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Fig. 1.

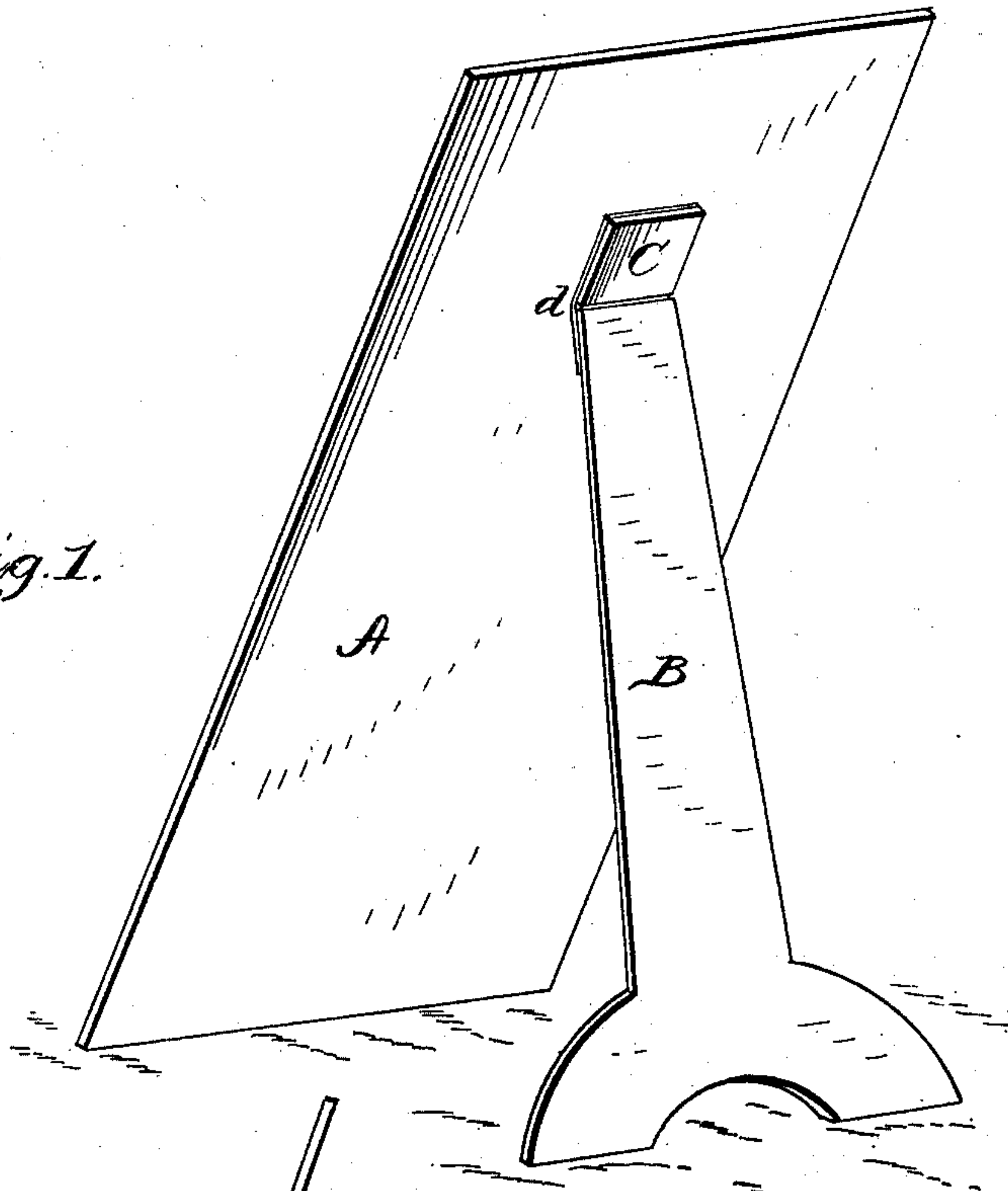


Fig. 3.

