

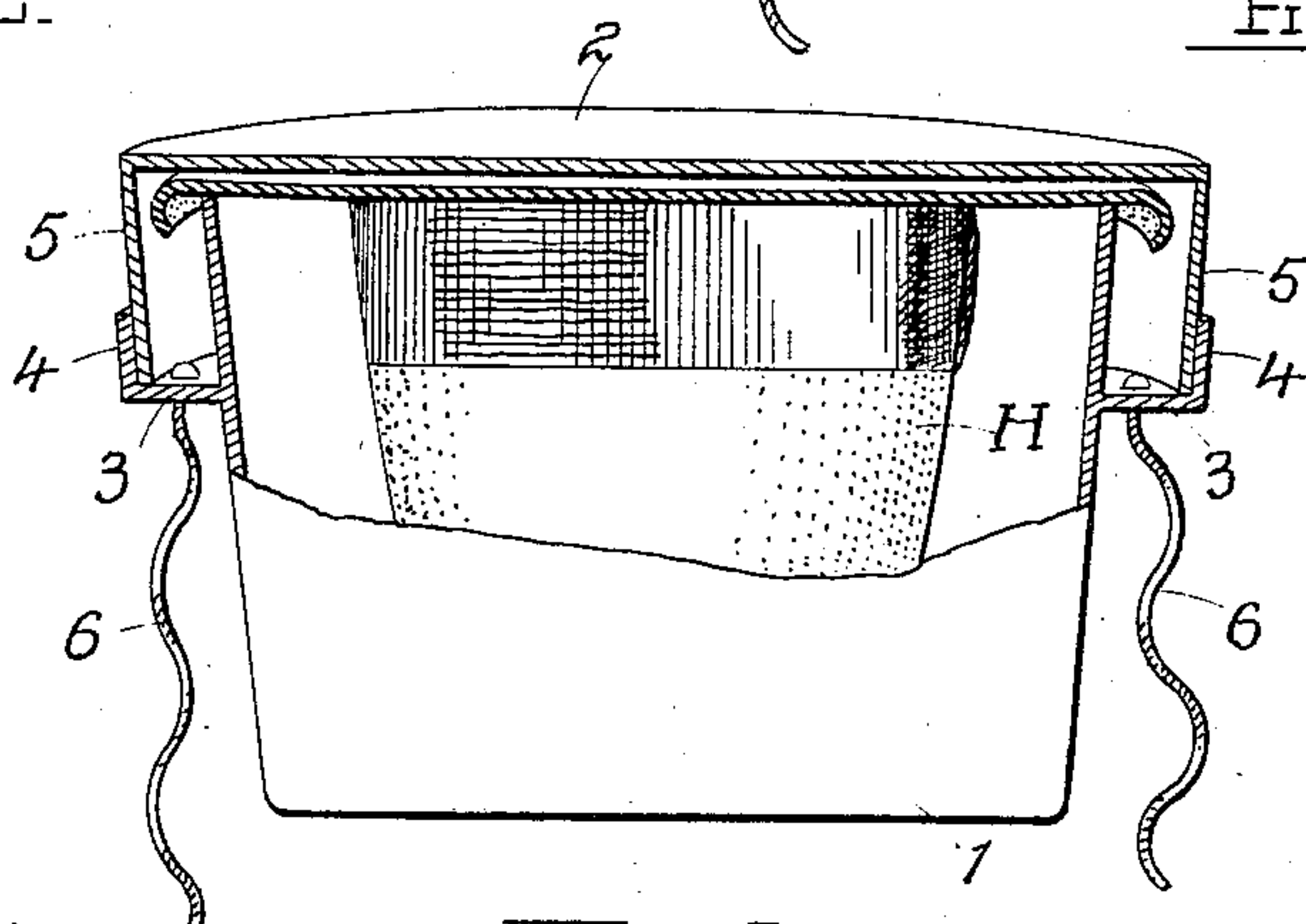
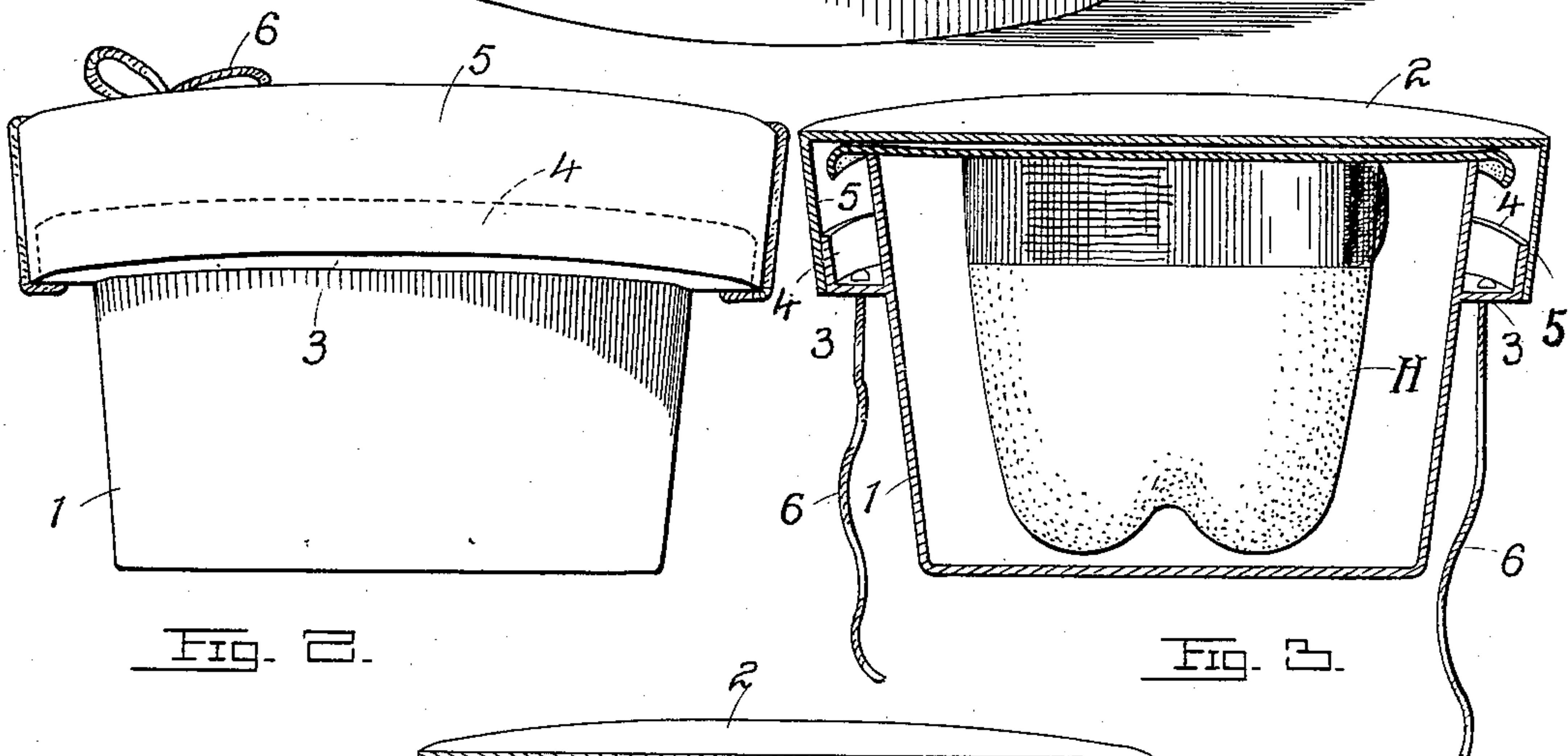
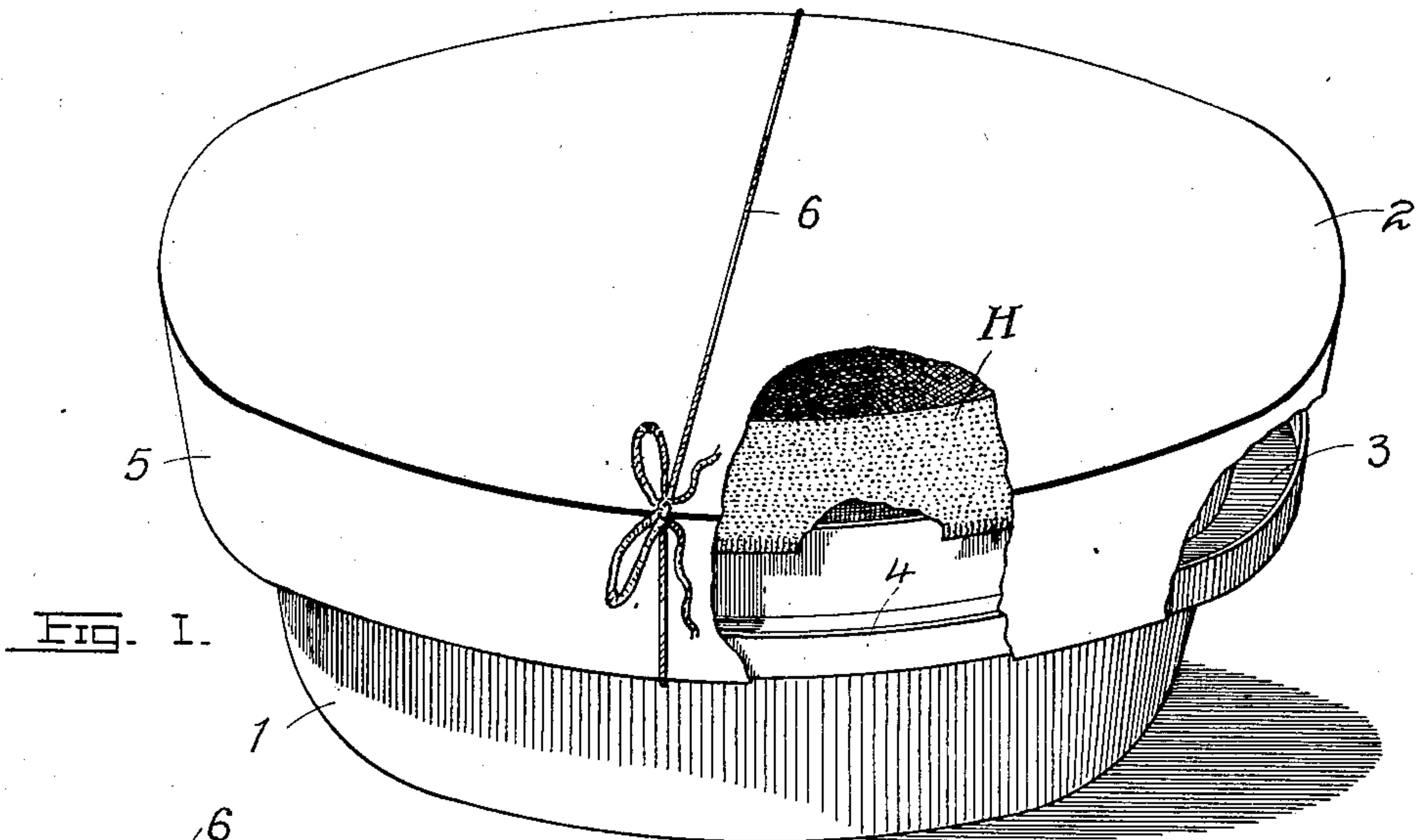
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY MILLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Boxes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention has relation to improvements in hat-boxes; and it consists in the novel construction of box more fully set forth in the specification and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the box with parts broken away. Fig. 2 is an end elevation thereof. Fig. 3 is a middle vertical transverse section, and Fig. 4 is a similar section of a modification.

