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COMBINED RULER AND BLOTTING PAD HOLDER.

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Fig. 1. A

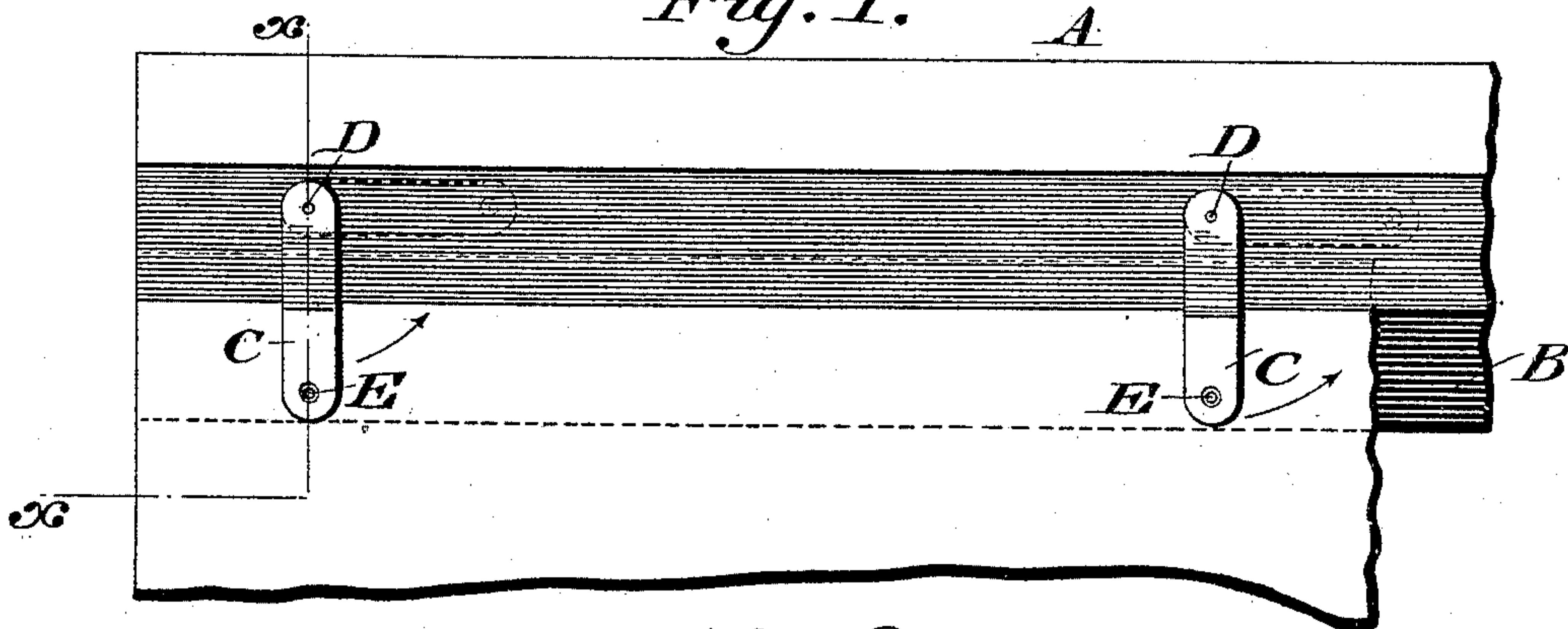


Fig. 2. A

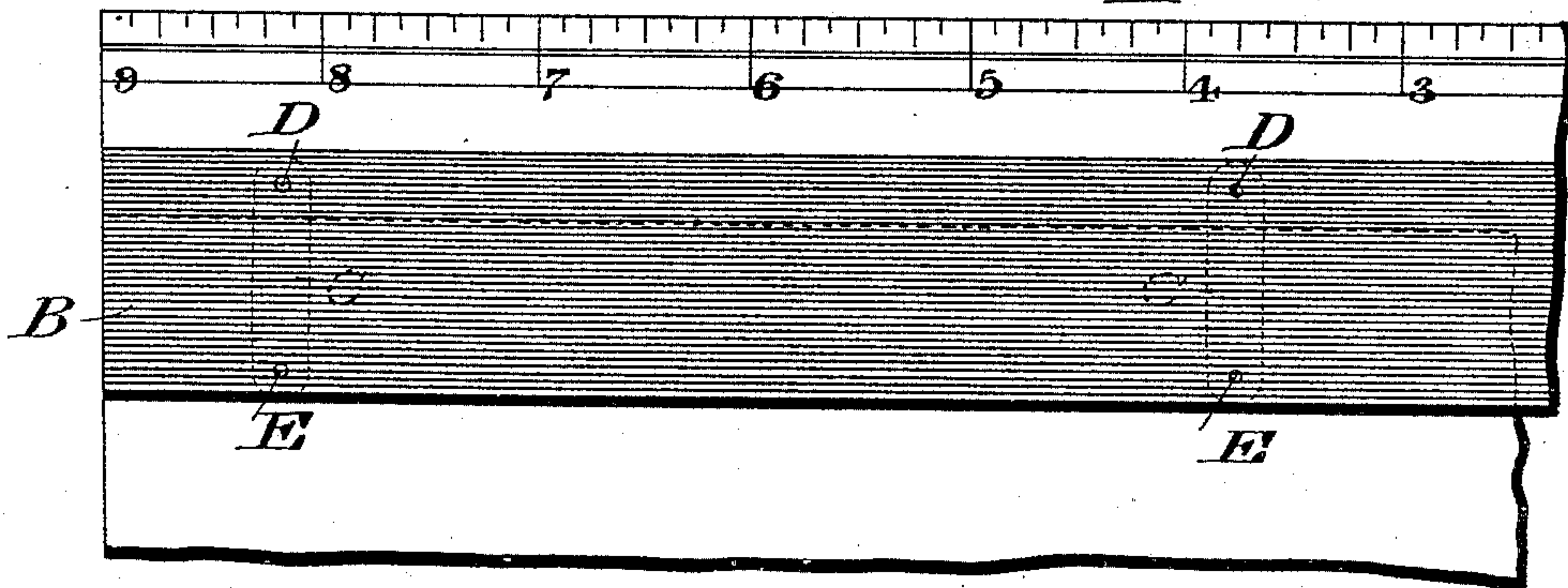


Fig. 3.

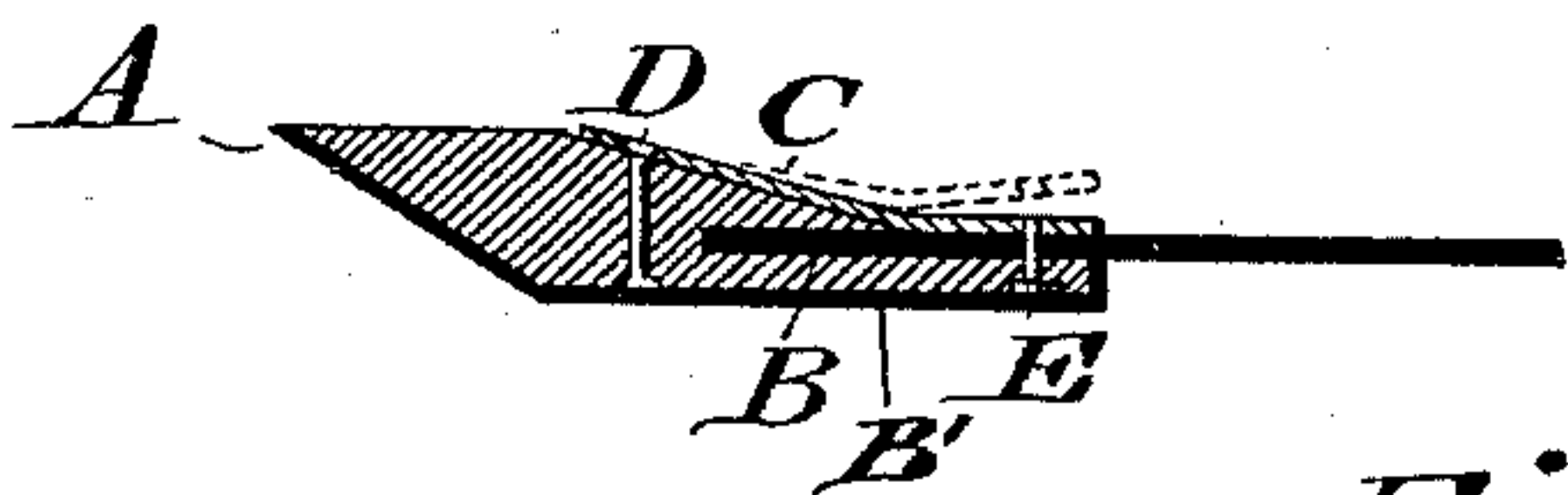


Fig. 5.

