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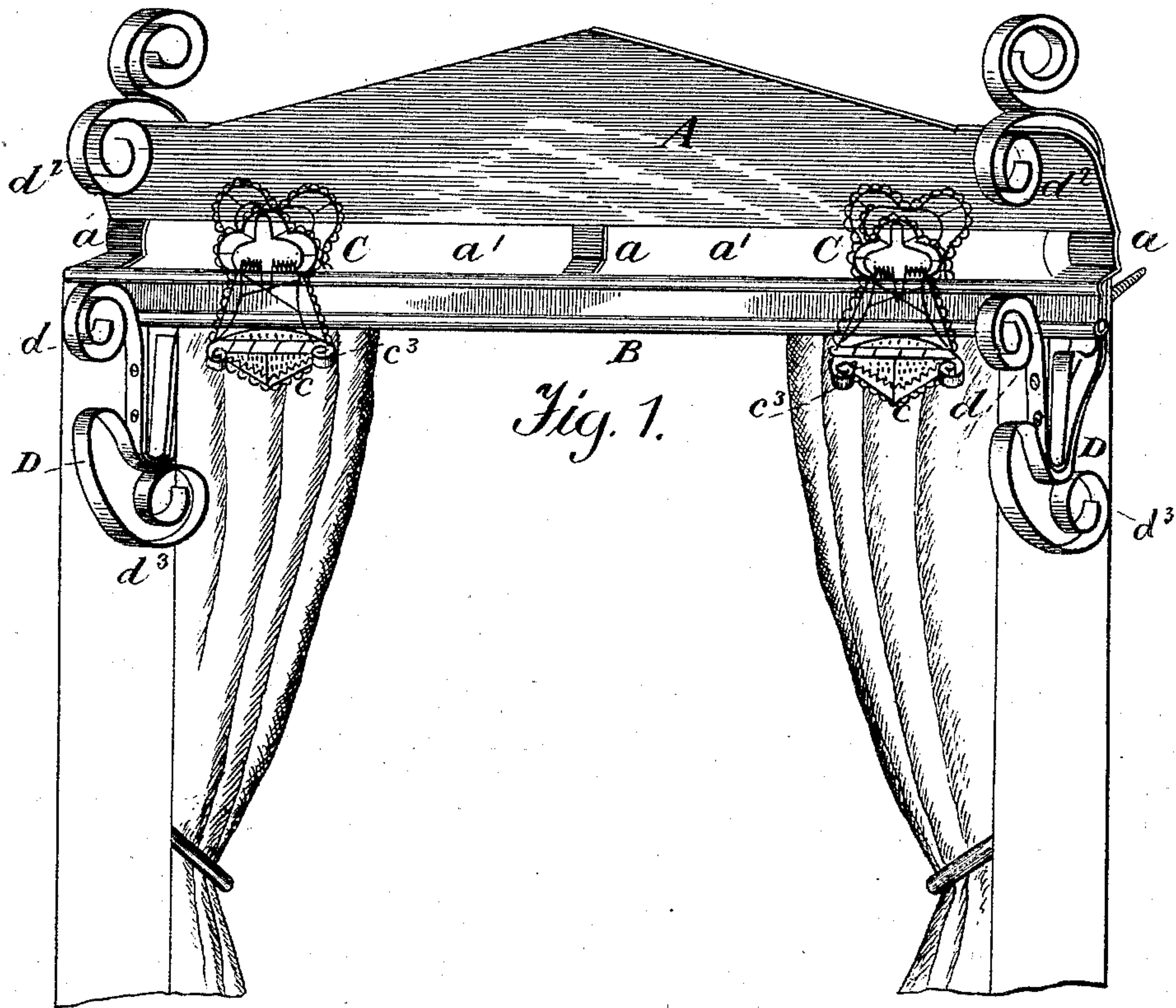


Fig. 1.

