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Fig. 1.

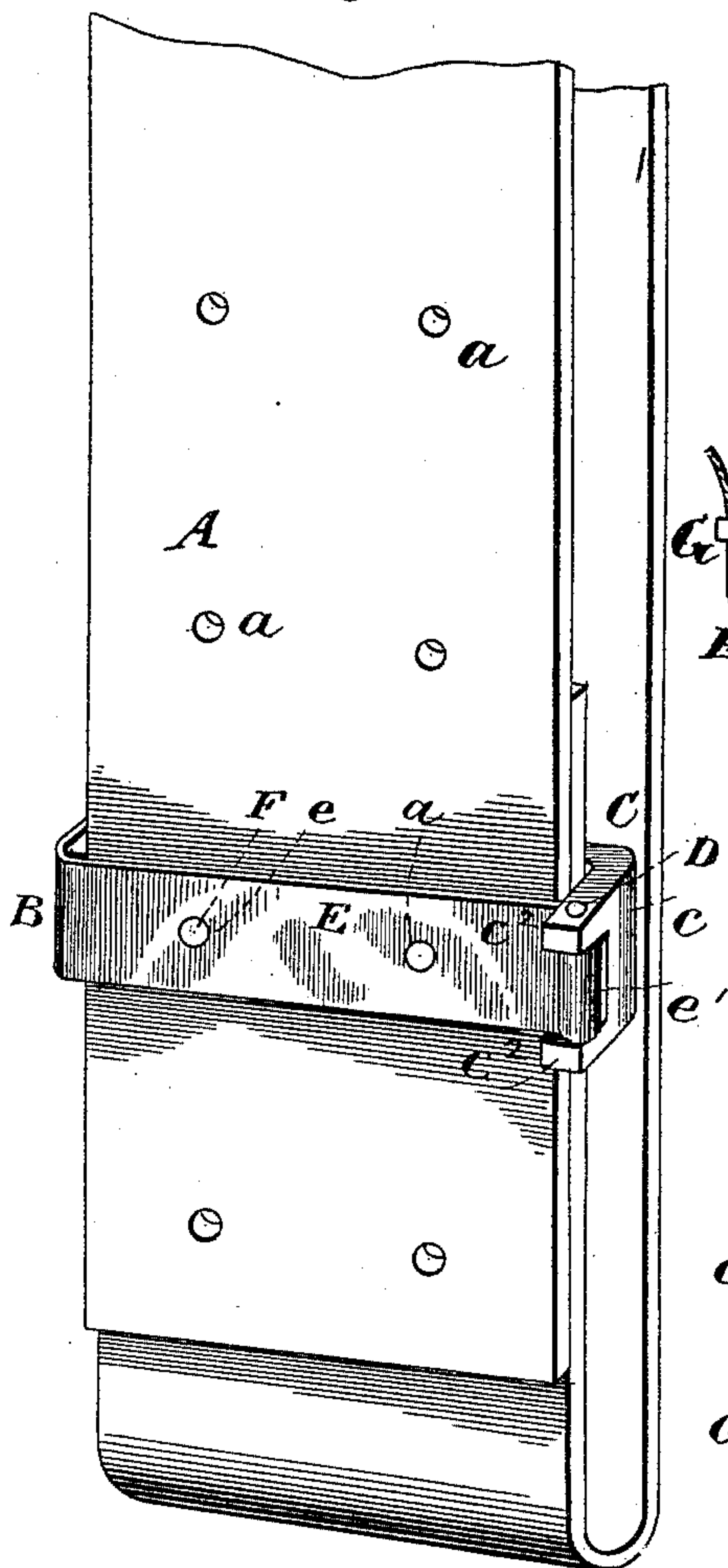


Fig. 2.

