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CLASP FOR ALBUMS AND OTHER BOOKS.

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FIG. 1.

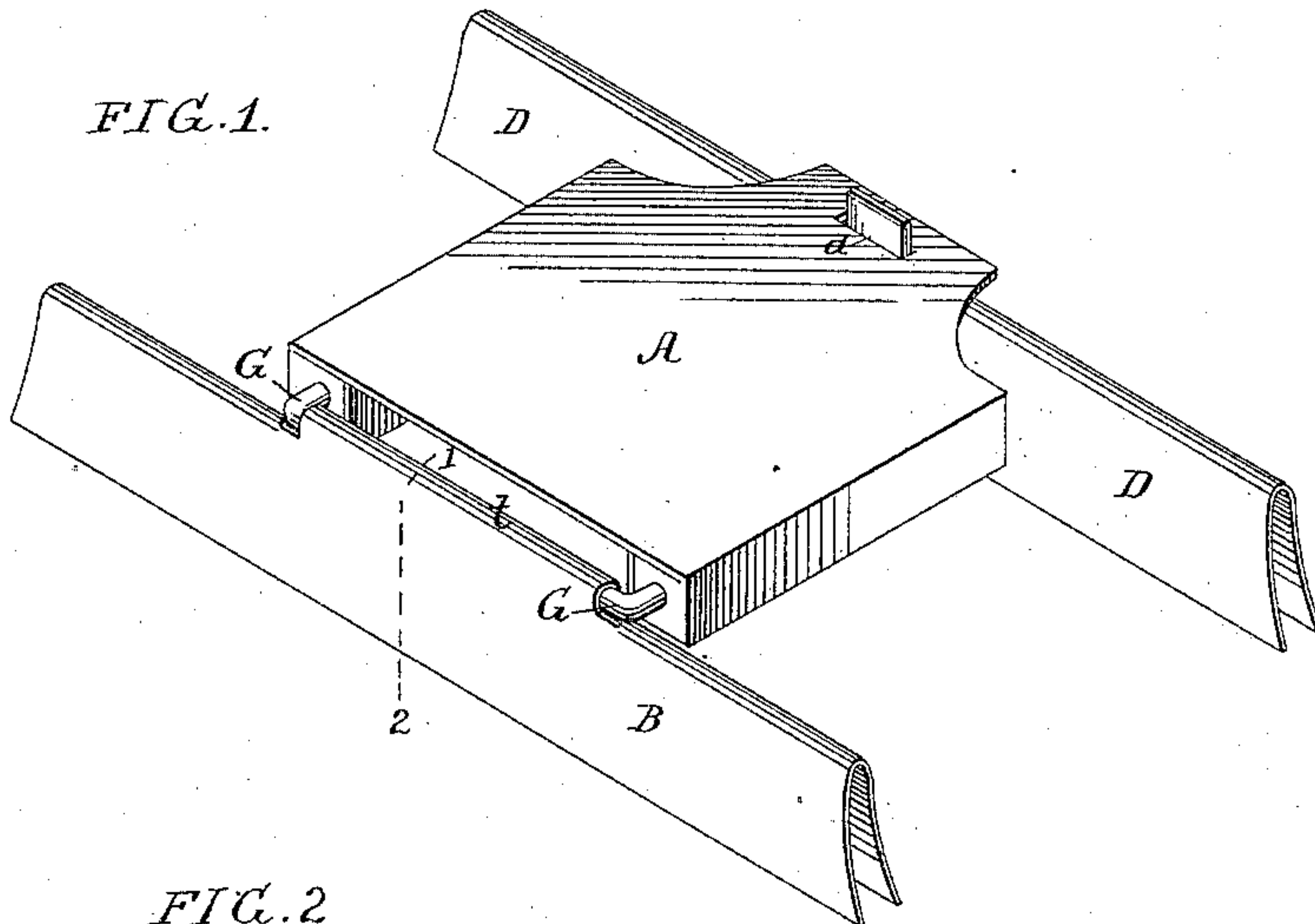


FIG. 2.

