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WRITER'S HAND SUPPORT.

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Fig.1.

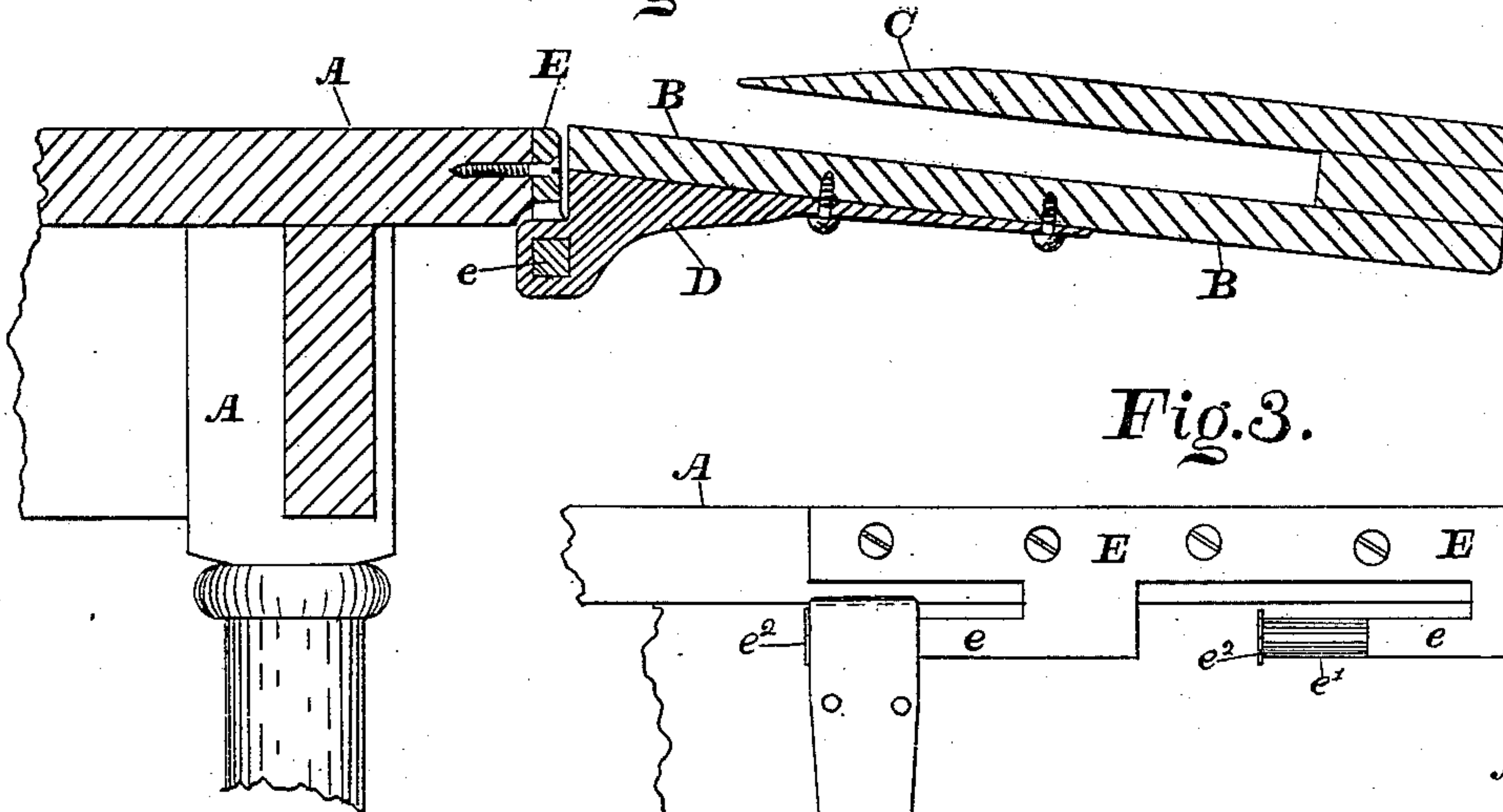


Fig.3.

