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FIG. 1.

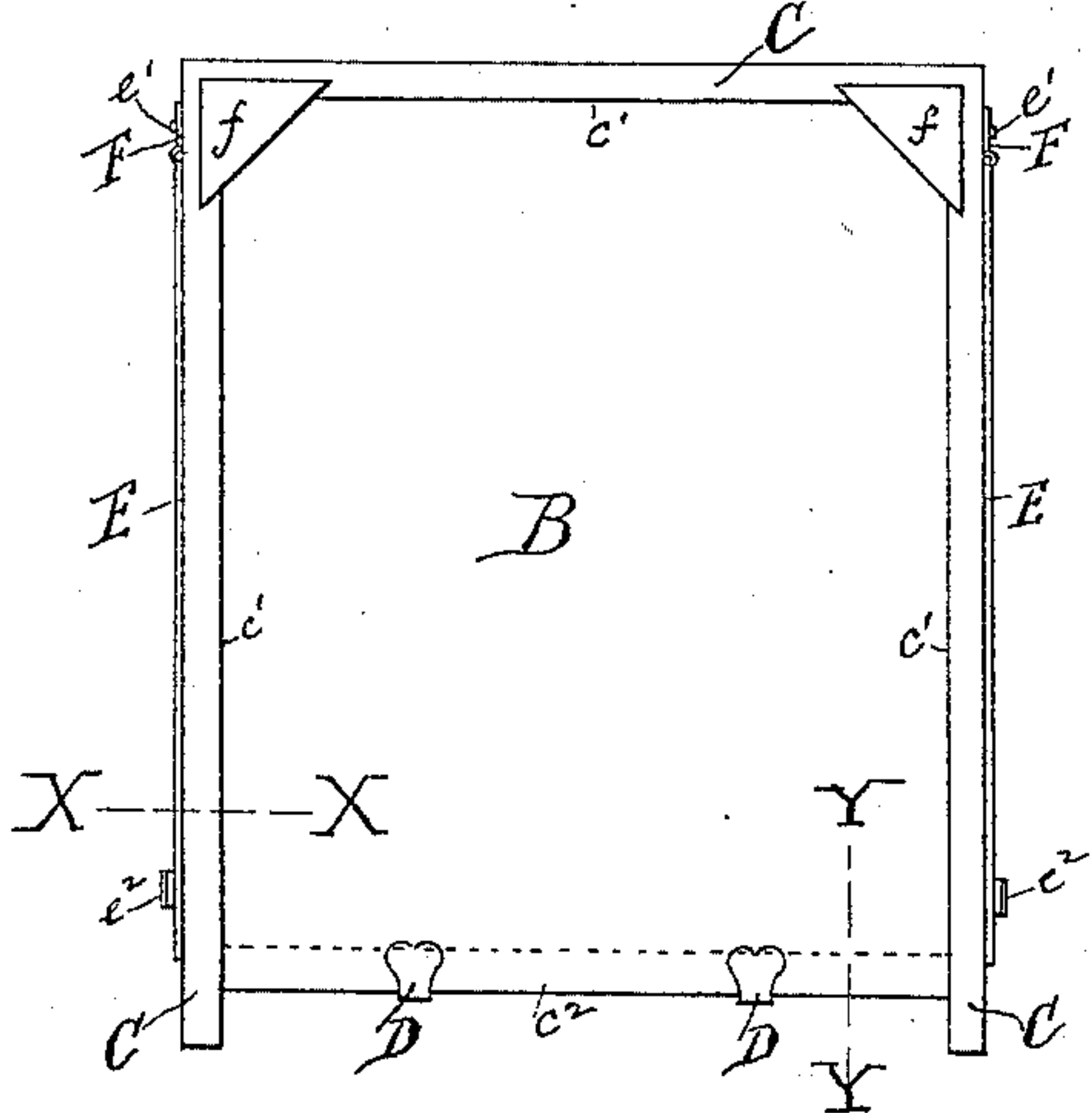


FIG. 2.

