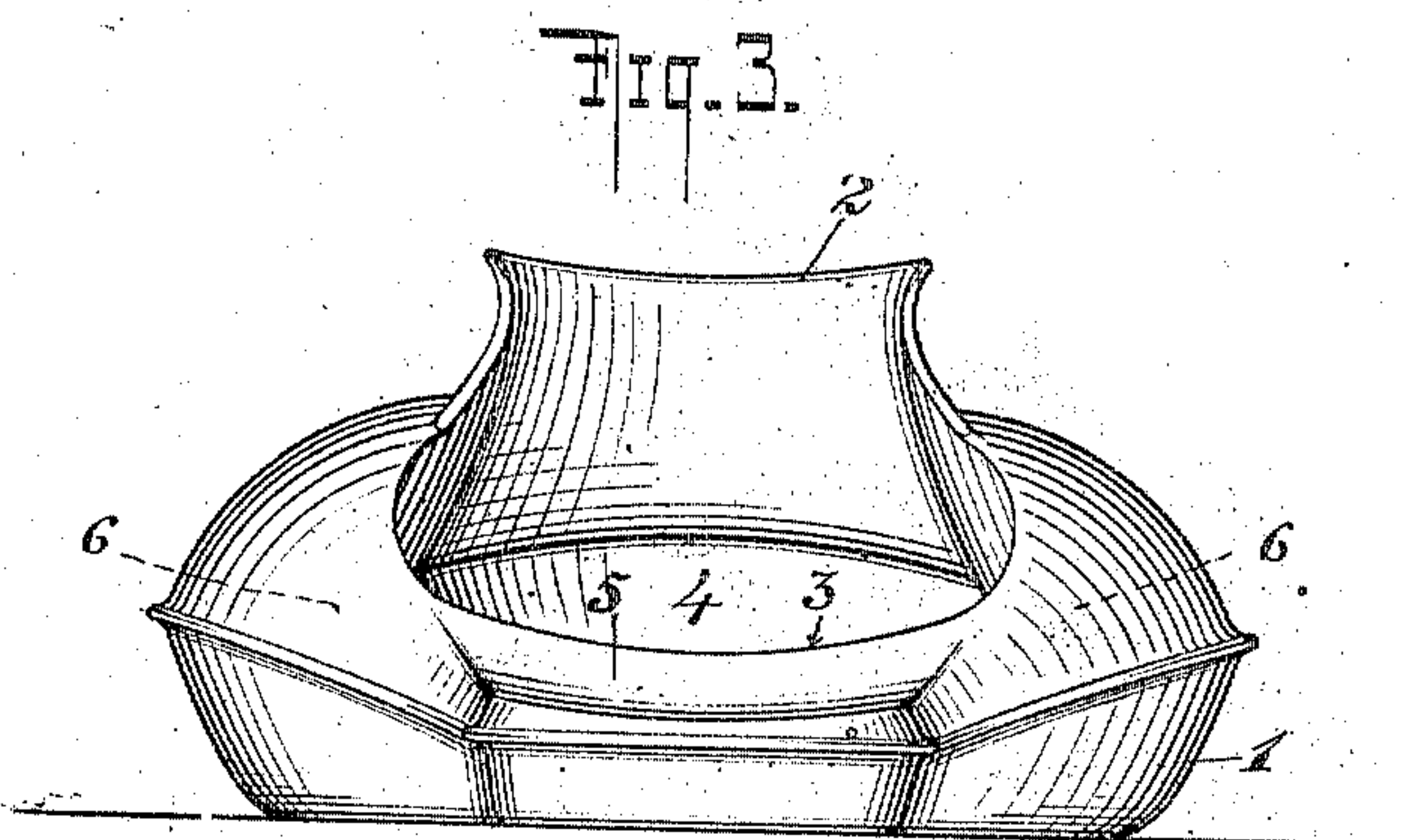
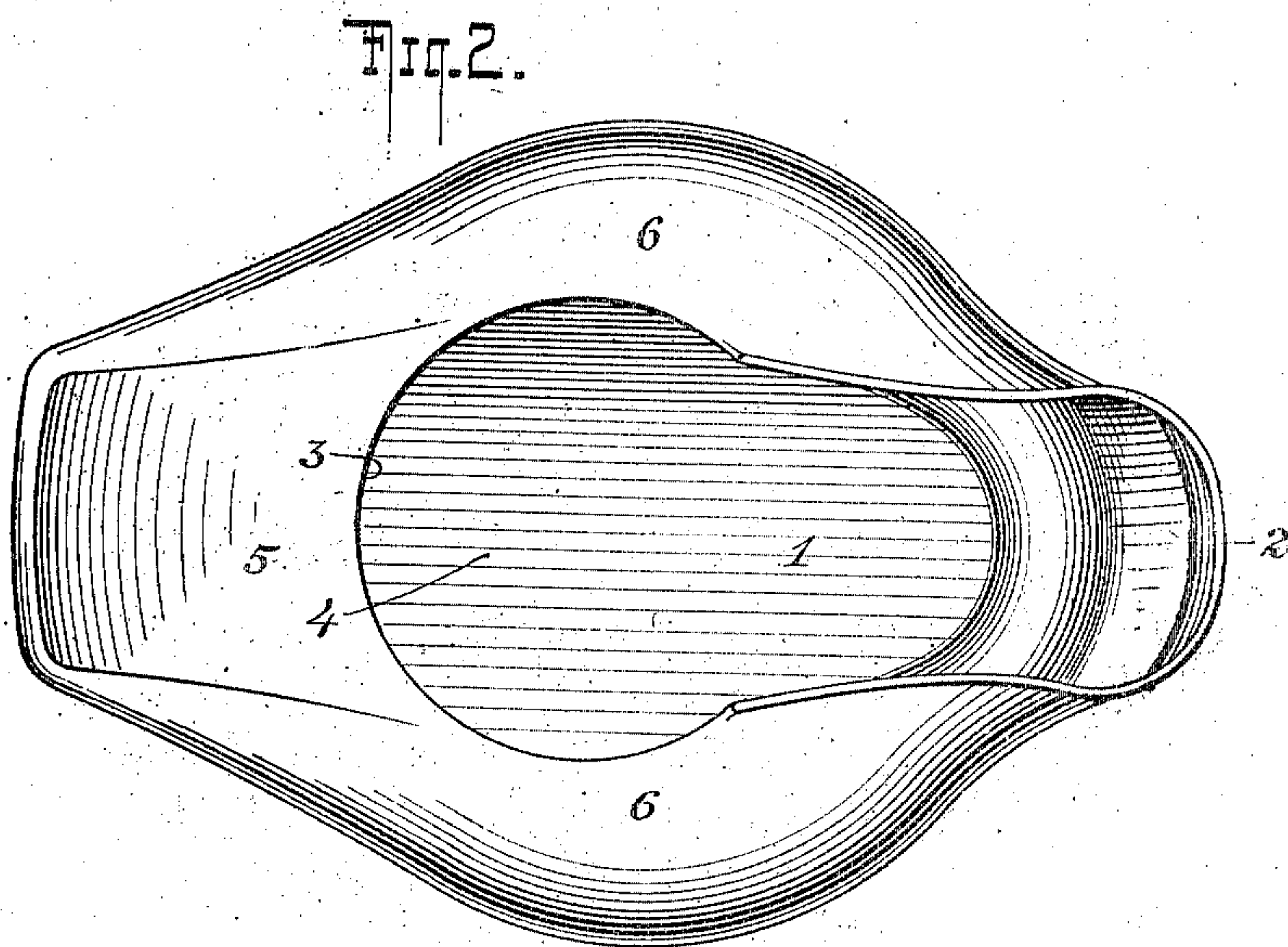
