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Fig: 1.

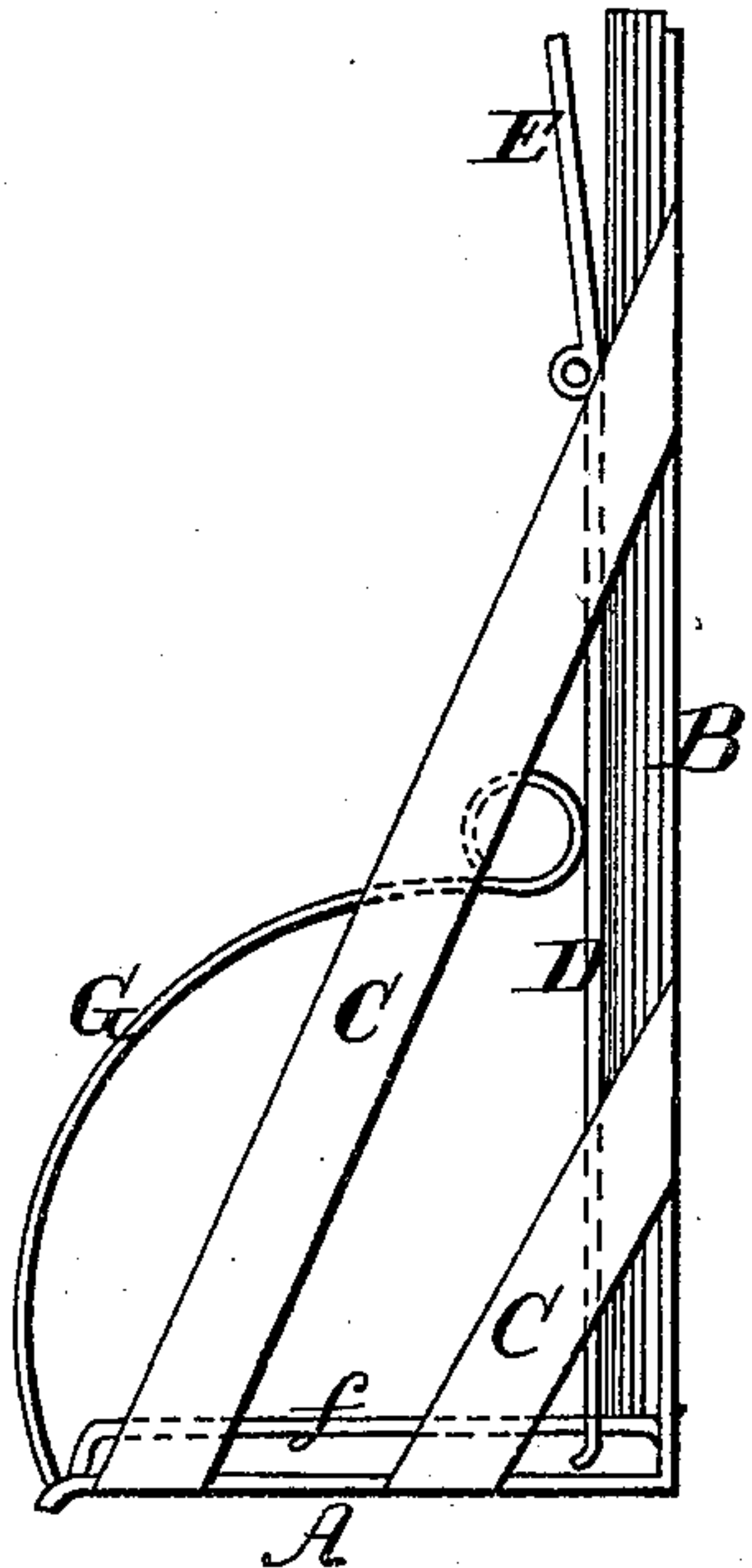
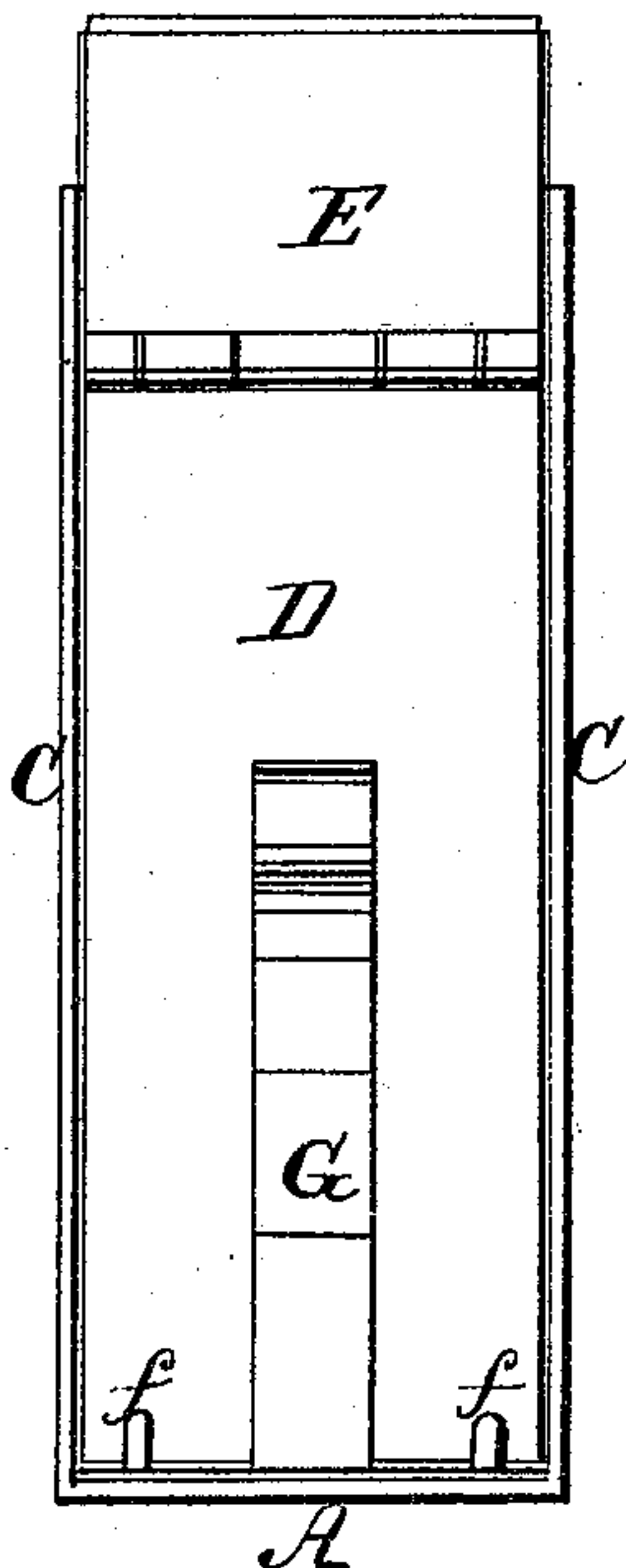


