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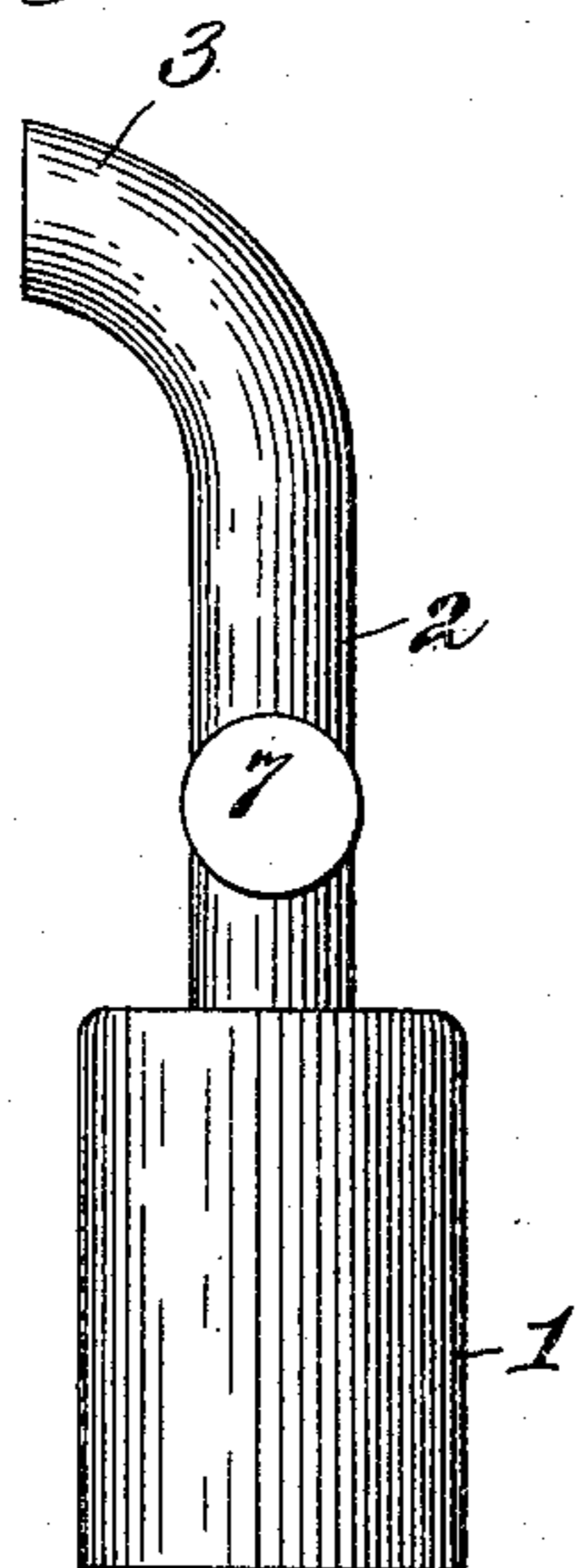


