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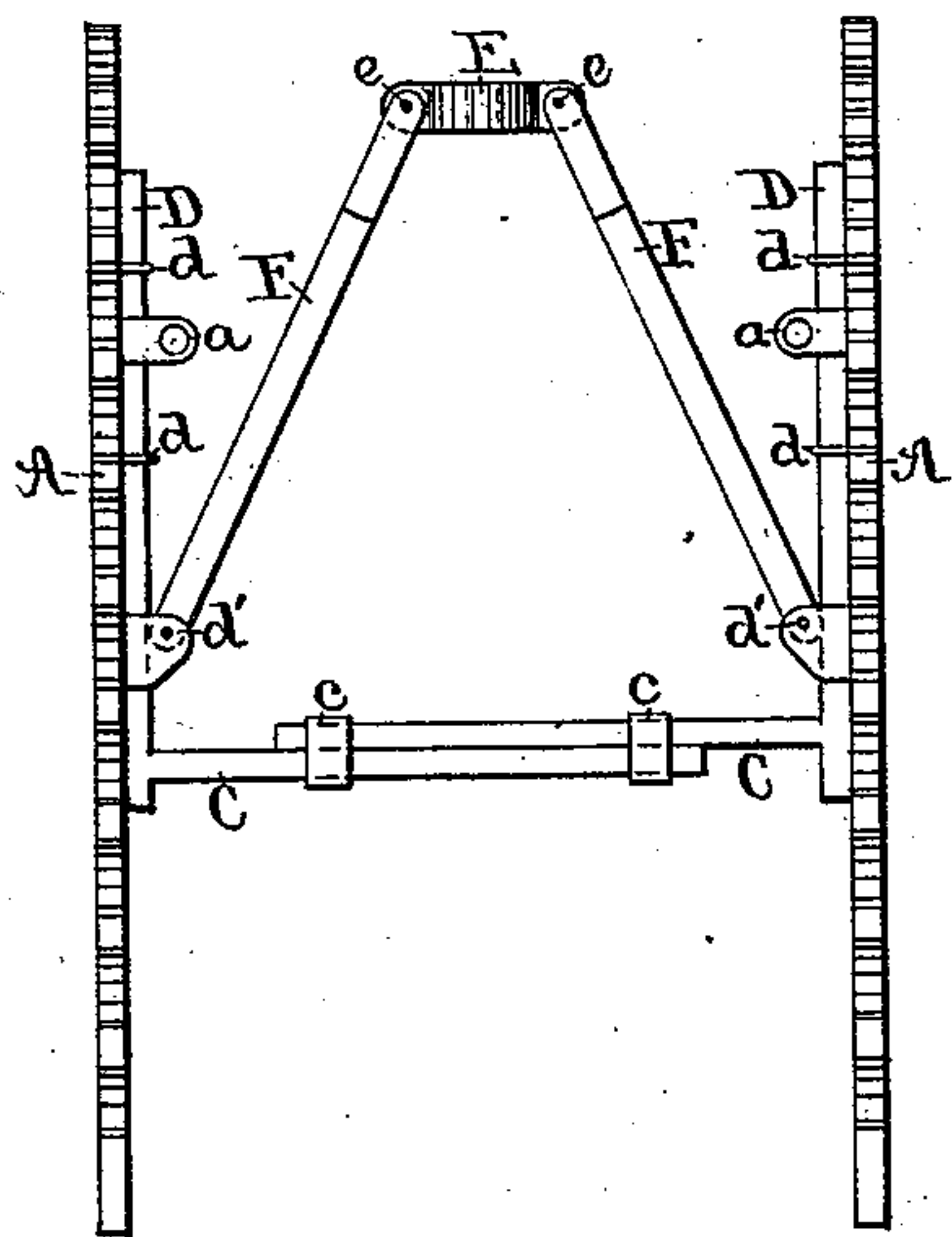


FIG. 1.

