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Hammer-Guard for Pistols.

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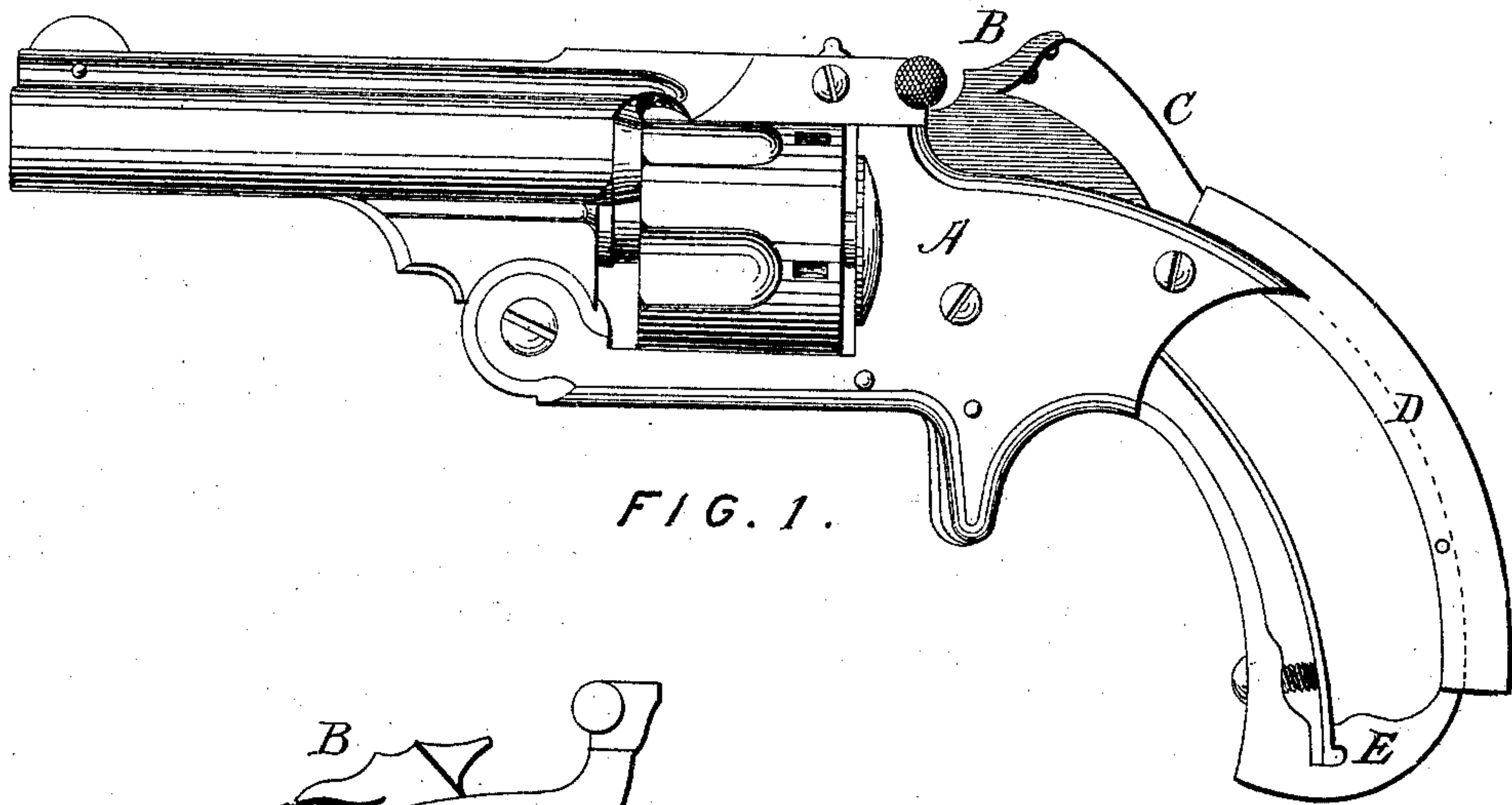


FIG. 1.