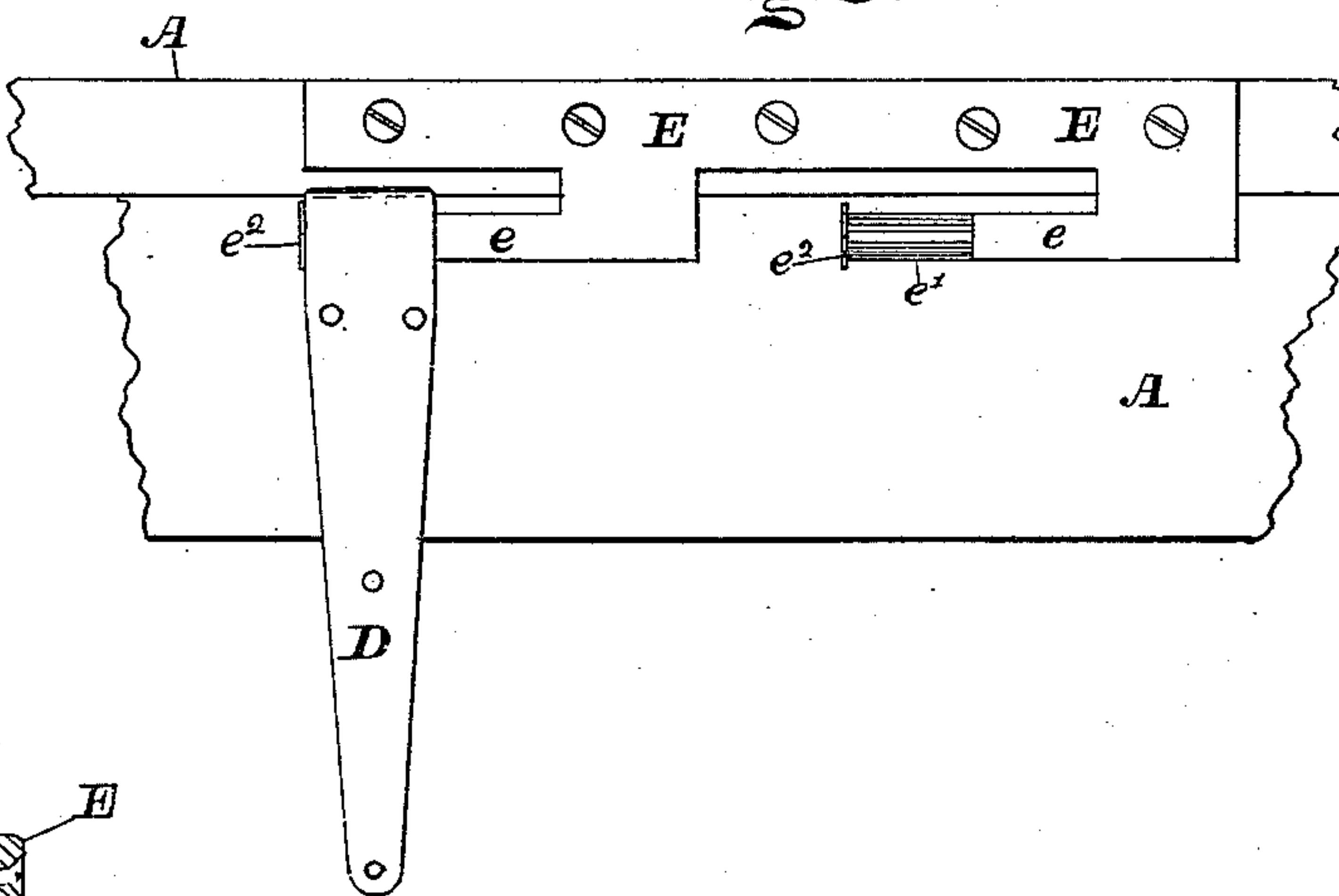


Fig.2.