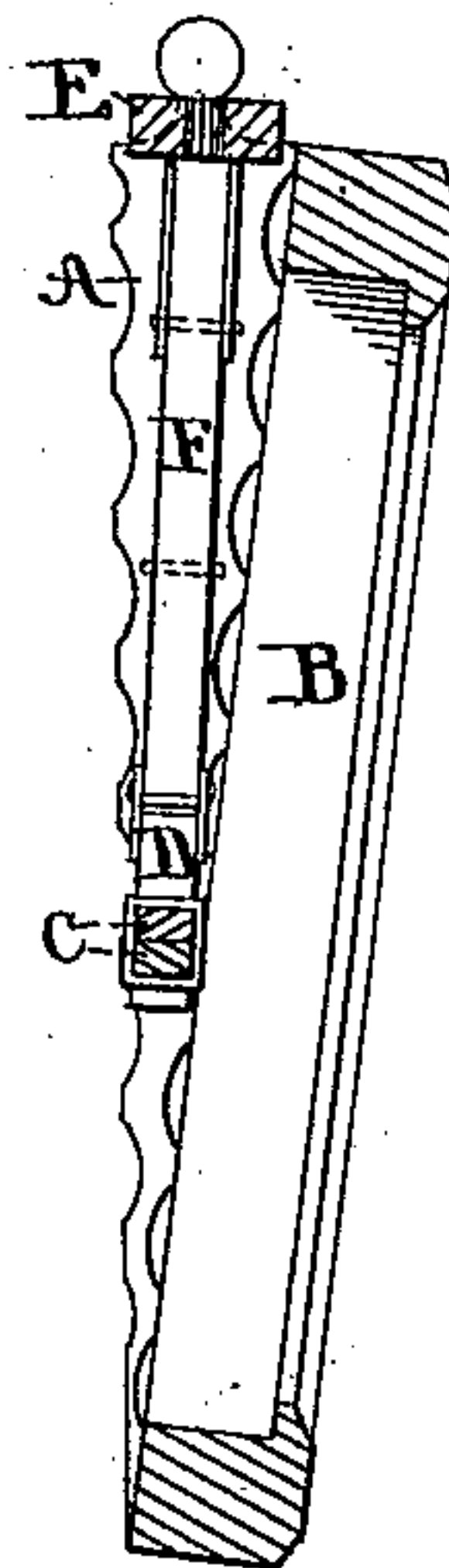


FIG. 3.

