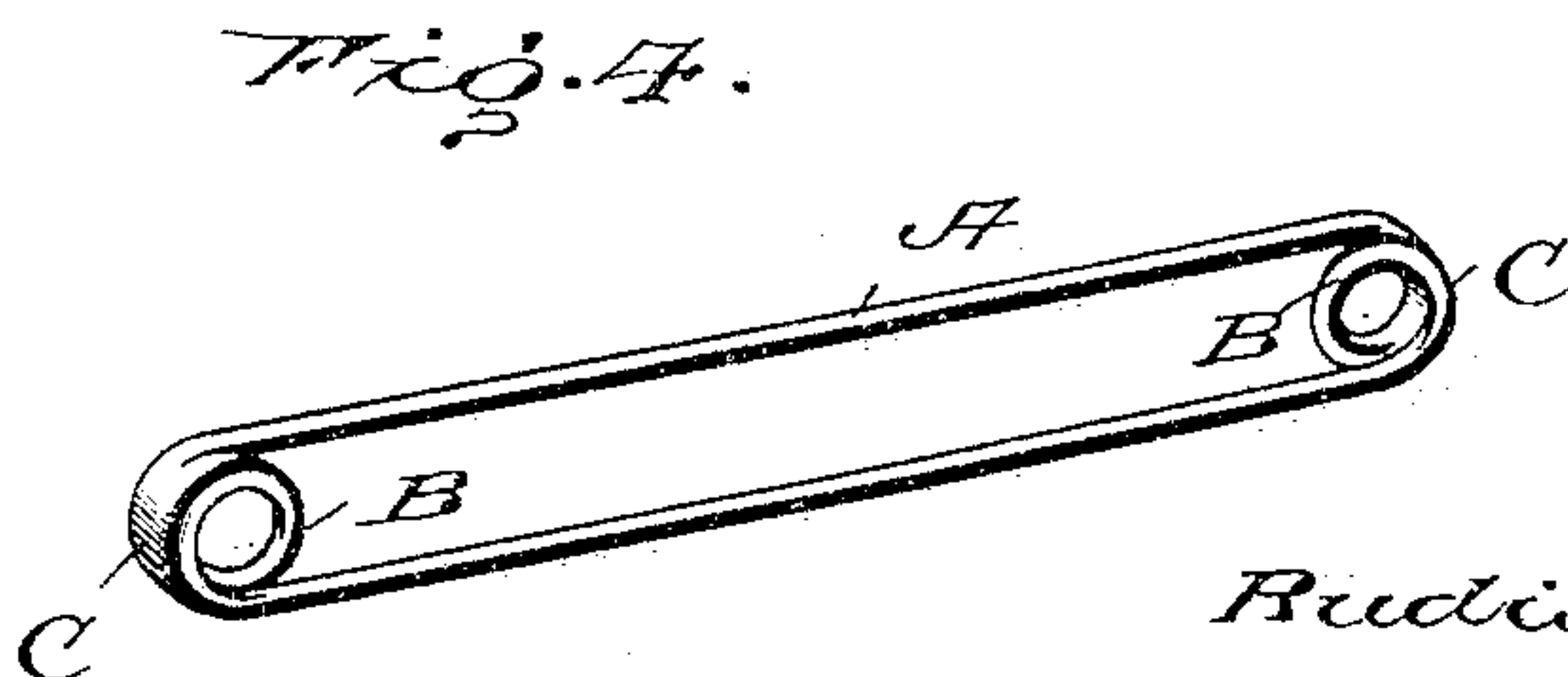
