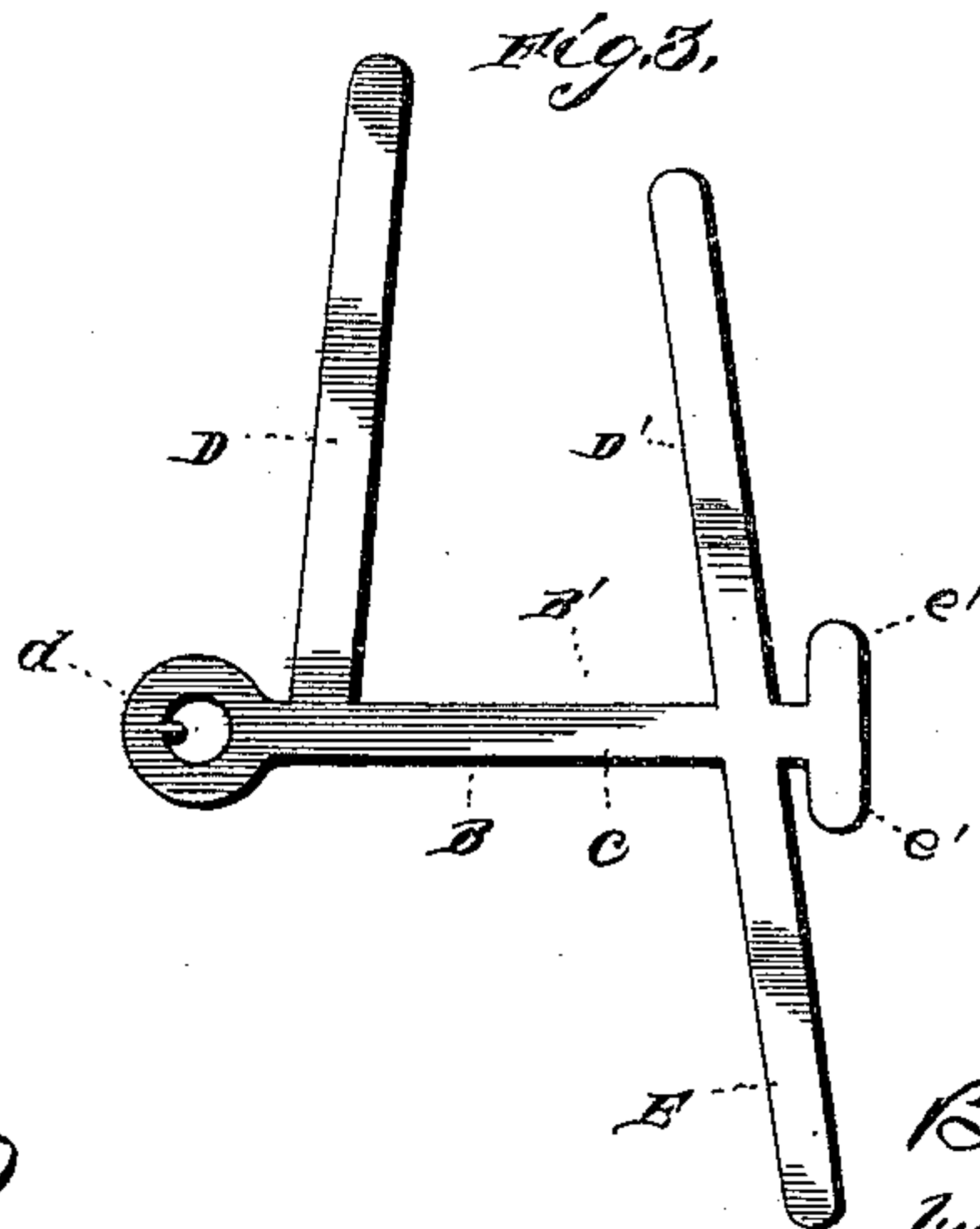