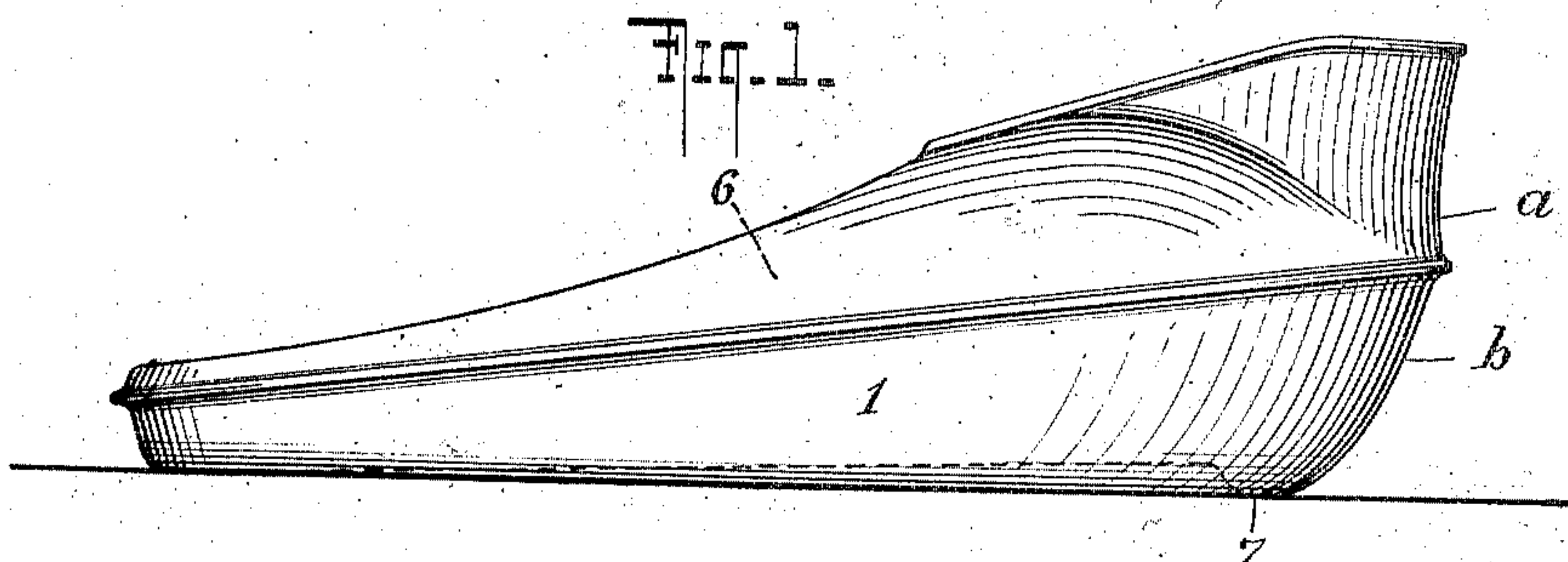