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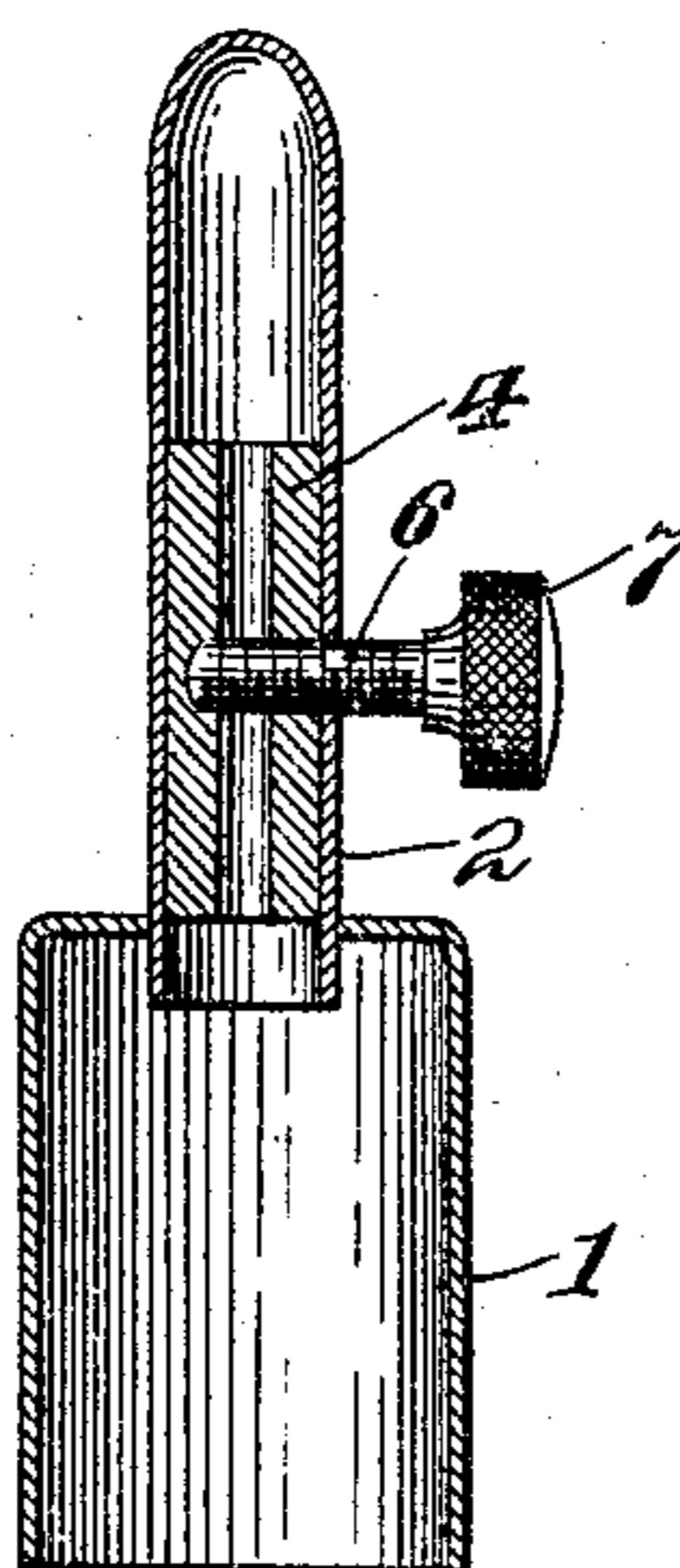


