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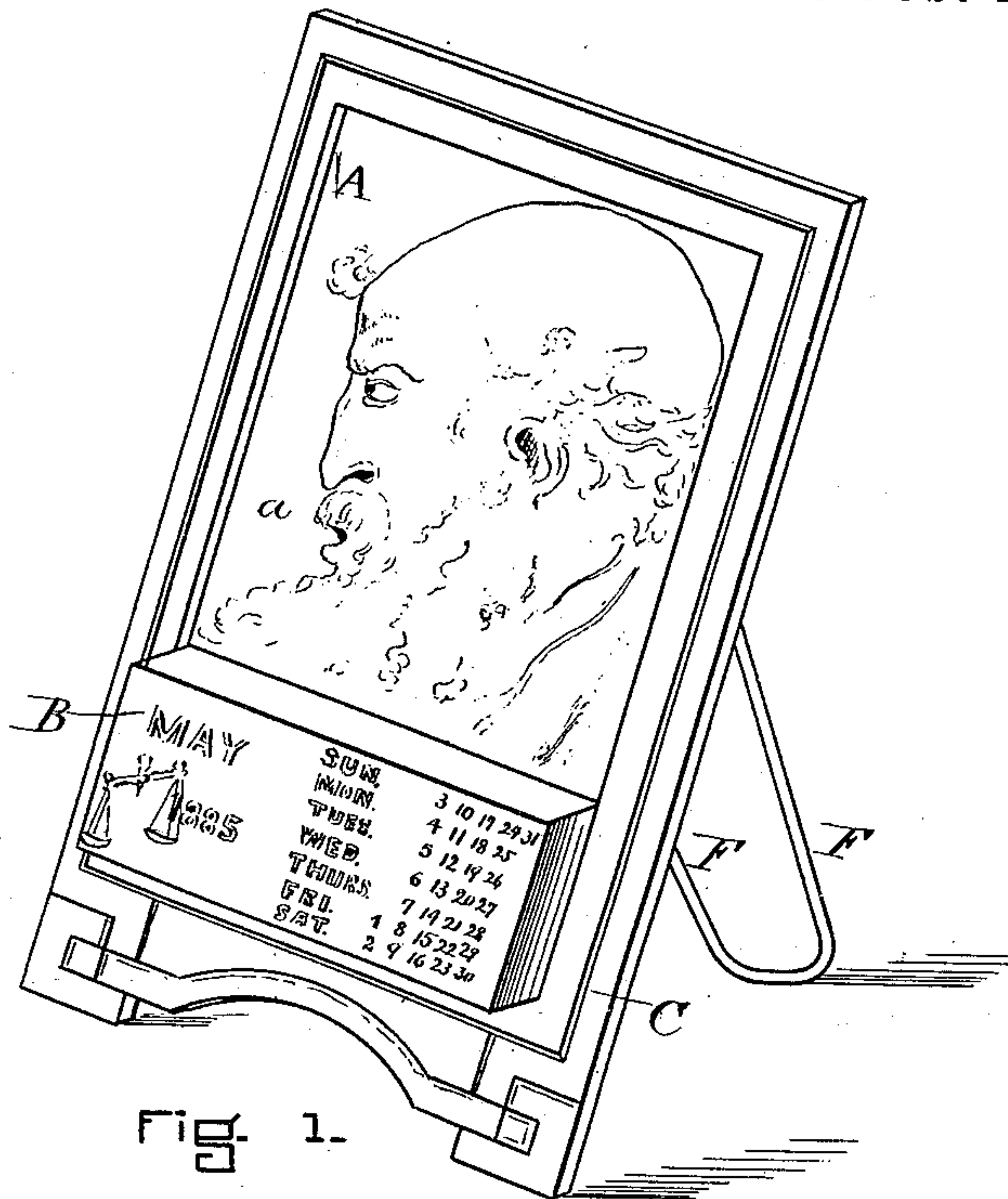


Fig. 1.

