

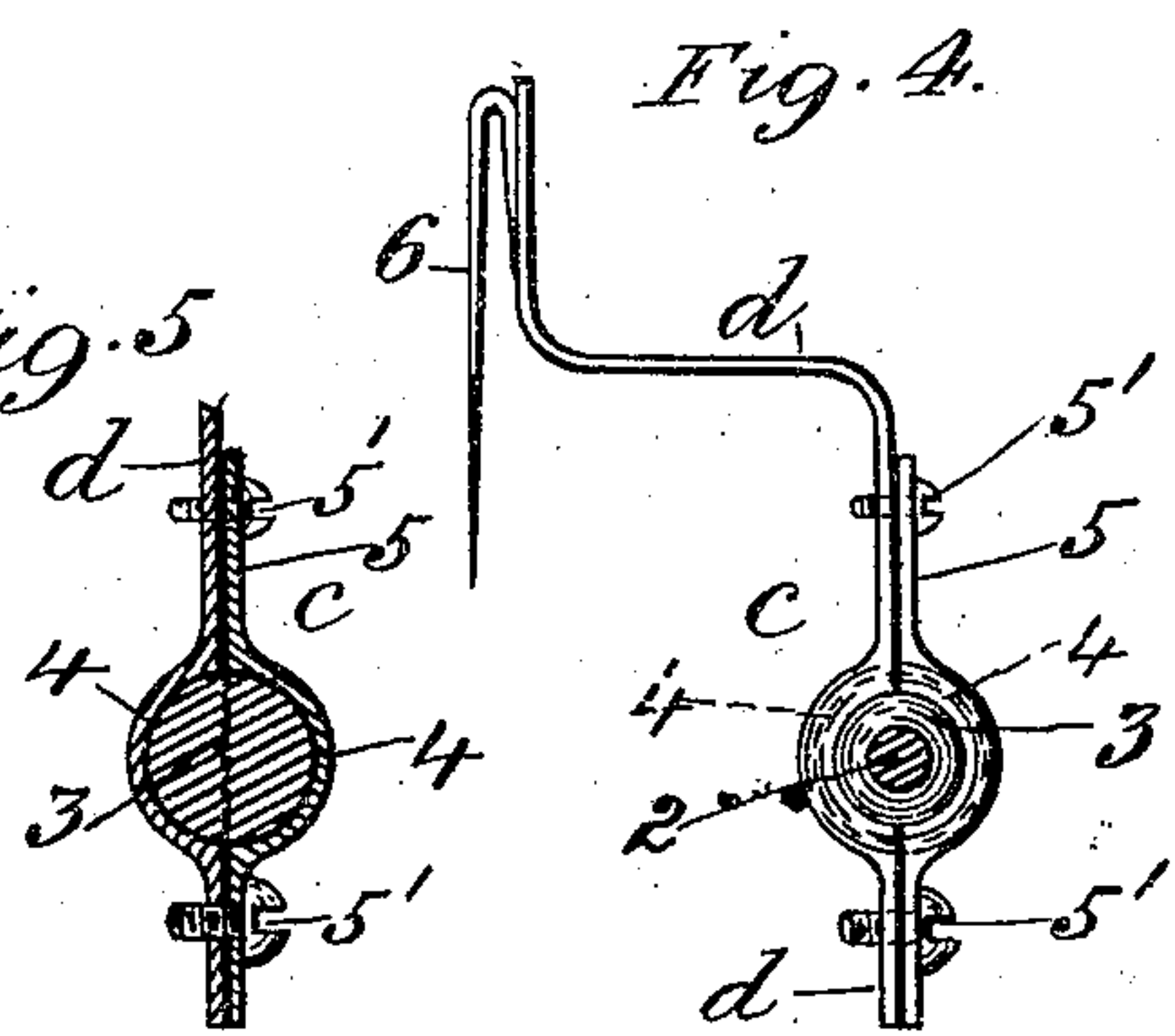
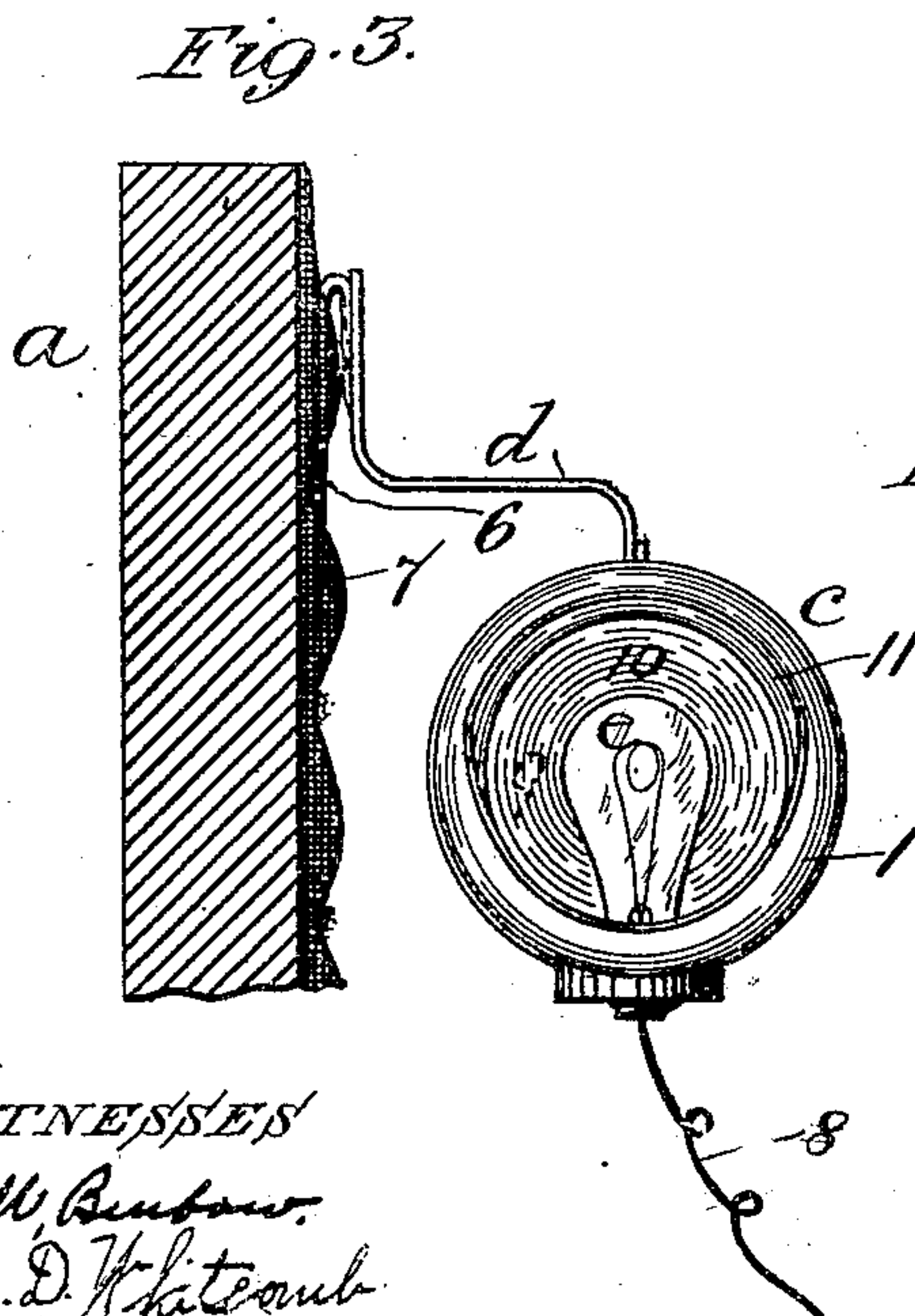
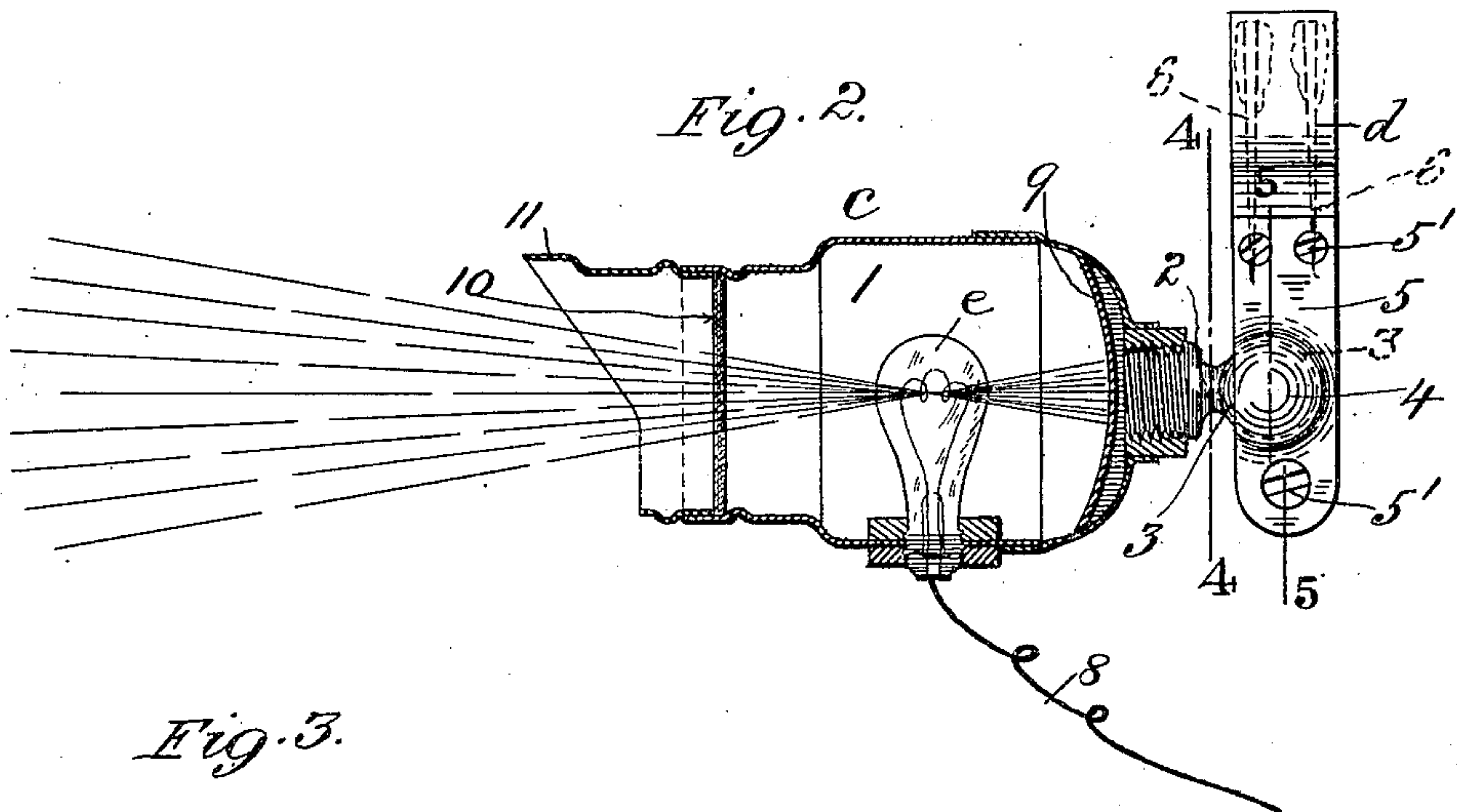
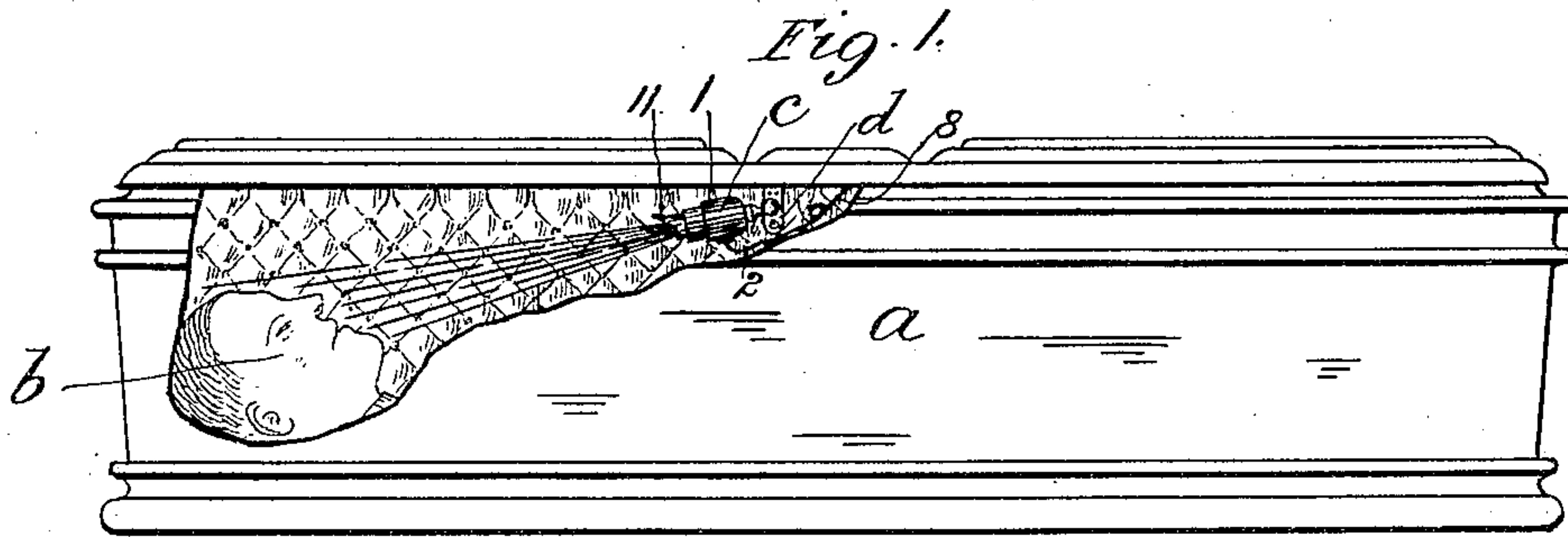
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM COLE, a citizen of the United States; residing at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented
5 a new and useful Attachment for Burial-Caskets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a light-reflecting attachment to the inside of a closed burial-casket for concentrating rays of tinted light
10 onto the face of a corpse therein, and has for its object to improve the appearance of the features by confining the light-rays to the interior of the casket, and so obtaining the
15 desired effect.

