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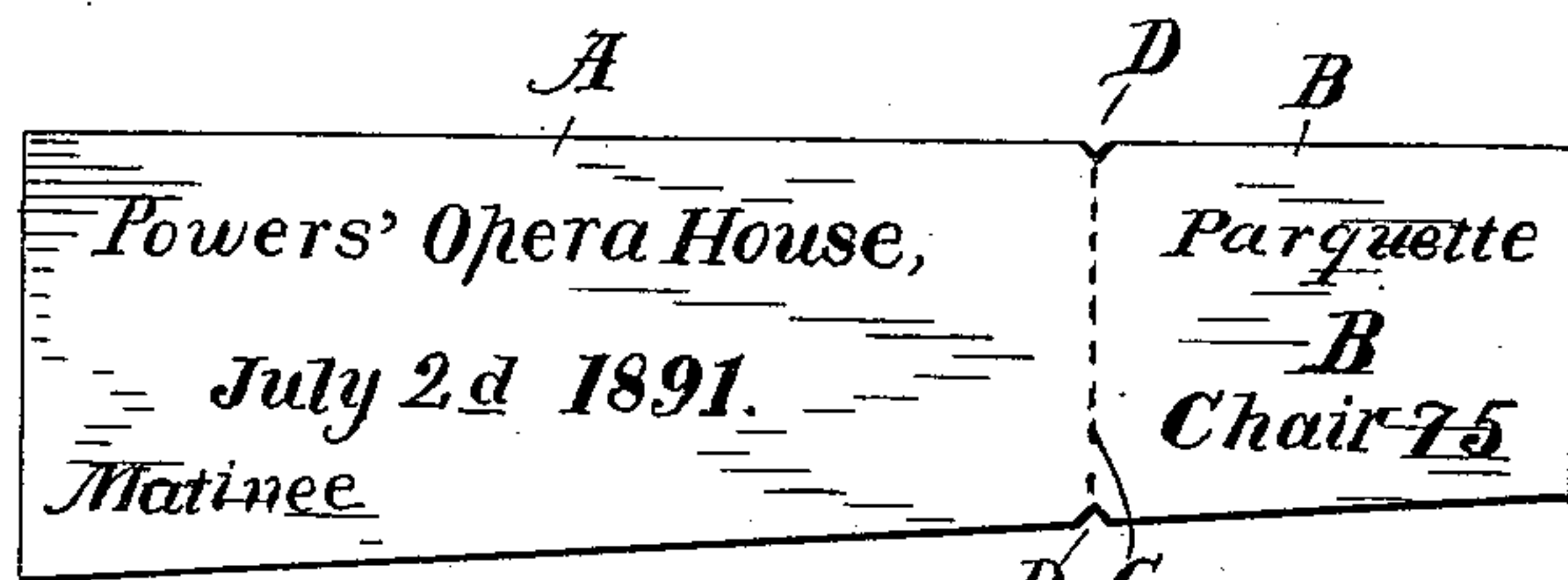


Fig. 1.

