

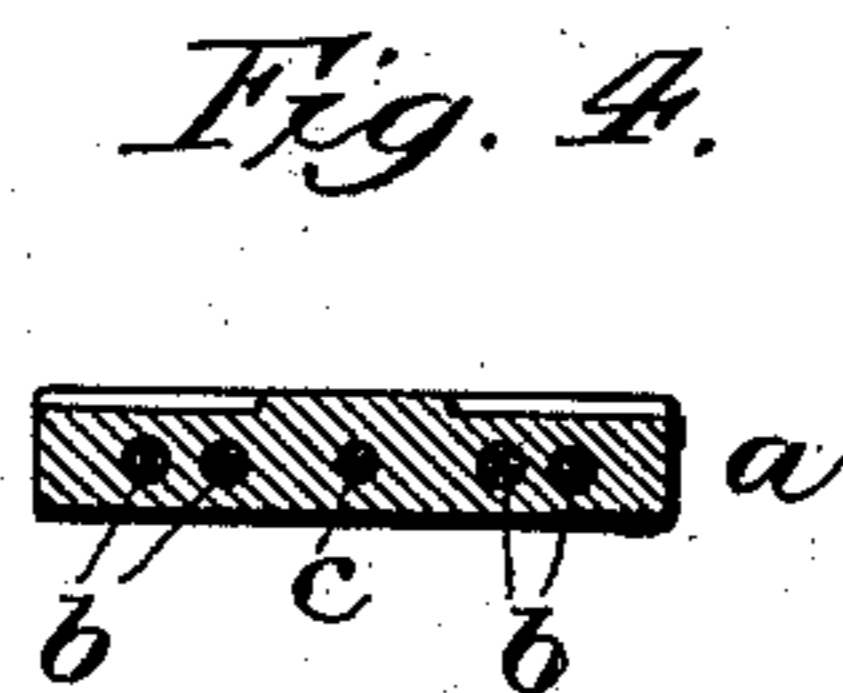
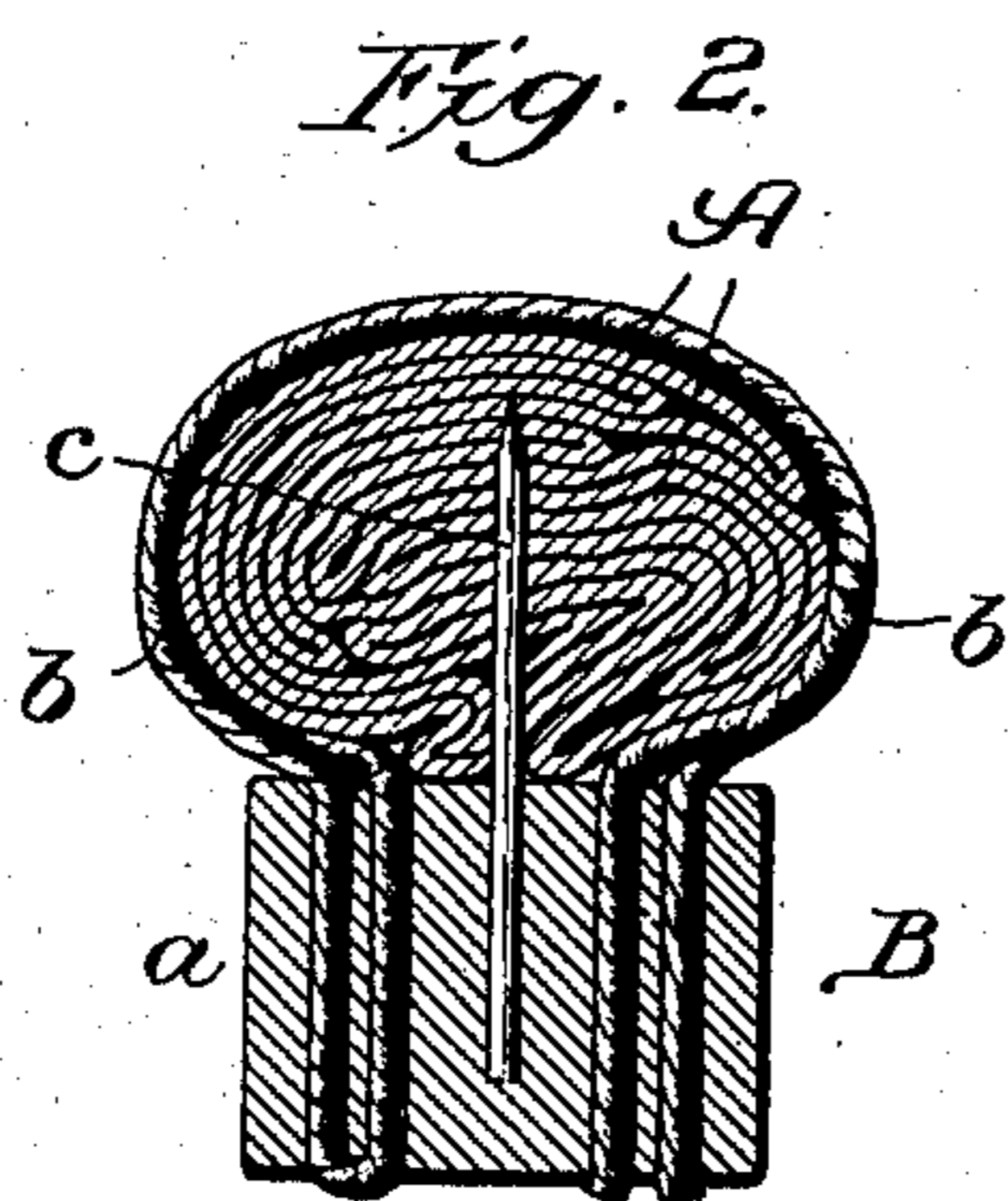
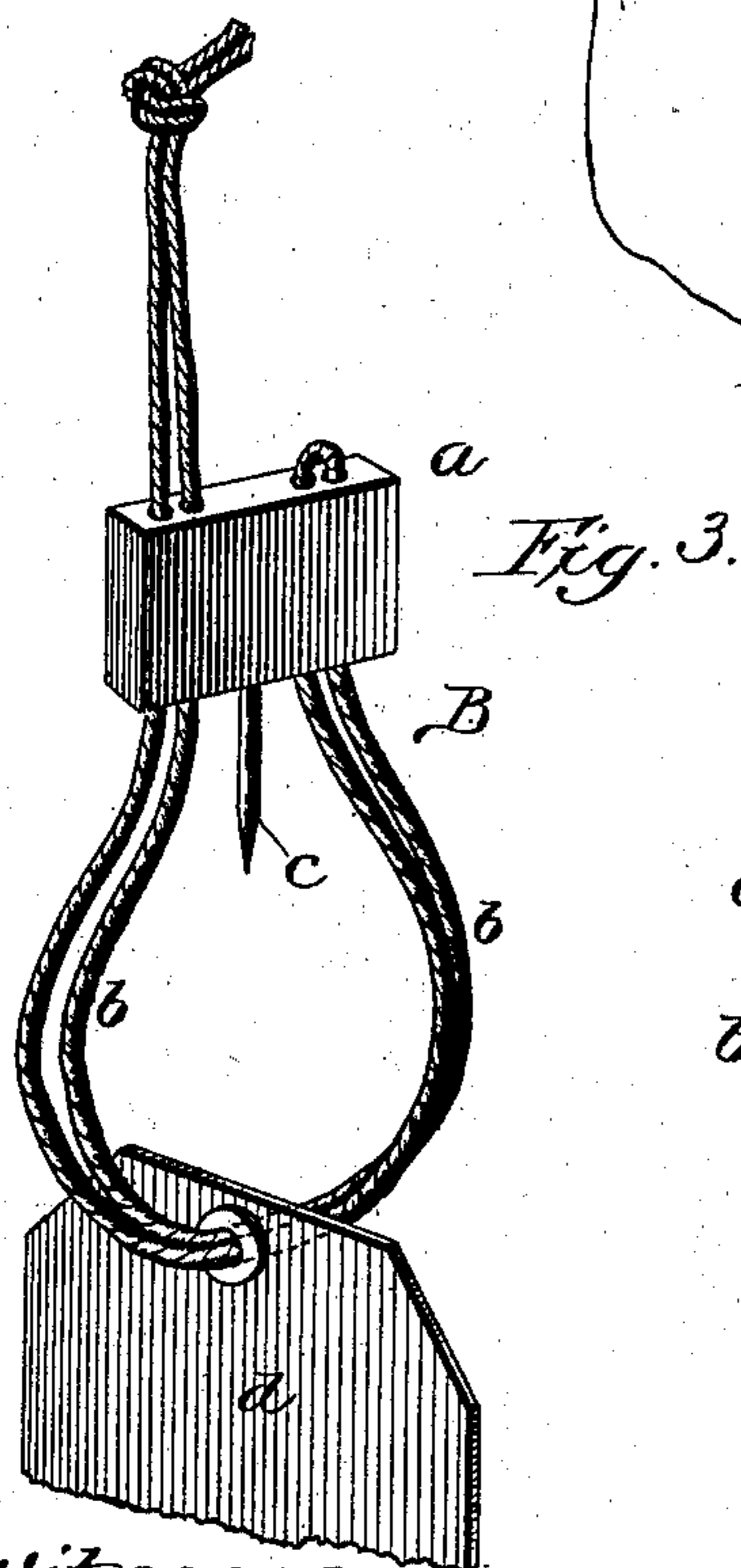
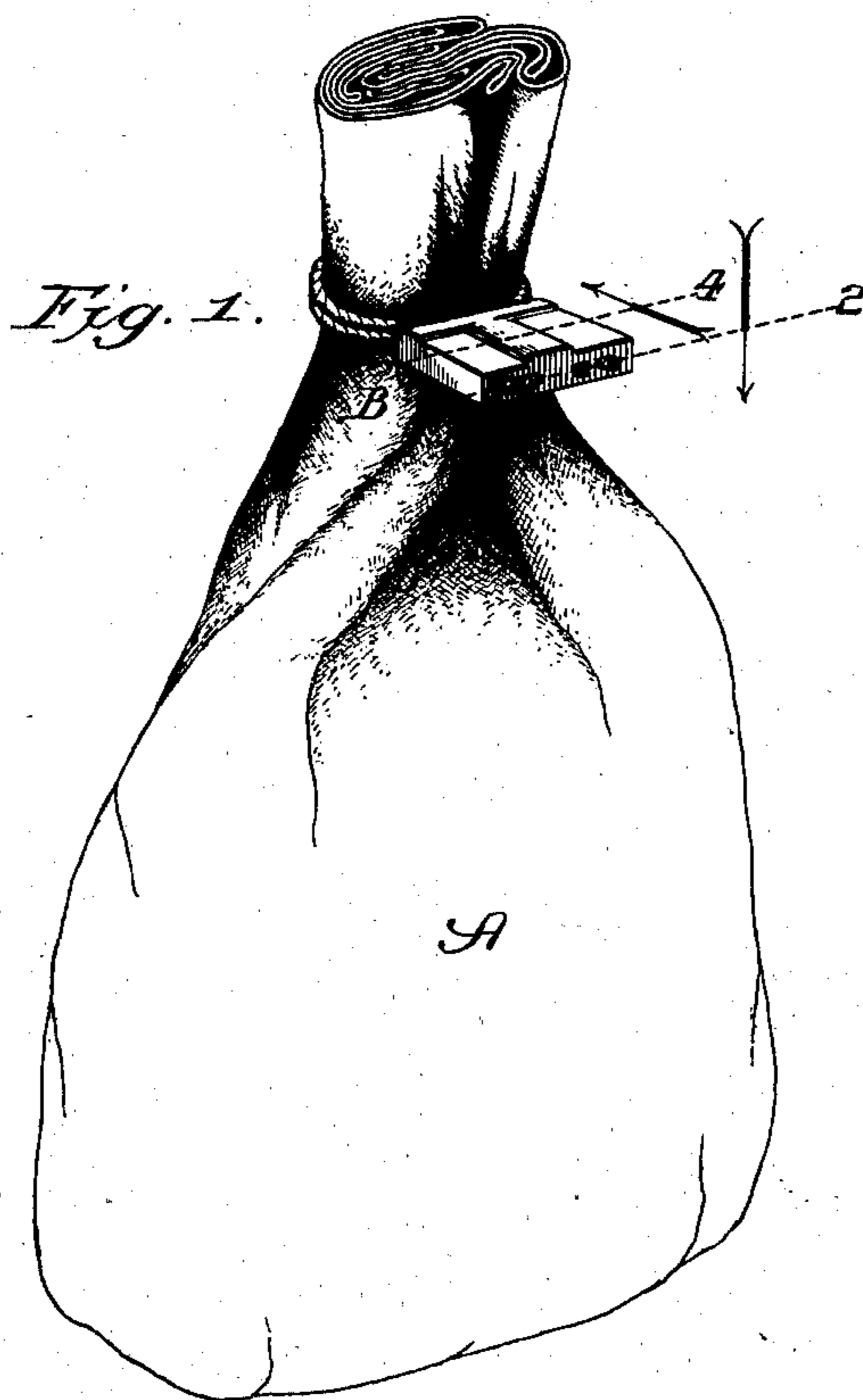
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS I. PORTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Seals, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates particularly to seals for money-bags and the like; and my primary object is to provide a seal of this character which is inexpensive in construction, easy of application, and thoroughly effective in use.

