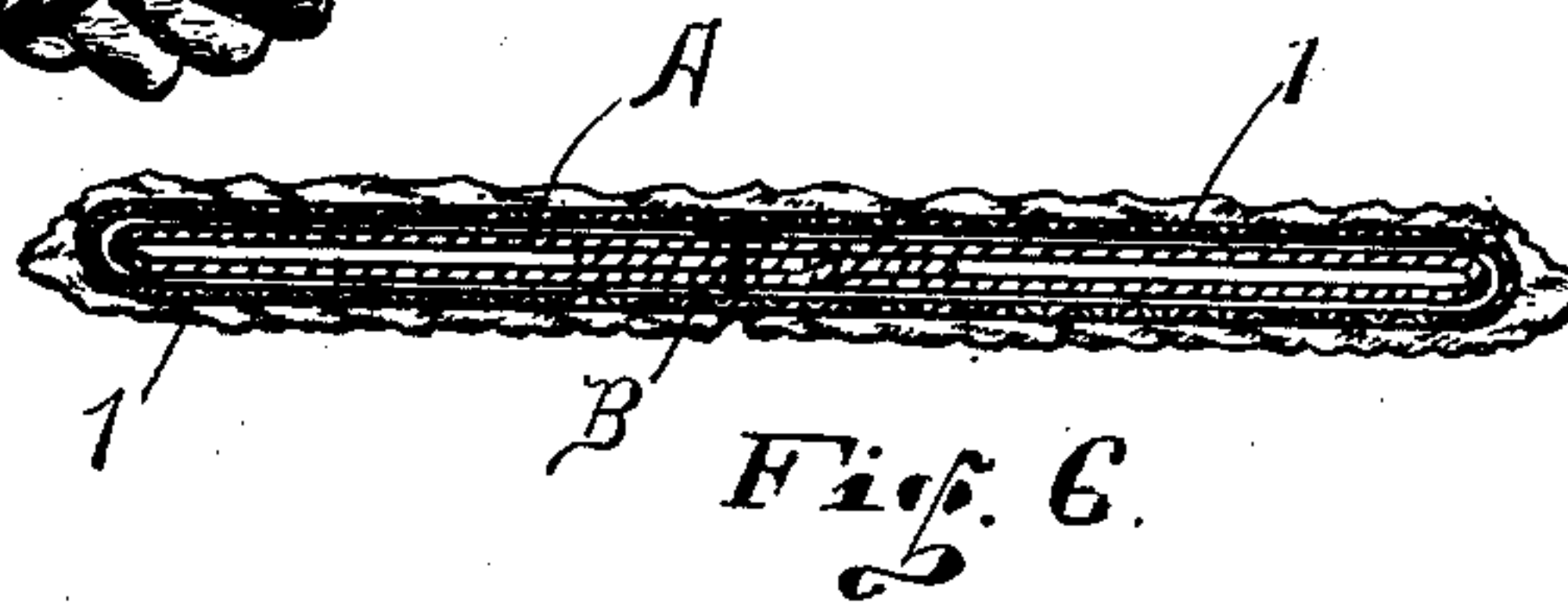