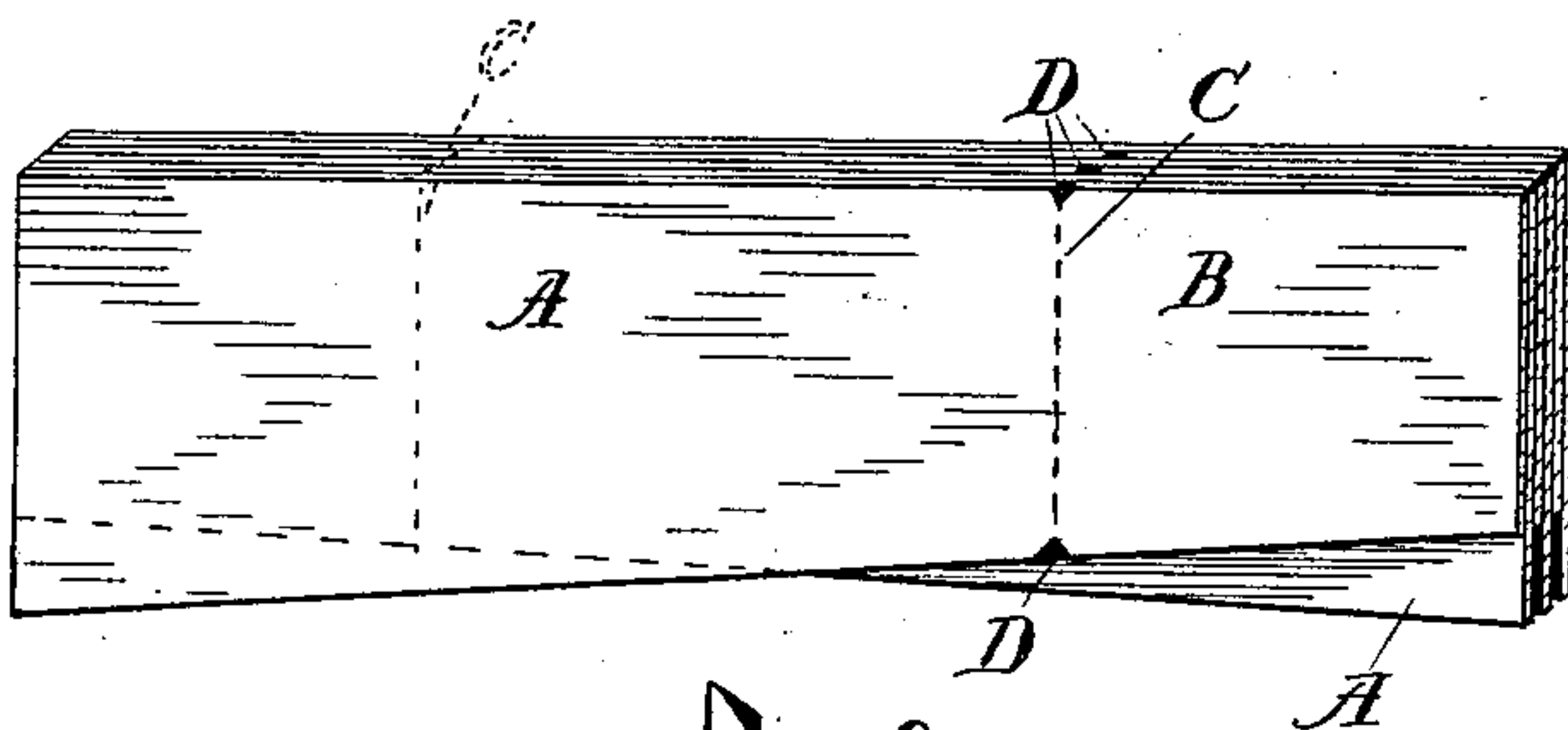


Fig. 2.

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## COUPON-TICKET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK WILLIAM LEONARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coupon-Tickets; 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.

My invention relates to improvements in coupon-tickets which consist of two or more separable parts, a part to be taken up and the balance retained by the holder, and more particularly to tickets for opera-houses, theaters, &c., which have a coupon to be detached and retained by the holder indicating the seat to which he is entitled; and the object of my invention is to avoid tearing off the wrong end of the ticket, as often occurs with tickets of the usual form, especially when two or more are taken up at once and torn off simultaneously.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan of an opera-house ticket embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 a perspective of a number of the same bunched in alternate positions.

Like letters refer to like parts in both figures.

The ticket consists of any suitable material, and is divided into the ticket proper A and the coupon B, partially divided at C by a row of holes or other means, and may also be nicked or notched in each edge, as at D, also having suitable matter printed on each part in the usual manner.

The peculiar feature of my invention con-

sists in making this ticket of unequal width at the ends, whereby when placed in a bunch promiscuously, as in Fig. 2, and seized between the thumb and finger of the respective hands at the respective ends of the bunch, the wider ends only will be grasped and the narrower ends slip from between the thumb and fingers. Thus when drawn apart each hand will retain a portion, each grasping the wider ends only, which ends can then be placed in conjunction and the bunch torn off simultaneously at C. I thus make certain of tearing off each ticket in the bunch at the proper line. The nick in the edge also serves to indicate to the touch the proper point of separation, and also facilitates tearing apart at that point. So, also, in case of a single ticket the difference in width of the card will indicate to the touch which end is the coupon, and prevent mistakes by tearing off or returning the wrong end to the holder.

It is obvious that my device is adapted to various tickets and coupon devices other than those described, especially round-trip railway-tickets and other similar devices.

What I claim is—

1. A coupon-ticket wider at one end than at the other, substantially as described.

2. A coupon-ticket wider at one end than at the other and notched opposite the dividing-line between the ticket and coupon, substantially as described.

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

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