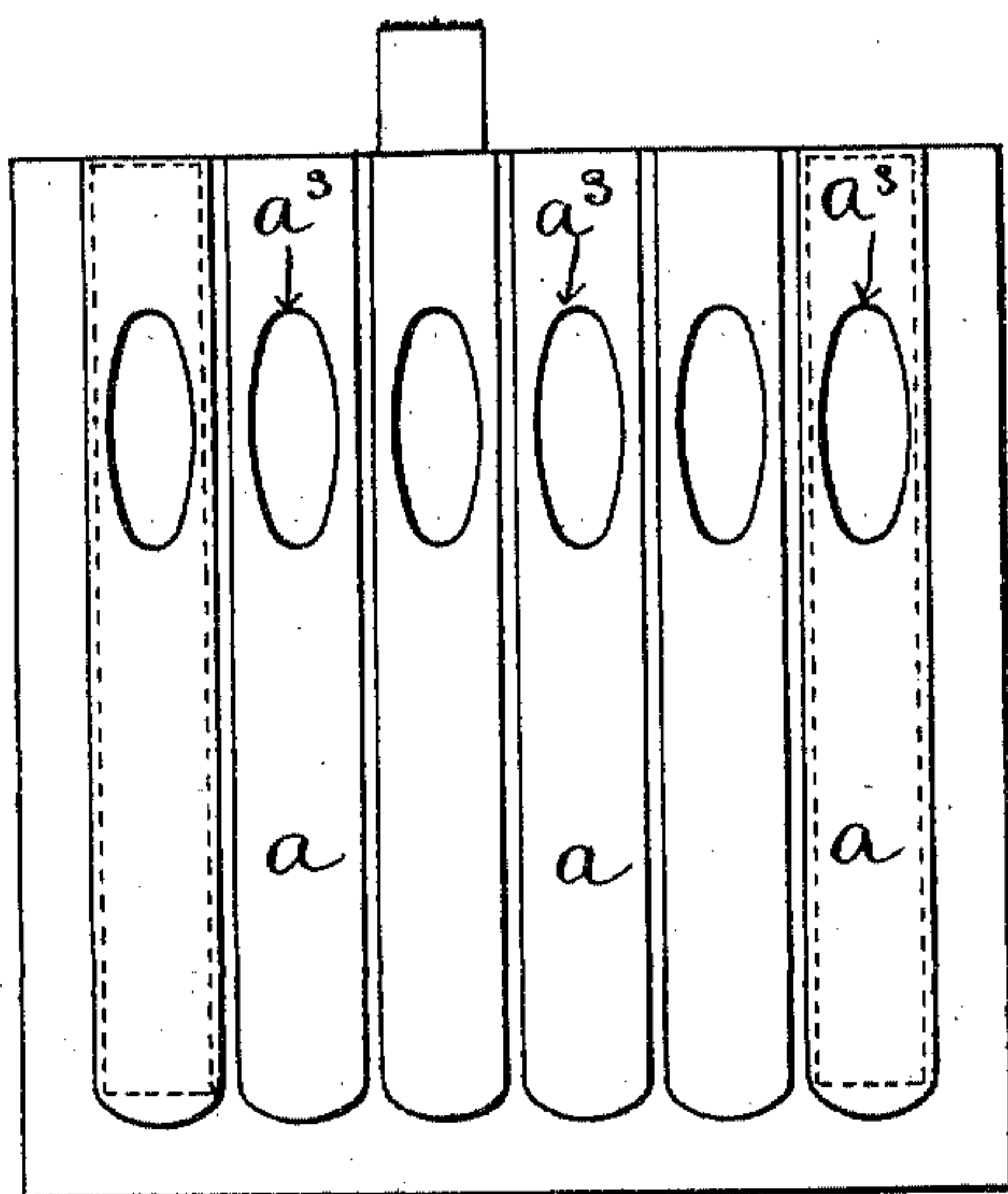