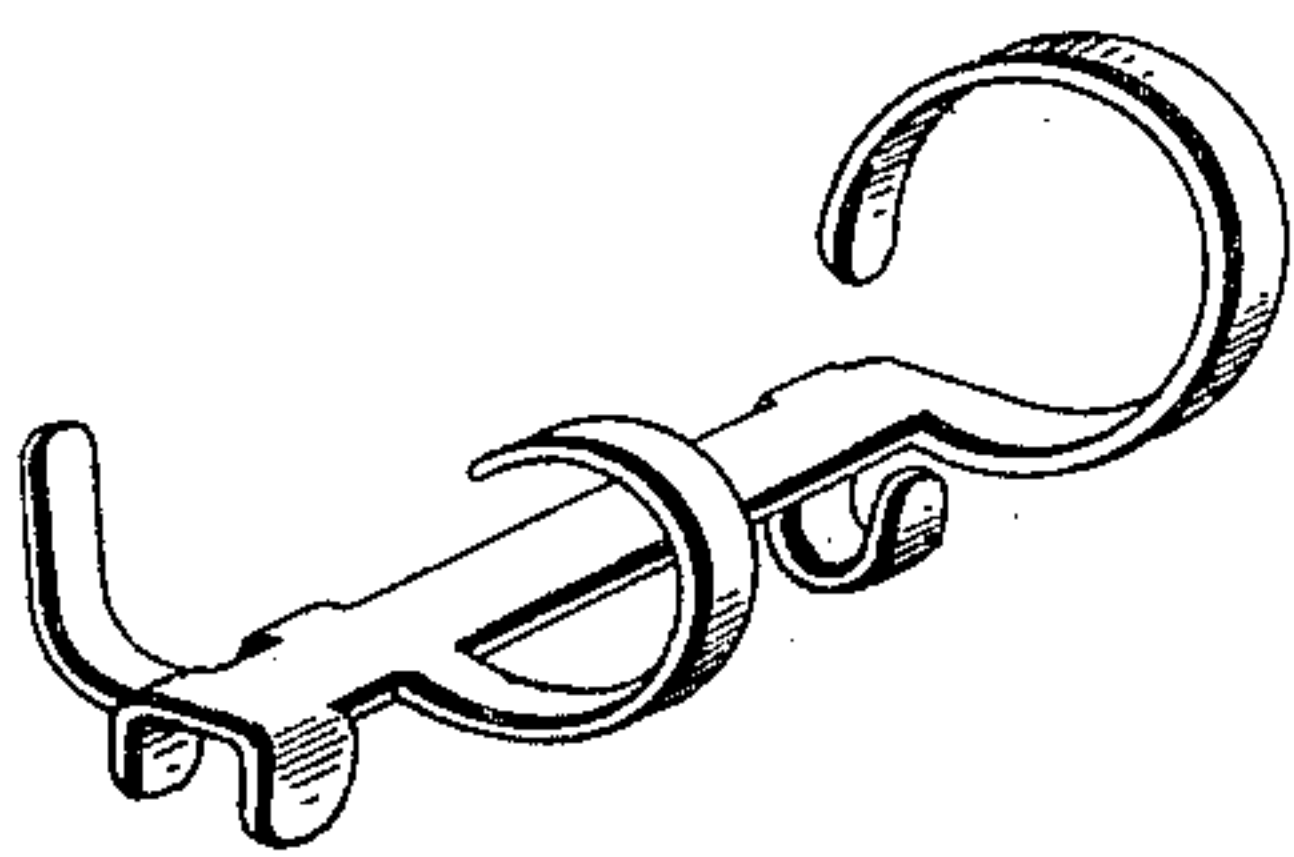
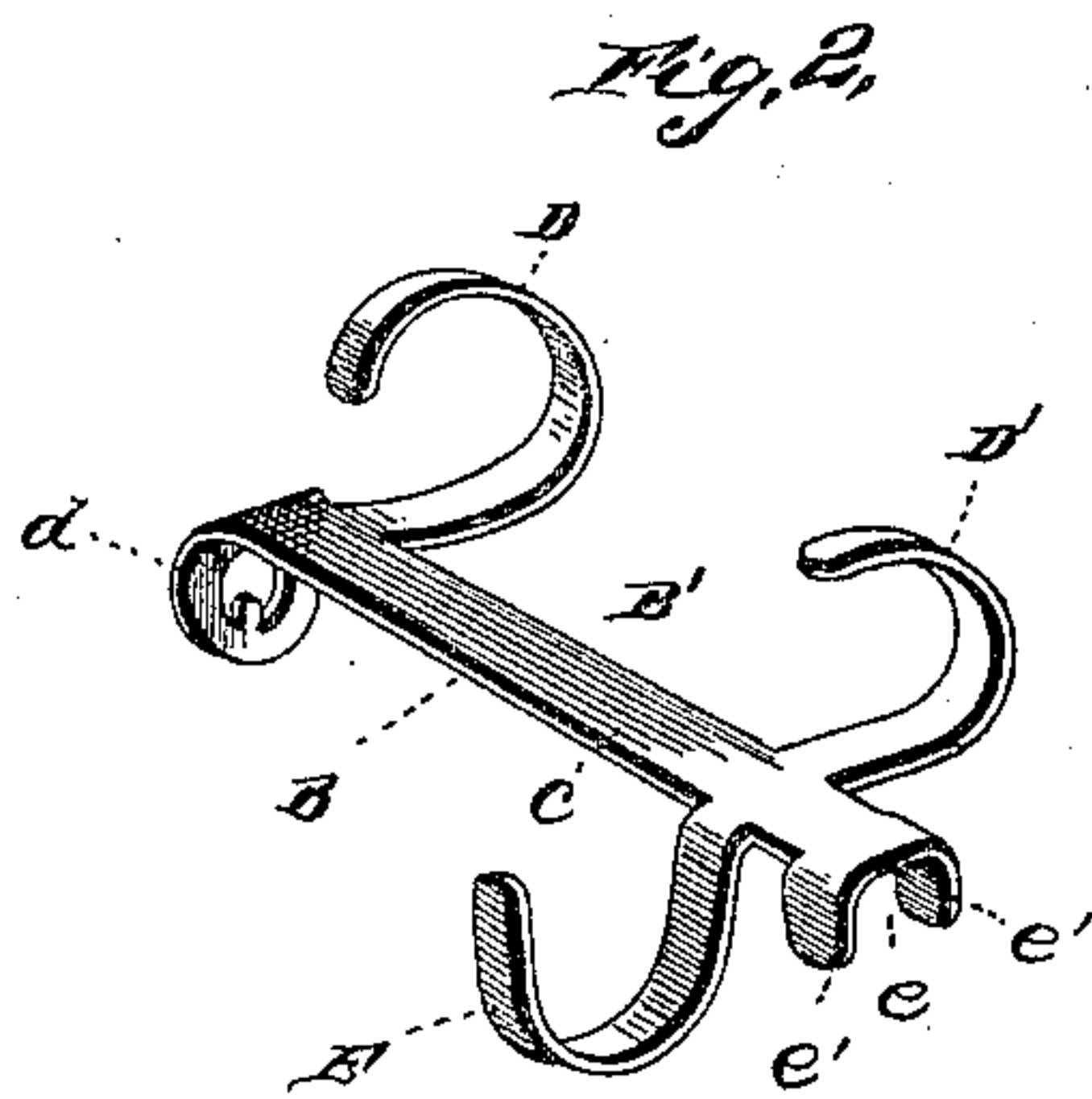
