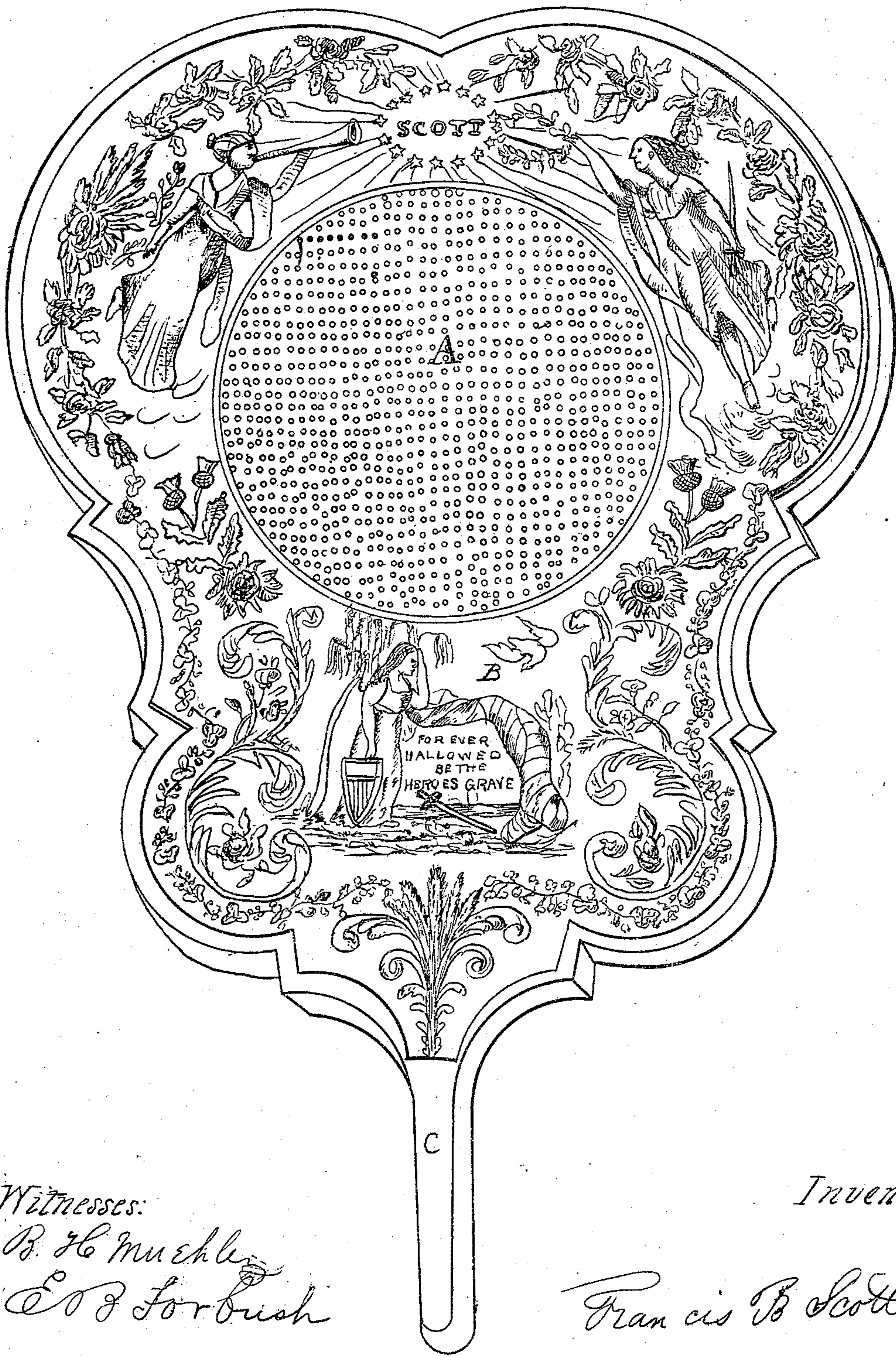


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IMPROVEMENT IN LADIES' FANS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS B. SCOTT, of the town of Lancaster, and county of Erie, in the State of New York, have invented a new and improved Ladies' Fan; 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.

The nature of my invention consists in constructing a fan having for the inner part, or centre, a perforated card of any desirable size or form. The perforated card can be manufactured separate and set in the fan, or the fan constructed in one piece, having the centre perforated as shown at A in the drawing.

The border B of the fan can be plain or embossed. The fan could be embossed and perforated at one operation; the handle C carried up into the back of the fan to stiffen it, but the upper part forked and branching each side of the perforated centre, yet so as not to obstruct any part of it. The perforated part can be ornamented by printing ornaments over it, without obstructing the openings or interfering with the view. The advantage gained by this fan consists in the protection of the person using it, from the observation of others, without obstructing the view of such person. The fan acts on the same principle as a wire screen, enabling a person to see another who is in a stronger light, and further distance, while the observer, near the screen and in a less light, is not clearly visible. It is well adapted to the lecture room and public assemblies, where a degree of reserve is desired, and a gentle motion of the fan can be kept up without destroying its effect.

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

A ladies' fan, having a perforated centre-piece, A, with or without designs printed or formed thereon, as a new article of manufacture, substantially as described.

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