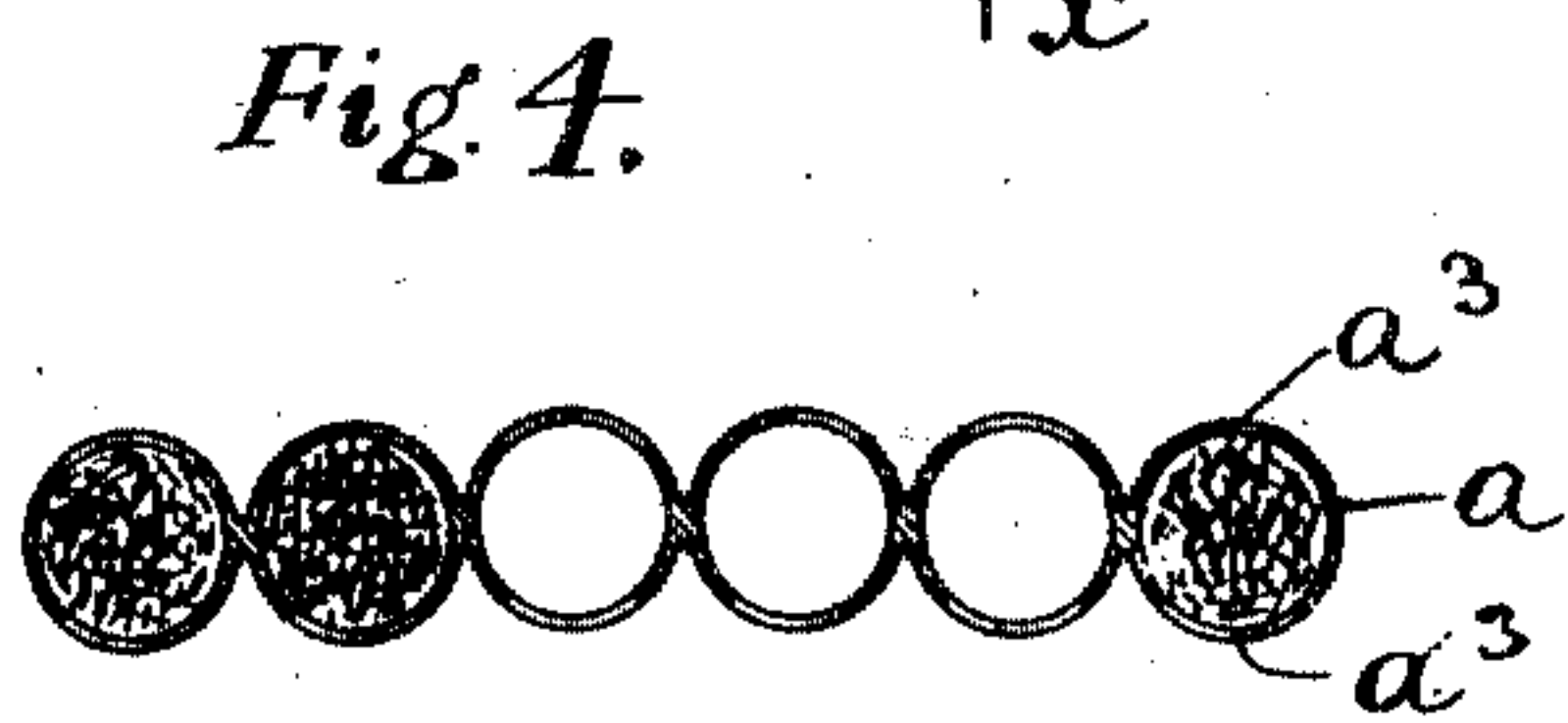
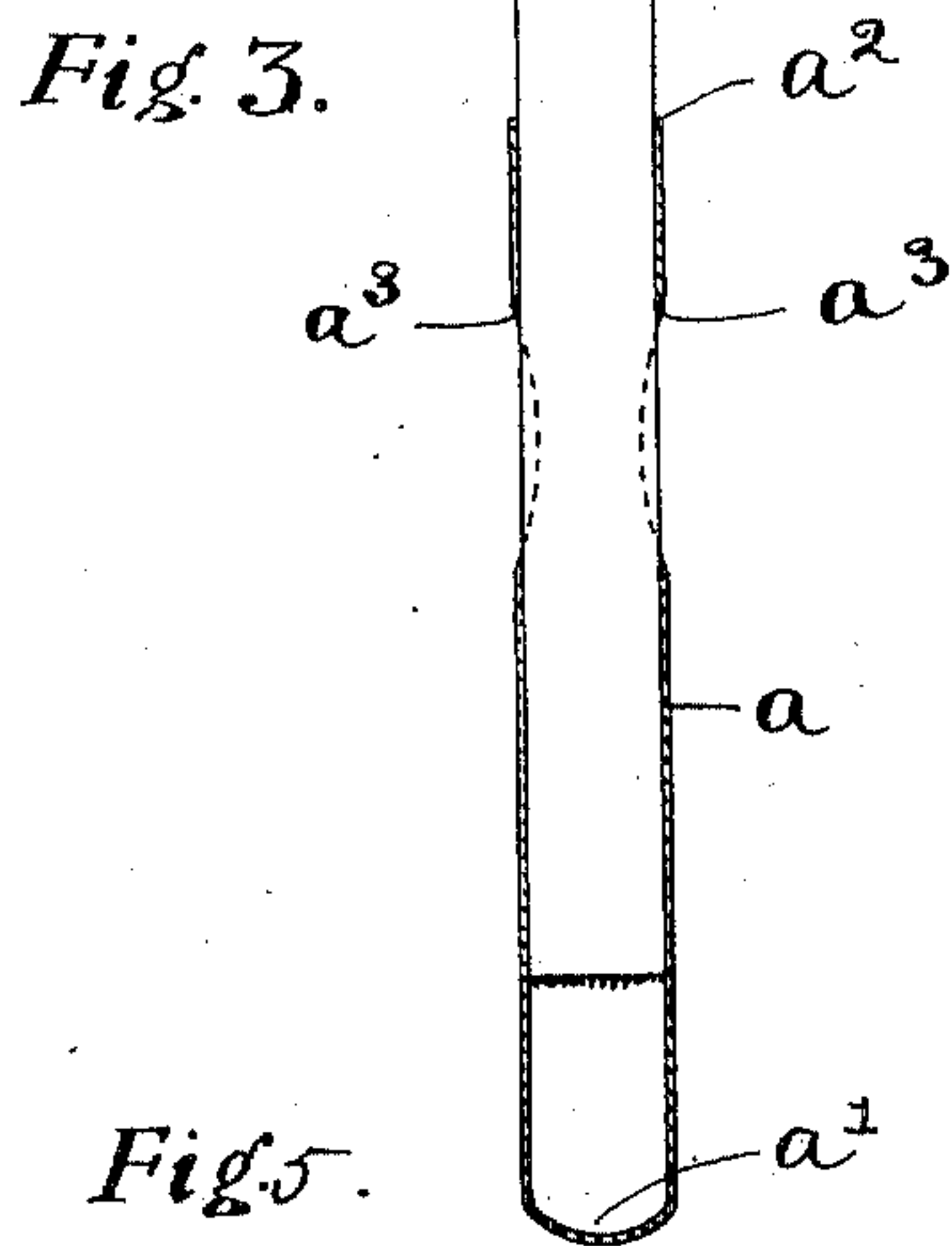
