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Fig. 1.

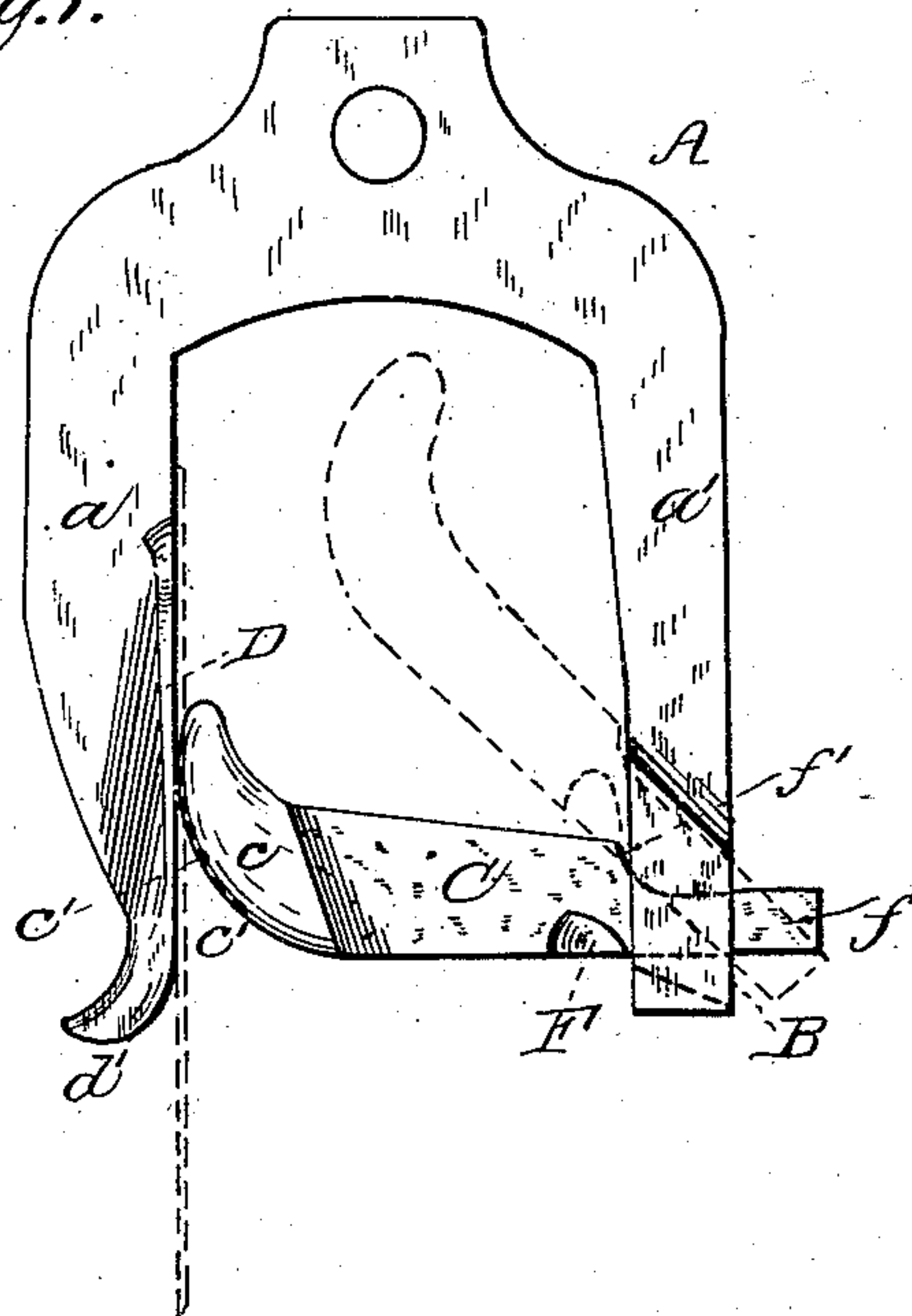
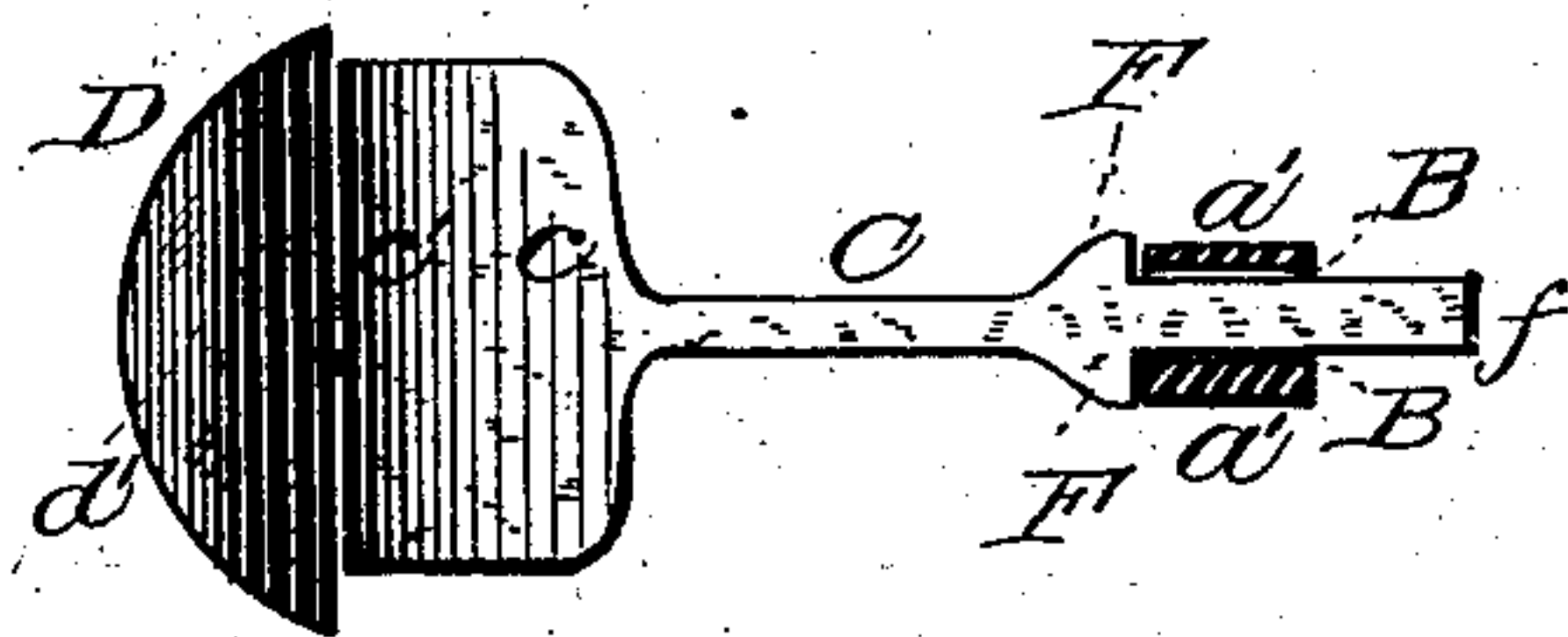


