

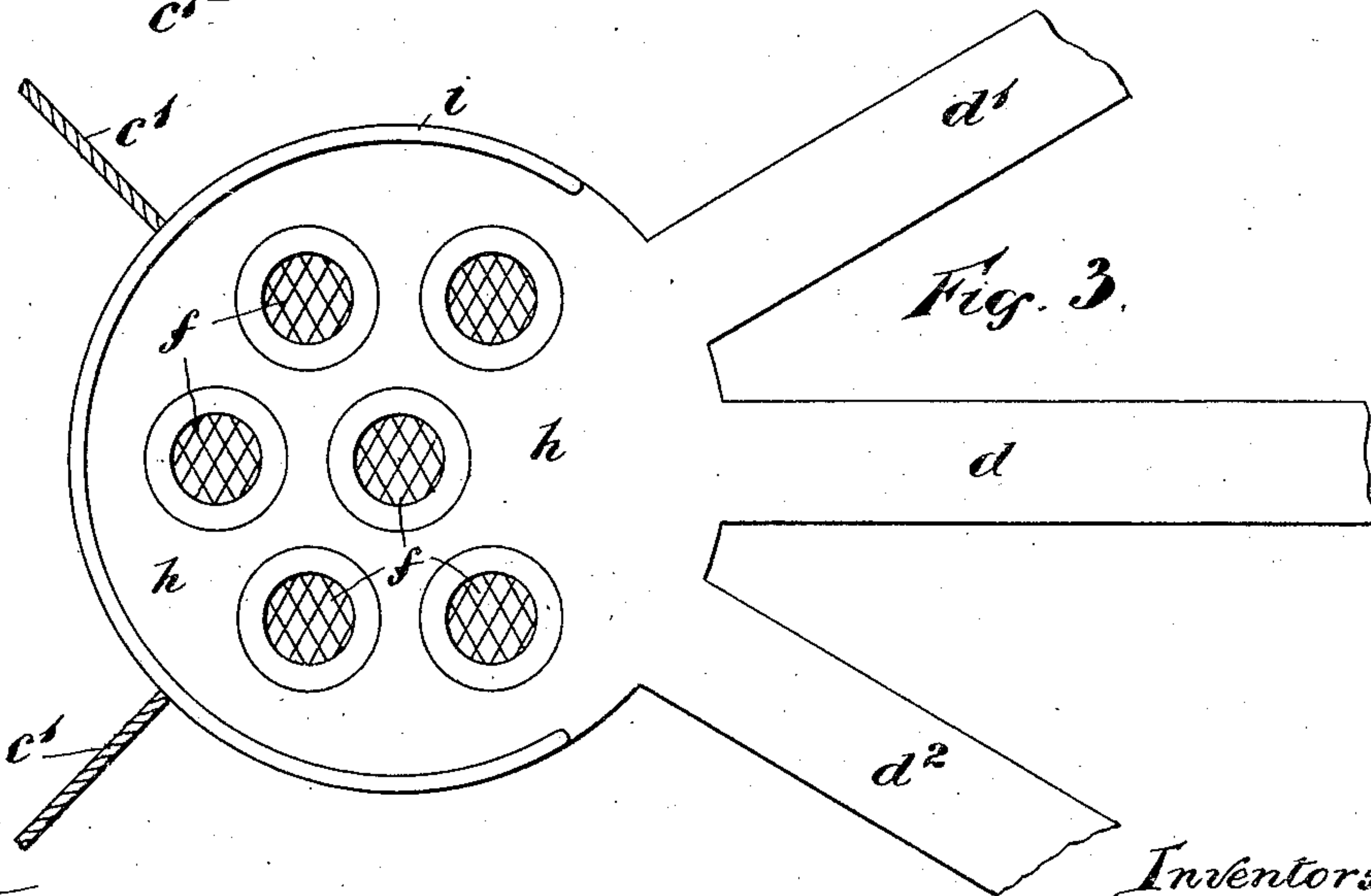
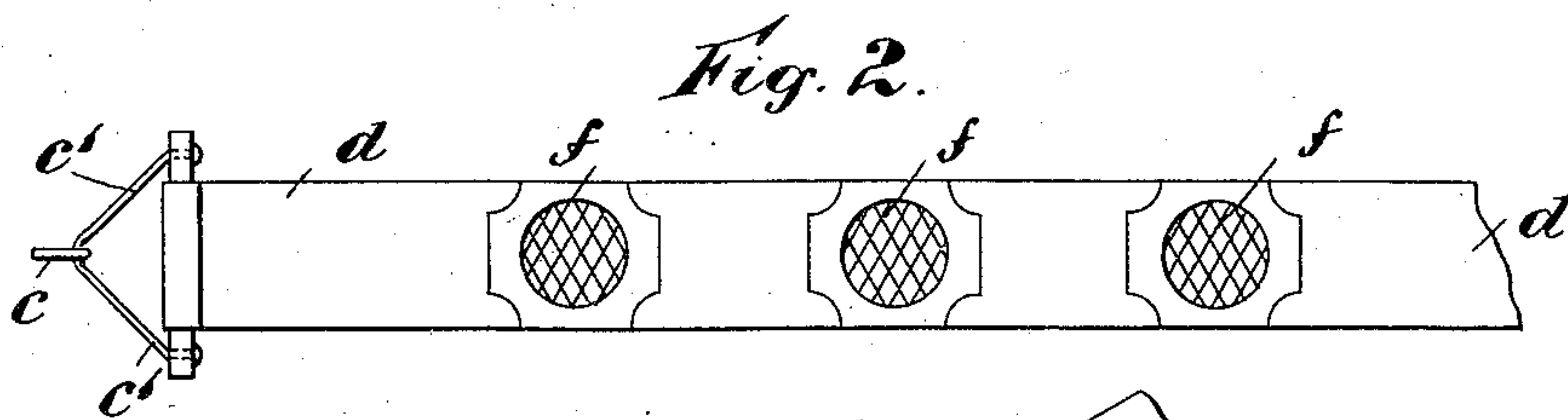
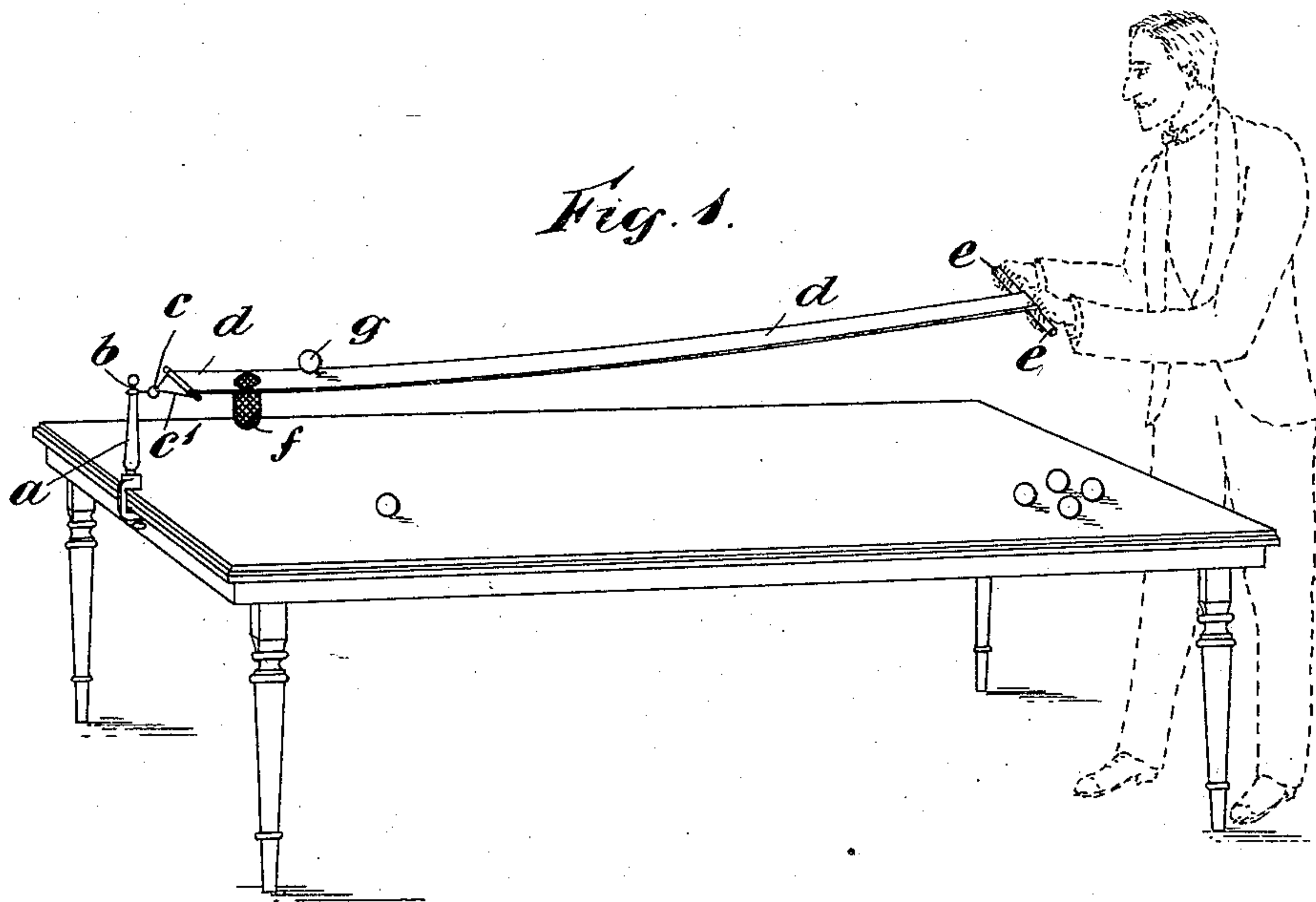
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, SIDNEY JOSEPH HEINIG and ROBERT HENRY SMITH, both subjects of the King of Great Britain, residing at London, England, have invented new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to game apparatus which consists in the employment of a ball or balls in combination with a flexible band fixed at one end to a suitable support and furnished at the other end with a suitable handle by which the said band may be manipulated so as to cause the ball or balls to roll from one end into a pocket or pockets at the other end thereof.

