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 Beer-Stamp Protector and Bung-Retainer.
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Fig. 1

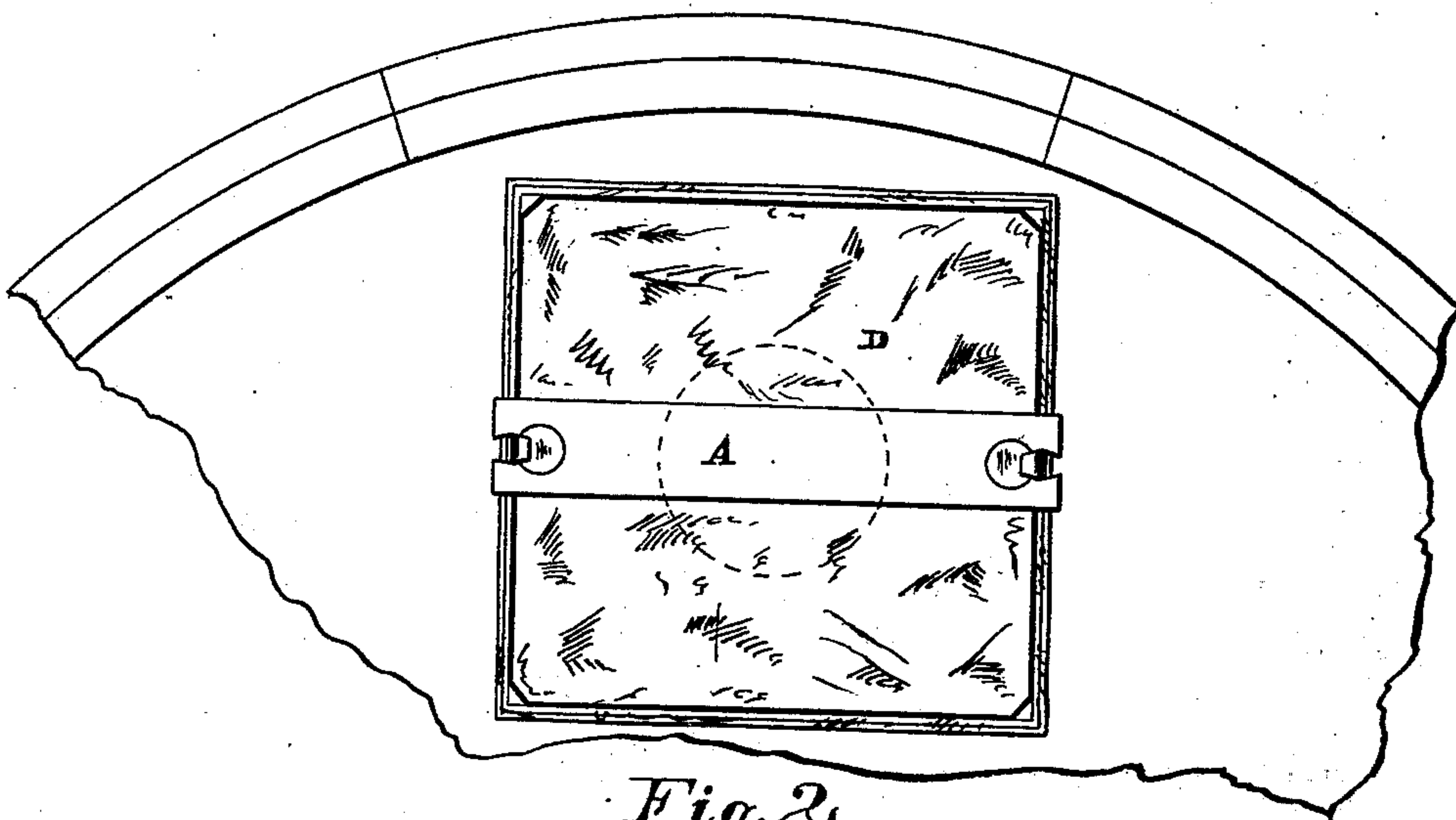
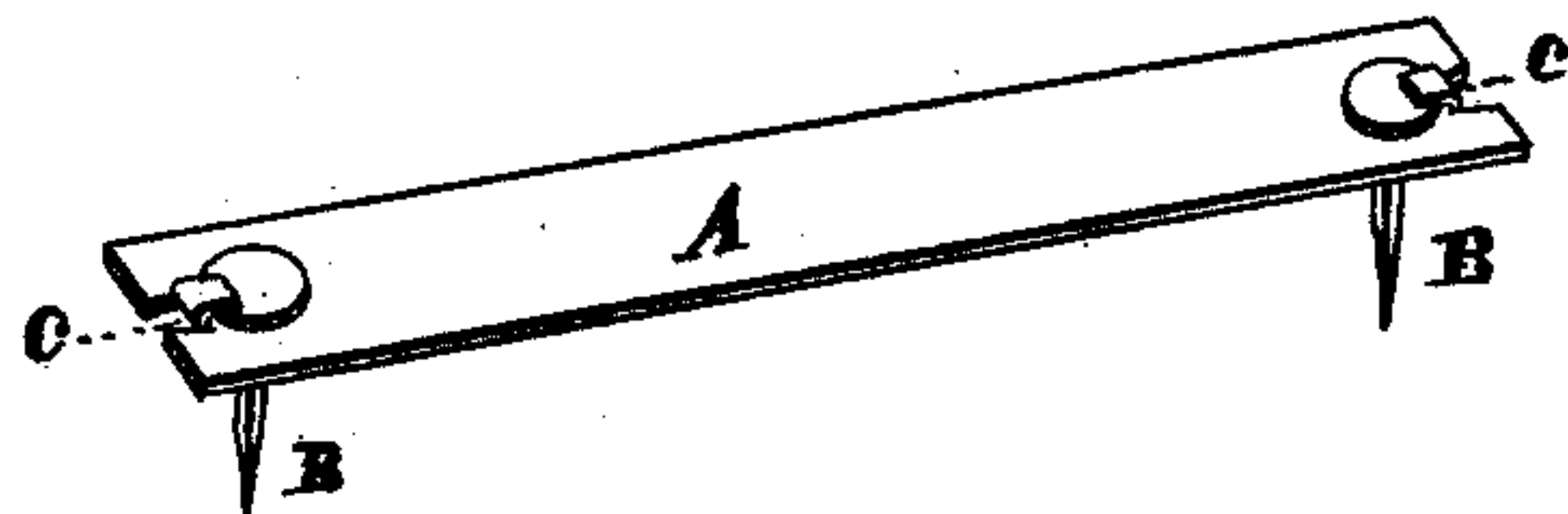