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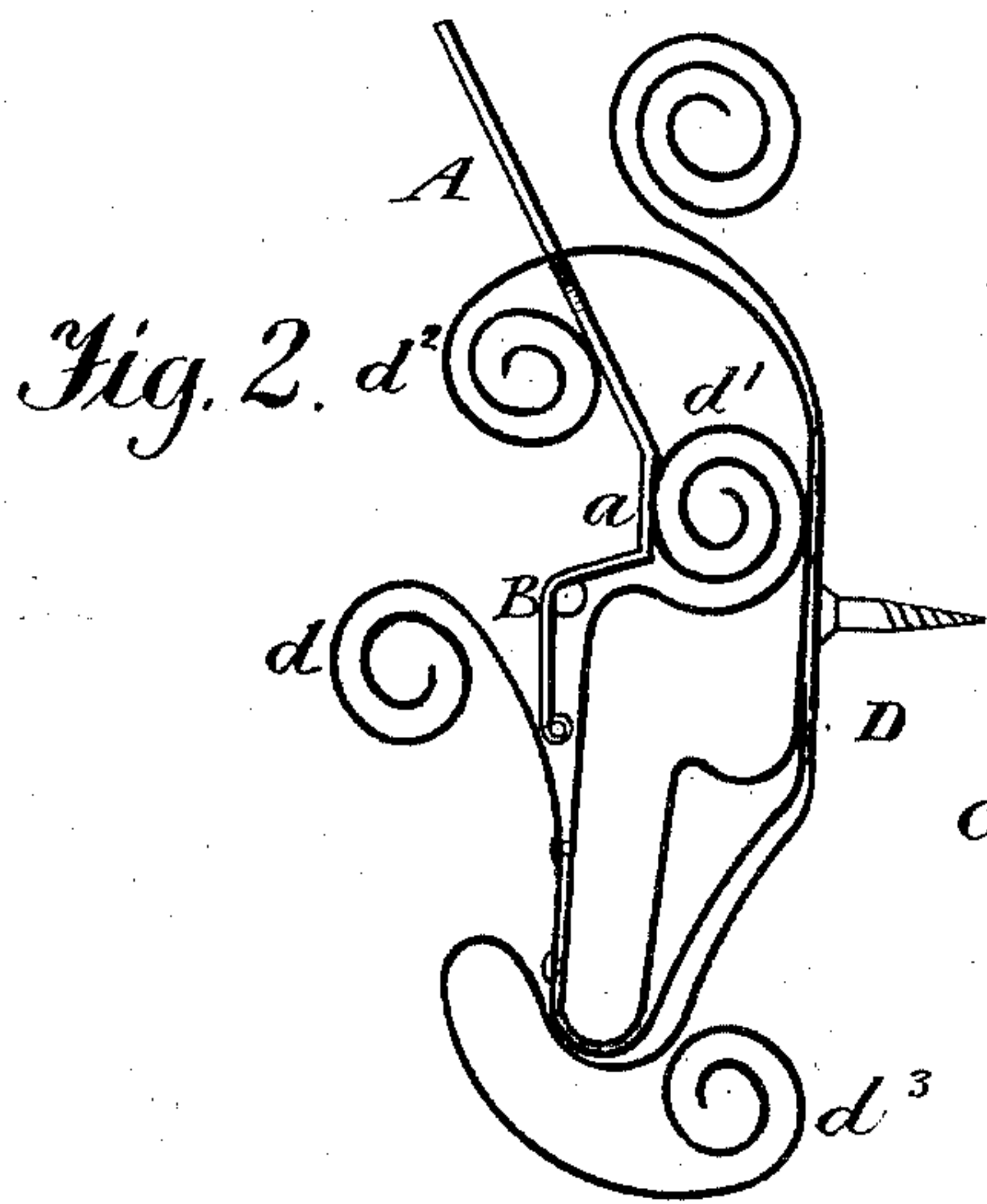
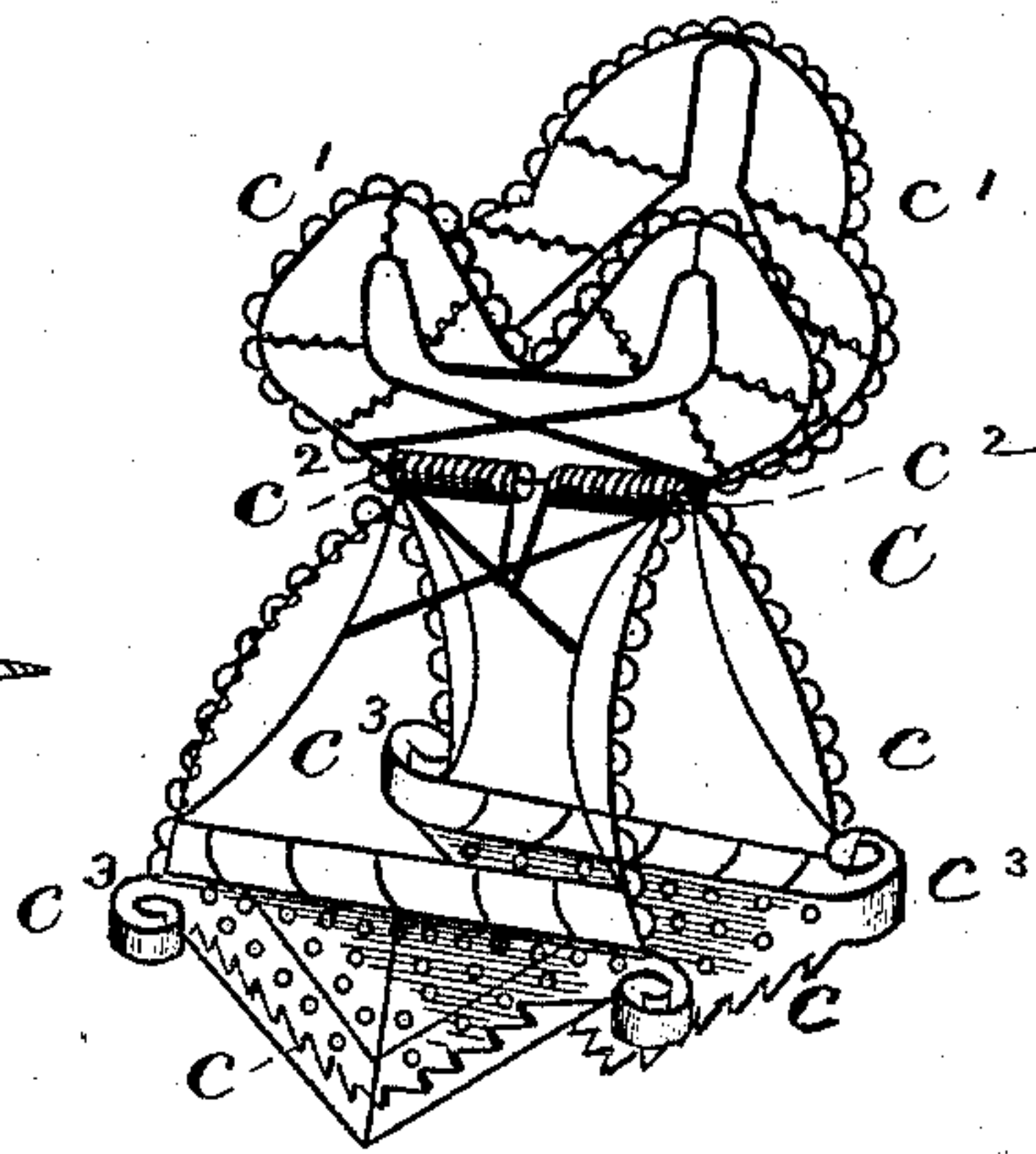


