

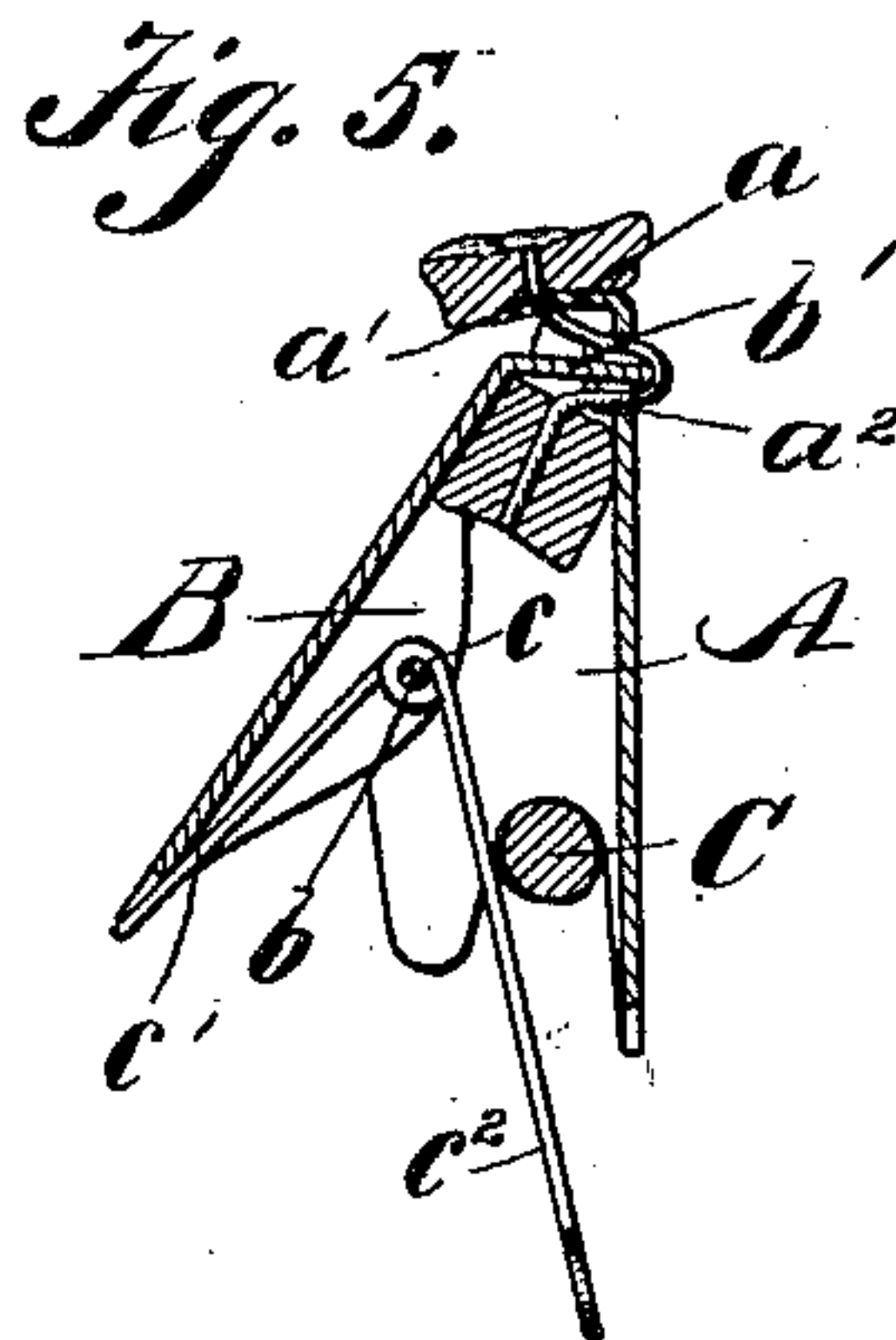
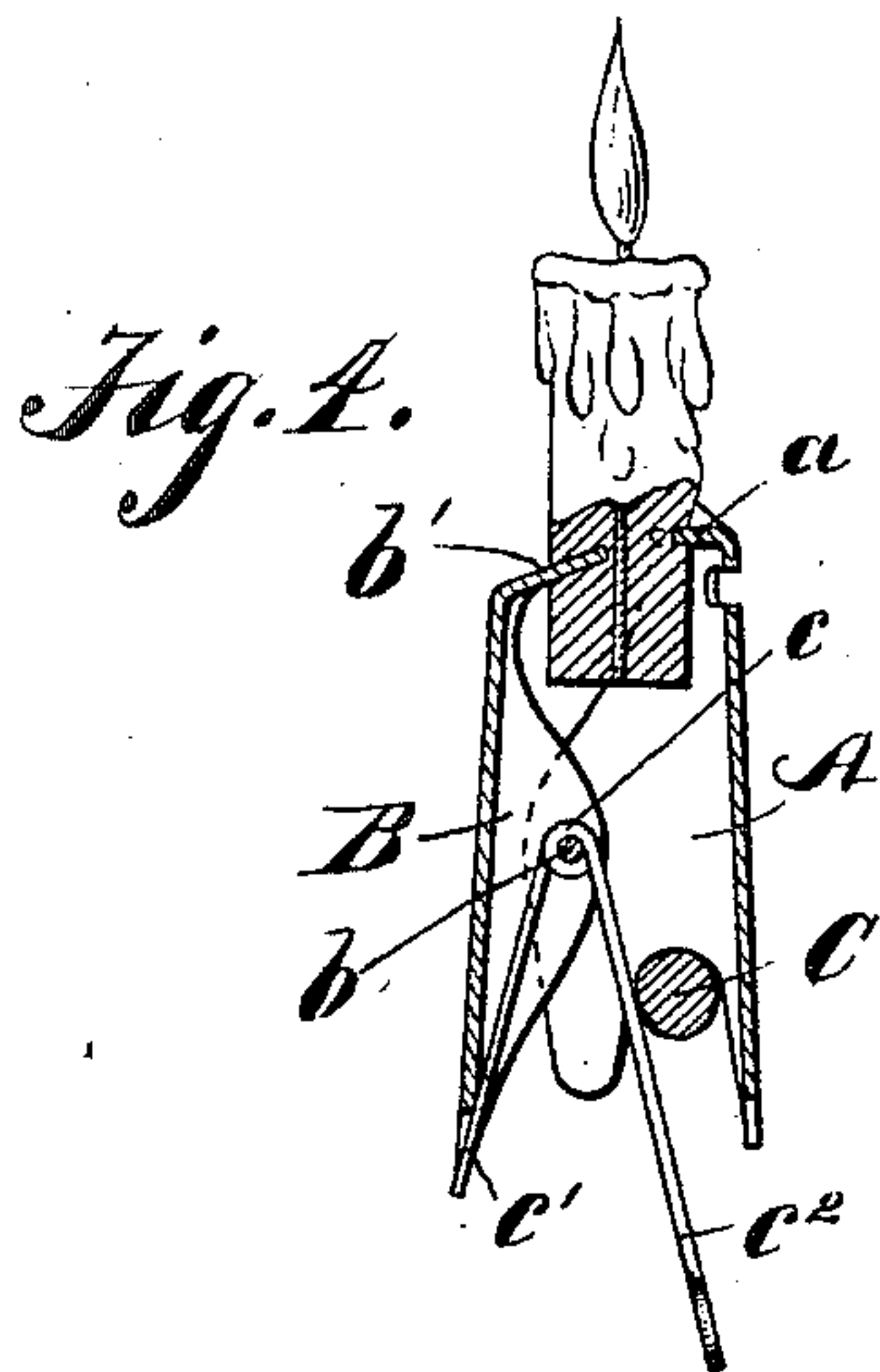
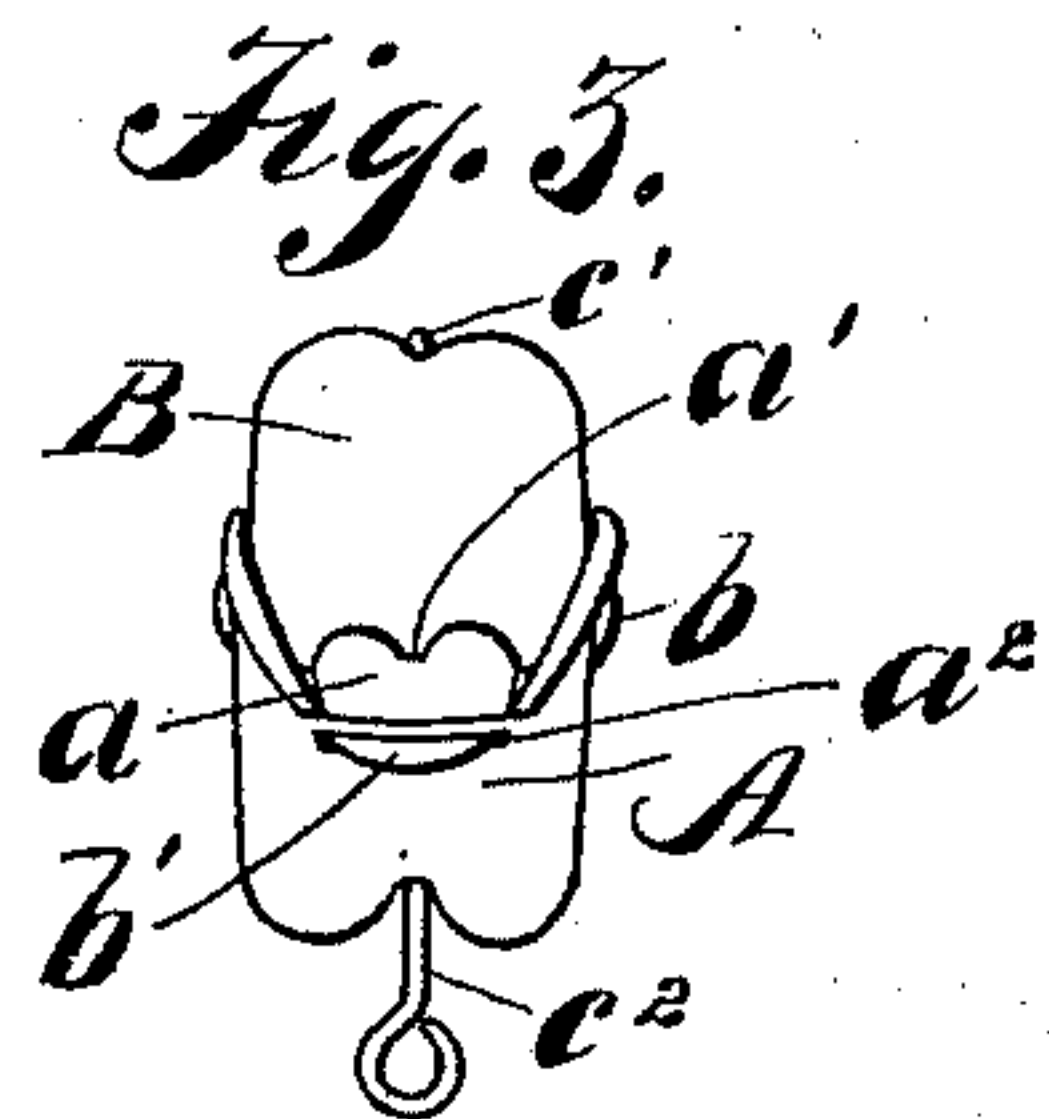
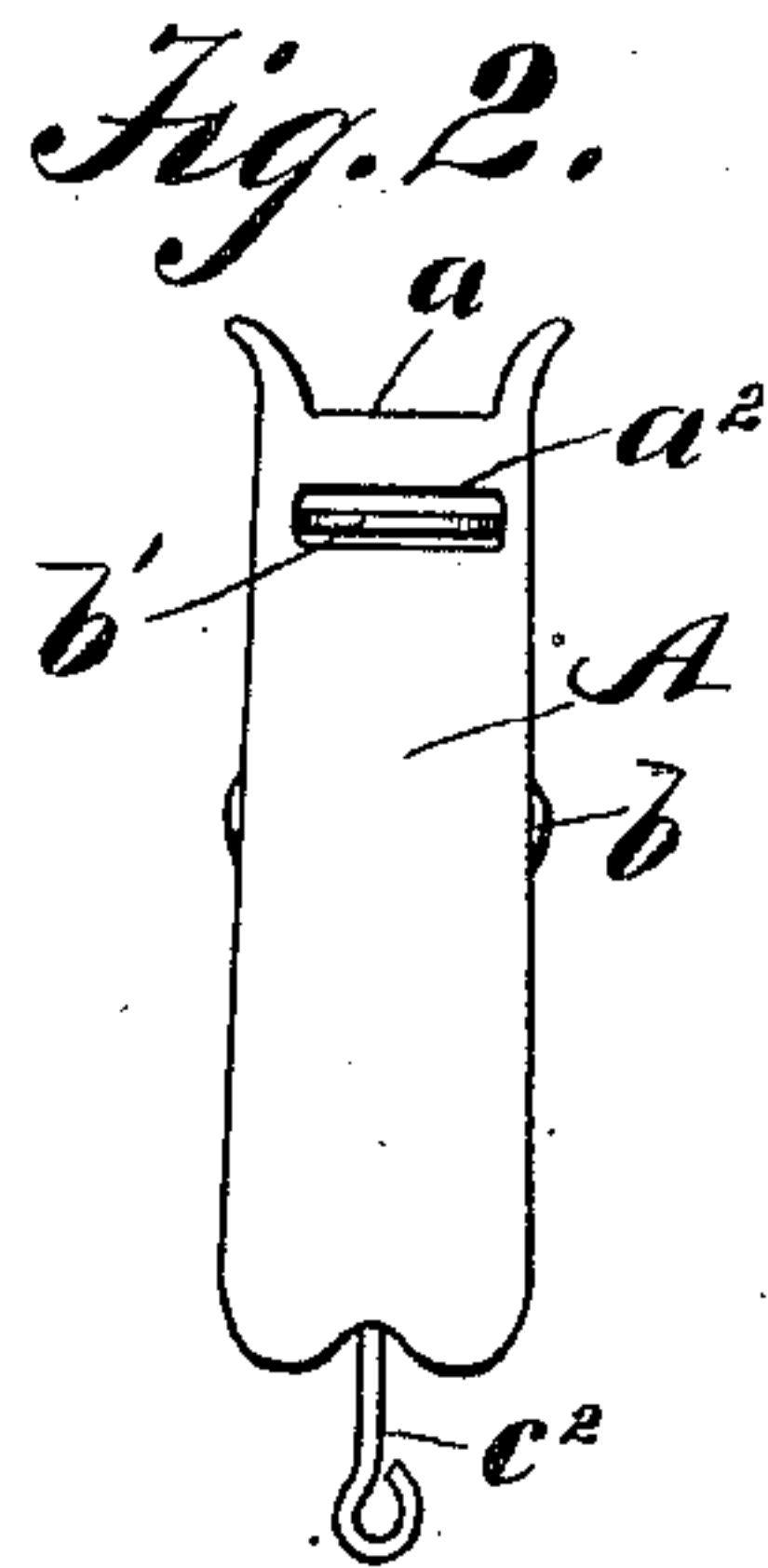
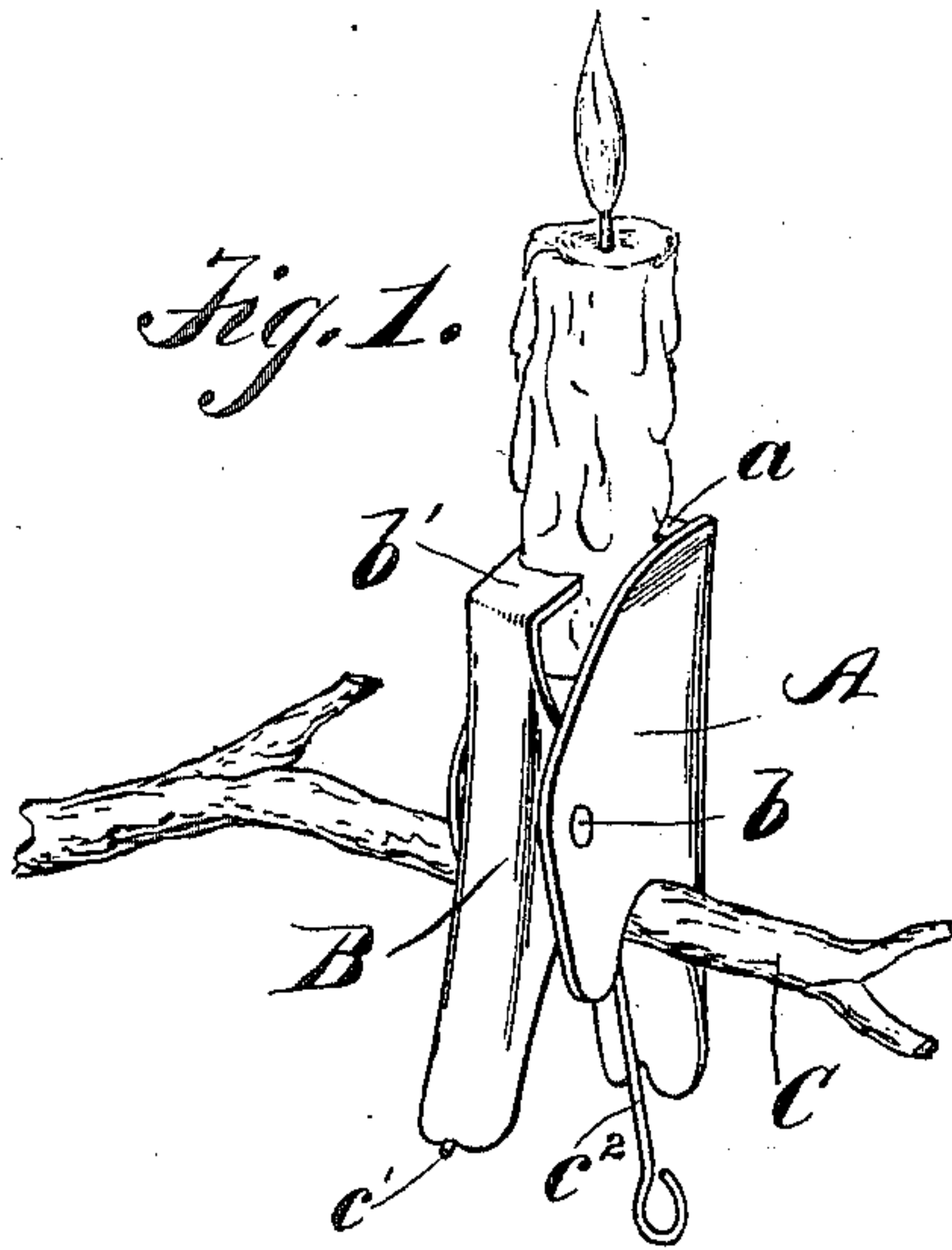
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CONRAD BOGENDOERFER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of 691 Ninth avenue, Long Island City, county of Queens, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Candle-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention relates to an improved form of candle-holder for Christmas trees, and has for its object to provide a simple device which may be attached to a Christmas tree and hold a candle and be adapted to automatically extinguish the flame of the candle when said candle has been nearly consumed. I attain this object by the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters refer to similar parts, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device, showing same attached to the branch of a tree and having a candle held within its jaws. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the device. Fig. 3 is a top view of same. Fig. 4 is a section through the device, showing it attached to the branch of a tree and holding a candle in its jaws; and Fig. 5 is a section showing the jaws closed and the wick drawn through the remaining stump of a candle, thereby putting out the flame.