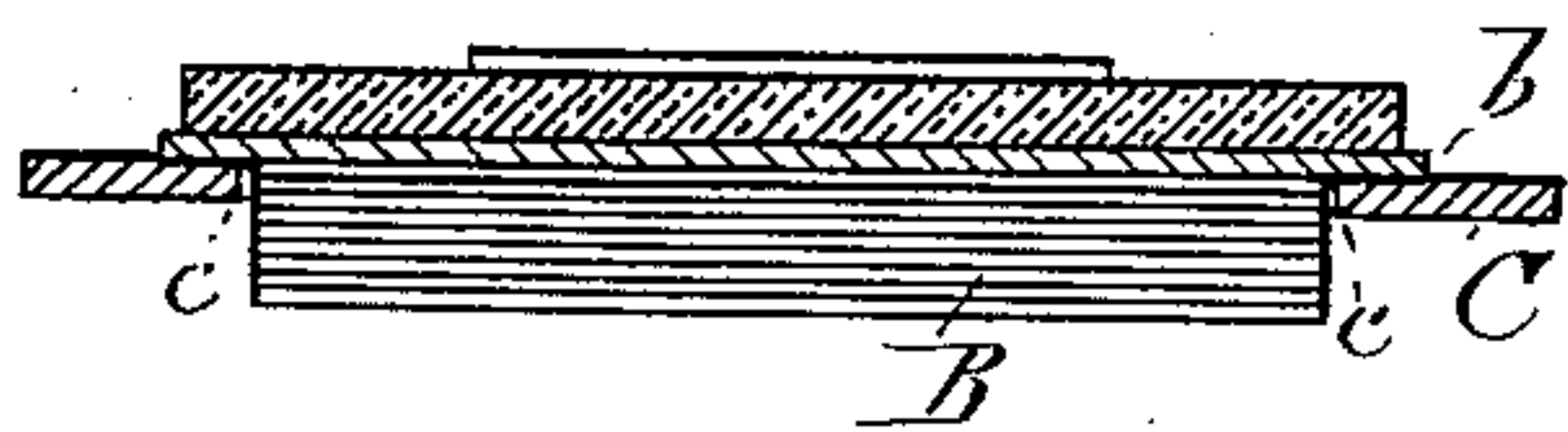


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

