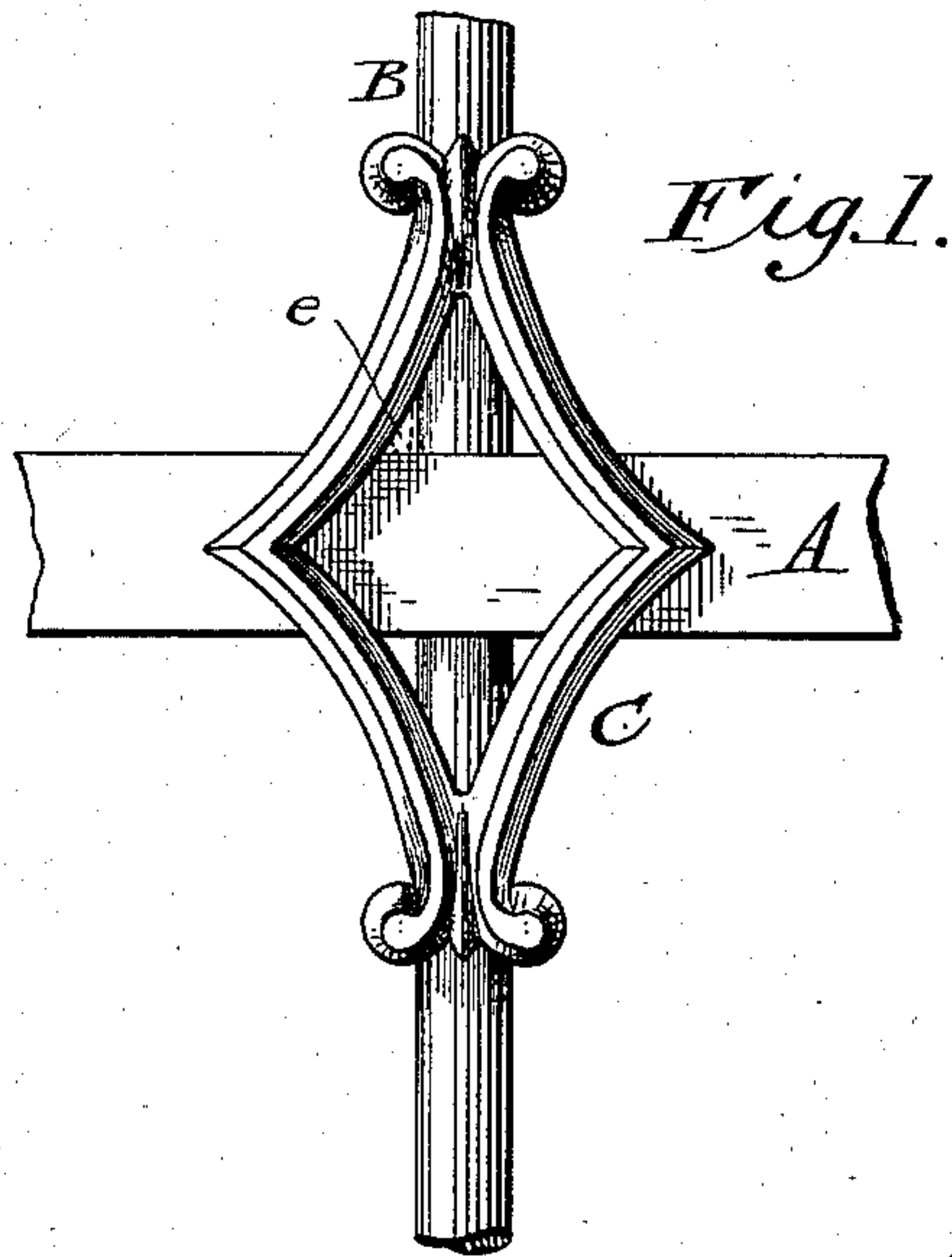


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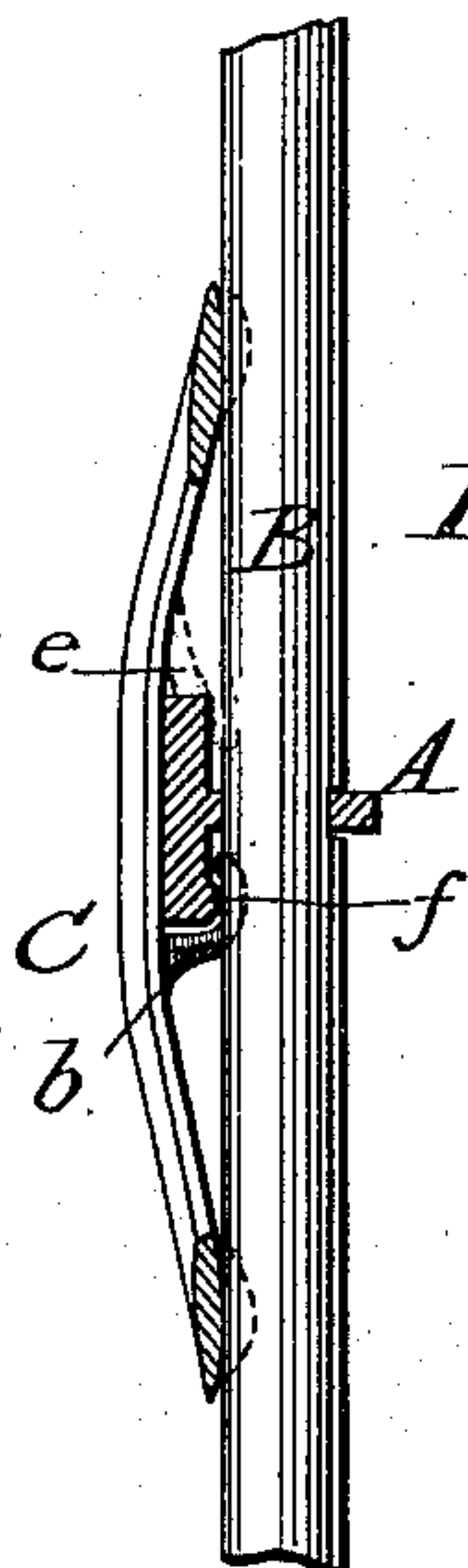