The object of my invention is to construct a hat-box which will retain the hat against any shifting while confined in the box, thereby preventing any possible injury to the hat, one which can accommodate hats of different dimensions, and one possessing further and other advantages better apparent from a detailed description of the invention, which is as follows:

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents a receptacle or box of convenient contour, and 2 the lid therefor. Projecting outwardly from the peripheral walls of the box at a suitable distance below the upper edge thereof is a ledge 3, whose outer edge is provided with an upturned wall 4, said wall occupying a position exterior to the upper edge of the box. The lid 2 is provided with a depending rim 5, which closes over the wall 4 when the lid is resting against the edge of the box, or, as shown in the modification in Fig. 4, the rim 5 may fit inside said wall. The ledge 3 is provided with cords 6, which may be tied over the lid and hold the latter in place. The brim of the hat H rests against the upper edge of the box and is held against displacement by the lid pressing against said brim, Figs. 3, 4.

The rim 5 does not come in contact with the edge of the brim of the hat, so that the shape of the hat is always preserved.

I do not, of course, wish to be limited to the precise details here shown, as these may in a measure be departed from without affecting the nature or spirit of my invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A hat-box comprising a suitable receptacle, a ledge located a suitable distance below the upper edge of the box and projecting outwardly from the peripheral walls thereof, a wall formed along the outer edge of the ledge, a suitable lid, and a depending rim on the lid adapted to engage the wall aforesaid the lid proper resting against the upper edge of the box, substantially as set forth.

2. A hat-box comprising a suitable receptacle, a ledge located a suitable distance below the upper edge of the box and projecting outwardly from the peripheral walls thereof, a wall formed along the outer edge of the ledge, a suitable lid adapted to rest against the upper edge of the box, and a depending rim on the lid adapted to close over the wall aforesaid, substantially as set forth.

3. A hat-box comprising a suitable receptacle, a ledge located a suitable distance below the upper edge of the box and projecting outwardly from the peripheral walls thereof, an upturned wall disposed along the outer edge of the ledge, a lid resting against the upper edge of the box, a rim depending from the lid and engaging said wall, and cords for fastening the lid in position, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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