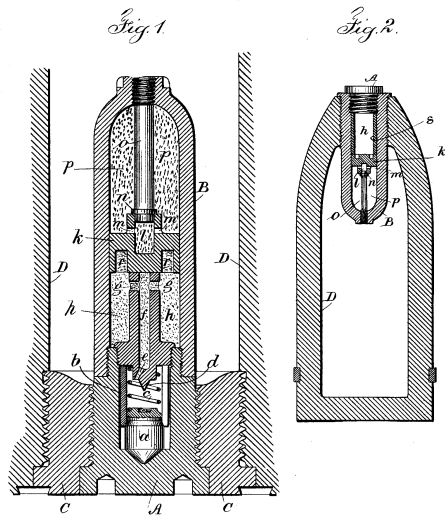


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No. 575,163.

Patented Jan. 12. 1897.



Witnesses

Chas. A. Smith
J. Hart

Inventor

Alfred Nobel
Per L. W. Sewell & Son

PATENTS AS CAPITAL

Call for papers

We invite contributions to the workshop “Patents as Capital,” which forms the 2nd workshop of the ERC-funded project PASSIM (Patents as Scientific Information, 1895-2020), in collaboration with The International Society for the History and Theory of Intellectual Property (ISHTIP).

Dates: 8-10 September 2020

Venue: Nobel Museum, Stockholm, SWEDEN

Call closes: 14 February 2020

Proposal format: 500 Word proposal/200 Word bio

Submit to: 2020workshop@passim.se

Patents are regarded as central techniques and indicators of value in the 'knowledge economy' by linking immaterial knowledge to capital. In intellectual property scholarship, particularly that approaches law as economics or as a regulatory tool, patents are commonly studied as means of commercial and economic strategies. But this focus leaves out the other ways in which patents act as both instruments and representations of diverse kinds of capital: intellectual, cultural, scientific and financial capital(s). The concrete processes by which patents are implicated in and give rise to various practices of capitalisation and valuation remain relatively underexplored. Rather than equating patent with value, or presuming that patents generate intellectual capital, this workshop aims to examine and delineate the workings of patents as capital in their multiple manifestations: as personal privilege, scientific credit, cultural symbol, instrument of credibility and as financial proxies. These are only examples of the queries that we would like to discuss. We welcome cross-disciplinary and interdisciplinary contributions that problematise and analyse the promises and failings of patents as capital and that study the role of patents in such capitalisation processes.

We will give preference to unpublished papers that seek substantive feedback from participants of the workshop. PASSIM will cover the travel and accommodation cost of the selected participants.

Any questions can be directed to the organizers of the workshop:

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