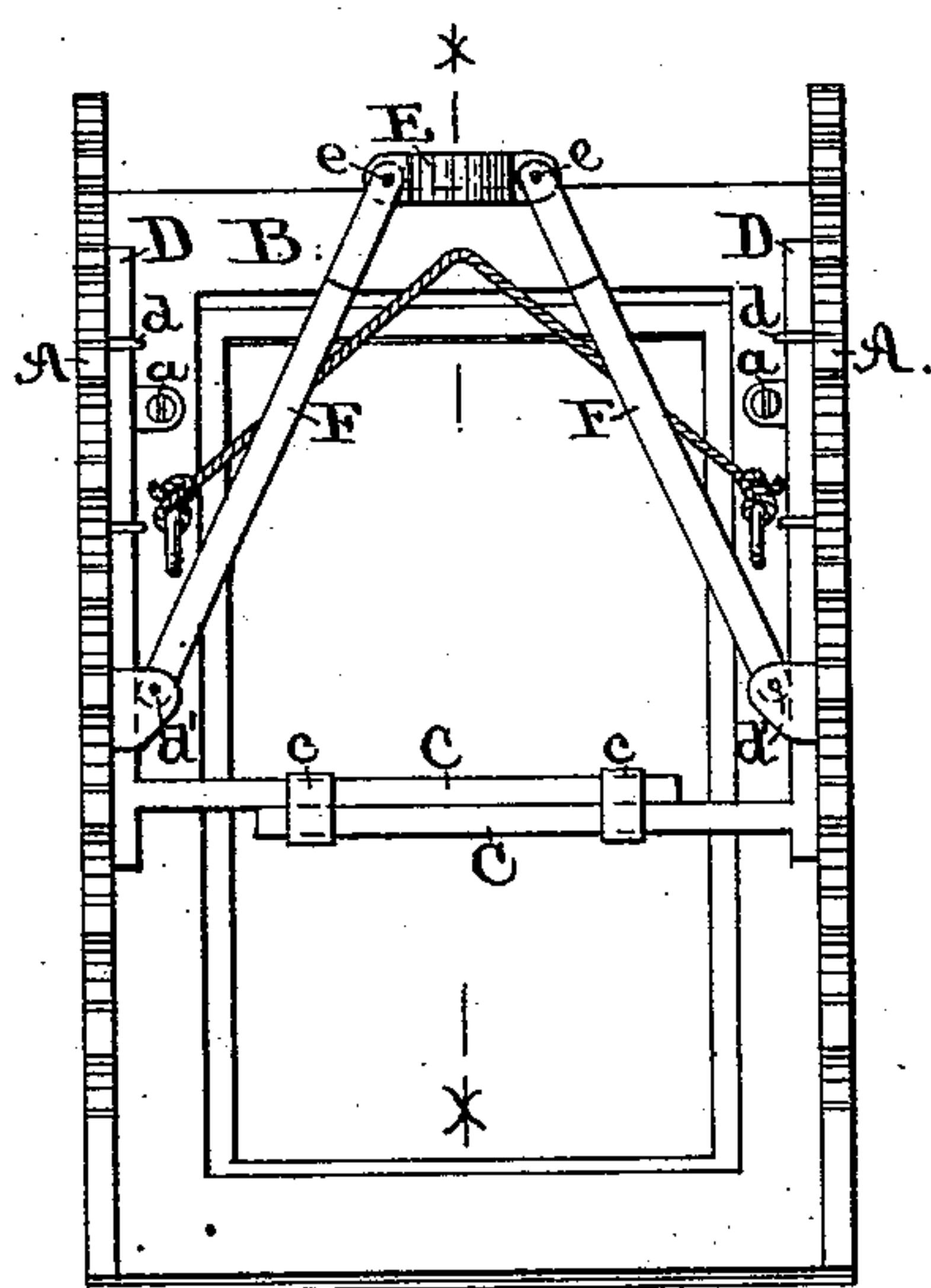


FIG. 2.