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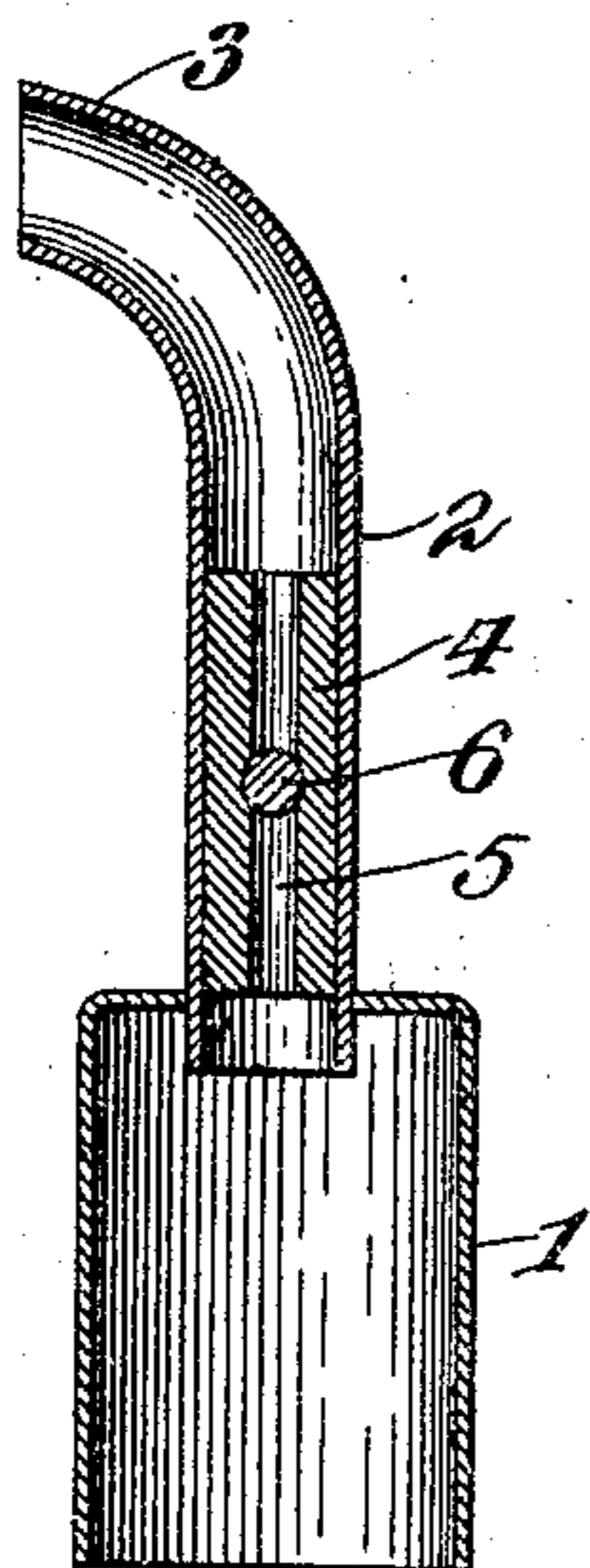
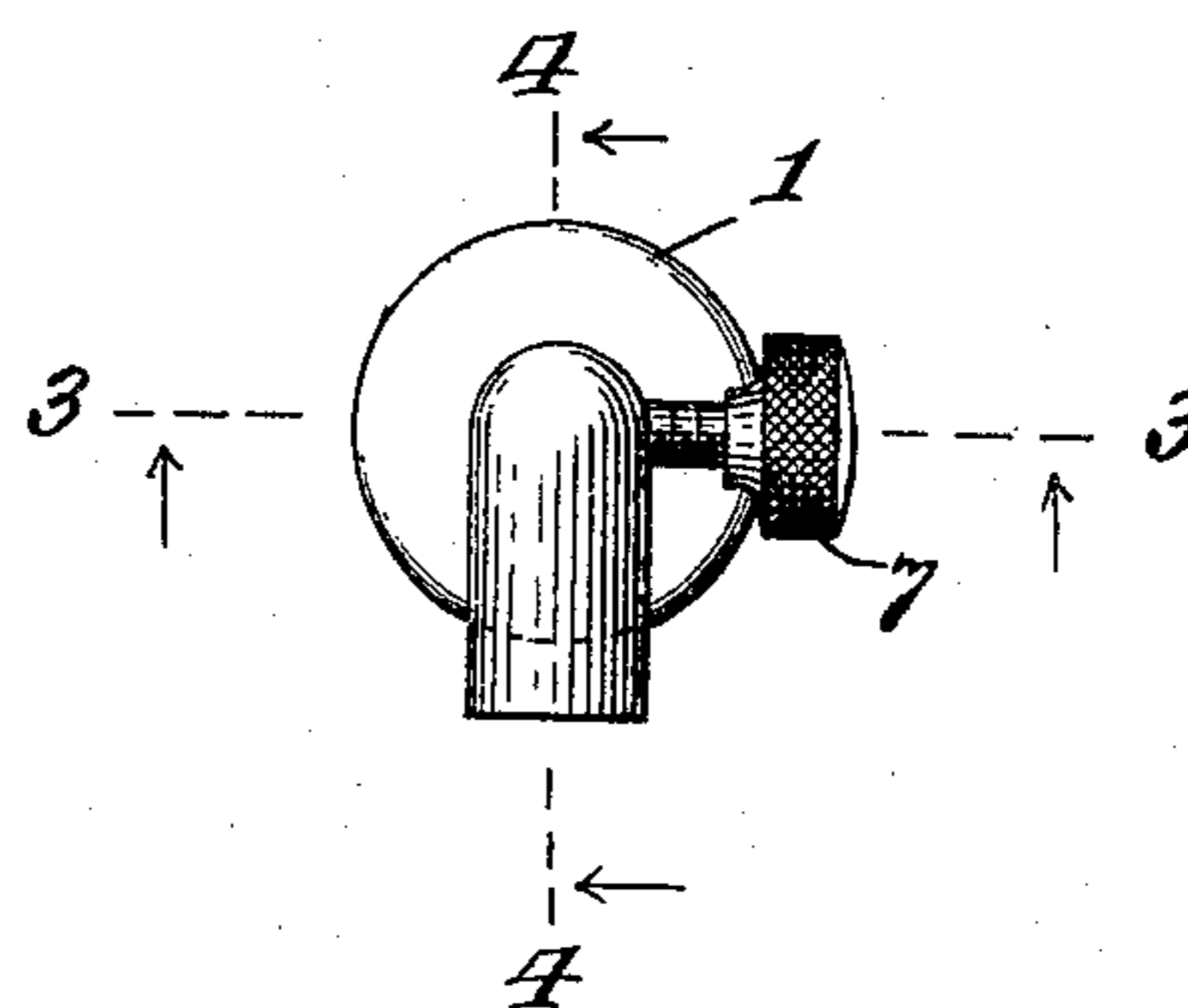


