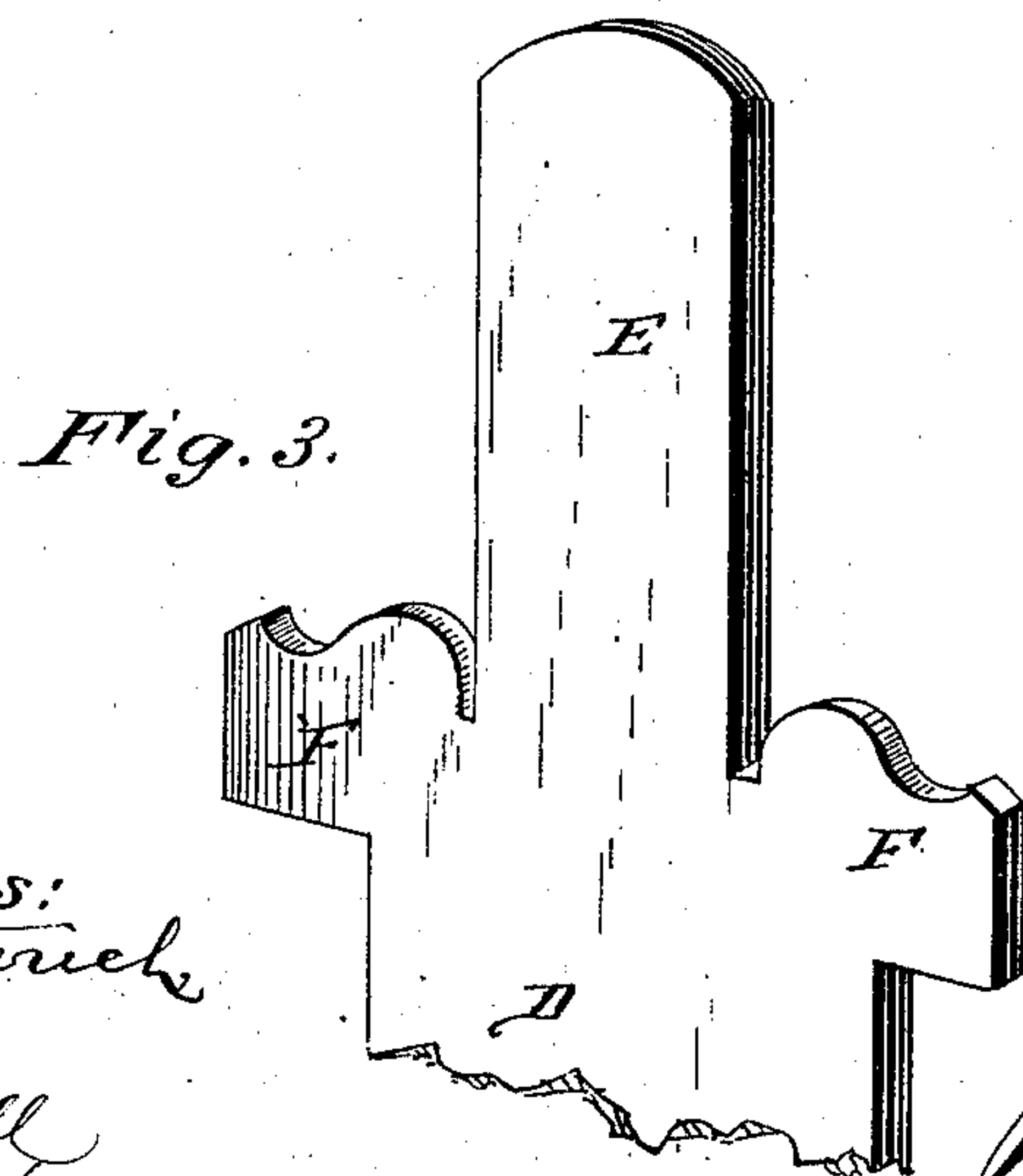
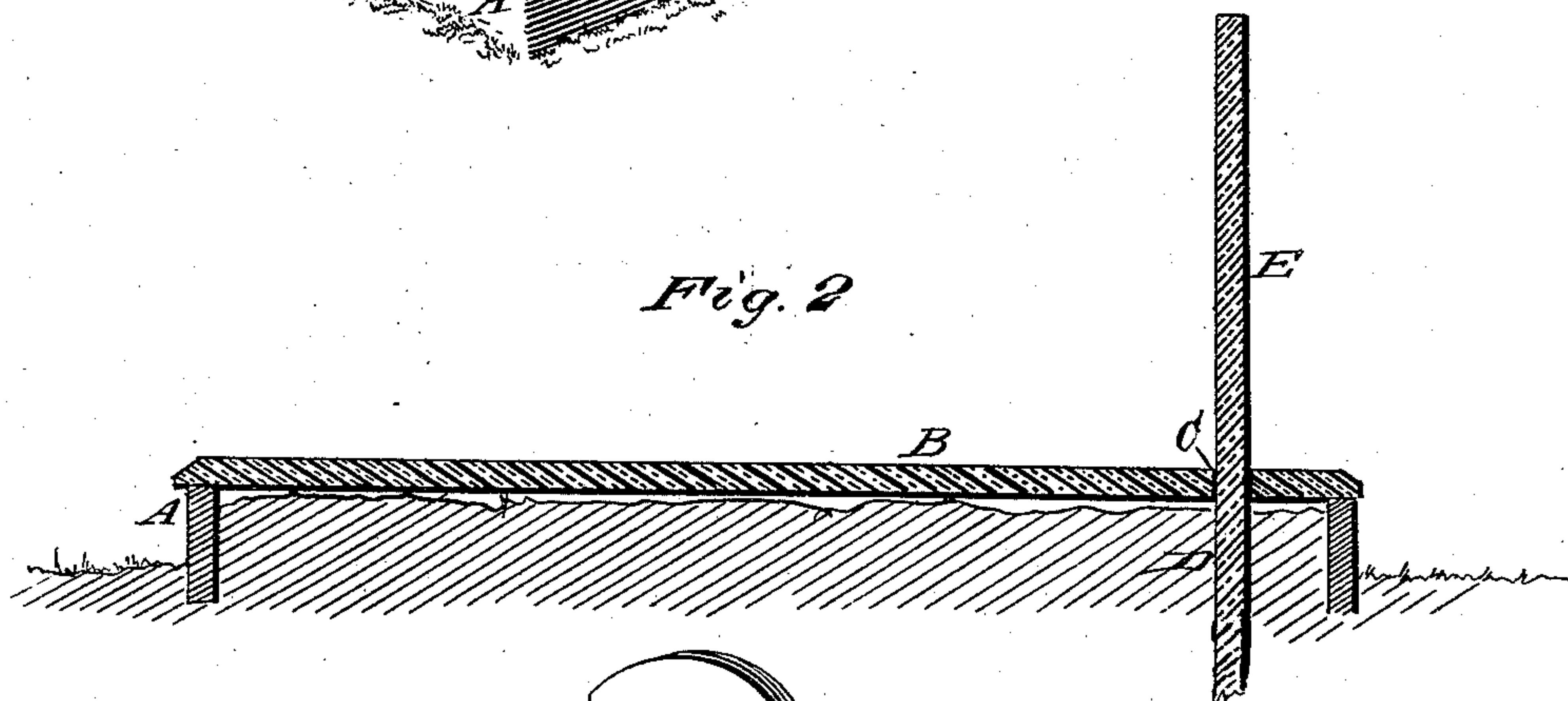
