

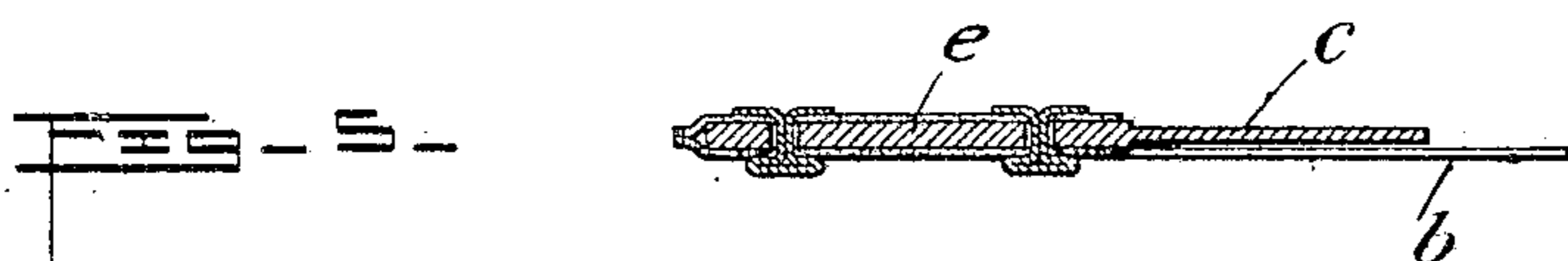
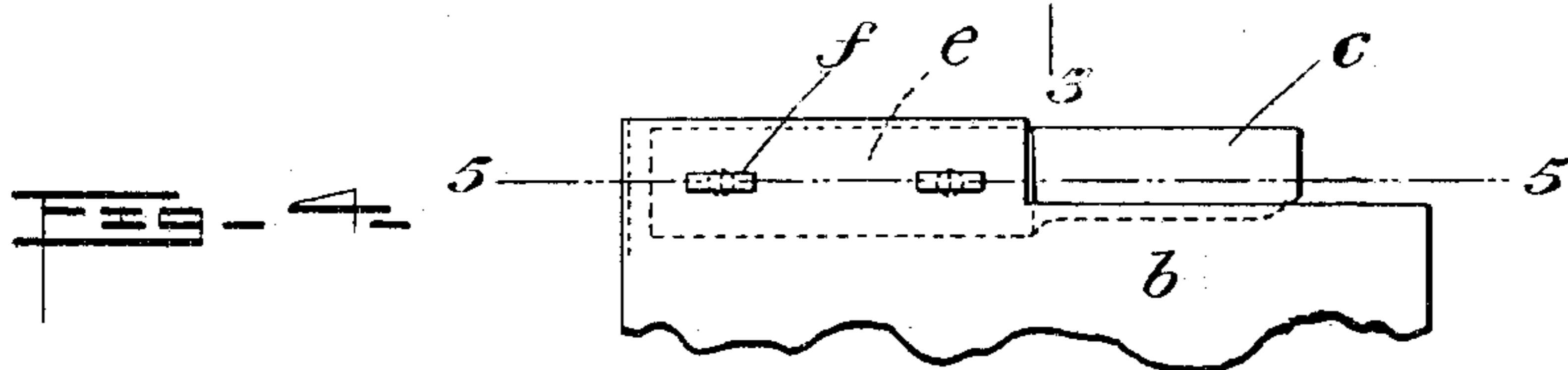
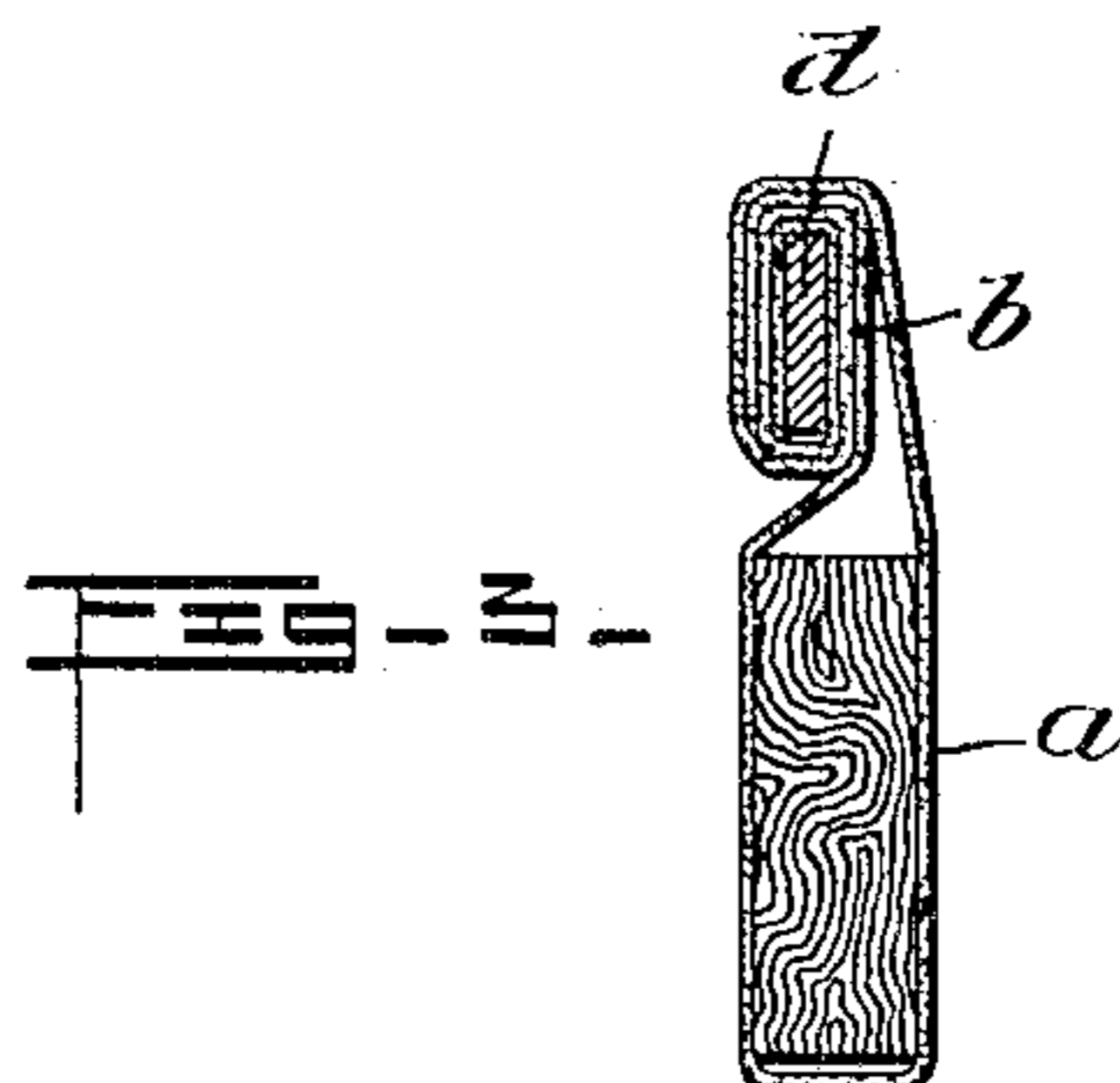
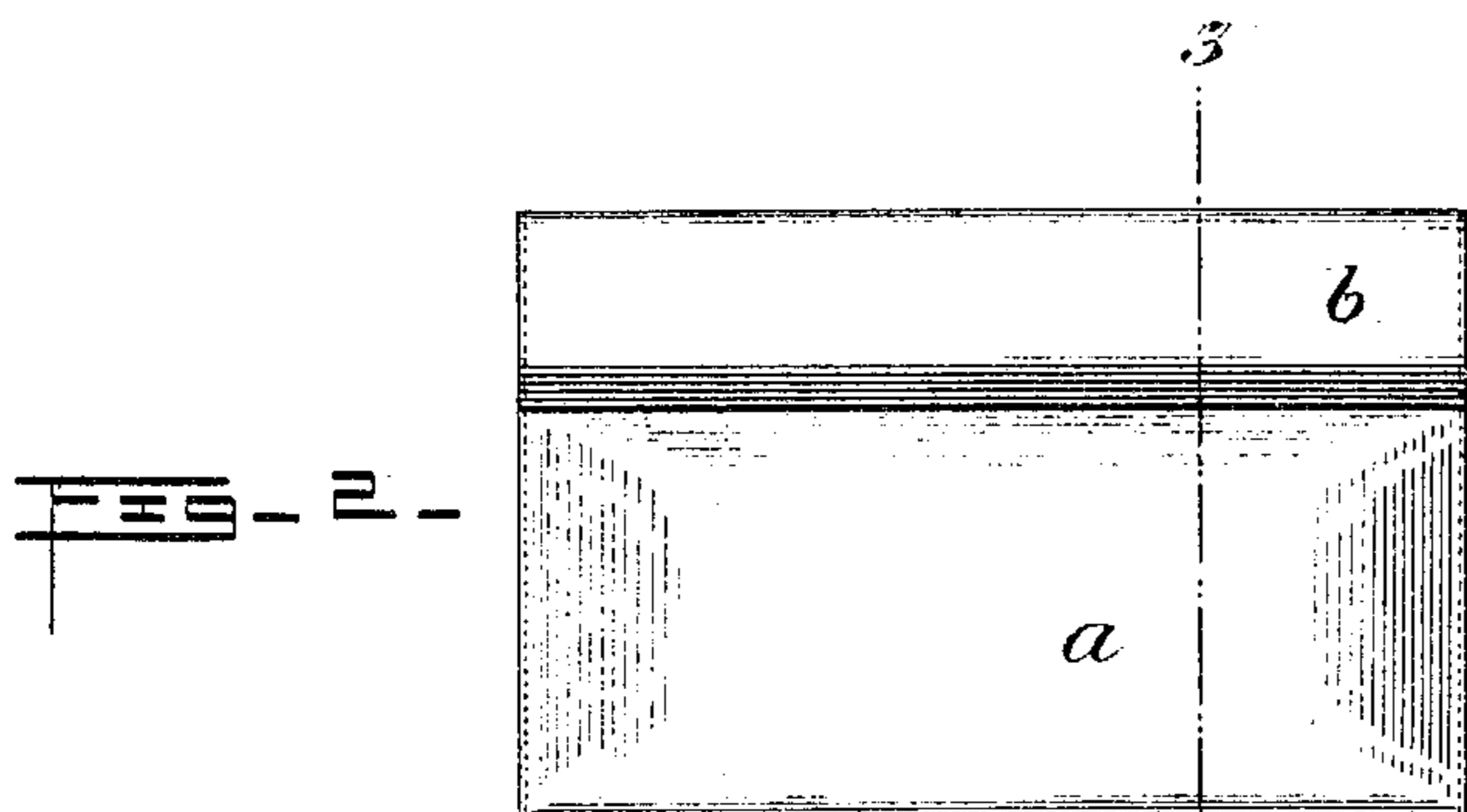
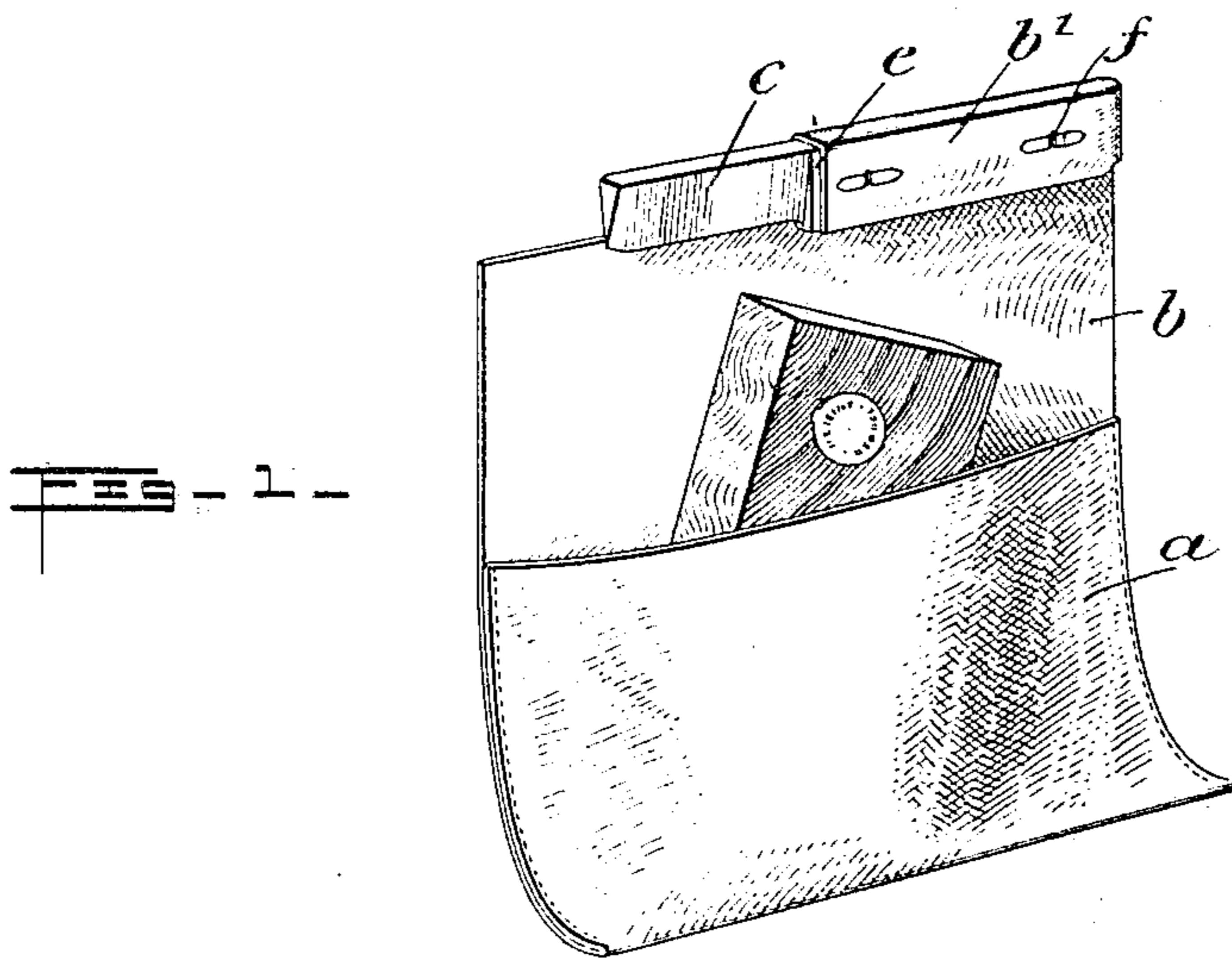
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## TOBACCO-POUCH.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OMER VAN COLE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cripple Creek, in the county of Teller and State of Colorado, have invented a new and Improved Tobacco-Pouch, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a pouch intended especially to carry plug-tobacco.