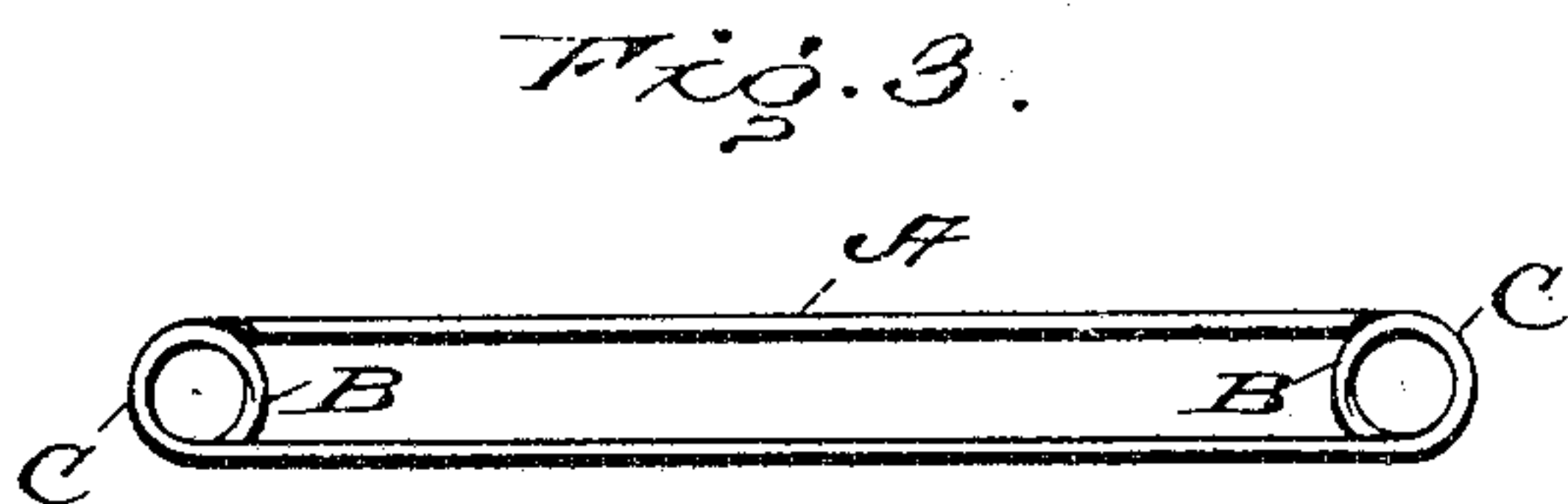
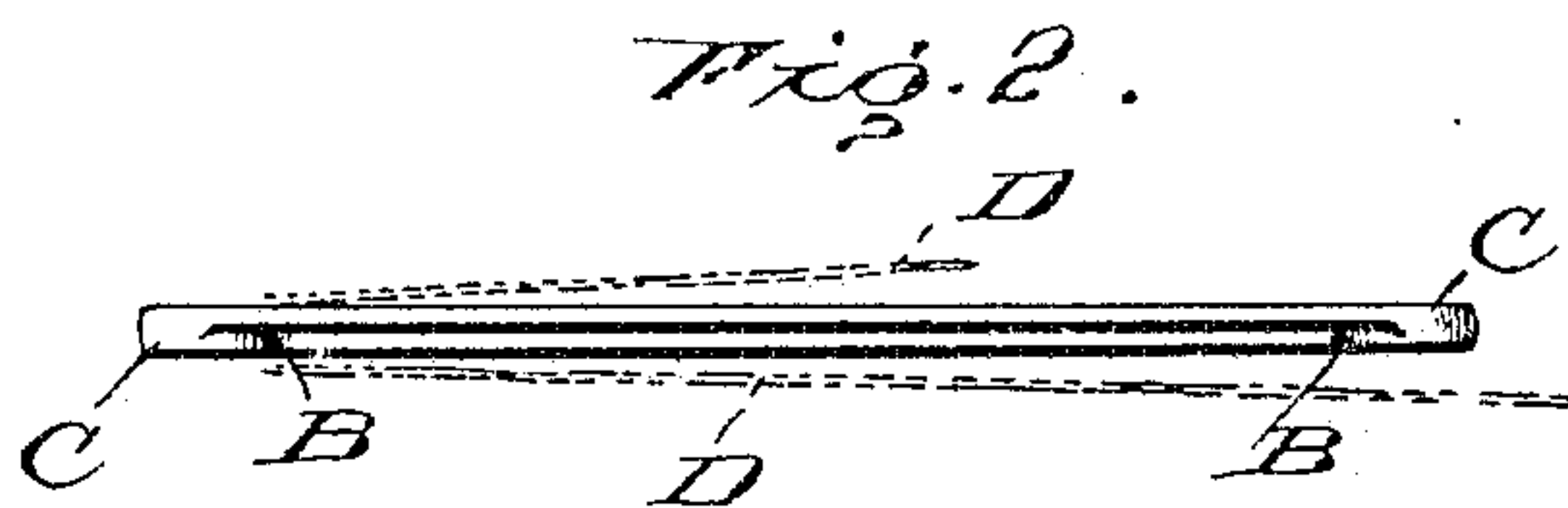