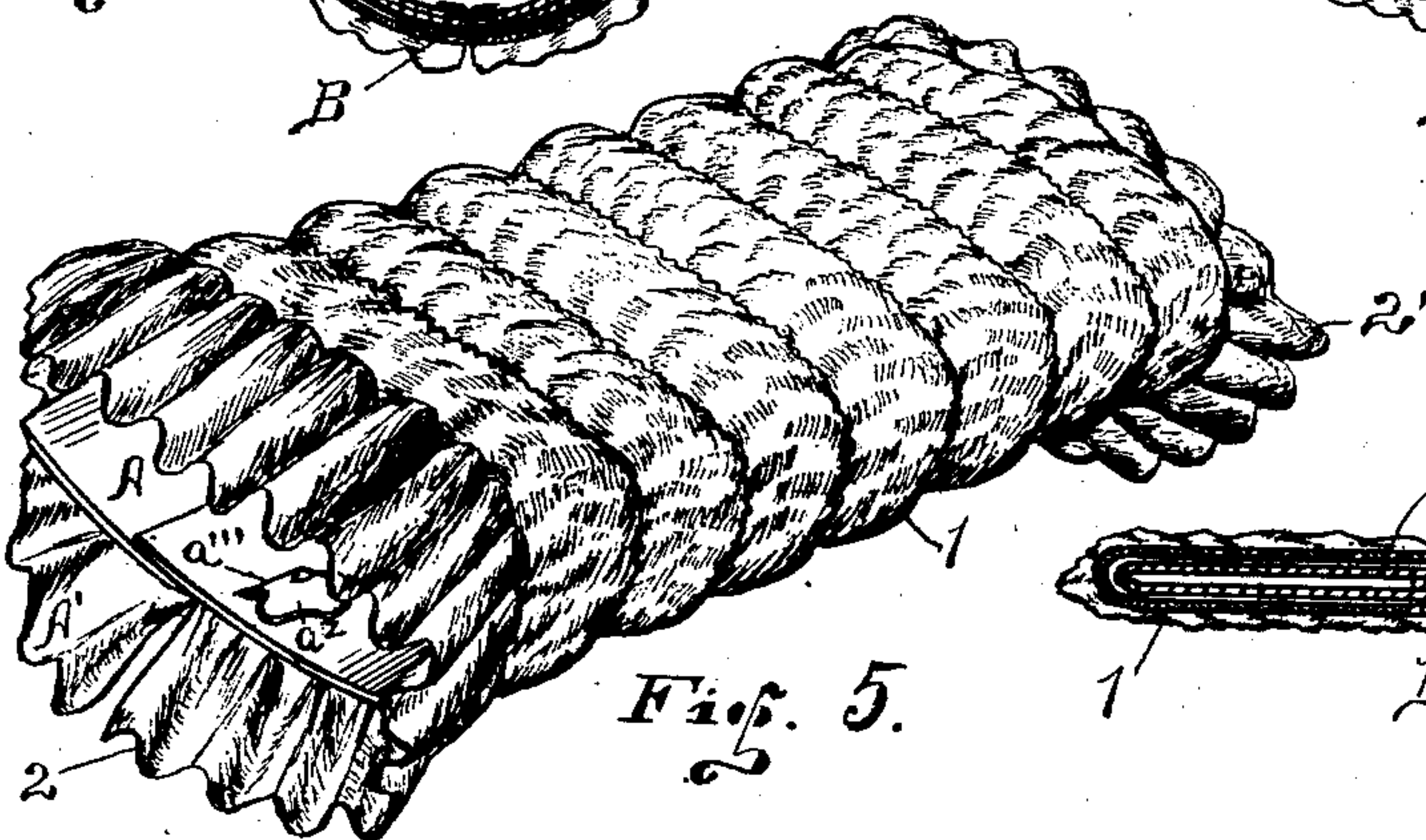