Users of tobacco in plug form generally experience considerable inconvenience and loss of time in reaching a knife for cutting tobacco from a plug, and this frequently leads to the practice of persons biting parts of the tobacco from the plug.

The object of my invention is to overcome this disadvantage and to provide means which will enable parts of the plug to be readily and quickly cut off and which will tend to reduce the evil of biting off parts of the plug.

To this end I attach to the pouch intended to contain the tobacco a knife-blade which forms a permanent part of the pouch and which is therefore always convenient, thus insuring its use. Preferably the knife-blade is attached in any secure manner to the flap of the pouch; but it may be arranged in other ways without departing from the spirit of my invention.

This specification is an exact description of one example of my invention, while the claims define the actual scope thereof.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the invention in use. Fig. 2 is a side view showing the pouch folded in condition to be placed in the pocket. Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail view showing the manner of attaching the blade, and Fig. 5 is a section on the line 5 5 of Fig. 4.

As here illustrated the pouch comprises a main part or pocket *a* and a flap *b*, this being the usual form of tobacco-pouches.

*c* indicates the blade, which is formed, preferably, with a tang *d*, and this is fastened to an extension *b'* of the flap *b* by passing the ex-

tension over the tang and securing the same by mechanical fasteners *f* or other means, as may be desired, so as to leave the blade *c* exposed.

In the use of the invention the tang of the blade may be readily grasped and the tobacco cut, as explained, and when the pouch is to be folded the tobacco may be placed in the pocket *a* and the flap wrapped around the blade, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, thus fully covering the blade and preventing it from cutting the hands or clothing of the user.

Various changes in the form, proportions, and minor details of the invention may be resorted to at will without departing from the spirit and scope thereof. Hence I consider myself entitled to all such variations as may lie within the intent of my claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A tobacco-pouch having a flap and a blade attached to said flap at the edge thereof, the back of said blade being disposed outwardly to facilitate the use thereof.

2. A tobacco-pouch having a flexible flap and a blade attached thereto and adapted to roll up within said flap.

3. A tobacco-pouch consisting of a pocket having a flap, said flap having an extension from the outer edge thereof, and a blade attached to said extension and disposed longitudinally with respect to said outer edge.

4. A tobacco-pouch consisting of a pocket having a flap, said flap having an extension beyond the outer edge thereof, a knife having a tang with openings therethrough, and fasteners passing through said openings and attaching said knife to said extension.

5. A tobacco-pouch having a pocket with a loose flap, and a knife attached to the outer edge of said flap and adapted to fold therein to form a roll closing the mouth of said pocket.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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