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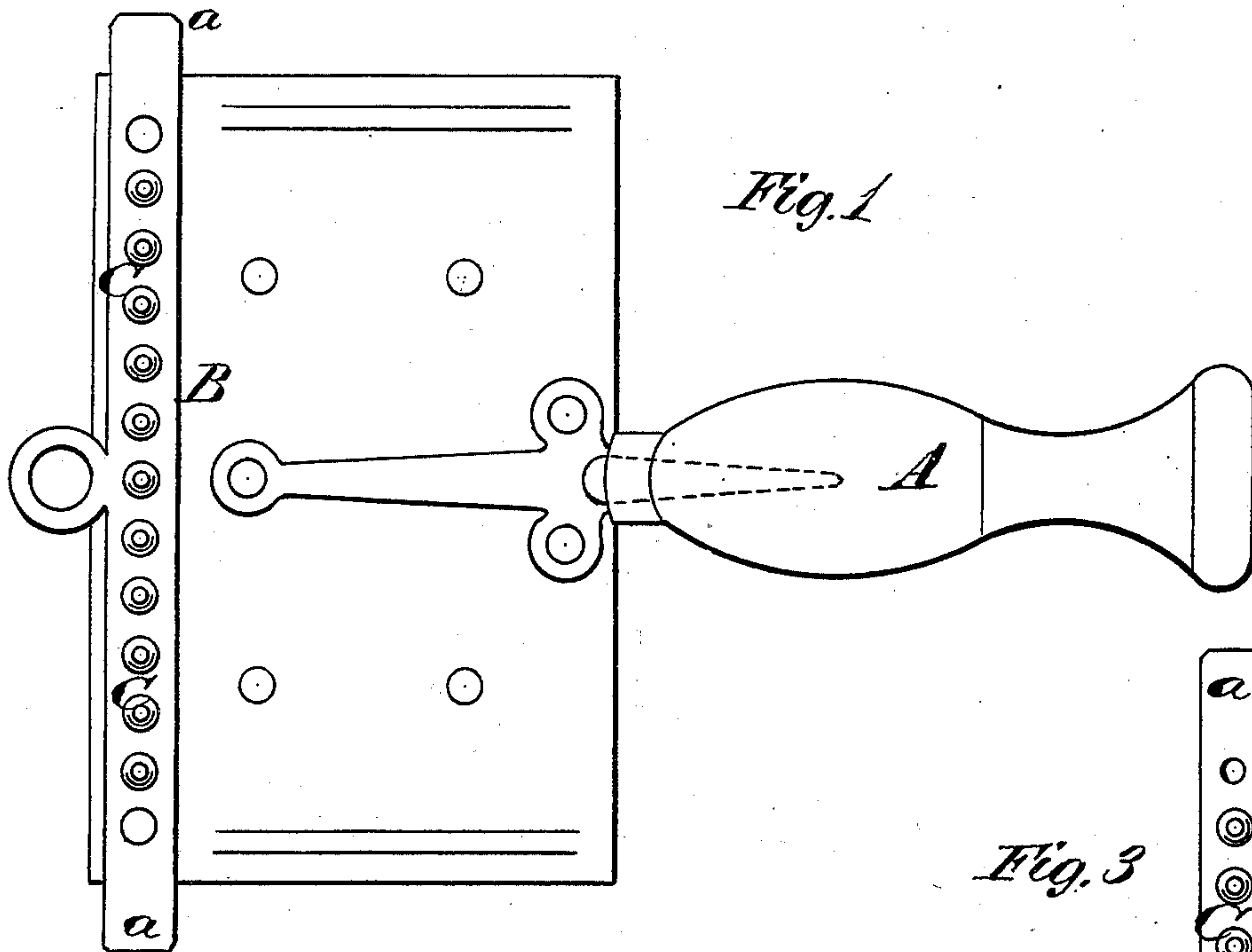


