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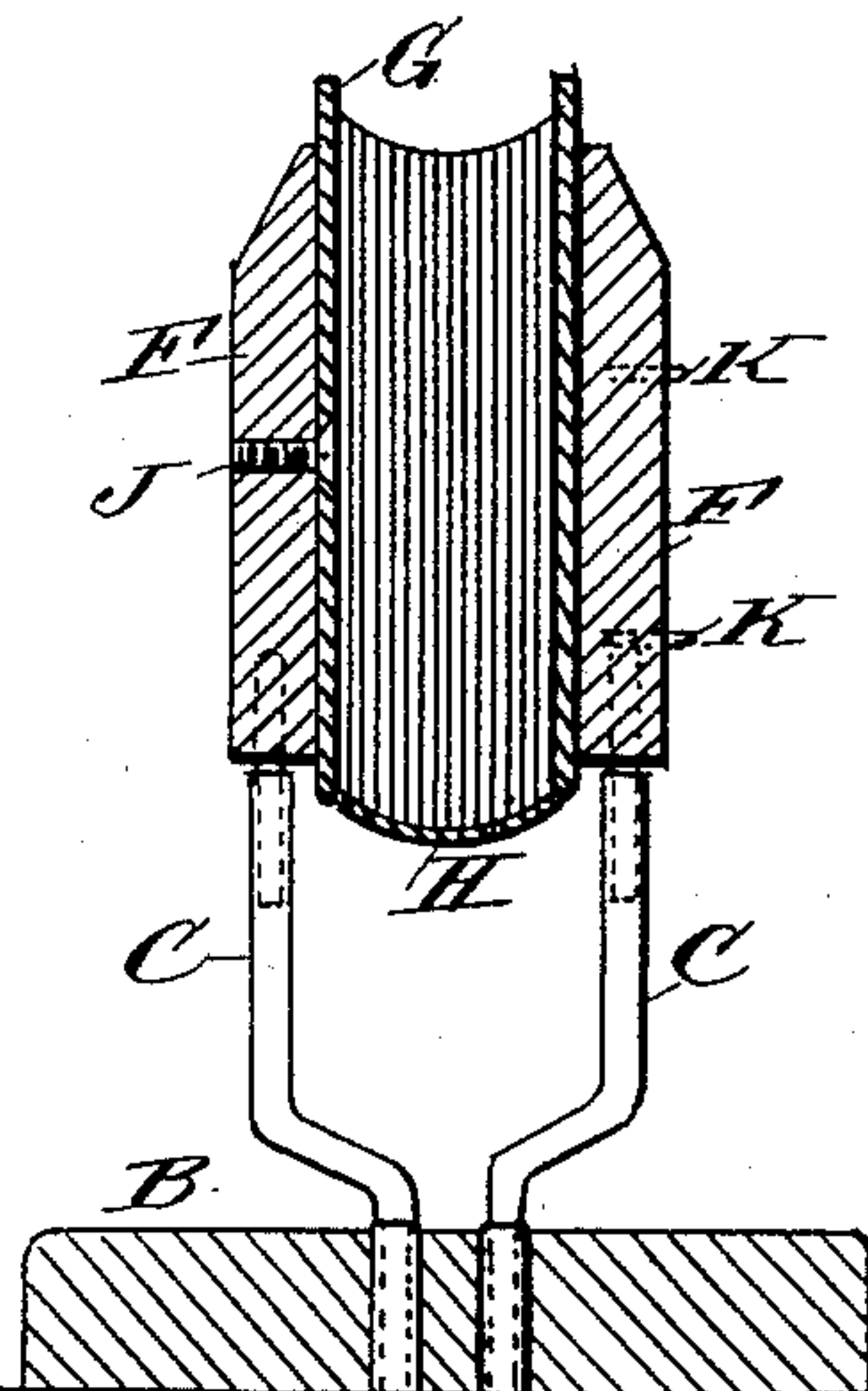
