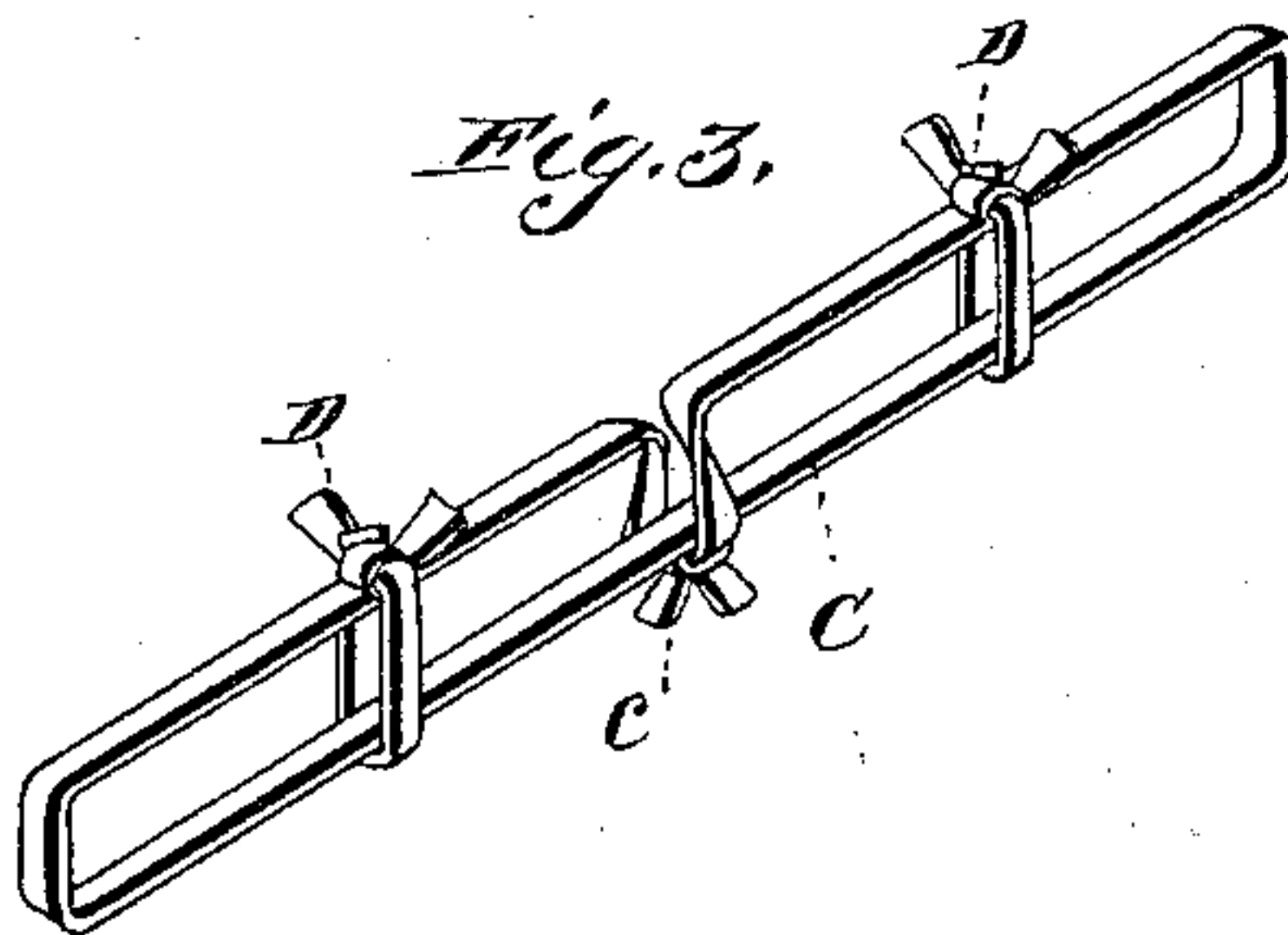
