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Door & Drawer Plate.

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Fig: 1.

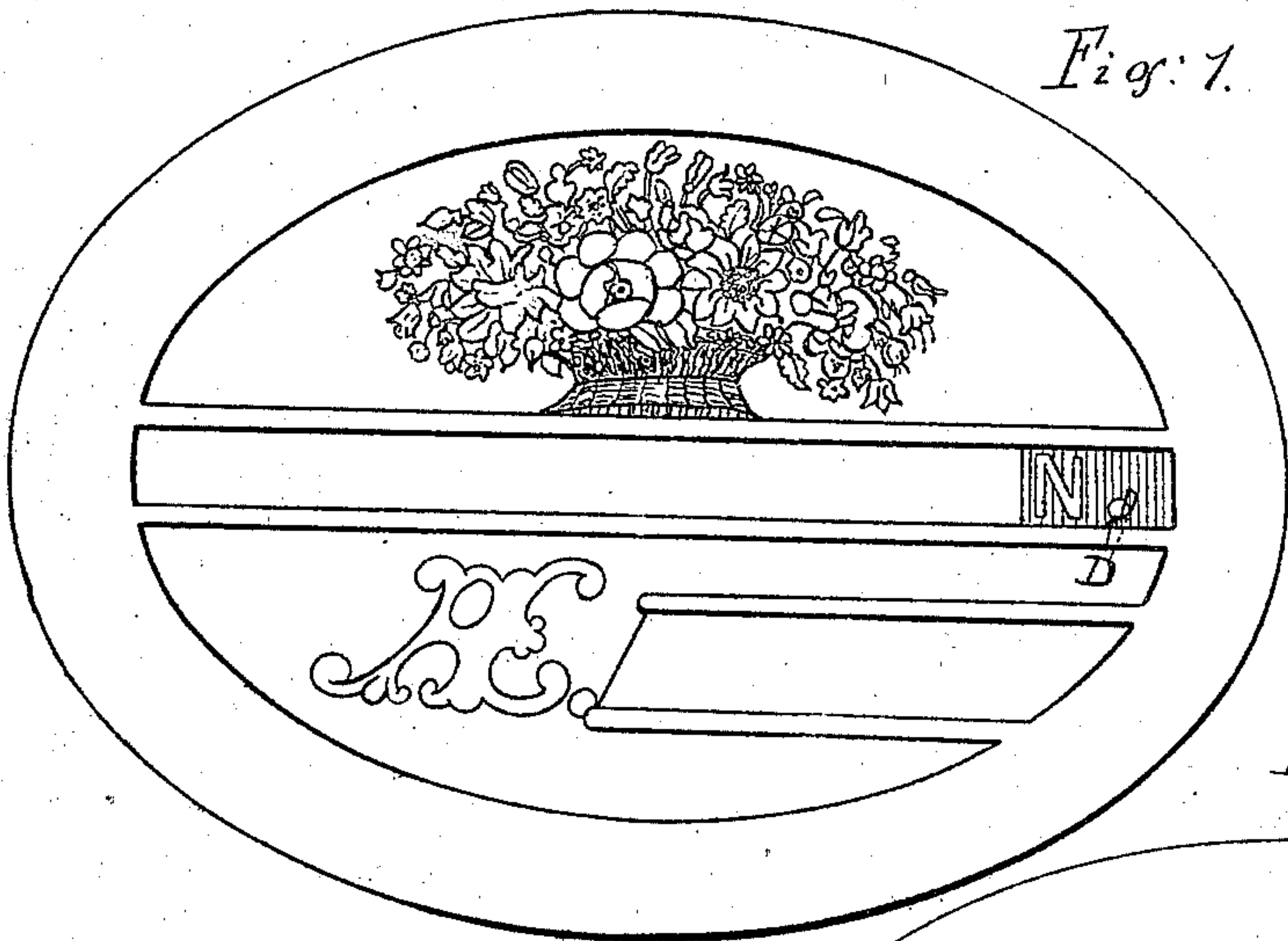


Fig: 2.