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. BERSTLER, of Merion, in the county of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Temporary Binders; 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
10 use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple, durable, inexpensive, and efficient temporary binder for letters, papers, bills, &c.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side view, and Fig. 2 a bottom view.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A designates a U-shaped casting, one arm of which,
20 a, is formed with a broad face, D, which is curved outwardly at its lower end, d'. The other arm, a', is formed with an inclined mortise or slot, B, at its lower end.

C is the adjustable and removable clamping-jaw, the entire front surface of its enlarged inner end, c, being curved and provided with transverse grooves or serrations c'. The shank
25 f of jaw C, which works in mortise B, may be provided with a curved shoulder, f', to increase the capacity of the binder, and lateral nibs or
30 shoulders F F are provided to prevent it from entering too far into slot B.

In practice the papers are inserted between the face D and curved and serrated end of
35 jaw C, the latter serving to bind them firmly without danger of tearing or mutilation. The downward tension on the movable jaw C exerted by the weight of the papers only serves to more firmly hold them in position. By lift-
40 ing jaw C as high as possible and then drawing it forward it can be entirely withdrawn from inclined slot B.

I am aware of patent to Chambers, No. 187,456, which shows a U-shaped casting having a clamping-jaw pivoted to the lower end
45 of one of its arms; but my invention differs materially from this device in having the inclined slot for the reception of the end of the clamping-jaw, the entire front surface of the enlarged clamping end of which is curved, as
50 shown, so that it will readily hold the papers at whatever height it is elevated. By this construction the clamping-jaw may be removed when desired, and it also tends to the better and readier adaption of the position of the
55 clamping-jaw in respect to an increased or diminished number of papers.

I do not wish to be understood as claiming any part of Chambers's invention, my claim being simply for my own improved construction
60 and arrangement of parts, as herein shown and specified.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

As an improvement in temporary binders, 65 the combination, with the casting A, having the arm a', in the lower end of which is formed an inclined mortise or slot, B, of the adjustable and removable clamping-jaw C, having the entire surface of its inner end curved, and provided near its rear end with lateral nibs F, to
70 prevent it from entering too far into slot or mortise B, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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

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