

(No Model.)

G. B. WILBUR.
SIGN BOARD.

No. 252,408.

Patented Jan. 17, 1882.

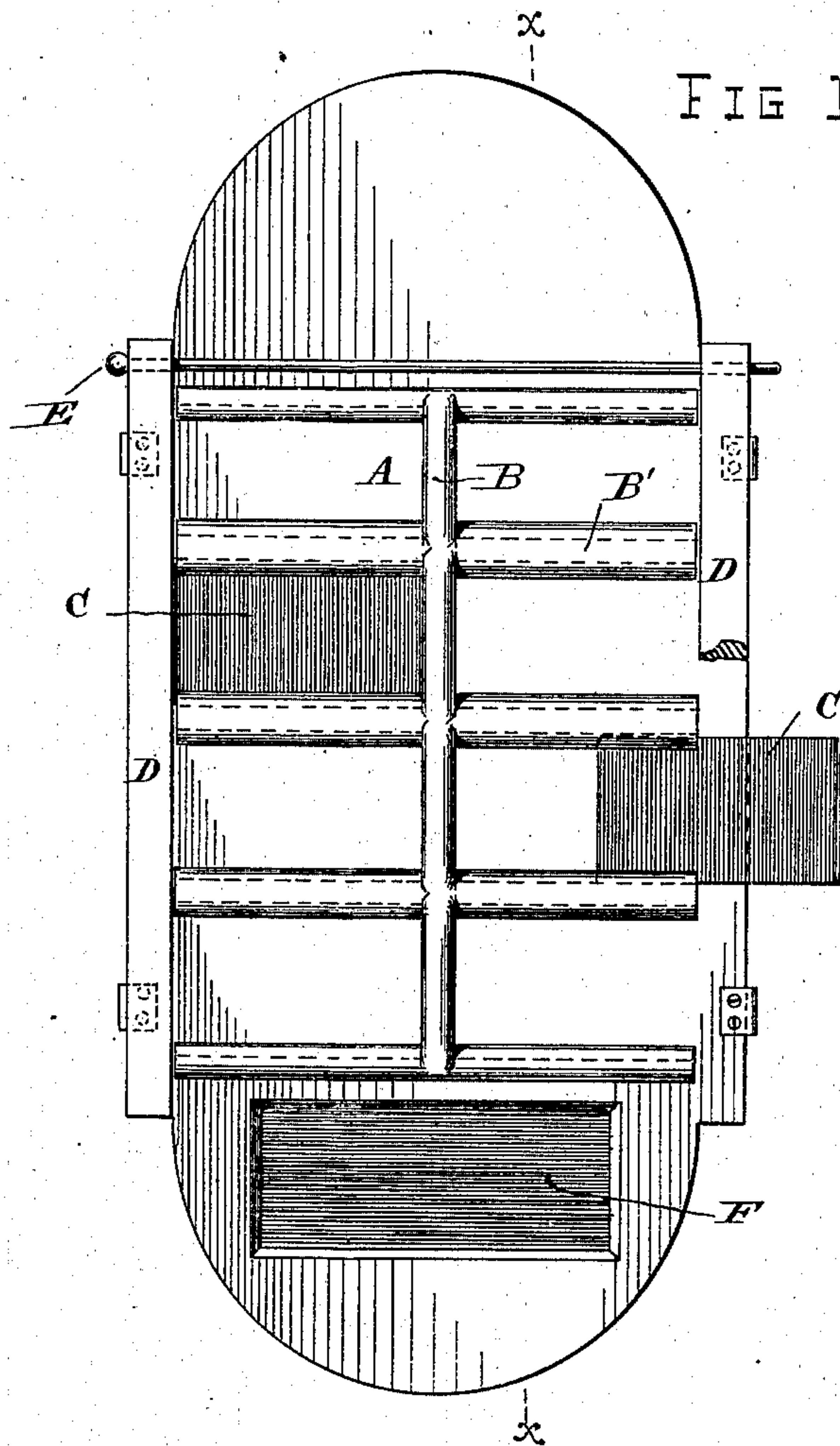


FIG 1

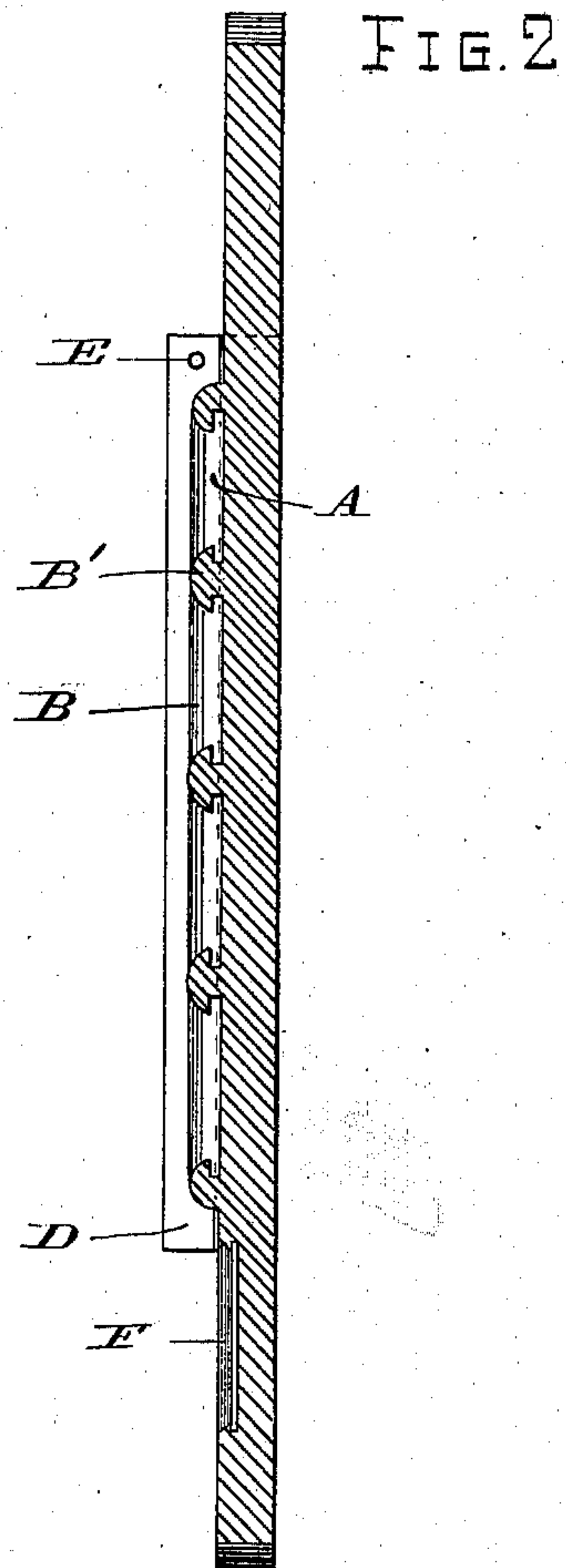


FIG. 2

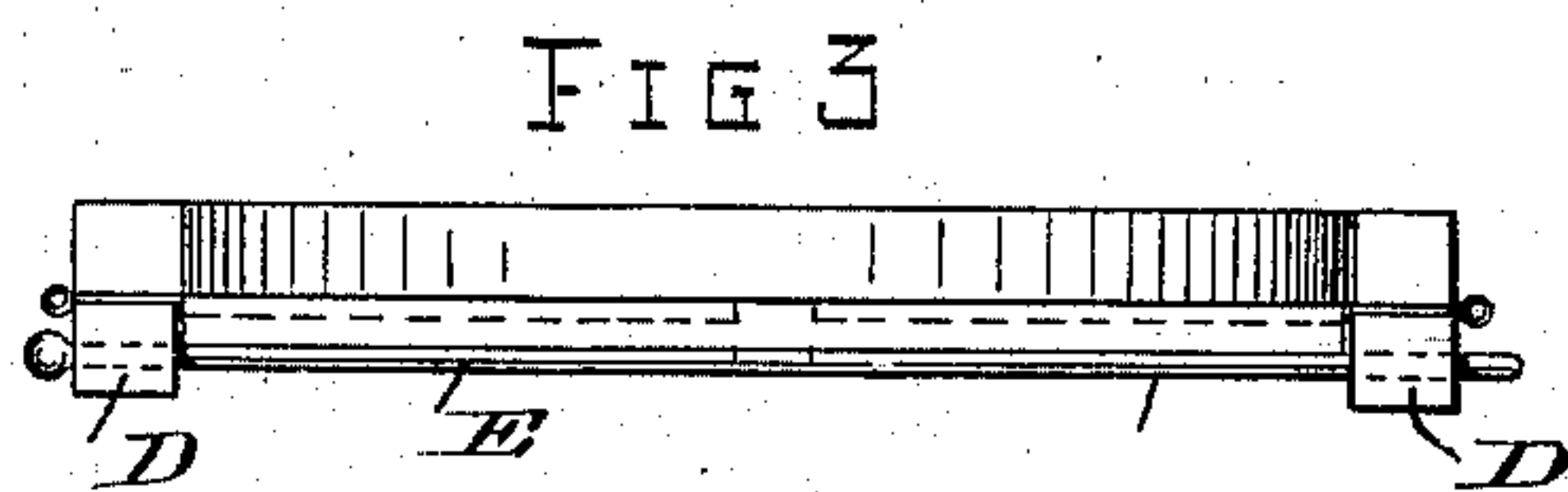


FIG 3

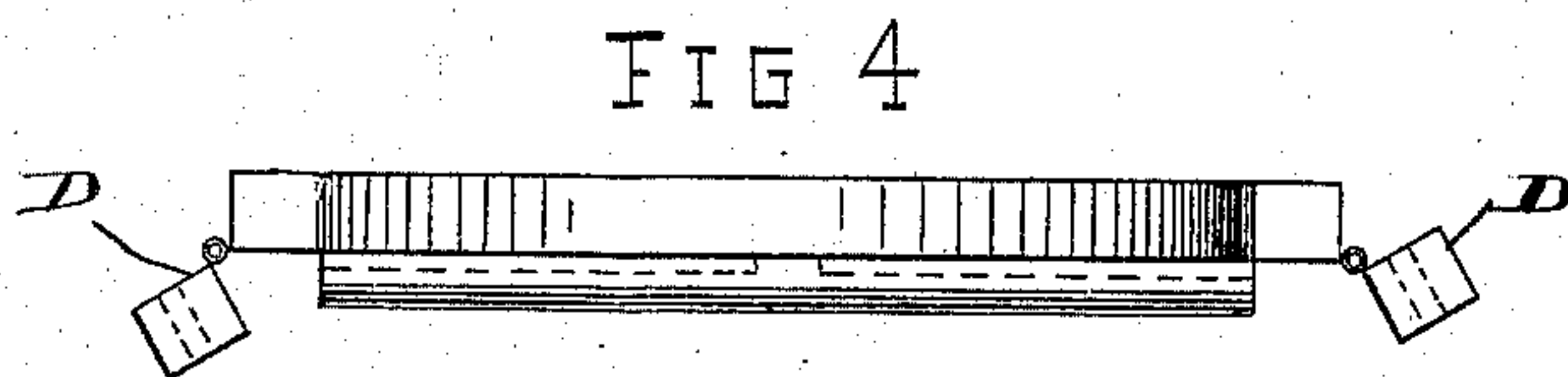


FIG 4

WITNESSES
Wilbur Bradford
Charles E. Chenevix

INVENTOR
George B. Wilbur
By *C. W. M. Smith*
Attorney.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

GEORGE B. WILBUR, OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

SIGN-BOARD.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 252,408, dated January 17, 1882.

Application filed August 25, 1881. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE BOWEN WILBUR, of San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented a certain new and useful Sign-Board or Block-Directory, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a means for indicating the names of persons or firms occupying chambers or stores in a block of buildings bounded by certain streets. I accomplish this object by the medium illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation. Fig. 2 is a side sectional elevation taken on the line *x x*, Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a top view with hinged stops and binding-rod in position. Fig. 4 is a transverse view with hinged stops thrown back.