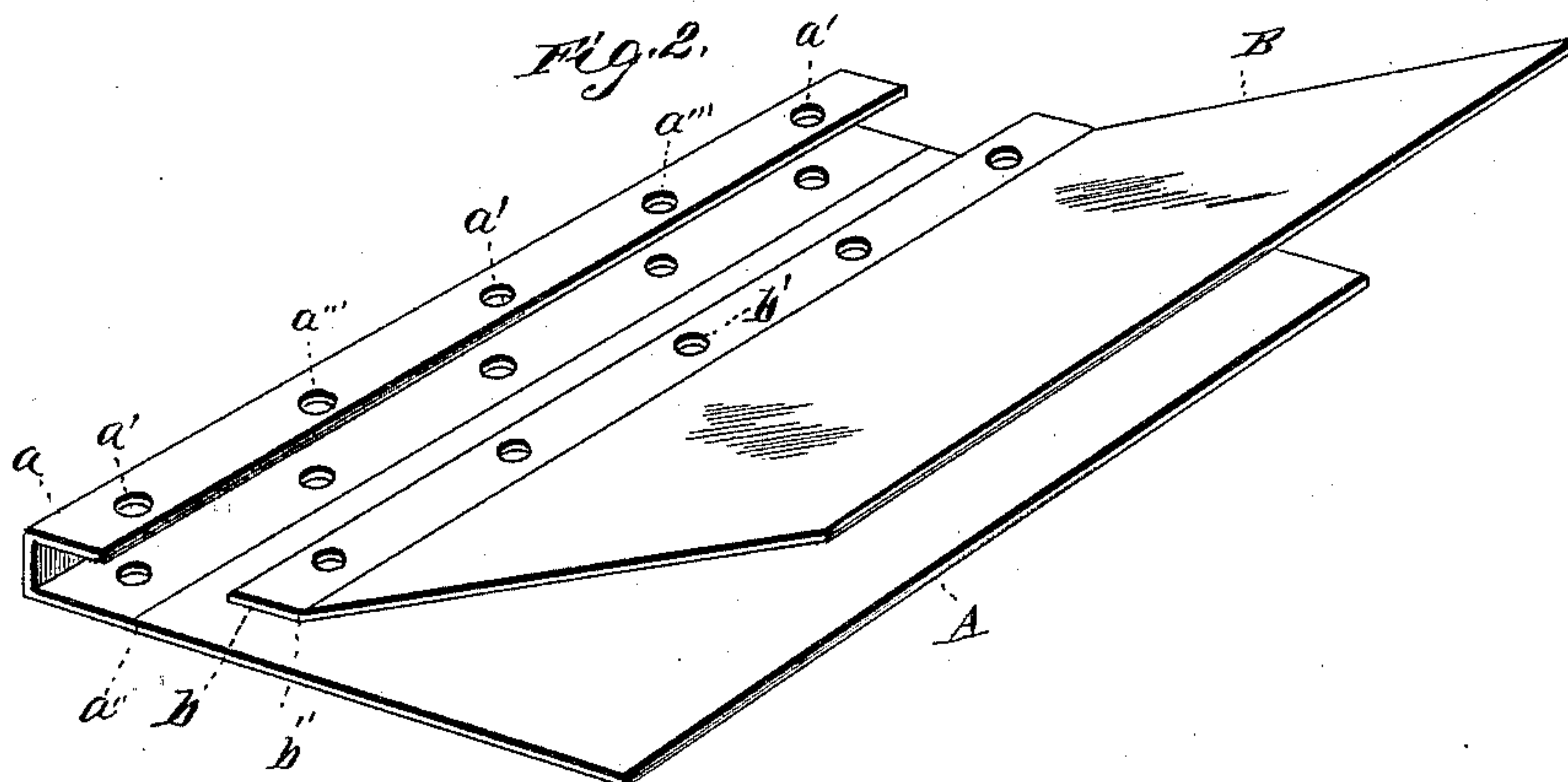
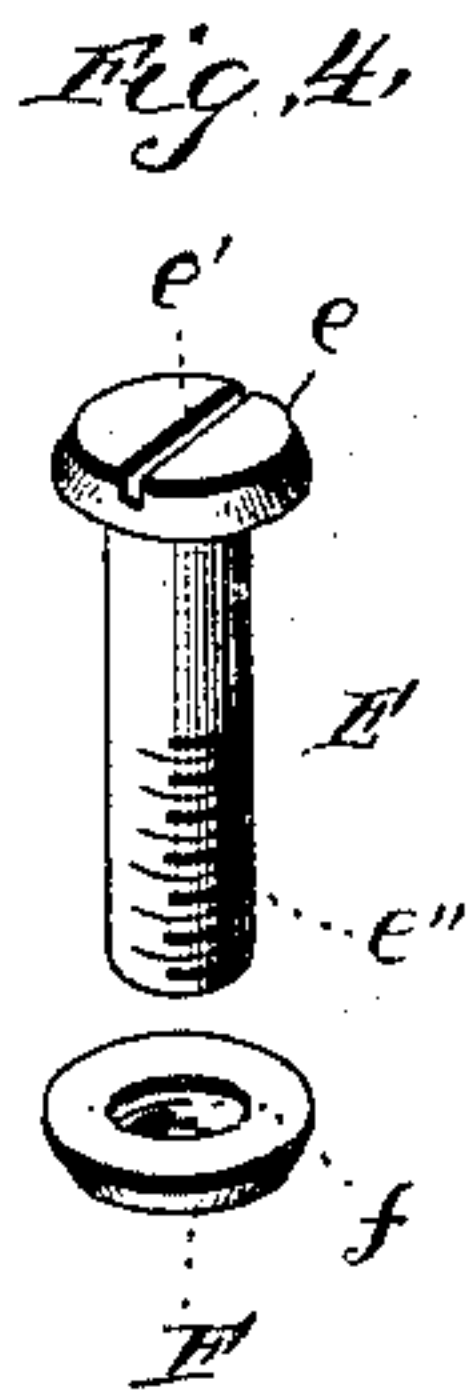