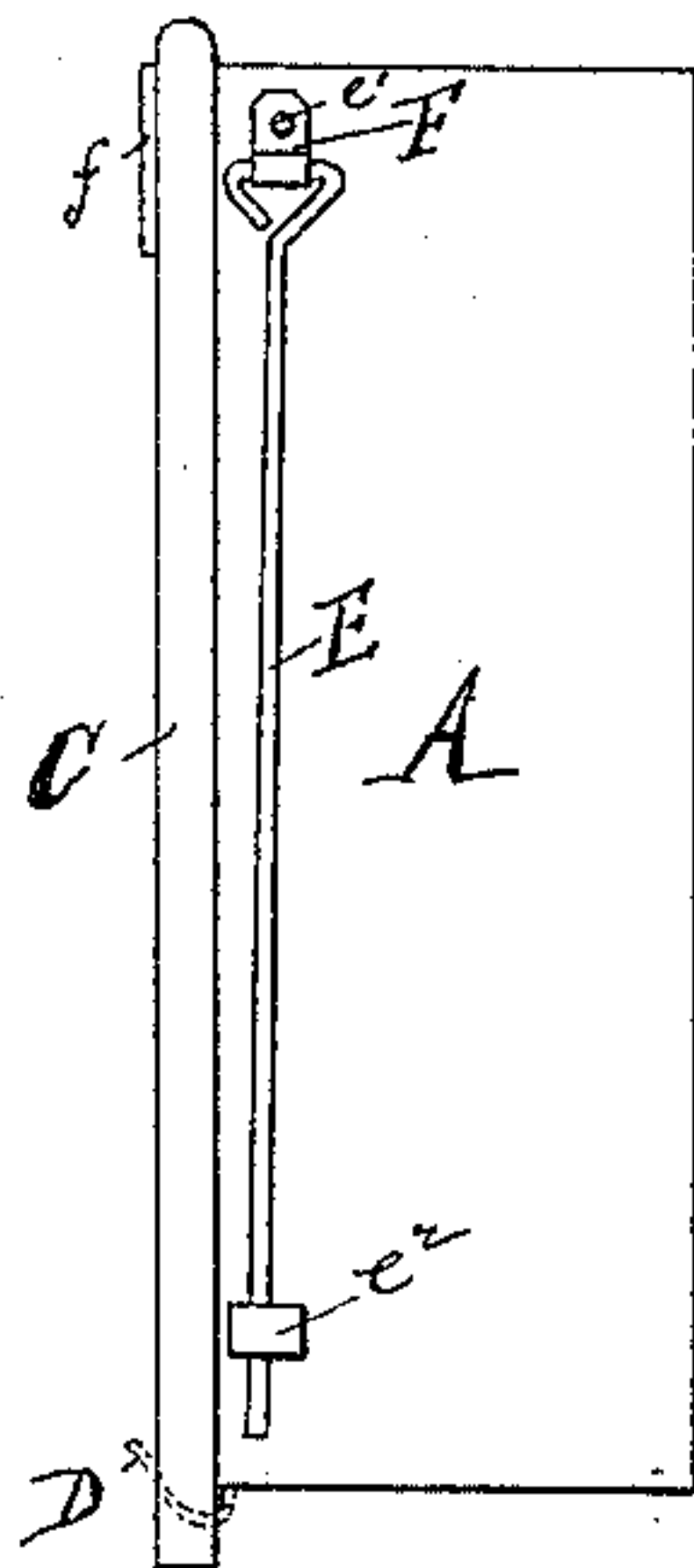


FIG. 3.