Heretofore it has been very difficult to find persons, firms, and corporations occupying chambers, rooms, and stores in blocks, leading to much inquiring and travel around a block of buildings in search of the person or persons wanted; but by means of my improved sign-board or block-directory these objections are overcome, and the occupant found without trouble or delay.

In order to carry out my invention, I construct my sign-holder or directory in compartments A, bounded by the vertical cleat B and transverse intersecting cleats B'. These spaces or compartments are open at their outer ends for the purpose of introducing painted signs, giving the name of occupant, together with number and business in the block of that side of the street upon which the directory is placed. The signs C are held in position within their recesses by rabbets made in the cleats.

In order to guard against misplacement or willful vandalism, I provide stops D D, which are hinged to each side of the sign-board or directory, and when opened outwardly the inner face of the stop will be on a plane with the face of the directory, so that the sign may be taken out and replaced or reversed in case of removal. In the latter case the place of removal of the person is painted upon the back of the sign previously occupied by him. When these stops are closed they shut over the outer ends of all the signs in the directory, and a binding rod, E, passes through their upper ends, to one end of which a lock or set-screw may be attached so as to prevent tampering with the signs. A fire-alarm or other glass-covered box, F, is made in the lower portion of the frame, in which may be placed any printed direction.

My block-directory I place upon the diagonal corners of buildings at each intersecting street, and affix it permanently to the wall of the building in plain sight of pedestrians, so that any person may consult the directory.

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

In a sign board or holder, the combination, with the hinged stops D D, of a binding rod, E, passed through the ends of said stops and adapted to be securely locked, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of August, 1881.

GEO. B. WILBUR. [L. S.]

Witnesses:

C. W. M. SMITH,
CHAS. E. KELLY.