Fig. 1.



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SOUND-MODIFIER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. HIBBARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Orange, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sound - Modifiers, of which the following is a specification.

In using phonographs and similar talking-machines for commercial purposes, such as the dictation of letters and other documents and also in using such machines for the study of a language, it is customary for the person listening to the phonographic reproduction of the sound-records of the said letters or lessons to use ear-tubes leading from the reproducer of the instrument. It is found, however, that frequently the sounds given out by the reproducer are so powerful as to produce an unpleasant effect upon the listener, especially one whose sense of hearing is very acute. It is for this reason desirable that means be provided whereby the sounds thus given out by the reproducer mechanism may be modified or reduced in intensity or volume. It is also desirable that such means shall be so constructed as to be capable of being readily attached to or detached from a talking-machine and preferably that it shall be capable of being readily connected with or disconnected from the ear-tubes which are in common use; also, that it shall be so designed as to be capable of ready and delicate adjustment, whereby the volume of sound may be adapted to any particular ear.

My invention has for its object the provision of a device having the characteristics above set forth.

Reference is hereby made to the accompanying drawings, illustrating one form of device in which my invention may be embodied, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan; Fig. 2, a side elevation; Fig. 3, a section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 a section on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1.

The same numerals of reference are used to indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The device as preferably constructed consists of a tubular structure comprising a hollow base 1, cylindrical in form and of such internal diameter as to snugly fit upon the upwardly - projecting neck of reproducers in common use in talking-machines. In the upper portion of the hollow base is fixed a tube 2, leading upwardly therefrom and whose upper end 3 is curved forward, as shown, so that the sound-waves will be directed forward. It is also obvious that a flexible connection can be fitted thereon and lead upward to the ears without danger of stopping or constricting the passage for the sound-waves.

Within the tube 2 is fitted a plug 4, provided with an air-passage 5, preferably of small diameter. Transversely of the passage 5 is located a screw 6, threaded in the block 4 and having a milled head 7 for convenience in turning. This screw extends entirely across the passage 5 when in its extreme inner position, thus entirely closing the said passage and cutting off the sound-waves completely. By turning the screw so as to move the same outward the passage 5 is opened to any desired extent, whereby the volume of sound which reaches the ears of the listener may be correspondingly modified or regulated from nothing to the full volume of sound given out by the reproducer.

Various modifications in the proportions and arrangement of parts will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a sound-modifier comprising a hollow base adapted to be fitted upon the neck of a talking-machine reproducer, a reduced tubular portion in communication with said hollow base, and a regulating-valve, substantially as set forth.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a sound-modifier comprising a hollow base adapted to be fitted upon the neck of a talking-machine reproducer, a reduced tubular portion having its upper end curved forwardly and its lower end in communication with said hollow base,

and a regulating-valve, substantially as set forth.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a sound-modifier comprising a hollow base adapted to
5 be fitted upon the neck of a talking-machine reproducer, a reduced tubular portion in communication with said hollow base, a plug having an air-passage therethrough and a screw

threaded into said plug across said air-passage, substantially as set forth. 10

This specification signed and witnessed this 18th day of March, 1905.

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