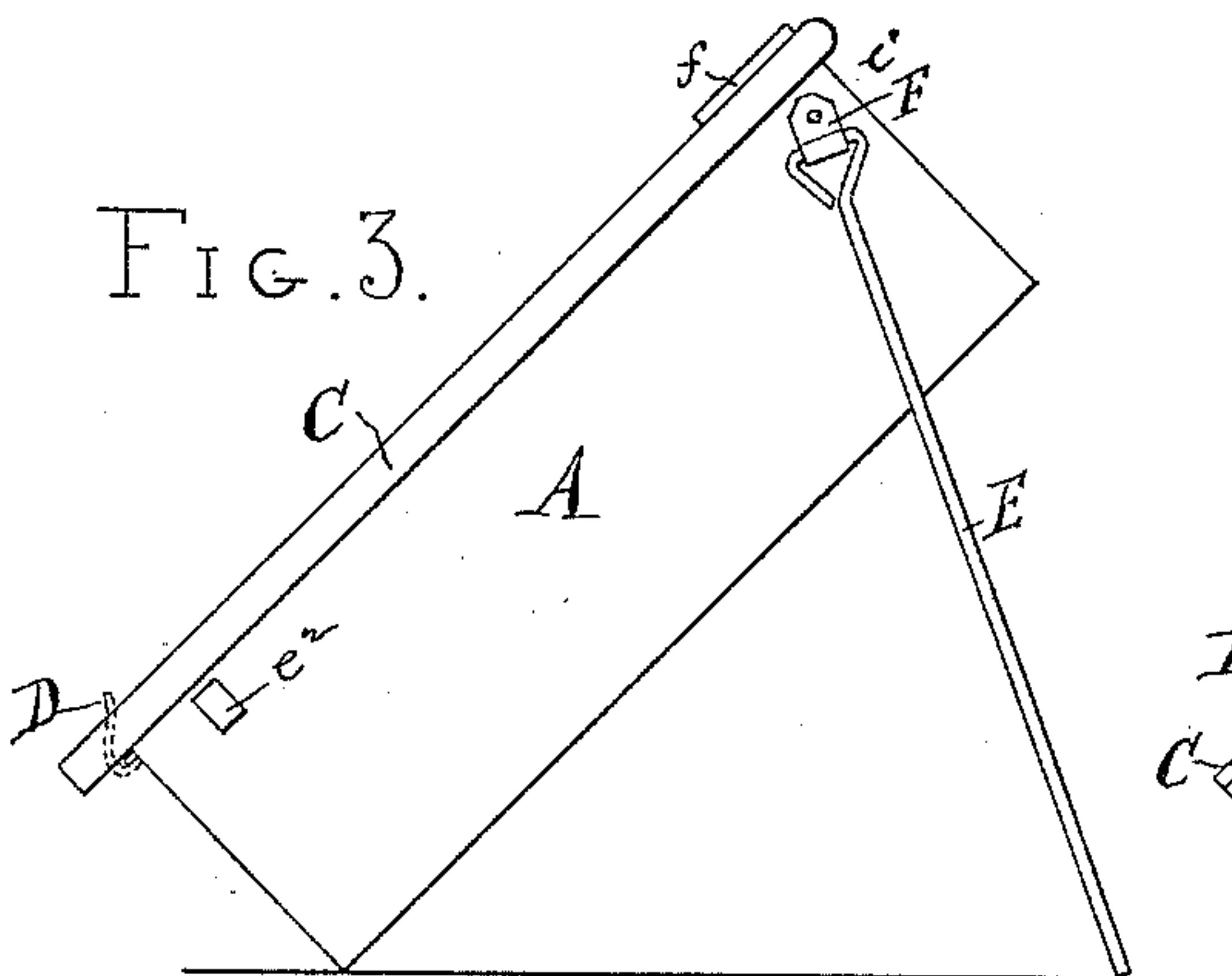


FIG. 4.

