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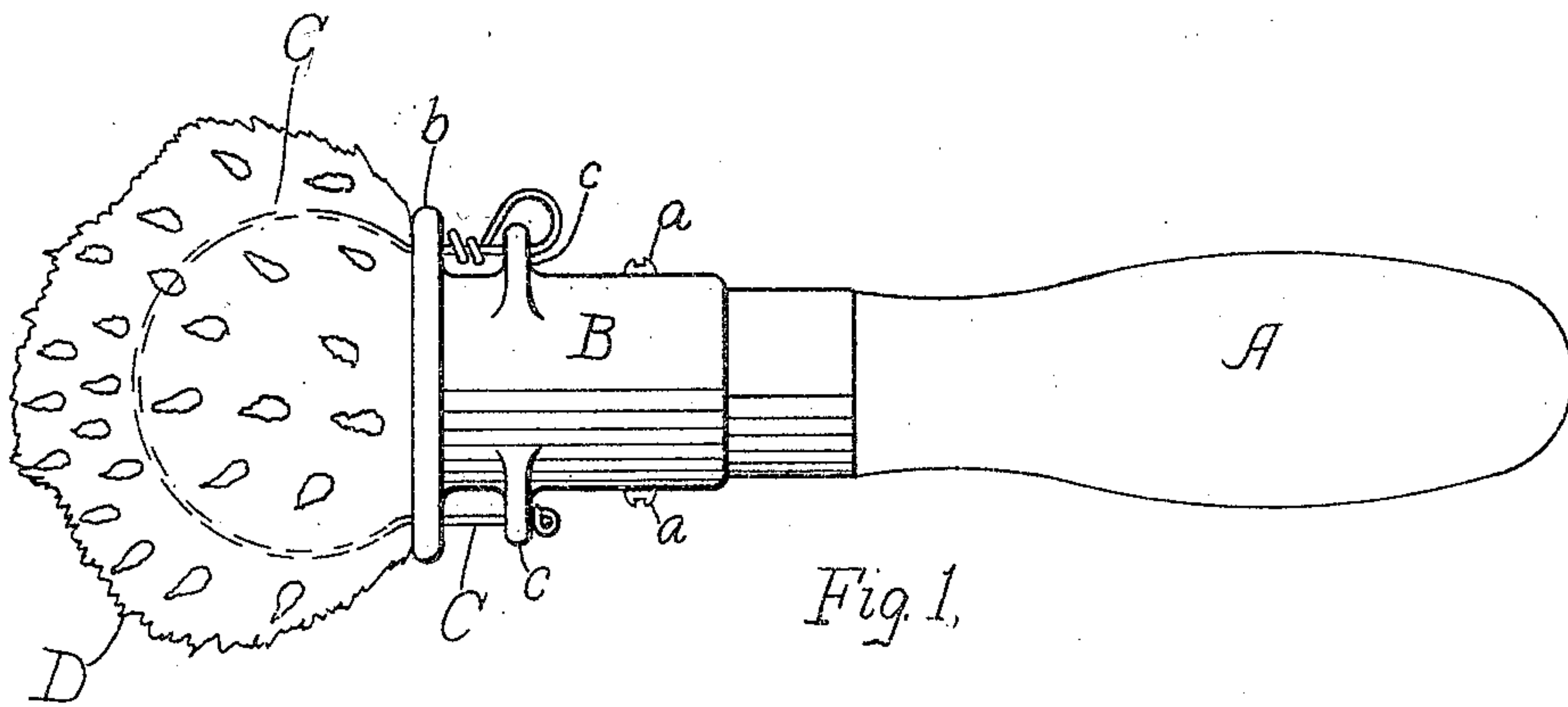


Fig. 1.

