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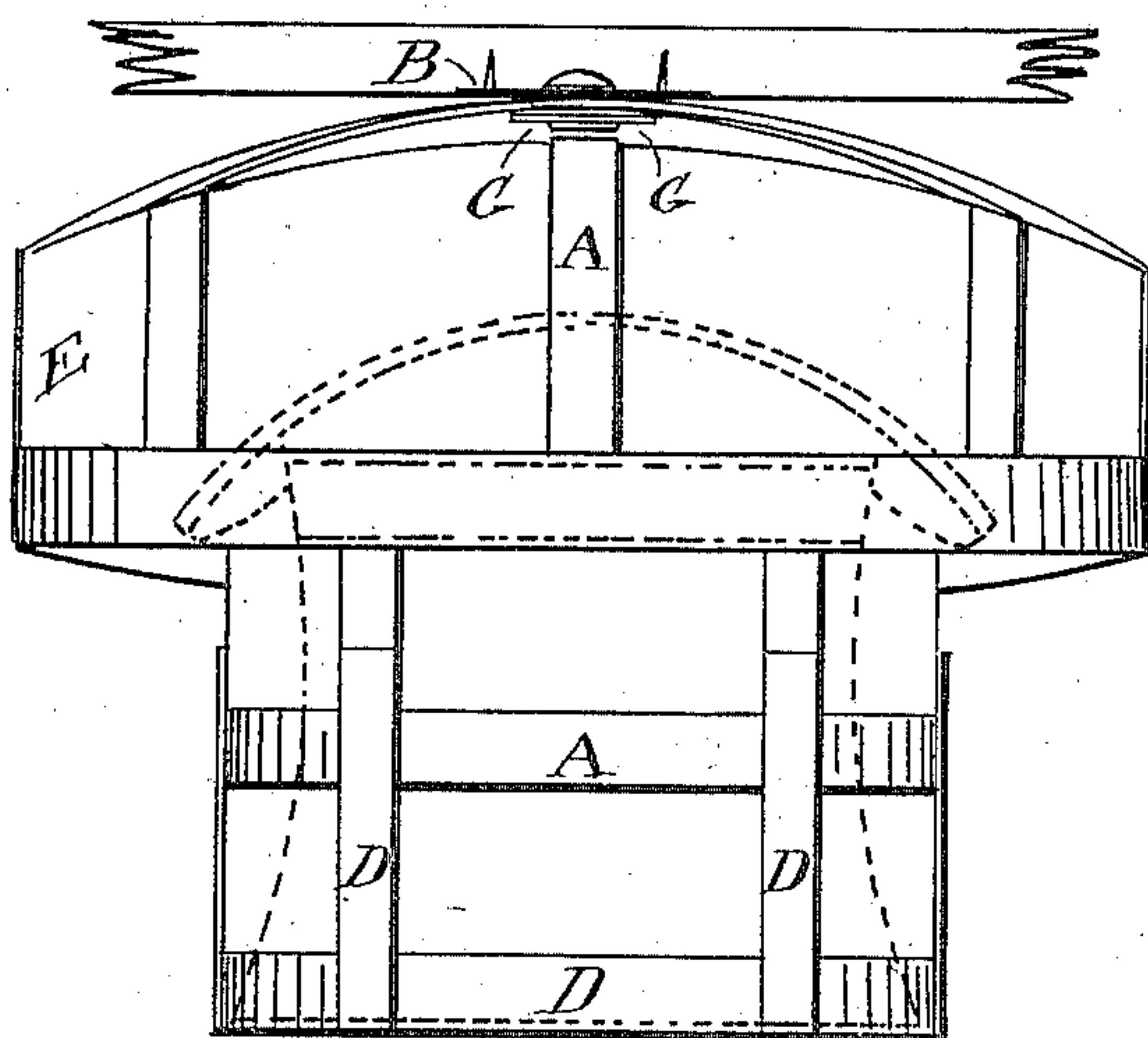


Fig 1.

