

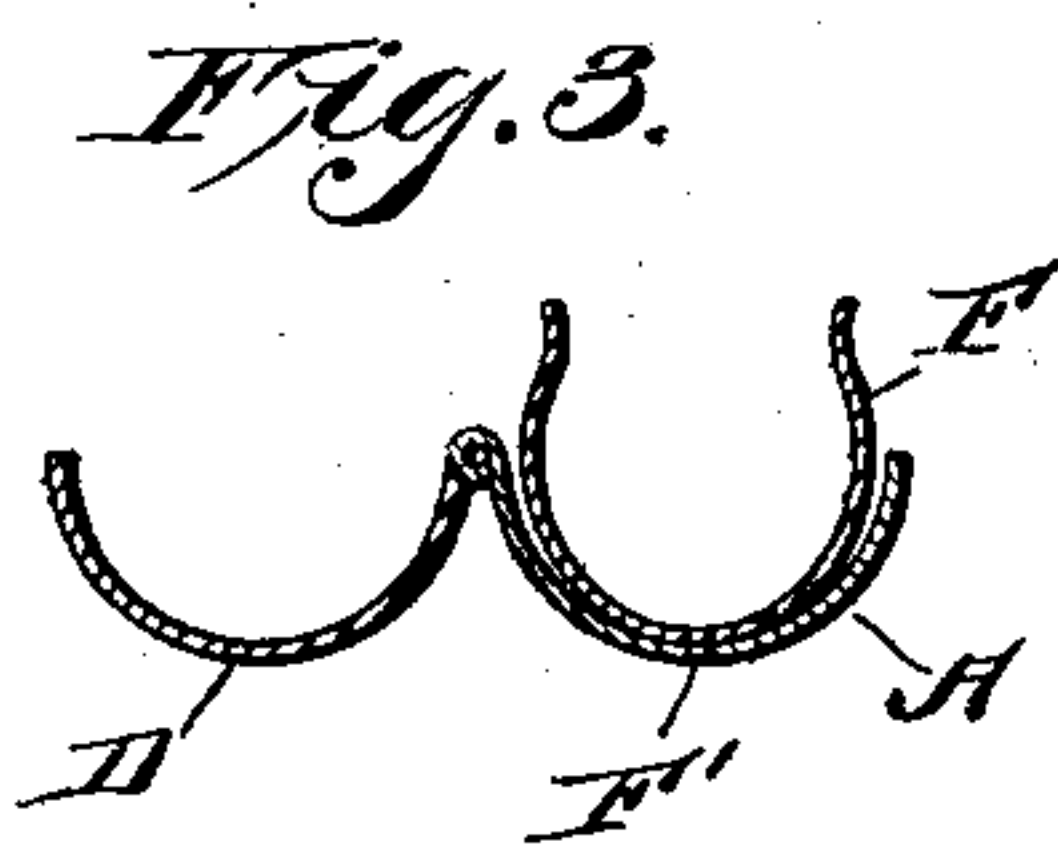
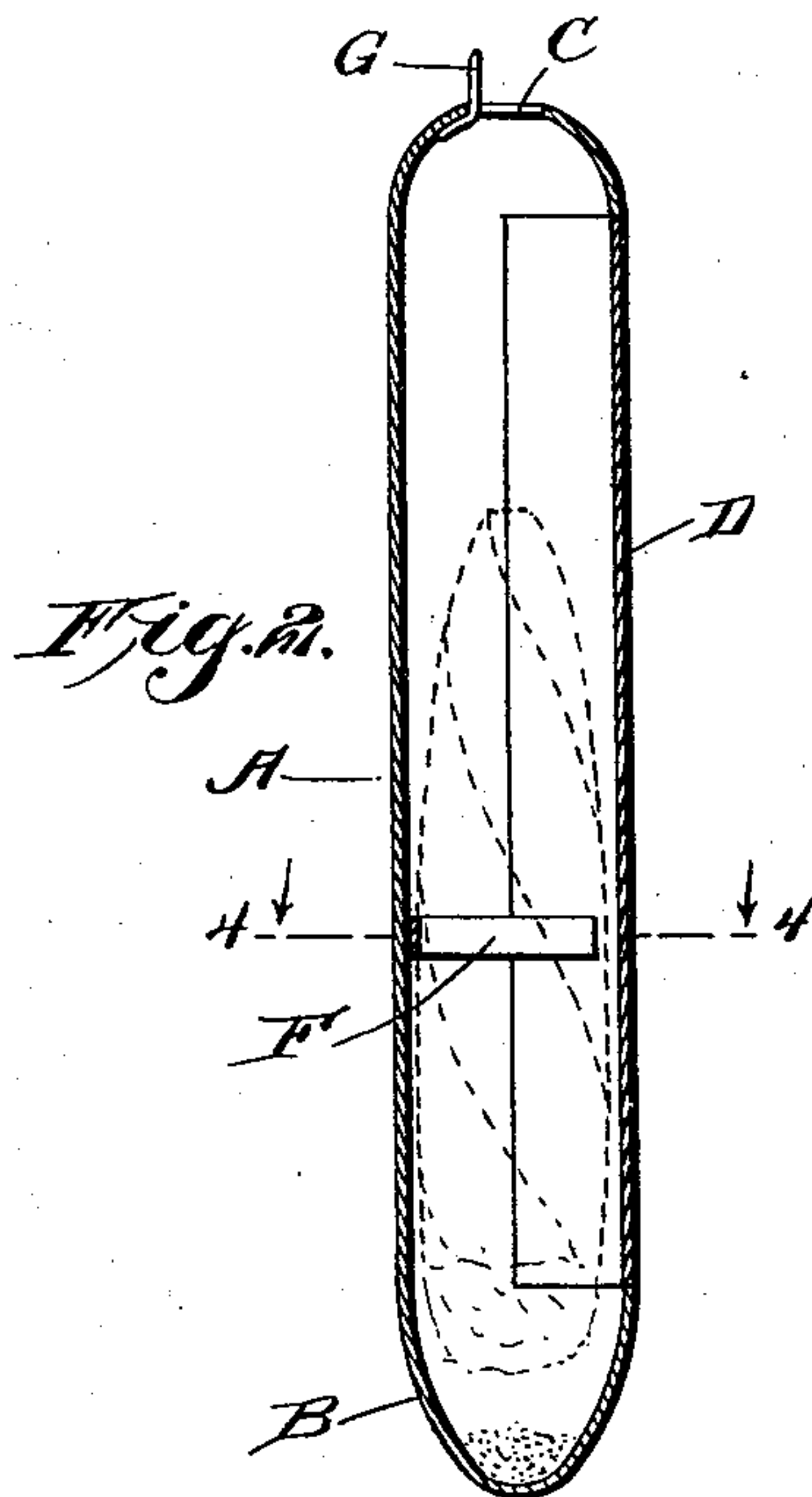
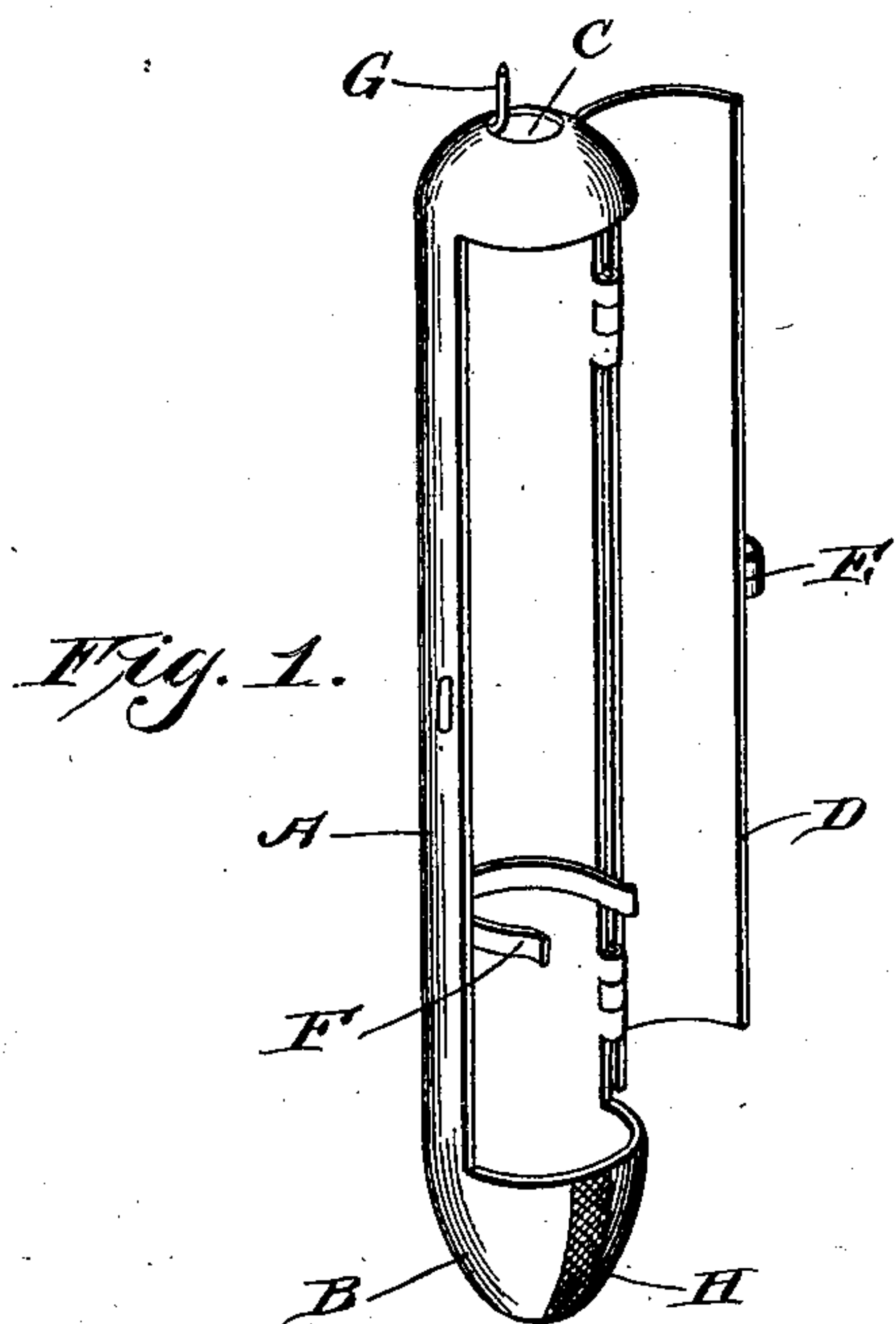
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED C. CORNELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Smokers' Articles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in smokers' articles, and has for its object to provide a tubular boxing or casing adapted to receive and hold a partially-smoked cigar and so construct the article that it will hold a certain amount of cigar-ashes and to also provide the article with a pin or punch at one end for puncturing the end of the cigar for the purpose of causing the same to draw without cutting off the end.