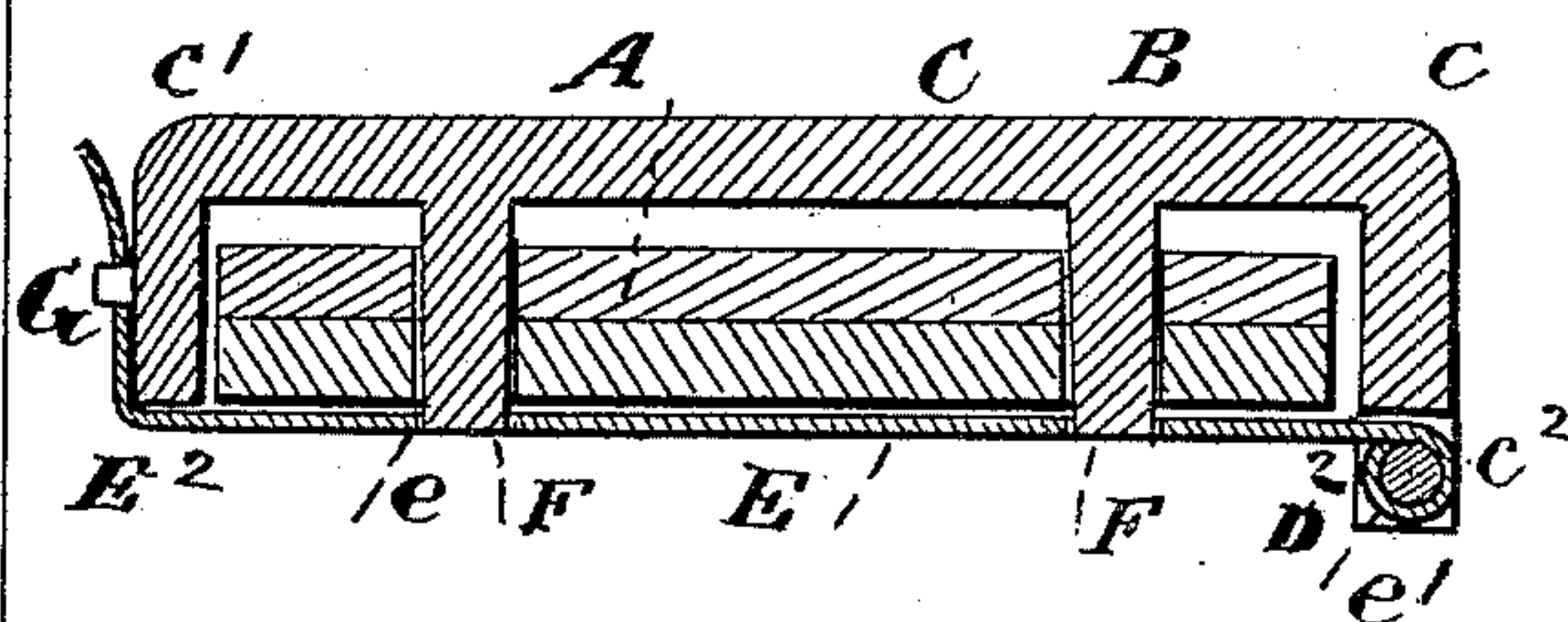
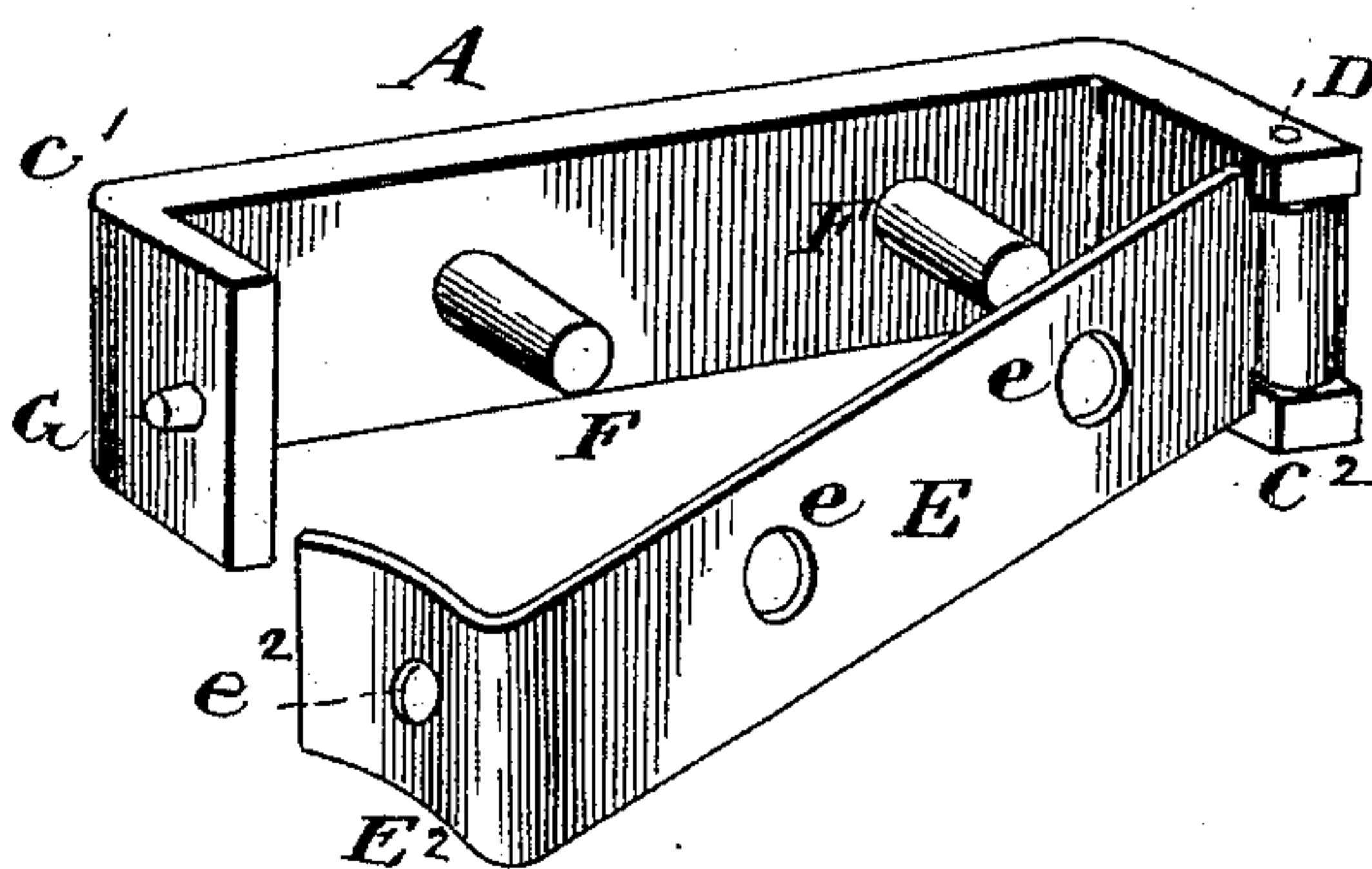


