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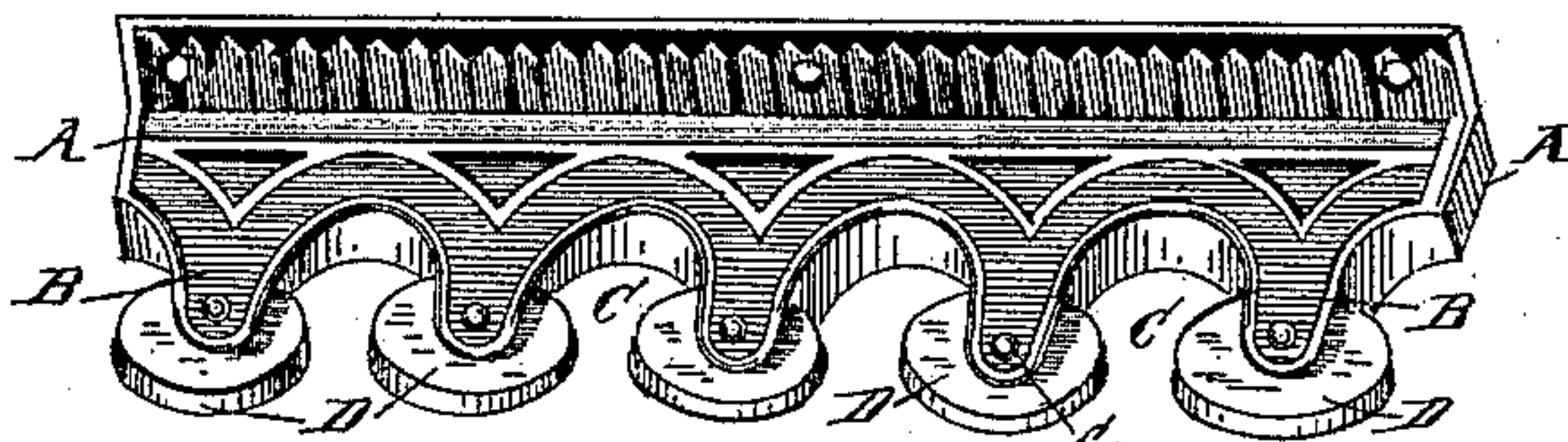


FIG. 1.

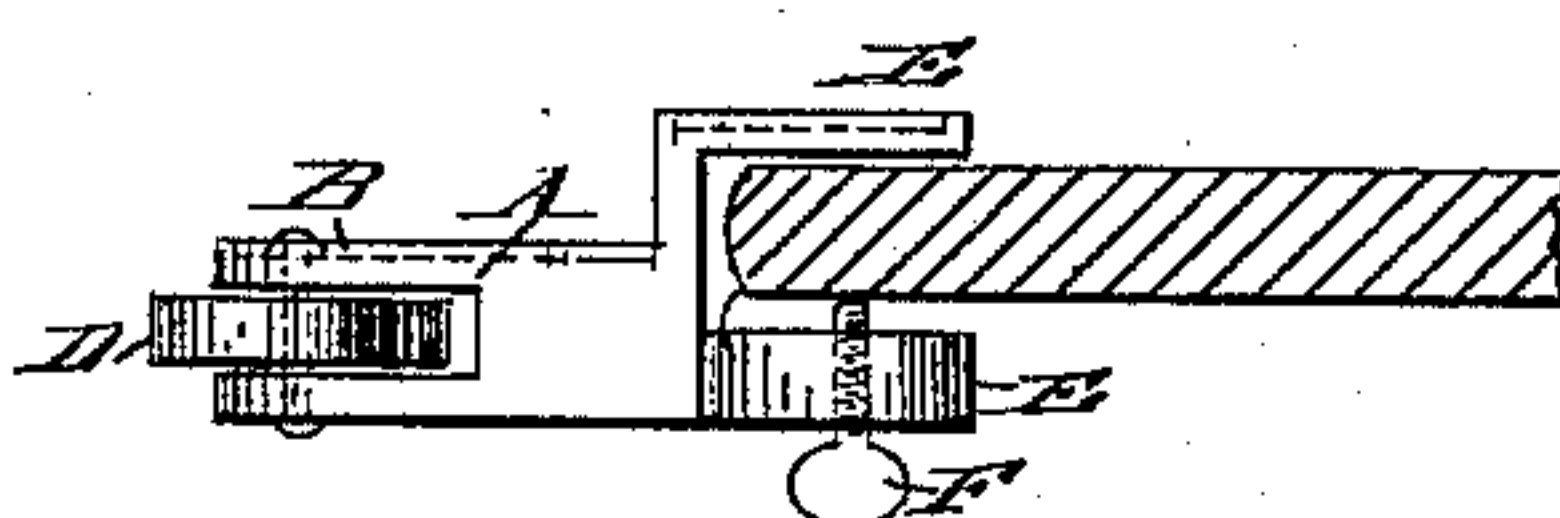


FIG. 2.

