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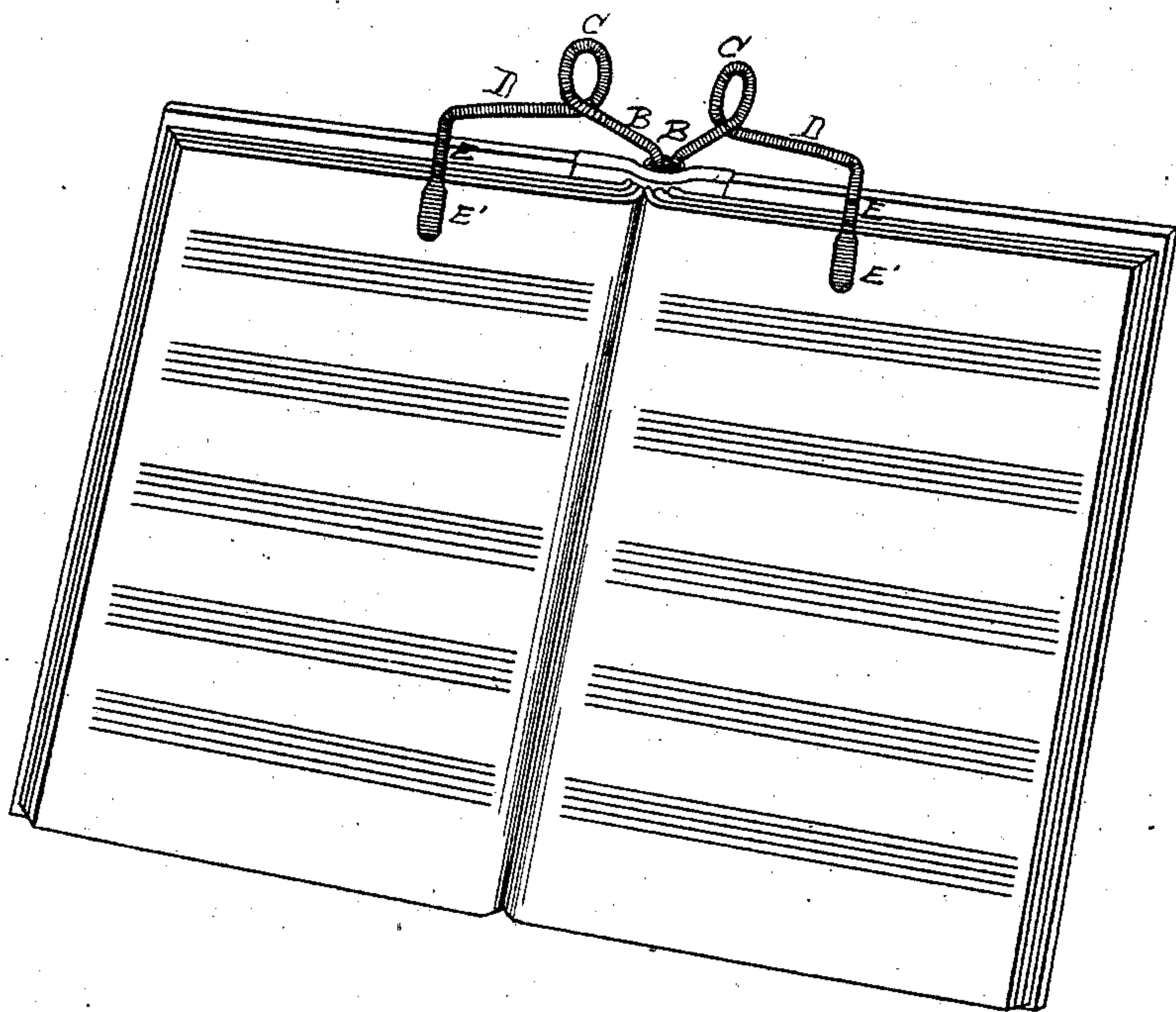