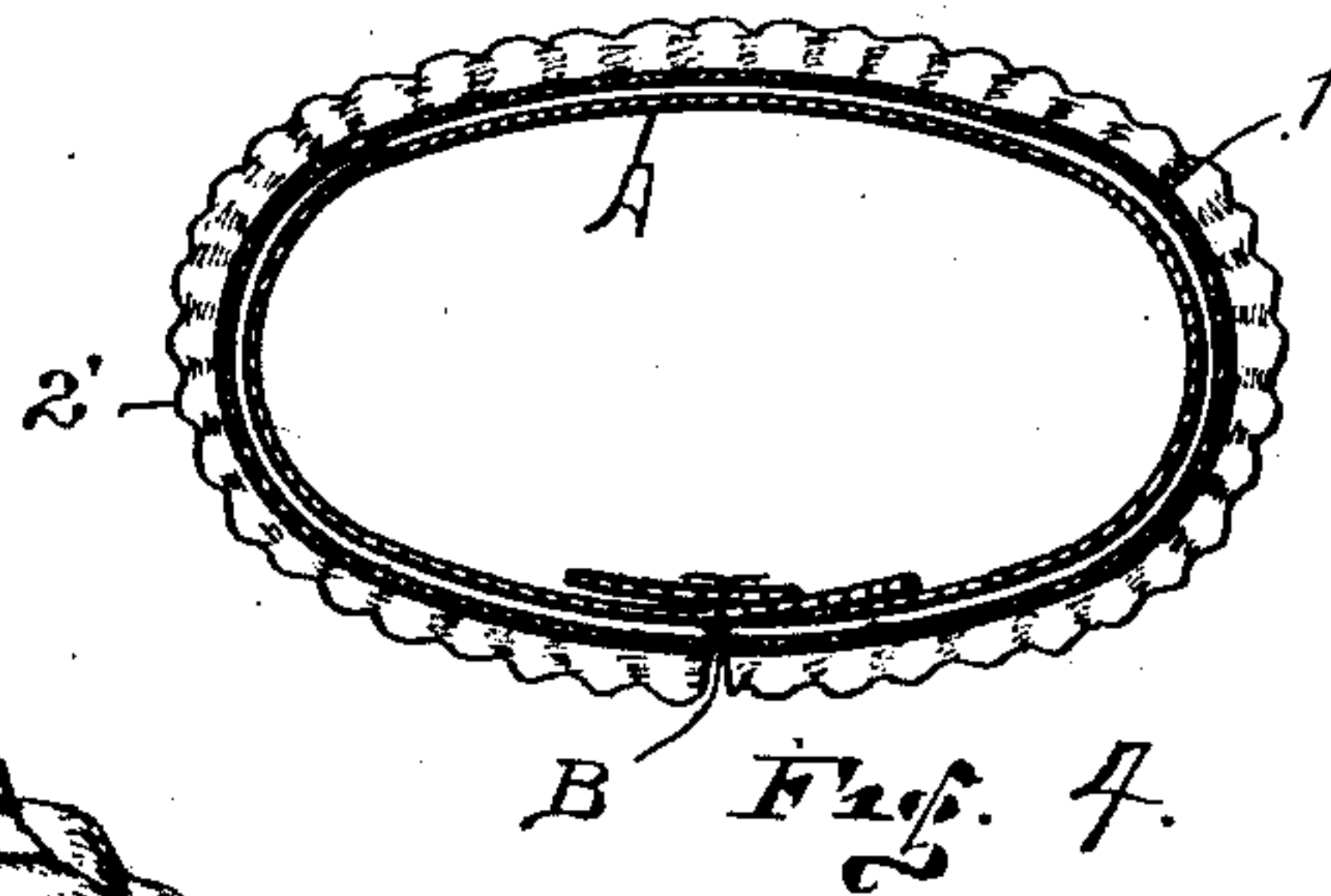
