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Fig. 1.

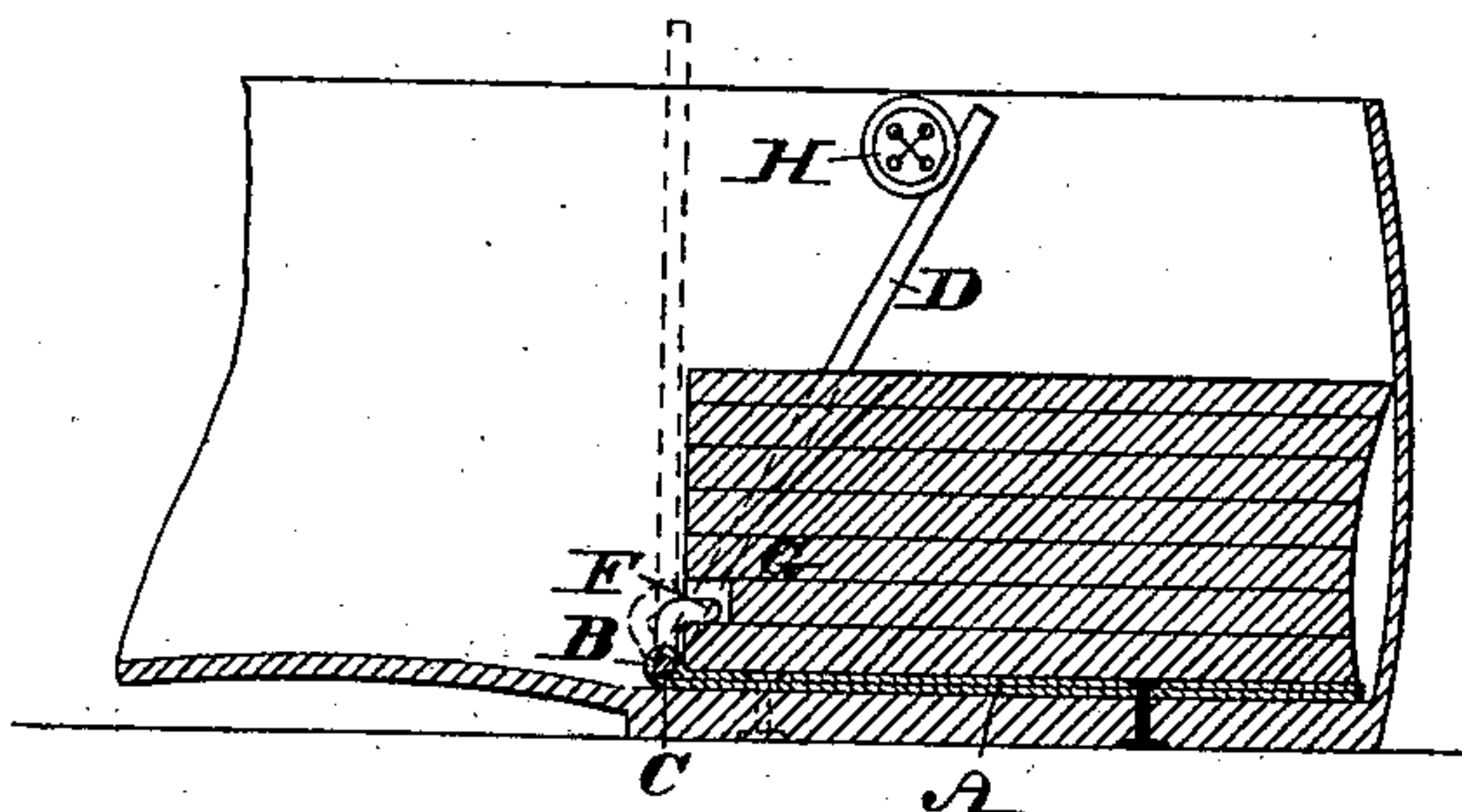