With these ends in view this invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then specifically designated by the claims.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same, the construction and operation will now be described in detail, referring to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device, showing it open; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section of the device; Fig. 3, a cross-section through the device while it is open; Fig. 4, a cross-section on the line 4 4 of Fig. 2.

It is a well-known fact that a large number of partially-smoked cigars are daily thrown away, thus causing considerable inconvenience and a great amount of waste, and the necessity of throwing away the cigars is occasioned by the fact that smokers are not provided with any suitable receptacle in which the partially-smoked cigars may be placed, so as to preserve the same. My invention is intended to supply this want; and it consists of a cigar-shaped or tubular casing A, which is provided at one end with a hollow conical cup B, and the other end is rounded and provided with a central opening C. Intermediate of these two ends the casing is divided longitudinally, and the two halves are hinged together, so that one of them forms a lid or cover D, which may be closed by any suitable latch E. Upon the

interior of the body A at the point nearest the cup-shaped end B is secured a thin horse-shoe-shaped spring F, which is secured to the body A by means of a rivet F', passing through the spring and body A at the center of the spring. This leaves the spring with two free ends, between which the partially-smoked cigar may be passed, and the spring will embrace the cigar and hold it in place, and the end of the cigar having the ashes may be pressed downward into the cup-shaped end B, and this cup-shaped end will hold whatever ashes may fall from the cigar. Then on closing the receptacle it may be inserted in the pocket with the end B downward, and the opening C at the upper end will allow for ventilation and prevent the cigar from sweating. The fire in the cigar will thus be smothered within a very few seconds, and the cigar can thus be preserved until again wanted. Projecting from the upper end, or the end provided with the hole C, is a sharpened point or punch G, which may be utilized to puncture the head of the cigar, and through which puncture the smoke may pass, thus doing away with the necessity of severing the head from the cigar.

While I have illustrated the device as being made of metal, it is obvious that it might be made of any other material, and if the material of which it is composed is not fireproof the article might be lined with asbestos or other fireproofing material, and while I have shown the cover or door hinged it is obvious that it could slide longitudinally of the device or be opened and closed in any other suitable manner.

The advantage of my invention is that if the smoker has occasion to enter a dwelling or street-car or any other place where smoking is either not permitted or objectionable instead of throwing away and wasting the major portion of the partially-smoked cigar he may take the case from his pocket, insert the cigar therein, and replace it in his pocket and preserve the cigar until again wanted, or the casing can be used upon a desk, table, or other place and the cigar could be deposited therein, and thus serve as a rest for the cigar, preventing the table or desk from being burned.

Upon the outside of the cup-shaped end B

is provided a roughened surface H, upon which to strike matches, and it often happens in lighting a cigar, such as in a dwelling, there is no suitable place handy to throw the burned
5 match. This casing could then be used as a receptacle in which to place the burned match to be disposed of outside.

Of course I do not wish to be limited to the exact construction here shown, as slight modifications could be made without departing
10 from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful is—

1. In a device of the character described,
15 a casing formed with one closed end and one open end, the closed end adapted to form a cup to receive the ashes of the cigar, said casing divided longitudinally, said division not extending to each end of the casing so as to
20 leave the ends undivided, two parts of the casing being hinged together, and means carried by the casing for holding the cigar within the same, as and for the purpose specified.

2. In a device of the character described,
25 a tubular casing, one end being closed and cup shape, the other end being provided with a central opening, said casing being divided longitudinally between the two ends, and the

two halves thus formed hinged together, one of the halves provided with a latch and the
30 other half provided with a catch for engaging the latch, a horseshoe-shaped spring secured in one of the halves, the free ends bending outward adapted to embrace the cigar and hold it in the casing, a roughened surface
35 provided upon the outside of the cup-shaped end, and a punch protruding from the opposite end, substantially as described.

3. In a device of the character described, a tubular casing formed with one cup-shaped
40 closed end, the other end provided with a central opening, said casing divided longitudinally between the two ends, and the two halves hinged together, a latch for holding the two halves together, and means provided
45 upon the interior of the casing for holding the cigar within the same, as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of two sub-
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