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Bracket-Shelf and Drawer,

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Fig. 1.

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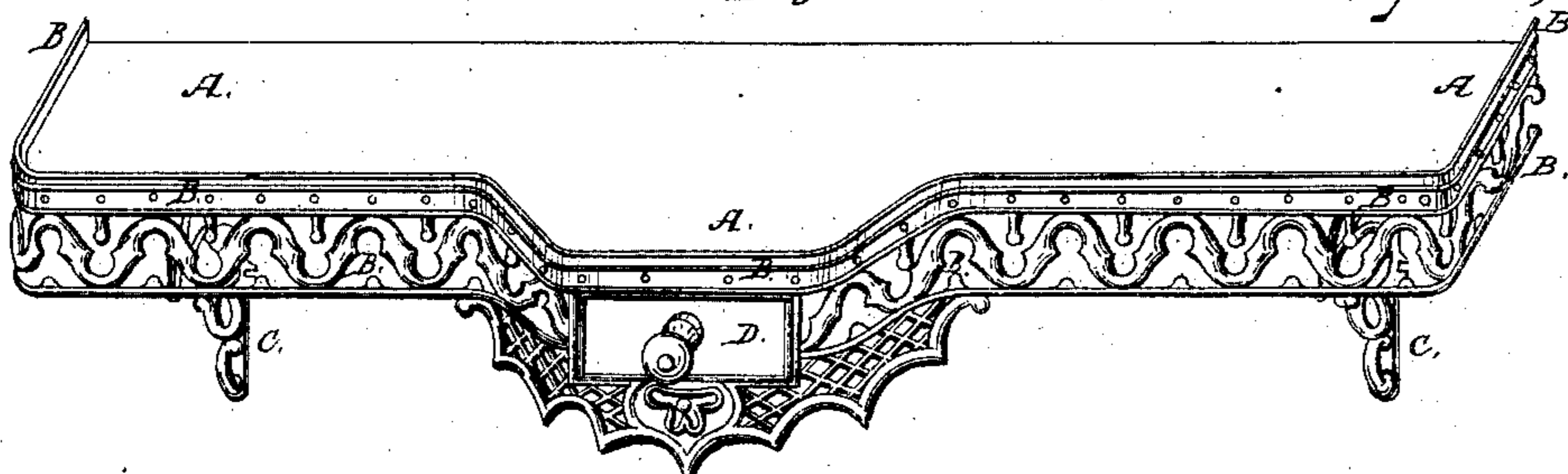


Fig. 2.

