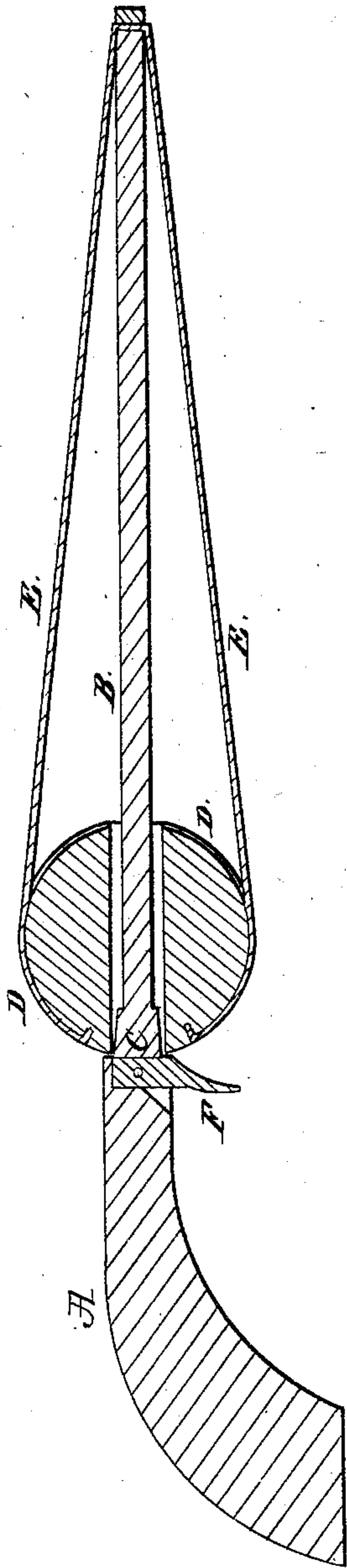


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## TOY PISTOL.

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, W. J. SHIPMAN, of Portsmouth, in the county of Scioto, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and improved "Toy Pistol;" and that the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, hereinafter referred to, forms a full and exact specification of the same, wherein I have set forth the nature and principles of my said improvements, by which my invention may be distinguished from all others of a similar class, together with such parts as I claim, and desire to have secured to me by Letters Patent.

With the toy pistol embraced in the present invention a ball is propelled forward through the air by means of an elastic cord or string secured thereto, and extended across from one side to the other, when such elastic is suitably stretched therefor, for doing which a peculiarly-constructed holder (in the form of a pistol if so desired) is provided, which, in connection with the said ball and its elastic cord, will be now described in detail, reference being had to the accompanying plate of drawings, in which the figure is a side view of the pistol or holder with the ball in central transverse section.

A, in the drawings, represents the handle or stock to the toy pistol embraced in the present invention, of which B is the barrel, if it may be so termed, although in its use it partakes more of the nature of a stem or rod, as upon and over it the ball D that is to be propelled is slid from its muzzle to its breech end. The ball is bored out through its centre from side to side, and when on the stem or barrel A, is fixed by jamming it over and upon the enlarged portion C thereof, at its breech end. E, an elastic cord or string, secured to ball D, at each end, which ball it partially encircles. The outer or muzzle end of barrel is grooved or notched, and in such notch or groove, as the ball is slid along upon the stem, its elastic cord catches, so that by continuing to slide the ball toward the breech, the cord is stretched and drawn to a tension. F, a trigger, hung to barrel at its breech end, and in position to push off the ball from the enlargement C when pulled upon in the proper direction therefor, thus setting it free to be impelled forward by the action of the elastic cord E.

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

A toy pistol, constructed and arranged to operate in connection with a ball substantially as described for the purpose specified.

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