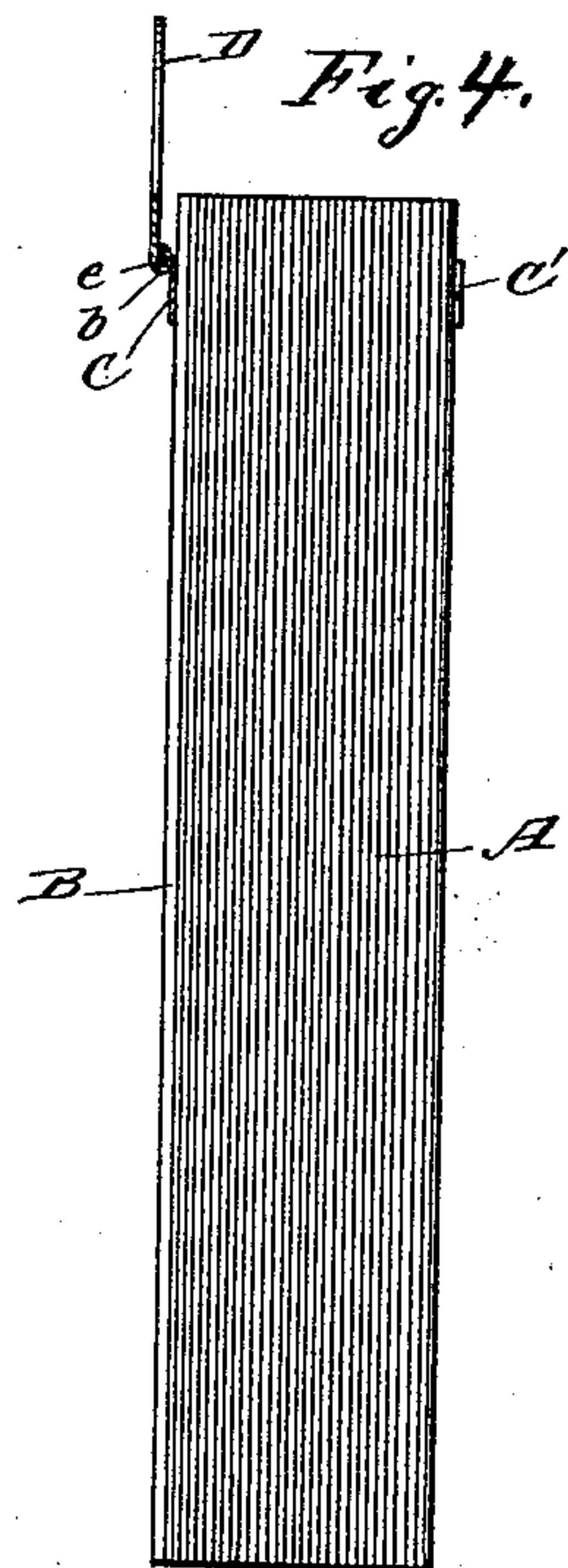