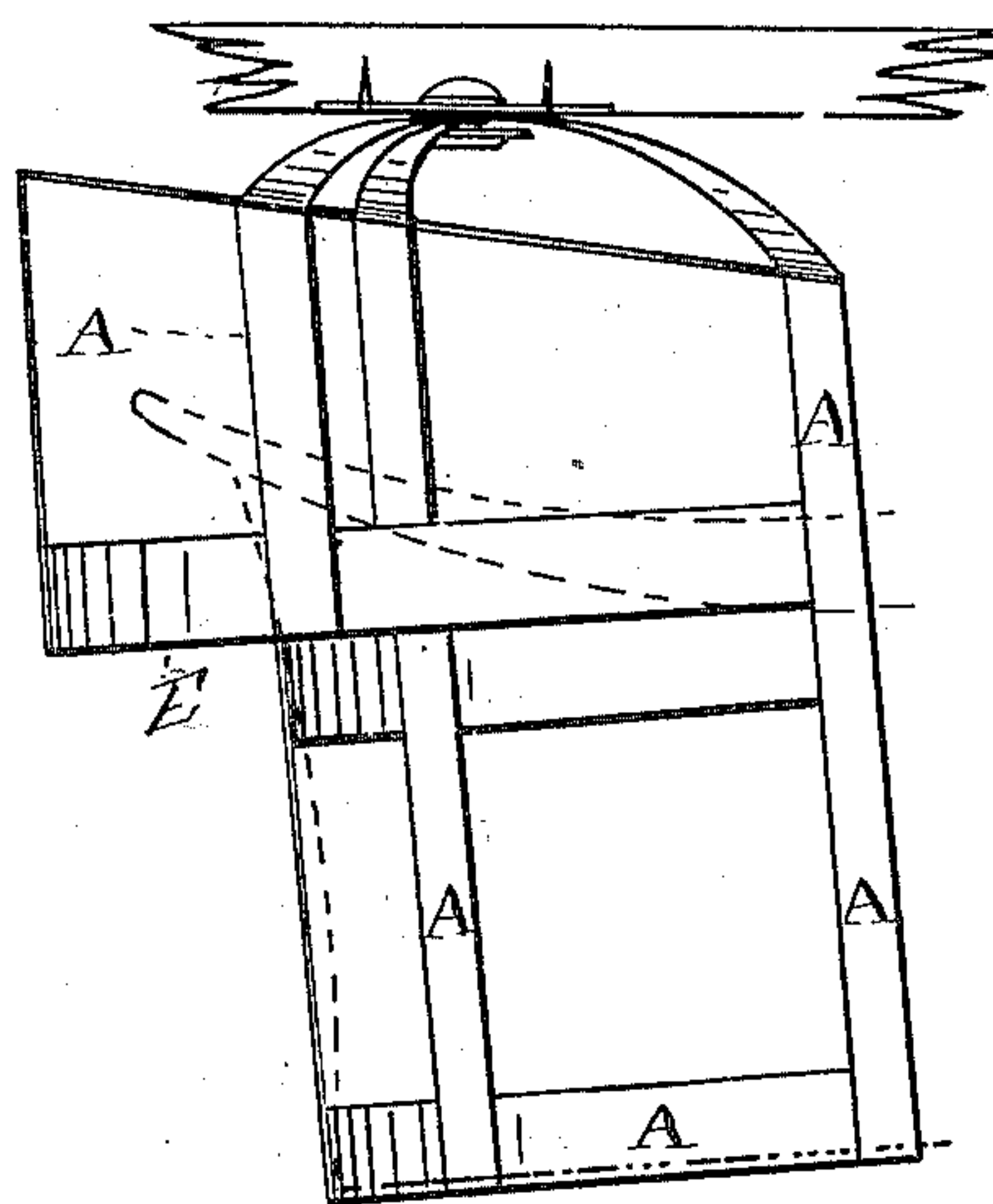


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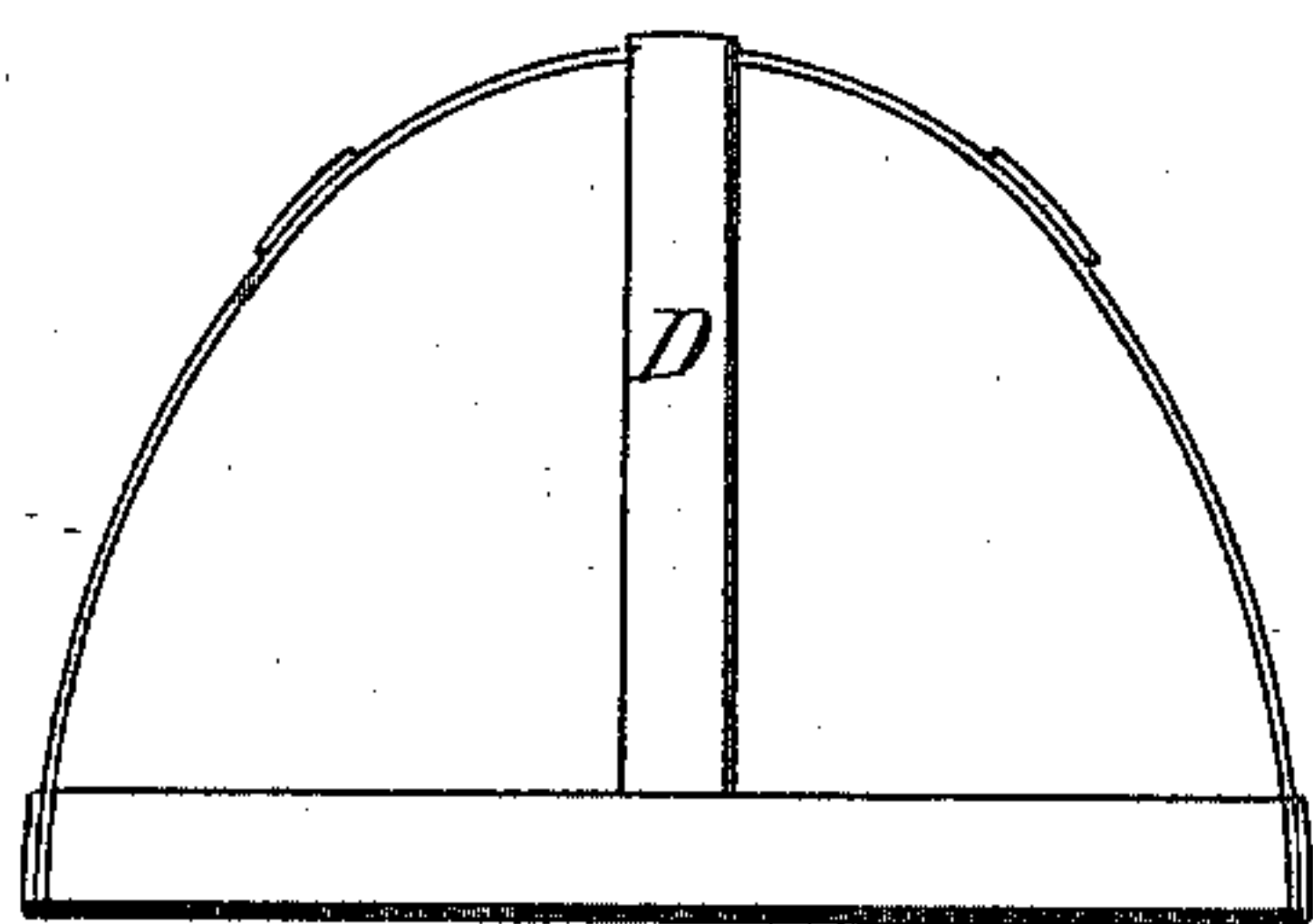


