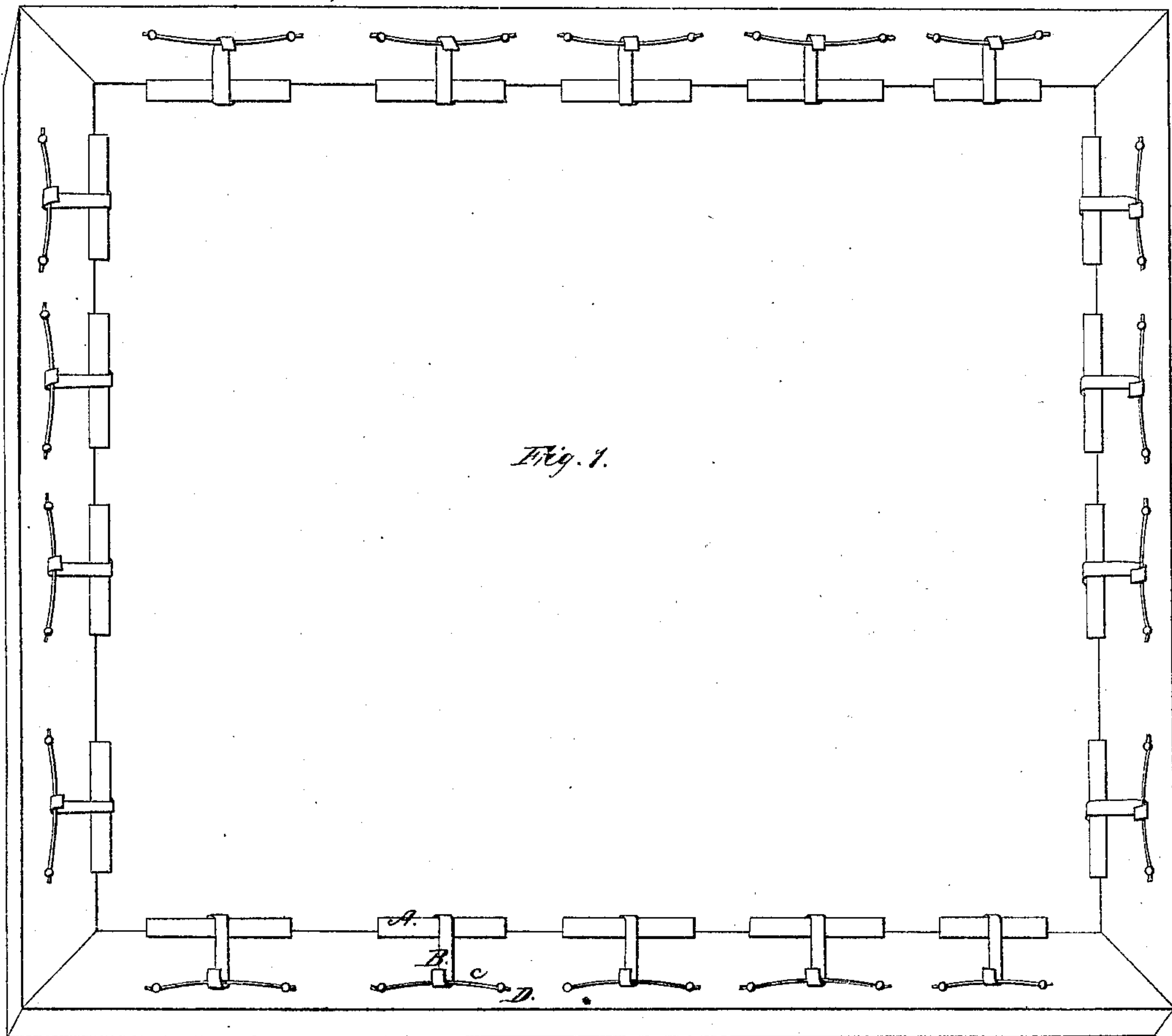


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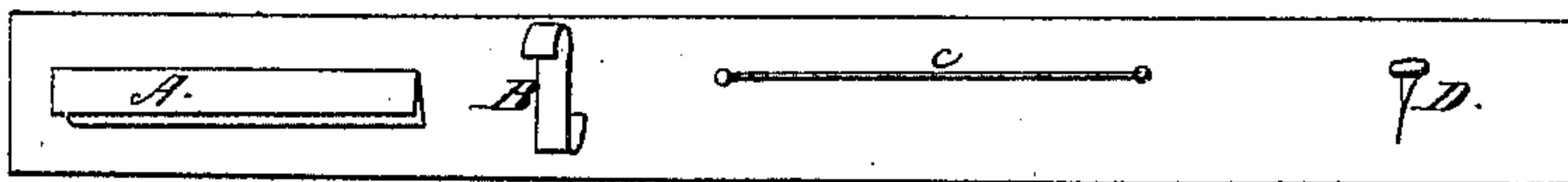
*Attaching Pictures to Frames.*

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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*

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## MODE OF ATTACHING PICTURES TO FRAMES.

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### SPECIFICATION.

#### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, STEDMAN W. HANKS, of Lowell, Middlesex county, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Method of Attaching Pictures to Frames by the use of metallic clasps and springs; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

In the drawings,

Figure 1 represents the back of a picture frame with the picture confined to the frame by the clasps A, the hooks B, and the spring wires C, the latter resting upon the nails or tacks D.

Figure 2 represents the parts above named separately. A is a clasp, of a single piece of thin metal, so bent as to receive the edge of the paper, or canvas or other material containing the picture, and hold it firmly. B is a hook or clasp which is to be placed around the clasp A, and through the paper or canvas, and also around the piece of elastic wire C, which wire C is sprung upon the nails or tacks D, and there held firmly, thus securing a smooth, unwrinkled surface for the picture.

Some of the peculiar advantages of this method are, first, in pictures framed without glass in front, these clasps and springs readily stretch the picture to its true position in the frame; second, it is a very simple and inexpensive method of securing a smooth surface to a picture framed without glass; third, it can be readily removed, (the picture can be,) and without injury to the paper or the canvas; fourth, the method is very much less expensive than those heretofore mostly employed; requiring no extra canvas for the back of the picture frame, nor extra parts to the frames themselves to secure the perfect fitting of the picture, or the good condition of the paper or canvas containing the picture when framed.

Now, having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of clasps A, with hooks or clasps B, and wire springs C, supported upon nails or tacks D, operating in the manner and for the purposes set forth.

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