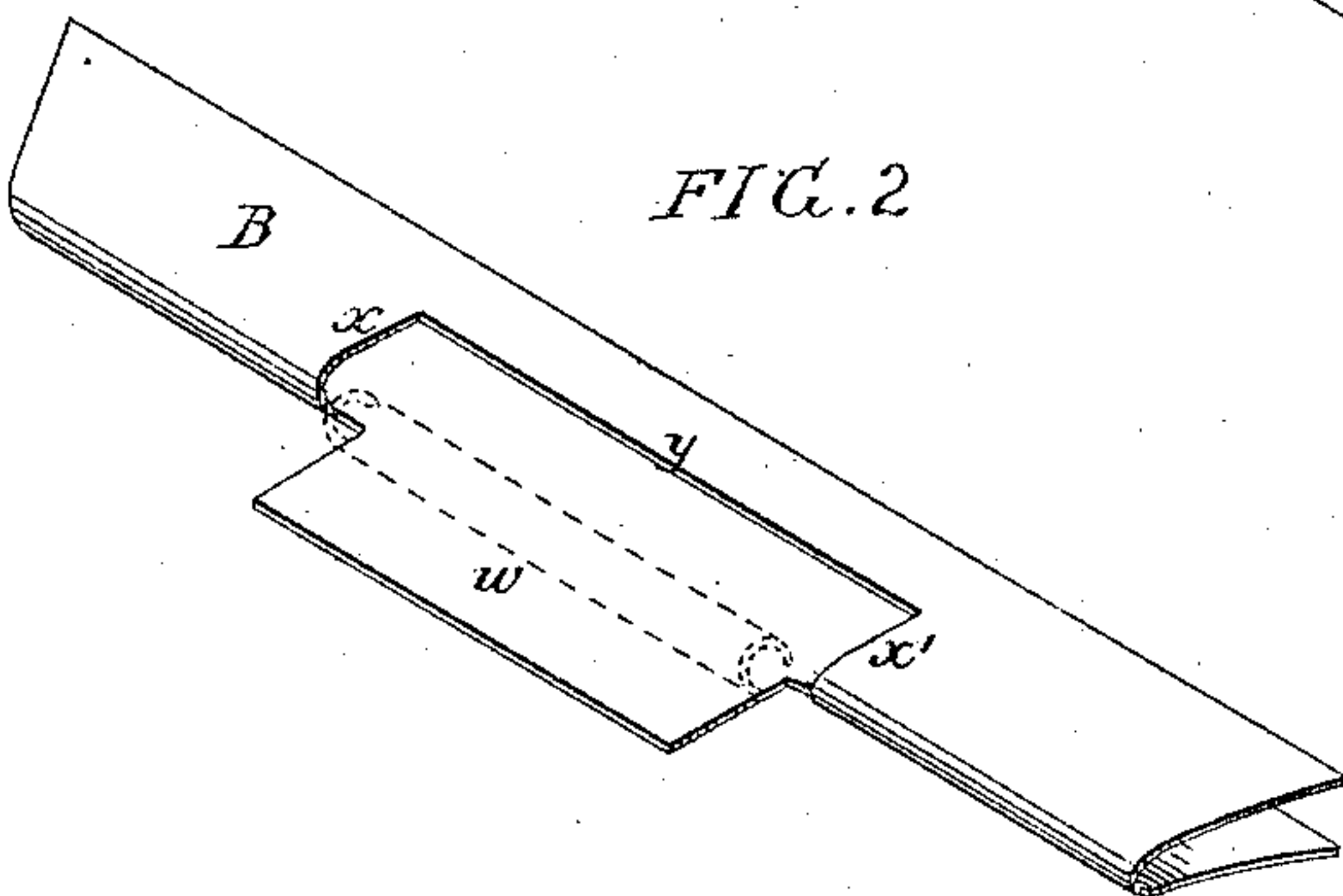


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