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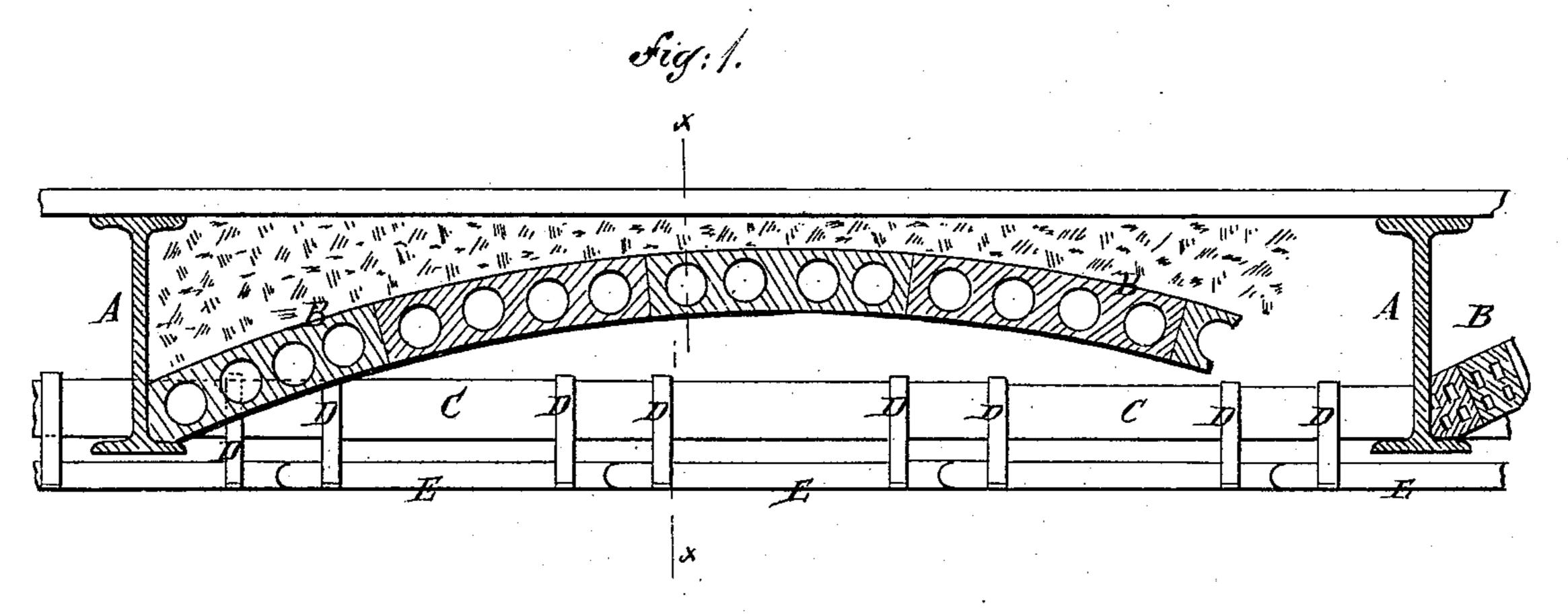