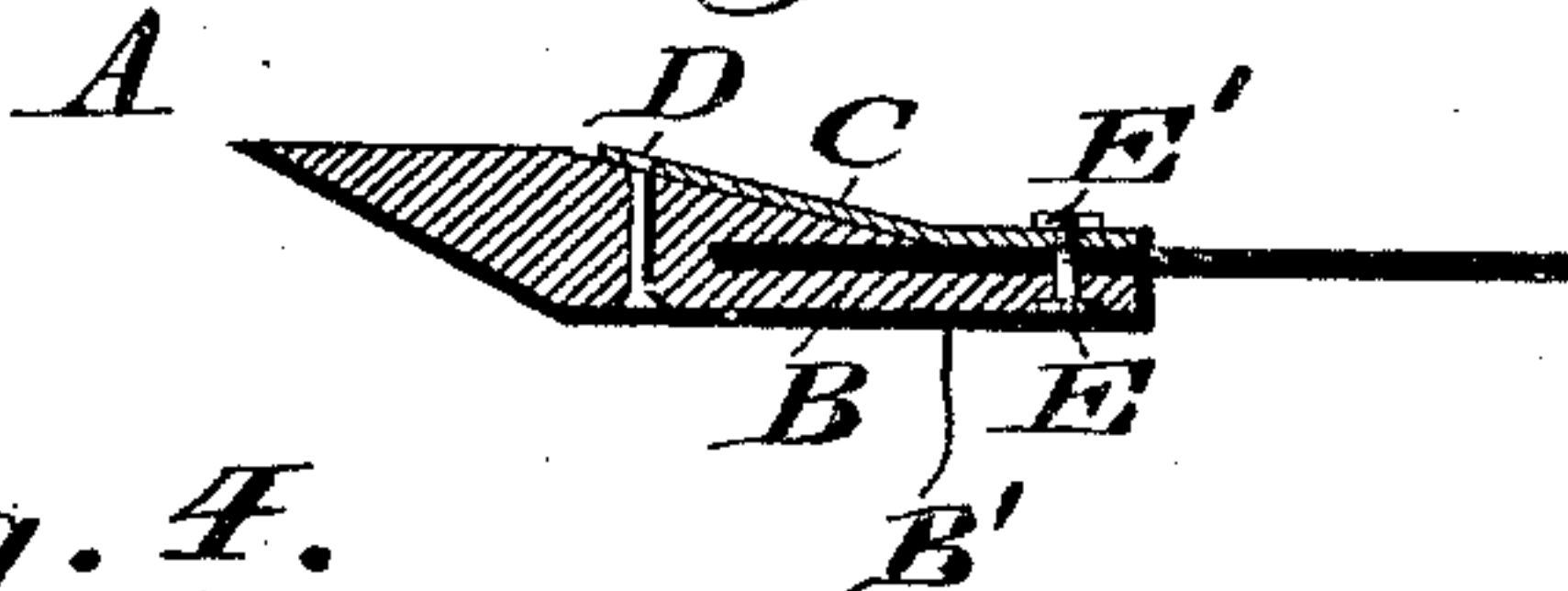
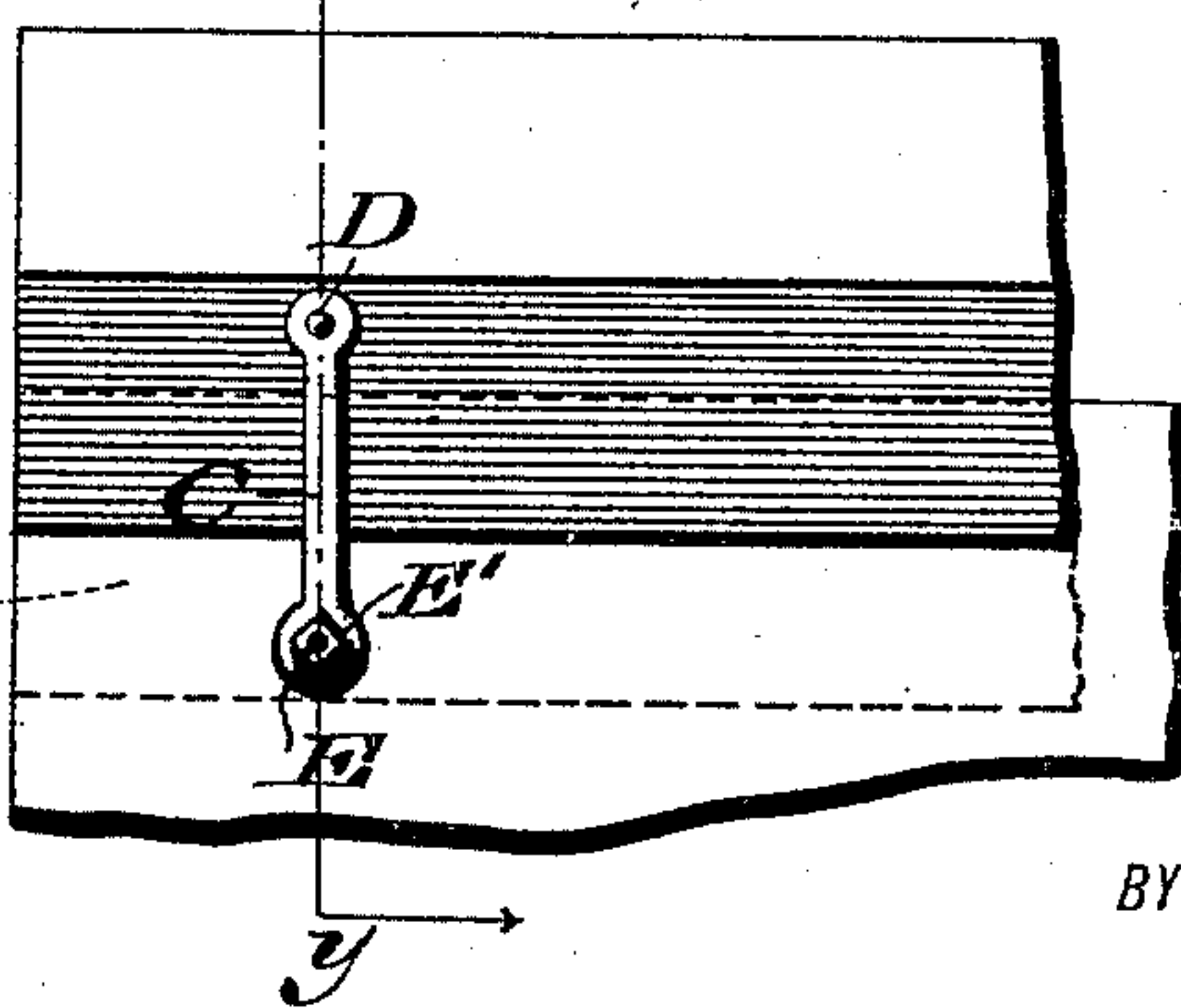


