

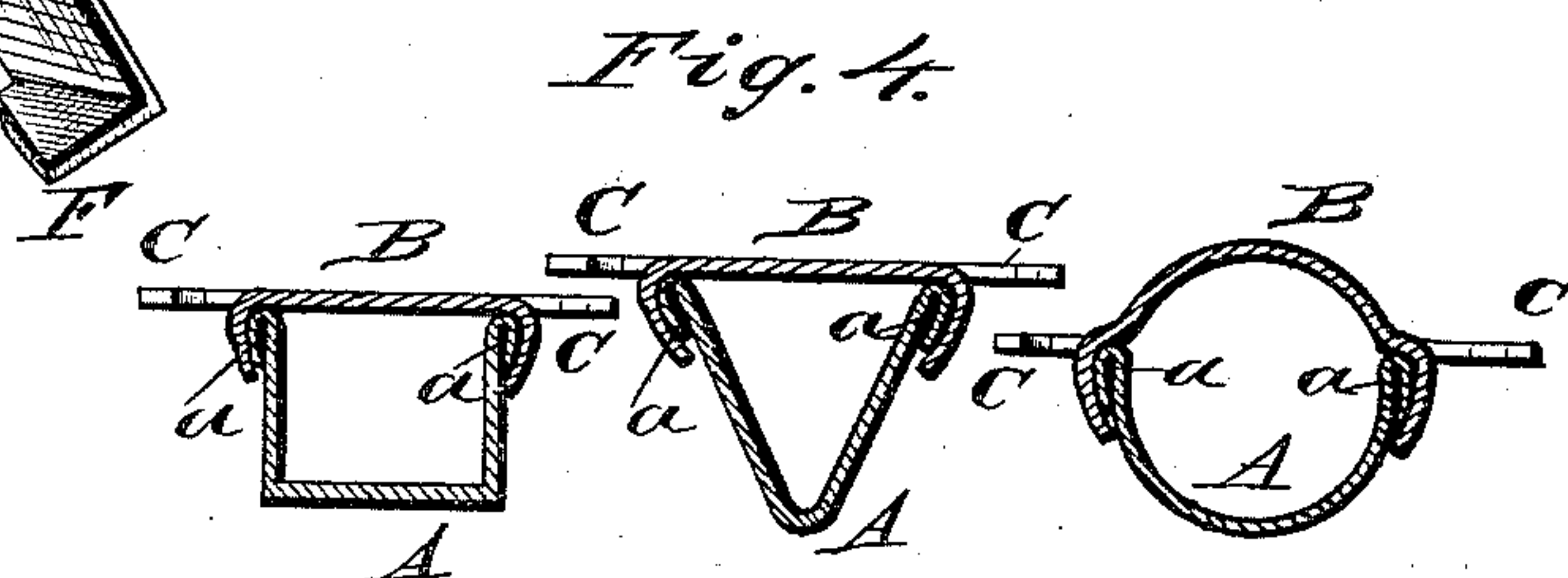
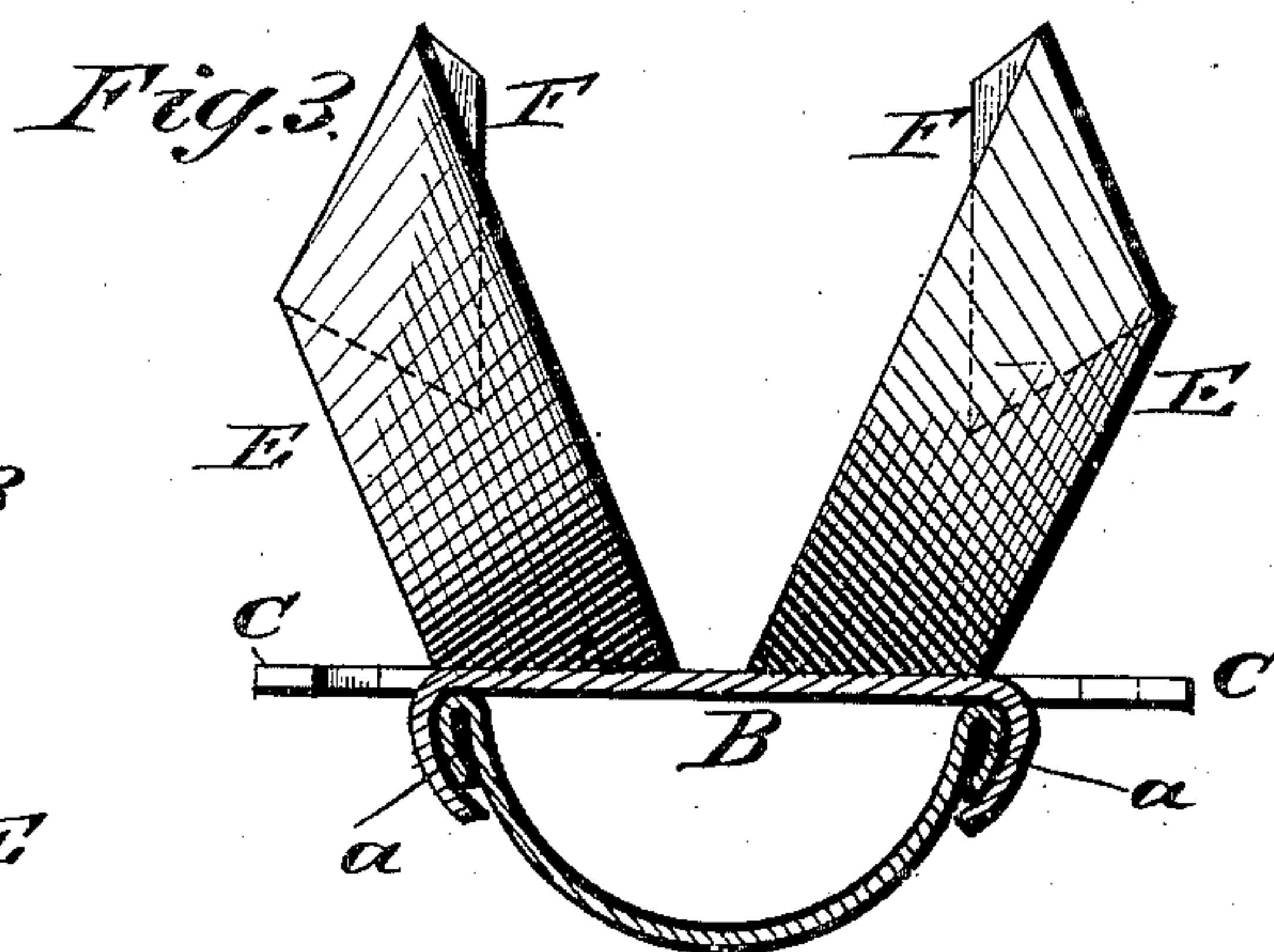
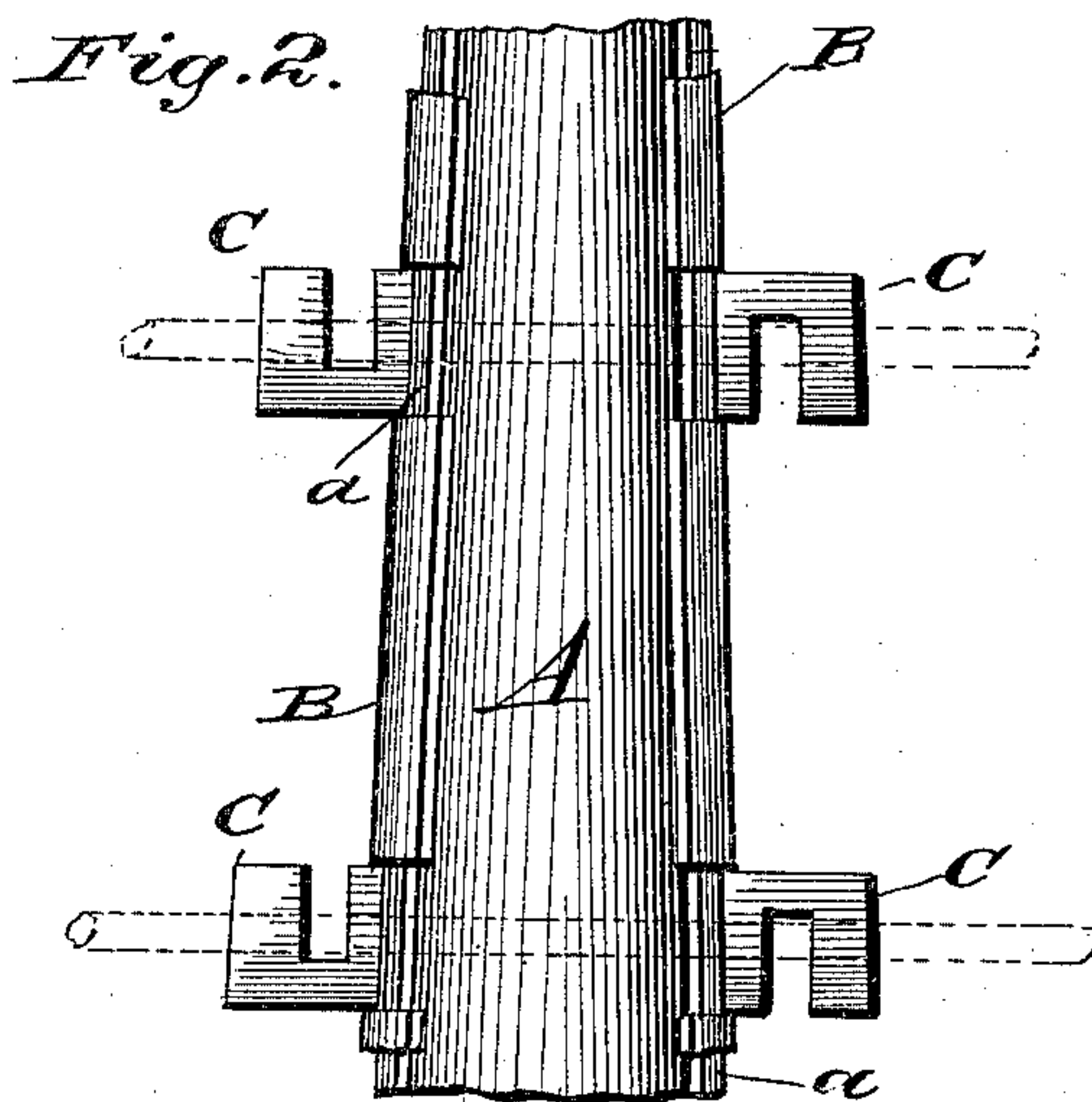
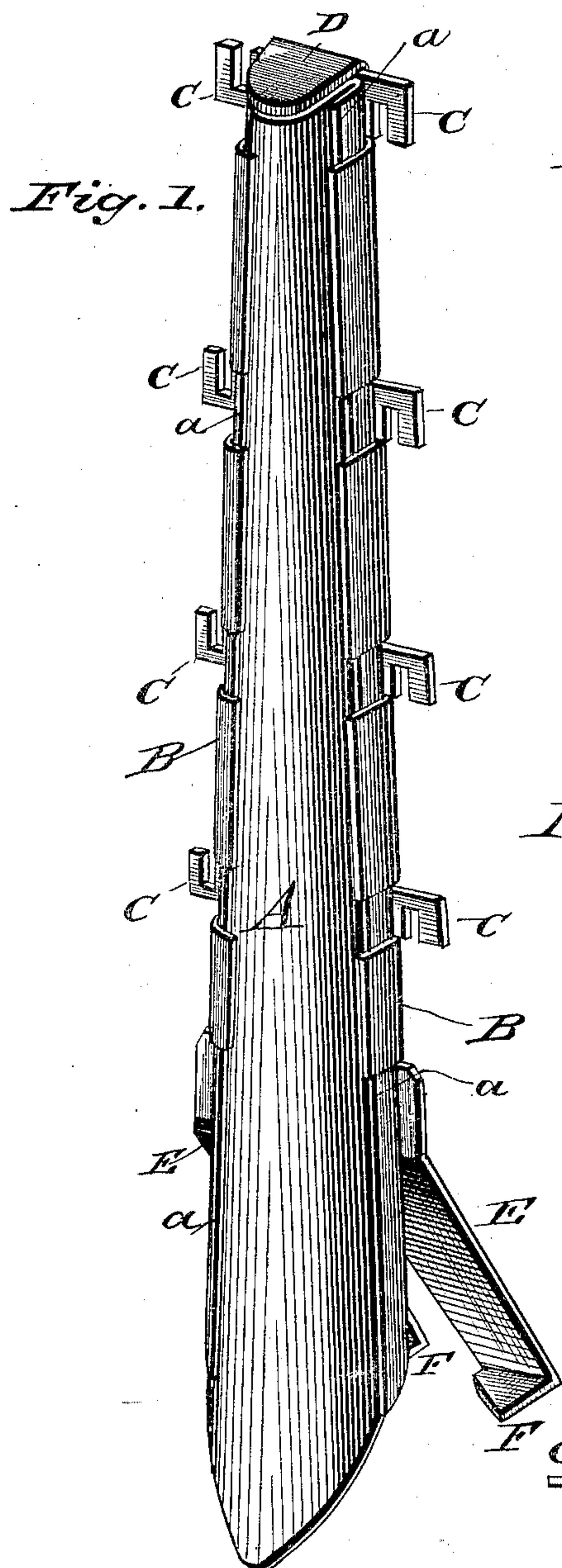
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FENCE POST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES P. LESHER, of Lansing, in the county of Ingham and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to fence-posts, the object being to provide a post of sheet metal that will combine economy and convenience of construction with durability in use.