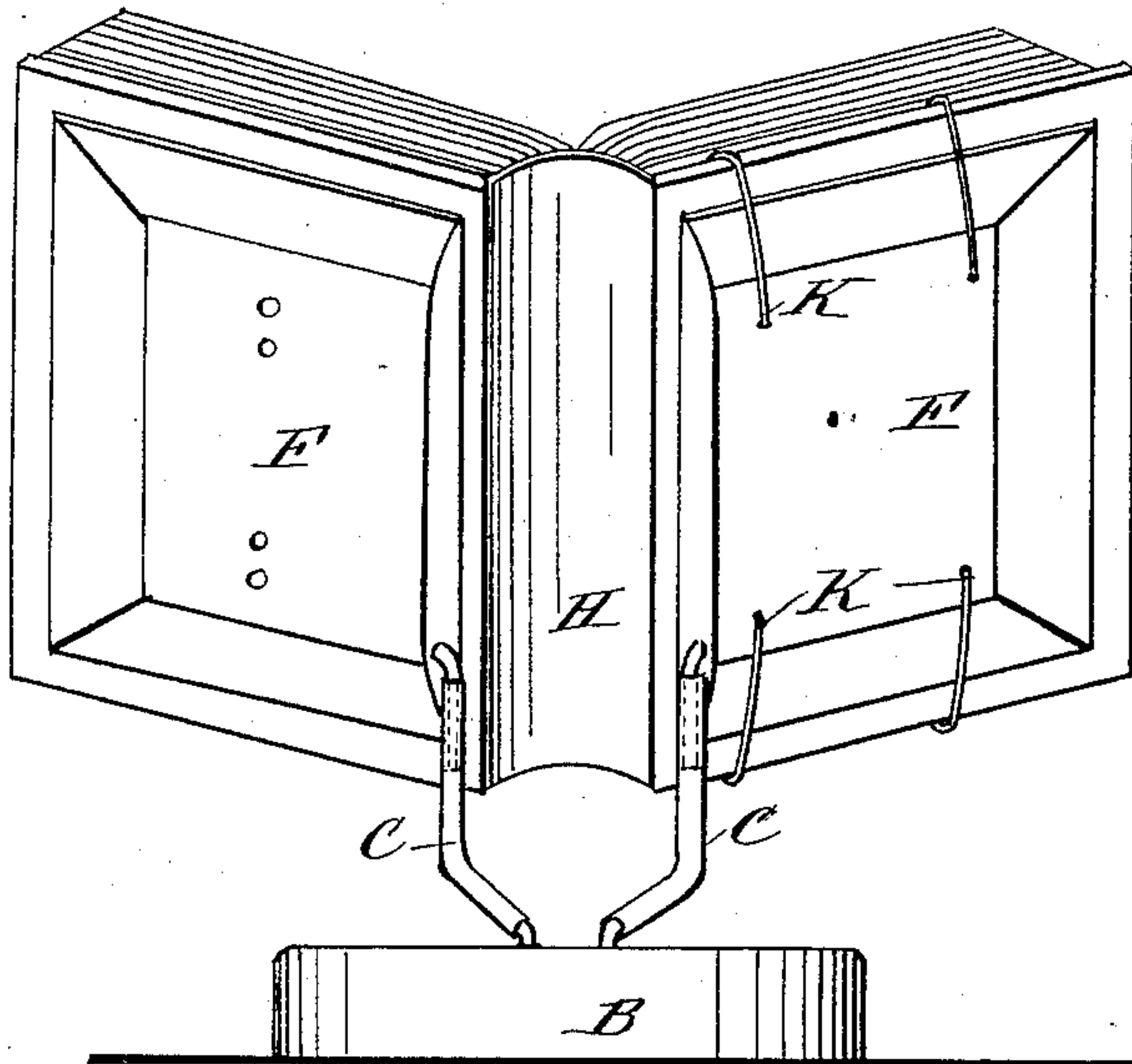
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