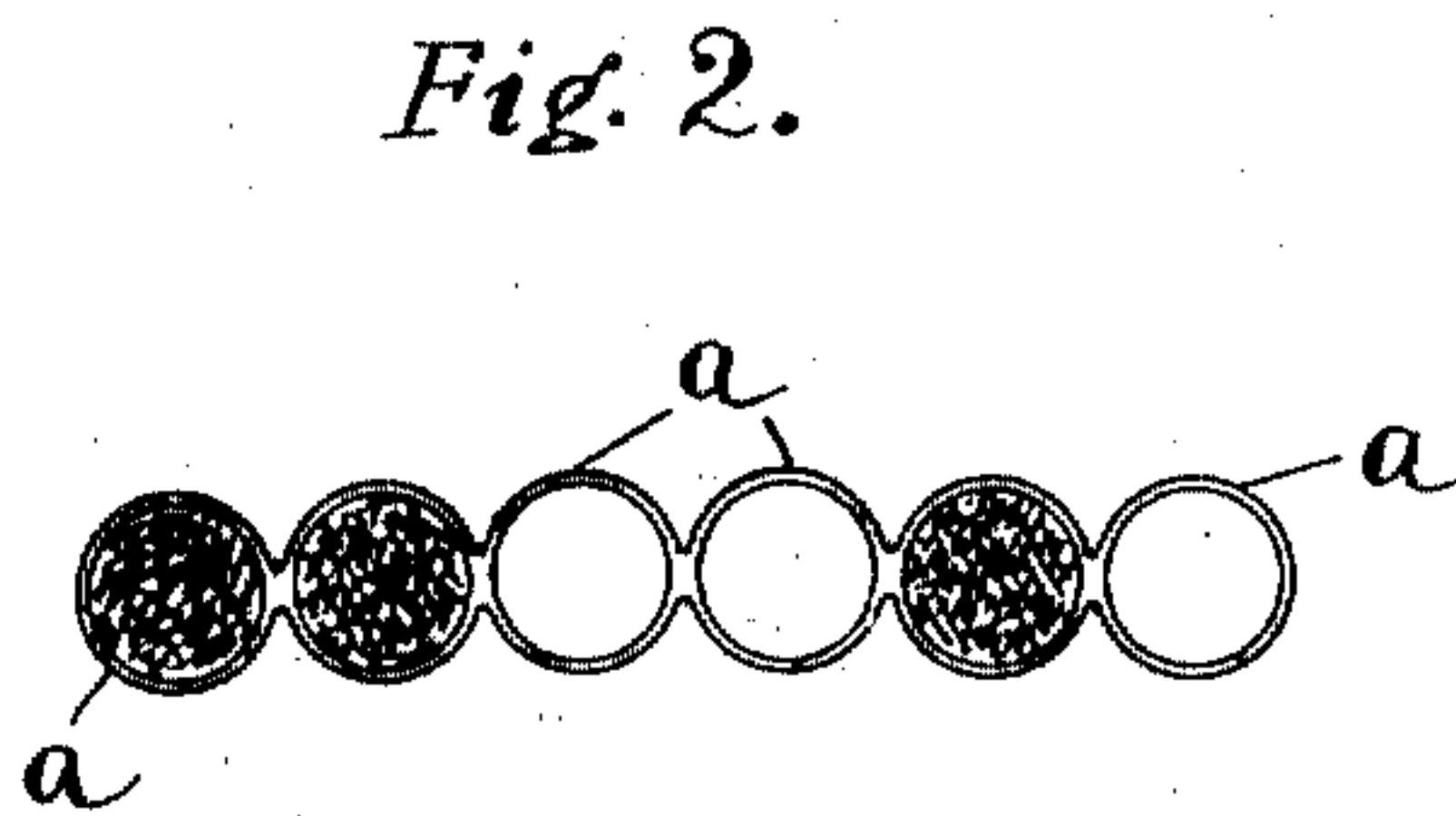
