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Fig: 1.

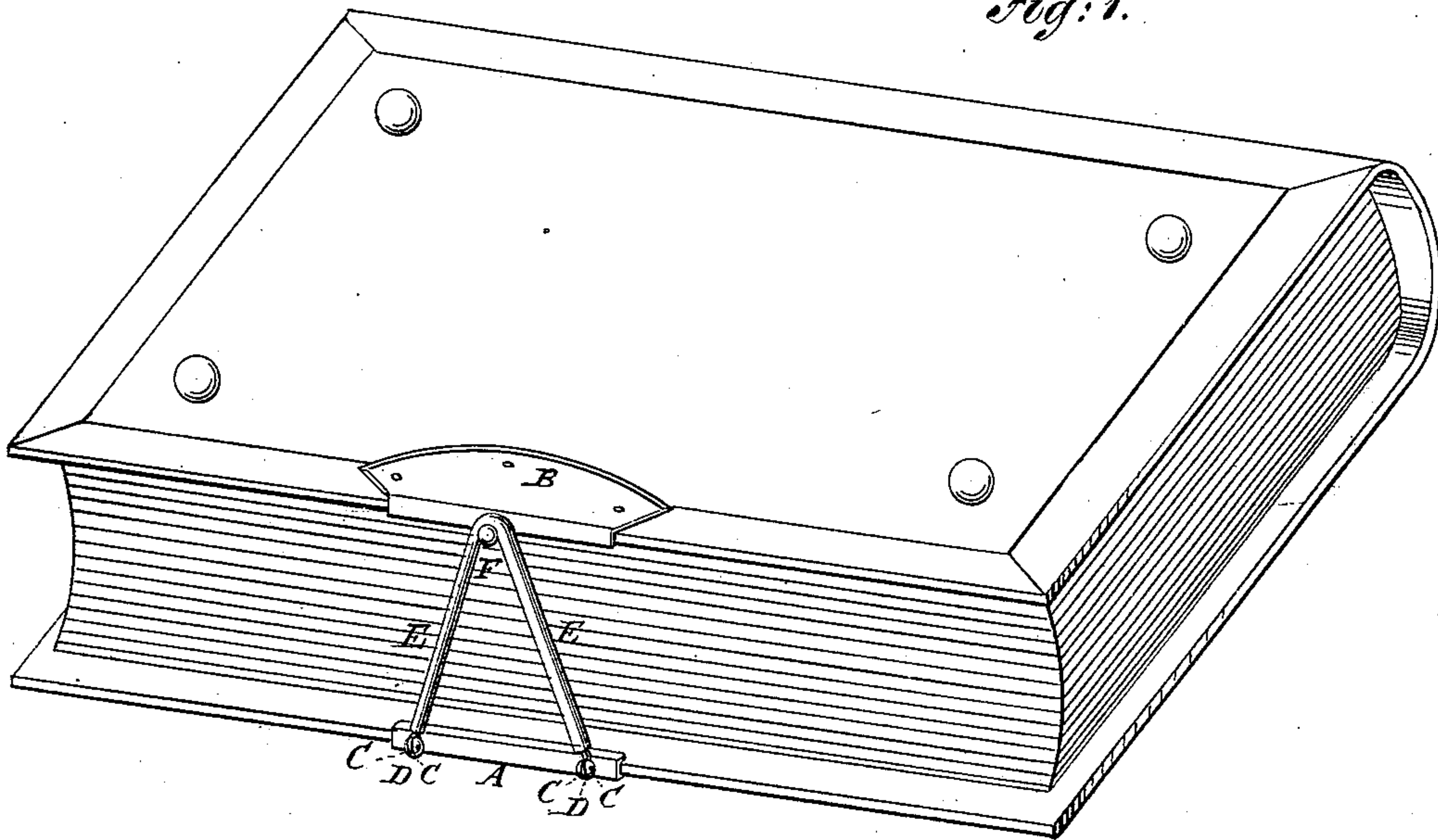


Fig: 2.