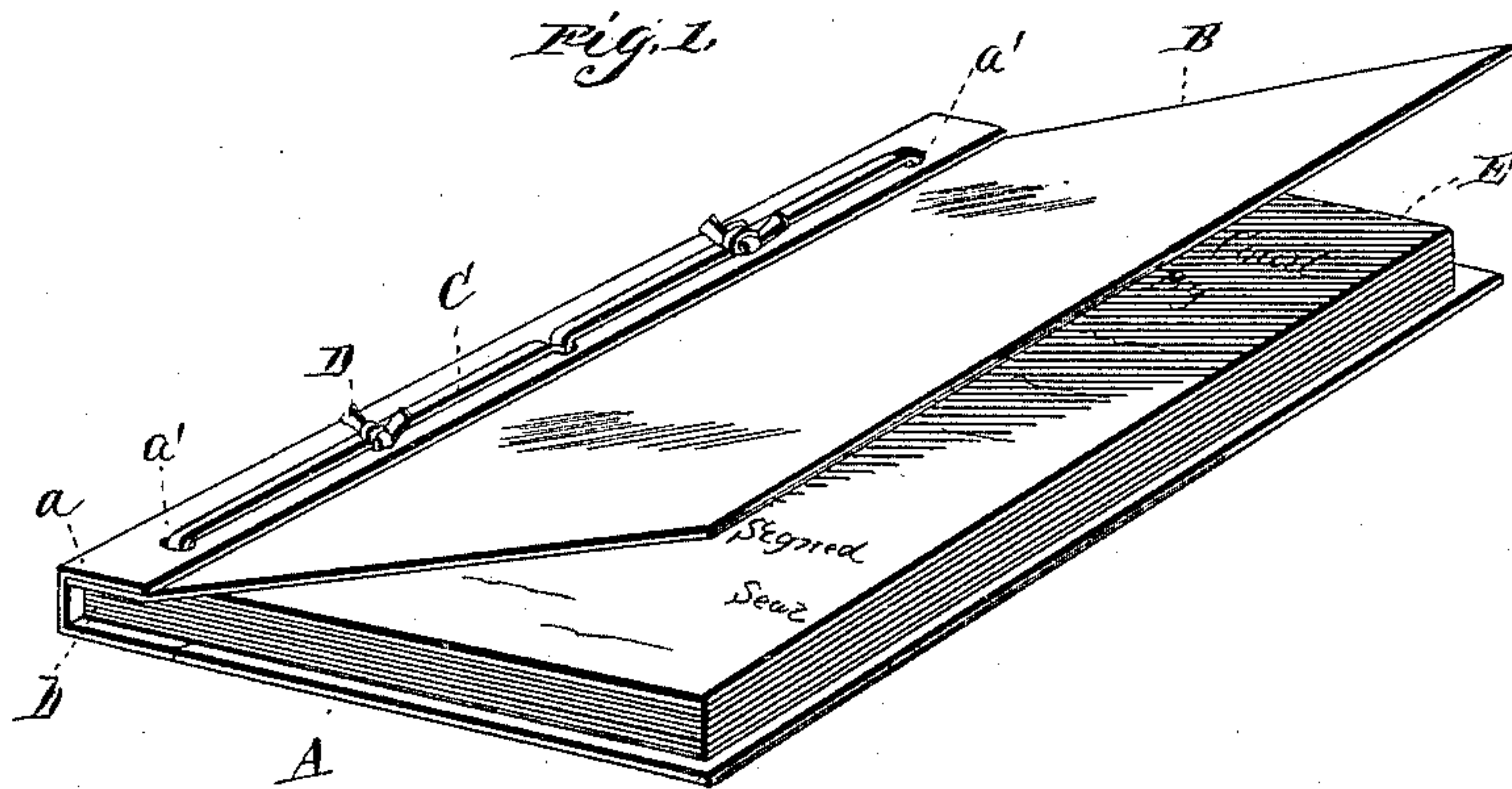


