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Fig: 1.

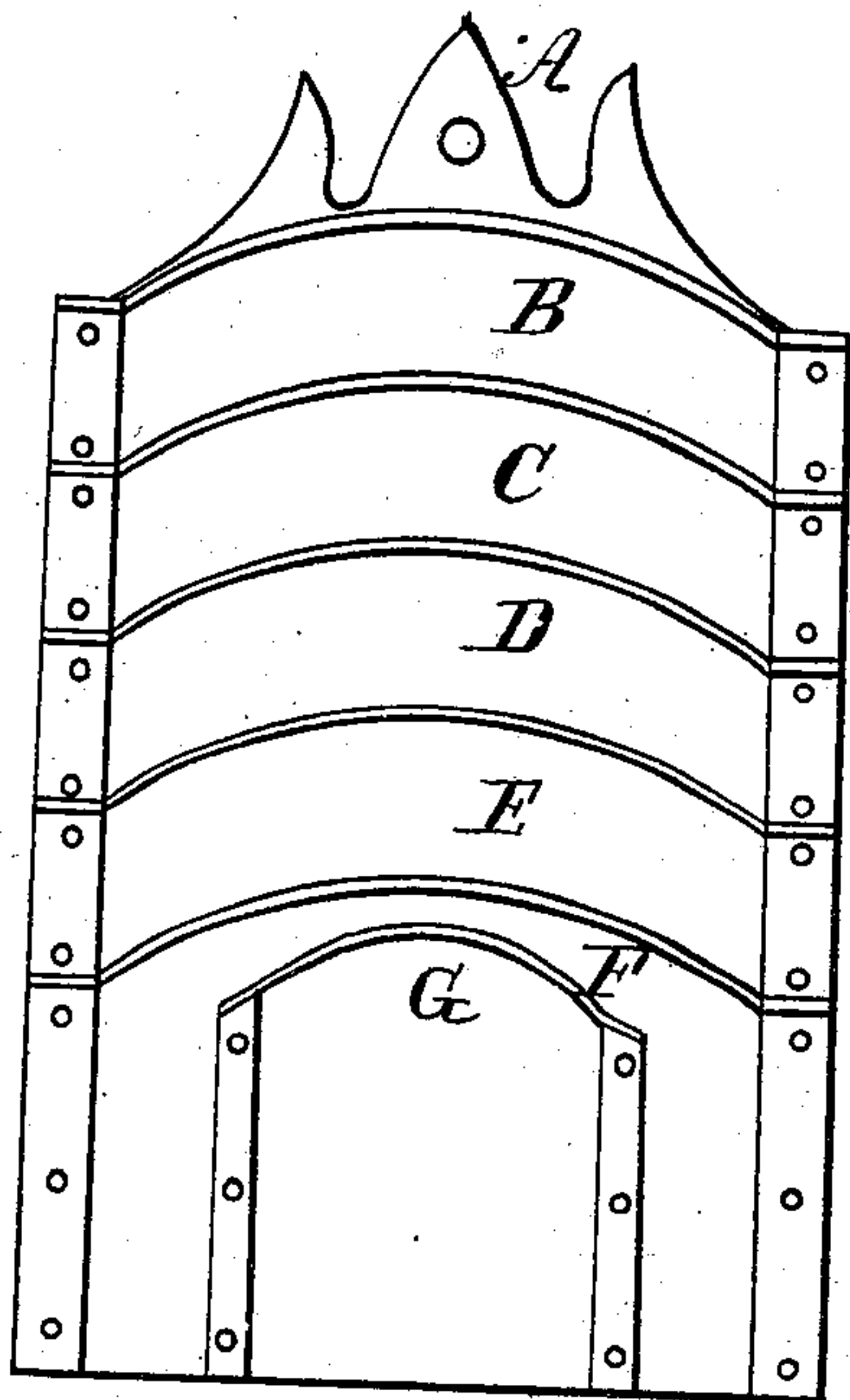


Fig: 2.

