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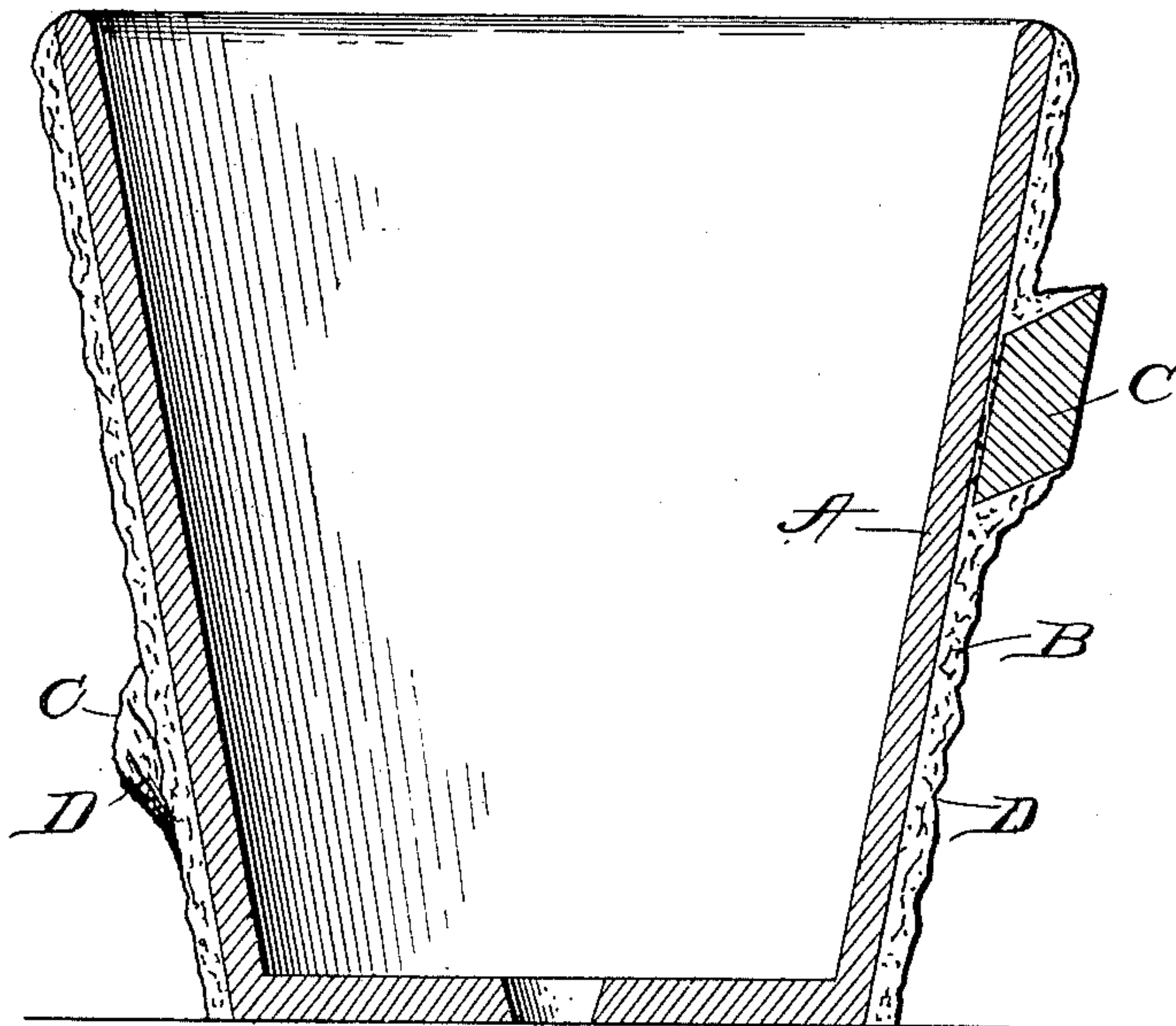
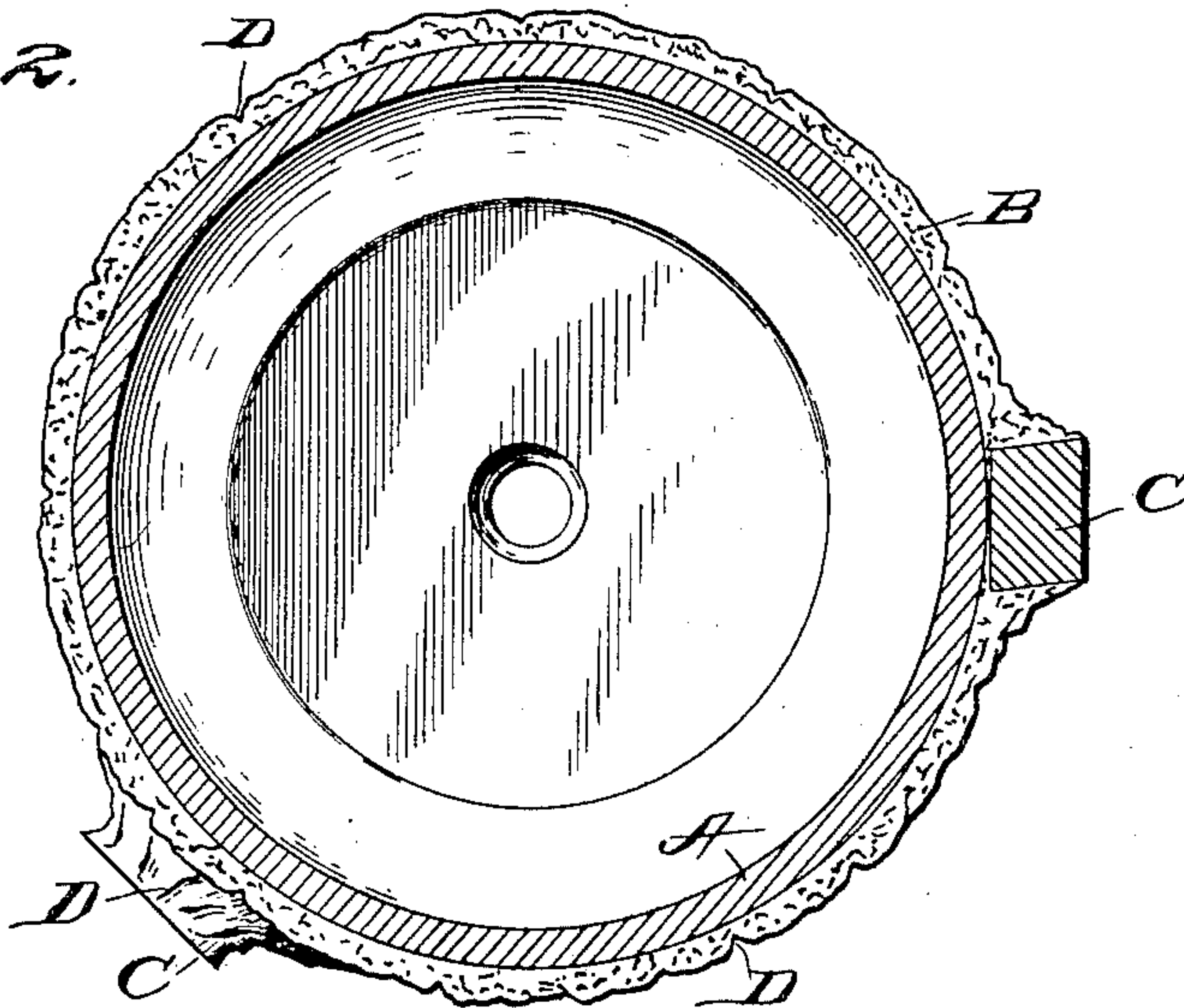