The invention consists in features of novelty as hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification,
20 whereon—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a burial-casket, partly broken through one side for showing my light-reflector in position within the casket with its attachment to the opposite side thereof; Fig. 2, a central vertical longitudinal section, to enlarged scale, through the reflector and its holder detached from the casket; Fig. 3, an end view thereof as seen from the left of Figs. 1 and 2; Fig. 4, a
25 vertical transverse section through the holder on line 4-4 in Fig. 2, showing its attachment to the inside of the casket, (broken away;) and Fig. 5, a similar view through the attachment (broken away) on line 5-5
30 in Fig. 2.

Like letters and numerals of reference denote like parts in all figures.

a represents a closed burial-casket, *b* the face of the corpse within the casket *a*, and *c*
40 the light-reflecting device, which is attached to the farther side of the casket *a*, as hereinafter more particularly described.

The device *c* consists of a preferably cylindrical tube or casing 1, from the outer
45 side of which projects horizontally a central stem or shank 2, having preferably a ball 3 at its free end, which is adapted to fit within a correspondingly-shaped socket 4, formed in the meeting faces of a bracket *d* and of a
50 face-plate or cover-piece 5, which is removably secured thereto by screws 5', one half of the socket 4 being stamped or formed in the face of the bracket *d*, which at a suitable distance vertically above the socket 4
55 is directed outward beyond the circumference of the tube 1 and provided at its outer

free end thereof with one or more dependent pins 6, which are adapted to enter and firmly hold in the upholstery-lining 7 on the inside of the casket *a*, as shown particularly in Fig. 60
3. The other half of the socket 4 is stamped or formed in the face of the plate or cover-piece 5, so that when the ball 3 is placed within the half of the socket 4, formed in the bracket *d*, and the face-plate 5 with the
65 opposite half of the socket 4, adjusted to the ball 3, the plate 5 is clamped to the bracket *d* by the screws 5' and in so doing closes the socket 4 against the ball 3, which, with the tube 1, is thereby held in any desired position of the latter.

Within the tube 1 and preferably transversely thereto at the middle of its length or thereabout projects a small incandescent electric-light bulb *e*, which is connected by a
75 wire 8 with a battery or other electric-current supply (not shown) located in any convenient position outside of the casket.

Within the tube 1 at or adjacent to its closed end and behind the bulb *e* is placed a
80 concave disk or reflector 9, of tin or other reflecting material, while at or adjacent to the opening or mouth of the tube 1 in front of the bulb *e* is a plane disk 10, of mica, glass, or other transparent (or semitransparent)
85 material of red or other desired color, whereby on attaching the bracket *d*, with its face-plate 5, having the socket 4, to the inside of the casket *a* and engaging and clamping the ball 3 within the socket 4, with the tube 1 inclined in the desired direction toward the
90 face *b* of the corpse, as shown in Fig. 1, the light from the bulb *e* will be reflected by the reflector 9 through the colored disk 10 onto the face *b* of the corpse and impart thereto a
95 corresponding tint, thereby relieving the cadaverous appearance of the features. At the front end or mouth of the tube 1 I preferably place an extension or hood 11 for directing the upper rays of tinted light downward toward the face *b*. It is here noted
100 that the conducting-wire 8, connected to the bulb *e*, may pass therefrom either between the lid and body of the casket *a*, as shown in Fig. 1, or through a hole in the side thereof
105 adjacent to its upper lid. By attaching the reflecting device *c* to the inside of the casket and then closing the lid of the latter the light-rays projected from the bulb *e* through the mouth of the tube 1 are confined to the
110 interior of the casket by its walls and lid, and thereby concentrated on the face of the

corpse instead of being disseminated, and so rendered ineffective, as would otherwise be the case.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a closed burial-casket, the combination of a tube containing an electric-light bulb, a wire connecting the said bulb with an electric circuit, a reflector within the tube behind the said bulb, a colored transparent disk within the tube in front of the said bulb, a ball projecting from one end of the tube, a bracket adapted to be removably attached

to the lining of the casket, and a plate removably fixed to the face of the bracket, the said bracket and plate having a socket in their meeting faces adapted to receive and hold the said ball and tube in any adjusted position thereof, substantially as described.

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

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