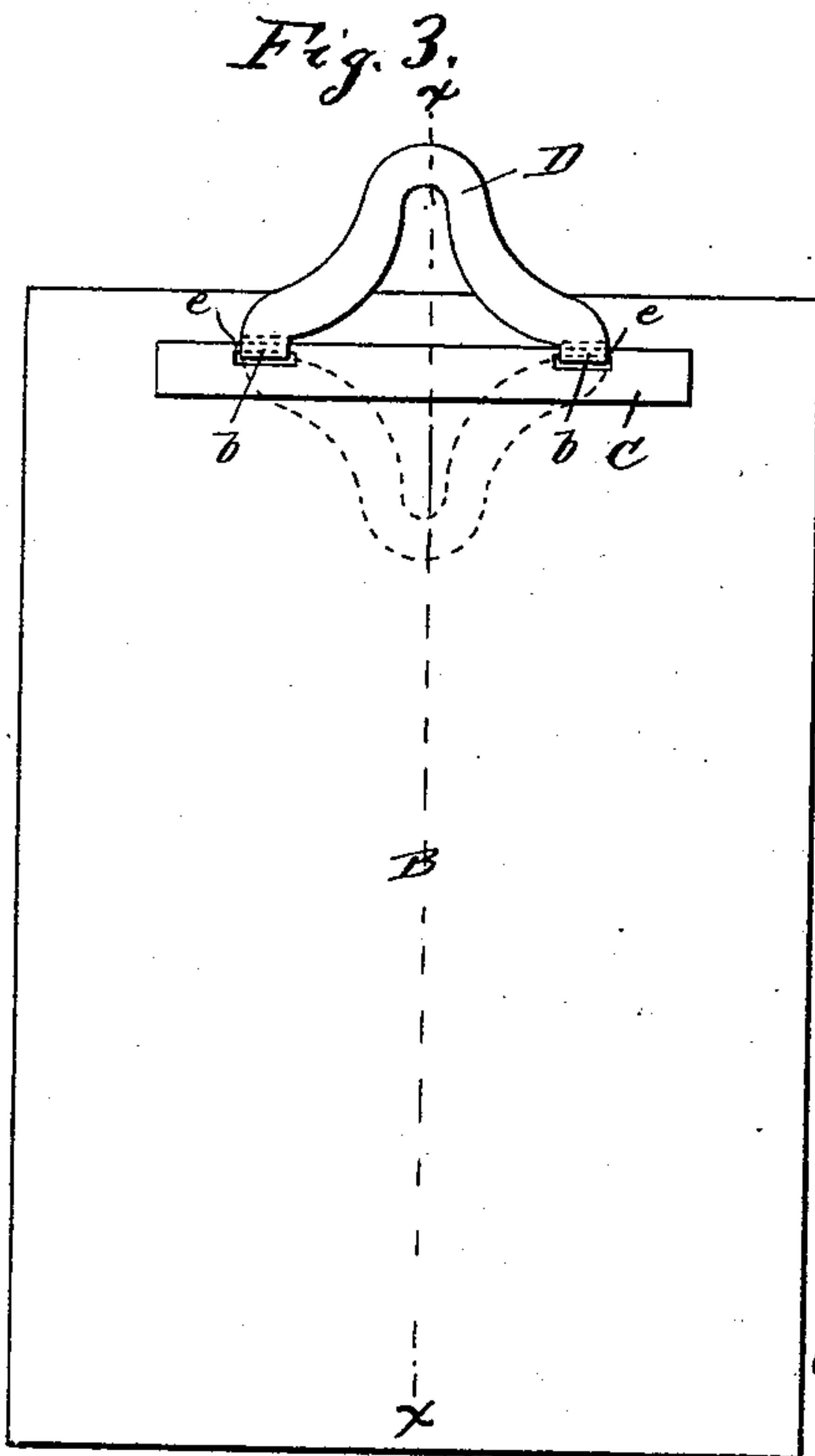
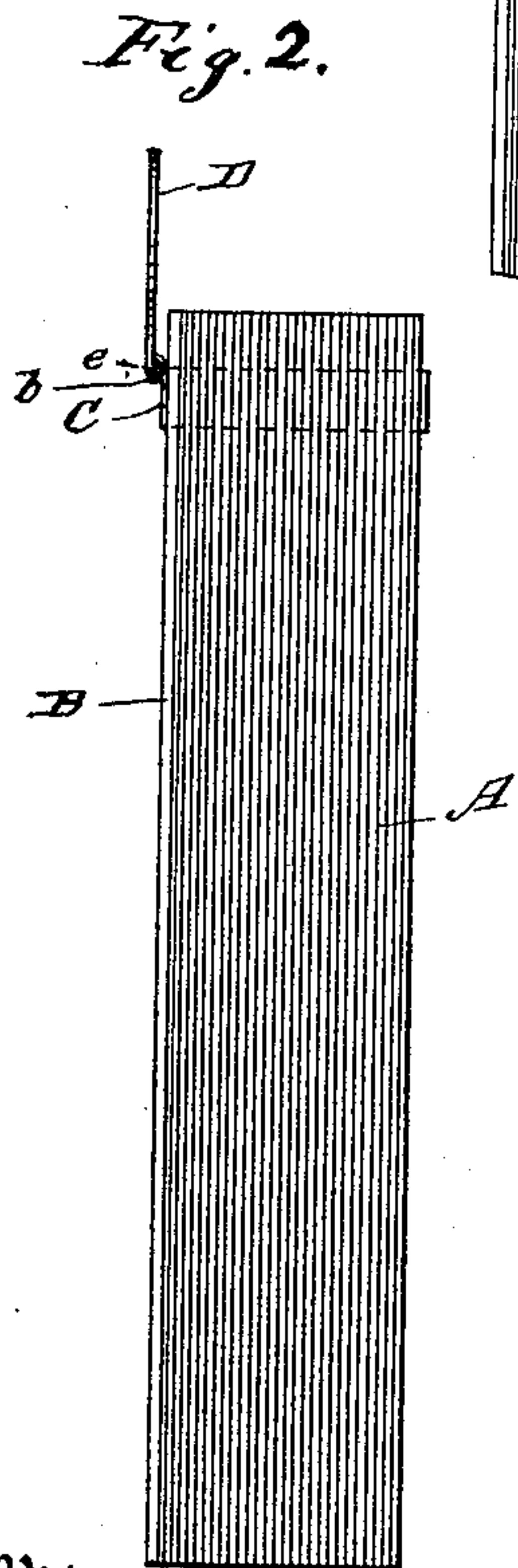