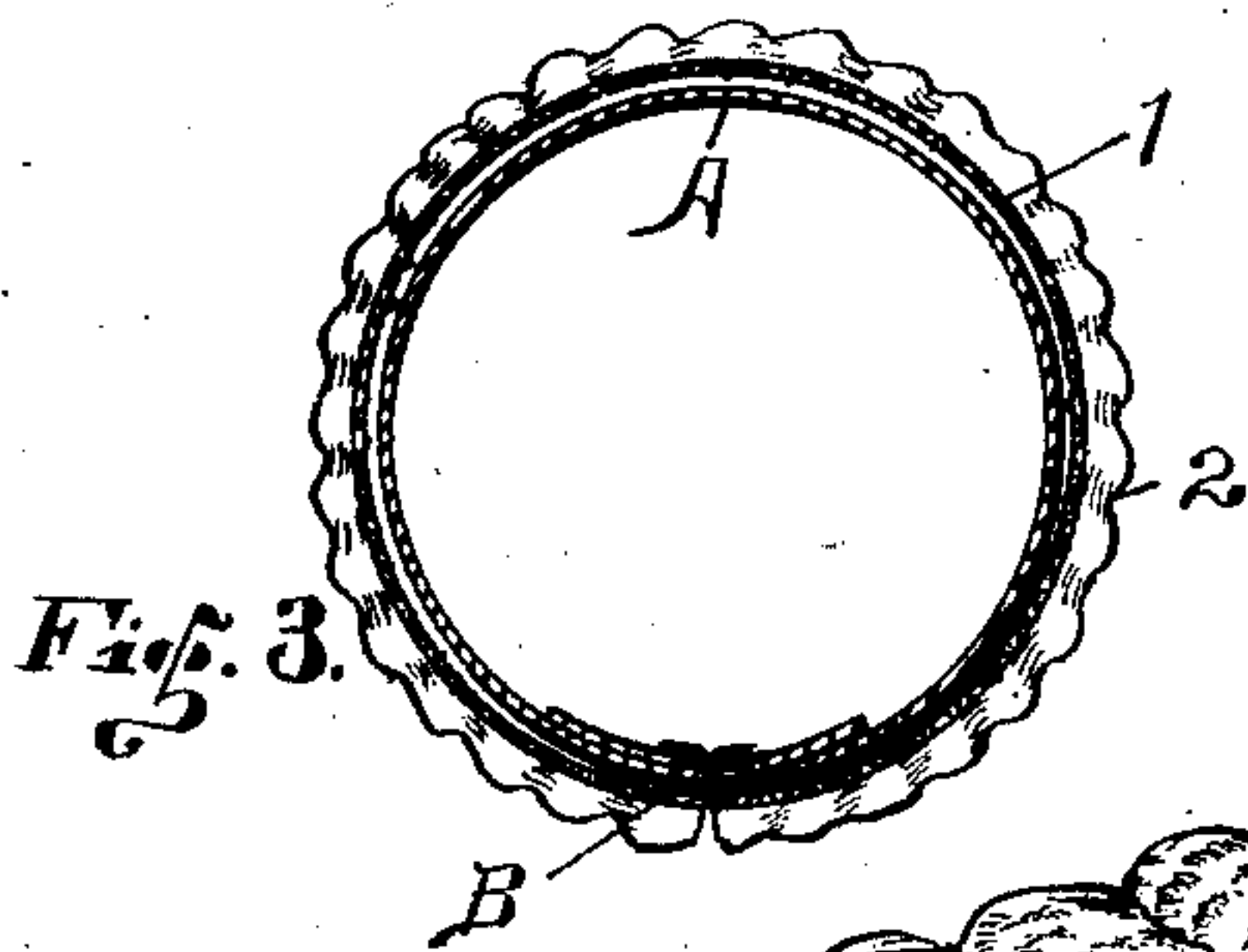