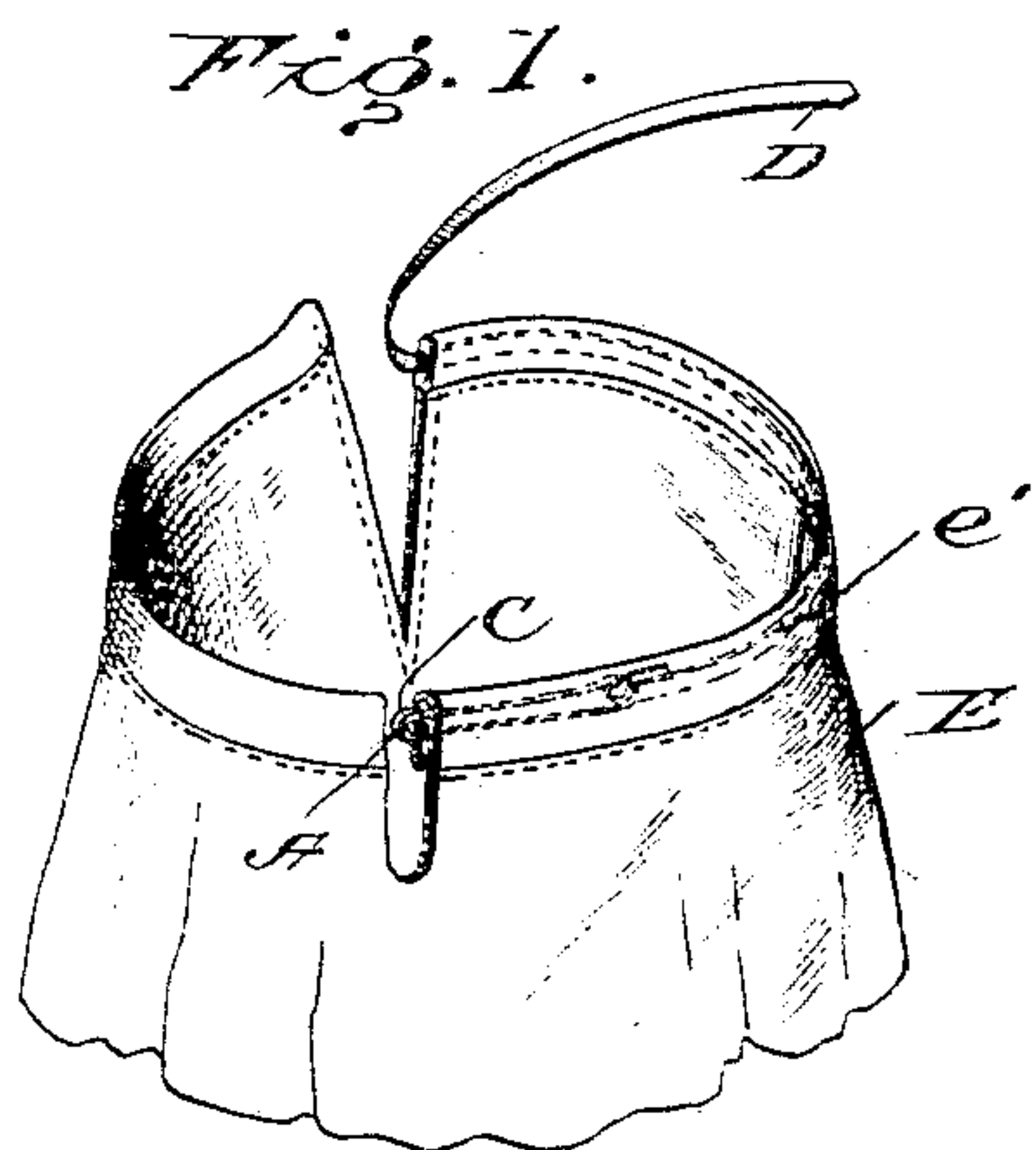