Fig. 4. A



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN LESLIE GORDON, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Combined Ruler and Blotting-Pad Holders, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

My invention consists of a combined ruler and blotting-pad holder.

Figures 1 and 2 represent views of opposite faces of a combined ruler and blotting-pad holder embodying my invention. Fig. 3 represents a section on line $x x$, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 represents a view of a portion of a modification. Fig. 5 represents a section thereof on line $y y$, Fig. 4.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a rule or ruler having in the edge thereof a groove B to receive a blotting-pad, as most clearly shown in Fig. 3, one wall of said groove being extended, forming a base B'.

C designates arms or clips, which are connected with the rule or ruler A by means of pivots D, whereby said clips may be turned laterally, it being noticed that the free ends of the clips when in operative position overhang the edge of the rule or ruler, so as to bear against the adjacent portion of the pad.

Secured to and rising from the base portion B' of the rule or ruler are studs or spurs E, which are adapted to pass through the blotting-pad and be engaged by the clips C, the latter having depressions or openings to receive said studs. The portion of the rule or ruler with which the clips are in contact is sloping, and the clips conform to the inclination, and they are furthermore formed of elastic metal or other suitable material, as in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, so that they may be readily disengaged from the ends of the studs.

The operation is as follows: The clips are raised or sprung out from engagement with the studs E, and then turned laterally so as to clear the upper edge of the groove B, thus uncovering said groove. The edge of a blot-

ting-pad is now inserted in the groove B and rested on the base B' over the studs, so as to be pierced by the latter. The clips are then restored to their normal position, thus pressing against the pad, and consequently engaging the ends of the studs, which pass through the pad, so that the latter is firmly connected with the rule or ruler, so that either the pad or rule or ruler may render service as required. By raising the clips they readily yield, owing to their elasticity, and clear the studs E, after which they may be turned laterally or sidewise, as shown by the dotted lines, Fig. 1, and the pad may then be disengaged from said studs and withdrawn from the rule or ruler.

In Figs. 4 and 5 I show a screw in lieu of either of the studs E, and a nut E' on said screw, without, however, materially affecting the operation of the clips, excepting that the nut requires to be unscrewed before the pad is removable, and when the pad is in operative position the nut is reapplied to the screw and tightened on the pad, thus holding the latter in position.

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

1. A rule having a groove the walls of which are of different lengths, the long wall forming a base, in combination with a stud rising from the upper face of said base, and an elastic clip which is pivoted to the body of the rule and overhangs the top short wall of the groove of the rule, all substantially as described.

2. A grooved rule provided with the base B', whose wall is extended beyond that of the groove, and having a stud rising from the upper face thereof, in combination with the elastic clip C, which is pivoted to the rule and overhangs the top short wall of the groove and engages with the stud, all substantially as described.

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