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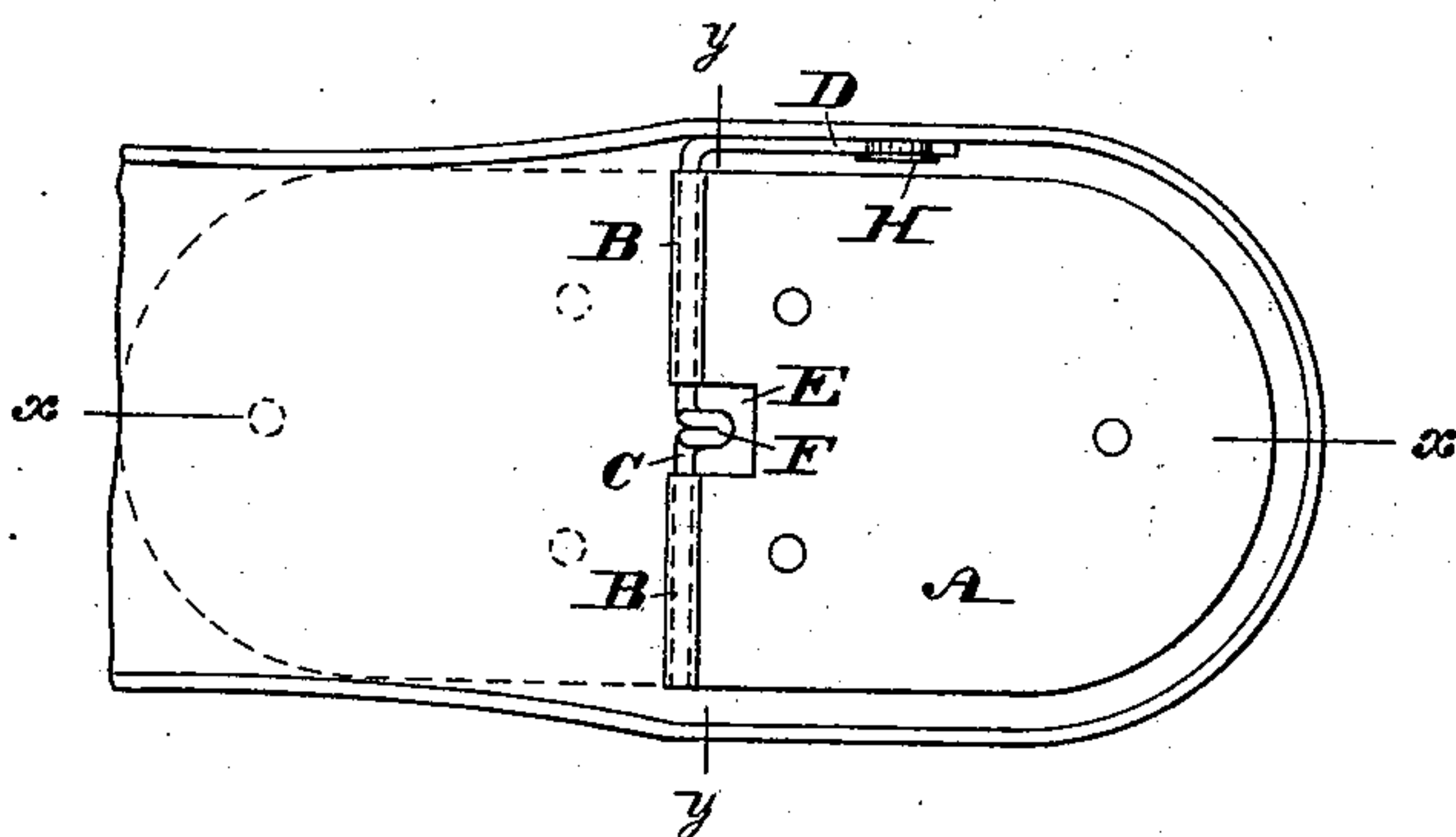
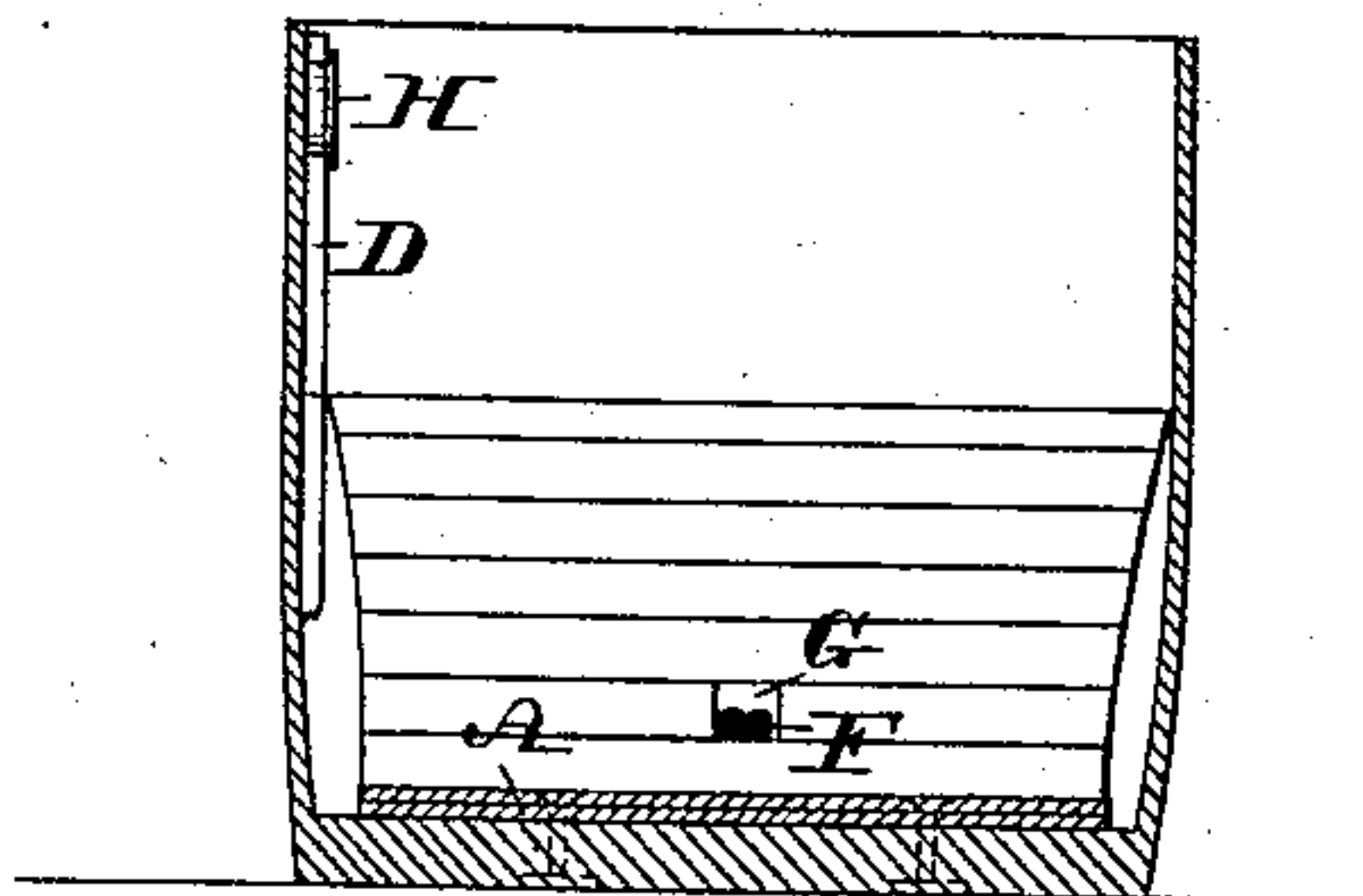