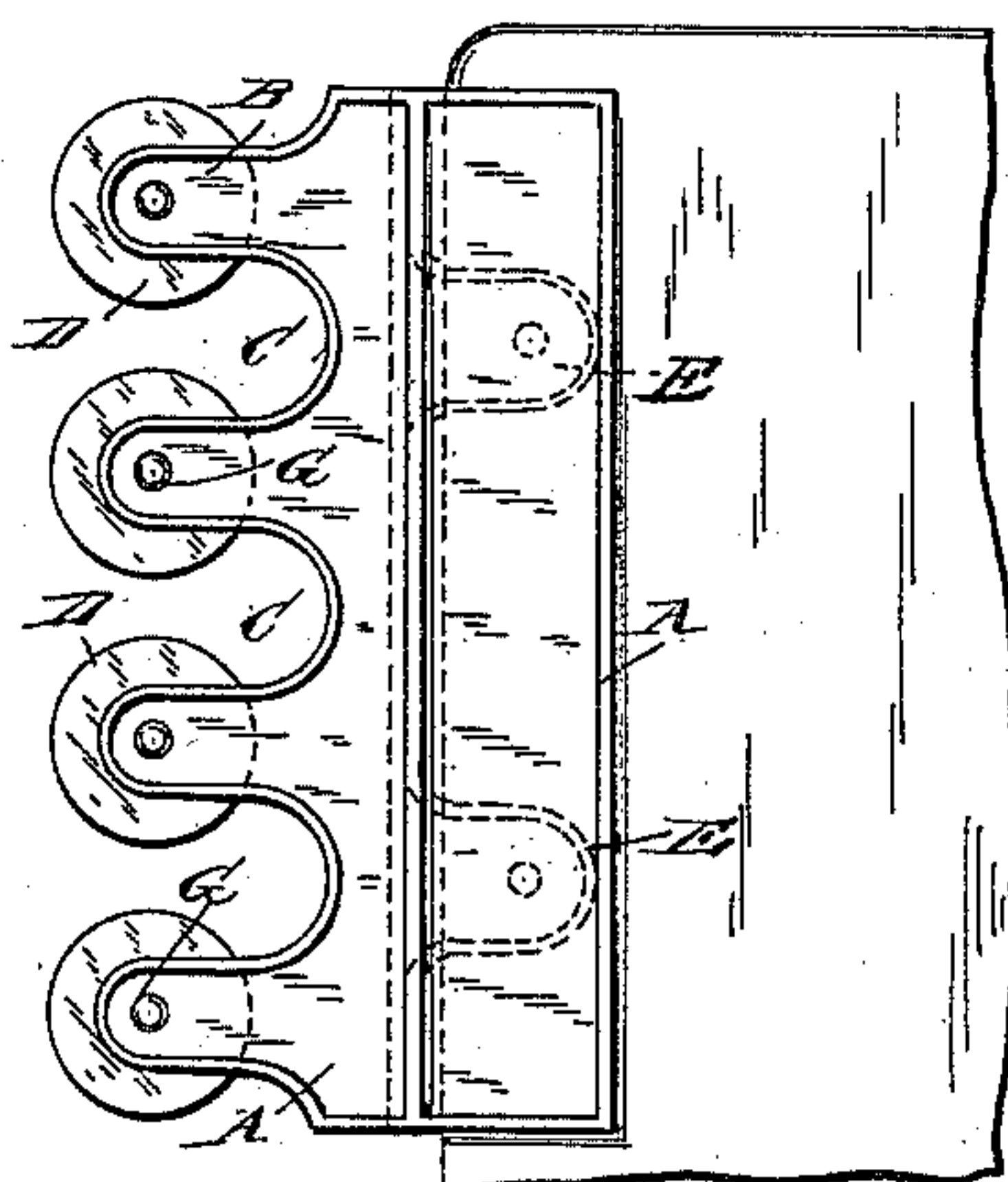


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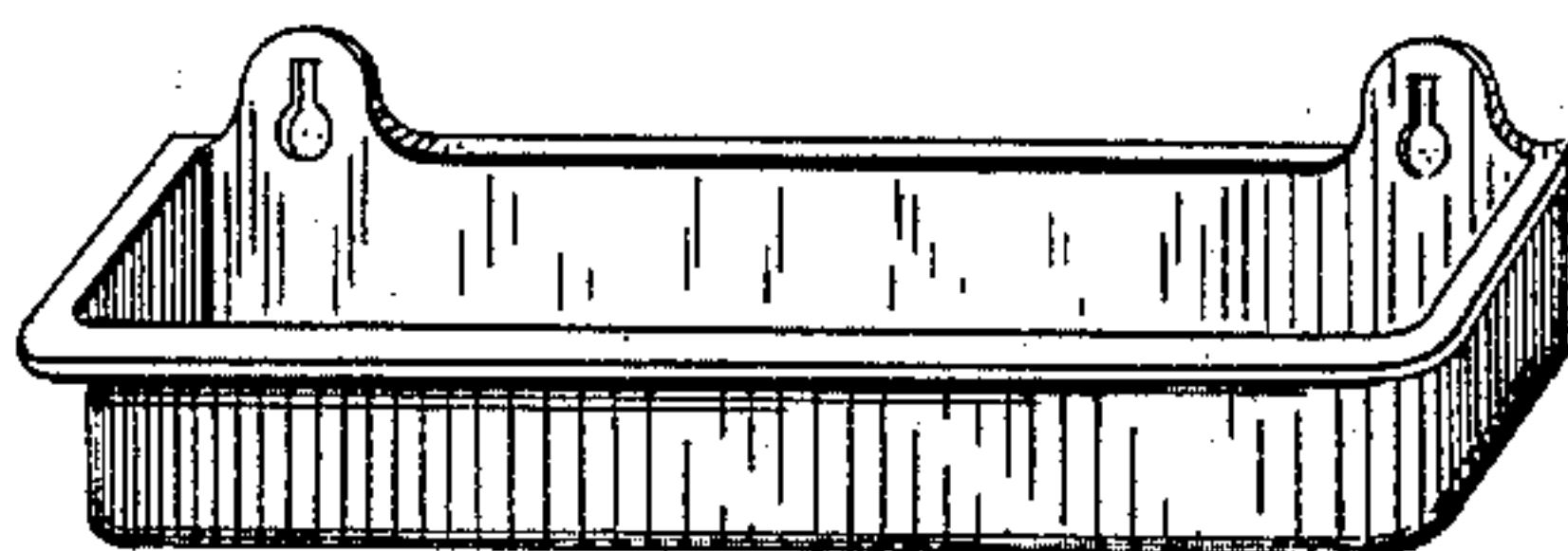


FIG. 4.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARRY HOUGH, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, and a resident of 12 Hollydale Road, Queen's Road, Peckham, in the county of Surrey, England, have invented new and useful Improvements in Appliances for Holding Umbrellas, Walking-Sticks, Billiard-Cues, Rifles, and other Articles; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the drawings hereunto annexed.

My invention will be found invaluable for use in places of worship, public buildings, restaurants, dwelling-houses, offices, shops, and other like places, and it can be readily and easily applied to pews, tables, and other furniture, if desired, without the necessity of making holes therein for the insertion of screws for the purpose of attaching the holder.

By my invention it is not necessary to first lift the umbrella, stick, or other article and then let it drop into the holder, as hitherto.

By this improvement I obviate the possibility of a walking-stick or other article being placed in the inside of an umbrella previously placed in the stand or holder.

By the use of india-rubber disks, as employed in the construction of my invention, noiselessness is insured, and the umbrellas or other articles are not scratched when placed in the holder. If desired, a piece of india-rubber may be placed at the back of the slots formed in the holder for the reception of the umbrellas or other articles for the purpose of further minimizing the noise in places of worship.

I now proceed to describe my said invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and the figures and letters marked thereon, similar letters indicating like parts throughout.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention, and Figs. 2 and 3 are an elevation and plan, respectively, showing how my said invention may be applied to a table or other article of furniture. Fig. 4 is a perspective