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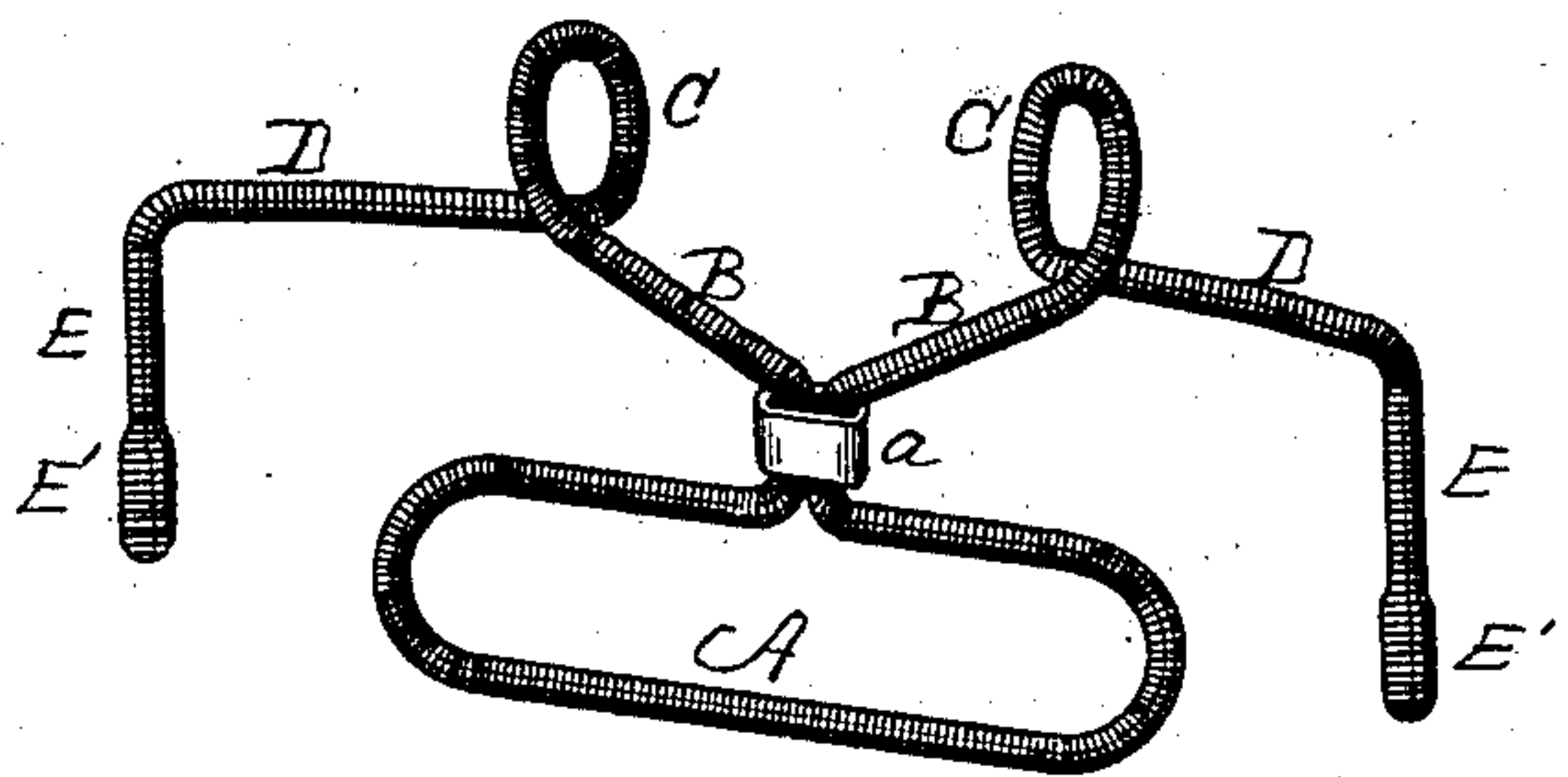


Fig-2-

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE D. B. SMALL, of Chelsea, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts have invented a new and Improved Device for Holding Open the Leaves of Books, of which the following is a specification.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of my device in position holding open the leaves of a book—in this instance a music-book. Fig. 2 is a view of the device removed from said position.

This device consists of a single piece of wire, formed into a central horizontal loop at A, provided with a ring or clasp, *a*, diverging at B, and formed into two loops at C C, bent horizontally, as shown at D D, and downward at E.

To place the device in position on a book, grasp the loops C with the thumb and finger, and press them toward each other until the parts E are brought sufficiently forward to make a sufficient space between the parts E and the loop A; then place the device on the

open book, with the loop A behind and the parts E in front against the opposite leaves, as shown in Fig. 1.

The wire is preferably wound with silk or some similar material, and wound more thickly at the ends E' E', in order to prevent marring the book.

Any equivalent device may be used in place of the ring *a*; or a coil may be taken in the wire at that point.

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

The herein-described improved device for holding open the leaves of books, consisting of a wire bent as shown at A, B, C, D, and E, and provided with a ring, *a*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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