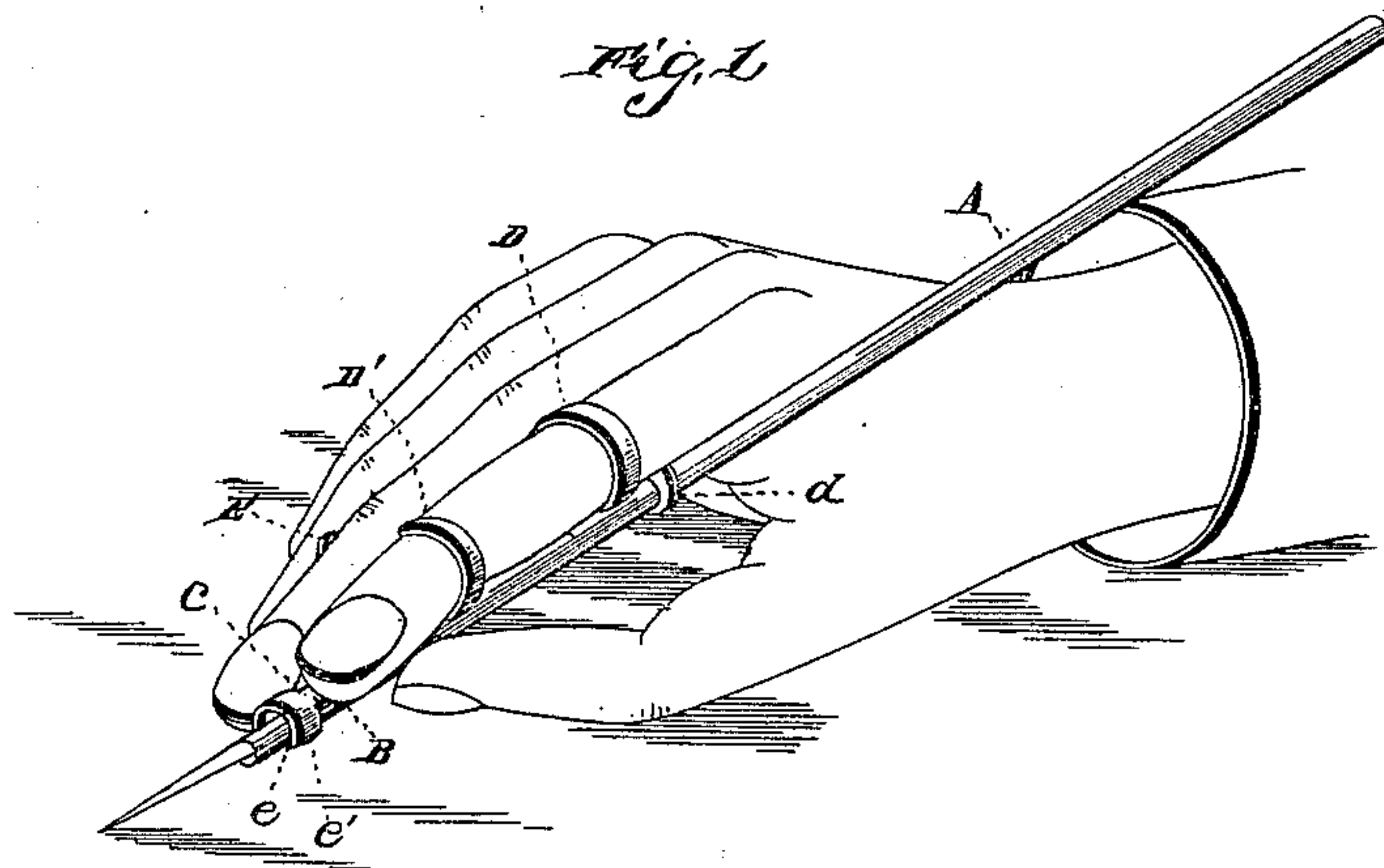