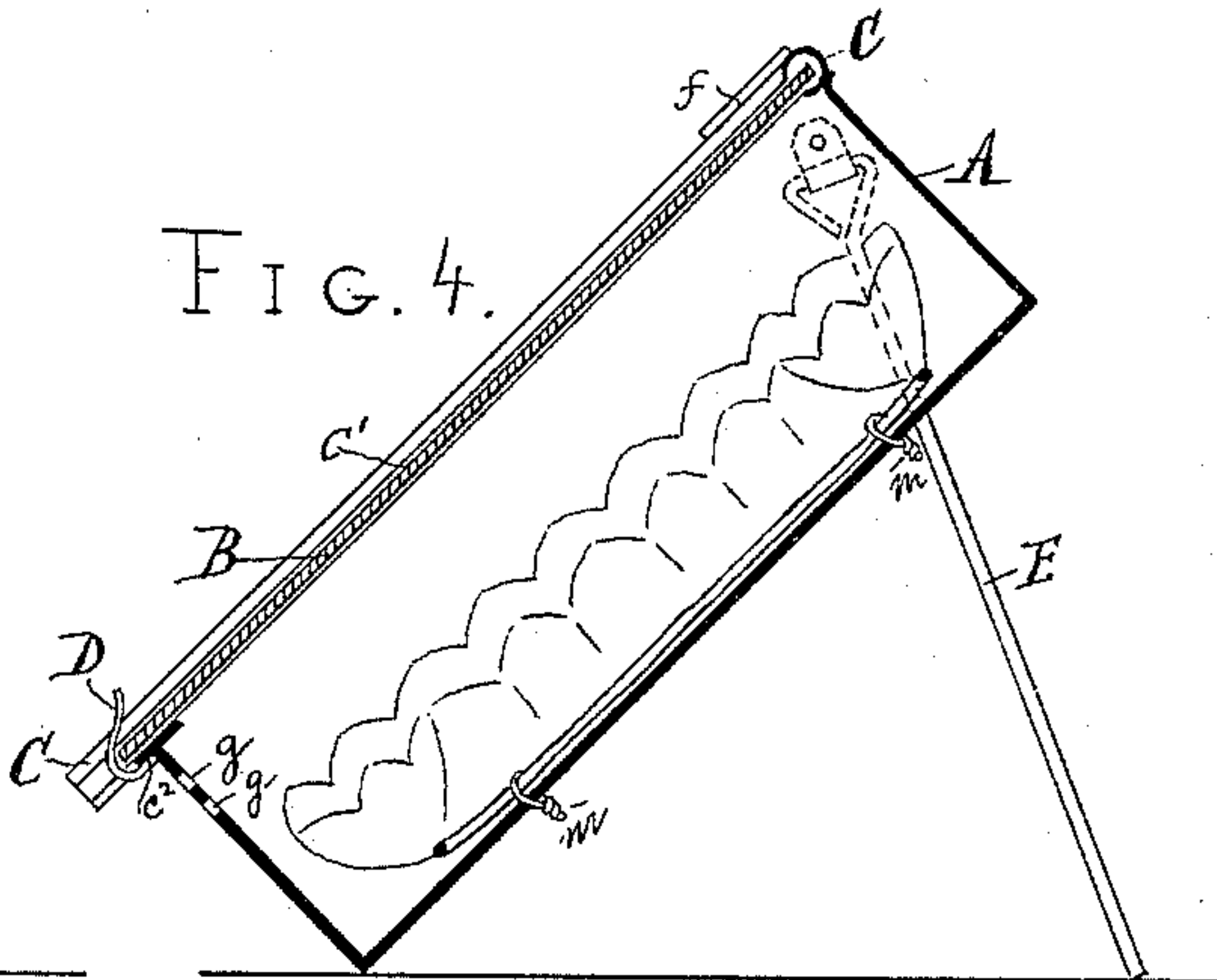


FIG. 5.