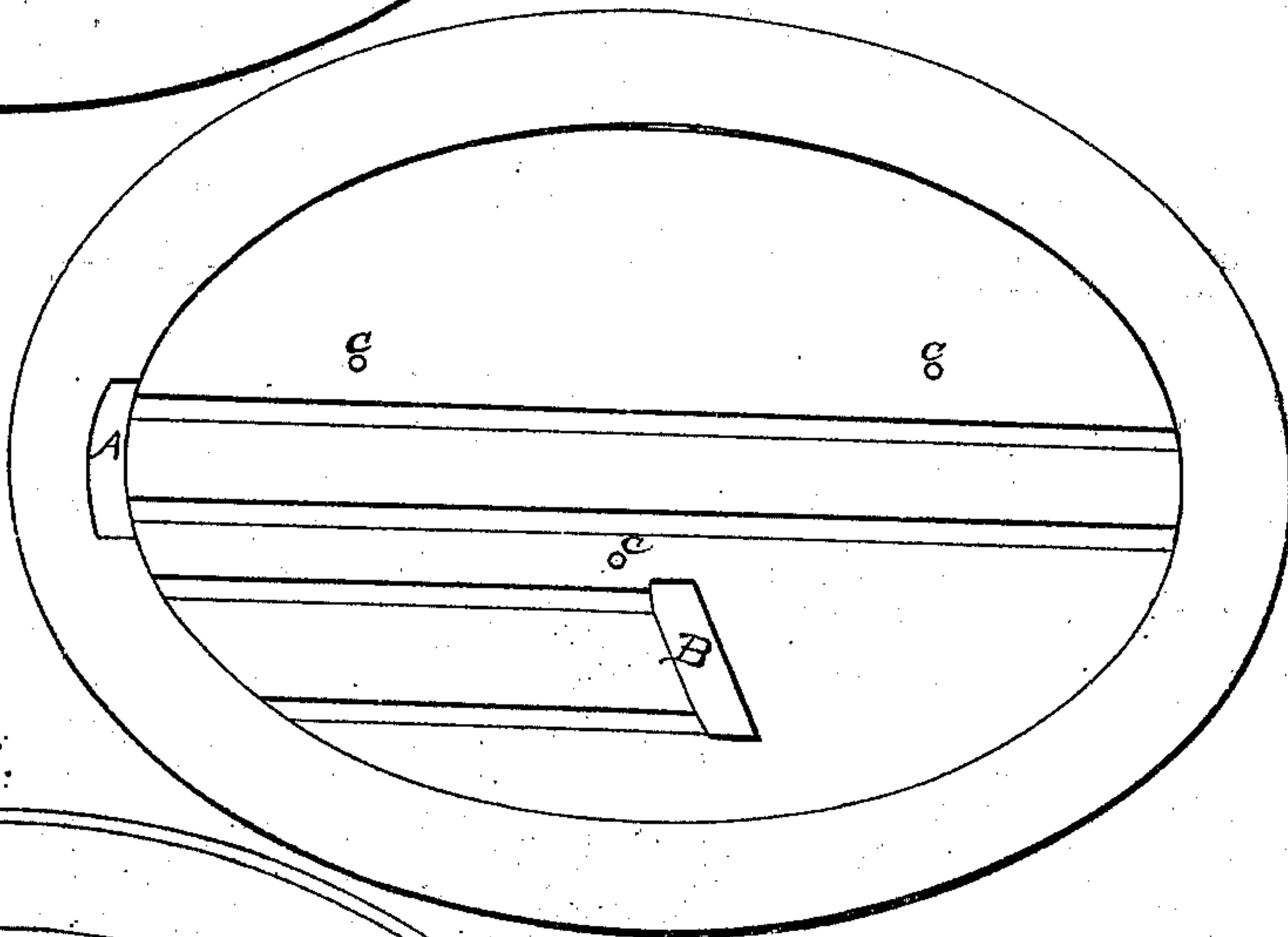


Fig: 4.



Fig: 3.

