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WALL-BRACKET.

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Fig. 1.

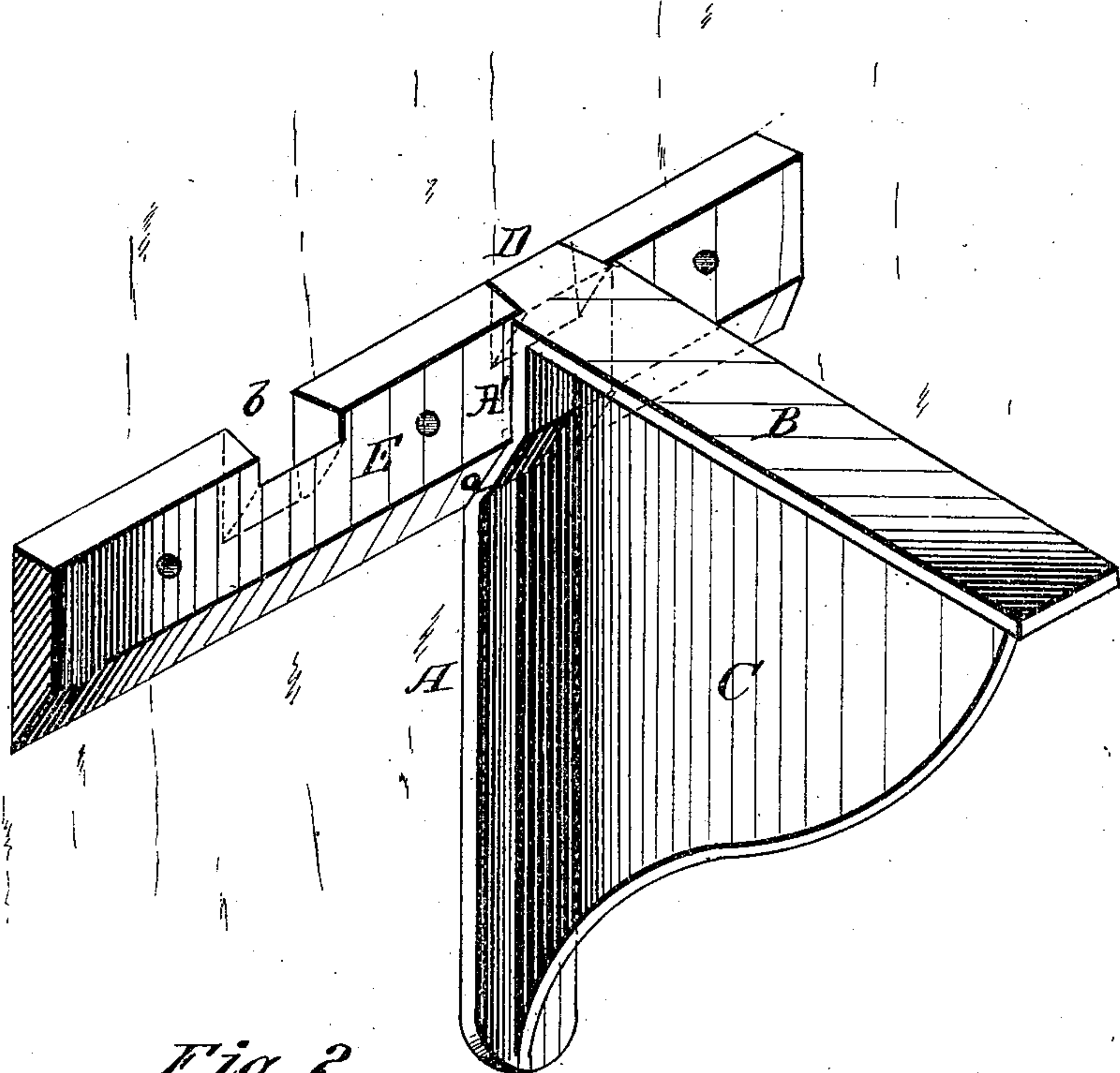
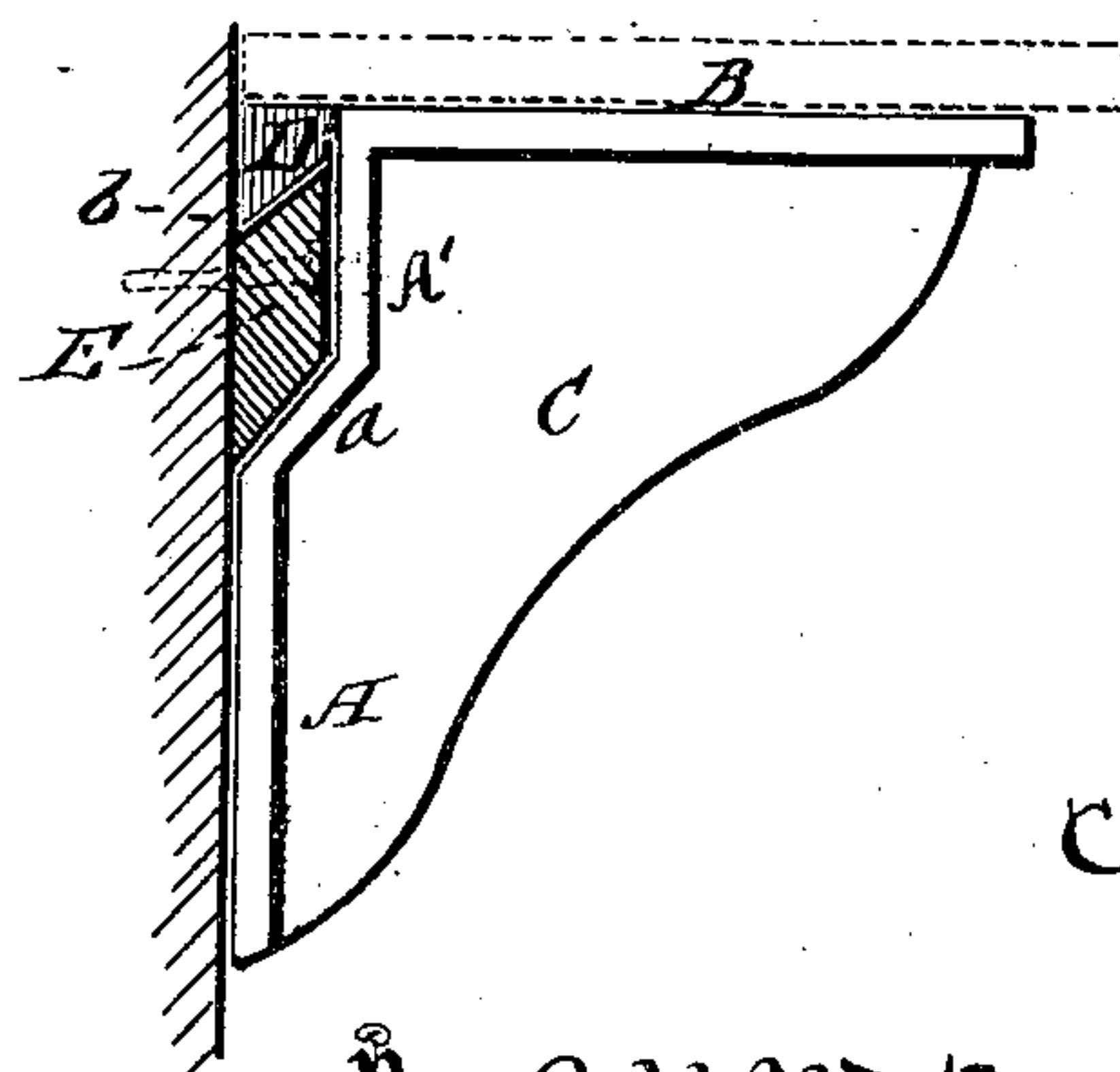