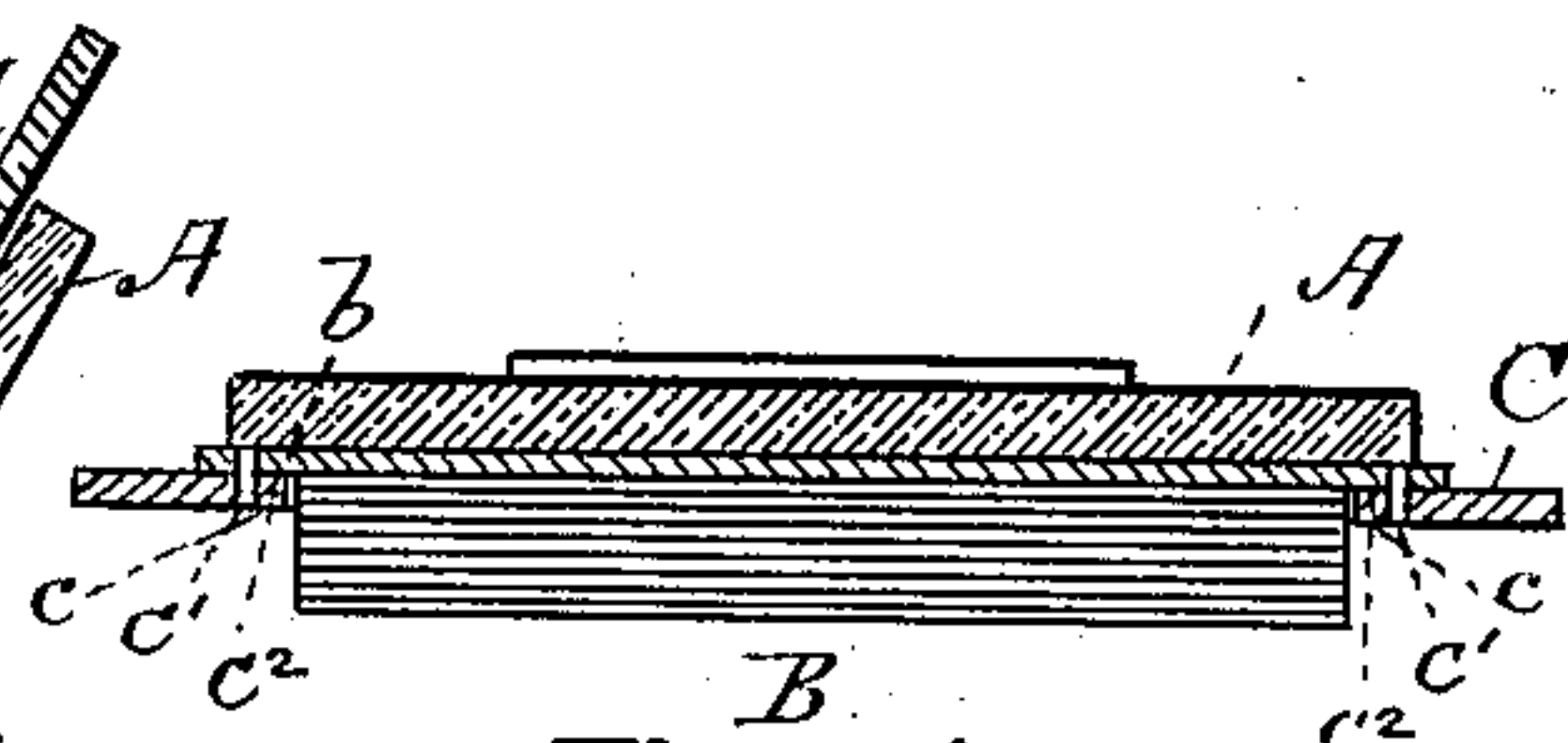


Fig. 4.

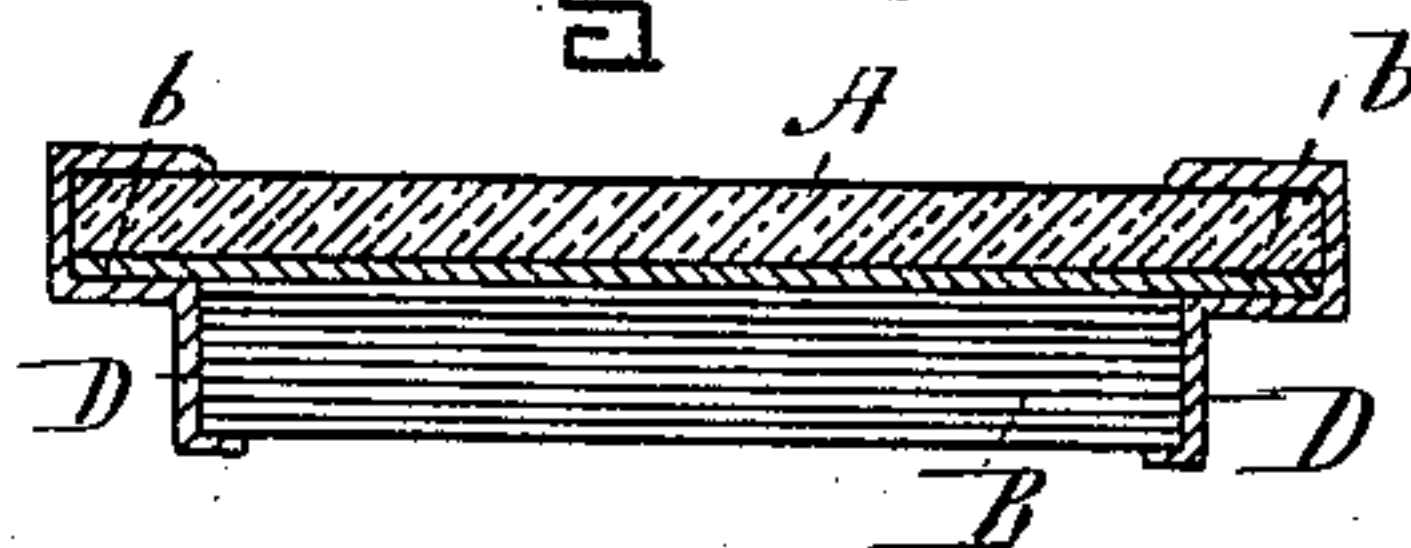


Fig. 5.

