

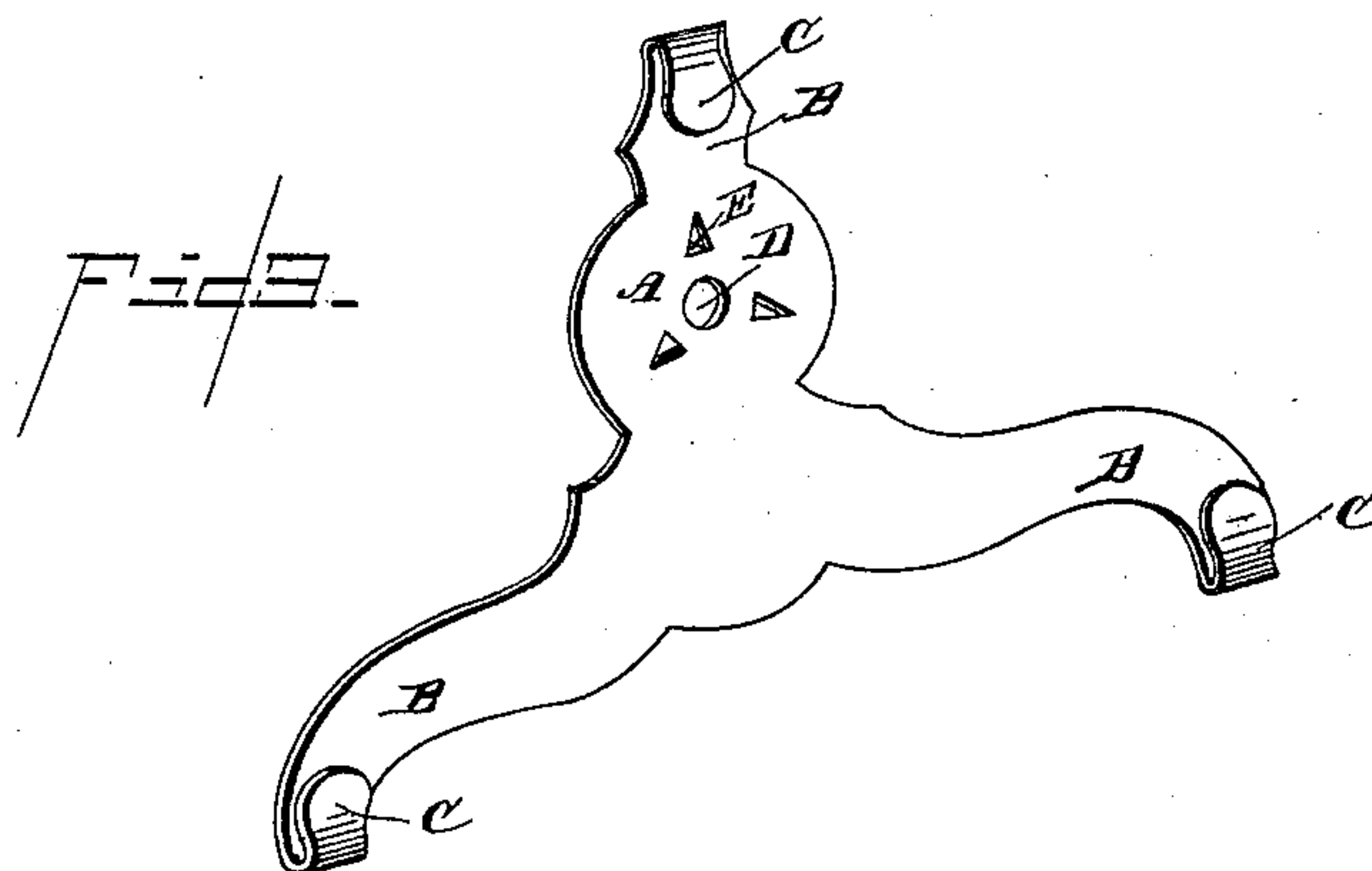
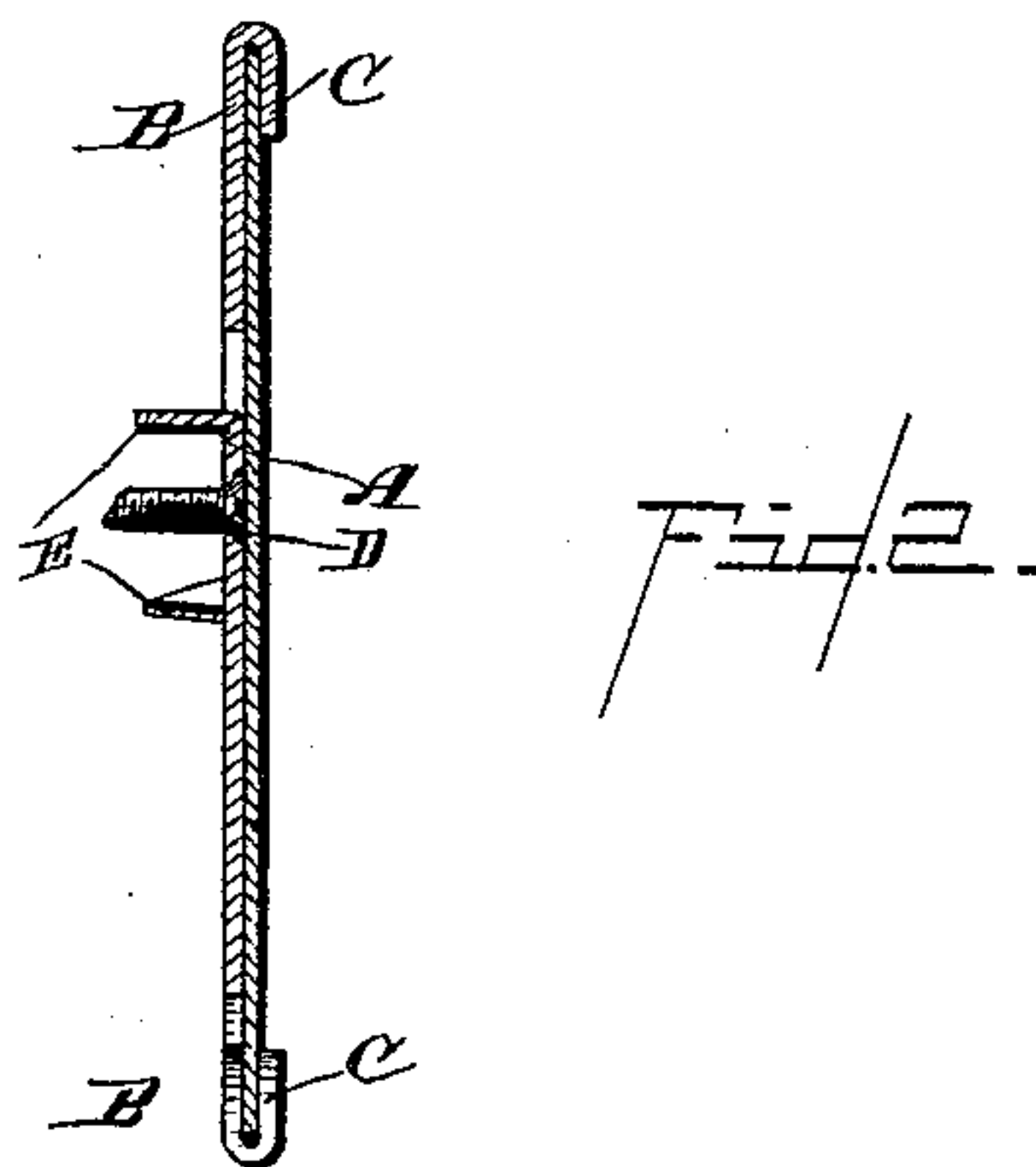
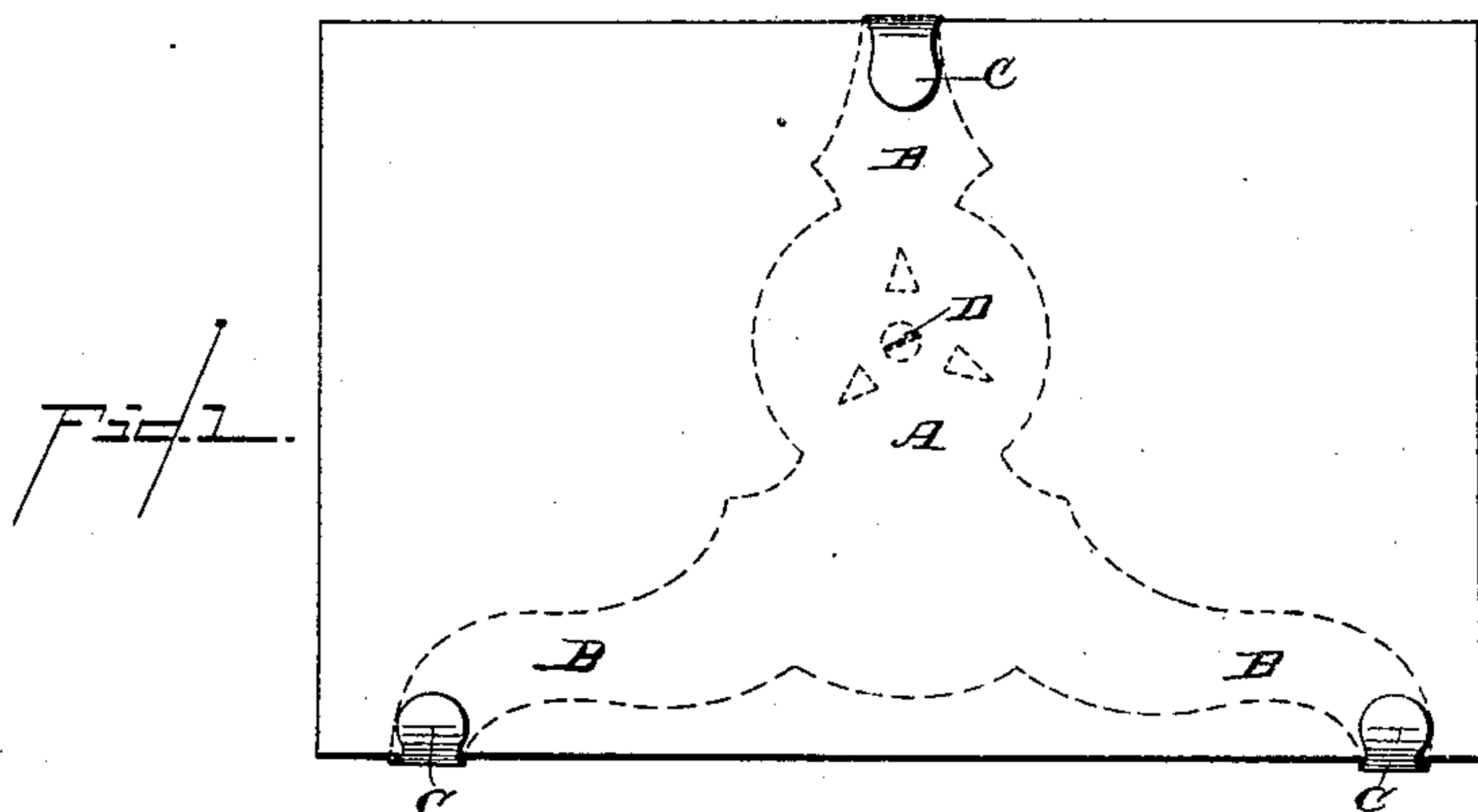
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## CARD-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CLAYTON WILLIS BAKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jamestown, in the county of Chautauqua and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Card-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a card-holder to be used on church-pews, and is designed to be secured permanently to the pew to hold the card having thereon the name of the occupant or owner of the pew.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of the device, showing card held therein. Fig. 2 is a vertical central section of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the holder.