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Card Rack.*

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Fig. 1.

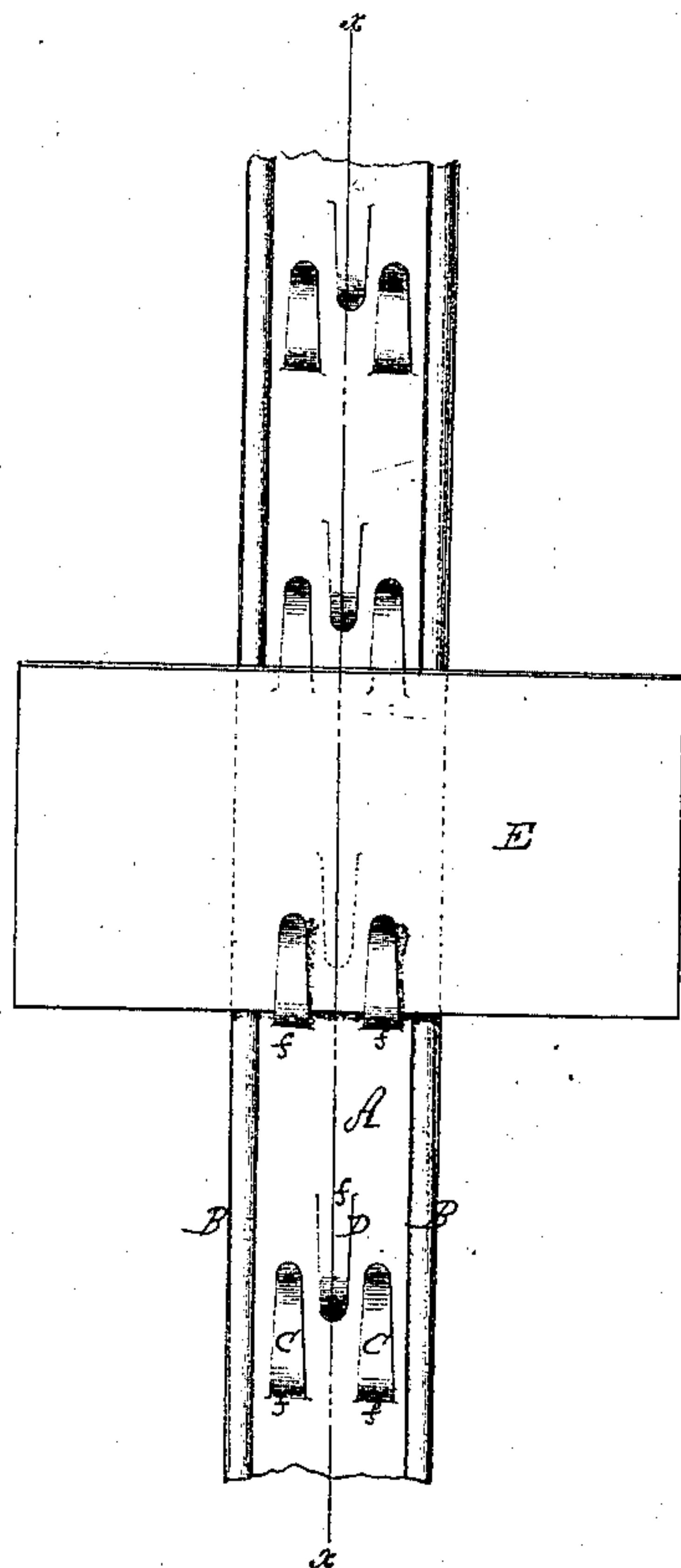
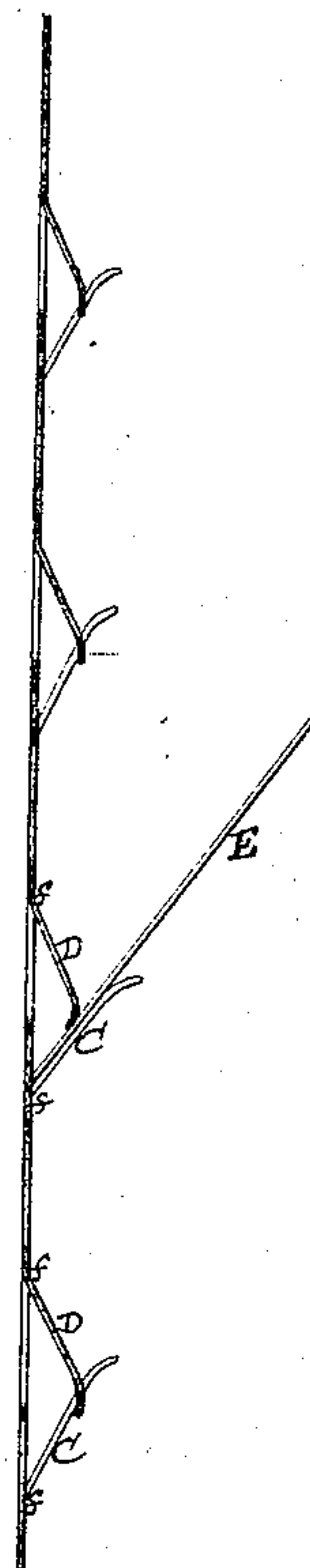


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CARD-RACKS.

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, CHARLES F. WILSON, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Card-Holder; 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.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in device for holding cards, whereby durability, cheapness, and simplicity are combined, while the position of the card is secured in the most effective manner.

The invention consists in forming of metal, or other suitable material, by cutting or punching, a succession of fingers and tongues, and bending them, so that while the fingers support the card, the tongue acts as a spring against the back of the card, and holds it more securely, as will be hereinafter more fully described.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 represents a front view of a rack thus formed, as when in use.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal section of the same through the line *x x*.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents a strip of metal, or other suitable material, (it may be thin hoop or band-metal,) brass being preferred.

The edges of this strip may be beaded or flanged, so as to ornament and stiffen it, as seen at B B.

C C represent the fingers, and D, the tongue, by which the card is held.

E represents the card.

The fingers and tongue are cut from the strip, except at the base-end of each, as at *f*, and are bent out from that point, as seen at fig. 2, so that while the card rests against the inside of the fingers, with its lower edge in the angle above *f*, the tongue acts as a spring against the back of the card, and holds it securely to its place.

The arrangement may be such that either or both the fingers and tongue may act as springs for holding the card, if such a mode be preferred.

A single finger and tongue, or more than one tongue and more than two fingers, may be used, if desired, and these parts may be duplicated to any required extent on the same plate or strip.

In hotels or business-houses these strips thus prepared, of any desired length, and in any desired number, may be attached to a movable frame, or to any fixture or wall, for the purpose of exhibiting and preserving business or other cards.

The strips may be prepared by machinery, with great rapidity, thus forming a very cheap, desirable, and efficient method of holding and exhibiting cards.

Having thus described my invention,

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

The construction and arrangement on the strip of metal A, of the hooks C C and the tongue D, punched up from the strip, in the manner described.

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