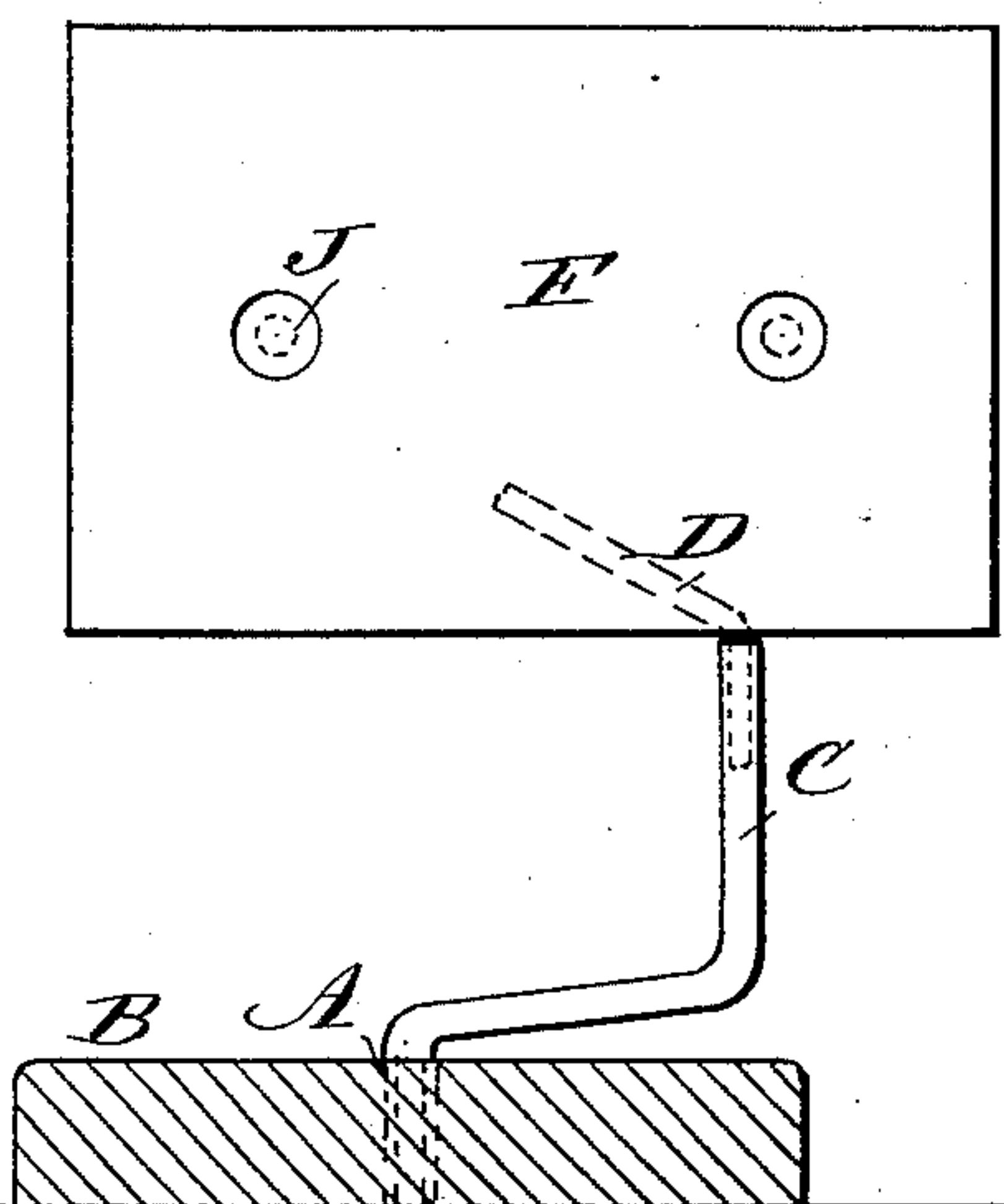
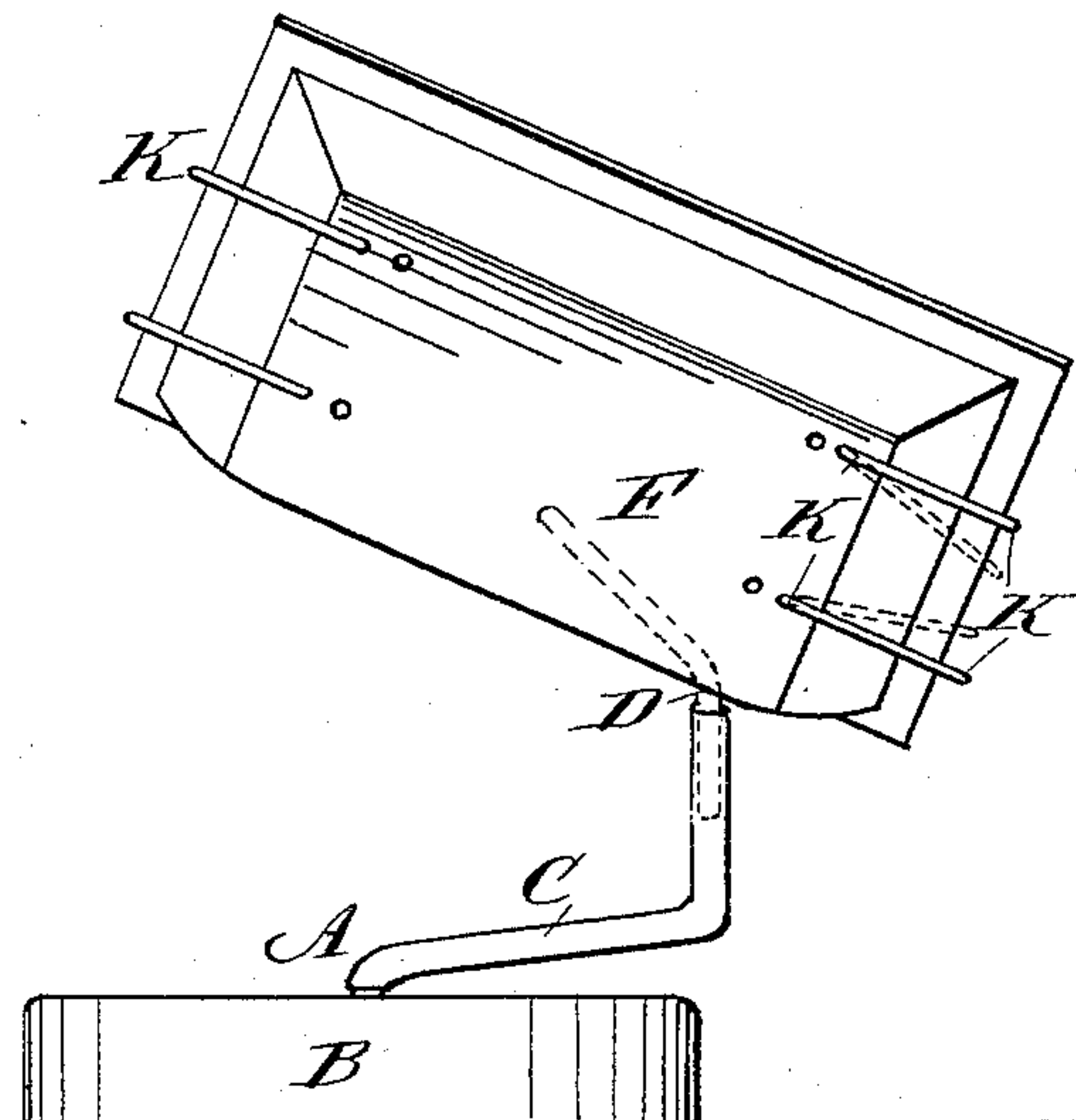
*Fig. 1*

