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Fig. 1.

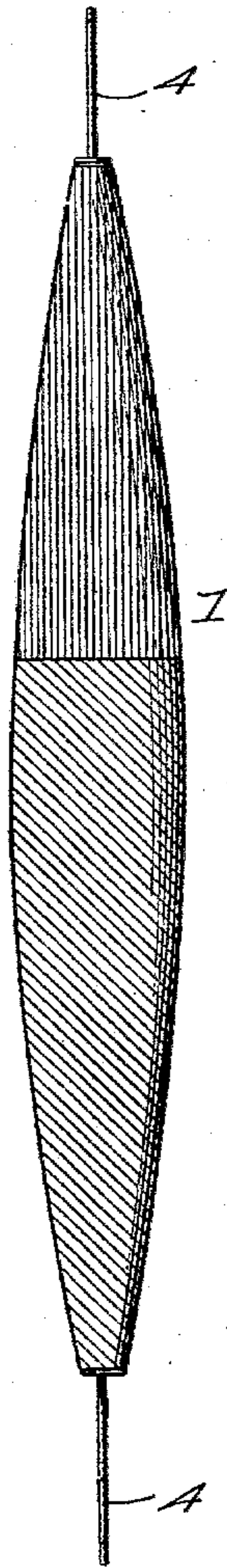


Fig. 2.

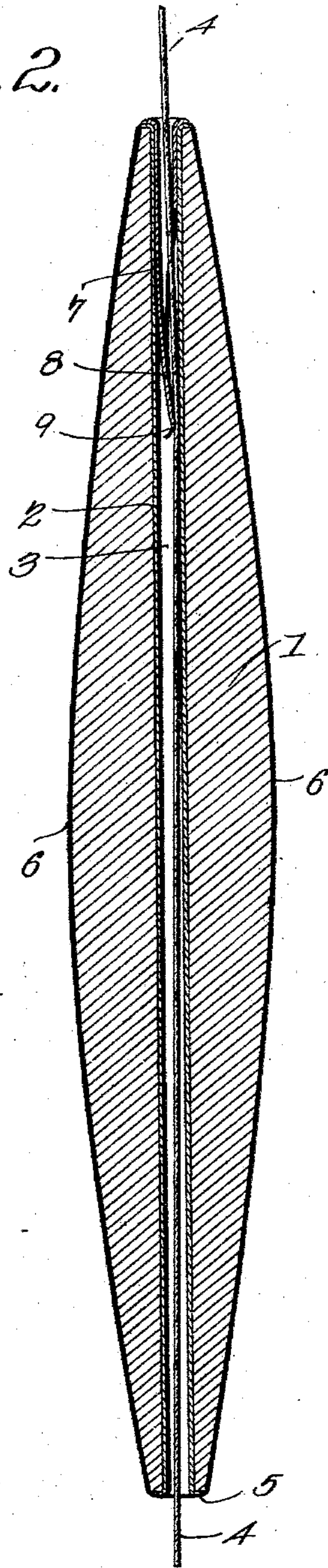


Fig. 3.



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FISHING-BOB.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN S. SCOTT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Greenville, in the county of Hunt and State of Texas, have
5 invented a new and useful Improvement in Fishing-Bobs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to fishing-bobs, and has for its objects to produce a device of this
10 character which will be simple of construction, efficient in operation, one which may be manufactured at a minimum cost, and one in which the bob may be readily adjusted upon the line and securely held against accidental
15 movement.

With these and other objects in view the invention comprises the novel details of construction and combination of parts more fully hereinafter described.

20 In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a fishing-bob constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal sectional elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of
25 the line-clamping device.

Referring to the drawings, 1 indicates my improved fishing-bob, which is preferably composed of tupelo-gum root, because of its combined lightness and stability, and is provided
30 with a longitudinal central bore 2, in which is secured in any suitable manner a seamless metal tube 3, composed, preferably, of brass. This tube, which in practice receives the fishing-line 4, serves as a lining for the bob to protect the same from water and is fixedly secured in place in the central bore of the bob
35 by flanging or turning its ends outward, as at 5, at the ends of the bob. The outer face of the bob is painted, as usual, and the paint
40 constitutes an outer waterproof covering, as indicated at 6, for the bob. Attention is here especially directed to the fact that tupelo-gum root, owing to its extreme lightness and stability, is especially adapted for the manufacture of fishing-bobs, but that its use in this
45 connection has never before been practicable,

owing to the fact that it is extremely porous, and consequently readily absorbs water, and that I render its employment in this connection feasible by coating the same externally
50 with a waterproof material and applying to its inner bore a lining, as above described, thus entirely precluding the water from entrance into the body of the material.

7 indicates my improved line-clamping device, which comprises a tubular body portion
55 composed of any suitable material, having a spring-finger 8 formed integral therewith and adapted to bear upon the line and clamp the same against the inner wall of the tube 3. In
60 practice the clamping device is inserted into the end of the tube 3, with the line passed through the tubular body portion of the device and between the spring clamping-finger 8 and the wall of the tube in position for the
65 finger to bear yieldingly upon the line and frictionally clamp the same against the wall of the tube, as above stated, and in this connection it is to be noted that the end of the finger which bears upon the line is slightly
70 bent angularly, as at 9, to obviate chafing of the line, which is further obviated owing to the engaging point of the finger being slightly concaved to conform to the curvature of the line in cross-section. In practice the
75 bob may be readily slipped along the line to any desired position and will be retained in such position by the action of the finger 8, which entirely precludes accidental movement of the bob.
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From the foregoing it will be seen that I produce a simple and efficient device which in practice will admirably perform its functions, and in attaining these ends it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the
85 precise details herein shown and described, inasmuch as minor changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what
90 I claim is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a fish-

ing-bob comprising a body portion having a line-receiving bore, a metal tube extending through the bore and engaging the bob at its ends, and a waterproof material applied to
5 the outer surface of the body.

2. A fishing-bob having a line-receiving bore, a line-clamping device seated in the bore and comprising a tubular body portion and a spring clamping-finger, the engaging

end of the finger being angularly bent to obviate chafing of the line.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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