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FEED CASE FOR MAGAZINE GUNS.

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FIG. 1.

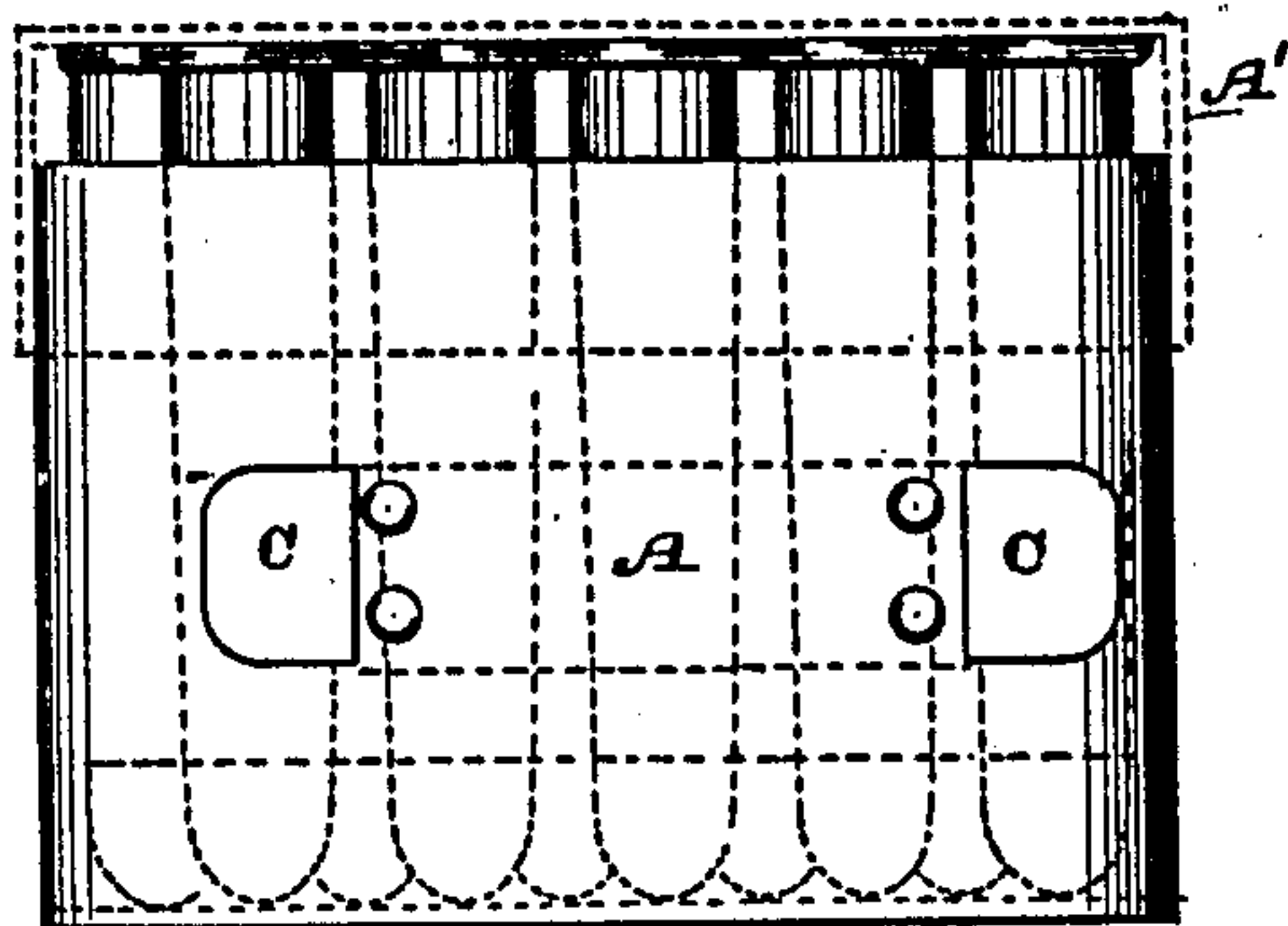


FIG. 3.