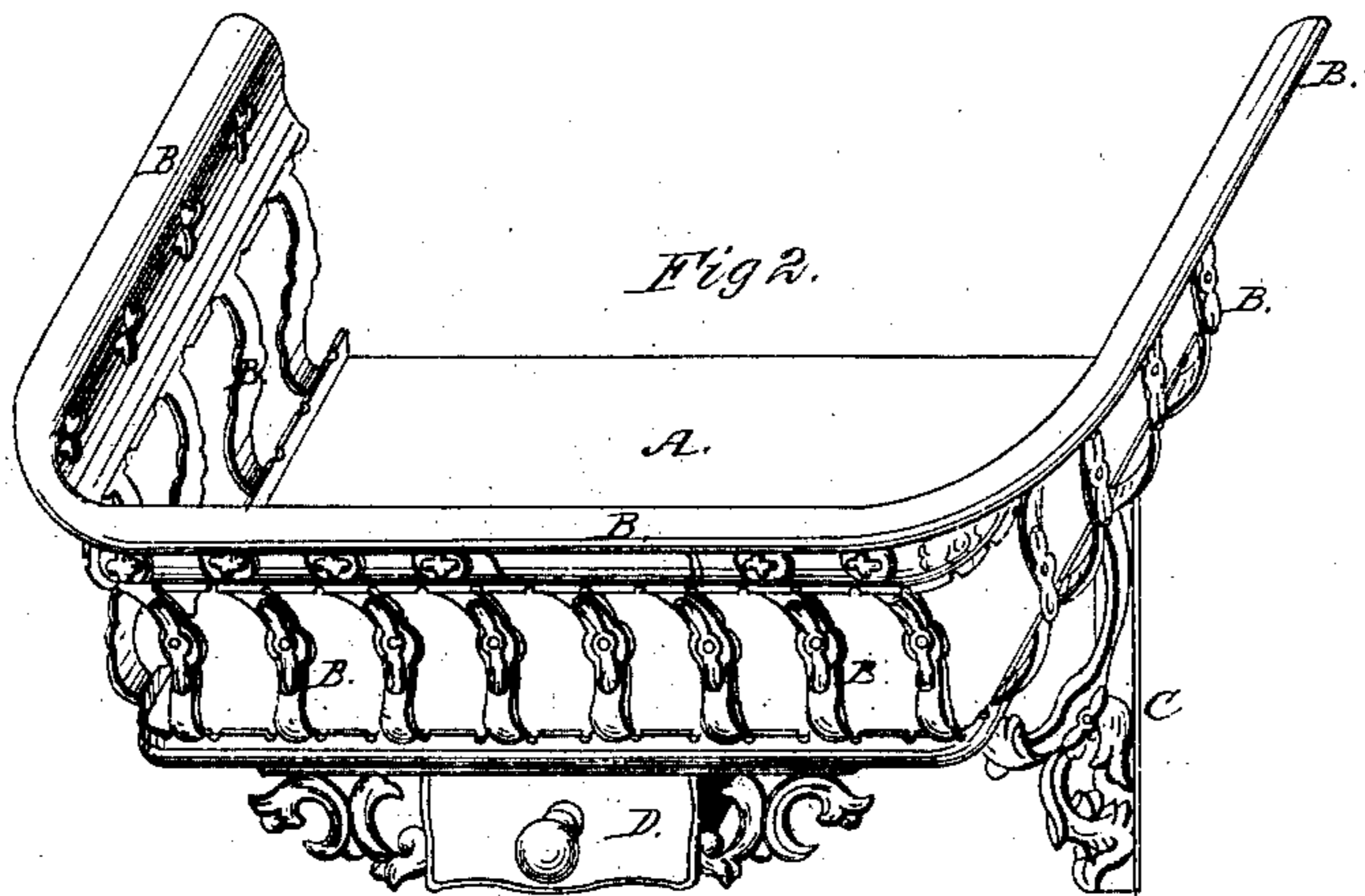


Fig. 3.