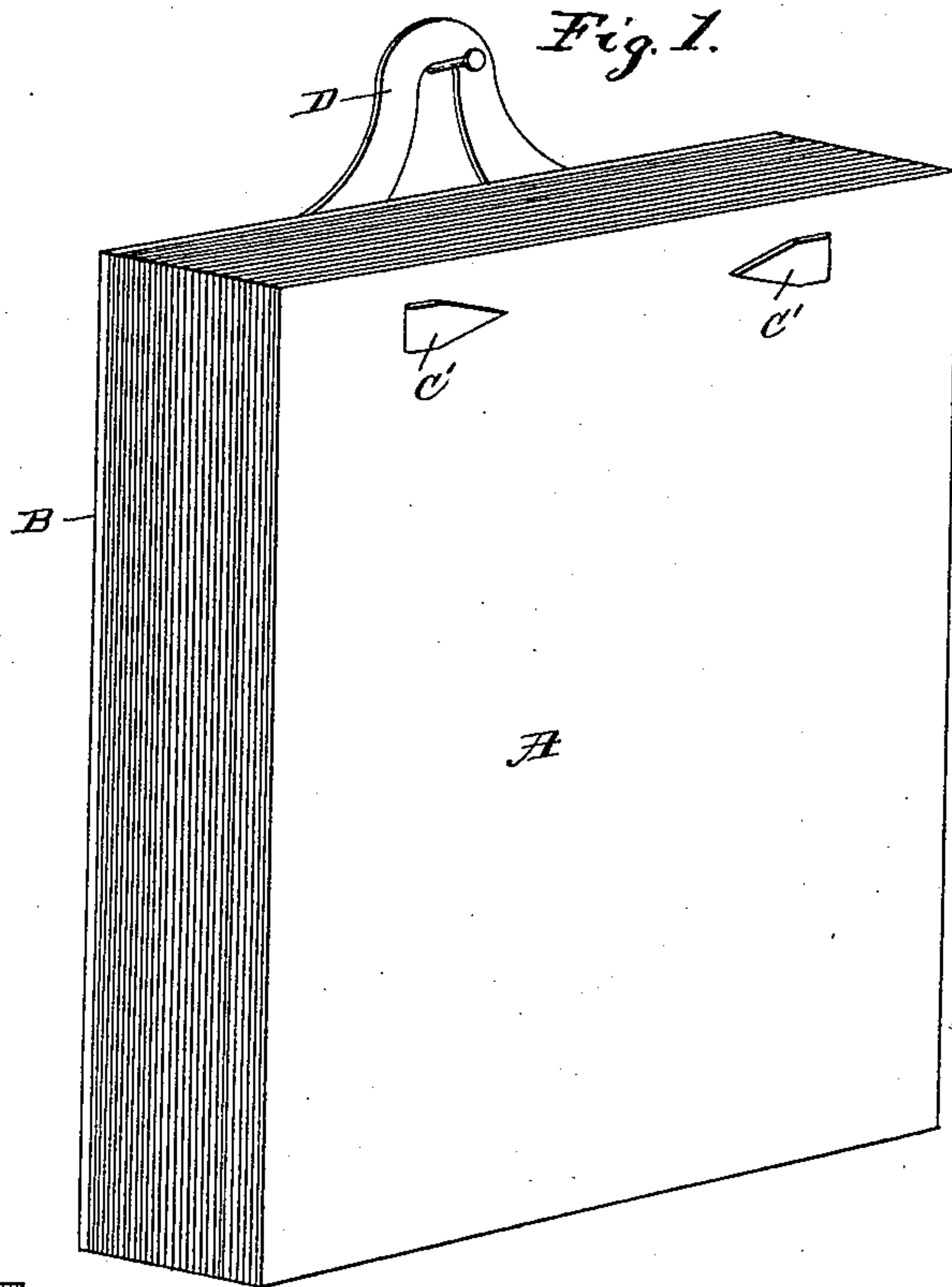