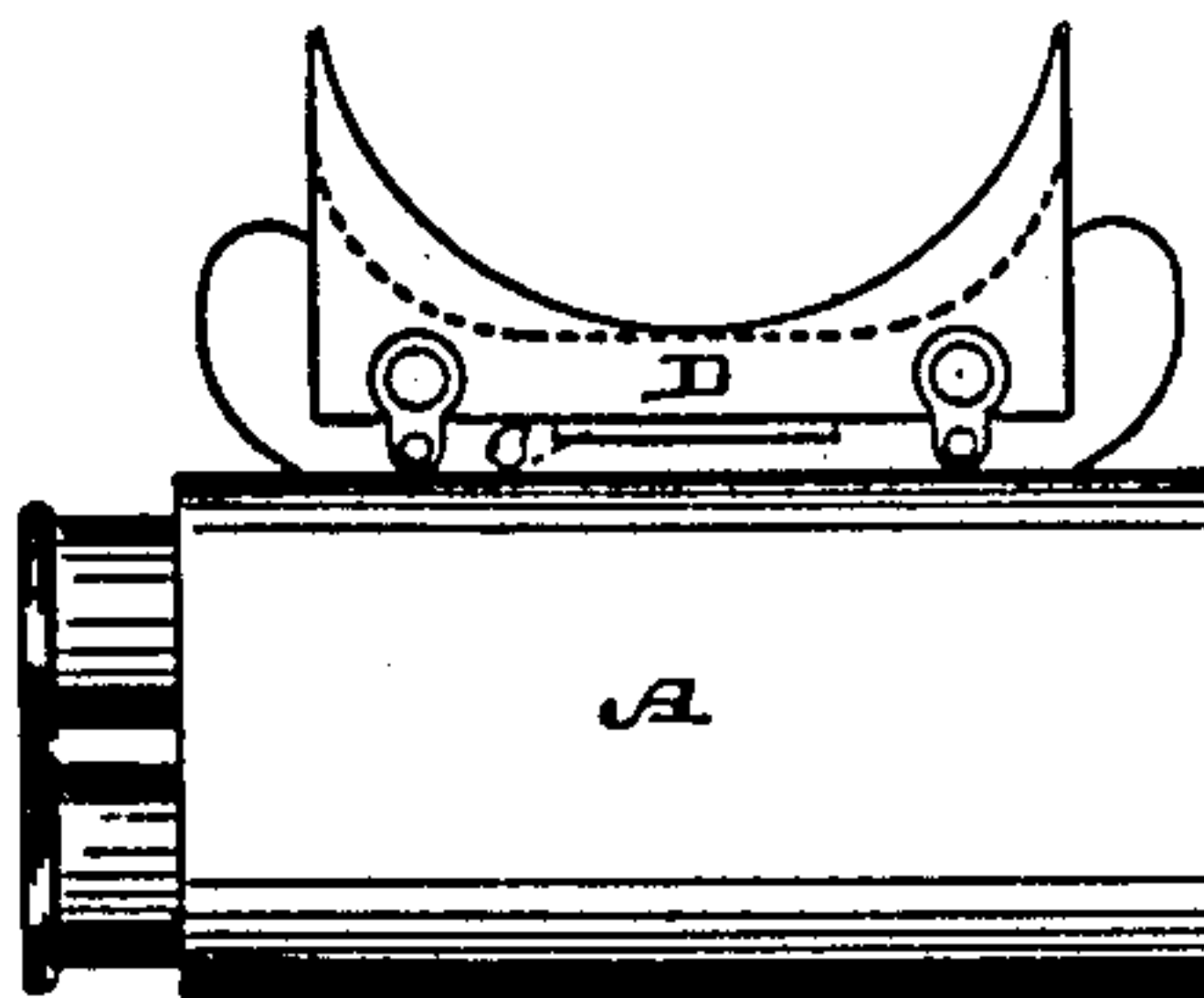


FIG. 2.