Fig. 3.



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## OVERSHOE-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM KENNEDY, a citizen of the United States, residing at New London, in the county of Chester, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Overshoe-Fasteners, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a vertical section in line *x x*, Fig. 2, of an overshoe-fastener embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a top or plan view thereof. Fig. 3 represents a vertical section in line *y y*, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

My invention consists of a fastener for an overshoe, which is concealed, and may be readily operated, as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a plate, which is secured to the upper face of the sole of an overshoe by rivets or other means, and having at the end coincident with the front of the boot or shoe occupying the overshoe the eye B, in which is journaled the rock-shaft C, one end whereof is provided with a lever or handle, D, which extends along the side of the overshoe, and may be conveniently reached near the top thereof. At the center of the eye of the plate A is a recess or slot, E, which is adapted to receive a lip, F, formed on or secured to the center of the rock-shaft C, said lip being hook-shaped, and so disposed that when the rock-shaft is properly rotated said lip enters an opening or keeper, G, in the front end of the heel.

To the side of the shoe, near the upper end thereof, is secured a button or stud, H, with which the handle D may engage for locking purposes, as will be hereinafter stated.

When the overshoe is fitted on the boot or shoe proper, the lever D is moved rearward, whereby the shaft C is rotated. The lip F now enters the opening or keeper G of the heel, and is thus locked to the heel, whereby the overshoe is securely fastened to the boot or shoe and prevented from dropping off or displacement.

In order to prevent return motion of the

lever D, and consequently of the lip F, said lever is placed behind the button or stud H, so as to be controlled by the same, whereby it is securely held, the device being concealed within the overshoe.

When the overshoe is to be removed, the lever is disengaged from the button or stud and swung to the front, whereby the lip F emerges from the opening or keeper G, and is consequently disconnected from the heel, after which the overshoe is free to be displaced.

In practice the rock-shaft, lip, and lever are made of a piece of wire properly bent into shape. The plate A is made of a piece of metal bent or doubled on itself, the bend producing the eye B, the two thicknesses of material strengthening the plate and stiffening the portion of the sole of the overshoe with which it is secured. The plate may be readily secured to the heel, instep, or other portion of the sole of the overshoe, and when said shoe is worn out the plate may be removed and reapplied to another overshoe.

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

1. In an overshoe-fastener, a rock shaft having a lip and a lever and a bearing for said shaft, the said lip being adapted to enter an opening in the heel of a boot or shoe inclosed by said overshoe, the parts being combined substantially as described.

2. In an overshoe-fastener, a plate bent so as to form two thicknesses, and an eye, and a rock-shaft journaled in said eye and having a lip and a lever, said parts being combined substantially as described.

3. An overshoe-fastener consisting of a rock-shaft with a lip and lever, and a plate on which said shaft is mounted, the parts being combined and operating substantially as described.

4. A fastener for an overshoe, consisting of the plate A with eye B and recess E, and the rock-shaft C, with lip F and lever D, all substantially as described.

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