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL HOGAN, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Hoboken, Hudson county, State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bed-Pans, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to bed pans and has for its object to simplify and cheapen the cost of manufacture of pans of this description and to provide a pan which is not so apt to break, is easy to pack, takes up a minimum amount of space consistent with the desired results, and is readily and easily kept clean and in a sanitary condition.

A further object of my invention is to so construct a bed pan that while the same is in use the parts of the patient are readily accessible and visible to the nurse or doctor and can be treated or cleaned while the patient is in position on the pan. The danger of soiling the bed and bed clothing is thus greatly reduced if not entirely obviated. The pan is also so constructed as to be easily placed in position beneath a reclining or helpless patient and is not easily tilted or overturned.

Other objects of my invention will appear from the description hereinafter and the features of novelty will be pointed out in the appended claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved bed pan; Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof and Fig. 3 is an end elevation.

In the drawing 1 represents the bottom or main receptacle of the pan which is adapted to act as a container in the customary manner.

2 is the spout or pour-out and 3 is a rim or flange which extends over the receptacle 1 and is shaped to form the substantially central inlet opening 4. This overhanging rim or flange 3 comprises a front inclined portion 5 and opposite side portions 6 properly formed to support the thighs of the patient. It will be noted that the side walls of the spout 2 extend forward toward the opening 4 for some distance and merge into the said opening 4 and incline upwardly toward the mouth of the spout. An outlet passage is thus provided having high walls

to prevent accidental spilling of the contents of the pan, which passage is also substantially as wide as the diameter of the inlet opening 4, so as not to obstruct the view of the parts and to prevent clogging of the outlet passage. The front end 5 of the pan is comparatively low so as to be easily inserted beneath the patient and gradually rises in an easy incline for supporting the back and buttocks and then spreads to form the thigh supporting portions 6. The base 7 of the pan extends substantially throughout the entire length and width thereof and is of considerable area so as to afford a solid support and thus avoid the danger of accidental overturning or tilting. The pan is widest at the thigh supporting portions 6 to afford a substantial and comfortable support for the patient at these points and to prevent sidewise tilting.

By having the open spout 2 merge into the inlet opening 4, I provide the pan with an open passage which extends from the inner edge of the portion 5 to the extreme rear end of the pan. This construction leaves the parts of the patient readily accessible and visible to the nurse or doctor during use of the pan so that said parts may be cleaned and treated while the patient is in position on the pan. The danger of soiling the bed clothes or bed is thus practically eliminated. Owing to this wide passage just described the pan may be readily and completely emptied and all interior parts thereof may be easily reached and cleaned so that the pan is easily maintained in a sanitary condition.

My improved pan is also easily and cheaply manufactured and may be constructed by stamping or molding according to the material used in its manufacture in two parts *a, b* which are joined together in any customary manner. It is also not so apt to break as is the well known "French bed pan," and owing to its shape is easy to pack for shipping or storage purposes by placing the spout of one pan upside down upon the rim 5 of the other.

It will be understood that variations in the specific construction shown and described may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention as defined in the claim.

I claim:

A bed pan provided with a relatively low upwardly inclined back support merging into a wide central portion for supporting the thighs and further having a central longitudinal open passage extending to the extreme rear of the pan and terminating in a relatively high pour out.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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