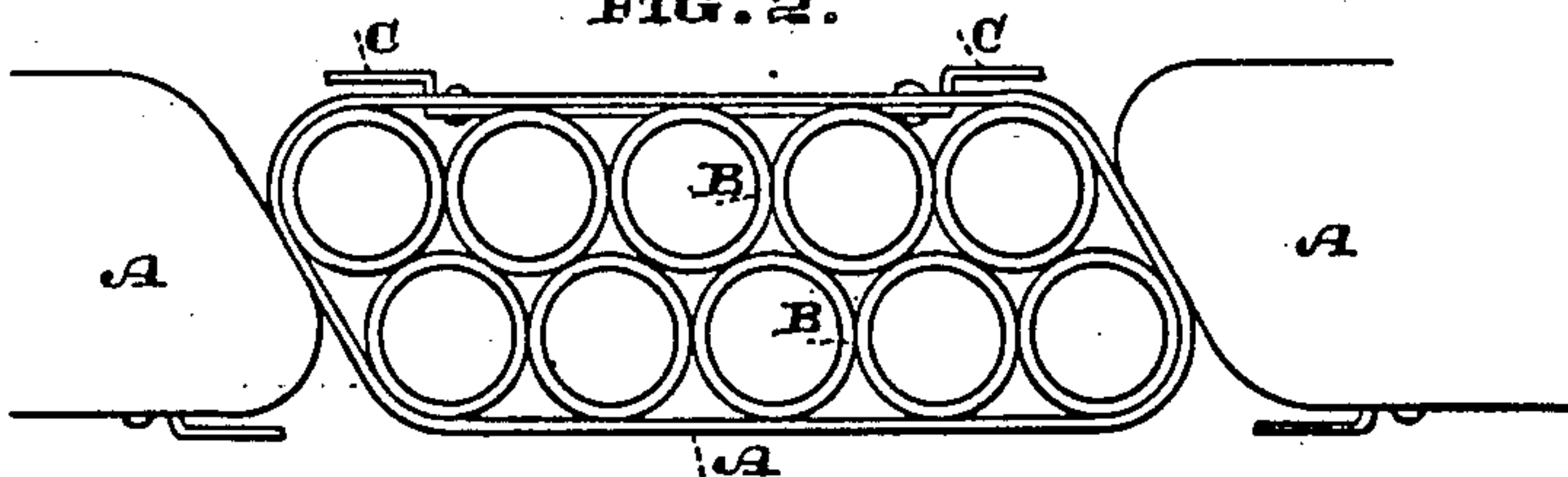


FIG. 4.

