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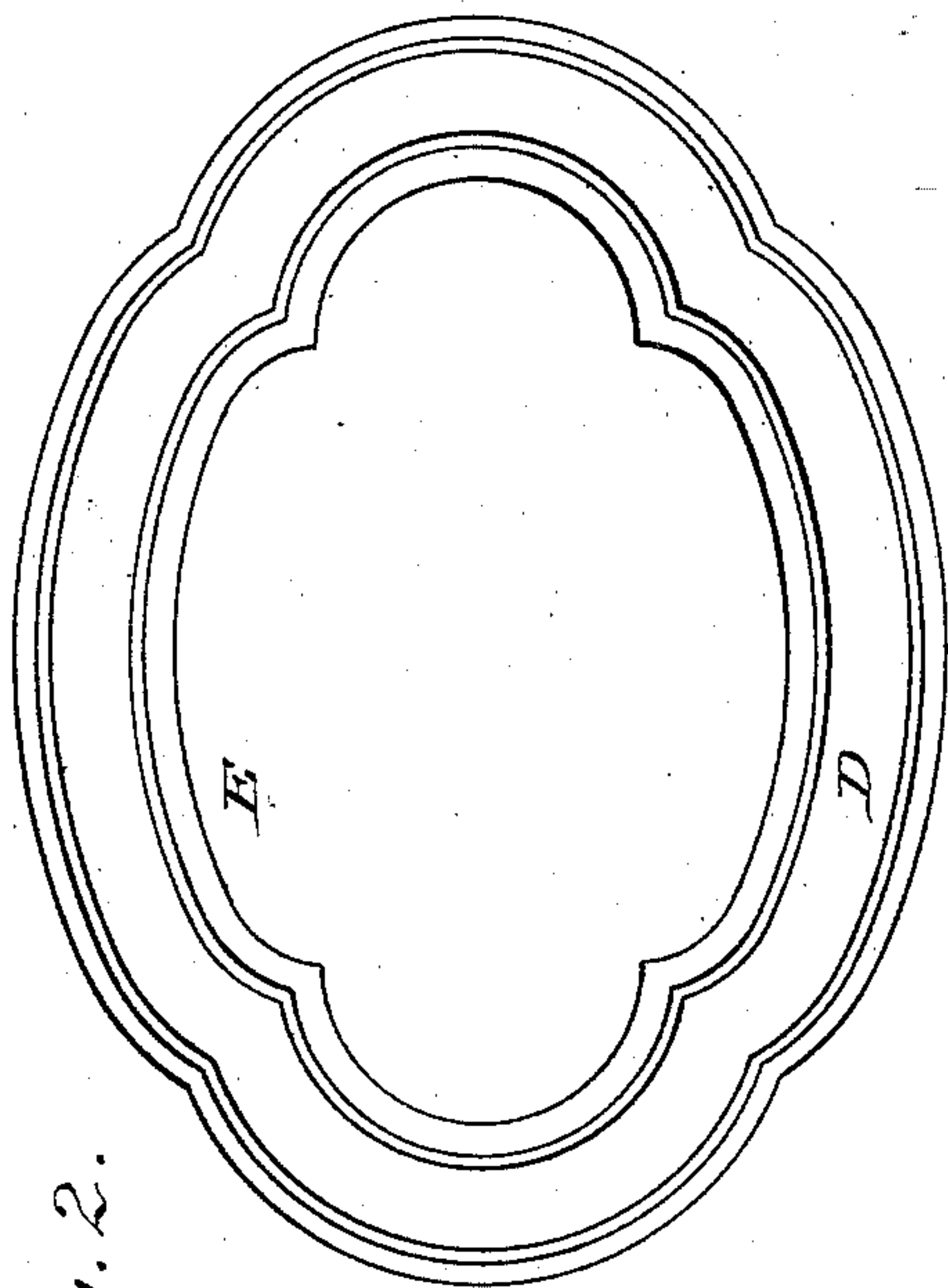


Fig. 2.

Fig. 1.