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A designates the central body of the holder, which is provided with arms B, of any desired number, (three being shown in the drawings,) the extremities of which arms are bent to form guides or clips C C, to receive and hold the edges of the card bearing the name of the owner or renter of the pew.

The body of the holder is provided with a central perforation, D, adapted to have a screw passed therethrough, and a number of small spurs, E E, are struck up from the material of the body around the said central perforation, which are designed to be driven into the pew to prevent the holder from turning and thus getting out of position. Either the screw alone or the spurs alone will serve to maintain the holder on the pew; but for greater security I prefer to use the two combined, as herein described and shown.

The device is designed to be secured to the side or arm of the pew, and the card is inserted therein with its edges engaged by the clamps or clips on the ends of the said arms.

The cards, as will be seen, may be removed and others substituted at will without marring the pew or defacing the card; also, the said holder may be used on rows of seats in concert-halls to hold cards indicating that the said rows are reserved, and in many like situations where it is desirable to insert and remove a card often.

The device is designed to be struck up from a single sheet of metal, and it may, if desired, be made very ornamental by nickeling or silver-plating the same. The said holder may also be made in a number of ornamental designs and provided with any number of arms having clips thereon.

I claim—

As an improved article of manufacture, the card-holder comprising a central body, A, having a central opening, D, and the points E E, struck up around the opening, and the radial arms B, formed integral with the central body, and having the ends bent forward to form the clips C C, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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