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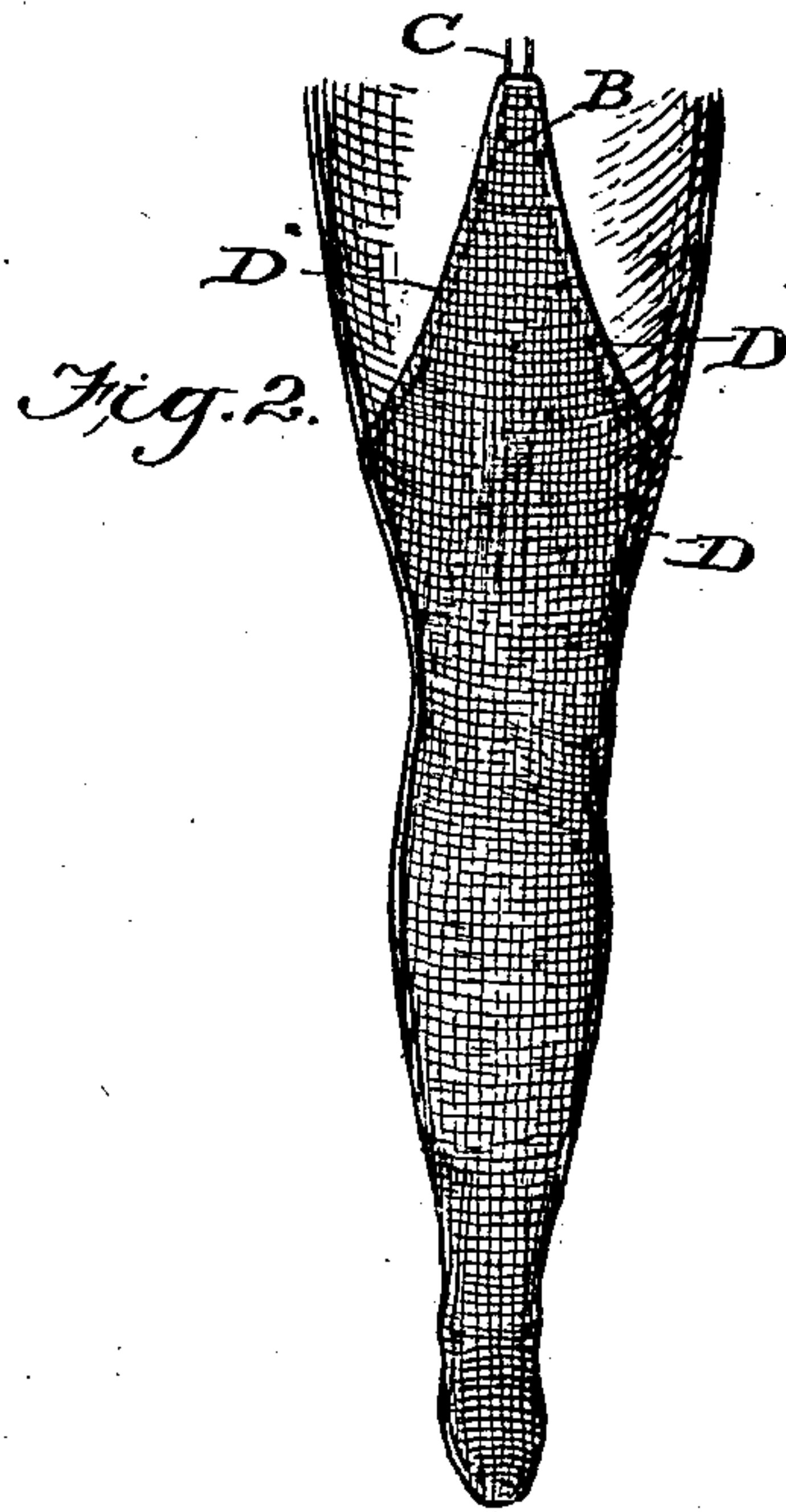
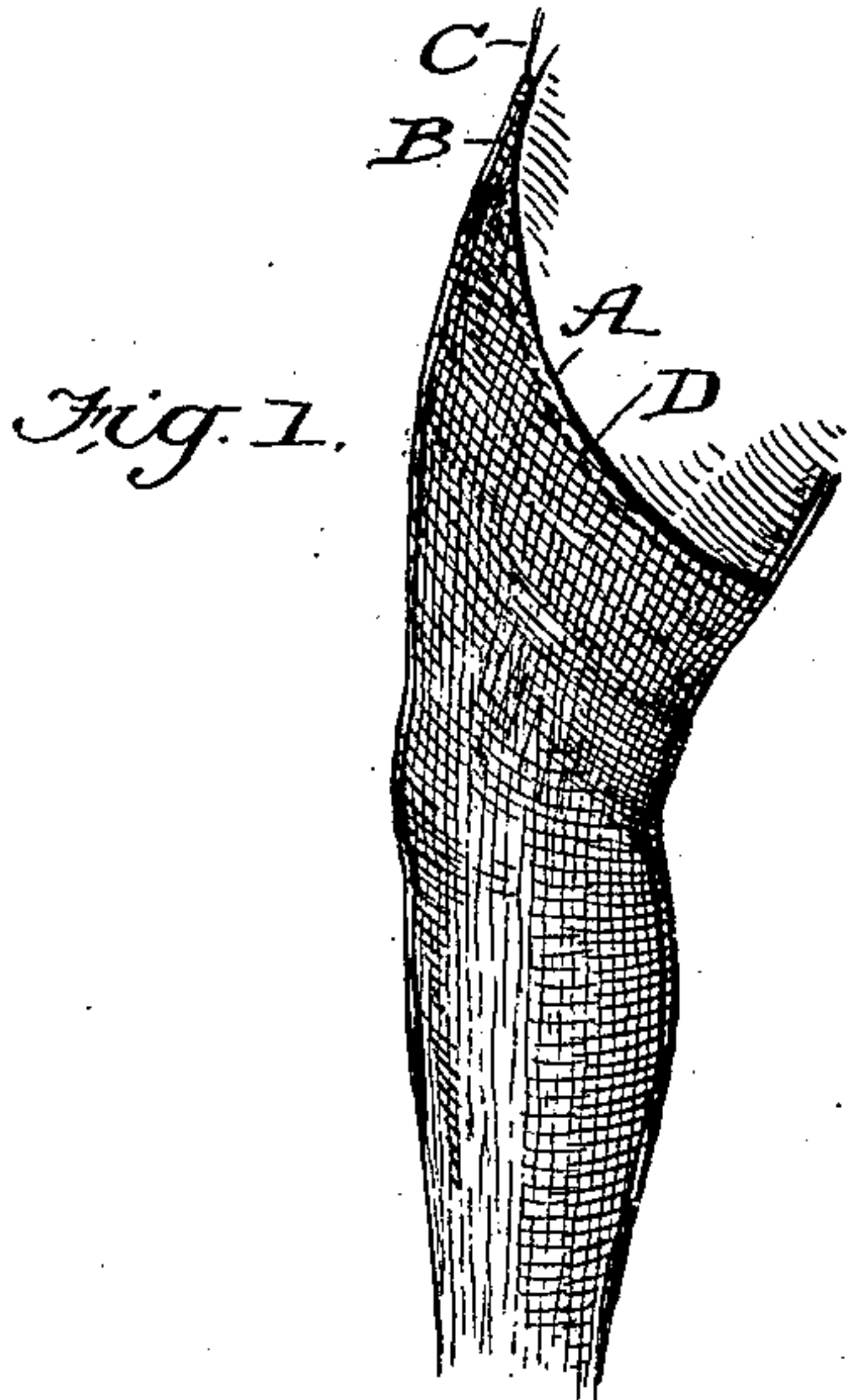


