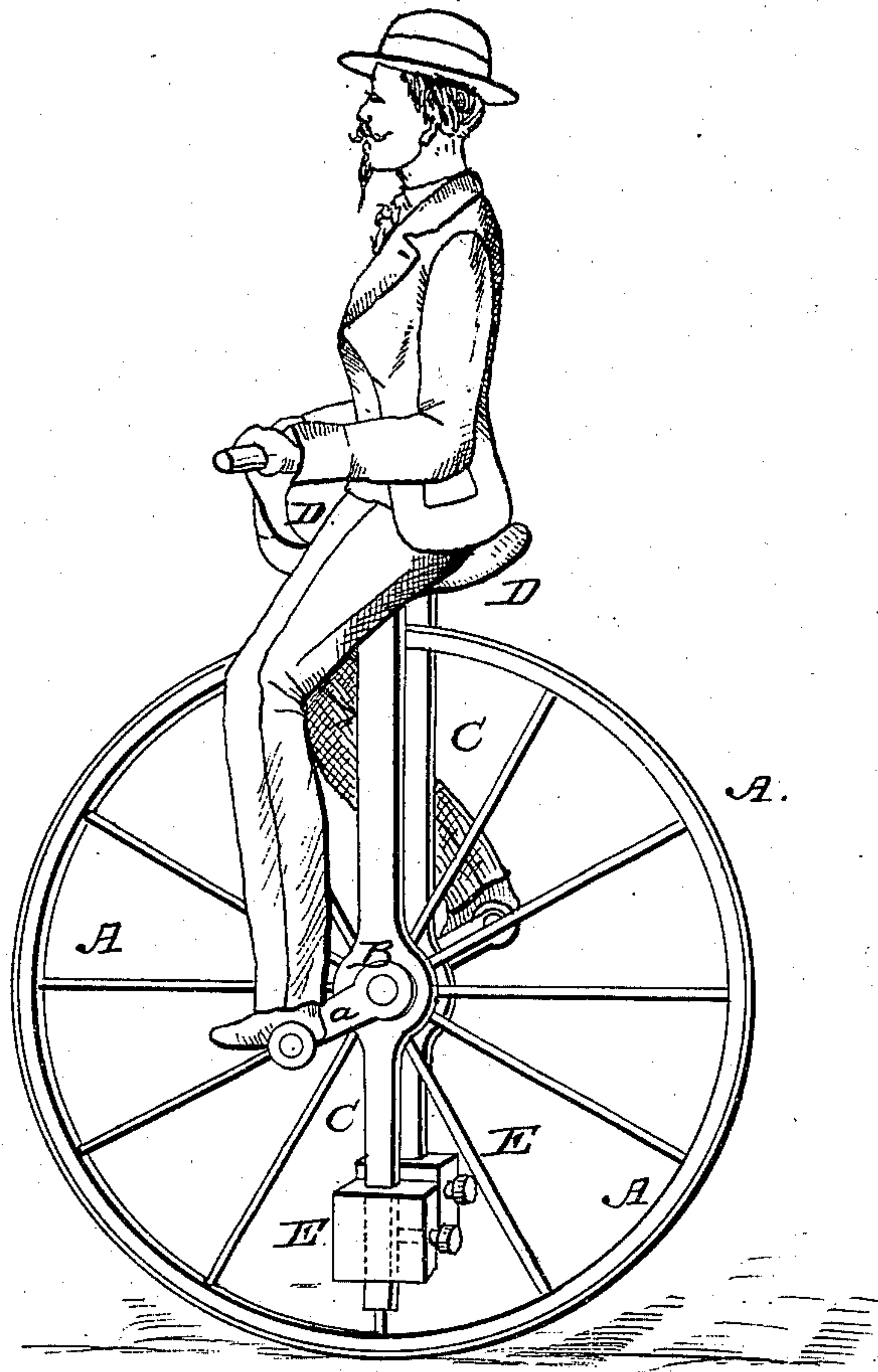


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## IMPROVED VELOCIPEDE.

*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, THOMAS W. WARD, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and improved One-Wheeled Velocipede; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

The drawing represents a perspective view of my improved one-wheeled velocipede.

This invention relates to a certain improvement on that class of one-wheeled velocipedes in which the driver's seat is arranged above the wheel, it being pivoted to the axle of the same.

The invention has for its object to provide for an easy balancing of the frame, and consists in attaching weights to the lower end of the seat-frame, whereby the same will be retained in a vertical position.

The balance can, with this weight-attachment, not be so readily lost as without it, and the operation of the one-wheeled velocipede is made easier and more practicable.

A, in the drawing, represents the wheel of the velocipede.

B is its axle, which has its bearings in the forked, or slotted frame C, on top of which the seat D is supported above the wheel.

From the lower ends of the frame are suspended, as near to the ground as possible, weights E E, which tend to keep the frame in a vertical position, and which are intended to balance the weight of the rider, so that the difficulty of holding the seat in the desired direction, above the axle, will be considerably reduced.

The velocipede may be propelled by means of foot-cranks *a a*, or by other suitable mechanism.

Having thus described my invention,

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

The weights E E, suspended from the lower ends of the frame C of a one-wheeled velocipede, for the purpose of balancing the frame, substantially as herein shown and described.

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