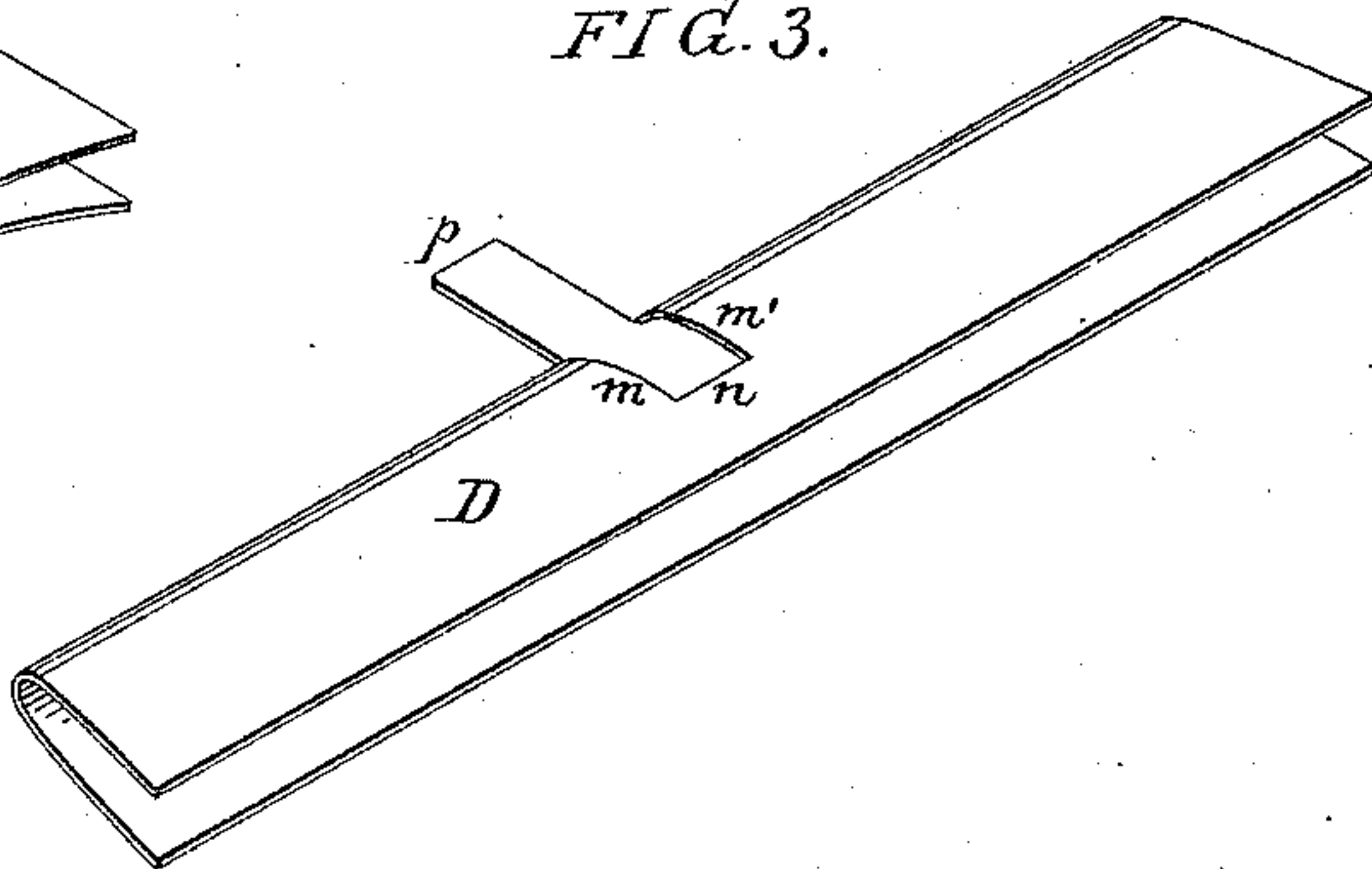