Fig. 4.

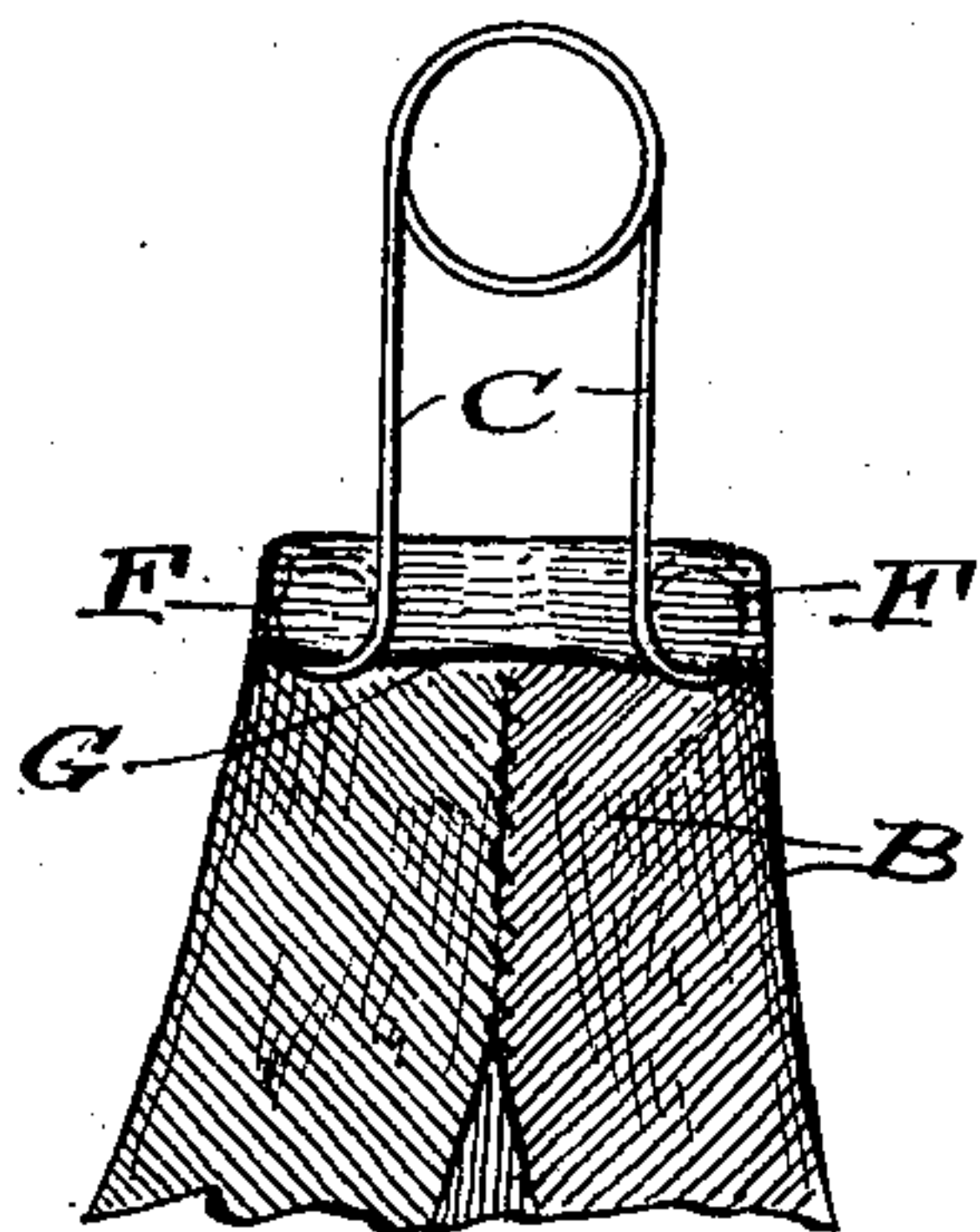
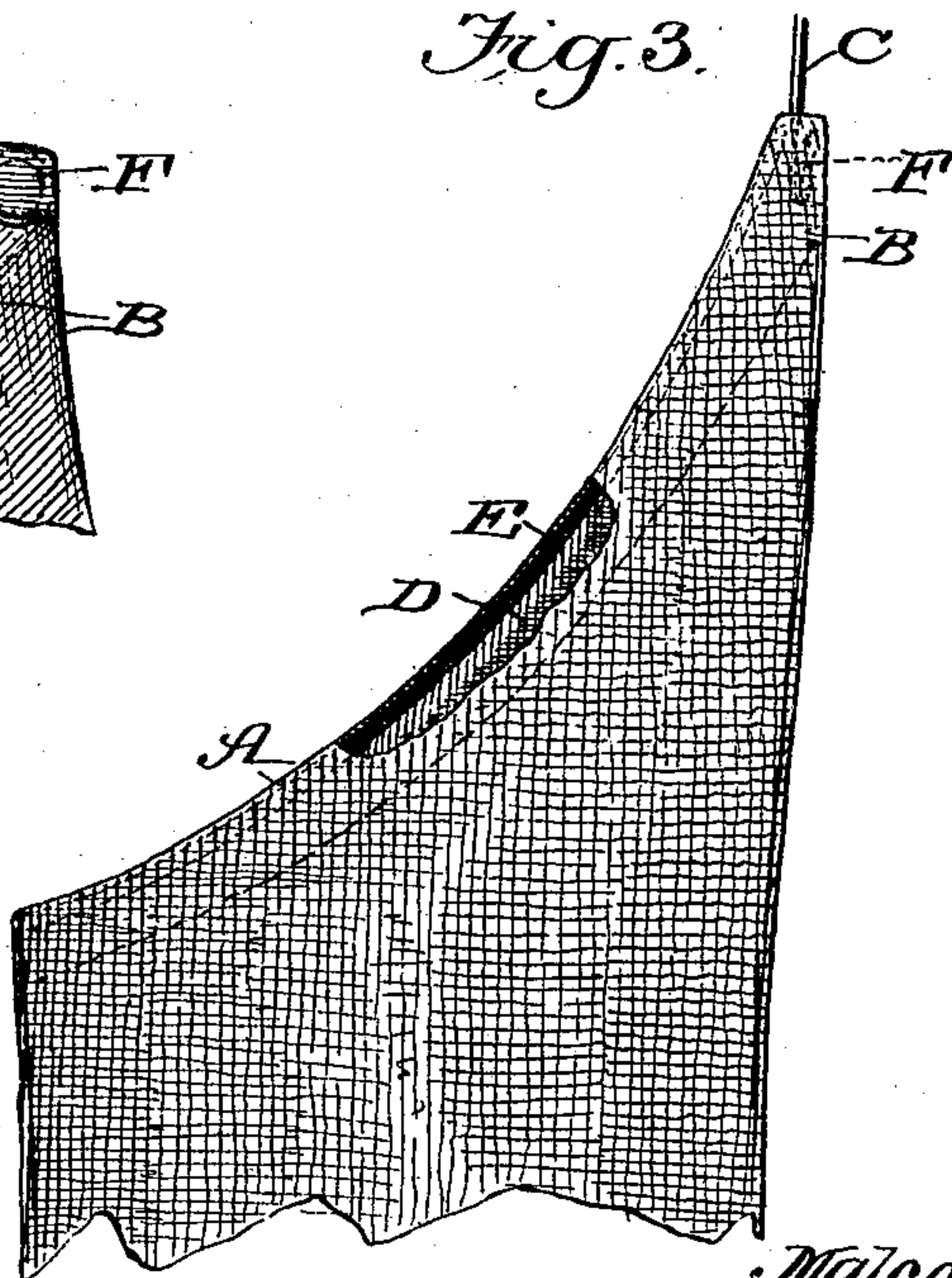