The invention consists in the various features of construction and combinations of parts, hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a post constructed in accordance with my invention. Figs. 2 and 3 illustrate parts in detail, and Fig. 4 illustrates modifications.

A and B represent the two sheet-metal sections.

The section A is preferably semicircular in cross-section and tapering from top to bottom. The side edges, *a a*, of the section A are beaded, while the lower end of the section is sharpened or inclined to facilitate its insertion into the ground.

The section B is preferably flat, and its edges are adapted to be bent around the beaded edges of the section A, to secure the sections together. At various points the edges of the section B are slit and slotted to form wire supports C. These supports are formed opposite to each other, and are preferably bent at right angles to the post, as shown.

The upper end of the section B is formed with a cap-piece, D, which is bent over the section A, to form a top cap for the post. This cap serves the double purpose of covering the

open upper end of the post and forming a striking top for driving the post into the ground.

The lower end of the section B is longitudinally slit to form braces E E, which are outwardly bent, and whose lower extremities are inwardly turned to form additional braces, F F. Thus the post is practically braced in all directions and firmly supported.

As indicated by the sectional modifications of Fig. 4, I do not limit myself to the cross-section form of the sections shown in the other figures, as the same may be varied; but I have found that the form shown in Fig. 1 is the most advantageous, as it combines strength with cheapness of construction.

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

1. A fence-post consisting of two independent sheet-metal sections, secured together by lapping the edges of one section upon the other section, one of said sections having integral wire supports, outwardly extended braces, and an overlapping top portion, substantially as set forth.

2. A hollow fence-post consisting of sheet-metal sections secured together and provided with integral wire supports and a top cap, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, with the section A, having a sharpened or beveled lower end, of the section B, secured thereto and provided with inclined braces and a top cap, substantially as set forth.

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

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