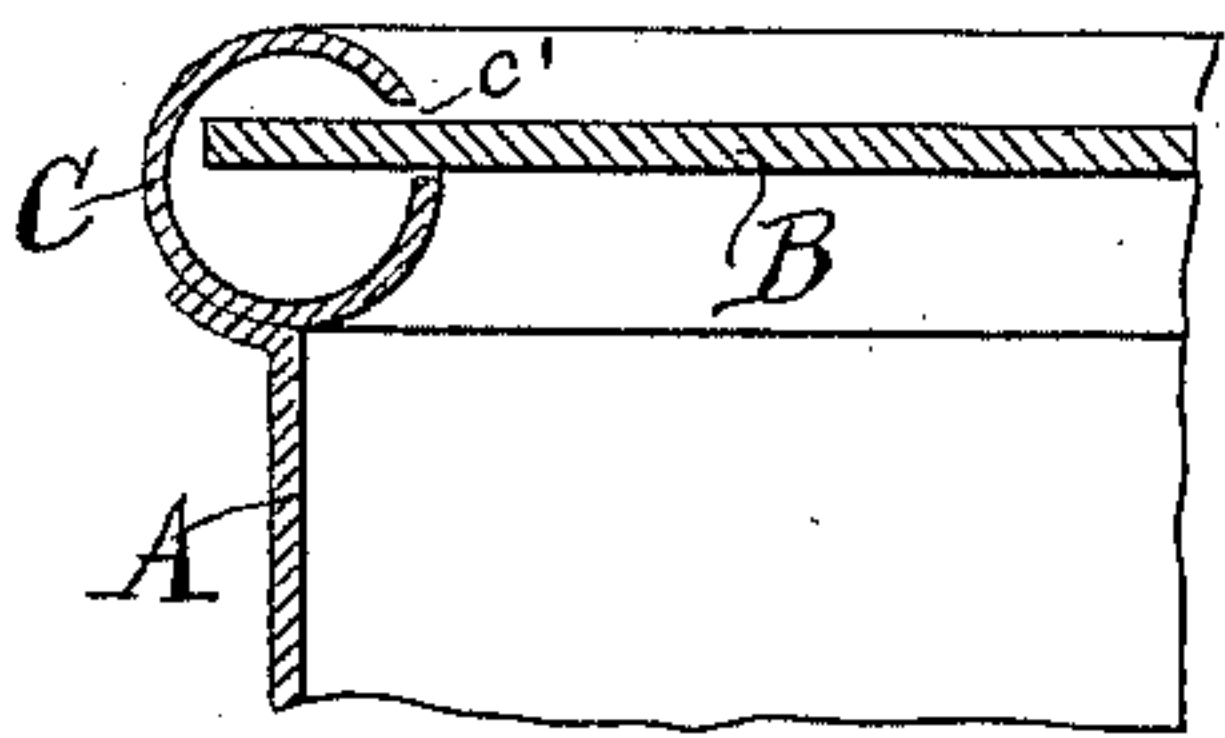