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUDISELL CULBRETH, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ribbon-Runners or Bodkins, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in ribbon-runners or bodkins, and has for its purpose the production of an article of the class
10 set forth which has the advantages of simplicity of structure, facility of use, and rapidity in performing functions which these articles are adapted to perform.

More specifically, the object of this invention is to provide a ribbon-runner or bodkin in which there are no points or curves which may contact with the goods or other work during the use of the invention, whereby no
20 retarding of the bodkin or ribbon-runner ensues which would result in unnecessary labor and waste of time. Heretofore articles of this nature have been formed much in the shape of needles, and in using the same where
25 there is a cross-seam in the goods the device as heretofore used has had the tendency of catching, necessitating patience and undue loss of time in withdrawing the same and again moving the bodkin forward past the
30 seam. The present invention being formed with round edges offers no obstruction to the easy progress no matter how many seams cross the tuck.

The great advantages in this invention are
35 readily apparent to those having knowledge in this art, and the details of the structure will be set out in the following description.

Accompanying the description and forming a part of this specification are drawings illustrative of this device, and in which—
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Figure 1 is illustrative of the present invention as employed in actual use and showing the method of running the ribbon through a tuck. Fig. 2 is a side view of the invention, showing the round flat ends of the
45 ribbon-runner and also having a ribbon attached to the same. Fig. 3 is a side view and elevation showing the construction of the loops formed in the bodkin or ribbon-runner.

Fig. 4 is a perspective of the present invention.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, A represents a suitable strand of metal or other material adapted for this purpose, which is elongated into a substantial oblong
55 frame and which at each end has formed therein loops B, which lie within the runner. Where the metal is bent around to form these loops, the bodkin is flattened, as indicated at C, thereby presenting a forward portion in
60 the movement of the ribbon-runner which is entirely smooth and which offers no resistance or obstruction to the easy movement of the device when in use.

The loops formed at either end of this ribbon-runner are adapted to receive a ribbon D, which may be easily inserted through the opening of the same. It is clearly seen that by the provision of two loops two ribbons at least may be run at once through the same together, in case that were desirable, and, furthermore, that as well as being passed through the loops other ribbons might be simply passed around the exterior of the loop, thereby providing for the easy insertion of any number
75 of ribbons into the same tuck at the same time, which is an advantage not found in ordinary bodkins, wherein an eye similar to the eye of a needle, formed in a solid piece of metal, is all that is provided for this purpose.
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In Fig. 1 there is illustrated a portion of a garment E having a tuck *e'* therein, through which is being run the ribbon D, which, as is seen, has been inserted through one of the loops of the runner A, which fully illustrates
85 the method of using this invention.

I do not wish to be limited in my invention to any details of material or specific construction of the present invention, it being believed that the present article is broadly new
90 in this art and that I am therefore entitled to broad protection upon my present invention.

The essential feature of my invention, as more particularly set forth in the claims, consists in the formation of a ribbon-runner or
95 bodkin having an open body portion formed with parallel spaced arms, at one or both ends of which lie coiled loops disposed between

the arms, which loops are adapted to receive ribbons therein. This being the main feature of my invention, I consider that small details are embraced therein, it being fully understood that the changes in size of the loops, the length of the bodkin or runner, as well as the thickness and size of the material, are fully within the scope of my invention.

Therefore what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a device of the character set forth, a continuous metallic strip formed with parallel, spaced arms, looped at both ends between said arms, and having rounded, widened surfaces formed exteriorly thereon at its ends, substantially as set forth.

2. A ribbon-runner having looped portions at each end thereof, each loop having a widened, integral, rounded portion upon its outer face and spaced, parallel arms leading from the opposite faces of the widened portions of the loops and connecting the loops, substantially as described.

3. In an article of the character described, a continuous member formed with parallel spaced arms, and a coiled loop formed at one end between the arms having a rounded widened exterior surface, substantially as described.

4. A ribbon-runner comprising an open body portion formed with parallel spaced arms and coiled loops formed between the arms at each end thereof, substantially as described.

5. A ribbon-runner comprising an open body portion formed of parallel spaced arms and a coiled loop disposed between the arms and at one end thereof, substantially as described.

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

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