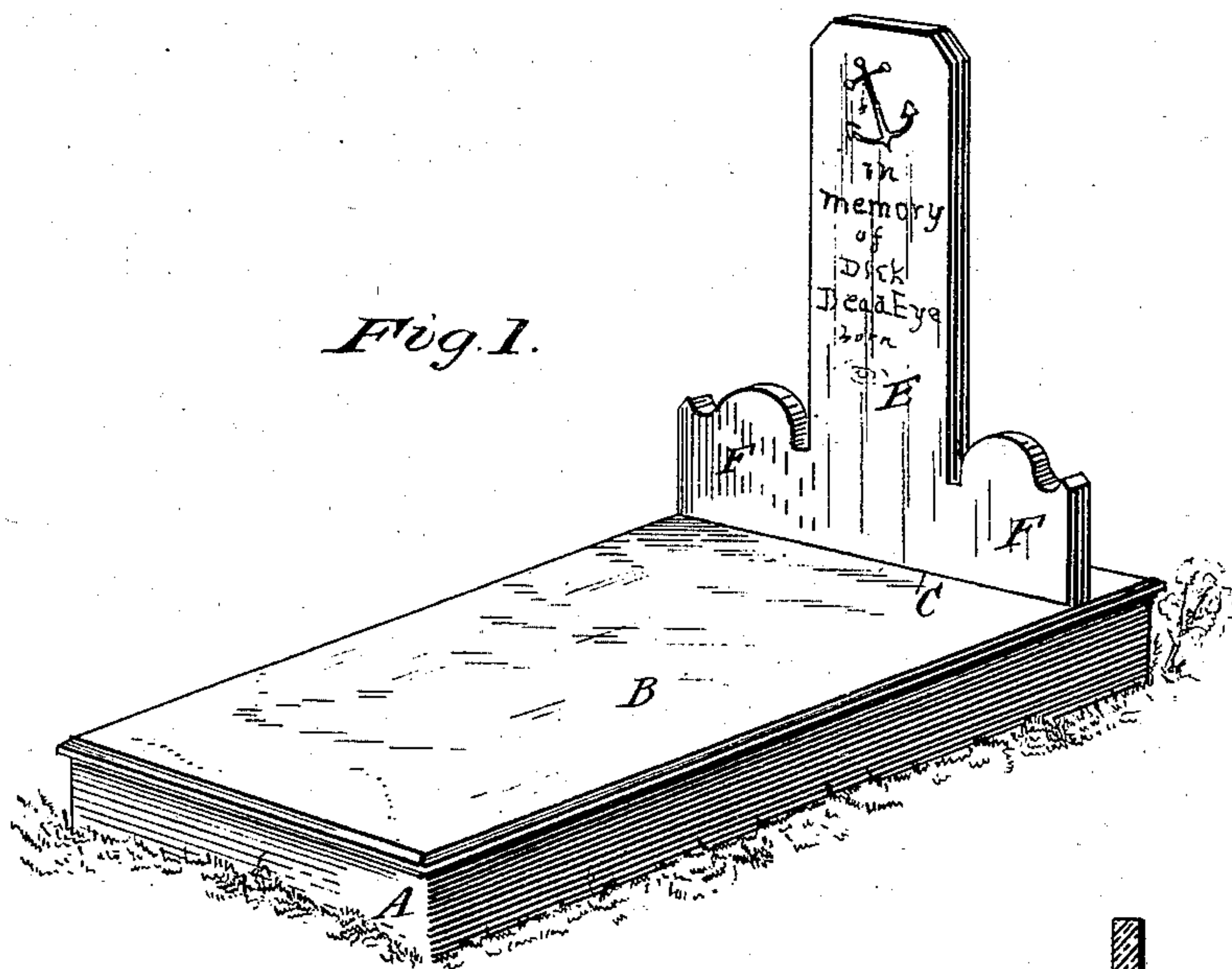