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SCOTT SAWYER, a citizen of the United States, residing at White River, in the county of Rio Blanco and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Buckles for the Stirrup-Straps of Saddles; and I do hereby 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.

The special object of the invention is to make a buckle by which the stirrup-strap of a saddle may be quickly and easily lengthened or shortened to suit the rider's length of leg. This is now done by means which are tedious, troublesome, and necessitate much waste of time, while it may be done in a few moments with my buckle.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view of a stirrup-strap provided with my buckle, and Fig. 2 a sectional view of the buckle with the hinged clasp closed. Fig. 3 is a perspective view.

In the drawings, A represents the stirrup-strap of a saddle, provided with the pairs of holes *a a* at each end, there being several pairs at the end which is to be adjusted.

B is my buckle, which consists, preferably, of a metallic plate C, turned up on the same side and at each end to form the right-angled parallel flanges *c c'*, the flange *c* being higher

than the flange *c'* and provided with perforated ears *c² c²*, which carry the pintle D. The latter passes through the eye *e'* of the clasp-plate E, said eye being raised above the plane of said plate. From the bottom of the plate C rise two fixed tongues F F, which pass through the holes *a a* in both ends of the strap and then into holes *e e* of the plate E. On the outside of the flange *c'* is also arranged the fixed stud G, which enters a hole *e²* in the right-angled front bend E'. The plate E is made of spring metal, so that the front E' may be sprung on or off the stud G. By throwing open the hinged plate E the upper end of strap may be taken up or let out in a moment and then refastened.

What I claim as new, and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is—

The buckle B, consisting of the plate C, flanged at *c c'*, and the spring-plate E, hinged thereto, the plate C having the tongues F F and stud G, and the plate E having the holes *e e* and bent end E', with the hole *e²*, whereby the stirrup-strap may be held at any desired adjustment, as described.

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

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