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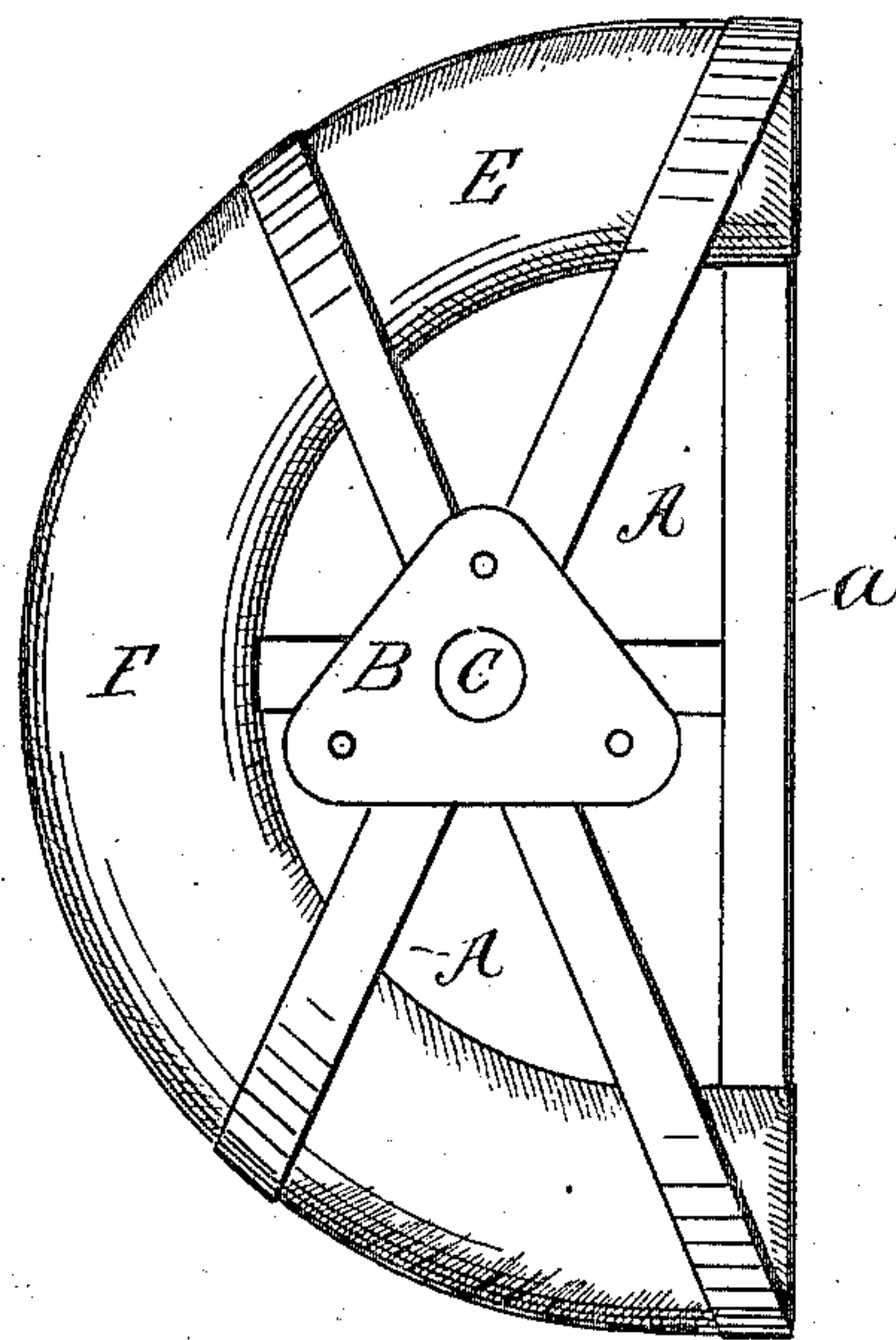


