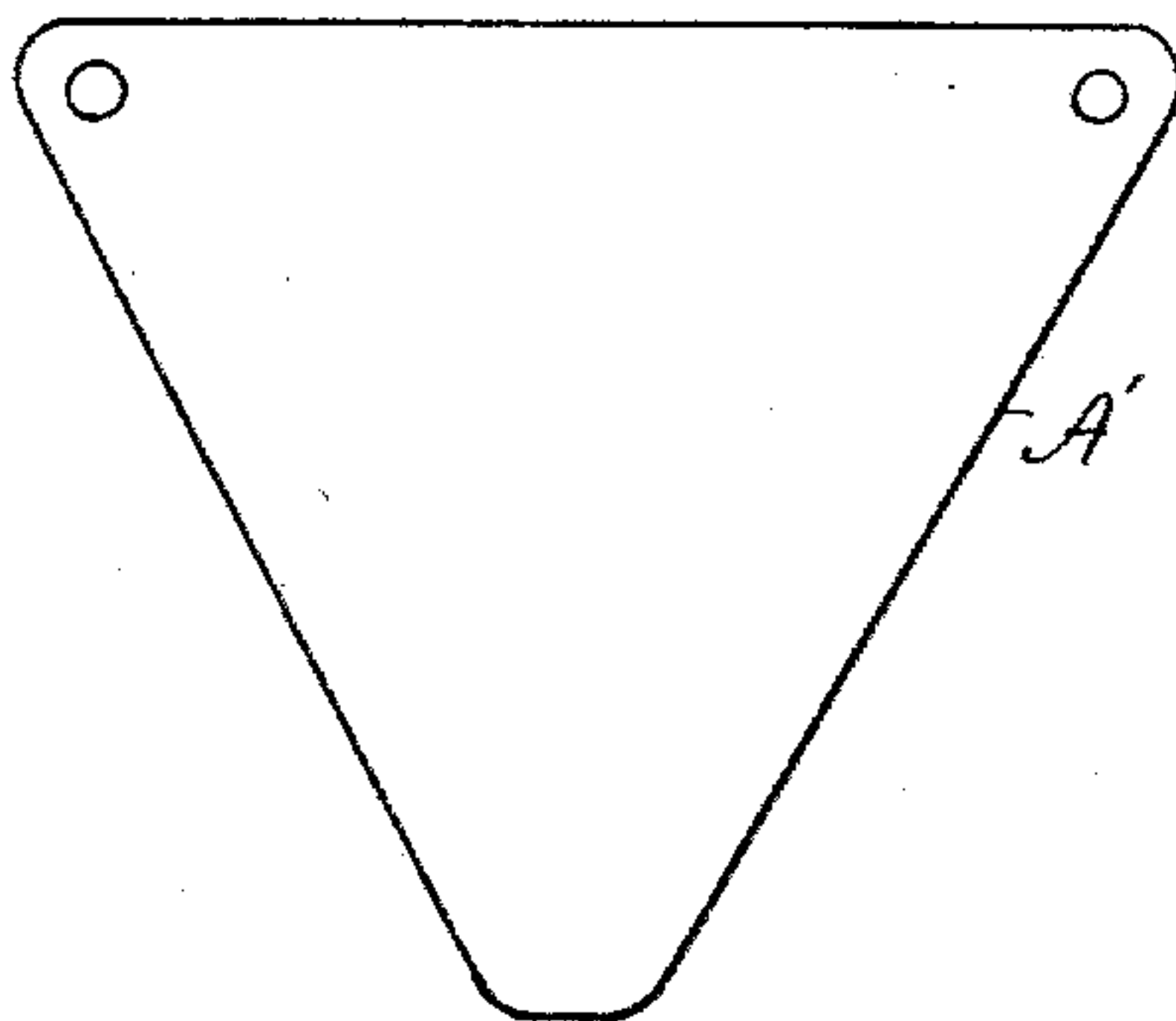
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Fig. 1.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES P. SWETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Penholders; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to penholders or clasps, and is intended particularly to hold the filler of a fountain-pen and the pen itself while it is being filled with ink.

An important feature of the invention is its absorbent quality, by which any overflow of ink is immediately taken up and the drop which collects at the tip of the filler is also drawn away.

The invention is readily adapted for carrying on the person or for attachment to the desk or elsewhere.

The accompanying drawings illustrate the device, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan of a blank from which the holder is formed. Fig. 2 is a side elevation; Fig. 3, a plan of the top, and Fig. 4 a sectional side elevation of the invention on line *x x* of Fig. 3.

The letter A indicates the body of the holder. It may be made of any preferred resilient material and is preferably and cheaply formed from a blank, as shown in Fig. 1. When the blank A' is bent into operative shape, a tube *a* is formed midway of the blank, an open tube D adjacent and parallel thereto, and beyond the latter the terminal compressible wings B B extend. The material employed should have a resilient quality by which the separable edges of the tube *a* at its juncture with tube D will receive a pressure sufficient to retain the absorbent lining C in proper position.

When the holder is of very thin material and not strongly resilient, it is advisable, although not always necessary, to use a fastening *i* to bind the edges of tube *a*; but such

fastening is preferably applied at the upper edge of the holder, so that the lining C may be renewed without difficulty. This lining C is ordinarily made of blotting-paper; but any similar absorbent material may be used. It may be applied to cover the entire interior surface of the holder or only those portions exposed to soiling by the ink.

The lower end of tube *a* may be flattened, if desired, to insure contact of the filler-point *e* with the absorbent.

When not in use, the filler E occupies the tube *a*, where it is protected against breakage and where after use any residue of ink appearing at the vent *e* is taken up by the absorbent.

The fountain-pen is placed in the part D next to tube *a* and is held by pressure of thumb and fingers upon the wings B B. It is evident that in the act of filling any overflow of ink from the filler or the open barrel of the pen will be immediately taken up by the absorbent and all soiling of the outside of the pen-barrel and of the fingers be prevented.

What I claim, and desire to secure, is—

1. A resilient holder for fountain-pen and filler, made from a blank whose middle portion is bent to form a filler-holding tube and an open pen-holding tube adjacent and parallel thereto, and compressible wings formed by the extended sides of the latter tube substantially as described.

2. A resilient holder for fountain-pen and filler, made from a blank whose middle portion is bent to form a filler-holding tube, a fastening to hold together the edges of said tube, an open pen-holding tube adjacent and parallel to said first-mentioned tube, compressible wings formed by the extended sides of the last-mentioned tube and an absorbent lining for said tubes as herein set forth.

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

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