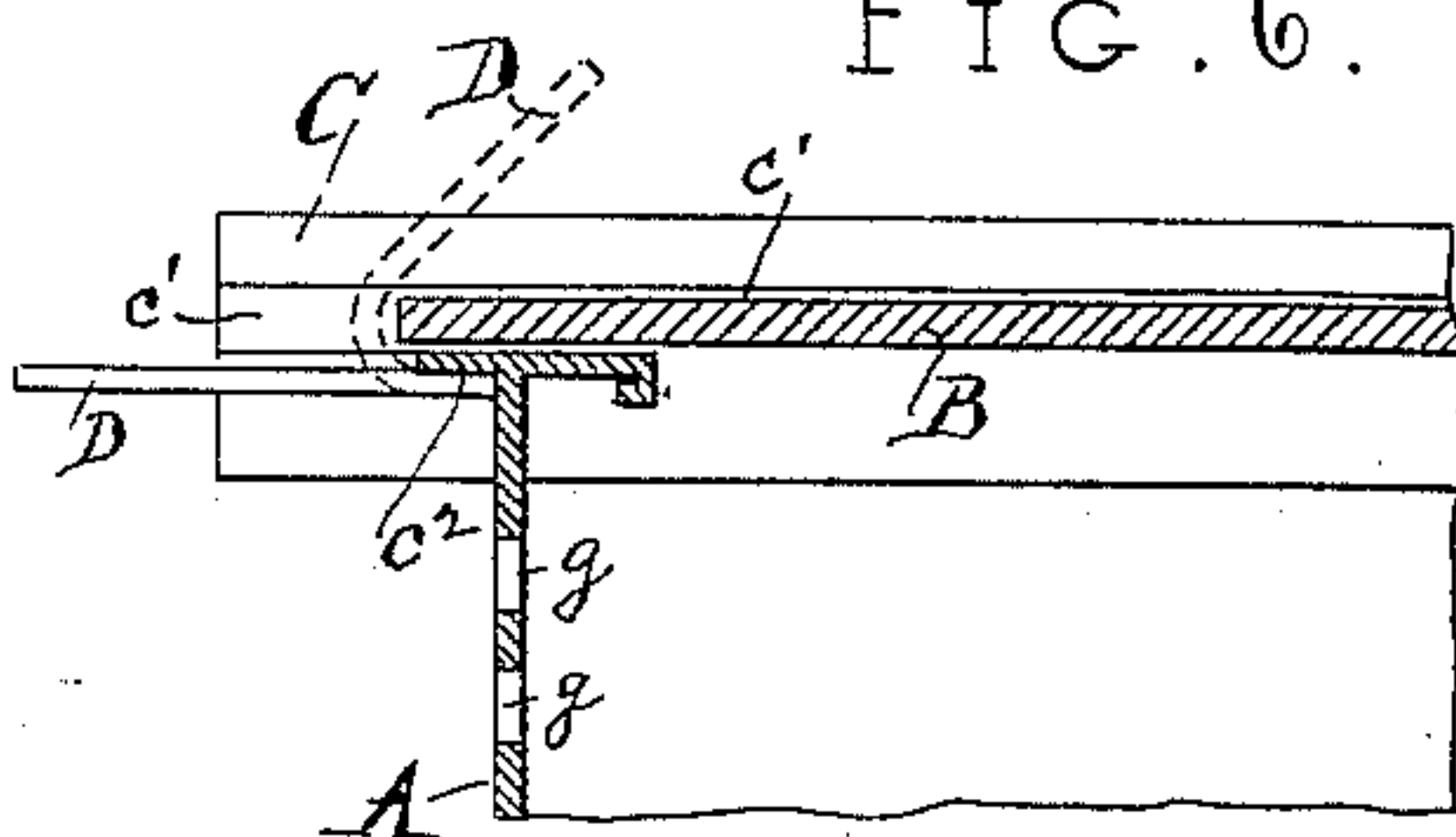