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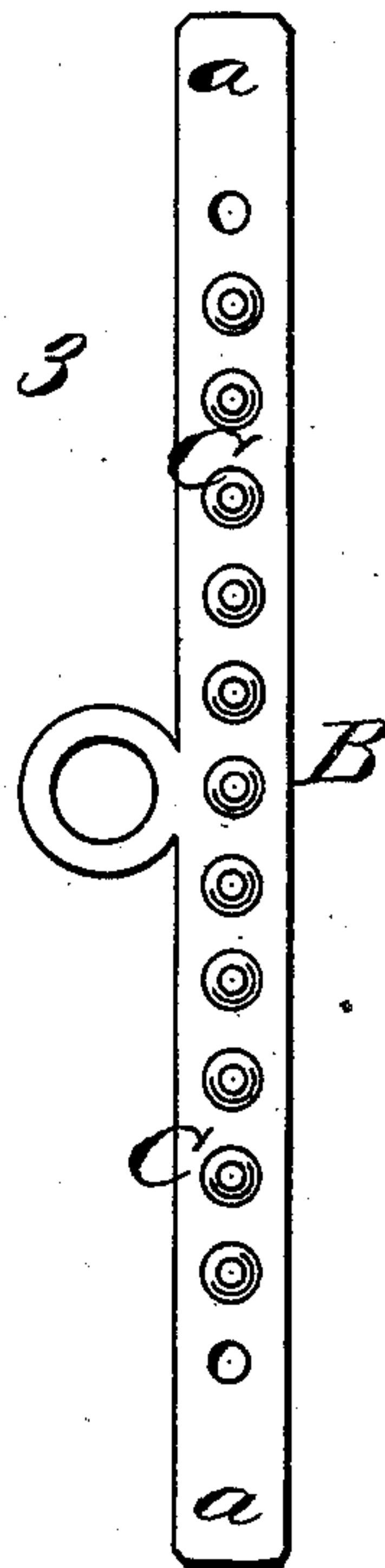
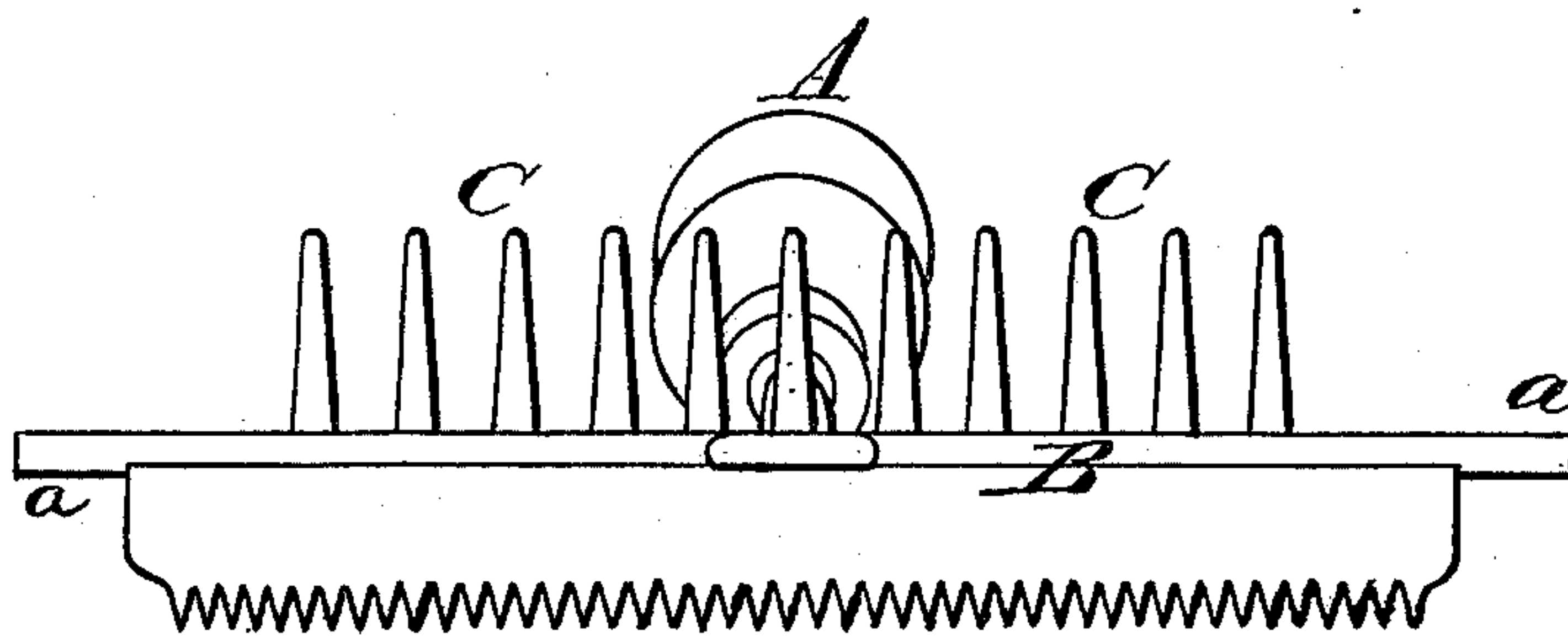


Fig. 2



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CURRY-COMBS.

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### CASE C.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. HOTCHKISS, of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Curry-Combs; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a plan view of my curry-comb, and Fig. 2 is a front view thereof. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the cross-bar and its mane-teeth.

This invention relates to curry-combs which are made of sheet metal; and the nature of my invention consists in the construction of the teeth of the mane-comb, the knockers, and the bar holding said teeth, all of one piece, either with or without the ring for hanging up the curry-comb, as will be hereinafter explained.

In the annexed drawings, I have represented my improvement applied to a "close-back" curry-comb having a wooden handle, A, secured to it, but the improvement will be found useful for curry-combs of various kinds, and therefore I do not limit my invention to the kind of comb which I have represented.

B designates a bar, which is strongly secured to the back or frame of the curry-comb, the

ends *a a* of which bar are extended beyond the ends of the comb-back, and made to serve as knockers in the act of beating the dust from the comb. On the back of this bar I cast the mane-teeth C, and at the middle of its length I cast a loop or ring, which is used for hanging up the curry-comb. This ring is not essential, and it may be omitted.

It will be seen from the above description that the knockers, the teeth for combing the mane, and the bar B are cast entire, and that they may be firmly secured to a curry-comb by two rivets, making a very substantial and neat attachment, as well as a very cheap one.

I am aware that a mane-comb with bar, shank, and teeth formed in one piece is not new, and that such construction is shown in the patent to C. B. Bristol, dated November 3, 1868. I therefore lay no claim to the invention thereof, broadly; but

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

The mane-comb teeth C, the comb bar or back B, and the knockers *a*, formed entire, and adapted for the purposes herein specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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