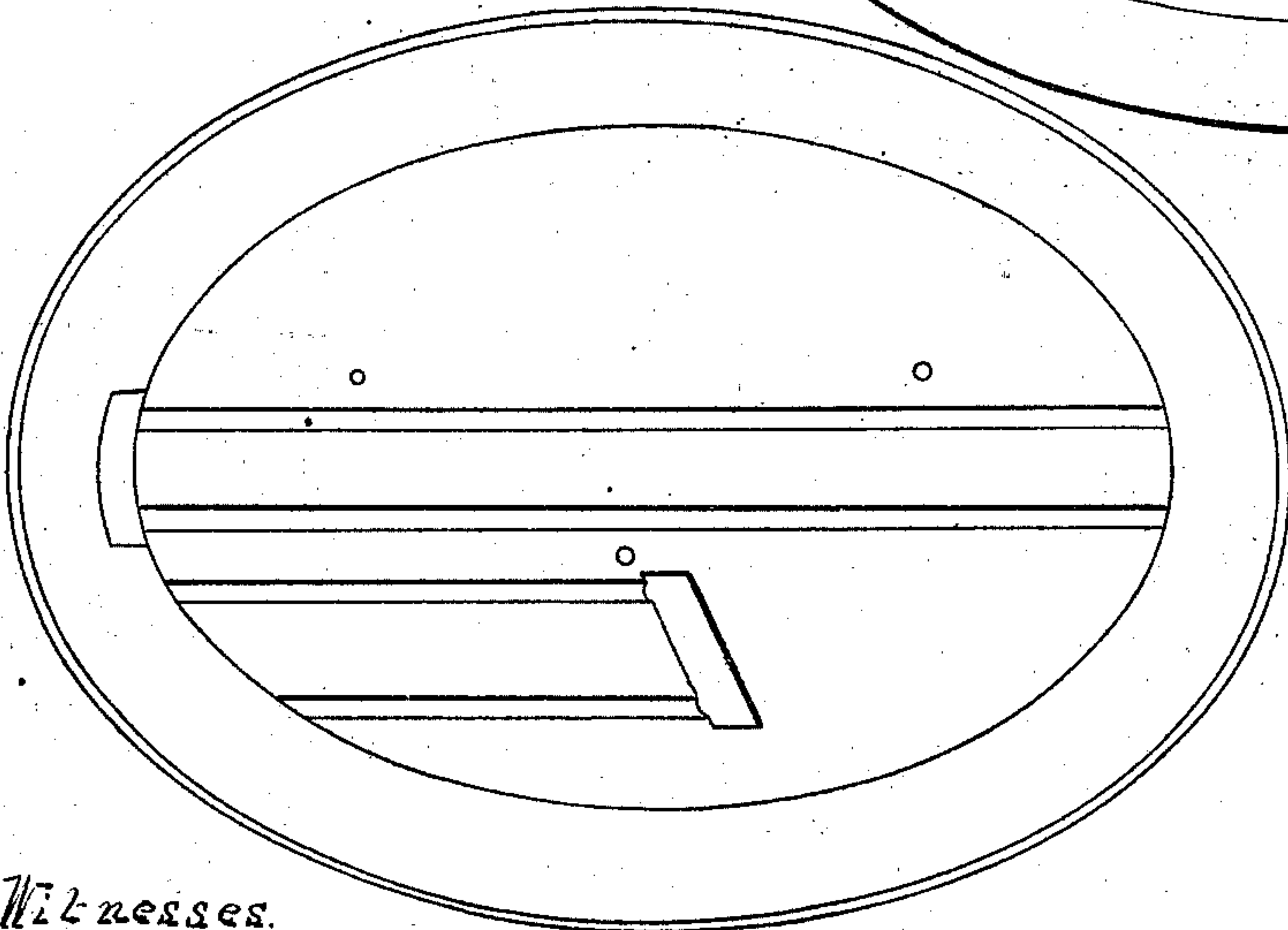


Fig: 5.



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COFFIN-PLATE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WM. H. GREEN, of Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and Improved Coffin-Plate; and I do hereby declare that the following is full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in constructing and attaching a back to a front plate, Figure 1, the front of the back, Fig. 2, corresponding to the back of the front plate, with the exception of a slight space to allow for the thickness of the letters and figures passing between them.

In the back I make an aperture at the side, at the end of two middle ridges, A, for the purpose of inserting the name, and another slot or opening at the beginning of the two bottom ridges, B, for the admittance of the age. I also make three holes in the back C in order to solder it to the front plate after the latter is plated, as the solution getting between the two plates would spoil them if they were united before plating.

The back I make a trifle smaller than the front plate, to allow the latter to turn over former at the edge, Fig. 3, the whole forming a compact, finished, double plate, with a space left between the two plates for the insertion of the name and age, which can be introduced through the slots or openings in the back

plate, apertures being left in the front plate to exhibit them in. The letters and figures I strike up from sheet-brass.

In order to disguise where the letters and figures each come together, I mat or corrugate the ground of them, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, the ridges corresponding to those of the plates; and to prevent the letters and figures from slipping out, I punch up a period at the end which seals them to the plate, as shown in Fig. 1, letter D.

What I claim as my invention, and seek to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The construction of and the attachment of a back to a coffin plate, the said back having corresponding ridges to fit the grooves presented on the back of the front plate, which will admit of the insertion of any name and age requiring the ordinary number of letters or figures, between it and the front plate after the two are united.

2. The invention of the slot or opening in the end or side and middle of the back through which the letters and figures are inserted.

3. Sealing the line of figures or letters by striking up or punching up a period at the end, and the use of letters and figures struck up from sheet metal instead of cast ones for this purpose.

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