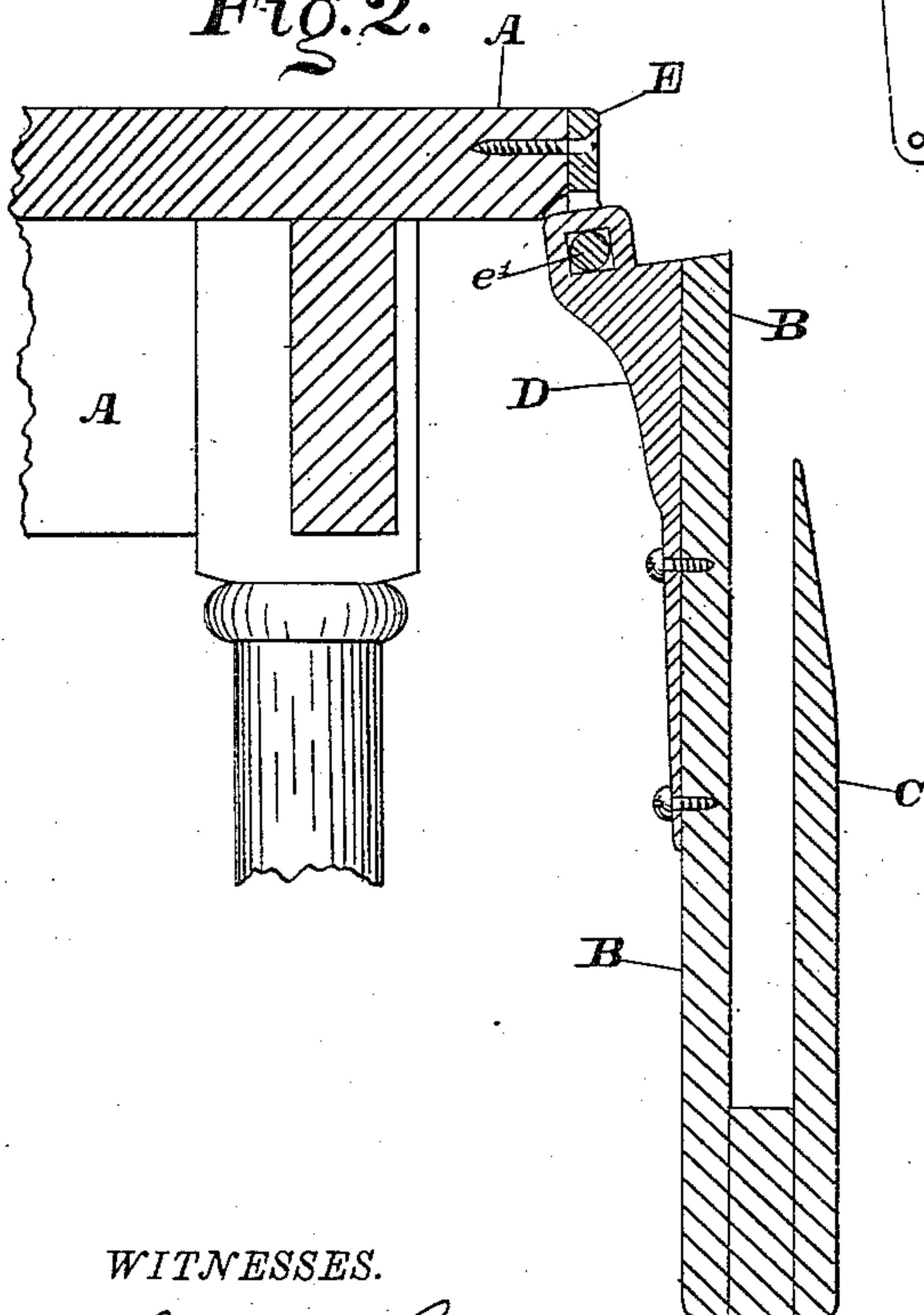
