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TOY-PISTOL.

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Fig: 1.

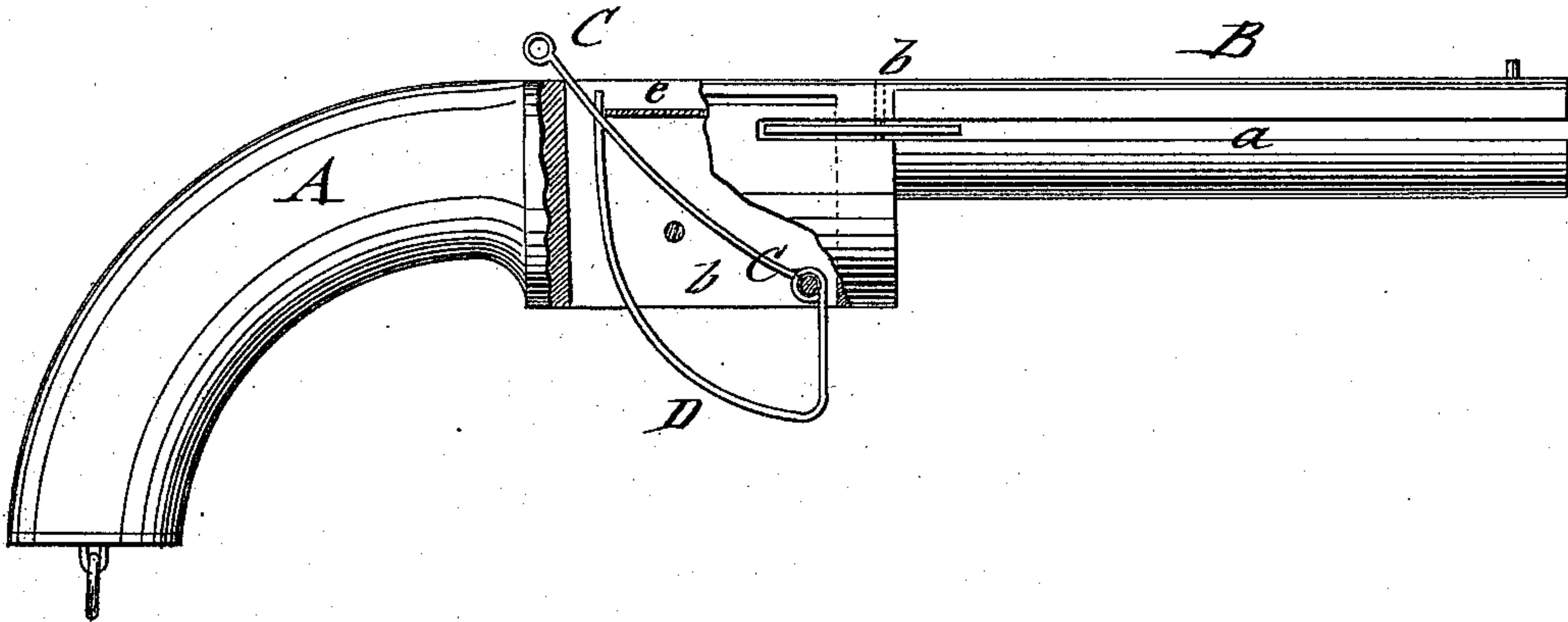


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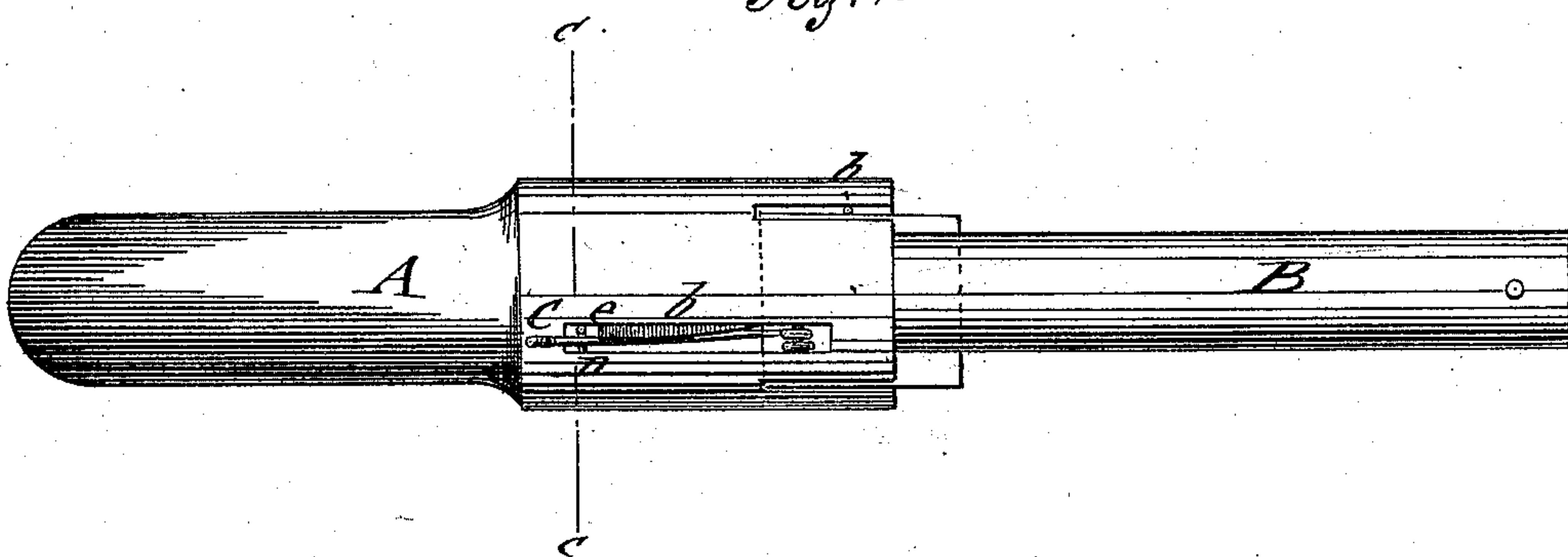


