

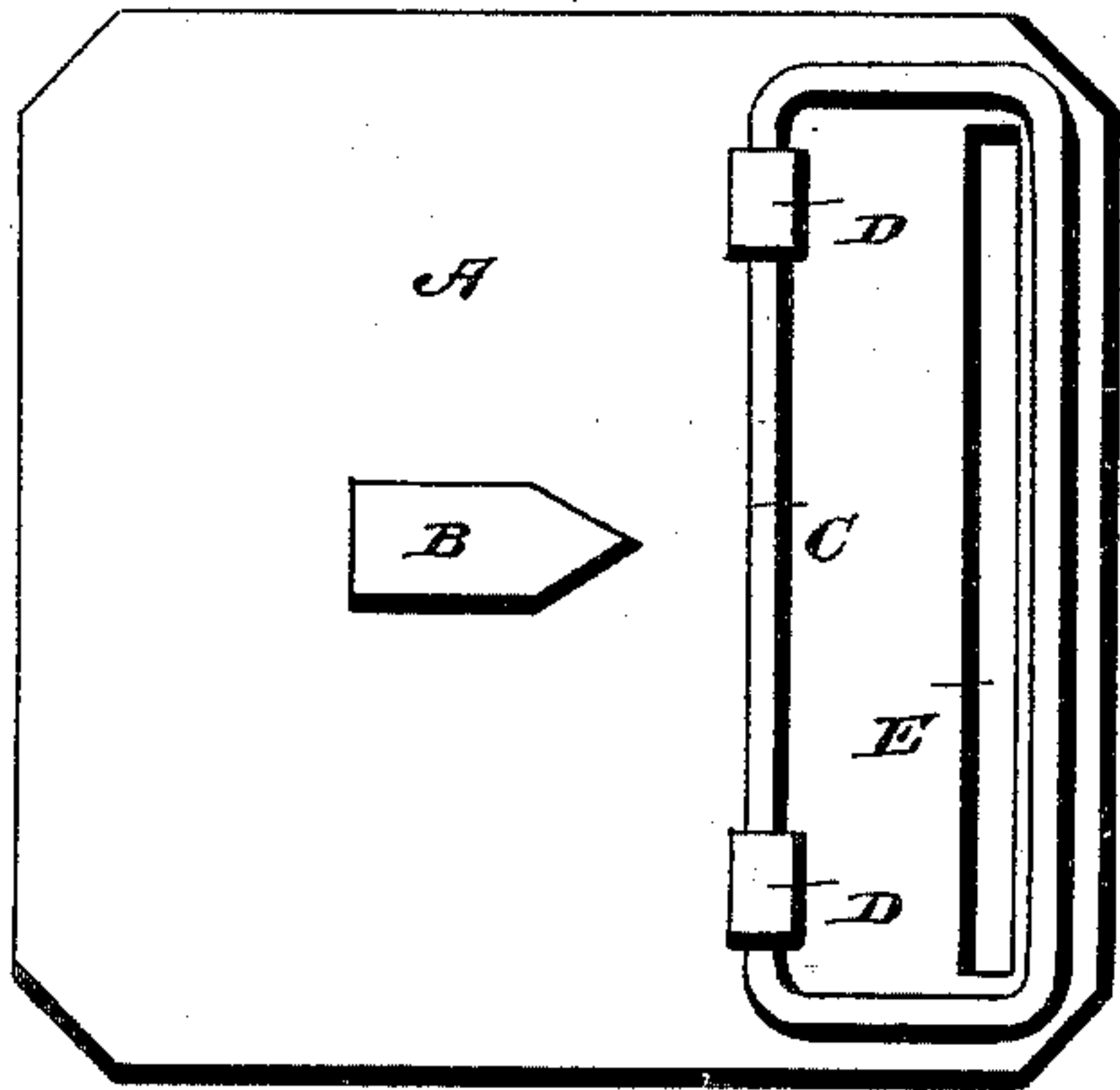
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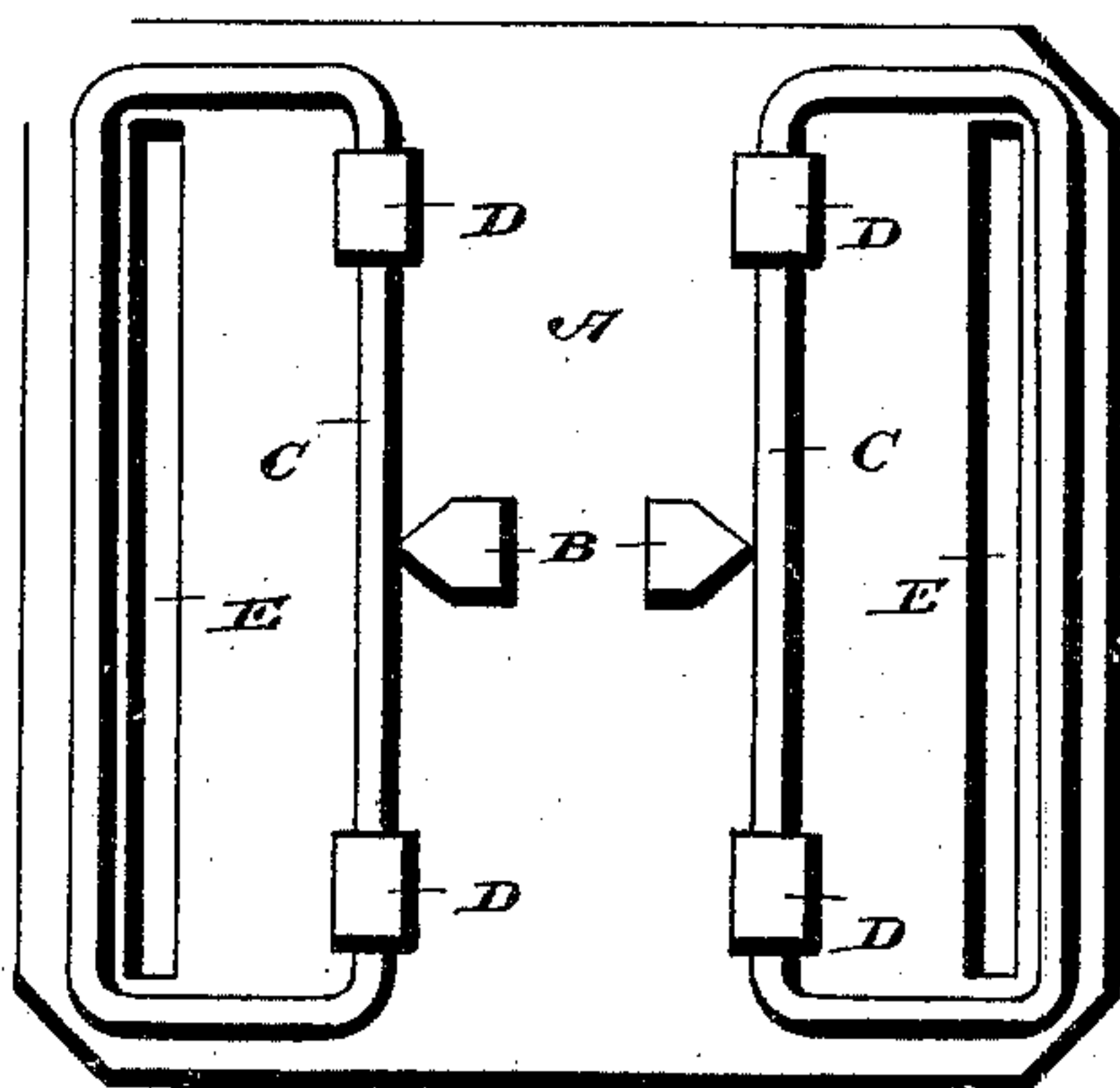