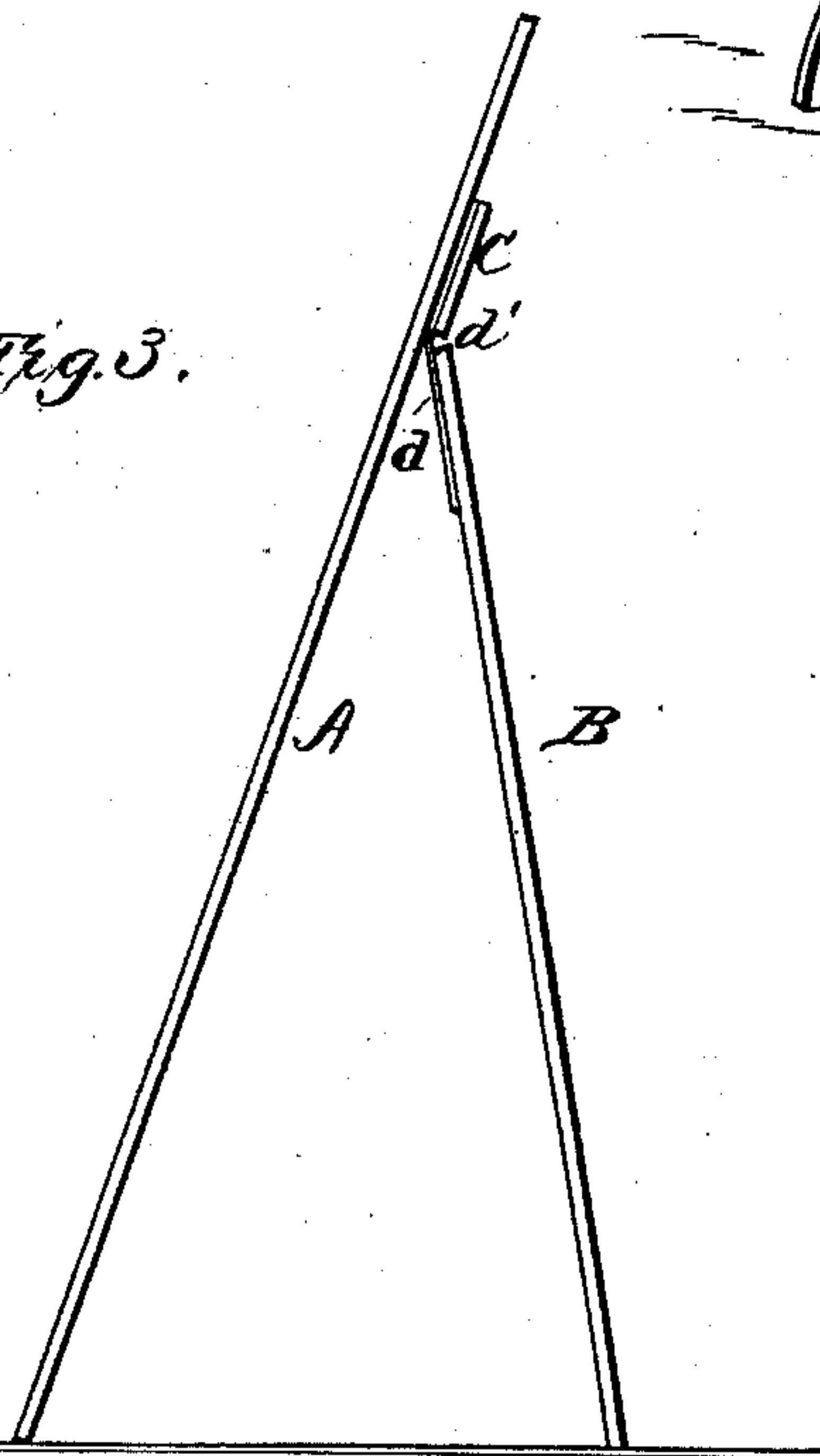
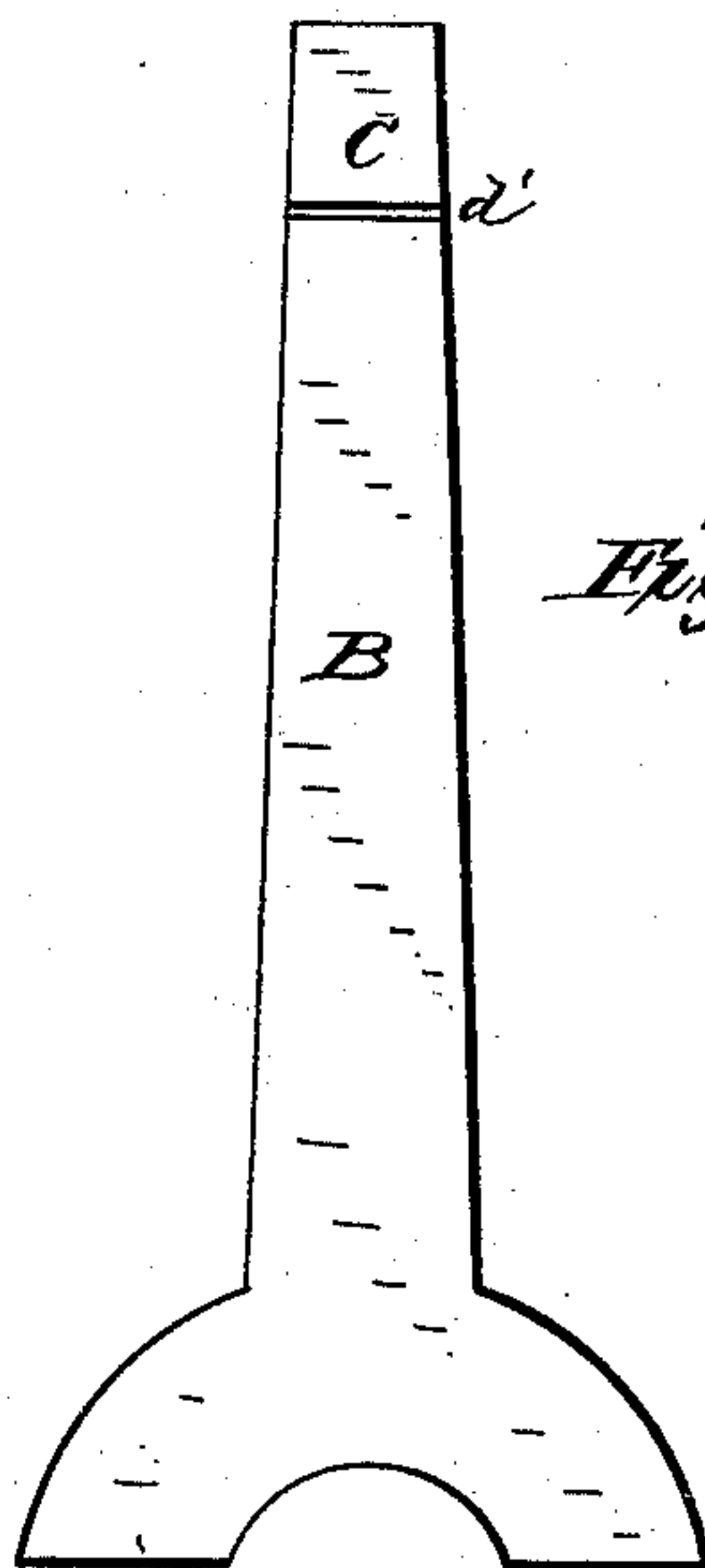