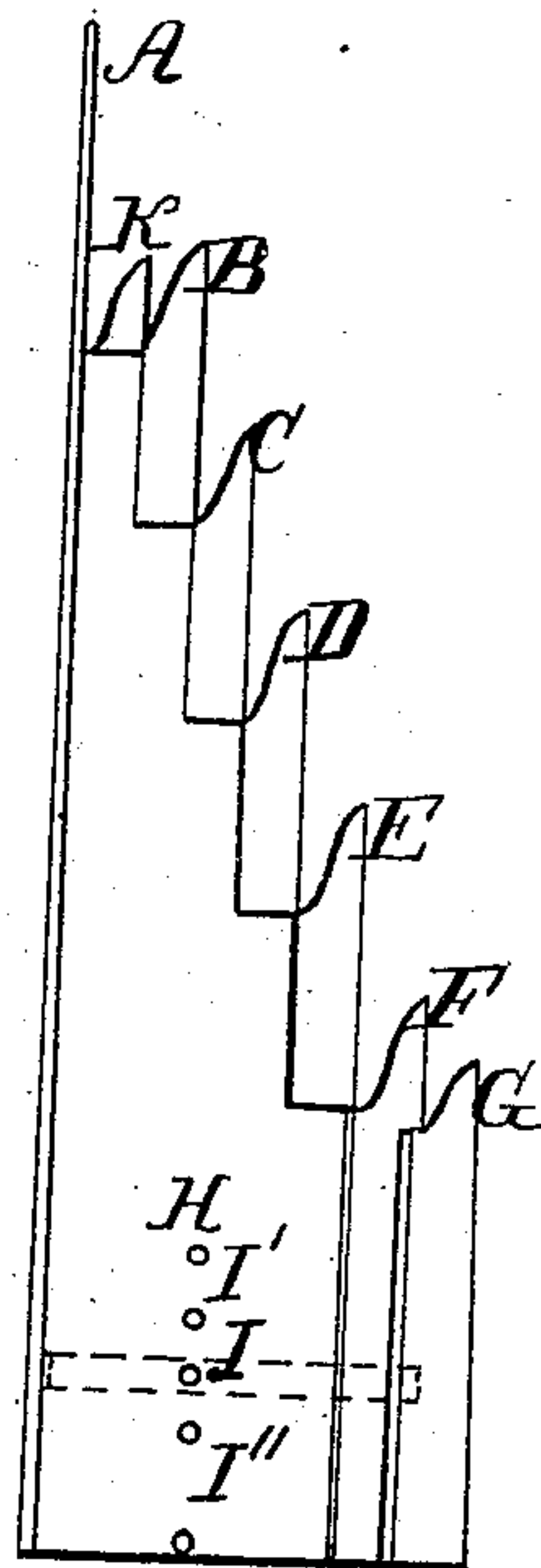
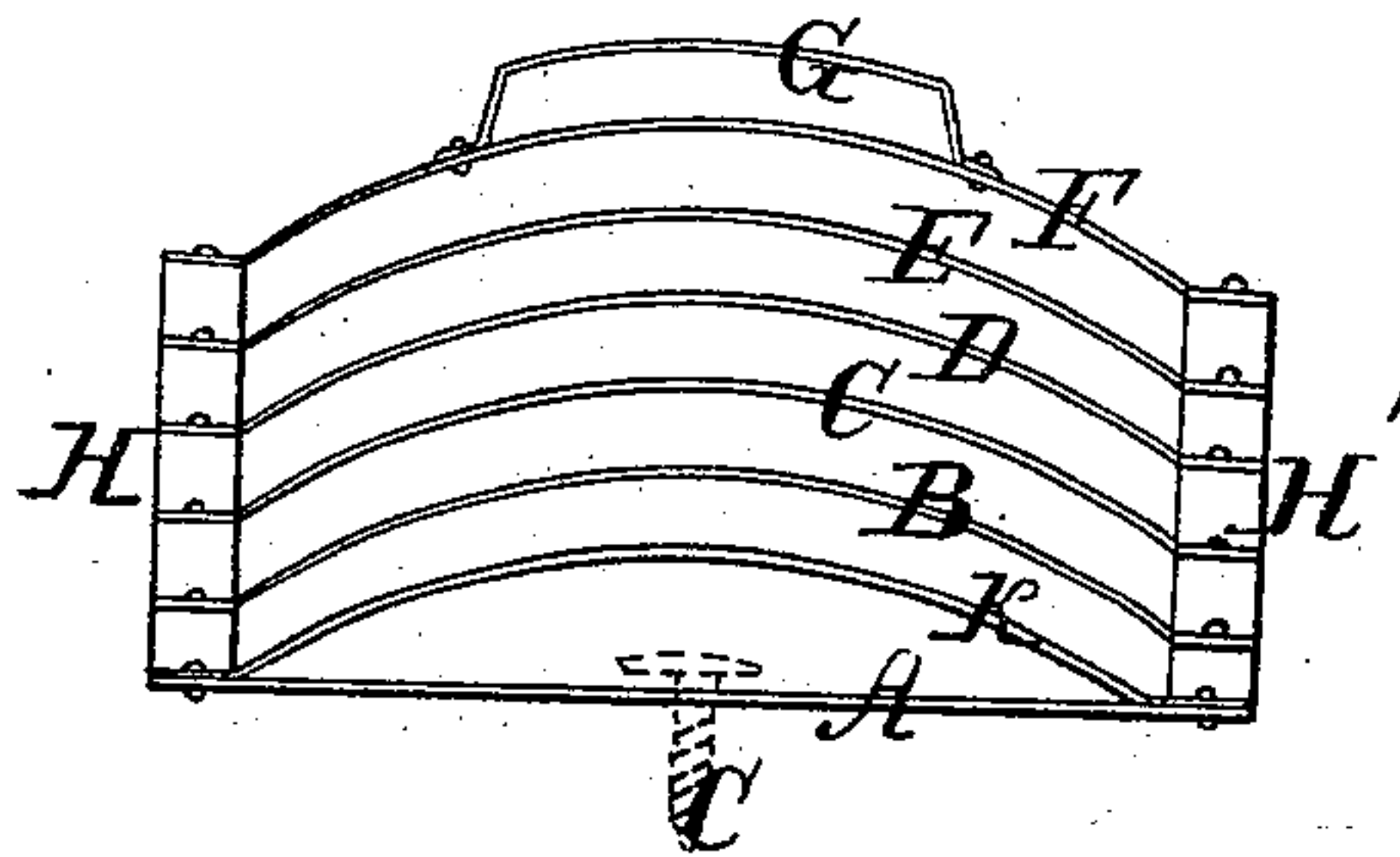


