

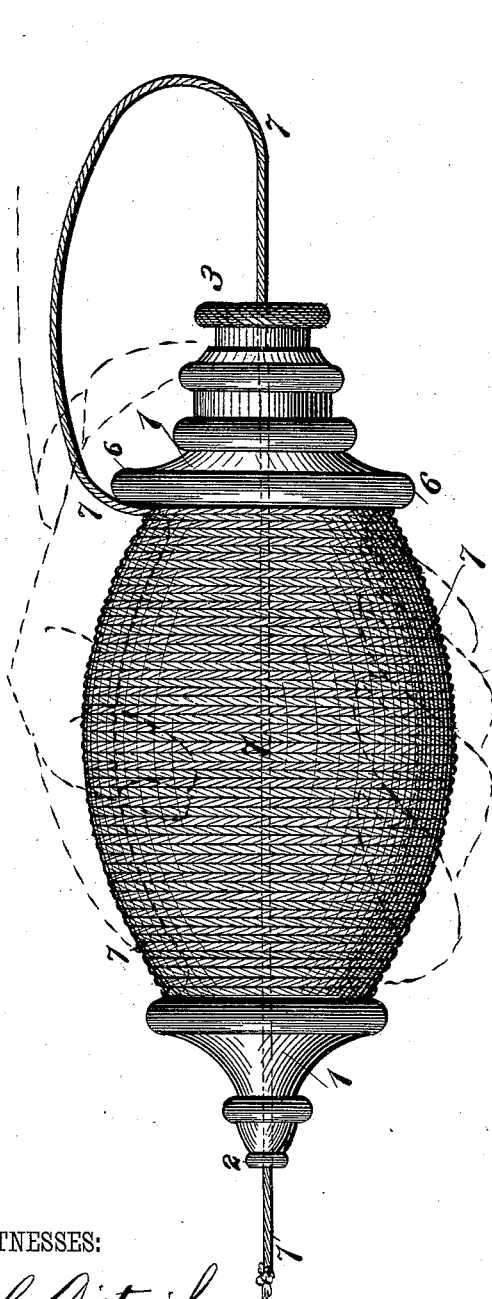
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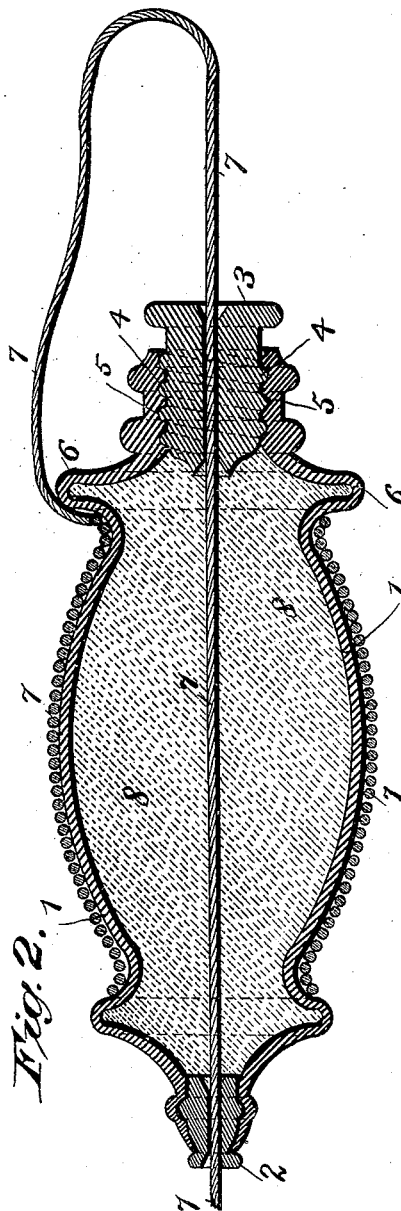
Fig. 1.



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Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN HOWARD, of Sheep Ranch, in the county of Calaveras and State of California, have invented a new and Improved Chalk-Line Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to carpenters' chalk-line holders, and has for its object to provide a chalk-line so constructed that it can be effectively used and will be durable.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the views.

Figure 1 illustrates the holder as ready for use, and Fig. 2 is a central section of the same.

1 indicates a hollow receptacle for holding powdered chalk, formed of flexible material, preferably of rubber, so as to render it elastic, and of an oval shape, as shown, so as to be conveniently held in the hand. The ends of the holder 1 are provided with eyelets 2 3 for a line to pass through, one of said eyelets being formed with a screw-thread, 4, adapted to engage and screw into the neck or end 5 of the holder 1. By means of having one of the eyelets detachable, as described, the holder may be filled with pulverized chalk and replenished when necessary. Instead of screwing into the end of holder 1, the eyelet 3 may be held therein simply by pressure, like a cork, or by any suitable detaching device.

The holder 1 is formed adjacent to its ends with ribs or flanges 6, which serve to retain a cord, 7, in place, which is wound upon the holder 1. The holder may be filled with powdered chalk, 8, of any desired color, and, being elastic or flexible, the chalk therein may be compressed against the cord 7 when drawn through it. The eyelets 2 3 are of such size as to permit the cord 7, covered with chalk, to pass freely, and may be made of glass or metal, as desired.

By means of a chalk-holder thus constructed a line or cord may be wound on the holder and held in place, and will be thoroughly covered with chalk when drawn through the holder.

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

1. A chalk-line holder consisting of an oval flexible chalk-receptacle with eyelets at its ends, one of which is removable, and having ribs or flanges adjacent to its ends, as and for the purpose shown and described.

2. A hollow chalk-line holder consisting of a rubber chalk-receptacle capable of being compressed, and formed with eyelets at its ends, one of which serves as a stopper, substantially as described.

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