Fig: 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PAPER-FILES.

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, JAMES D. FIELD, of Wataga, in the county of Knox, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and improved Bill-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and improved method for holding bills or orders, or other papers which it may be necessary to refer to.

And the invention consists in securing the bills in an open frame, by a plate, which is pressed against them by a spring, and in attaching the plate to guides on the frame, as will be hereinafter more fully described.

Figure 1 is a side view of the bill-holder, showing the manner of its construction, and the method of holding the papers, the red lines representing the papers.

Figure 2 is a front view of the same, showing the plate, and the spring bearing against it.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This bill-holder is made of tin or other suitable material, and consists of a base, A, and back B, which are placed at right angles with each other, as seen in the drawing.

The two are properly supported by side-strips or braces C C, placed diagonally from one to the other, and attached thereto, as seen in the drawing.

These braces are on each side of the holder, and the bills are confined between them.

D is the plate, which corresponds in width and length with the width and length of the back B.

The upper portion of this plate is hinged to the lower part, for convenience in inspecting the bills.

This hinged portion is marked E.

The bottom of the plate D is guided by the wires *f*, which pass through it on each side, as seen in the drawing.

G is the spring, which is attached to the base, A, and which bears against the plate D with a constant pressure.

As the bills increase in number, the plate D is moved outward, but the spring G always holds it to its place against the papers, keeping them smooth and in order.

When a bill is inserted, or when they are inspected, the flap E is turned down, so that the bill can be readily pushed down inside the plate, and so that the filings of the bills can be easily inspected.

This simple method of keeping bills or other papers will commend itself to all who appreciate the importance of neatness and order in the disposition of important papers.

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A bill-holder, constructed of the parts A B C, plate D, with the hinged flap E, guides *f*, and spring G, arranged substantially as described, for the purposes set forth.

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