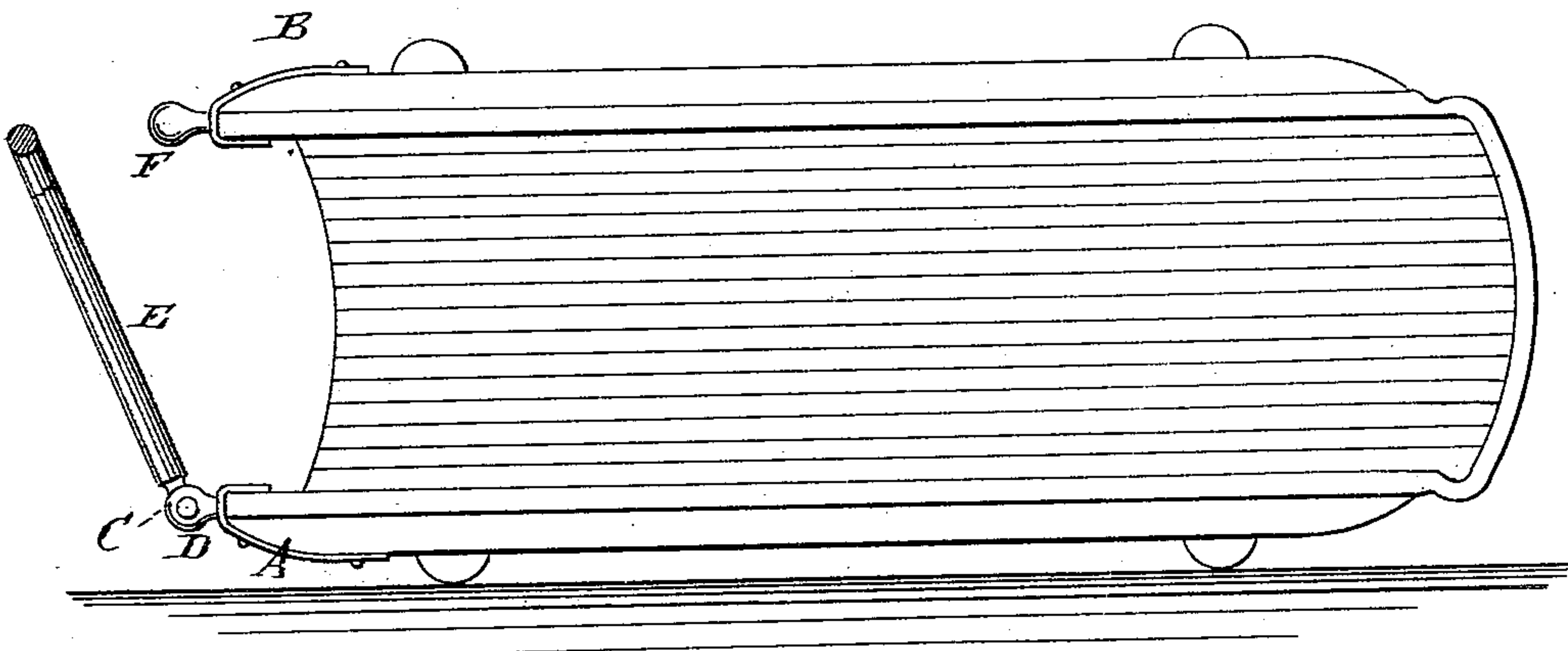
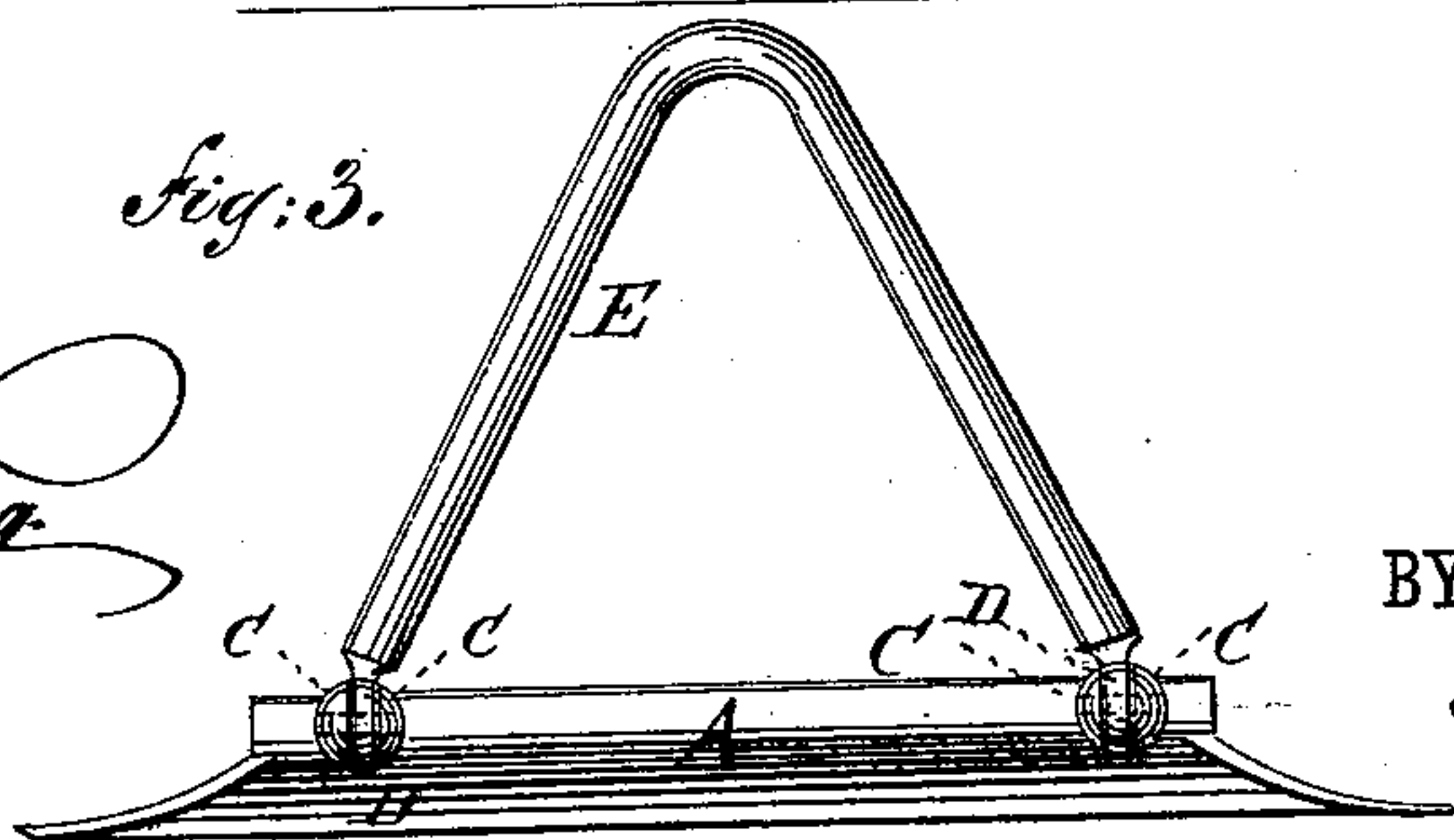