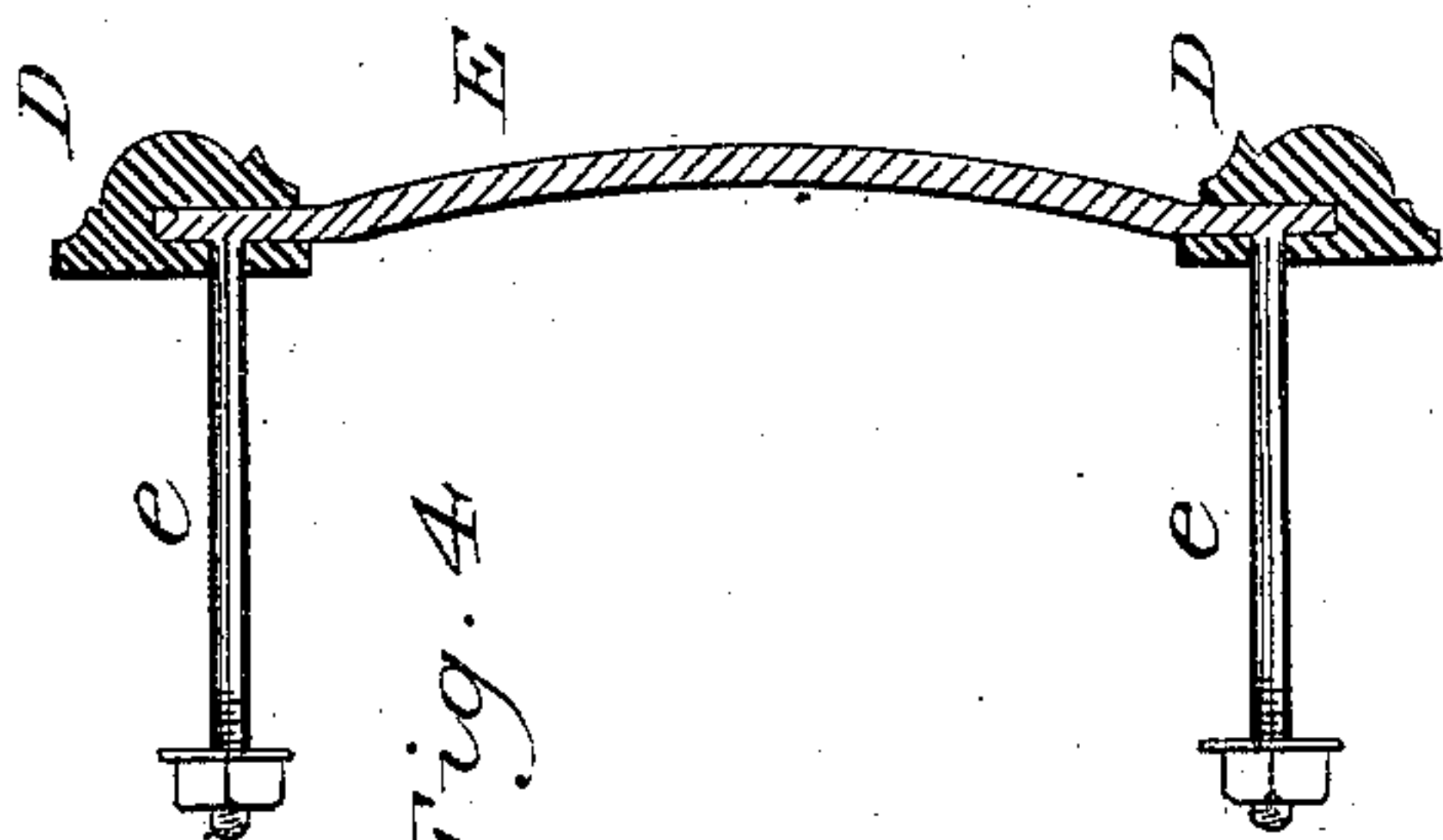