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MALCOLM LAMOND, of Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stockings, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in stockings; and it consists in the novel construction of the upper end thereof to secure a better supporting and fitting of the stocking, as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side view, and Fig. 2 a front elevation, of the stocking as in use. Fig. 3 is a side view of the upper portion of the stocking collapsed, and Fig. 4 is a face view of the inner side of the tongue at the upper end of the stocking.

My invention seeks to overcome the objections and difficulties incident to the use of the ordinary stockings and stocking-supporters—such, for instance, as the insecure connection of the supporters with the stockings, the inconvenience of application and adjustment, the tendency of the top of the stocking to swerve to one side or the other, and the sagging of the stocking between the points of suspension.

In carrying out my invention I slope the upper edge of the stocking in oblique tapering form to present when flattened out, as shown in Fig. 3, an inwardly and upwardly curved edge A, forming at its front an upwardly-projecting tongue B, to whose upper end is connected the supporter C, the upper end of which may be held in any suitable way. I thus slope the upper end of the stocking-leg upwardly from rear to front diagonally to the axis of said leg and exert the upward supporting strain at the upper end of said sloped portion, so that the upward strain is exerted practically throughout the edge of the stocking in such manner as to draw every portion of the upper edge of the stocking upward. By this construction the upper edge of the stocking will be held taut and all sagging at points away from the point of connection of the supporter will be avoided. I thus secure a practically direct upward strain on the entire upper edge of the stocking, which will draw the stocking up firmly on all sides.

At the same time the inclined or sloped edges of the stocking improves the appearance and avoids the abrupt squared-off upper end of the ordinary stocking. The oblique tapering formation of the upper end of the stocking-leg communicates a feeling of superior comfort to the wearer, which is enhanced instinctively by the knowledge of its absolute security, as presently described. The curved line of the upper edge of the stocking gives a uniformity of tension that is as near being perfect as the forces of natural law will allow.

To aid in securing a smooth snug fit at the upper end of the stocking, I provide at such end a casing D, in which is fitted a rubber band E, which gives a tension to the upper end of the stocking, as will be readily understood. This rubber band E will ordinarily be employed in all grades of stockings except those made of unstretchable fabric.

For connecting the supporter to the tongue of the stocking I provide the latter near its extremity with an inverted or downwardly-opening pocket F, whose mouth or orifice G opens downwardly and is contracted, so that a double expanding hook, which may be as shown or of any other suitable construction, can be inserted therein and will expand to lock itself within the pocket. By this means the supporter is secured to the stocking-leg so that it may be quickly attached and detached and there will be no danger of accidental detachment. This pocket formation will be found useful in stockings generally, but is of especial importance in the particular form of stocking shown.

While the stocking is shown as tapered from the rear side up toward the front, it is obvious the taper may in some instances be lateral, as from the inner side upward, where it is desired to fasten the stockings at the outer side.

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

1. A stocking having the oblique tapering form at its upper end, producing the tongue, having at the upper end of the tongue so formed, an inverted pocket whose inlet mouth or orifice is contracted, such oblique edge of

the stocking being provided with a casing and with a rubber therein substantially as set forth.

2. A stocking having at its upper end an
5 inverted pocket whose inlet mouth or orifice is contracted forming lateral seats for the supporting device.

3. A stocking having at its upper end an upwardly-projecting tongue which is pro-
10 vided at its free end with an inverted pocket having its inlet-mouth at its lower end and

contracted at such end forming within the pocket laterally-extending seats for the supporting device substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my 15 name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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