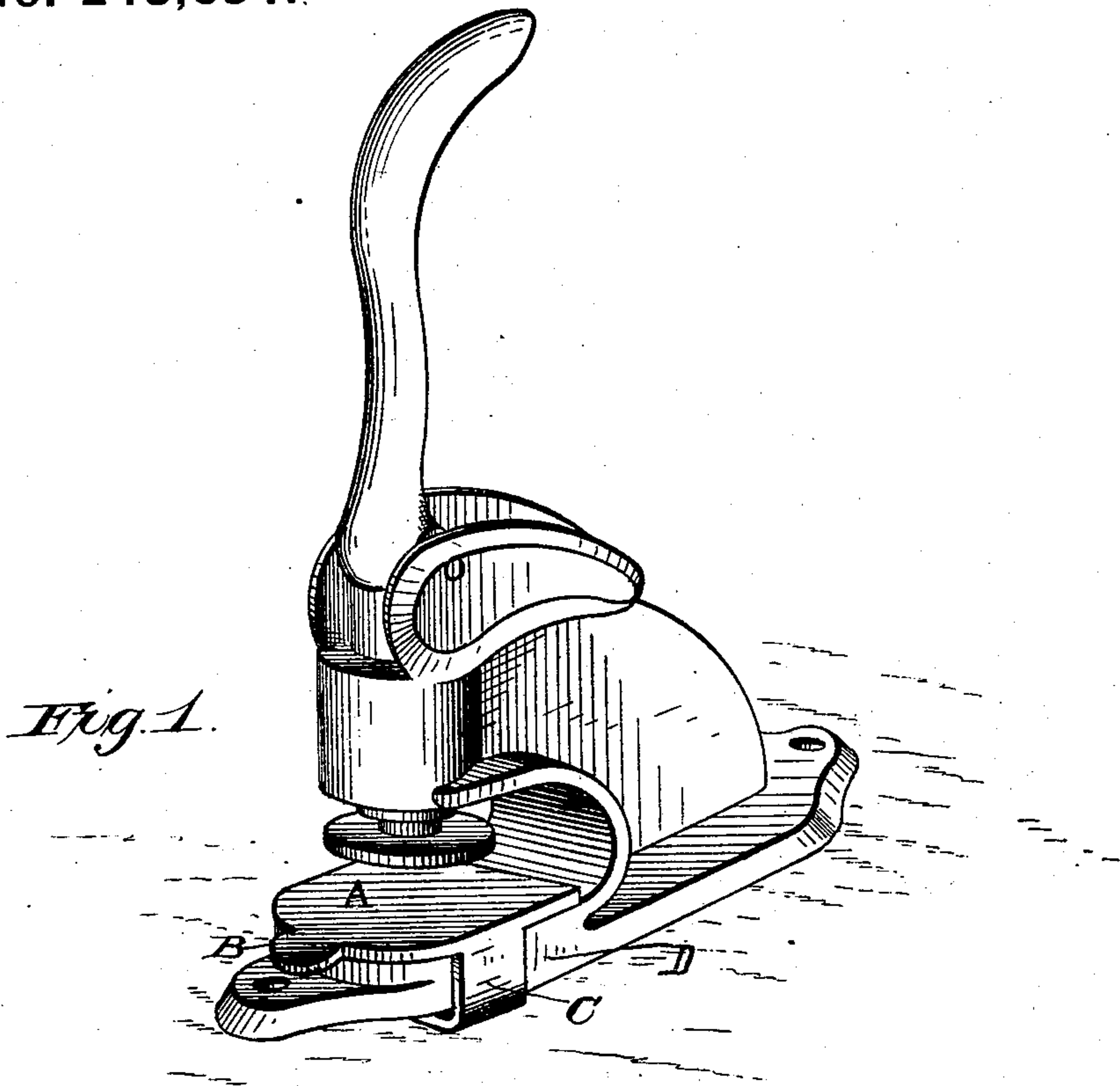


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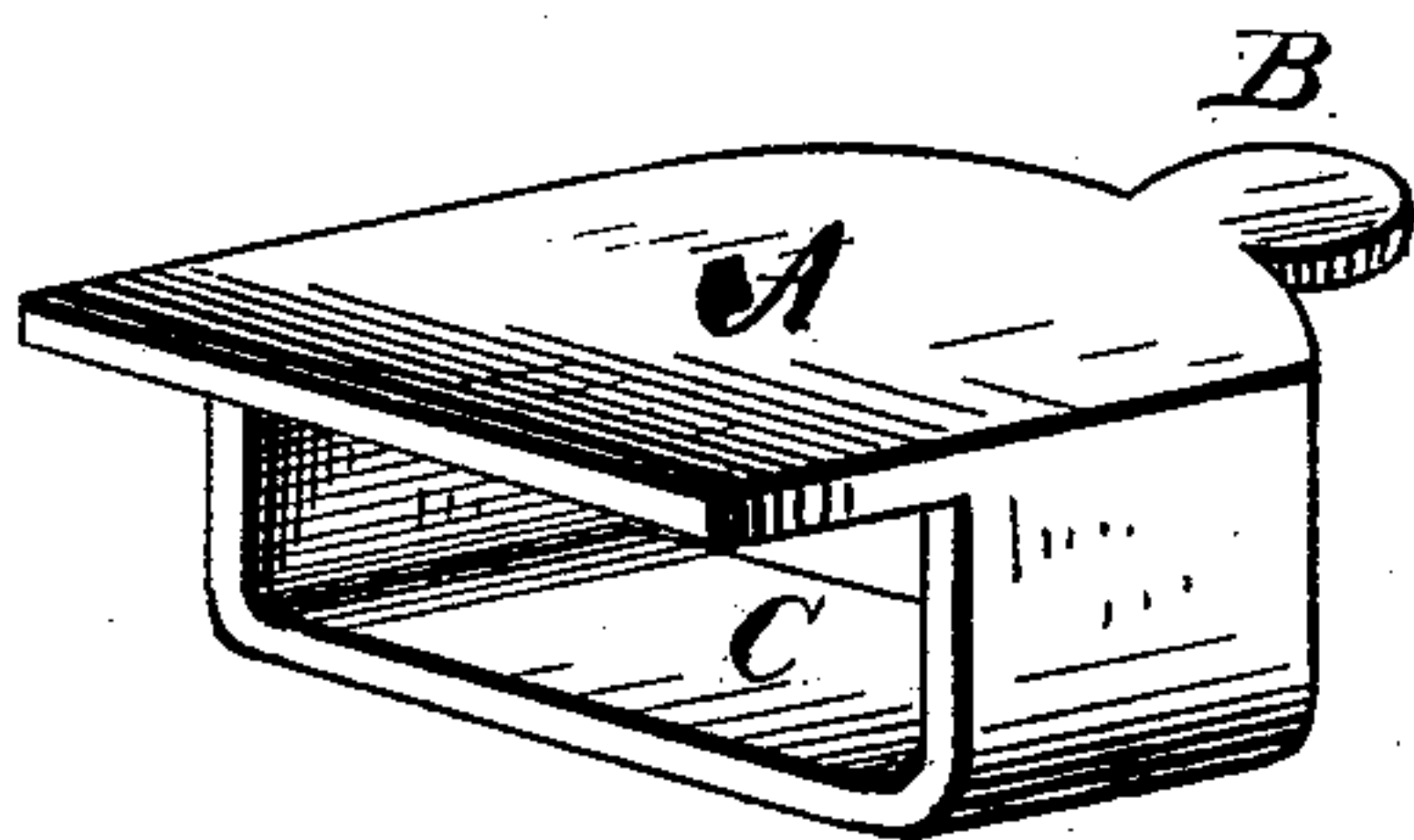
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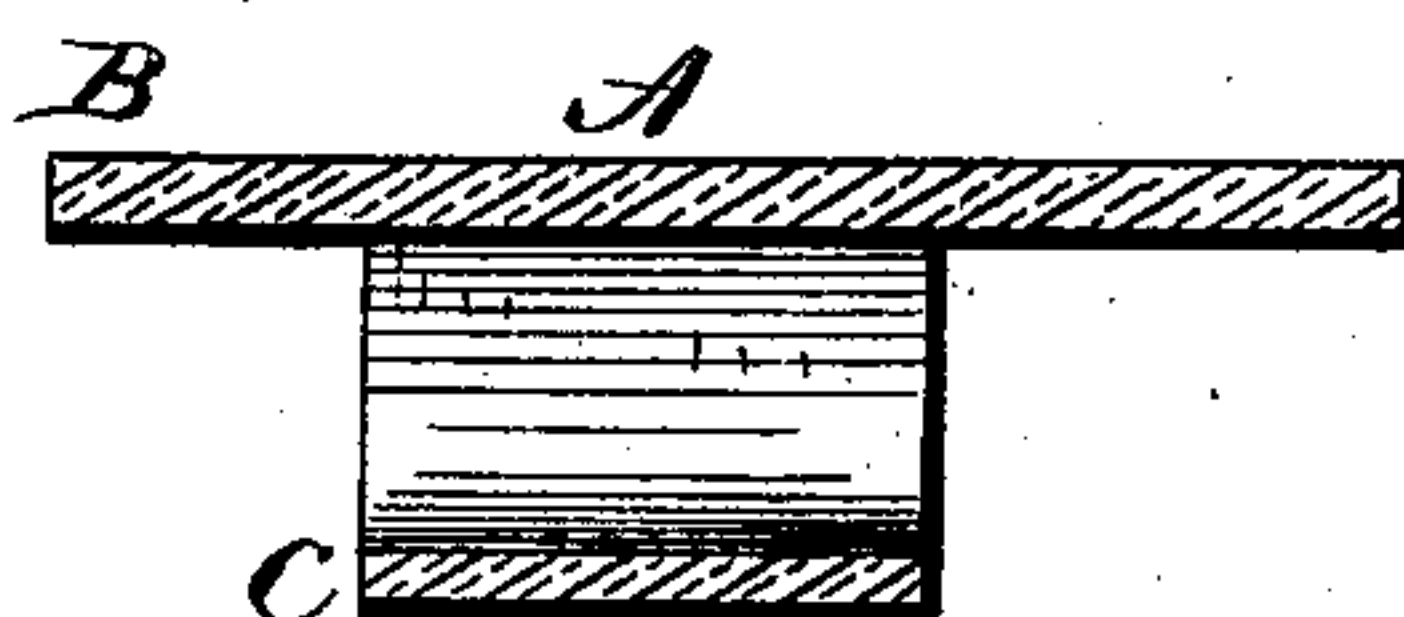
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*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## BED-PLATE OF SEAL-PRESSES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY J. STRATEMEYER, Jr., a citizen of Elizabeth, residing at Elizabeth, in the county of Union and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bed-Plates of Seal-Presses; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The invention consists in combining with the base of a seal-press a bed-plate of rubber or equivalent material, constructed, as hereinafter described, to be readily removed, and so arranged relative to the die of the press that the latter may be forced down upon it when operated by the lever of the press.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a press provided with my improved elastic bed-plate. Fig. 2 is a view of one form of my improved bed-plate removed from the press. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the same.

A represents a bed-plate, of rubber or other elastic material, placed upon the base D of the press, and held in position by a band, C. This band passes below the base D and effects a reliable attachment of the bed-plate to the press, at the same time permitting its ready detachment. The elastic plate A is provided with a thumb-piece, B, by which it is removed from the press when desired; and said plate is made of thin material, preferably about three-sixteenths of an inch in thickness, and may be of any desired form.

Elastic bed-plates of the character described are inexpensive and very durable, and may be readily renewed when unduly worn.

I claim—

The combination, with the base of a seal-press, of an elastic removable bed-plate, A, provided with a thumb-piece, B, and a retaining-band, C, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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