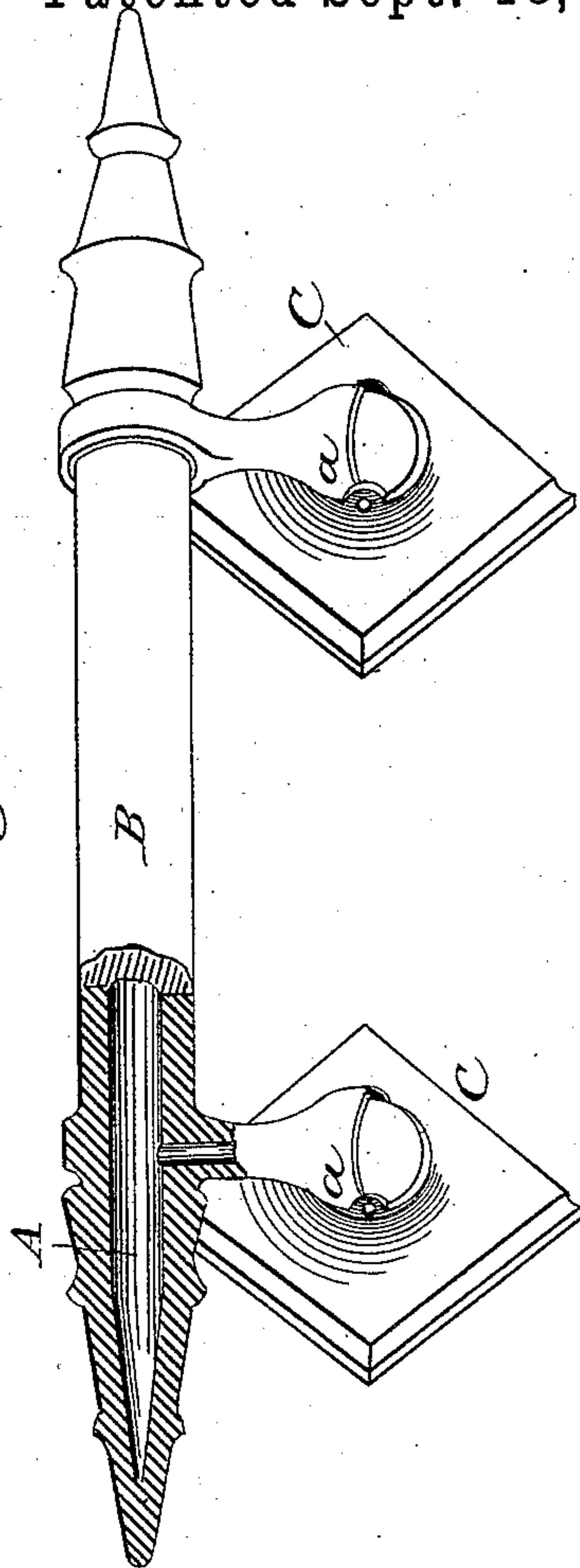