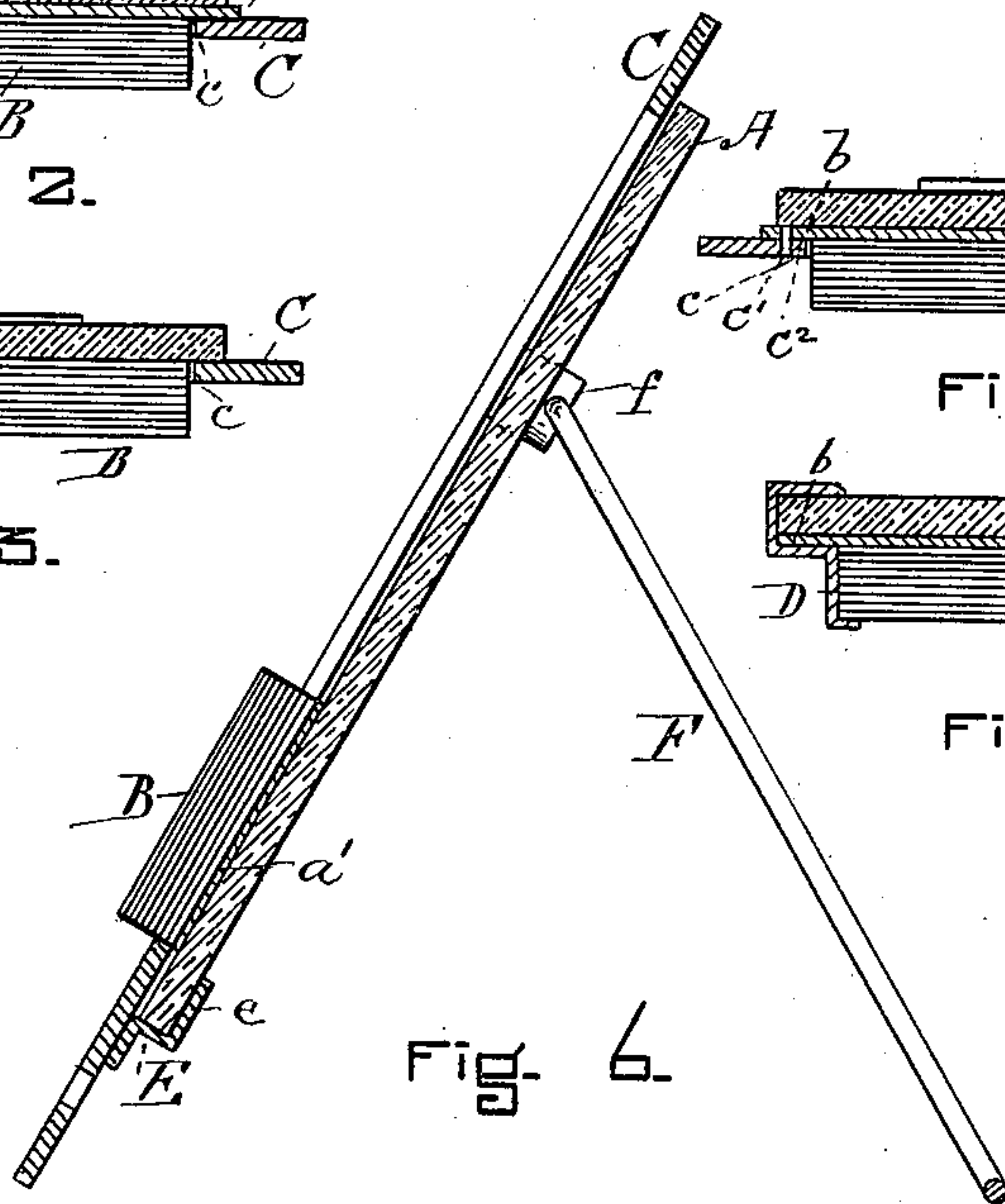


Fig. 6.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN G. LOW and HERBERT E. STREETER, both of Chelsea, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, and both citizens of the United States, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Plastic Articles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in explaining its nature.