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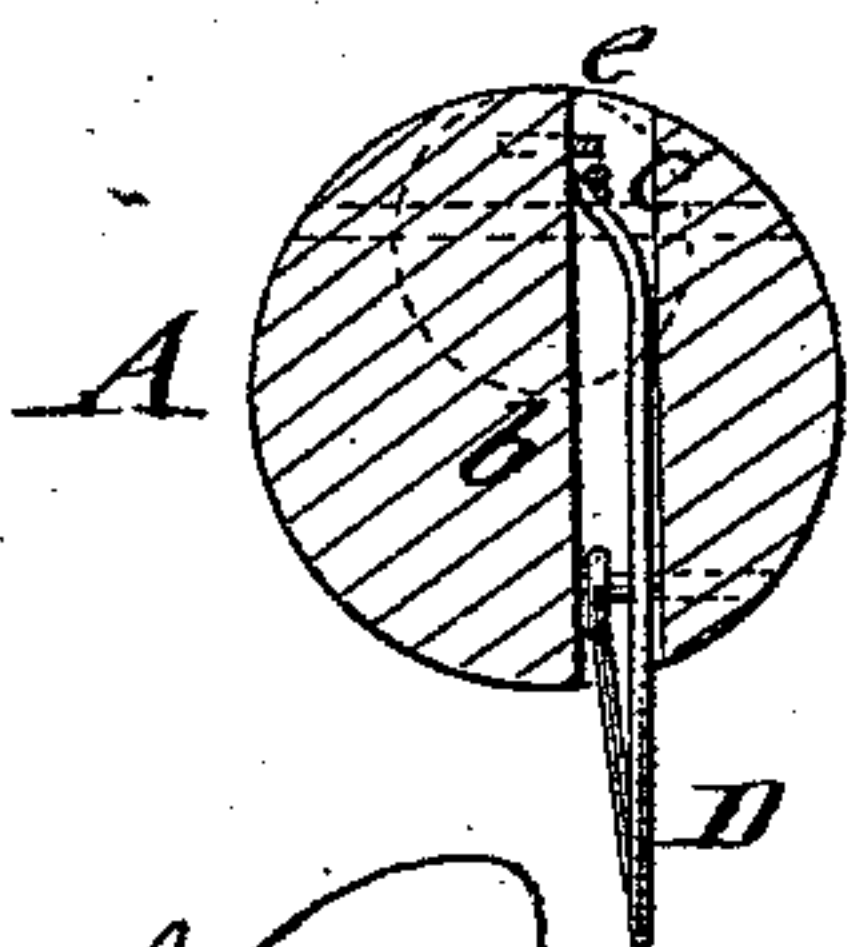
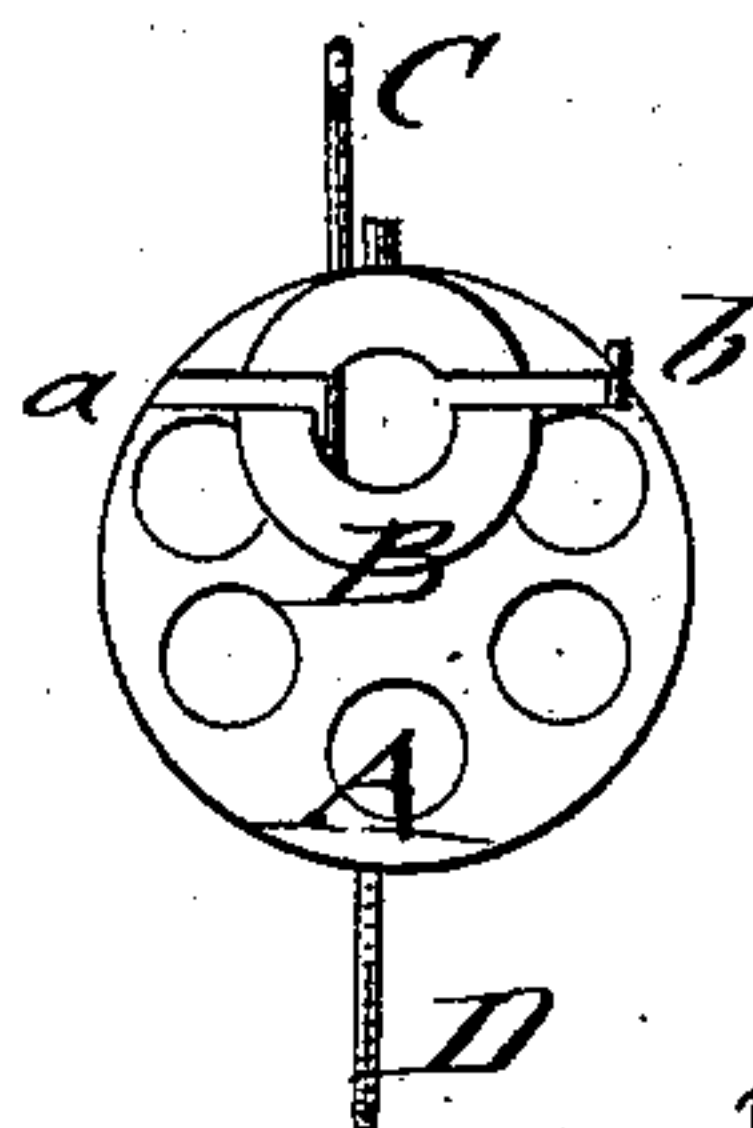