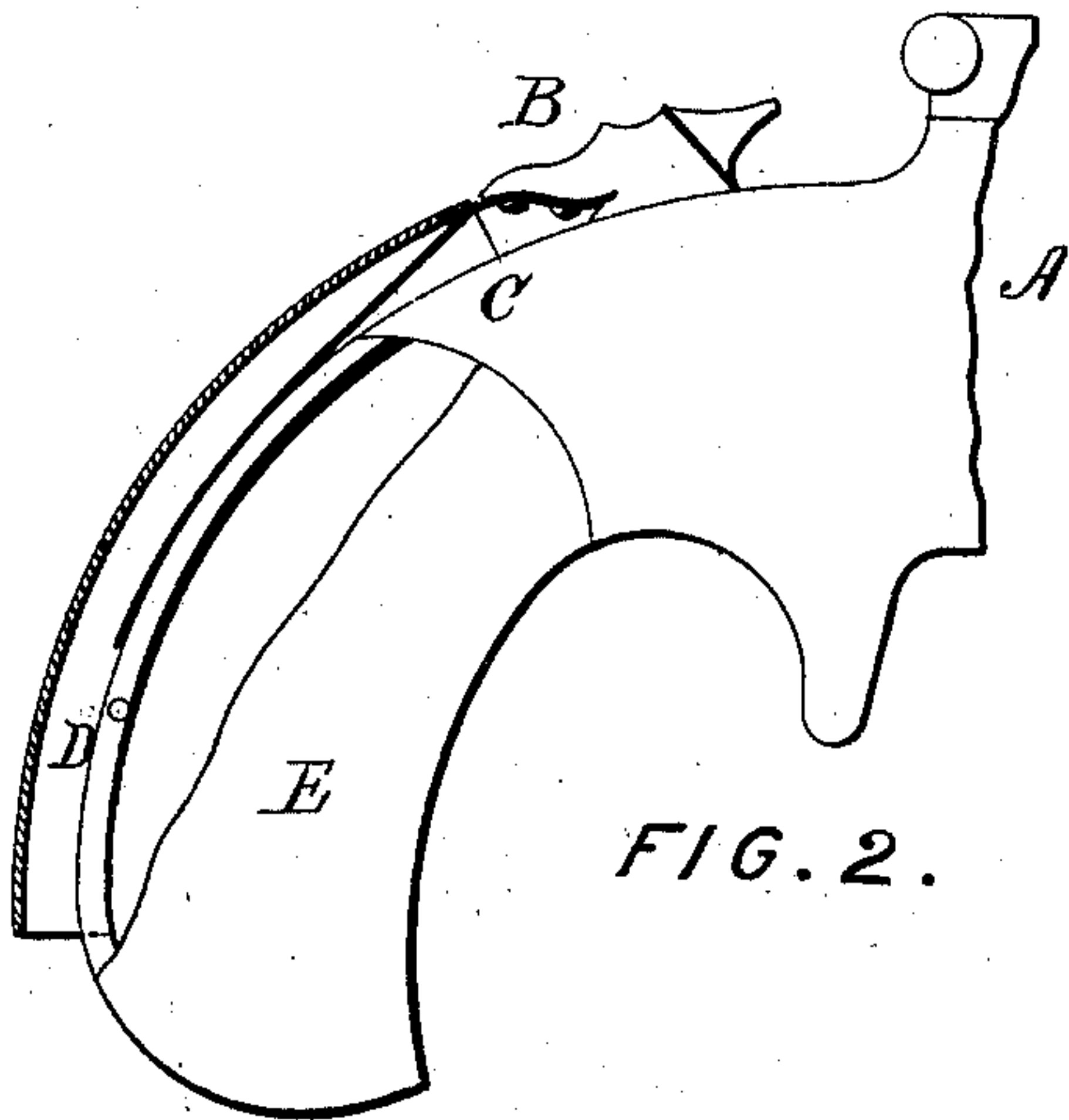


FIG. 2.