In the practice of my invention I provide a semitubular piece A and a flat piece B, pivotally fastened to the semitubular piece A by means of the rivet *b*. The upper end of the piece A is formed with a flange or projecting jaw *a*, provided with an indentation *a'*, which is adapted to engage the wick of the candle when drawn through the remaining stump of the candle by the action of the lip or jaw *b'*, formed upon the piece B. The said lip or jaw *b'* is adapted to engage through a slot or opening *a²* in the semitubular piece A.

C designates the branch of a tree and engages in a recess formed upon the sides of the piece A. A spring *c*, having the arms *c'* and *c²*, is mounted upon the rivet *b* and acts to normally keep the jaws *a* and *b'* closed. The

arm *c²* also tends to hold the device upon the branch C by pressing against same.

In practice the device is employed to hold a candle, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4, and rests upon the branch C and is held thereon by the pressure of the spring *c²*. As the candle burns down and the flame nears the jaws *a* and *b'* the pressure of the spring forces the jaw *b'* through the candle, which has become softened by the heat of the flame, and thereby draws the wick down through the remaining stump of the candle above the jaw *a*, thereby putting out the flame.

It is obvious that by the use of my device serious accidents by fire are prevented. The candle cannot be entirely consumed and is put out automatically before it can reach the branch of a tree and cause it to ignite. Should the wick not be drawn through the remaining stump of the candle by the action of the jaws closing, the candle will continue to burn until the flame reaches to the jaws, when it will be extinguished.

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

An improved candle-holder for Christmas trees, comprising a semitubular piece formed with a recess upon its lower end for engaging around the branch of a tree, a flat piece pivotally fastened to the said tubular piece, a flange or jaw formed upon the upper end of said semitubular piece, a flange or jaw formed upon the said flat piece and adapted with the flange or jaw upon the said semitubular piece to hold a candle, a slot formed upon the said semitubular piece and adapted to admit the jaw or flange formed upon the said flat piece, and a spring having two projecting arms suitably mounted upon the device and adapted to normally keep the said jaws closed, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 6th day of April, 1900.

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