Fig. 2.



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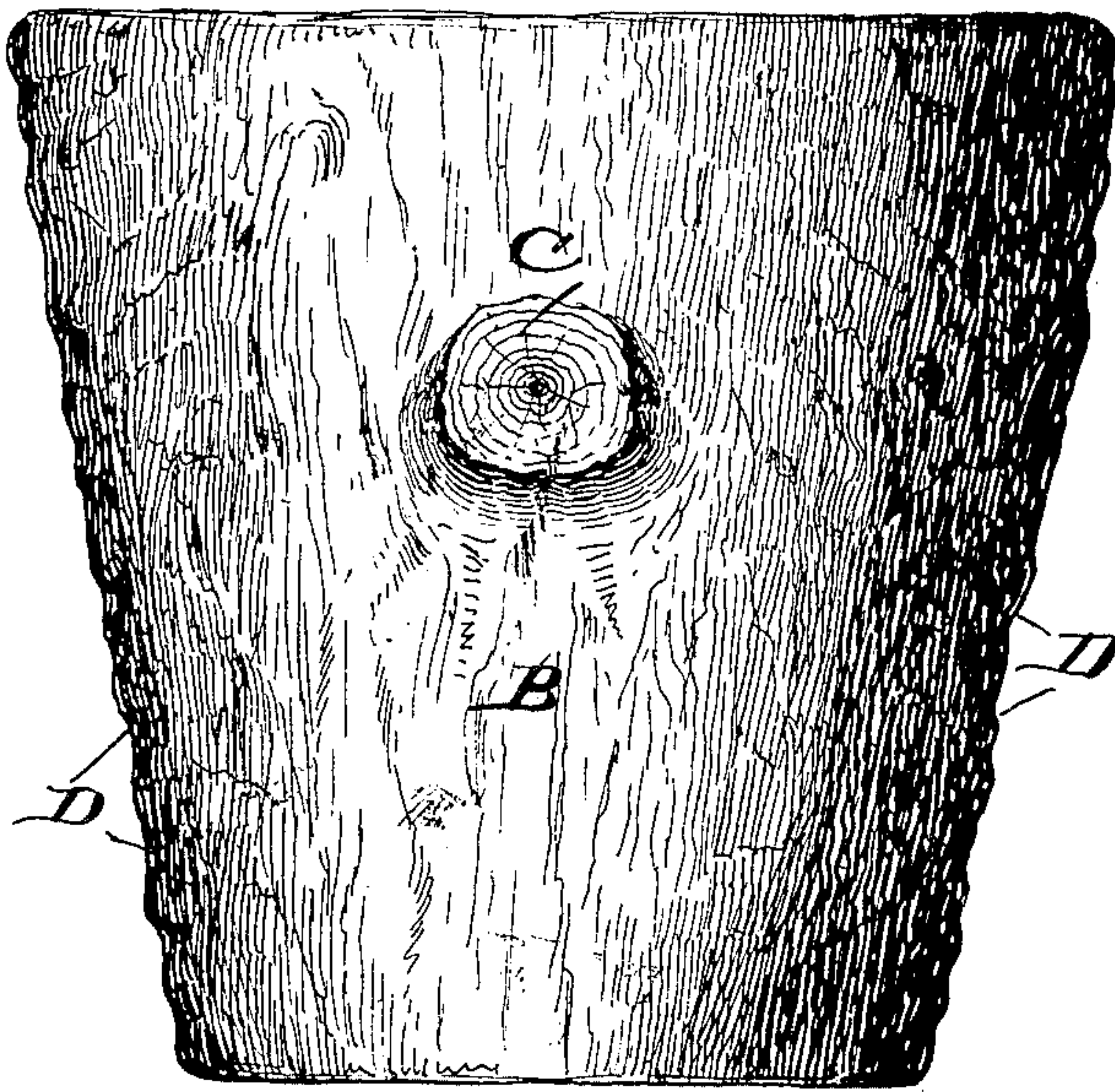
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Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, EMILE BICK, a citizen of France, and CHARLES H. HAHN, a citizen of the United States, both residing at New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ornamental Objects; and we 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.

The invention relates to ornamental objects.

15 The principal object of the invention is to ornament objects of any description in imitation of tree-bark with knots projecting from its surface. This effect is secured by covering the object with papier-mâché while in a soft plastic state and embedding in the papier-mâché plugs of wood, which project beyond the surface of the covering of papier-mâché and have their sides also covered with papier-mâché. If desired, the plastic mass may be 25 scored, so as to greater simulate barks of certain species of trees. In the course of a few hours the plastic material hardens and securely holds the wooden plugs in place and firmly adheres to the object. This covering 30 may be used for various purposes and applied to many objects—such, for instance, as bottles, demijohns, glassware, clay pipes, metal goods, earthenware, picture-frames—and to walls and ceilings. We therefore do not wish 35 to be confined in its use to any specific thing, and in the claim wherever the word “backing” appears we would have it understood that we consider such word of sufficient scope to include any object which we may desire to 40 ornament.

In the accompanying drawings we have illustrated a flower-pot embodying our invention.

Figure 1 is a vertical sectional view, and Fig. 2 a cross-sectional view.

In the accompanying drawings the same reference characters indicate the same parts of the invention.

A denotes the pot, which is of the well-known construction, B the papier-mâché covering, and C the plugs of wood embedded in the papier-mâché while in a plastic state.

D denotes scores or grooves which may or may not be made in the covering while in its plastic state.

It is of course understood that the papier-mâché while in its plastic state may be colored to represent the color of the bark of that particular species of tree it be desired to imitate.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a backing or support whose side is covered exteriorly with a thick body of plastic, adhesive material, a series of plugs simulating limbs of trees which are embedded deeply in and supported by said material and inclined upward, as specified, the plastic material being extended to surround and conceal the sides of the plugs and thickened at the base, the whole surface of the plastic covering being scored and colored in imitation of the bark of a natural-tree trunk or limb, as shown and described.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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