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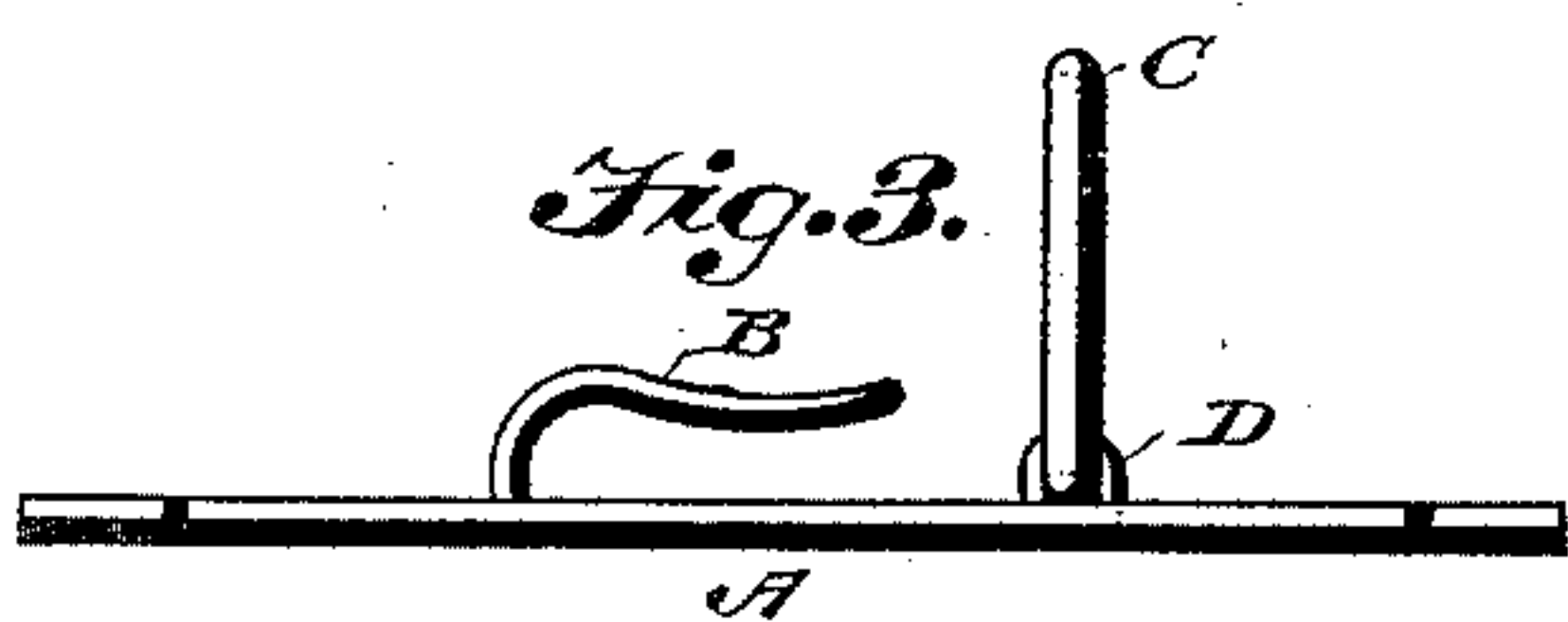
*Fig. 1.*