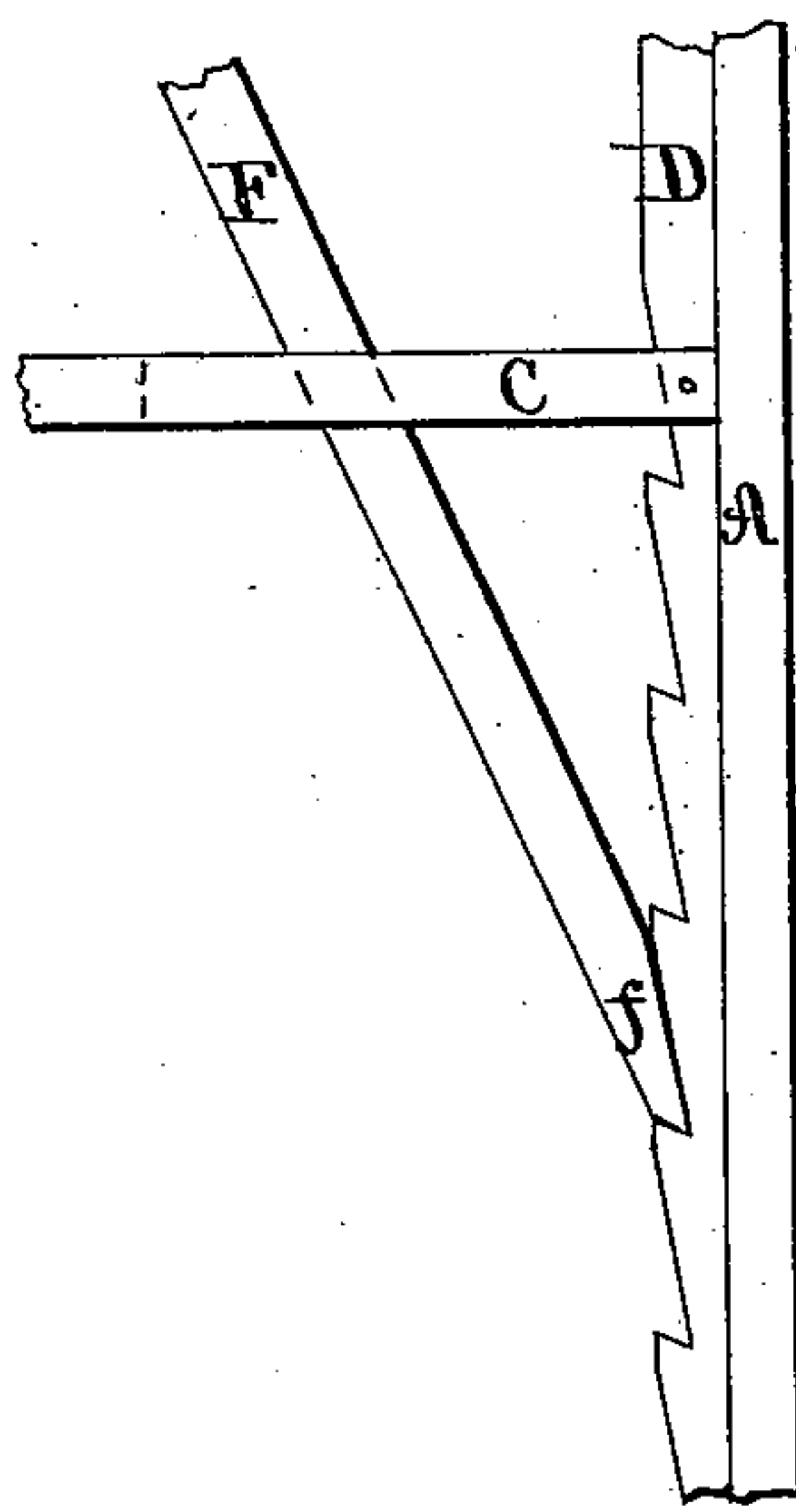


FIG. 4.

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## ATTACHMENT FOR PICTURE-FRAMES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH W. LARCHAR, of the city and county of Albany, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Attachment for Picture-Frames, of which the following is a full and exact description.

My invention relates to an attachment adapted to be fixed to the back of the frame at each end thereof, as hereinafter described.

The object of my invention is, first, to close the space commonly left at the back of the frame, between the ends thereof and the wall, and by so doing concealing the unsightly knots and cords usually exposed to view at that point; and, second, to provide a suitable shelf or bracket for holding a vase or other ornament at or near the top line of the frame.

To attain these objects my invention consists of triangular filling-pieces adapted to fasten to the back of the frame, at each end thereof, said filling-pieces being made either to attach to the frame separately, or, when connected together, by an adjustable device, whereby they are adapted to fit on frames of different widths; and my invention further consists in combining with said triangular filling-pieces an adjustable bracket for holding a vase or other ornamental article at or near the top line of the frame, as hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, and to which reference is herein made, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my attachment; Fig. 2, a rear elevation of the same applied to a frame; Fig. 3, a vertical section at the line *x x*; and Fig. 4, a modification of the adjustment for the bracket-supports.

The triangular filling-pieces A are made of any required size and form and of any desired style of ornamentation. They should be placed at each side of the frame B, and may be secured to the back of said frame by means of screws passing through the lugs *a*, or in any other suitable manner.

The adjustable cross-bars C are attached to the filling-pieces A, and are provided with clips *c*, which hold the cross-bars together, and in which the cross-bars have a sliding movement for the purpose of adjusting the filling-pieces at the required distance apart.

The cross-bars C may either be secured directly to the filling-pieces A, or they may be

attached to the strips D, which are connected to the filling-pieces A by the staples *d* in such manner that they can be adjusted vertically.

The bracket or shelf E is carried by the supports F, which are hinged to the bracket at *e* and to the strips D at *d'*, the whole being arranged as shown, and in such manner that the bracket E can be adjusted to any required height in relation to the top of the frame B without changing the position of the filling-pieces A.

In the modification shown in Fig. 4 the supports F are hinged to the bracket E, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2; but the lower ends, *f*, are sharpened to engage in serrations cut in the strips D, which strips may be attached stationarily to the filling-pieces A, or they may be made to adjust vertically in the manner hereinbefore described. In this modification the cross-bars C are slotted at the ends where they are secured to the strips D, so that the lower ends of the supports F will pass through and be held sidewise by them.

By using this attachment the space commonly left at each end of the frame, between the back of the frame and the wall, may be closed up with an ornamental filling, and a uniformity of angle in hanging a number of frames may be obtained and always preserved.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, with a picture-frame, B, of the triangular filling-pieces A, adapted, by means of the lugs *a*, to attach to said frame, as and for the purpose herein specified.

2. The combination of the triangular filling-pieces A and adjustable cross-bars C with the bracket E and adjustable supports F, as and for the purpose specified.

3. The combination, with the triangular filling-pieces A, the adjustable cross-bars C, and adjustable strips D, of the bracket E and adjustable supports F, as and for the purpose herein specified.

4. The combination of the triangular filling-pieces A with a bracket, E, having supports F, attached to adjustable strips D, adapted to be adjusted in relation to the top of the frame B, essentially as herein specified.

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