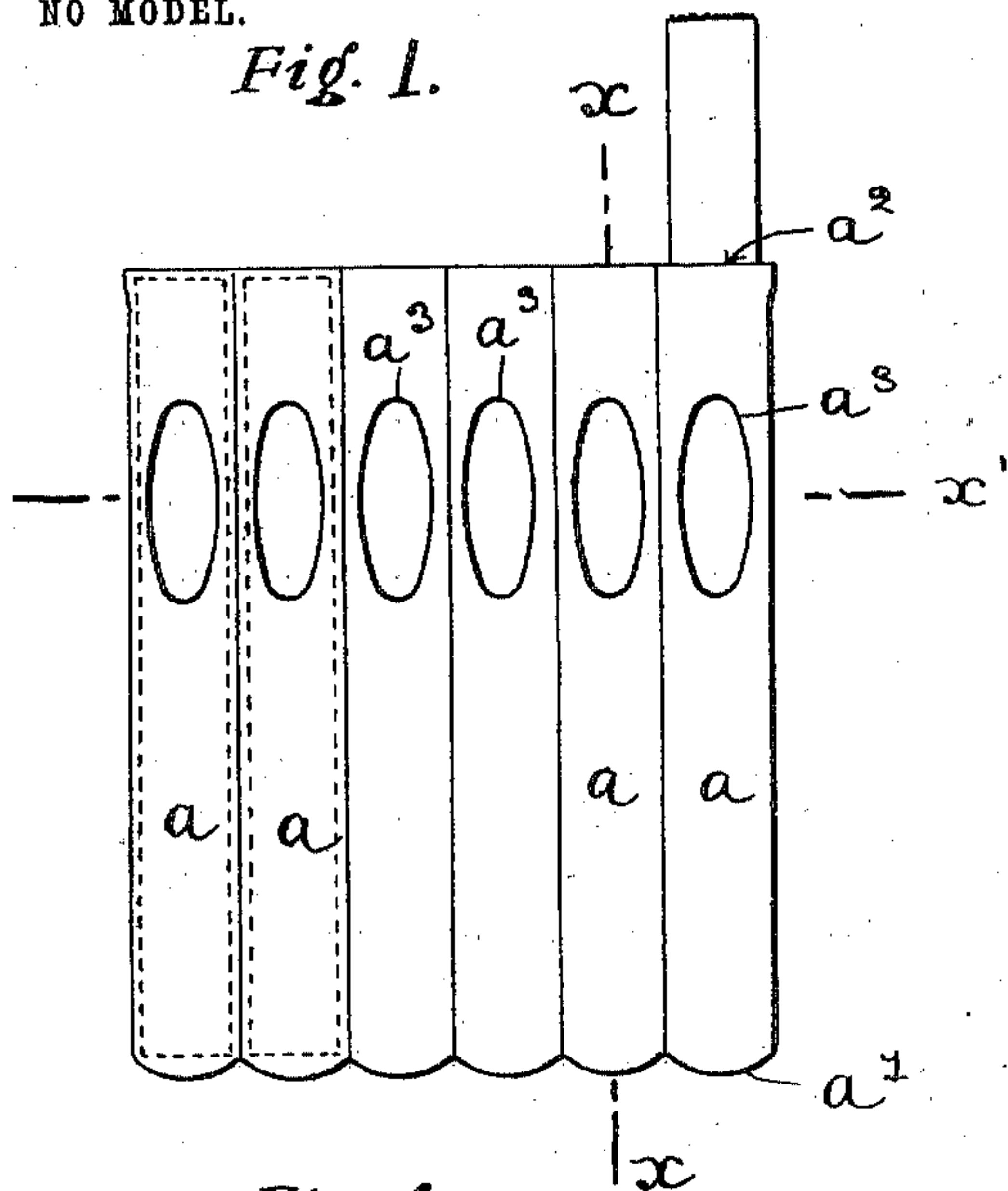