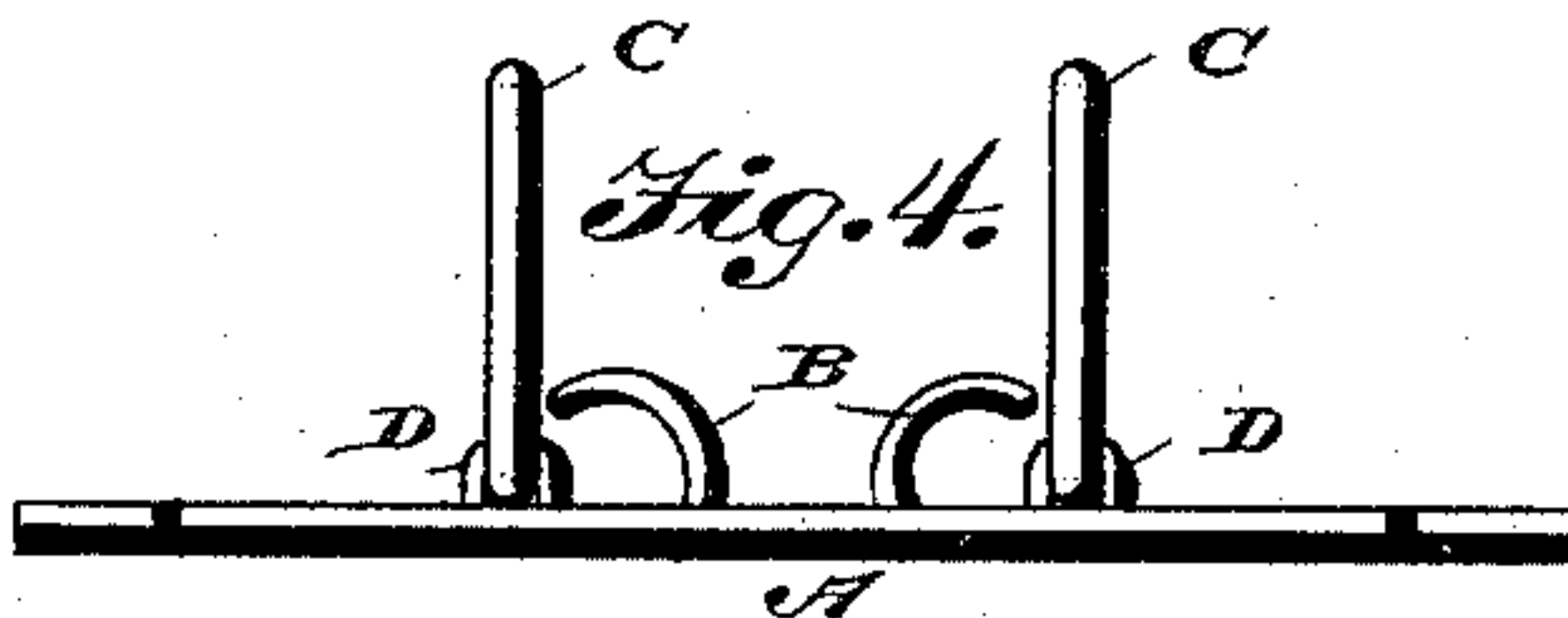
*Fig. 2.*



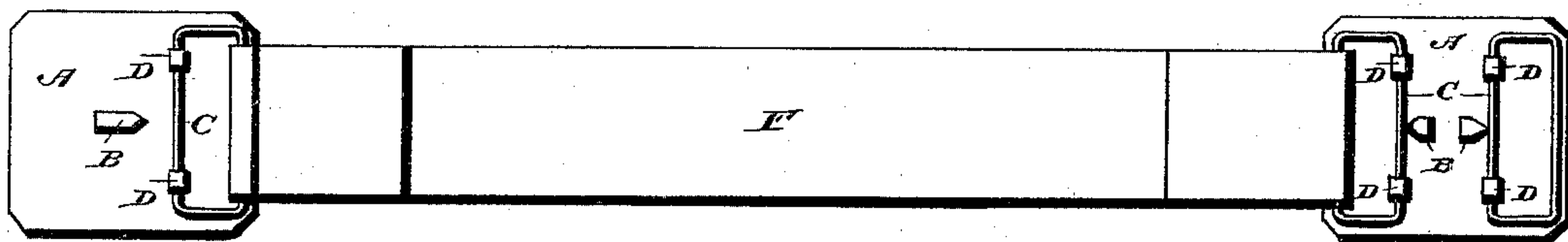
*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 5.*



*Fig. 6.*



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## BACK-BAND BUCKLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM ALSTON MARSH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Foster, in the parish of St. Mary's and State of Louisiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Back-Band Buckles; and I do 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.

This invention has relation to an improvement in back-band buckles; and it has for its object to provide a buckle which may be quickly applied and removed from the back-band and readily adjusted so as to lengthen or shorten the band.

The novelty will be fully understood from the following description and claims, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved buckle. Fig. 2 is a similar view of a modification, or a double reversible buckle. Fig. 3 is a side view of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a side view of Fig. 2 with the loops raised from the plate. Fig. 5 is a plan view of a back-band with a double buckle on one end and a single buckle on the opposite end; and Fig. 6 is a side elevation of Fig. 5, showing the band or web in a position ready to be secured.

Referring by letter to the said drawings, A indicates the body of the buckle, which may be of metal, leather, or other suitable material. This body or plate A is provided near one end with an elongated rectangular slot E.

C indicates a hinged looped locking-lever. This lever C may be of rod-iron or other material, and is hinged to the plate at the points D, so that it may turn over the slot E in the plate. The plate is furthermore provided on its outer side with a vertically-disposed hook B; designed to receive and sustain the trace-chain.

In the modification referred to in Fig. 2 of the drawings it will be seen that I have a double or reversible buckle, so that should one part become impaired or injured in any manner the buckle may be readily removed from the band, and after being reversed quickly placed in position thereon. In this latter construction two parallel slots E are formed, one near each end of the plate A. Two pivoted looped locking-levers are employed and two trace-chain hooks arranged reversely with respect to each other.

To apply the buckles to the band F, the end of the said band is passed through the slot E of the plate, thence over the transverse portion of the looped locking-lever in a looped position and the free end is turned upon the band and drawn back through the slot in the plate. The band and locking-lever C are then in a position, shown in Fig. 6, when by drawing the buckle away from the band the said looped portion will draw the lever down across the slot in the plate, when the band will be secured against the plate by the lever in a looped position.

To tighten or loosen the belt, it is simply necessary to lift the lever C in its hinged bearing, so as to permit the belt or band to be drawn through the slot in the plate, the lever being thrown down upon the plate over the slot in securing the band.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

A back-band buckle having a trace-chain hook on its outer side and a transverse slot, in combination with a loop locking-lever hinged to the said buckle at one side of the slot and adapted to turn over the slot without entering it, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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