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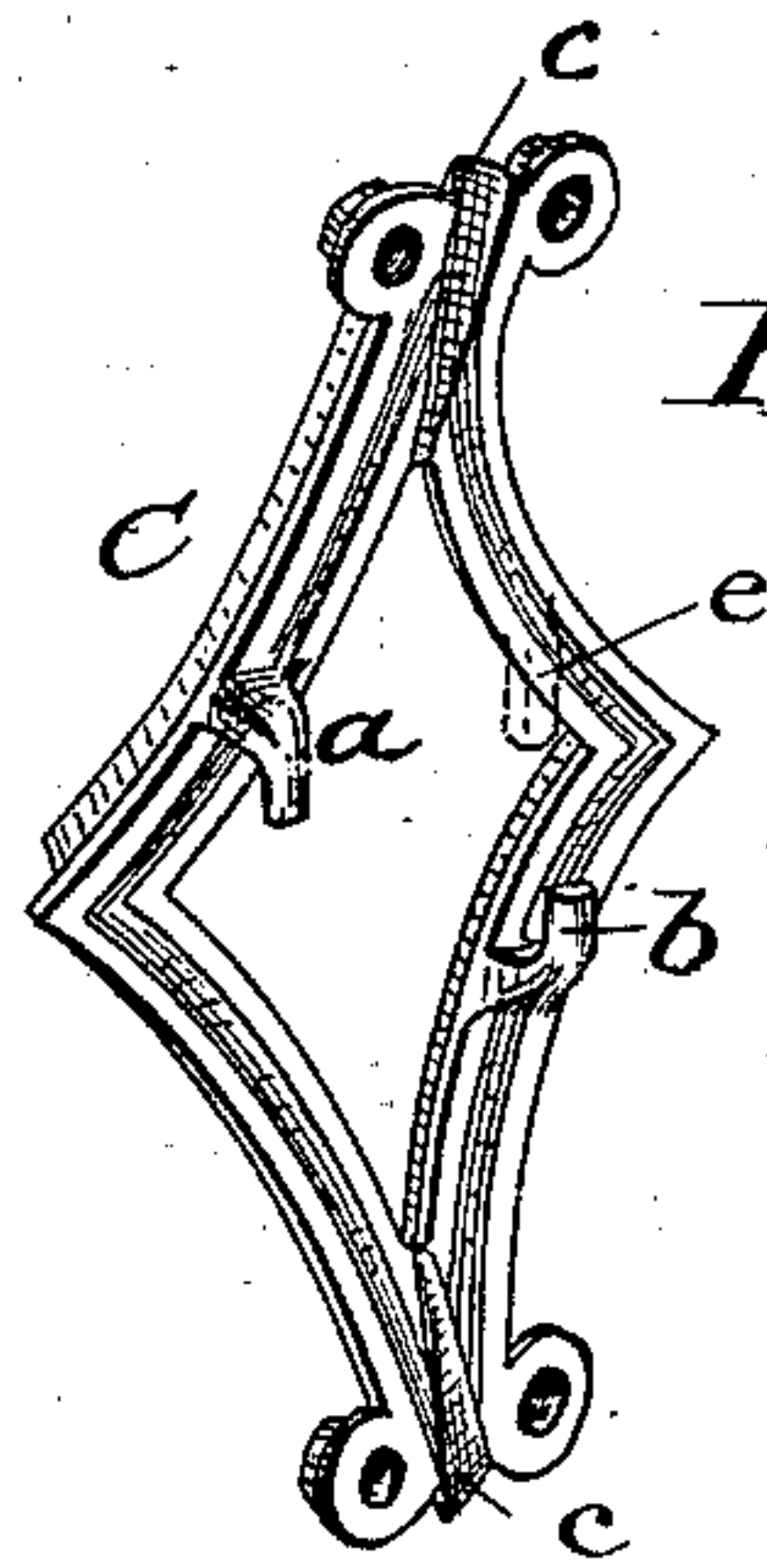