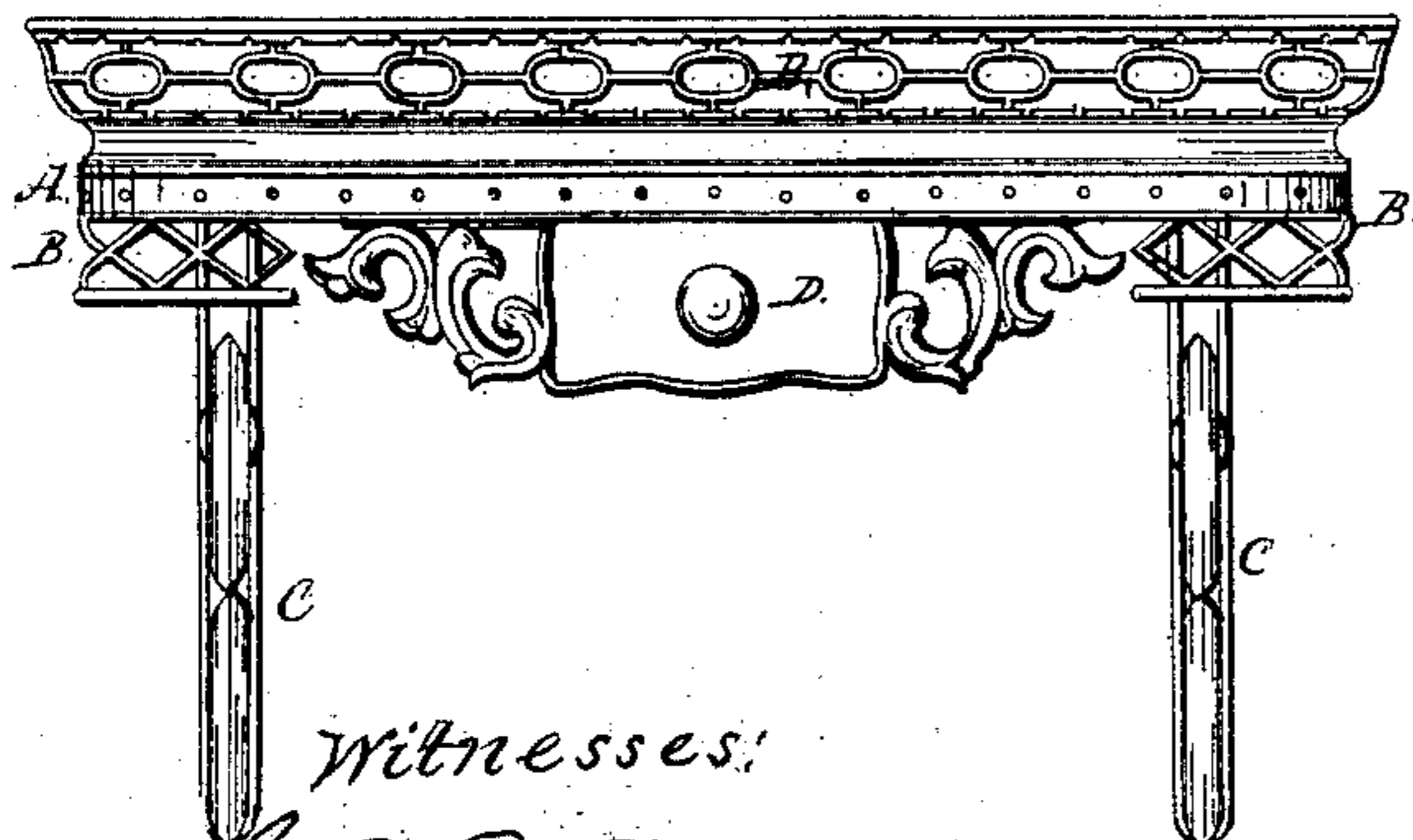
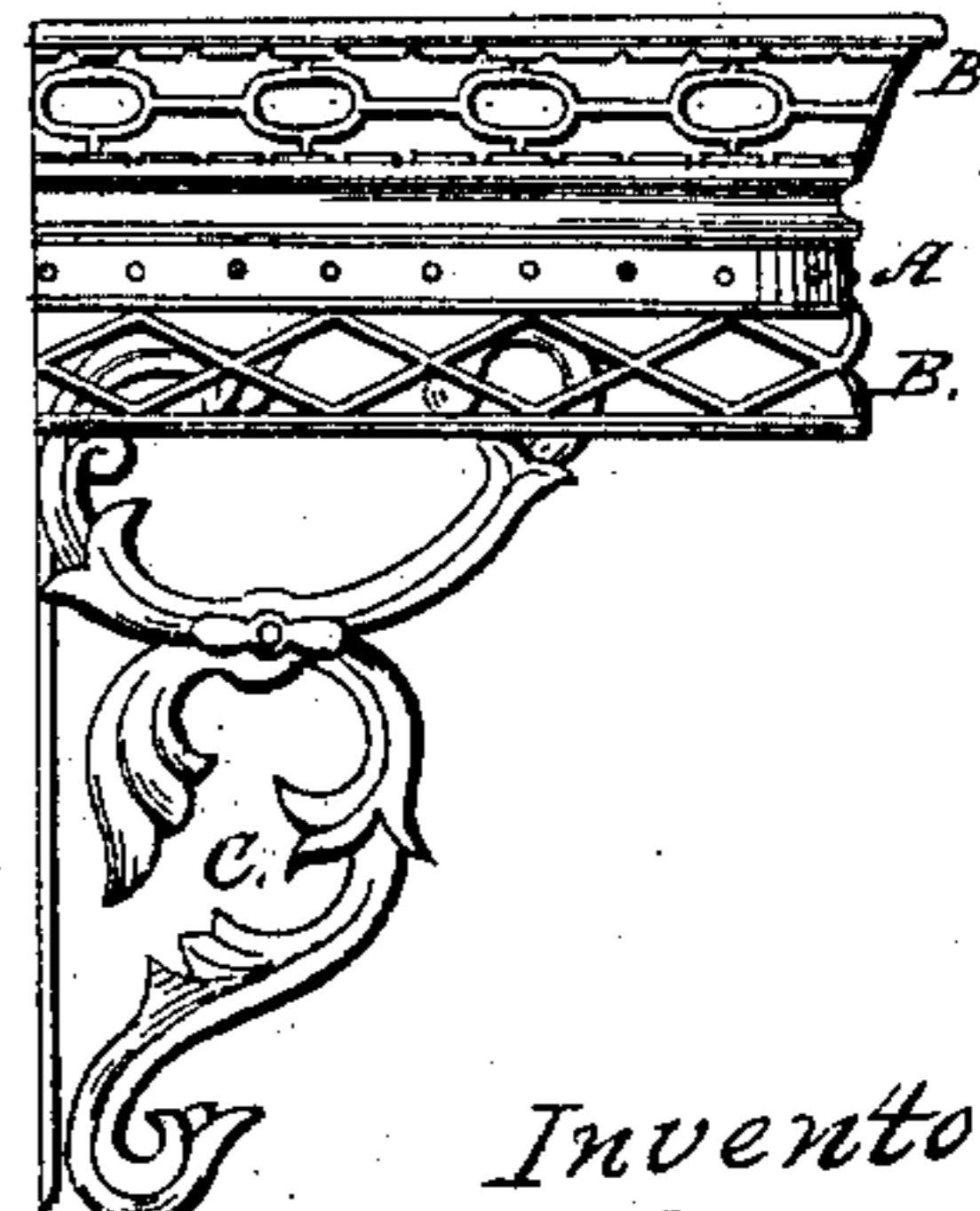