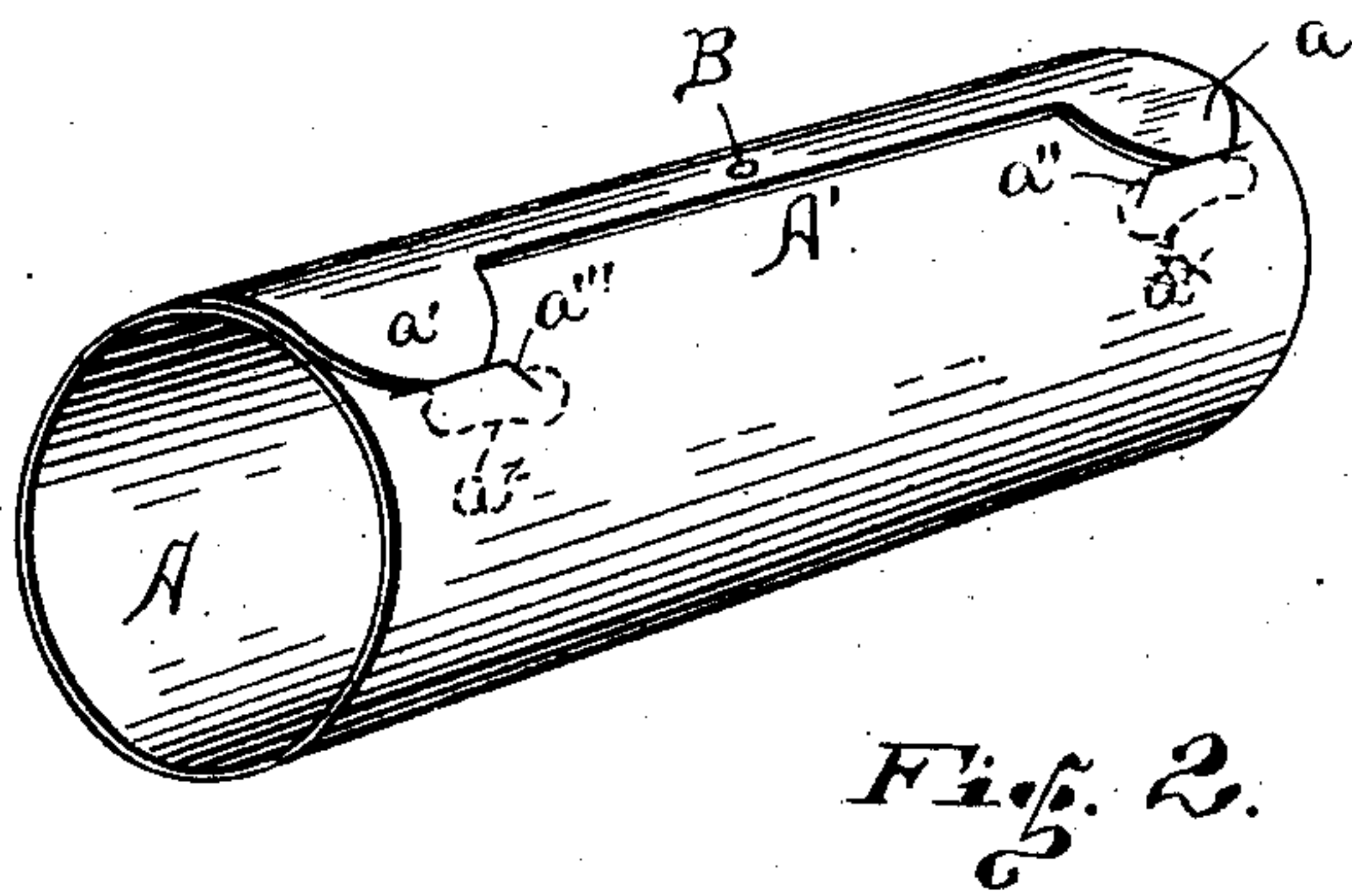