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY PENNINGTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Card-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in card-supports known as "easel-cards," of the shape and style usually intended to be displayed on an easel, or by means of a supporting-leg similar to that of an easel; and the objects of my invention are, first, to dispense with the necessity of an easel for the display of said cards by making them with a back attachment which will furnish the requisite support; second, to so adjust their support at the point of attachment to the back of a business or picture card as to prevent it from spreading too far at the base; third, to cheapen production by using muslin or other fibrous material in the place of a hinge or metal pivot heretofore used, and at the same time facilitate the packing of said cards for transportation by causing said support to lie closely against the back of said cards. I attain these objects by the construction of a card with back attachment, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a card-support embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the support of said card, being hinged at the top by a piece of muslin to a small piece of card, by means of which it is attached to the back of the business or picture card intended to be supported. Fig. 3 is an edge view of the device, showing the hinge and projection of the upper piece of card to which the support is attached, and which prevents it from opening with too wide a spread. Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The card A, the support B, the hinge-card C, and the hinge *d* constitute the frame-work and substance of my invention. The card A, the support B, and hinge-card C are all made of

card-board or its equivalent, and the hinge *d* of muslin, paper, or other fibrous material. When in perfect position the card A should rest upon its lower edge, with the support B opened so far at the bottom as to give the card A a slight incline at the top. The hinge is made by pasting a piece of muslin on the back of the support B and the hinge-card C.

It will be observed that in the construction of the hinge *d* a suitable space or opening, *d'*, is left between the hinge-card C and the support B to allow said support to easily swing backward. It will also be observed that in my invention the desired end is attained by pasting or otherwise attaching to the card A the muslin side of the hinge-card C, for if said hinge-card were attached on its other side there would be no check to the spread of the support B; but in my device the adjacent end edges of hinge-card C and support B, coming together at the hinge *d*, act as a stop, and rigidly fix the relative positions of the card A and the support B. When not opened the support B lies flat against the back of the card A, convenient for packing.

The use of the material, as aforesaid, cheapens the cost of construction as compared with the cost of wooden easels for card-supports, or wooden or metal appliances for like purposes as they are commonly made.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A card-support consisting of a hinge device formed by the combination of the hinge-card C and the support B, hinged together by means of muslin *d* or its equivalent, with the space or opening *d'*, adapting the edges of adjacent ends of the support and hinge-card to come together to form a check against the spread of the support B when in position, substantially as set forth and described.

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