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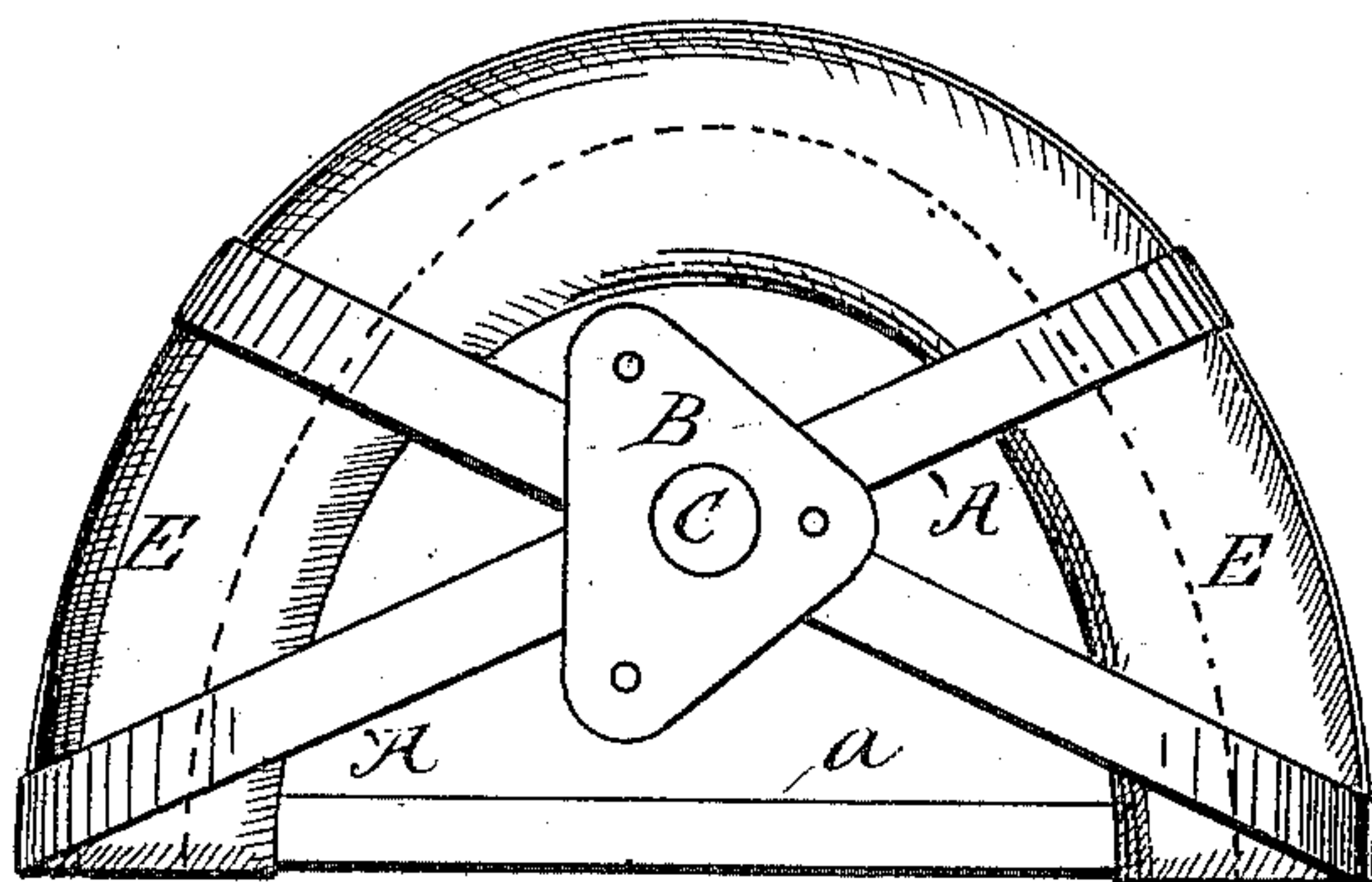