Fig. 4.

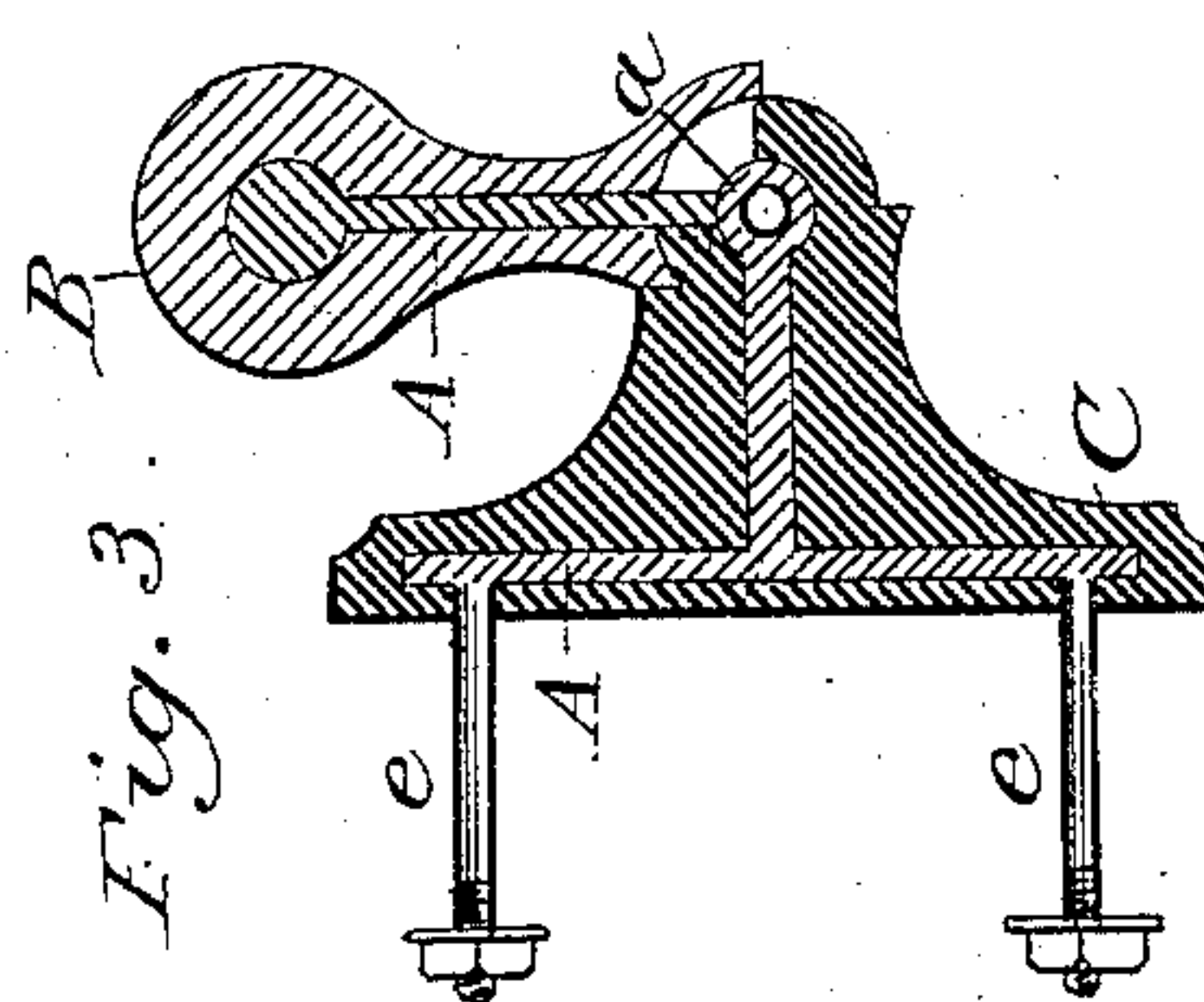


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## TRIMMING FOR BURIAL-CASKETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. COMPTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trimmings for Coffins and Burial-Caskets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of articles of manufacture which are made wholly or in part from plastic material; and it consists in the manner of making trimmings or mountings for burial-cases and other similar articles.

Metal trimmings and mountings for coffins and burial-caskets are expensive, not only on account of the material used, but also on account of the labor required to give them a proper finish. The addition of cloth or braid to certain portions of handles for a change of style is still an additional cost, and therefore undesirable for common use. The public taste requires for mourning goods, as for other articles, a change of style; and to meet a demand for a cheap and at the same time a good exceedingly-appropriate article for mounting burial-cases I construct the trimmings or mountings in the following manner:

In the figures of the drawings, Figure 1 is a partially-sectional perspective view of a coffin-handle, showing a skeleton for the entire article, with a covering made from plastic material forming the body of the article, the skeleton being constructed from metal without finish. The metal skeleton is also shown in cross-section, Fig. 3, showing also the means for attaching the same to the burial-case. Fig. 2 is a plan of a coffin-plate formed partly from metal and partly from plastic material, and Fig. 4 is a cross-section of the plate.

Having conceived the idea that jet mountings would, with a proper finish, be exceedingly appropriate for burial-cases, my aim has been to construct such articles in a cheap and substantial manner, with little expense for ma-

terial and no expense for giving a finish to the articles after construction.

I first make a metal skeleton, A, without finish, except as to the working-joints, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. To cover the skeleton with a body molded from rubber or other similar material which requires to be vulcanized is not only too expensive, but the articles would require polishing after construction to properly imitate jet. I therefore place the skeleton in a mold which is highly polished in those parts which correspond to the portions of the article on which a polish is desirable, and is left unpolished in those parts corresponding with the portions of the article to which a dead finish is desirable. I use such a plastic material as will harden and take a high polish by means of heavy pressure without vulcanizing, and apply to the mold a very great pressure. The body of the article is thus formed and finished by a single handling. A part of the metal skeleton may be left exposed, when desired, as E in Figs. 2 and 4. Plastic material of other color than black may be used when jet is not to be imitated.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. Mountings or trimmings for burial-cases or other articles, the body of which is formed from plastic material and a metal skeleton, and made in a mold under heavy pressure to give to the surface in whole or in part a polished finish.

2. The process herein described of making trimmings and mountings for burial-cases and other similar articles, consisting in molding a plastic material upon a skeleton frame or plate, and subjecting it to pressure in a mold.

3. Mountings or trimmings for burial-cases, formed from plastic material upon a metal skeleton frame or plate.

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