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WATSON E. GIBBONS, of Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Toilet-Paper Holder; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and to the figures and letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention has for its object to provide an improved holder for holding together and suspending a package of toilet-paper so as to enable the sheets to be detached therefrom one at a time in an expeditious manner and without disturbing the remaining sheets, which holders shall add but little to the weight or bulk of the package and not interfere with the close packing of a number of packages for shipment.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a package of toilet-paper held and suspended by my improved holder. Fig. 2 is a side view. Fig. 3 is a rear view of the same, showing in dotted lines the suspension-bail turned down flat against the back of the package for packing and shipment. Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view taken on the line *xx*, Fig. 3, showing the peculiar construction of the connection between the bail and main portion of the holder.

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

The letter A represents a package of sheets of toilet-paper. B is a backing of the same, consisting, preferably, of a stout piece of thick paper, card-board, or the like.

C is a metal strip extending across the rear of the backing at the top and having arms or prongs C' C', which extend forward through both backing and package of paper, their ends being turned down against the face of the package, as shown in Fig. 1, so as to prevent any sheets from slipping off.

To the metal strip C, near the upper edge, a metal bail D is hinged, as shown in Fig. 3. This bail serves as a means for hanging the package on a nail or other support; but it can be turned down flat against the face of the backing, so that in packing and shipment it

will not project beyond the edge of the package, and thus interfere with close packing, nor be liable to be bent or broken, as would be the case if it were rigid and made integral with the strip C. In order that said bail may lie perfectly flat the portions *ee* of the strip C to which its eyes *bb* are hinged are struck up slightly, as shown in Fig. 4. To remove a sheet of paper from the holder thus constructed, it is only necessary that the fingers be pressed against the outermost sheet and drawn lightly downward, whereupon said sheet will be drawn against the sharp upper edges of the arms or prongs C' C' and be severed thereby to the upper edge, as will be readily understood. As the sheets continue to be removed, the package of course becomes thinner, and to prevent it becoming also loose the ends of the arms or prongs C' C' are further turned down.

The stiff backing B serves not only to support the metal holder C and maintain the horizontal position of its prongs, but also to prevent the rear sheets from becoming loosened and detached, to protect the wall from being soiled in the removal of the last sheets, and generally to strengthen and stiffen the package and enable it to be handled without injury.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. The combination, with the package A of toilet-paper, of the stiff backing B, the metal strip C, having the projecting prongs or arms C' C', and the hinged bail D, all arranged substantially as described.

2. The package A of toilet-paper, the stiff backing B, the metal strip C, having the projecting prongs C' C' extending forward through both backing and package A, and having the parts *ee*, to which the bail is hinged, struck up above the face of said strip, in combination with the hinged bail D, having eyes *bb*, adapted, when turned down, to lie flat against the backing, substantially as described.

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