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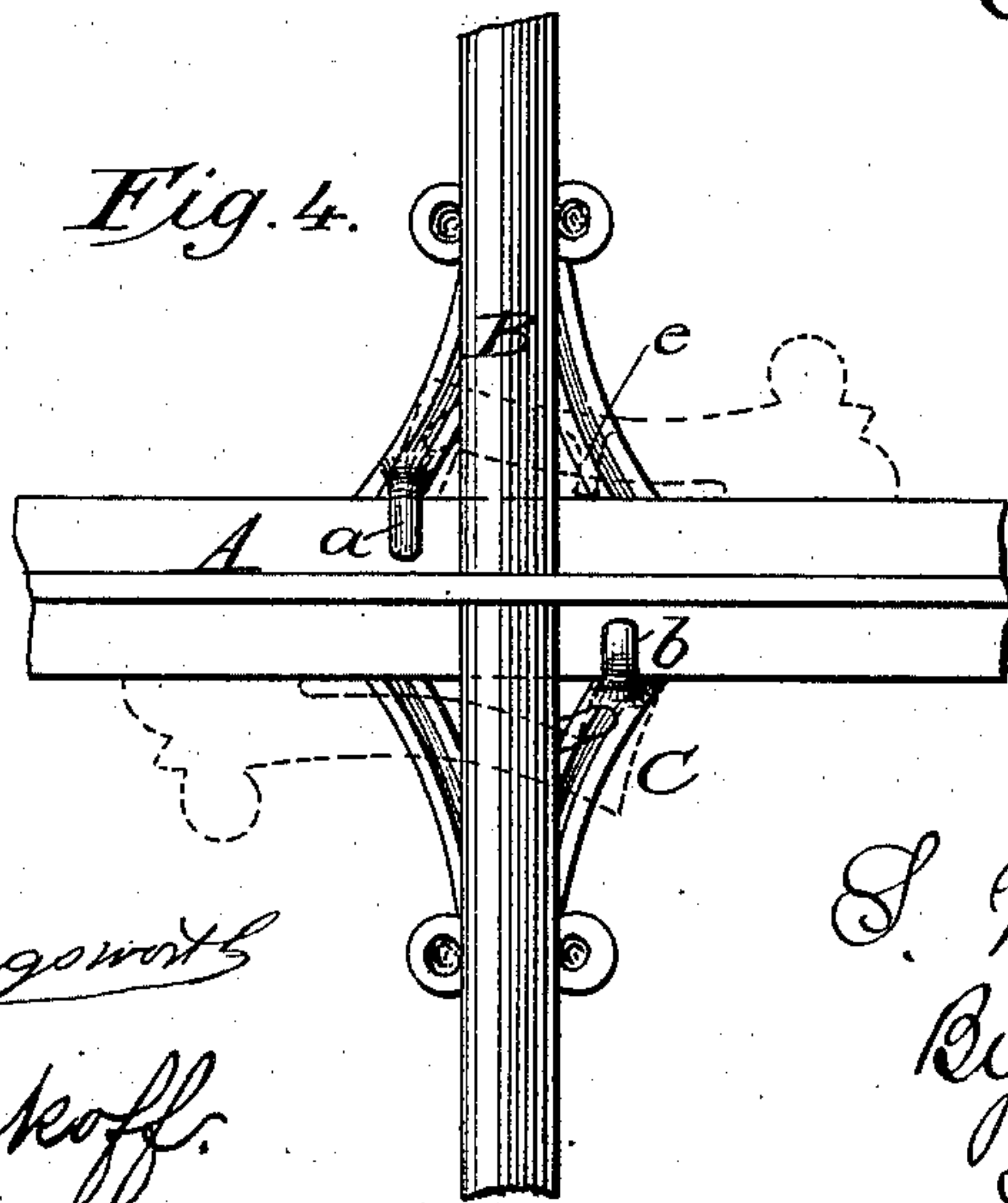
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*