FIG. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HENRY W. KRAATZ and THEODORE L. KRAATZ, citizens of the United States, residing at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improved Receptacle or Case for Decorative Art Placed Over Graves, and to protect the same from the weather, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is for the display of decorative art placed over graves, and protection of the same from the weather, so that wreaths, crosses, or emblems of any kind made in various designs of porcelain, tin, cloth, &c., may be kept fresh and bright in their colors for an indefinite time; and our invention consists in providing a receptacle or case for said decorative art having a removable glass cover fitted to circular, tubular, and slotted channels, forming troughs or ducts, so as to carry off water and the condensation of same on under side of glass cover; further, in providing legs or stays to our receptacle or case, so that the same may be set on incline to better display the contents. We attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a top view. Fig. 2 is a side view. Fig. 3 is a side view showing receptacle or case set on incline with legs or stays adjusted to display contents. Fig. 4 is a sectional view showing receptacle or case similarly set on incline, with legs or stays adjusted to display contents. Fig. 5 is an enlarged sectional view on line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 6 is an enlarged sectional view on line *y y*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A represents our receptacle or case. B represents the removable glass cover; C C C, the circular tubular channels; D D, clips or stops to retain removable glass cover in its case; E E, legs or stays pivoted on both sides of the receptacle or case A.

Our receptacle or case A, having bottom and sides, we make of tin, and provide same with removable glass cover B, in order to display the decorative art placed therein; also, we make case A of any form, size, and depth to adapt the same to the particular form and size of wreath, cross, or emblem to be displayed and protected from the weather; further, we

provide both sides of our receptacle or case A with legs or stays E E. Said legs or stays E E we form of pieces of stout wire, of sufficient length to elevate the case, having their ends inserted in loops of tin ears F F, (see Figs. 2, and 3,) said looped ears F F being pivoted to upper sides of case A at *e' e'*, so that by means of legs or stays E E, attached to pivoted looped ears F F and moving on their pivots *e' e'*, our case can be set on incline and supported, so as fully to display to the spectator the wreath, cross, or emblem placed therein. To store away said legs or stays E E when the receptacle or case is not in use, we provide both sides of case A with catches *e² e²*, said catches *e² e²* then receiving the ends of legs or stays E E, attached to pivoted looped ears F F, by turning same on their pivots *e' e'*, thus housing same on both sides parallel with case A. (See Figs. 1 and 2.)

In order to protect said decorative art from the weather, and to keep the wreath, cross, or emblem displayed in same fresh and bright in its colors, we provide our receptacle or case A with circular tubular channels C C C, having slots *c' c' c'* provided throughout the length of said channels; also, with bearing-flange *c²*, and fit and solder said circular tubular channels C C C and bearing-flange *c²* about the open face of case A, (see Figs. 1, 4, and 6,) mitering said circular tubular channels C C C at upper corners, and extending the two side circular tubular channels, C C, beyond the lower open face of case A, so as to properly discharge the water beyond the case, said bearing-flange *c²* and said slots *c' c' c'* forming bearing for removable glass cover B, said removable glass cover B fitting in the slots *c' c' c'* of circular tubular channels C C C, so as to overlap same on inside, and, further, overlap bearing-flange *c²*, thus, by means of our construction, adapting said bearing-flange *c²* as a drip and said circular tubular channels C C C as troughs or ducts to carry off water, also condensation of same on under side of glass cover.

To hold removable glass cover B in position after its insertion in slots *c' c' c'* of circular tubular channels C C C, we provide bearing-flange *c²* with clips or stops D D, and solder ends of said clips or stops D D to under side of flange *c²*, so that by the ductile nature of the metal of said clips or stops D D the said

clips or stops D D can be bent straight for purpose of removing said glass cover B, and also rebent in place after insertion of said glass cover B to hold same in position, as shown in dotted lines, Fig. 6.

To strengthen our case or receptacle A and prevent same from being warped, we apply triangular pieces of tin, *ff*, at the upper corners, soldering same to top of circular channels C C C.

The decorative art to be displayed and protected from the weather, and which we place in our receptacle or case, are of different forms and variety of designs, and made of porcelain, tin, cloth, &c., the flowers, foliage, &c., of wreaths, crosses, or emblems, being held and soldered together on a frame-work of small and large wires.

To fasten the wreath, cross, or emblem placed in our receptacle or case, we simply punch holes in bottom of same, insert wires, and encircle the wire frame-work of wreath, cross, or emblem, twining the ends of the wire together outside of bottom of receptacle or case A, as shown at M M, Fig. 4.

We are aware that receptacles or boxes for purpose of exhibiting articles having removable glass covers were known or used before the date of our invention, and we therefore do not wish to claim, broadly, such in our construction.

What we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The receptacle or case A, having the legs or stays E E, and provided with circular tubular channels C C C about its open face, having slots *c' c' c'* throughout the length of the channels, also bearing-flange *c'*, and clips or stops D D to receive the removable glass cover B and hold it to the bearing-flange, said channels C C C serving as troughs or ducts to carry off water, and said bearing-flange *c'* as a drip to protect the contents of the case from the weather, as and for the purpose set forth.

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