The invention comprises an ornamental plastic article for indicating dates, advertising, &c.; and it consists of plastic material molded to suitable design, shape, and form, having a surface which bears marks, letters, or figures for indicating dates or advertising matter or other information. This matter or information may be impressed directly upon the section of the plastic material made to receive it; or it may be printed or impressed upon other material and secured thereto.

In the drawings we have represented the invention as used in connection with a molded plastic article known as a plastic "sketch" or "tile" of a peculiar character; and we have shown as one form of the matter which it carries or supports a stack of printed slips indicating the days of the week and the month of the year.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the plastic article. Figs. 2 to 5, inclusive, are sections illustrating various details and features of construction. Fig. 6 is a vertical central section illustrating the construction shown in Fig. 1.

A represents the molded plastic form, and it has molded thereon in relief or intaglio any suitable sketch or design, which preferably is arranged upon the central and upper portion, *a*, thereof. The section *a'*, which may bear any desired relation to the ornamental part of the form, preferably is arranged below said ornamental part, as represented in the figures, and furnishes a base, support, or part of the form which is used for indicating dates, advertising, or other analogous purposes; and, as we have already intimated, this information or matter may be impressed directly upon this section; but we prefer that it be prepared

upon other material and be secured to the form over this section, and we have represented in the drawings slips of paper, which have printed upon them the days of the week and of the month for each month of the year, arranged one upon another in proper order to form a stack, B, and preferably united at their edges to each other by strips of paper, cemented, pasted, or glued thereto. This stack B may be held in place upon the section *a'* in any desirable way, and in Fig. 1 we have shown the stack as secured to the back or section *b*, of thick paper, pasteboard, or other material of a suitable character, the edges of which extend beyond the block or stack, and to this base the stack is attached, either by the paper by which its edges are bound or in any other desirable way; and the edges of this back *b* project beneath the frame C of the form, so that the stack or block is held to the section *a'* by the frame C.

In Fig. 3 we have shown the stack without the paper or pasteboard back and secured by the base or in any other desirable way.

In Fig. 4 we have shown the stack as provided with the paper or pasteboard back *b*, and secured by spurs to the inner surface, *c*, of the frame.

In Fig. 5 we have represented the stack or block as applied directly to the section *a'*. This construction is used preferably when no frame is employed, and we prefer in such case to provide the stack or block with a pasteboard or paper back and to use additionally the paper strips D, for securing it to the back by cementing or pasting them to the sides of the stack or block, and to the upper surface or edges of the paper or pasteboard back, and to the edges and back surface of the section *a'*.

When the frame is used, we prefer to secure the sketch or form in place by the extension or ledge E, attached to the back surface of the frame, and having the upward-extending section *e*, and the metal loop or arms F, secured to the studs *f*, one of which is shown projecting backwardly from the upper part of the back portion of the frame. (See Fig. 6.) This loop acts either as a brace or foot when it is desired that the plastic form or sketch shall rest upon a table or support, or as a

device by which it can be suspended from a hook, or as a device by which it can be suspended upon the wall or in any other place.

We prefer that the section *a'* of the sketch or form be ornamented or finished so that upon the removal of the last of the slips and the paper or pasteboard backing thereof, if it be used, the form or sketch shall form a picture or ornament worth preserving because of its merit.

We would not be understood as confining ourselves to the especial means herein described for fastening the stack or block or any equivalent device used with the plastic sketch or form thereto to the section *a'*, as there are many other well-known ways by which the same can be secured.

Having thus fully described our invention, we claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

An improved article of manufacture comprising a molded plastic sketch or design having a section, *a'*, adapted to bear or support blocks or stacks of slips or sheets of the character indicated, all substantially as and for the purposes described.

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