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IMPROVEMENT IN TOY PISTOLS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 174,229, dated February 29, 1876; application filed December 27, 1875.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, SAMUEL D. GOODALE and DEXTER C. GOODALE, of Du Quoin, in the county of Perry and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Toy Pistol, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a side elevation, partly in section, of our improved toy pistol; Fig. 2, a top view; and Figs. 3 and 4, respectively, a vertical transverse section on line *c c*, Fig. 2, and an end view of the pistol.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of our invention is to furnish for the amusement of children a toy pistol that throws small pieces of card-paper, and forms an innocent, harmless, and entertaining toy.

The invention consists of a toy pistol or gun with slotted barrel, that guides a piece of card-paper propelled by the action of a spring-hammer that is attached to a guide recess or slot at the breech of the barrel, and retained by a catch, and released by a trigger.

In the drawing, A represents a toy pistol, revolver, or gun, which is made of wood, metal, or other material, and provided with a barrel, B, having a central slot, *a*, extending nearly through the entire length of the same.

A small piece of card-paper, of about the width of the barrel, is introduced into the guide-slot *a*, and carried back to the rear end of the same, where a guard-pin, *b*, is applied to secure the correct position of the card. The breech end of the barrel B is furthermore provided with a diametrical slot, *d*, at right angles to the barrel-slot *a*. An inclined catch-piece, *e*, at the upper end of breech-slot projects into slot *b*, and serves to retain a spring-hammer, C, that extends above slot, to be readily taken hold of and carried back to the square rear end of the catch. A spring-trigger, D, is made in one piece of wire with the hammer, and extended first below the breech-

slot, and then bent in upward direction toward the catch *e*, where it comes in contact with the hammer, so as to release the same when the lower part of the trigger is pulled. The spring-hammer is thrown, on being released, with considerable force against the paper-card, which is propelled thereby with considerable velocity, first along the guide-slot of the barrel, and then through the air, being dropped at some distance from the shooter. By carrying the hammer back and inserting a new piece of card-paper, the pistol is ready for the next shot.

The barrel may be provided with a bore to reduce the surface of the guide-slot, and thereby the friction of the paper missile in its passage along the same.

Thus a simple, cheap, and harmless toy pistol or gun is furnished to children, who may derive a great deal of merriment therefrom, without injury or hurt to objects or persons.

A practical application of the above-enumerated principles of our toy gun may be made for the purpose of throwing written or printed messages on board of passing steamships or other water-crafts, also to the delivery of important dispatches on board of passing railroad-trains.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination, with a barrel having horizontal slot open at the muzzle end, of an elastic trigger, D, pivoted at the lower end of a vertical slot, *b*, of pistol, having one end, C, extending above said slot, and the other resting behind the inclined catch *e*, as and for the purpose specified.

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