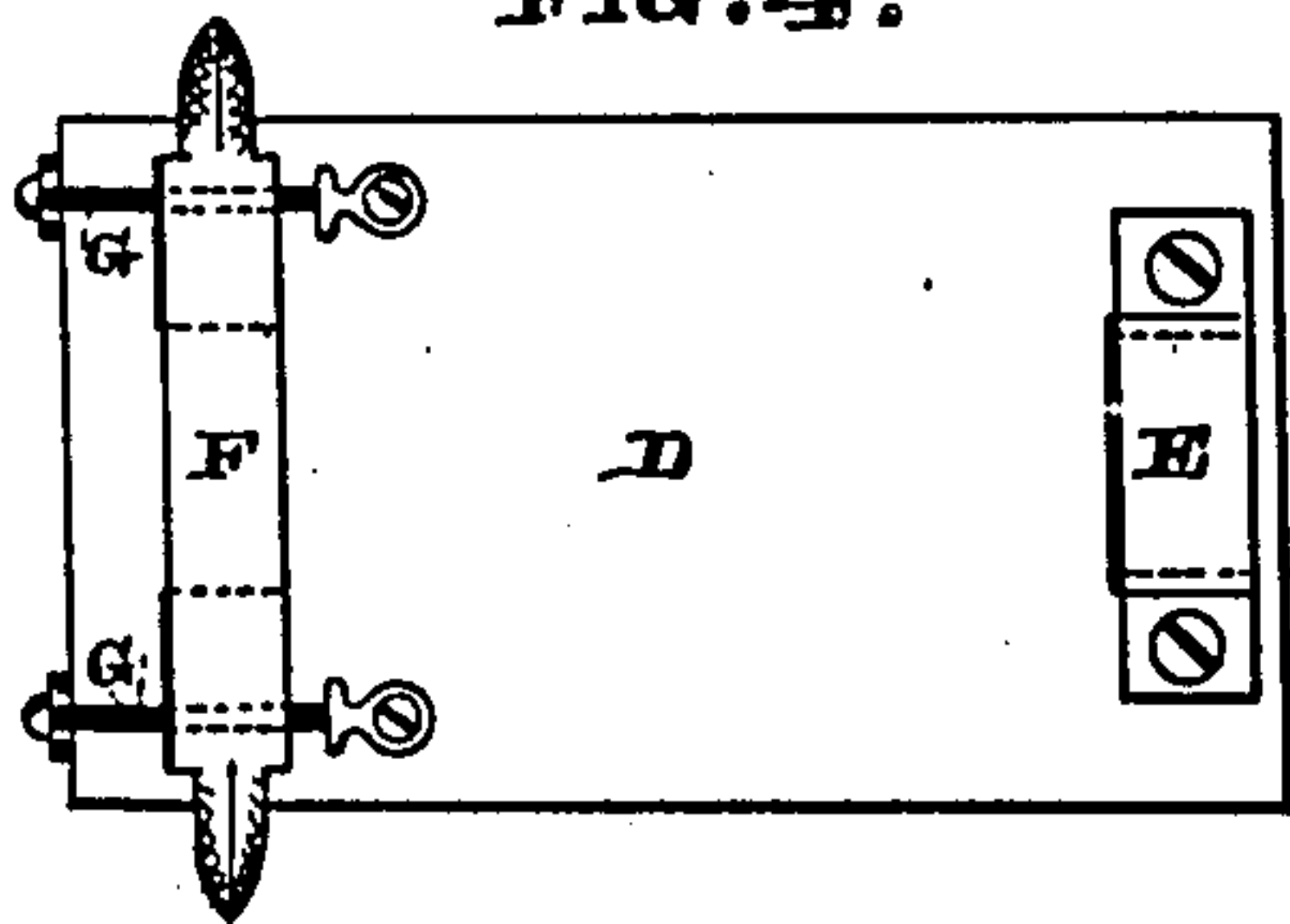
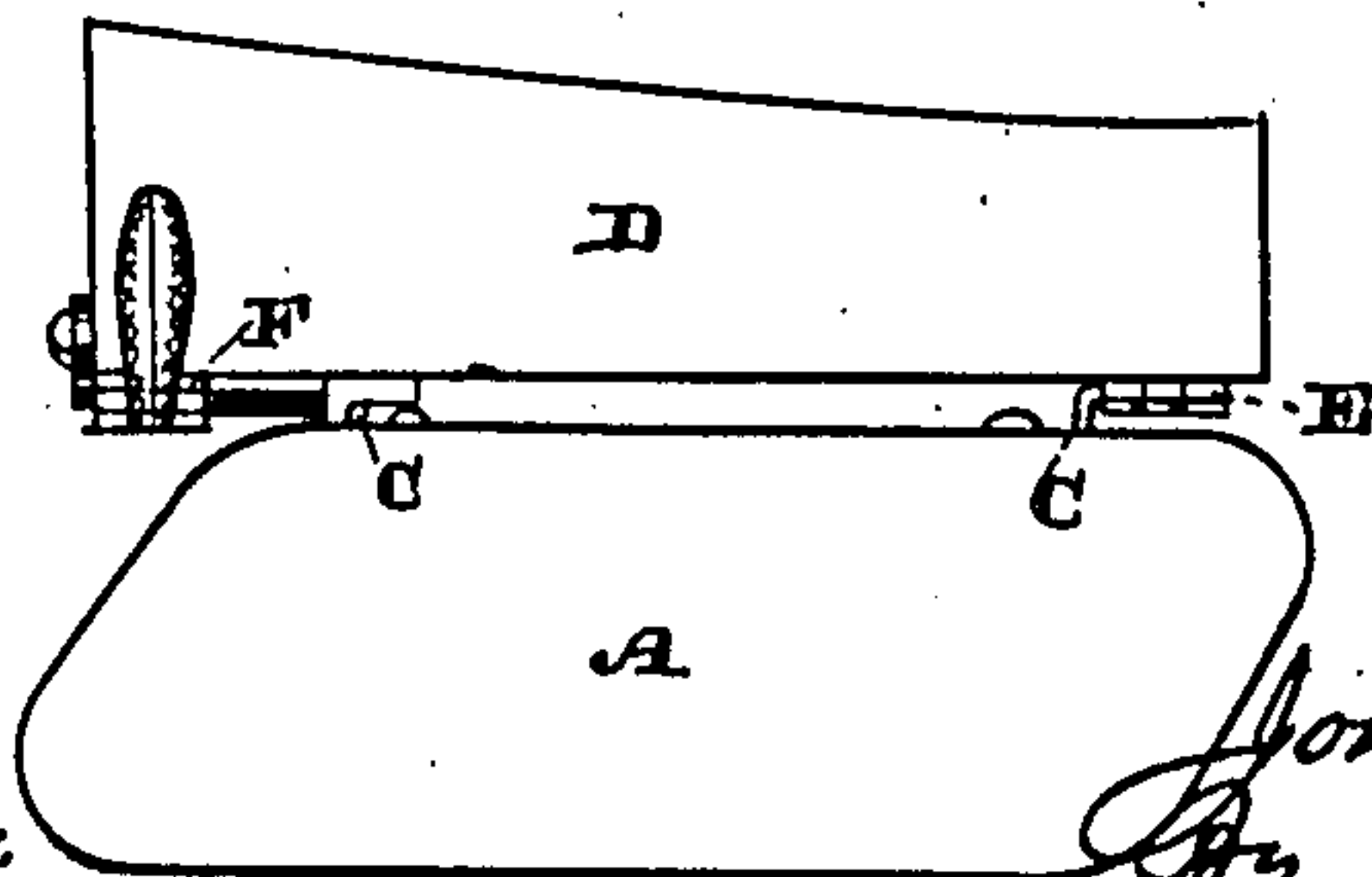