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES R. THOMAS, of the town of Edom, in the county of Van Zandt and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Grave-Covers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, 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, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view, and Fig. 3 is a detail view of the top slab or plate.

Corresponding parts in the several figures are denoted by like letters of reference.

This invention relates to grave stones or covers; and it consists in certain improvements in the construction of the same, which will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

The body of my improved grave-cover consists of a rectangular bottom and topless box, A, molded, in any suitable manner, of concrete or artificial stone, a mixture of Portland cement with sand and water being, by preference, employed on account of its cheapness, durability, and the facility with which it sets.

B is a rectangular top slab or plate, which is molded of concrete, like the body A, upon which it is fitted with its edges projecting beyond the sides of said body, as shown in the drawings.

The top slab or cover, B, is provided with

one or more slots, C, to receive the stems D of head-stones or other monuments, E, also molded of concrete, and provided above the stems, which are fitted in said slots C, with flanges F, adapted to rest upon the top slab or plate, as shown in the sectional views of the drawings.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the drawings hereto annexed, the advantages of my invention will be readily understood.

My improved grave-cover is cheap, durable, easily transported, and may be set up by unskilled persons. It also presents a handsome appearance, to which the monuments or head-stones, which may easily be placed in position, greatly contribute.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

As an improvement in grave-covers, the combination, with the rectangular body A, of the slab or cover B, having slot or slots C, and one or more monuments, E, having stems D projecting downward below the top slab and within the body A into the ground, and flanges F, substantially as and for the purpose herein shown and specified.

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

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