Fig. 2

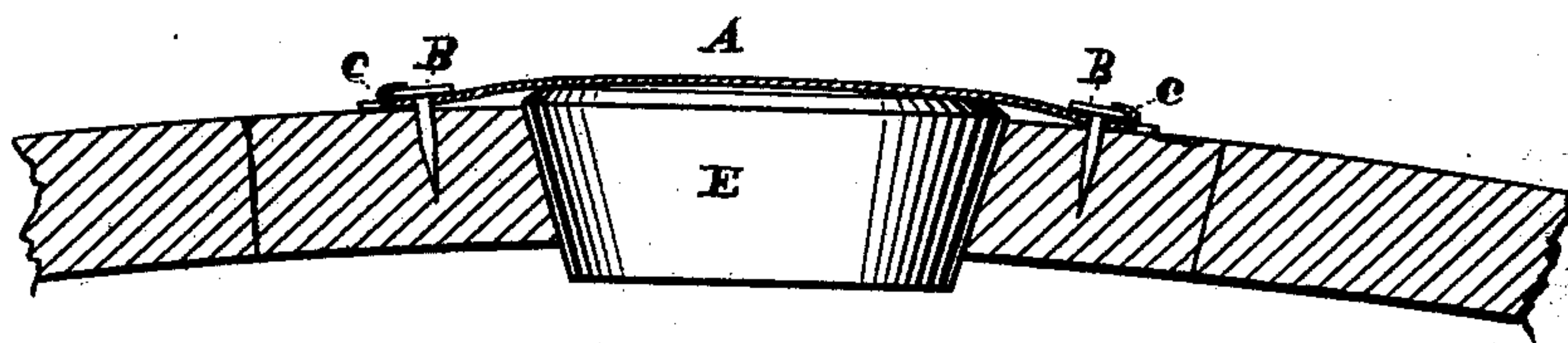


Fig. 3

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IMPROVEMENT IN BEER-STAMP PROTECTOR AND BUNG-RETAINER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK A. STEGNER, of the city of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Beer-Stamp Protector, Bung-Retainer, and Shipping-Tag, of which the following is a specification.

Brewers, when shipping beer or other fermented liquor, are required by the rules of the Internal Revenue Office to protect the revenue-stamps attached to the packages from becoming defaced or detached until delivered to the retailer.

It is also well known that fermented liquor shipped, especially in warm weather, is liable to be spoiled or wasted by the bungs being loosened or forced out by the pressure of the gases or rough handling of the packages.

The object of this invention is a cheap and convenient device for brewers' use which may be readily secured over the stamp and bungs, and thus serve the double purpose of a stamp-protector and bung-retainer, and which, if desired, may be also stamped with the name of the shipper or consignee, and thus serve as a label or shipping-tag.

The invention is a thin metal plate, perforated near the ends to receive the common tacks or small nails, a portion of the plate being turned over the head of said tacks or nails to secure them in place.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 shows, in perspective, a view of my improved device ready for use. Fig. 2 represents the device applied to the head of a beer-keg over the revenue-stamp and faucet-bung, the bung being represented by dotted line. Fig. 3 is a broken cross-section of a keg. It represents the mode

of using my device to retain the ordinary flat or shipping bung in place.

Referring to the parts represented in the different figures, A is a piece of sheet metal, perforated near each end to receive the tacks B B. *c c* are parts of the plate A. These are formed by slitting the ends of the plate, and turning the central piece over the heads of the tacks to retain them in place.

D represents a revenue-stamp pasted over the faucet-bung of a beer-keg, and retained and protected by the device represented in Fig. 1. The same device is represented in Fig. 3 retaining the flat bung E in place.

The mode of constructing my improvement is as follows: The plate A is, by suitable dies, stamped out of sheet metal, perforated for the tacks, and the tack-retaining lugs *c* turned at a right angle to the top of the plate by a single operation. The tacks B B are inserted and the lugs *c c* turned down over the heads of the tacks, thus completing the device.

If desired to stamp a name or shipping-mark upon the plate, this can be done at the same time the plates are stamped out by suitably forming the dies; or it may be accomplished by a separate operation.

What I claim is—

As a new article of manufacture, the described stamp-protector and bung-retainer, consisting of plate A and tacks B B, said tacks being inserted in plate A, and held in place by lugs *c c*, said lugs being formed out of plate A, and turned over the heads of said tacks, for the purpose specified.

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