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## ROSETTE FOR FENCES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL W. MARTIN, of Springfield, in the county of Clarke and State of Ohio, have invented certain Improvements in Rosettes for Fences, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a cheap and simple method of applying ornamentations to that class of iron fences in which vertical pickets or rods are sustained by horizontal rails, and particularly to adapt the ornamentation for application to existing fences.

In carrying out my invention the ornamentations commonly known in the art as "rosettes," and designed to be applied at the junction of the rail and posts, are made of any suitable design or configuration and provided on their rear side with lips or ears to engage over the edges of the fence-rail, the lips being usually disposed as hereinafter explained.

The device is susceptible of modification, as hereinafter explained in detail.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 represents a front elevation of a fence rail and picket having my ornamental rosette applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a vertical central cross-section of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the rosette detached, looking against its rear side. Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of the parts represented in Fig. 1, the dotted lines illustrating the manner in which the rosette is applied.

Referring to the drawings, A represents one of the horizontal fence-rails, and B the vertical picket, which may be secured to the rail in any suitable manner; but it is preferably notched and passed through the rail and secured by setting the latter into the notch in the manner represented in the drawings and in the Letters Patent heretofore issued to me.

C represents the rosette, made in the present instance of a diamond form, and provided on the back with two lips, *a* and *b*, curved downward and upward, respectively, and also provided at its ends with recesses or depressions *c* in the rear side. As shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the rosette is curved or bent backward at its two ends in order that they may rest against the front side of the picket, while the central portion rests snugly against the front face of the rail.

In applying the rosette to the previously-constructed fence it is placed in an inclined position against the front of the rail, as represented by dotted lines in Fig. 4, with one lip above and the other below the fence-rail. The rosette is then turned to an upright position, causing its lips *a* and *b* to engage over the upper and lower edges of the rail, and also causing its recessed ends to spring over and against the front of the picket, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. When thus applied the picket seated in the recessed ends serves to keep the rosette securely in position with its lips engaged firmly upon the rail.

While in ordinary cases the above-described method of securing the device is sufficient, the rosette may, if desired, be provided with one or more supplemental lips, *e*, as indicated by dotted lines in the drawings. These lips are so located that after the rosette is adjusted in position the lips may be bent or driven backward over the edge of the rail in such manner as to lock the rosette firmly and rigidly in place and prevent it from being disengaged.

In place of or in addition to the lip *e*, the rosette may be secured in position in the manner represented in Fig. 2. The fence-rail is provided, as is commonly the practice, with one or more longitudinal ribs, *f*, on its rear side, over which one or both of the lips *a* may clinch, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 2. When the lips are thus bent over the longitudinal ribs the removal of the rosette is impossible.

By the method of construction above described I am enabled to produce ornamentations of great beauty and at a trifling cost, and to adapt them for application to existing fences of various designs, so that they may be sold in the market as an article of manufacture for application to fences already in use.

It is manifest that the lips or ears may be made in such forms as may be required to adapt them for the different fence-rails for which they may be used. In practice it is found best to make the ornamentations of malleable iron; but they may be constructed of any other material desired.

It will be observed that the construction of my device is such that it may be readily applied to existing fences without detaching or

moving either the pickets or the rail. The recesses in the rosette to receive the picket, hereinbefore referred to, are mere notches or cavities open on the side to the picket, and are not  
5 to be confused with the ordinary eyes or sockets which encircle the picket and require the same to be inserted endwise.

What I claim is—

1. In combination with the rail and the  
10 picket sustained directly thereby, the detachable rosette provided with the oppositely-arranged lips to engage with the rail, and with the open recesses to receive the picket.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a rosette having its ends provided with open recesses in the rear side, and its edges provided  
15 with two lips, extending upward and downward, respectively.

3. A rosette for fences, provided on the back at opposite sides with two lips, one extended  
20 upward and the other downward, as described, whereby the rosette is adapted for attachment to the rail by a rotary movement.

4. The rosette provided with the lips *a* and *b*, as described, and also with the supplemental  
25 malleable lip *c*, whereby the device may be locked fast after being secured by the lips *a* and *b*.

5. A rosette provided with locking-lips, substantially such as described and shown, adapted  
30 to engage with the fence-rail by a rotary motion of the rosette.

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