The present invention is in the nature of a modification of the invention generically claimed in my pending application, Serial No. 74,612, filed September 7, 1901.

My invention is illustrated in its preferred embodiment in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a bag sealed with my improved seal; Fig. 2, a plan section taken as indicated at line 2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a perspective view of the seal in condition for application to a bag; and Fig. 4, a transverse section through the soft-metal sealing-block, taken as indicated at line 4 of Fig. 1.

A represents a bag, and B a seal therefor. The seal comprises, preferably, a leaden block *a*, a looped cord *b*, and a sharpened stud or pin *c*, projecting from that edge of the block which is adjacent to the loop. Preferably the block is provided at each side of the stud *c* with two perforations parallel with said stud and receiving said cord, the cord having its ends threaded through the perforations at one side, then crossed and threaded back through the guide-perforations at the other side, and then knotted to prevent accidental withdrawal. The manner in which the parts of the cord cross each other at the loop is shown clearly in Fig. 3, and it will be understood that the effect is to make the loops formed by the two parts or members of the cord of the same length, so that they will be drawn upon evenly during the operation of sealing the bag.

The method of applying the seal is to fold or pucker the upper end of the bag in the usual manner, pass the tie-loop of the seal over the upper portion of the bag, draw the loop tight by means of any suitable instru-

ment, and then crush or indent the leaden block in such manner as to prevent loosening of the cord. In the operation of drawing the loop tightly about the bag the point *c* is caused to pierce the bag, as illustrated in Fig. 2, effectually preventing the bag from slipping through the loop.

Any suitable tightening device for the cord and sealing instrument for making an impression on the leaden block may be employed; but I prefer to employ a sealing instrument equipped with a tightening device, such as is described in the application of Harry W. Abbott, Serial No. 72,644, filed August 20, 1901.

Each seal is preferably equipped at the loop of its cord with a tag *d*, as shown in Fig. 3, upon which destination, contents, and other necessary matter is printed. In applying the seal the tag also is secured to the bag, thereby saving an independent operation. It will be seen that in the operation of sealing the bag knotting or tying of the cord is avoided. As indicated, the projecting ends of the cord are cut off after the sealing operation.

Changes in details within the spirit of my invention may be made. Hence no undue limitation is to be understood from the foregoing detailed description.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A seal of the character described, comprising a soft-metal sealing-block, and an attached tie having members secured in parallel perforations at one portion of said block and returned through parallel guides at the opposite portion of the block, said members being crossed at the loop thus afforded.

2. A seal of the character described, comprising a soft-metal sealing-block having a central projecting sharpened stud at one end and parallel perforations on each side of said stud, and a tie-loop comprising two flexible members passing out the perforations at one side of said stud and returned through the perforations at the opposite side of said stud, for the purpose set forth.

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