

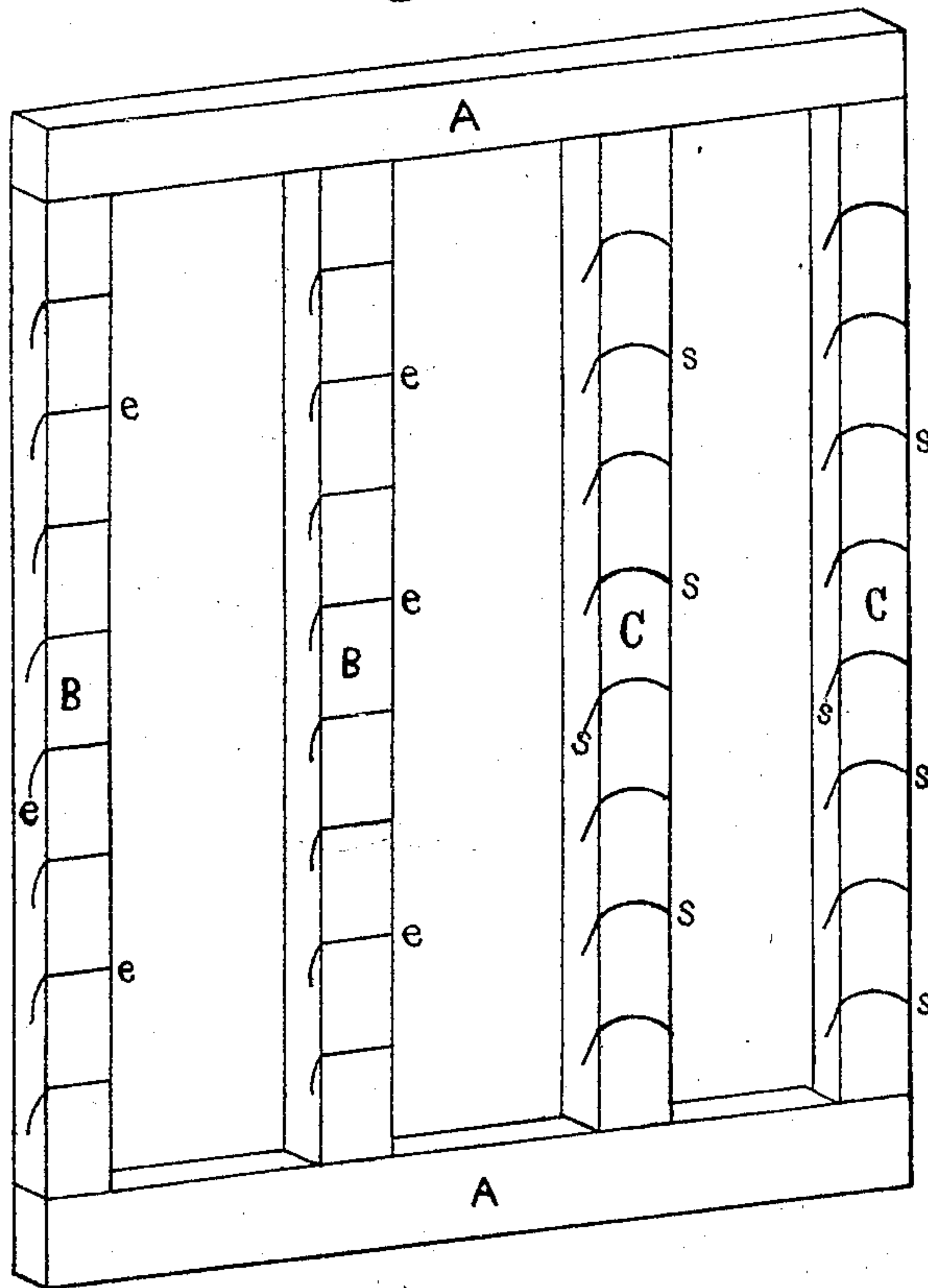
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Fig. 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CARD-RACKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JEFFERSON J. GRAY, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Card-Racks, of which the following is a specification:

The object of this invention is to provide a cheap, simple, and durable means for holding business-cards or other similar articles in a suitable position to be read whenever desired, and admit of such being inserted and held in a permanent manner without the aid of springs; and it consists of a wooden frame provided with a suitable number of cross-pieces, which are provided upon their front sides with a series of curved grooves extending downward upon an angle, and of sufficient width to admit of the edge of a card being inserted in the same by bending the edge of the card correspondingly with the form of the groove, when the tendency of the card will be to resume its former position, or straighten out; thus the spring of the card itself will hold it securely in the curved groove. A card-rack may be made of a single piece, if desired.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a card-rack embodying my invention.

A A' are the top and bottom pieces of a card-rack. B B' and C C' are cross-pieces. In the former the grooves are curved longitudinally, and in the latter they are curved transversely. *eee* represent a series of grooves, cut at short intervals from each other. These are sawed by an ordinary jig-saw to the depth and width desired. *ssss* represent the transverse curved grooves. These are sawed by a small cylinder saw. I prefer this form of groove to the former one; either or both may be used if desirable.

Thus I am enabled to construct a cheap, simple, and convenient card-rack, entirely of wood, thereby dispensing with metal springs, which are expensive, and liable to injury in transportation.

What I claim is—

The combination of the curved grooves *eee*, or *ssss*, with the upright pieces B B' or C C' provided with suitable end pieces A A', substantially in the manner described, as and for the purposes set forth.

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