view of the trough for catching the drippings of umbrellas and retaining sticks and other articles in position.

I construct a bracket A of cast-iron, brass, or other suitable material, and which bracket is formed with any suitable number of projections B, which form between them slots or spaces C, for the reception of the articles placed therein. Near the extremity of the projections B are pivotally attached on pins G a series of revoluble flexible disks D, preferably of india-rubber.

The aforesaid bracket may be attached to any article by means of screws, as shown in Fig. 1; but I prefer to construct the back of said bracket with projecting pieces or lugs E, through which may be passed screws provided with a thumb and finger piece, as shown. By this arrangement the holder may be readily and easily clamped to tables, counters, and other articles having stone or metal tops.

The manner in which my said invention is operated is as follows: The umbrella, walking-stick, or other article to be placed in the holder is pressed against the edges of the compressible disks, which will yield to the pressure, and by slightly revolving will allow the umbrella or other article to enter the slots formed in the bracket for its reception.

A suitable trough, Fig. 4, may be fixed beneath the holder for catching the drippings from umbrellas, or to serve as a rest for retaining the lower ends of the sticks, &c., in position.

Having now particularly described my invention, what I claim is—

1. An umbrella rack or holder consisting of a rigid bracket A, provided with arms B, and revoluble flexible disks D, as herein set forth.

2. An umbrella rack or holder consisting of a rigid bracket A, provided with arms B, and revoluble india-rubber disks D, as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two witnesses.

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