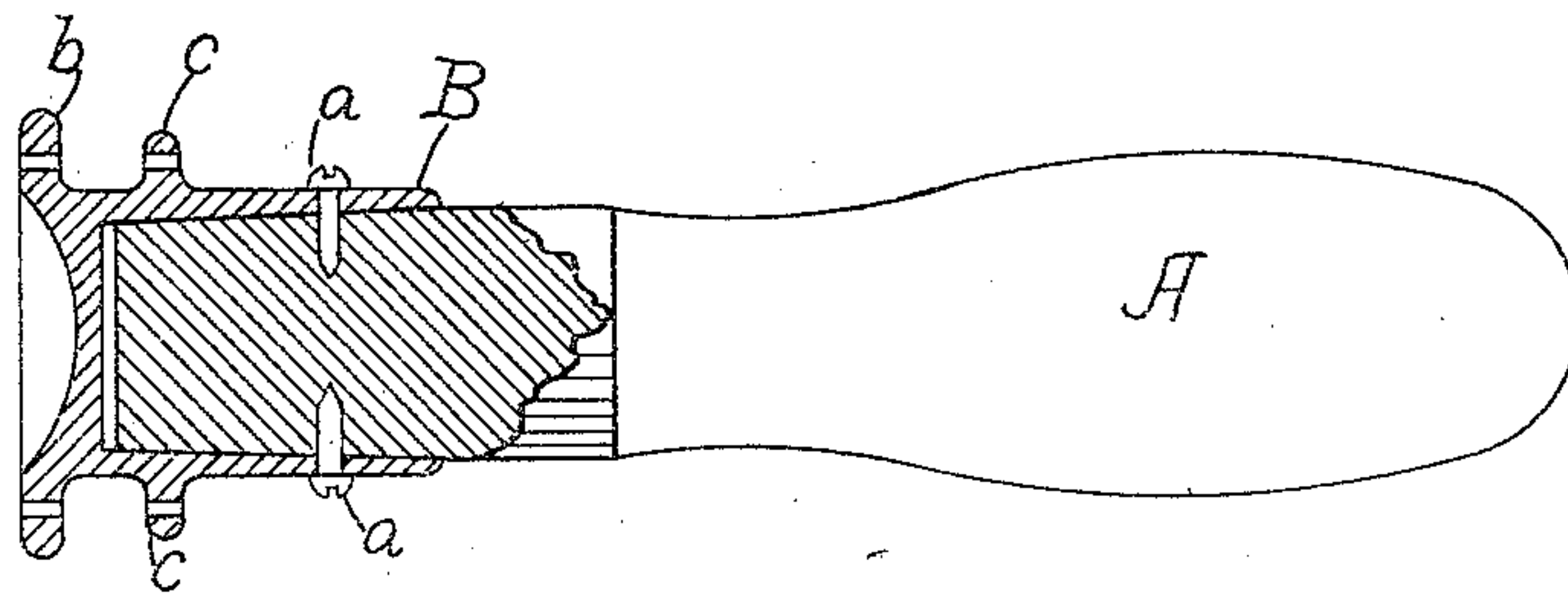


Fig. 2.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN S. WILLIAMS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hurley, in the county of Turner and State of South Dakota, have invented new and useful Improvements in Sponge-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to sponge holders or means for using a sponge in applying water in scrubbing or washing, without soiling or wetting the hands.

The object of the invention is the construction of a device for holding a sponge in the manner indicated and consists of a handle to which a head or sponge holder is adjusted.

I have illustrated my invention in the accompanying drawing, in which

Figure 1 is a view of my invention in side elevation, showing the holder complete with the sponge. Fig. 2 is a view partly in section of the handle, showing also cross-section of the head.

In the drawing, A is the handle of the holder, one end being circular and adapted to fit into a hollow head B, the other end being enlarged to conform somewhat to the shape of the hand. The head B is circular and hollow to fit over the end of the handle, to which it is secured by pins *a*, inserted through openings in each side of the head into the handle. The outer end of the head has an enlarged rim *b*, and is dished in the middle for the reception of the sponge, as shown in Fig. 2. On opposite sides of head B are lugs or ears *c*, which are pierced or have openings for the

reception of a wire. The rim has also two openings corresponding to the openings in the lugs, through which the wire passes. An ordinary wire C, is inserted through the opening in one of the lugs, the end being formed in a knot, the wire passing through the corresponding opening in the rim, passed around the sponge D and through the opposite openings in the rim and other lug, where it is twisted to hold it in place, after being firmly drawn against the sponge. After being adjusted to the handle in this manner, the sponge may be dipped in water and used for any desired purpose, without soiling or wetting the hands.

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

A sponge holder consisting in combination of a circular head made hollow and adapted to fit over a handle, a handle for attachment to said head, means for securing the handle in the head, the head having lugs on opposite sides and an enlarged rim, and being dished in the middle to receive a sponge, and a wire or cord attached to the lugs for securing the sponge to the head, 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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