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES F. FITZGERALD, of Ottawa, Franklin county, Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Binders for Official Documents, &c., of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to improvements in binders for combined records and other official documents; and it consists in the novel features hereinafter fully set forth and described.

In the drawings, which illustrate the manner of carrying out my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved binder, showing the cover B slightly raised, thus revealing the official papers inclosed with said cover. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the covers A B, having the perforations through which the tape, ribbon, or cord is secured which holds the papers in position. Fig. 3 is a detail in perspective of the cord, tape, or ribbon which holds the covers A B securely in position; and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a screw and nut which may be used instead of the cord or tape.

Referring to the drawings by letter, A represents the lower covering or lid, made of any suitable material, being provided with an extension *a*, which is composed of cloth or other flexible material, which will allow it to be drawn around the papers to be bound.

B is the upper cover, provided with a stiff extension *b*, these being connected by a cloth or other suitable hinge *b''*, which allows said cover B to be opened and closed without disturbing the documents inclosed. A is also provided with a similar hinge *a''* for the same purpose.

a' are holes made through the covers A B,

by which they are secured and held in position, the documents inclosed having corresponding holes punched in them, thus allowing the ribbons, tapes, or cords C to pass through, where they may be suitably tied. Said cord C is inserted in holes *a'* from the bottom, brought upward through covers and papers, and thence carried over to the central hole, both ends passing downward through it and then tied in the manner illustrated in Fig. 3. Two shorter tapes, cords, or ribbons D are then passed through the two holes *a'''* and tied in a suitable knot, as illustrated in Fig. 3.

The extension *a* of covering A is, as heretofore stated, composed of cloth or other flexible material, and made sufficiently long to cover any number of papers.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a modification consisting of a screw adapted to receive a nut which may be used as a substitute for the cord by passing through the perforations.

What I claim is—

A temporary binder consisting of the cover A, provided with a flexible extension *a*, having perforations *a'*, and a cover B, having extensions *b*, provided with perforations, and a hinged connection between said cover and extension, a cord C, adapted to be passed through the said perforations, and cords D, adapted to be passed downward through the perforations on one side of the cord C, thence around said cord and upward upon the other side and there secured, substantially as described.

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

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