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BURTON HOWARD BARNES, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Muncie, in the county of Delaware and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pen-Holders; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of the invention applied. Fig. 2 is a perspective view, and Fig. 3 is a view of the blank from which the holder is formed. Fig. 4 is a modification.

This invention relates to pen-holders and finger-rests adapted to determine the proper position of the pen in writing; and it consists in the novel construction and combination of parts as hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates an ordinary pen-holder, and B the finger-rest disposed upon the pen-holder, as will appear farther on. The finger-rest B is constructed of a single piece of sheet metal or blank B', from which the device is formed by bending, and it comprises the base portion or shank c, which rests longitudinally upon the pen-holder, and is provided with a perforated rear lug or ring d, formed by bending down the metal at a right angle to the plane of the base c. The pen-holder A is introduced through the perforation of the said lug, and the front portion of the base c is provided with a clasp or rest e, consisting of the laterally-bent lugs e', which extend downward and laterally around the holder in the form of a half-circle.

Projecting horizontally from the left side of the base portion are two rests D D' for the index-finger, these rests being curved upward, as shown, and the forward rest D' being of less diameter than the rear rest to accommodate the taper of the finger. These rests approach each other slightly in their outer portions, as shown. On the opposite side of the shank near the holding-lugs e' and dia-

metrically opposite the smaller finger-rest D' is a rest E for the top of the second finger, but having a less pronounced curve, so as to permit of the ready removal of said second finger and also to permit of its flexure in the act of writing. This rest has an abrupt bend downward at its junction with the shank, as shown.

It will be observed that by the relative position of the several finger-rests with reference to the pen-holder the index and second finger are permitted to rest one on each side of the pen-holder, the latter being grasped between the two in the manner now generally most approved for guiding the pen.

The object of this invention is simply to form the hand-writing and serve as a guide in holding the pen while the beginner is learning the proper position for his hands. The device is adjustable on the pen-holder both circularly and longitudinally, and can be removed or applied thereto in a moment.

What I claim as new is—

1. The combination, with a pen-holder, of the finger-rest comprising the horizontal base or shank having a rear perforated downward projection for the introduction of the pen and a forward clasp embracing the latter, the two lateral approximating curved rests, one of less diameter than the other, for the reception of the index-finger, and the opposite lateral downwardly-curved rest for the tip of the second finger, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination, with a pen-holder, of the removable circularly and longitudinally adjustable finger-rest consisting of the longitudinal shank, its rear attached ring, and forward curved clasp-lugs, the lateral approximating upwardly-curved finger-rests on the left side and the lateral downwardly and upwardly curved finger-rest on the right side, as shown and described.

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

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