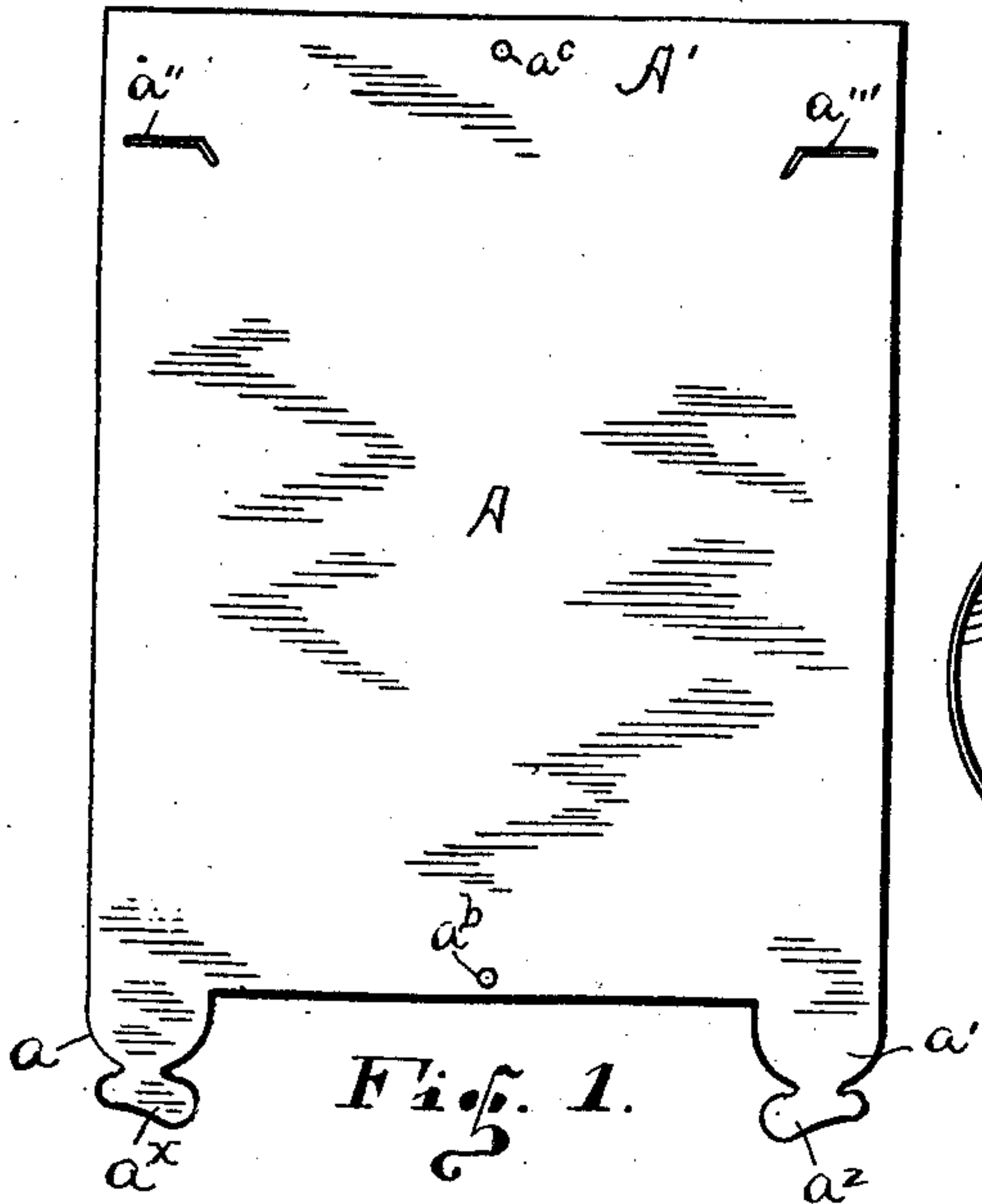