*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 3*

*Fig. 4*



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## BOOK-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH H. PARADIS, of Amherstburg, in the Province of Ontario and Dominion of Canada, have invented a new and Improved Book-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved book-holder for holding books of different sizes open, which holder is simple in construction and can be opened and closed very easily.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of parts and details, as will be fully described and set forth hereinafter, and then pointed out in the claims.

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 rear view of my improved book-holder opened. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of the same closed. Fig. 3 is a side view of the same. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same.

Two wires, A, are mounted to turn in the base B, and those parts of the wires projecting from the upper surface of the base are bent and passed into the lower ends of tubes C, the upper ends of which receive the downwardly-projecting parts of bent wires D, having the upper ends passed into inclined or slanting apertures in the rear edges of covers F, made of wood or any other suitable material, the wires being adapted to turn in the apertures in the covers.

The book-covers G, united by the back H in the usual manner, are placed between the covers F, and are held on the same either by means of screws J, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4, or by wires K, which are bent and placed in the holes of the the cover, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, or by tapes, or in any other suitable manner.

To hold the book firmly in the holder, the ends of the wires at the edges of the book are moved toward each other, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3.

Any book, newspaper, pamphlet, or other printed matter can be held in the holder. The holder and the book in the same can easily be turned in either direction. The holder works very easily. The book, &c., is balanced perfectly. Working on one side of the holder works both, while any desired slant can be given to the holder and book by spreading the book more or less, and the base of the holder can easily be turned to either side, as may be necessary and convenient for the reader.

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

1. The combination, with a base, of bent wires mounted to turn in the same, bent tubes held on the upper ends of the said wires, bent wires passed into the upper ends of the said tubes, and of two covers, into holes in the backs of which the upper bent ends of the upper wires are passed, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. The combination, with the base B, of the bent wires A, mounted to turn in the same, the bent tubes C, held on the upper ends of the wires A, the bent wires D, passed into the upper ends of the tubes C, and of the covers F, having inclined holes in the back edges, into which holes the upper ends of the wires D are passed, substantially as herein shown and described.

3. The combination, with the base B, of the bent wires A, mounted to turn in the same, the bent tubes C, mounted to turn with the upper ends of the wires A, the bent wires D in the upper ends of the tubes C, the covers F, having holes in their back edges, into which holes the upper ends of the wires D are passed, a book, &c., between the covers F, and of devices for holding the book-covers on the covers F, substantially as herein shown and described.

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