FIG. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN C. KELTON, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Magazine Cartridge-Cases; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to a paper case for packing original ammunition, and a means by which said case may be directly attached to the stock or barrel of the gun, the case becoming a temporary magazine, so that the ammunition may be conveniently contained within the reach of the rifleman without the necessity of transferring it from one case to another.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention, Figure 1 is a plan or top view of the cartridge-case, showing the cartridges in place. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the case, showing the end view of the cartridges and the manner of packing in boxes for transportation. Fig. 3 is a side view of the case with an end view of the shoe or sabot to which it is secured upon the gun. Fig. 4 is a bottom view of the shoe for the case and of the device by which the cartridge-case is attached. Fig. 5 is a side view of the shoe, showing the cartridge-case attached to it.

My invention is designed to meet the need felt by riflemen—that of securing a number of cartridges upon the gun or rifle entirely out of the way of the hands in manipulating the piece, and at the same time convenient to the hand and in view. This design contemplates the putting up of all cartridges in small cases of five or ten, having metallic plates or straps fixed to each cartridge-case, so that the cases may be attached at once to a shoe, which is secured beneath the gun, where they will be out of the way, at the same time ready for instant use, without the disadvantage of removing the cartridges from an original package in a belt, cartridge-box, or receiver.

A is the case within which the cartridges are to be placed. This is made of strong paper having cylindrical paper receptacles B B, within which five or ten cartridges may be placed. These cylinders are made of paper sufficiently thick to prevent the flanges or heads of the

cartridges which are placed therein from overlapping. These cases are preferably shaped as shown in Fig. 2, when more than one row of cartridges is placed in the case, so that the cartridges above lie between those which are below. The cases are then easily packed in boxes for transportation. Each case has a cover, A', which may be removed when the cartridges are to be used. A broad metal band or strap, C, is riveted on the under side of the case, its ends being bent so as to project through the top, and then turned so as to form tongues, which extend a short distance each way parallel with and above the top, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. These tongues serve to fasten the case quickly and securely to the gun, so that it becomes a magazine.

In order to secure the case to the gun, I form a wooden shoe, D, which is made to fit beneath the receiver of the rifle or gun, to which it may be secured by screws or other means. On the lower side of the shoe are two metal fasteners, E and F, which are adapted to receive the ends of the tongues C. The rear fastener, E, is permanently fixed to the shoe, and the front one, F, is made to slide forward and back upon rods or guides G, the ends projecting, so that it may be moved easily and adjusted by the thumb and finger.

In order to secure the cartridge-case in its place, the fastener F being slipped forward, one of the tongues C is slipped into the socket E and, the other lying against the bottom D, the socket or fastener F is slipped back by the thumb and finger until it is slipped over the forward tongue C of the case, which is then securely fixed beneath the gun and ready for use. When in place, the cartridges lie transversely beneath the barrel of the gun, and when the cover is removed from the case the heads of the cartridges are exposed, so that they may be seized with the thumb and finger and inserted into the gun as rapidly as they can be fired. When one case is emptied, it can be instantly removed and thrown away and another one attached. In this manner I provide a practical magazine, which for the time being forms a part of the gun itself, and which may either be thrown away after being emptied, or, if desired, it may be refilled from

single cartridges which the rifleman may have in his possession.

It will be manifest that these attachments may be used upon shotguns as well as upon
5 rifles, where they will be quite as useful.

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

10 An original package for cartridges, consisting of a paper or pasteboard box having a metal band or strap riveted on the under side of the top, with its ends extending through and bent so as to form tongues parallel with

the top, in combination with a shoe beneath the receiver of the gun, having a fixed slotted
15 fastener at one end and a sliding slotted fastener at the opposite end, whereby the ends of the tongues may be secured and the case held in place, substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
20 hand.

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