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES M. DODDRIDGE and WILBUR I. DODDRIDGE, citizens of the United States, both residing at Milton, in the county of Wayne and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collapsible Pillows, of which the following is an accurate and comprehensive specification.

10 In the burial of the dead it has become desirable to give the grave as much of an artistic and pleasing appearance as is possible. This may be done by covering the walls and the bottom of the grave with decorative material, such as fabric, so formed as to give the appearance of a bed or couch. To further carry out the appearance of a bed or couch we find it desirable to place a pillow in one end of the grave, inside the usual box, which pillow must be capable of being crushed to occupy a minimum amount of space when the casket is deposited in the box.

15 In order to attain the above enumerated features is the primal object of this invention.

A further object of our invention is to provide a pillow which may be shipped and stored in knockdown condition to occupy a small compass of space; which when desired for use may be easily and quickly assembled; and finally after having accomplished its purpose of decoration it may be crushed flat and not be in the way.

35 Other particular objects and advantages of our invention will suggest themselves in the course of the following description, and that which is new will be correlated in the appended claims.

40 One manner for the construction of our invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a diagrammatical or plan view of the body portion of our invention, as opened out flat. Fig. 2 is an isometrical view of the same member shown in Fig. 1, except same is shown rolled and with its end portions secured together. Fig. 3 is a cross sectional view of a complete pillow, formed round in cross section. Fig. 4 is the same as Fig. 3 except that the pillow is formed elliptical in cross section. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a complete pillow formed according to our invention. And Fig. 6 is a cross sectional view of the complete pillow crushed flat.

Similar indexes denote like parts throughout the several views of the one sheet of drawings.

The body, or frame, A is formed from a single sheet of card-board or stiff paper, or the like, which may be rolled and retain its shape under the conditions hereinafter enumerated.

60 Extending out from two corner portions of the body A, parallel with the direction in which the body is to be rolled, are the two tongues a and a' , each terminating in an angularly disposed head, a^x and a^z respectively. Formed through the body A near the end thereof which is opposite to said tongues are the slots a'' and a''' which are formed at right-angles to the direction in which said tongues extend. The inner end portion of each of said slots is formed at an acute angle directed centerward of the body, substantially as indicated. That portion of the body A opposite to the tongues is termed the flap and it is denoted by the indice A' . Formed through the body A near the edge thereof and midway between the tongues a and a' is a small aperture a^b ; while located opposite to said aperture and near the edge of the flap A' is a similar aperture a^c . We now have the body complete, from which it is apparent that they may be stamped out each by one operation.

When desired for use the body A should be rolled loosely, by bringing the flap A' and the tongues of the body toward each other, allowing the flap A' to pass under the tongues and the end, as in Fig. 2. The heads a^x and a^z are then inserted in the respective slots a'' and a''' , whereby the form of said heads and the shape of said slots will cause the heads to be locked therein, in the positions indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 2. When the body is brought to the condition shown in Fig. 2 it will bring the apertures a^b and a^c into alignment with each other, after which a headed fastening B may be inserted therethrough and the prongs thereof may be spread apart on the underside, as indicated in Figs. 3 and 4.

105 The body formed substantially as above set forth is to be covered by a fabric slip or the like indicated by numeral 1. This slip should be of a size such as to completely cover the assembled body, extending from end-to-end thereof and extending therearound, substantially as shown. Series of shirring or the like should be formed through-

out the extent of the slip, as indicated in Fig. 5. Each end of the slip 1 is provided with a relatively large ruffle, 2 and 2', as indicated in Fig. 5, which ruffles may, if desired, close the open ends of the body.

In practice the pillow may be allowed to be round in cross section, as indicated in Fig. 3, or it may be formed elliptical, as in Fig. 4.

Our pillow, as indicated, is adapted to be placed in a grave, or grave-box, and its construction is such that when a casket is placed thereon it will be crushed flat thereby, causing it to assume the condition substantially such as that shown in Fig. 6.

We desire that it be understood that various changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit of our invention or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

Having now fully shown and described our invention and its advantages, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. In a collapsible pillow, the combination of a body portion formed of sheet material and adapted to be rolled to bring opposite ends thereof into engagement with each other, means for securing an interlocking connection between the said ends, an independent fastening member for connecting the said ends, and a slip for fitting over the body portion.

2. In a collapsible pillow, the combination

of a body portion formed of sheet material and adapted to be rolled to bring opposite ends thereof into engagement with each other, the said opposite ends being formed with corresponding openings, means for securing an interlocking connection between the ends of the body portion, an independent fastening member engaging the before mentioned corresponding openings and serving to hold the ends of the body portion together, and a slip fitted over the body portion.

3. In a collapsible pillow, the combination of a body portion formed of sheet material and adapted to be rolled to bring opposite ends thereof into engagement with each other, the said opposite ends being formed with corresponding openings and one of the ends having a slot therein, a tongue projecting from the opposite end to that provided with the slot and adapted to have an interlocking connection with the slot for holding the ends of the body portion together, an independent fastening member engaging the before mentioned corresponding openings, and a slip fitted over the body portion.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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