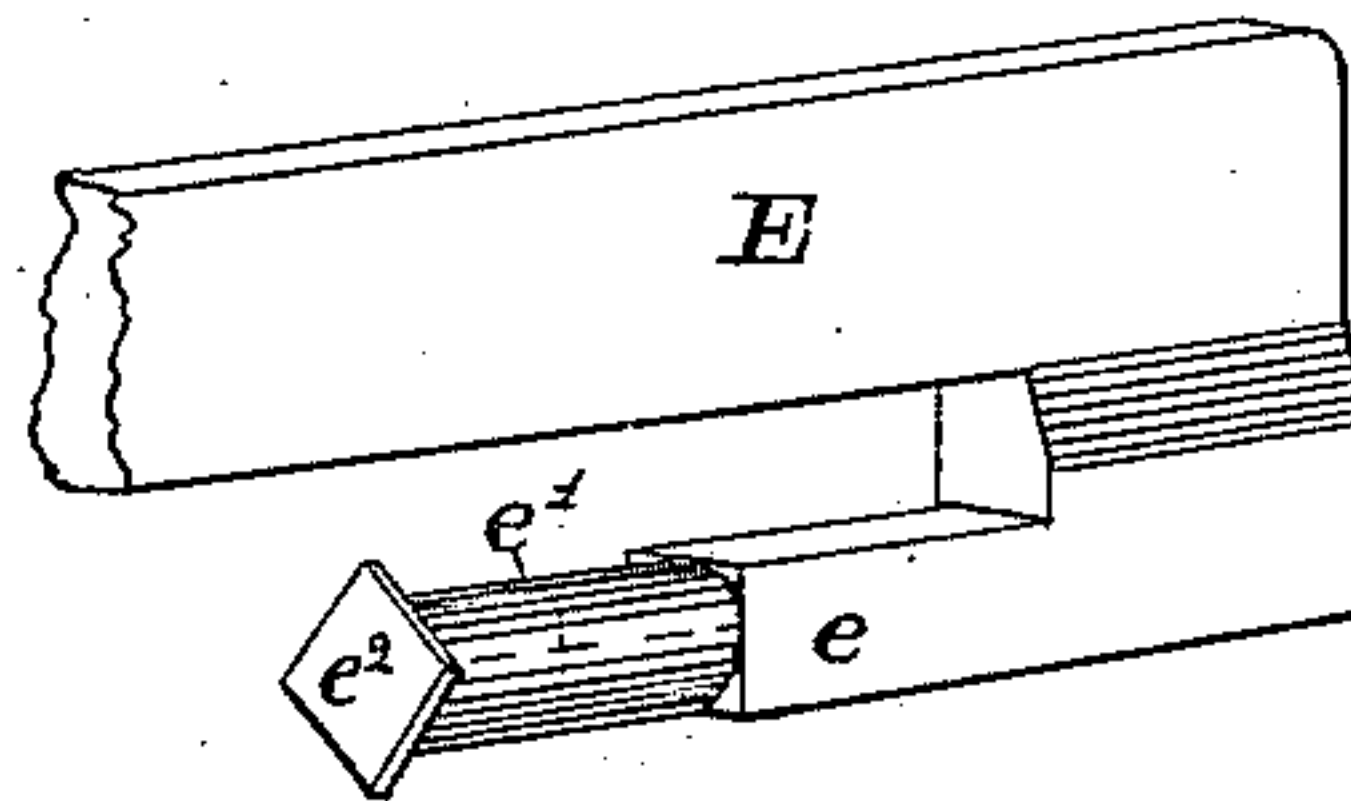