Fig: 2

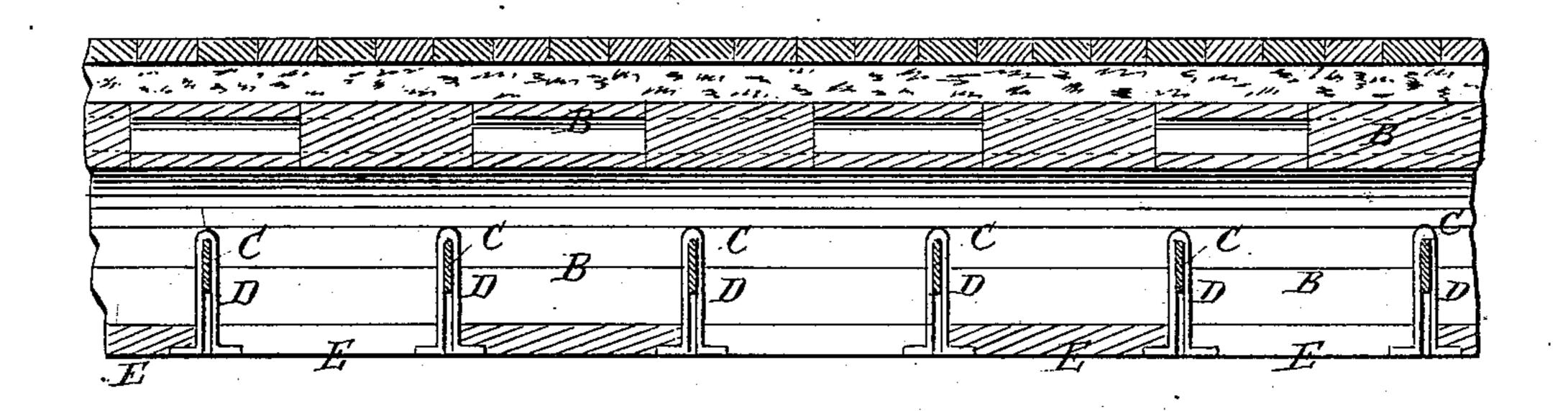
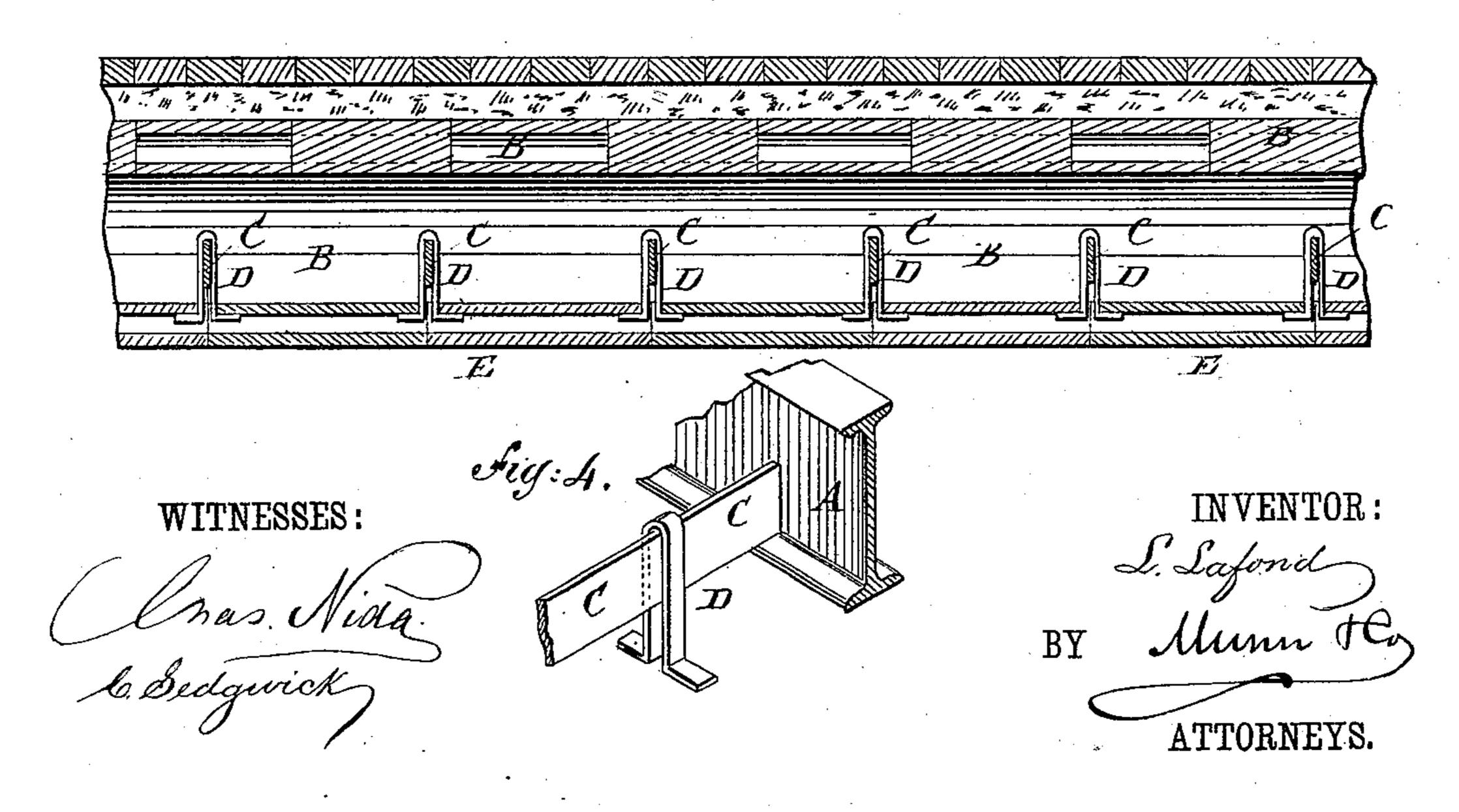


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Louis Lafond, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fire-Proof Hanging Ceilings, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a sectional side elevation of my improvement, illustrating its use. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of the same, taken through the line x x, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is the same view 15 as Fig. 2, but showing the improvement applied to perforated ceiling tiles. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a part of the improvement, the tiles being omitted.

The object of this invention is to obtain 20 greater security in supporting ceiling-tiles.

The invention consists in a fire-proof hanging ceiling constructed with iron bars placed edgewise upon the flanges of the iron girders, and carrying the iron hangers that support the ceiling-tiles, whereby the said hangers and ceiling-tiles will be firmly supported, as will be hereinafter fully described.

A represents the iron girders, the flanges of which support the arch B, made of tiles, con30 crete, or other suitable material.

C are iron bars placed edgewise, and the ends of which rest upon the flanges of the girders A, and are built into the arch B. Upon the bars C are placed hangers D, which are made of light iron bars or plates bent into U 35 shape, and having the ends of their arms bent outward or from each other at right angles, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, to support the ceilingtiles E. The ceiling-tiles E may be made solid, as shown in Figs. $\tilde{1}$ and 2, in which case the 40 said tiles rest upon the flanges of the hangers D; or the ceiling-tiles E may be hollow or perforated, as shown in Fig. 3, in which case the flanges of the hangers D are placed in the perforations of adjacent tiles E, so as to leave 45 the lower surface of the said tiles smooth.

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

In a fire-proof hanging ceiling, the combination, with the iron girders A and the iron 50 hangers D, of the iron bars C, substantially as herein shown and described, whereby the said hangers and the ceiling tiles are firmly supported, as set forth.

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