Fig: 3.

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CLASP FOR ALBUMS, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARL POSEN, of Offenbach-on-the-Main, Germany, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Clasps for Albums and other Books, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement shown as applied to an album. Fig. 2 is an edge view. Fig. 3 is a front view of a part of the improvement.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish clasps for albums of all kinds, bibles, and other books, so constructed that they may be easily closed even should the book be overfilled, and which shall be strong and durable in use and neat and tasteful in appearance.

A and B are the plates of the clasp, which are so formed or looped as to fit upon the forward edges of the book-cover and overlap the outer and inner sides of the said edges. The looped plates A B are secured to the book-cover by rivets or clinched nails, so that the connection may be firm and strong. Upon the end parts of the bend of the plate A are formed two spherical knobs, C, which are slotted longitudinally and at right angles with the length of the plate A, to receive the circular heads D formed upon the ends of the

wire E, and which are pivoted to the said slotted knobs by rivets, thus forming neat, strong, and durable hinges. The wire E is bent into triangular or V form, and the loop thus formed is passed over a knob, F, formed upon or attached to the center of the bend of the plate B, and rests in the neck of the said knob F.

With this construction the wire loop E gives elasticity to the clasp, so that it can be readily fastened, even should the book to which it is applied be overfilled, and at the same time the clasp will be firm, strong, and durable in use and light and neat in appearance.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As an improvement in clasps for albums or other books, the loop-plate A, provided with a slotted knob, and the rim-loop E, having circular heads, pivoted in said slotted knobs and adapted to pass over and rest on a suitable knob or plate, B, all substantially as shown and described.

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