Fig.4.



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WRITER'S HAND-SUPPORT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. HENSLEY, of the town of Lawrence, county of Marion, and State of Indiana, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Writer's Hand-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

My said invention consists of a leaf to be attached to writing desks or tables, having a
10 recess into which the writing paper or book will slide as the writing progresses, the writer's hand meanwhile resting on top of the upper portion, and being prevented thereby from
15 coming in contact with said paper or other material upon which the writing is being inscribed.

For the purpose of giving a clear idea of the manner in which I prefer to use this invention, I have shown in the drawings and will
20 hereinafter describe a peculiarly-constructed hinge which I have devised for use in connection therewith. Such hinge, however, is not intended to be included in this application for Letters Patent, but is reserved as the subject-
25 matter of another application which I intend to make.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part hereof, and on which similar letters of reference indicate similar
30 parts, Figure 1 is a longitudinal vertical section of a leaf and hinge embodying my said invention, said leaf being up in position for use; Fig. 2, a similar view, the leaf being folded down out of the way; Fig. 3, a front
35 elevation of the hinge, one of its swinging portions being removed, and Fig. 4 a perspective view of a portion of the hinge.

In said drawings, the portions marked A represent the desk or table to which the hand-
40 rest is attached; B, the lower portion of said hand-rest; C, the upper portion thereof; D, the swinging portions of the hinge by which the hand-rest is connected to the desk or table, and E the portion of the hinge connected
45 directly to said desk or table.

The table A is or may be any ordinary desk or table which is suitable for the use of a pen-
man, and is adapted to have secured to its edge, by means of a hinge or otherwise, my
50 improved rest.

The hand-rest is composed of two parts, B C, as shown, between which the paper will slide as the writing progresses, while the hand of the writer rests at all times on top of the upper part, C, and does not come in contact with
55 the paper at all.

The hinge which I prefer to use with this rest is one which I have constructed especially for the purpose, and is composed of three parts, two, D, being ordinary-shaped hinge
60 parts, except that the eyes are not round, but are formed to fit upon and be held in position by a portion of the hinge-pintles, while they will turn upon other portions. The third portion, E, is fastened rigidly to the table, and is
65 formed with two pintles for the accommodation of the two hinge parts D. Each of these pintles has a square or other shaped portion, *e*, upon which the corresponding part, D, will fit and will not turn, and a round portion, *e'*,
70 upon which said part will turn freely. A head, *e''*, is also preferably provided to prevent the parts D from slipping off at inopportune times.

When it is desired to use the hand-rest it is raised up from the position shown in Fig. 2 to
75 that shown in Fig. 1 and moved sidewise until the hinge parts D are upon the pintle portions *e* and are held thereby. The paper or other material upon which the writing is to be
80 inscribed is placed in the rest, between the two portions B C thereof, the top portion projecting just far enough to accommodate the writer, whose hand rests on top of the top portion C. As the writing progresses the paper is
85 gradually slid out, while the writer's hand is not only enabled to remain in the same position, (which, as will be readily understood, is a great advantage,) but is kept from contact
90 with the paper, thus avoiding any danger of soiling the same by perspiration or otherwise. When the writing is concluded the rest is moved sidewise in the reverse direction to that
95 in which it was moved while putting in position for use, until the hinge parts D rest upon the pintle portions *e'*, when it will drop down out of the way into the position shown in Fig. 2.

Instead of the improved hinge shown and described, common hinges might be employed, with a brace upon the under side of the rest to hold it in position, without otherwise de-
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parting from my invention, the essential feature of which is a hand-rest, either movable or permanent, between the two parts of which the paper will slide, while the hand of the writer
5 remains in substantially the same position on top of the top part.

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

10 As a new article of manufacture, a hand-rest adapted to be secured to a writing table or desk, provided with an opening between the two parts thereof, into which the paper or

other writing material may be inserted, and from which it will slide as the writing progresses, while the writer's hand rests upon the top of the top part of the rest, substantially
15 as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Indianapolis, Indiana, this
20 4th day of March, A. D. 1882.

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In presence of—

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