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM MAGUIRE, department manager, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at 36 Lancaster street, Birmingham, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigarette or Cigar Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to cases or receptacles for holding cigarettes, and has for its object to form or construct the said cases in such a way that a cigarette or cigar can be easily removed by the application of finger-pressure or thumb-and-finger pressure from the outside of the case, so that the said case does not require to be made to open for the purpose of enabling the contents to be extracted.

According to the said invention the improved case or receptacle when designed to hold a number of cigarettes or cigars consists of a series of tubular or similar chambers or separated or partially-separated compartments having open tops and closed or partially-closed bottoms, while one or both of the sides of the said tubular compartments are formed with openings or holes of suitable shape through which parts of cigarettes or cigars contained in the inside of the case are exposed. In this way provision is made for the lifting and removal or extraction of a single cigarette or cigar from its compartment by the application of pressure by the finger or by the thumb and finger to the exposed part or parts. When a series of such receptacles or compartments are employed to make up a case or magazine for holding a number of cigars or cigarettes, they may be arranged side by side or in suitable groups which will present the openings or perforations in convenient positions to enable the finger or thumb and finger being applied to the contents through the said perforations; but the invention may also be applied to cases or receptacles for holding single cigars.

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings represents an elevation of a cigarette case or mag-

azine made from metal and constructed and arranged in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a top side plan of the same. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical section upon line x , Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a transverse vertical section upon line x' , Fig. 1. Fig. 5 shows the application of the invention to a case or receptacle made from paper or cardboard.

In the arrangement shown in Figs. 1 to 4 the case or magazine consists of a series of tubular compartments a , arranged side by side. Each compartment is closed at the bottom a' (or it may be only partially closed to such an extent as will prevent the contents falling through) and open at the top a^2 , and a hole or perforation a^3 of an oval or similar shape is made through the back and front of each compartment to enable the finger and thumb to be applied to exposed parts on the opposite sides of the cigarette contained therein, so that by slight pressure the said cigarette can be raised through the open top of the compartment, and thus extracted or removed.

When made from paper or other non-metallic material, the case is made in two halves pressed or molded into a vertically corrugated or grooved form and united in any convenient way to make up a magazine having the desired number of tubular compartments a , which have extracting perforations a^3 in both sides, as in the previously-described arrangements, or the case may be molded or formed in one solid piece from celluloid, vulcanite, or other non-metallic material.

If necessary or desirable, the open or extracting ends of the compartments may be closed with a suitable hinged lid or cover.

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

A cigar or cigarette case consisting of a plurality of independent tubular compartments extending parallel to one another and connected together at their sides, each of which is adapted to contain a single cigar or cigarette, the internal diameter of each of said

compartments being slightly larger than the
diameter of the cigar or cigarette, and each
of said compartments having its wall at the
front and rear thereof provided with an open-
5 ing for exposing a part of the contents there-
of and to enable the contents of the compart-
ments to be raised and extracted therefrom.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand in presence of two subscribing wit-
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