Fig: 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BILL-HOLDERS.

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, J. A. M. COLLINS, of the city of Keokuk, county of Lee, State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Blank-Bill Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved blank-bill holder;

Figure 2 is a side view of the same; and

Figure 3 is a top view of the same apparatus.

The object of this invention is to form a holder for blank bills, and other blanks and papers for the use of business-men, as an improved article of manufacture, which will hold the papers in good shape, so as to be self-supporting, and not flap over and bend down, or acquire a set inconvenient to write on.

To do this, I make a holder, after the general plan of holders in use for such purposes, but with the peculiarities of structure and form as shown in the drawings, and set forth herein.

The holder is formed of sheet-metal, with side pieces of wood, H H', or otherwise.

The dividing-parts B C D E F form pockets for holding blank bills, or papers of different sizes, as required

by business-men, one rising above another, to suit the different heights of the papers.

G forms a smaller pocket.

K is the back of the pockets, and

A is the back of the apparatus.

I shows, in dotted lines, the end of a bottom piece to rest the lower end of the papers on.

This fits between the side pieces H H', and can be held up at any height, to suit the range of papers, by a screw in the sides H H', which may be placed in any of a line of holes, I' I".

Now, to form my improved article of manufacture, I bend the several divisions of the pockets K B C D E F G, as shown in fig. 3, to bow out, so that papers held therein will stand in the form of a section of part of a vertical cylinder, and thereby become self-supporting, and not flap over, bend down, or acquire a bad set of shape for writing on and use by business-men.

What I claim, is—

The improved article of manufacture, made of such form as to hold papers in the form of part of a cylinder, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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