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVED BRACKET-SHELF AND DRAWER.

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, LEWIS GIBBS, of Canton, in the county of Stark, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Brackets and Shelf, and with or without a Drawer, the same being designed as a receptacle for papers, books, brushes, combs, clocks, jewelry, matches, and any other articles of a light or portable character; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figures 1, 2, and 3 represent three different modifications of one and the same general plan of construction of the shelf and brackets, and

Figure 4 represents an end view of the plan shown in fig. 3.

Similar letters of reference, where they occur in the separate figures, denote like parts of the bracketed shelf in all cases.

My invention consists in a bracketed shelf, with a railing or guard in front of the shelf, which may be fastened to the wall readily, and be removable at pleasure, and which shelf may have a drawer or drawers connected therewith, the whole being designed as a general receptacle for holding or containing such articles as are generally used about a house, office, or apartment.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the same with reference to the drawings.

The shelf portion proper, A, I prefer to make of wood, though it may, like the other portions, be made of metal, if so preferred. Around the shelf A, I make or place an ornamented or plain metallic rail or guard, B, so that whatever is placed on the shelf shall not slip off. This railing, or guard may also, for the sake of ornament, extend below the shelf, as seen in the drawings, figs. 1 and 3. Underneath the shelf A, I place metallic brackets *c c*, for the purpose of supporting the shelf against or on a wall, partition, or any other permanent object.

In fig. 1, the front central portion of the shelf is projected beyond the sides, and under this projected portion I place a drawer, D, for matches or other small articles, an additional ornamented mould or railing being placed at, around, or underneath said drawer. With the exception of the shelf proper and the drawer, the whole may be cast in highly-wrought, open, ornamental work in metal, and be made very handsome by painting or bronzing, or by being cast in brass, bronze, or other metals, the cheaper ones being cast in iron or some alloy hard enough to resist such light strains as the shelf would be ordinarily subjected to.

In fig. 2 the same general characteristics as in fig. 1 are found, the railing or guard B extending up further above the shelf A, and not so far below it. The railing, too, curves outward, and is differently ornamented. The drawer D and brackets C are in the same general location, and for the same general purpose.

In figs. 3 and 4 the railing extends both above and below the shelf A; otherwise, except as to its ornamentation, it is the same as in figs. 1 and 2. The drawer, when designed for a match-drawer, may have a sand or other roughened bottom on or to it, to draw the match upon, but the shelf may be made without the drawer, but is more complete with it.

The ornamentation on the castings may be changed *ad infinitum*, and, of course, I do not restrict myself to any special kind or character of ornament.

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

A bracketed shelf, with ornamented or plain railing or guard around its margins or edges, and with a drawer, substantially in the manner and for the purpose herein described and represented.

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