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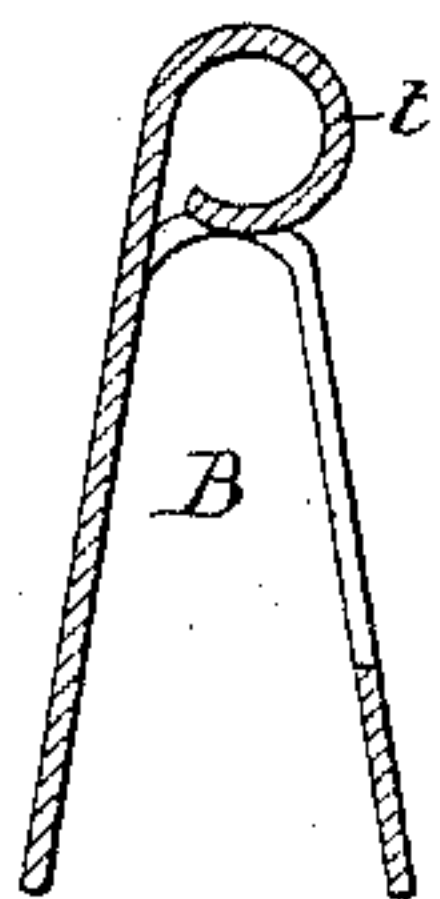
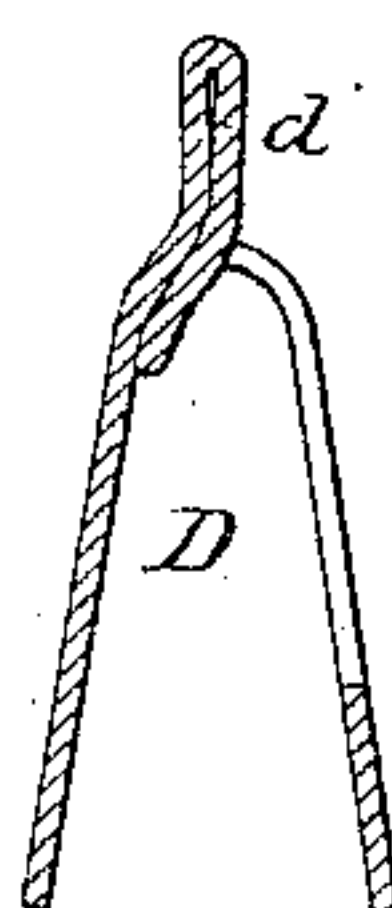


FIG. 5.



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CLASP FOR ALBUMS AND OTHER BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW J. MEGEE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Clasps for Albums and other Books, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of an economical clasp constructed in the peculiar manner fully described and claimed hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved clasp for albums and other books; Figs. 2 and 3, views showing the manner of making the plates which form parts of the clasp, and which are attached to the sides of the book at the edges of the same; Fig. 4, a section, drawn to an enlarged scale, on the line 1 2, Fig. 1, of one of the plates; and Fig. 5, a section of the other plate.

The clasp proper, A, consists of a plate formed with pockets, in which slide the legs of a wire loop, G, and springs contained in the pockets tending to force the said legs into the pockets. This forms no part of my invention, as a clasp with a yielding wire loop has been heretofore used in connection with albums.

B and D are two bent plates, one to be fitted and riveted to one side of the album, and the other to the other side of the same.

In making the plate B, one side is cut on the lines x , x' , and y , Fig. 2, and the portion thus partly severed from the plate is bent out-

ward, so as to form the projecting lip w , and this lip is bent to form an eye, t , in which is contained the straight portion of the wire loop G between the legs, thereby completing this part of the clasp. One side of the bent plate D is cut on the lines m , m' , and n , to form a lip, p , which, to give it additional strength, is folded as shown in Fig. 5, the clasp proper, A, having a slot for receiving this folded lip. The plates B and D are much more economical than and quite as efficient as the plates made in the usual manner—that is, by soldering an eye to one of the plates, and a lip or projection to the other.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination of the clasp A and its wire loop G with the bent plate B and its eye t , forming part of the plate, as set forth.

2. In a book-clasp, the bent plate B, having the projection p , forming part of the plate, adapted to hold a wire loop, G, all constructed substantially as set forth.

3. The bent plate D, having a lip or projection, p , adapted to enter a slot in the clasp, A, consisting of a portion cut from one side of the plate, all substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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