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MERINDA MAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Manchester, in the county of Delaware and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Support for Draperies, Pictures, and Wall Decorations, (for which no patent has ever been granted to my knowledge,) of which the following is a specification.

The invention will be first described in connection with the drawings, and then pointed out in the claim.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a front elevation of the whole hanger, including the main frame, two brackets, and two clasps; Fig. 2, a side elevation of one bracket, and Fig. 3 a detail perspective view of one of the clasps.

In the drawings, the supporting-frame consists of the top plate A and the straight bar B, connected by strips *a a a*, so as to leave the openings *a' a''*, the straight bar B being perpendicular, while the plate A is bent at an oblique angle thereto, so as to allow the clasps C to slide on the bar B and between the strips

a. This permits the drapery or pictures to be supported at any desired point on the bar B. The clasps C are made of woven wire, with the plate-jaws *c c*, having teeth or serrations *c'* at their biting ends, each jaw being preferably made of one woven wire, and the two jaws spring-jointed at *c²*. The upper parts of jaws are made in the form of hooks to receive the picture-fastenings, while the jaws clamp the drapery.

I may use flat strips of metal instead of wire, but prefer the latter, and may ornament the plate A with engraved patterns or in any any other known or suitable way.

D D are the brackets, each consisting of the scroll-springs *d d' d² d³*, arranged so as to receive the plate A, bar B, and strips *a a*, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. The spring *d* forms a bearing for and holds in place the lower end of the bar B. The spring *d'* performs the same function for the strips *a*, and the spring *d²* is arranged to form a rest for the plate A. Each of the brackets D consists of three spring-plates, one of which forms the back and is screwed to the window-frame, while a second carries the springs *d' d²*, and a third contains the spring *d* and is riveted to the second, which is held by the first. The bottom scrolls *d³* serve to strengthen the lower part of bracket and augment its elasticity, while the scrolls *c³* on the clasps are merely ornamental and may be dispensed with.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is—

The three plate-brackets D D, having the springs *d d' d²*, in combination with the plate A, strips *a*, and bar B, as and for the purpose set forth.

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