In order that our said invention may be clearly understood we will now describe the same by the aid of the accompanying sheet of drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a simple apparatus to be employed, and Figs. 2 and 3, examples of modifications thereof.

Similar letters of reference relate to like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

A convenient form of apparatus is constructed as follows:—A post or standard *a* (Fig. 1), somewhat similar to that used in table tennis, is clamped to a table, for example, as shown, and at a convenient distance above the table on this post or standard *a* is provided a hook *b* to receive an eye *c* fixed by means of a cord *c*¹, for example, to the end of a band *d* of canvas or other suitable flexible material and is provided with a handle *e* at the one end and a pocket or pockets *f* at the other.

The method of playing the game is as follows:—The apparatus being fixed, as illustrated in Fig. 1, the player takes hold of the handle *e* at the free end of band *d*, pulls it taut into the horizontal position and places the ball *g* thereon. The band *d* is then raised to a sufficient inclination to cause the ball *g* to travel toward the post or standard *a*, the object being to so manipulate the inclination of the band *d* both longitudinally and transversely as to prevent the ball *g* from falling off sideways, and to guide it into one or other of the pockets *f*

provided to receive the same. The band *d* itself may be graduated with points of varying numerical value, and the pockets *f* may represent different values whereby the players' scores may be recorded.

It will be obvious that a great variety of forms of apparatus can be adopted without departing from the nature of our invention, for example, two or more posts or standards may be employed with a band *d* having an enlarged end *h* (Fig. 3) provided with pockets *f*, from which two or more bands *d*, *d*¹ and *d*² may radiate for the accommodation of several players at the same time. The end *h*, provided with the pockets *f*, may be of any convenient shape and fixed or not in relation to the posts or standards and may be inclosed or not with a suitable bead or rail *i* to prevent the balls falling off. The bands *d* may be of any convenient width and adjustable in length according to circumstances, and the ball or balls *g* may be of any suitable kind and of various colors to distinguish sides or opposing players. As an example of this modification we refer to Fig. 2 of the drawing which shows the application of three pockets *f* in the one band *d*, which pockets are preferably of different colors, the colors of the balls corresponding therewith. In this case the game is to get each ball into its corresponding colored pocket.

Various rules may be adopted for governing the game, arranging the scoring, and inflicting penalties.

Claims.

1. A game apparatus which consists of a ball and a flexible band provided with a pocket and attached at one end to a suitable standard, and having at the other end a handle by means of which the player can manipulate the inclination of the said band both longitudinally and transversely, with the view of causing the said ball to roll along on the said band and to enter the pocket, substantially as described.

2. A game apparatus which consists of a ball and a flexible band provided with a pocket and attached at one end to a suitable standard, and having at the other end a handle by means of which the player can

manipulate the inclination of said band both longitudinally and transversely, with the view of causing the said ball to roll along on the said band and to enter the pocket, 5 the upper surface of said band being free from ball-guiding means substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we have signed our

names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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