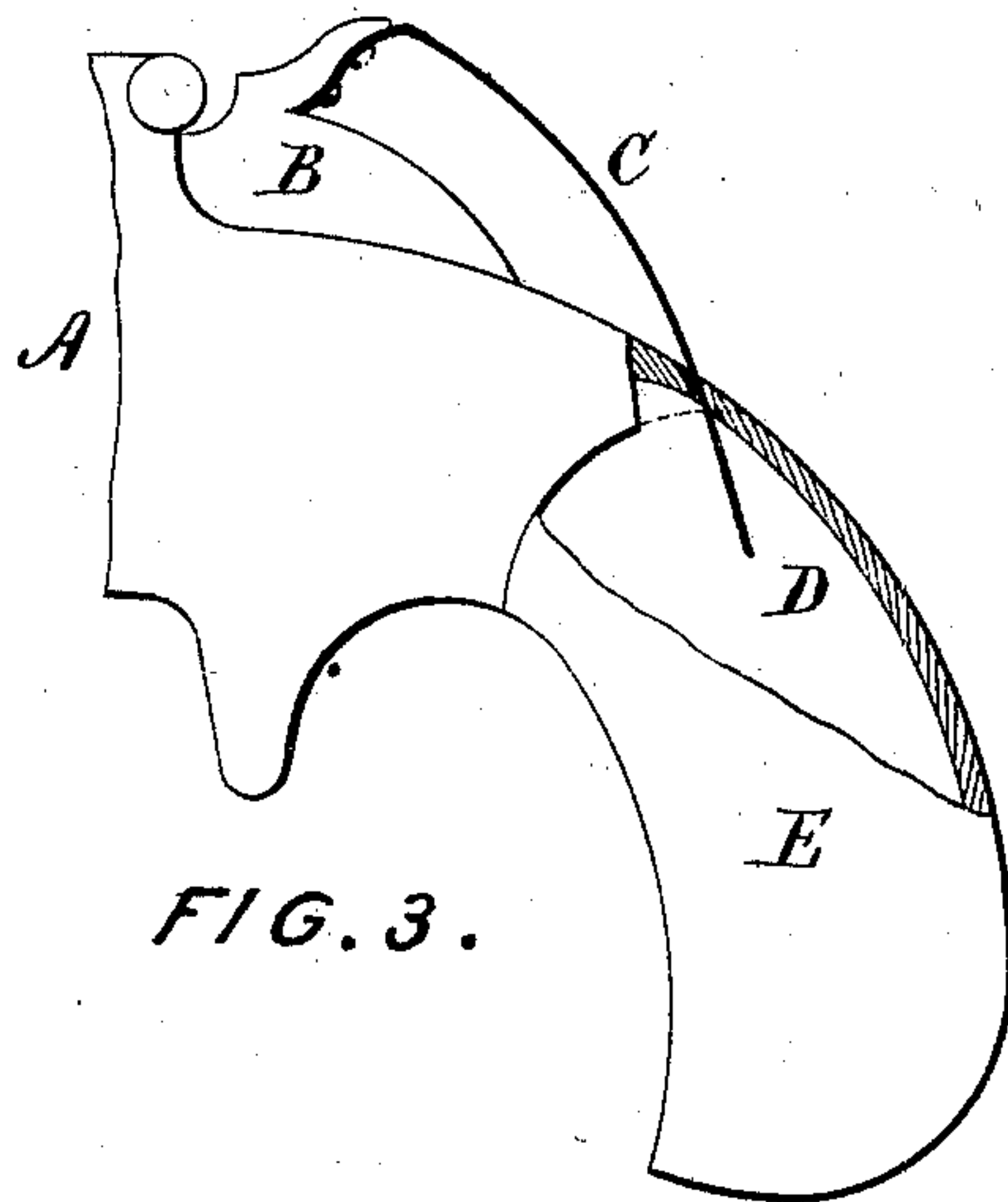


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## IMPROVEMENT IN HAMMER-GUARDS FOR PISTOLS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **219,845**, dated September 23, 1879; application filed August 4, 1879.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. BLUNT, of Bay Ridge, Kings county, New York, have invented, made, and applied to use Improvements in the Construction of Hammer-Guards for Pistols; and that the following is a full, clear, and correct description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a pistol to which my improvement has been applied. Fig. 2 is a section of the pistol, showing the hammer thrown back. Fig. 3 is a section of the pistol, showing the hammer thrown back and the rear portion of the guard used received within the handle.

In the drawings like parts of the invention are pointed out by the same letters of reference.

The nature of the present invention relates to improvements, as more fully hereinafter set forth, in the construction of pistols; and consists in combining with the hammer of the pistol a guard the forward end of which is attached to the hammer, while its rear end may be received within a chamber formed upon the upper portion of the stock or handle, or may be passed through an opening in the stock or handle and be received directly into the stock or handle, but preferably isolated from the interior works of the pistol, the object of the invention being to admit of the pistol being drawn expeditiously from the pocket of the user, as there is no liability of the hammer's being entangled or catching into the lining of the pocket, and at the same time to guard against the danger of premature discharge of the pistol from a blow upon the rear of the hammer, either while being carried or in drawing the same out of the pocket.

To enable those skilled in the arts to make

and use my invention, I will describe the same.

A shows a pistol to which my invention has been applied, and B is the hammer of the same. C is the guard, formed of steel or sheet metal sufficiently strong for the purpose for which it is intended, the forward end of which guard is attached to the rear of the hammer B, while its rear end is received within a chamber, D, formed upon the handle E by mounting a tubular plate of metal upon the same.

Such being the construction, it will readily be seen that the finger-rest of the hammer is effectually protected, and that all liability of the same becoming entangled or catching into the lining of the pocket is prevented, and at the same time danger of premature discharge of the pistol from a blow upon the hammer while the pistol is being carried, or when drawn from the pocket, is prevented.

As the hammer B is thrown back the guard C is received within the chamber D, made sufficiently large to allow it to enter freely.

In Fig. 3 of the drawings the guard C is shown as passed through an opening in the upper portion of the handle, and as being received directly into the body of the same. This form is sometimes availed of in the construction as being cheaper than to form the chamber upon the handle.

Having now set forth my invention, what I claim as new is—

In pistols, the combination, with the hammer B, of the guard C, attached to and moving with the hammer B, and received within a chamber, D, for the purposes of allowing the pistol to be drawn expeditiously from the pocket of the user, and to guard against the danger of premature discharge of the pistol while being carried or drawn from the pocket.

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