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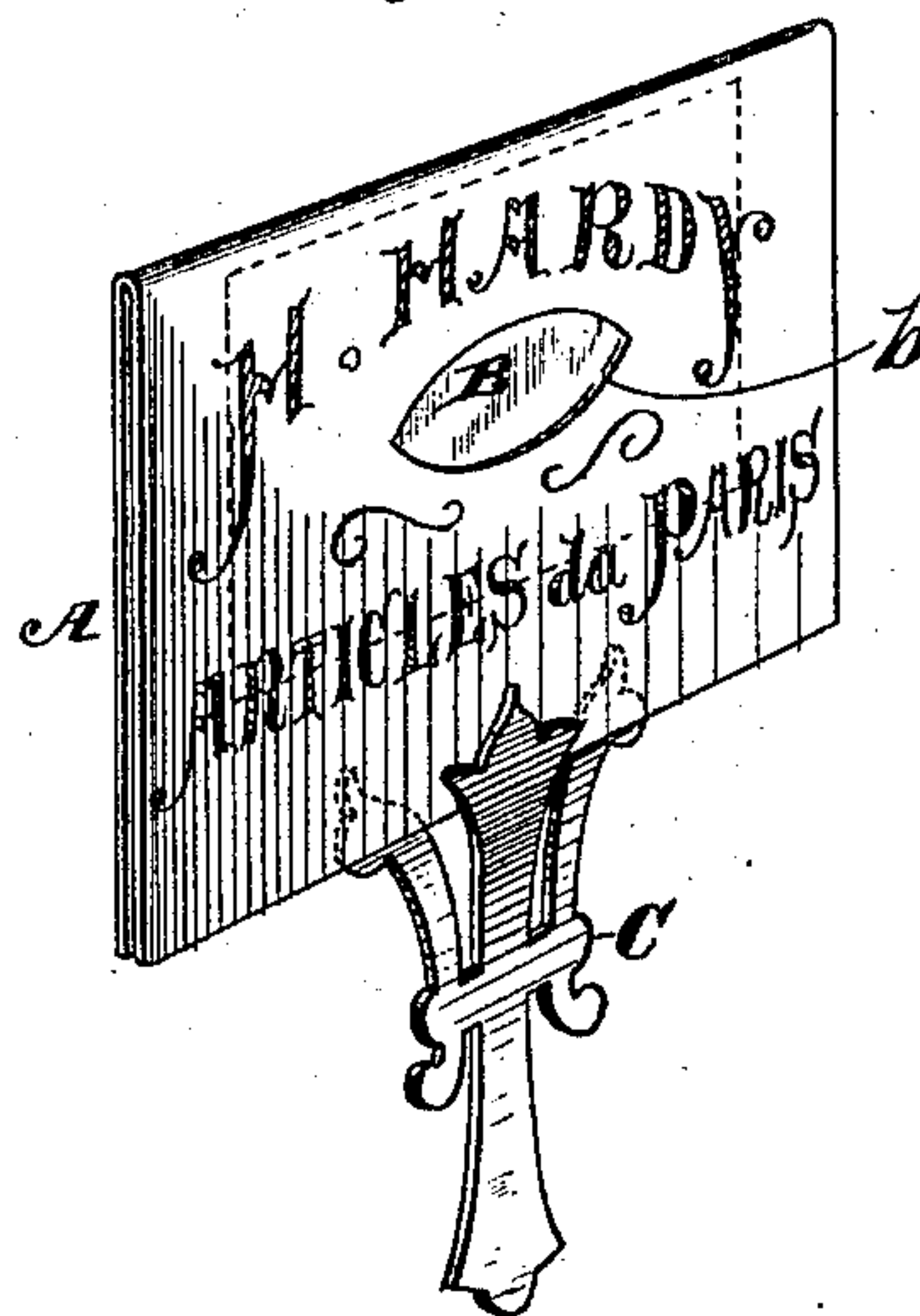
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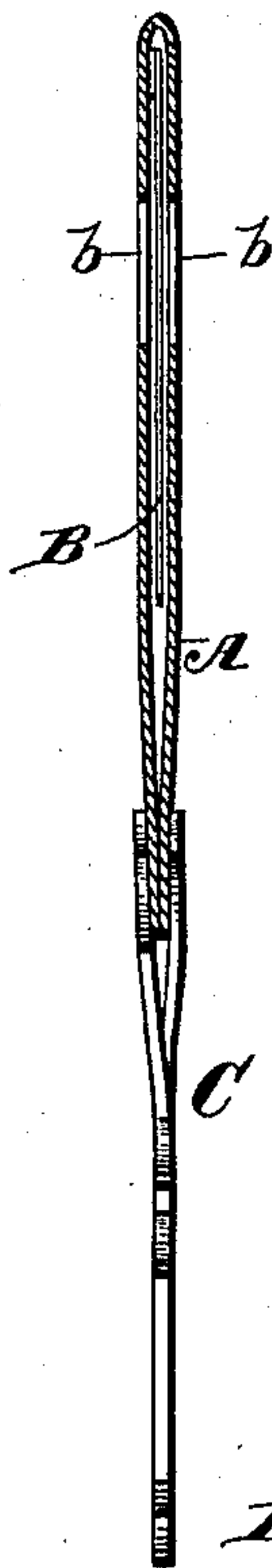
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HIPPOLYTE HARDY, of Paris, Republic of France, have invented a new and Improved Advertising Musical Instrument, of which the following is a specification.

The device which I have invented is intended to serve as an advertising-card and as a musical instrument as well. It is for this purpose characterized by a novel construction of parts which can best be explained and understood by reference to the drawings accompanying this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the parts of the device unfolded. Fig. 2 is a view of the same folded and ready for use as a musical instrument. Fig. 3 is a cross-section through the center of the folded device.

The body of the instrument is composed of a sheet, A, of card-board or other suitable stiff material, folded over upon itself along the center line, *a*, Fig. 1. Through the plies are formed openings *b*, which register with one another when the sheet A is folded up, and between the plies is placed a sheet, B, of cigarette-paper or other suitable thin material, secured at one of its edges to one of the plies by any suitable means—such as mucilage or a metallic fastener. When the sheet A is folded, as shown in Fig. 2, the free edges of the plies are held together by a removable clip of wood, metal, or other suitable material, which

serves as a handle, C, by which the device can be held. The loose sheet B, in the position indicated, becomes what may be considered a reed, which, when the opening *b* of the device shown in Fig. 2 is placed close to the mouth of one who is singing or using the voice, will vibrate and give out a strident sound. The stiff folded sheet A protects the diaphragm sheet B to a great extent from injury. At the same time it can, by removing the clip-handle C, be readily unfolded whenever it is desired to renew or change the sheet B. Both the interior and exterior of the sheet A can be printed with advertisements of various kinds, as indicated, and the handle C also can be used for an advertising medium, if desired. It is indeed with a view to its use for this special purpose that I have designed the article.

What I claim is—

The folded advertising-card A, provided with openings *b*, in combination with the intermediate reed or diaphragm sheet, B, and removable clip or handle C, as herein shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 31st day of October, 1882.

HIPPOLYTE HARDY.

Witnesses:

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