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## HAT-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN PORTER, a subject of the Queen of England, residing at Coalville, England, have invented a new and useful Suspenders for Hats or the Like, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a convenient and safe place in which to put one's hat in churches, theaters, and other places of public resort. The suspender is secured to the under side of the seat, or in some equivalent position.

This invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which like letters of reference represent like parts.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the suspender, showing a hat in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan of the suspender shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a plan of a suspender specially suitable for large round hats, such as soft felt hats, straw hats, or the like. Fig. 5 is a plan of the telescopic guard.

The invention consists of a frame, A, made preferably of tin and wire, or other convenient, light, and sufficiently strong material, which is either firmly secured to the plate B, which is screwed into the under side of the seat or other convenient support, or it may be made so as to turn on the central pin, C, (a leather, rubber, or equivalent washer, G, being placed round the pin and between the moving surfaces, when desired, to prevent noise,) so that while the plate B is firmly fixed the suspender itself can be turned, as required, and particularly may be turned round, so as to serve either for the hat of the person to whose seat it is fixed or for that of a person in the seat behind.

In Fig. 1 the frame-work descends partly down the hat, so as to protect it; but the portion below the bottom bar of A is unprotected. To cover this a sliding or telescopic frame, D, is provided, which can be shut up when not in use, and thus leave more room for brushing and cleaning under the seats of the building.

For the purposes of providing a support and protector for the hat which may of itself extend down sufficiently far, or only extend partly far enough, and be provided with the telescopic portion, whereby it can be folded up out of the way, I prefer to use the com-

plete device; but it will be obvious that for simply supporting the hat the form shown by Figs. 3 and 4 will be all that is required.

By referring to Fig. 2 it will be seen that the face or platform E, upon which the brim of the hat rests, is so arranged as to slope downward toward the back, and thus give a tendency to the hat to remain in the suspender. This face E may be padded, as also may the rest of the frame-work, if required.

It will be observed that the padded platform is of a semicircular contour, or U-shaped, and the whole supported to the ends of frame-pieces, which cross each other, as shown, and at which point the plate for attaching it to a seat is secured. The frame-work or protector depends downward from the under side of said platform.

The shape and size of the suspender can of course be varied to suit circumstances, and so, also, may the materials of which it is made.

Having now described my invention, I claim—

1. A holder for hats, consisting of a U-shaped platform and the frame A, attached to the platform, having a plate secured thereto, by which it may be attached to a seat, substantially as described.

2. A holder for hats, consisting of a U-shaped platform and the frame A, attached thereto, having a plate for attachment to a seat, the construction of the parts being substantially as shown, whereby the ends of the platform shall be higher than the curved portion, as set forth.

3. A holder for hats, consisting of a U-shaped padded platform, having a frame depending therefrom for protecting the hat, and the frame A, attached to the platform, having a plate by which it may be attached to a seat, substantially as described.

4. The combination, with the U-shaped platform having a depending frame-work for protecting the hat, and the frame A, secured to said platform, having a plate for attachment to a seat, of a sliding or telescopic portion attached to said depending frame, substantially as shown, and for the purpose described.

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