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN WALL-BRACKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. LATHAM, of Mystic River, in the county of New London and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Brackets; 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 which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a wall-bracket, whereby the difficulty of fastening the same securely to the wall is obviated, and the bracket easily taken down and put up, as desired.

In the annexed drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same.

The bracket is formed in the usual manner of a vertical bar or back, A, a horizontal top bar, B, and fancy brace C connecting the same. The back-bar A forms, a suitable distance below its upper end, an upward and forward incline, *a*, and from the upper end of said incline the back-bar is extended upward to the top bar B, as shown at A'. The rear end of the top bar B, beyond the part A' of the back, forms a triangular lug or hook, D, the lower side of which is inclined parallel with the incline *a*. E represents a strip of wood, having

its lower edge beveled to correspond with the incline *a*, and in the center of its upper edge is a notch, *b*, and incline *d*, as shown, for the lug or hook D to fit in and over. This wood strip E is of such width and thickness that when placed in the bracket its rear side will be flush with the back-bar A of the bracket, and its upper edge will be flush with the upper surface of the top bar B.

In fastening the ordinary brackets the studding seldom comes in the right place, and all there is to fasten to is the lath, which is slight. My invention will obviate this difficulty, as the strip E may be of any desired length, and can be fastened securely to the wall, and the bracket then hung to the strip. The bracket can be more readily taken down for papering or other purposes.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A wall-bracket having its back-bar A formed with the incline *a* and sunken part A', and provided with the hook D, to admit of the bracket being hung upon a strip, E, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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