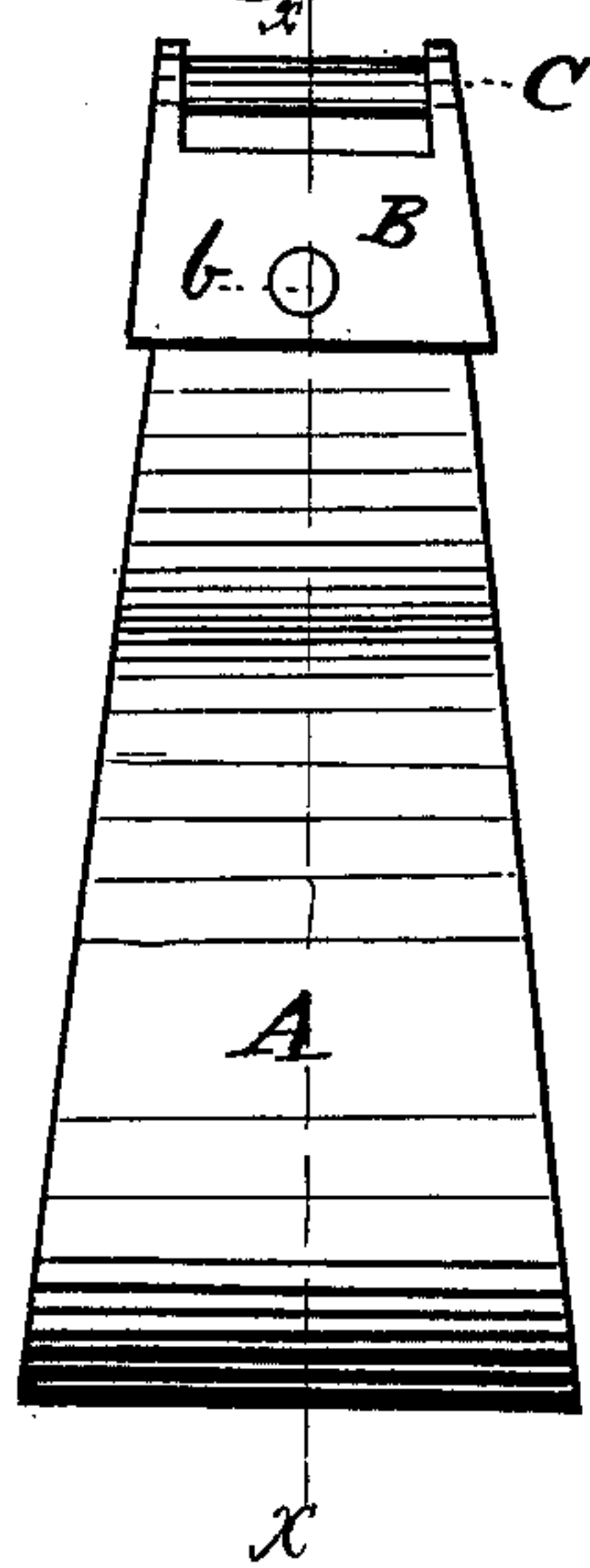


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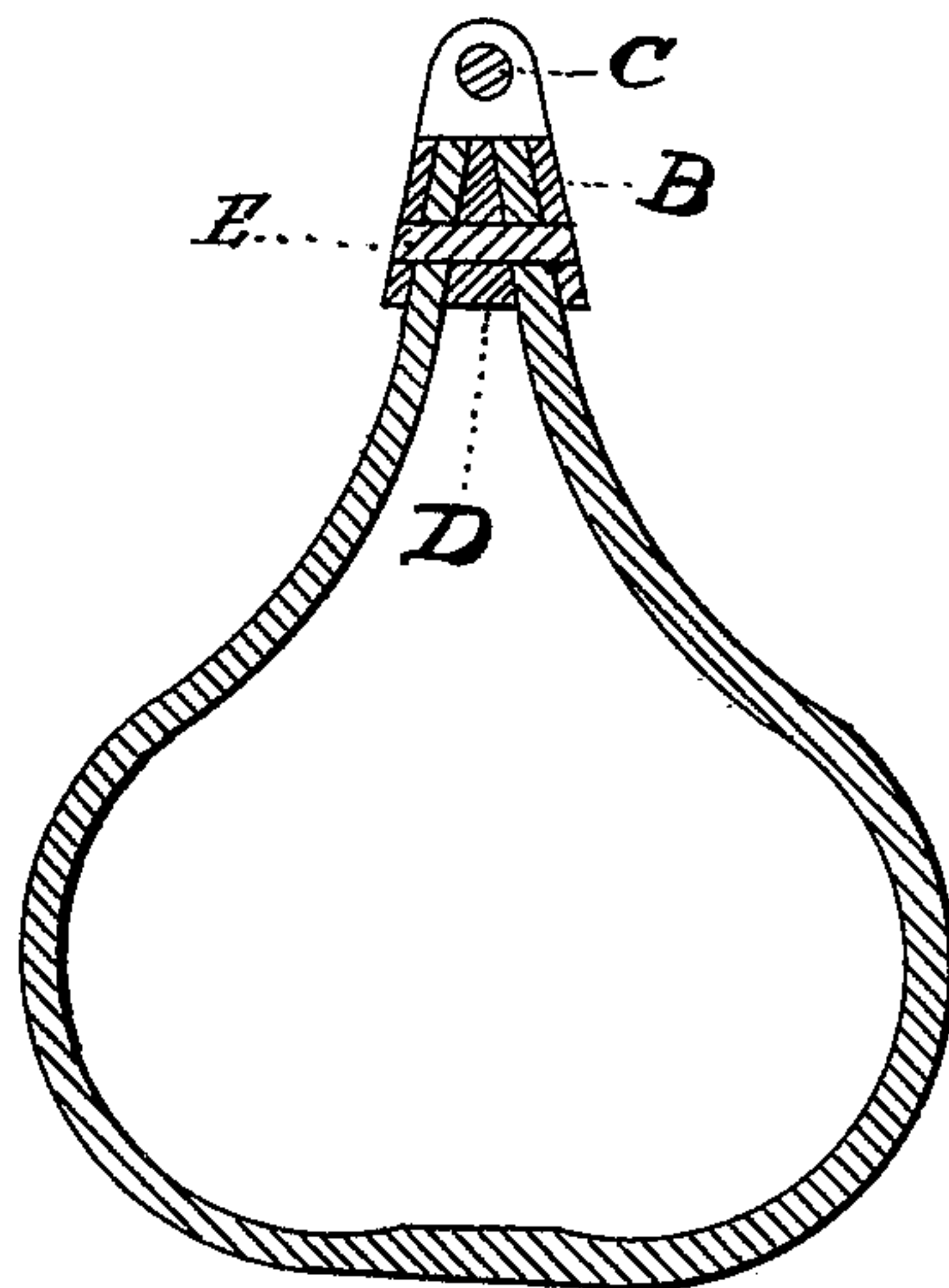
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN SADDLE-STIRRUPS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MELANCTHON T. BURKE, of Portsmouth, in the county of Scioto and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Saddle-Stirrups; 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 letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure I is a front view embodying my invention. Fig. II is a transverse sectional view of same on line *x x*, Fig. I.

My invention consists in the formation of a single sheath or band for the insertion of the ends of the wooden part of the stirrup, and the placing of the stirrup-leather bearer transversely to the face of the stirrup, permitting it to hang in a natural position for the insertion of the foot of the rider without twisting it into position.

The single sheath has the same object and performs the same office as the double sheath does in my application filed February 11, 1878, viz., to prevent the wooden part from splitting.

In this case both ends of the wooden part A are inserted into the sheath or band B, and the wedge D driven between them, as shown in Fig. II, thus filling all the space in the

sheath compactly. The pin or bolt E is then driven through the holes *b* of the sheath and through the wooden part A, which prevents the wooden part from being withdrawn.

In my application filed February 11, 1878, I show a sheath or band for the insertion of each end of the wooden part separately. In this case both ends are inserted into the single sheath, and the bar C, which is the bearer for the stirrup-leather, is placed transversely to the face of the stirrup, and permits the stirrup to hang in a natural and easy position for the convenience of the rider.

In the other case, and in all ordinary and usual cases, the stirrup-leather has to be twisted to bring the stirrup into proper position.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

The sheath B, having bar C, the stirrup A, and wedge D, combined and arranged as shown and described, and for the purpose specified.

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

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