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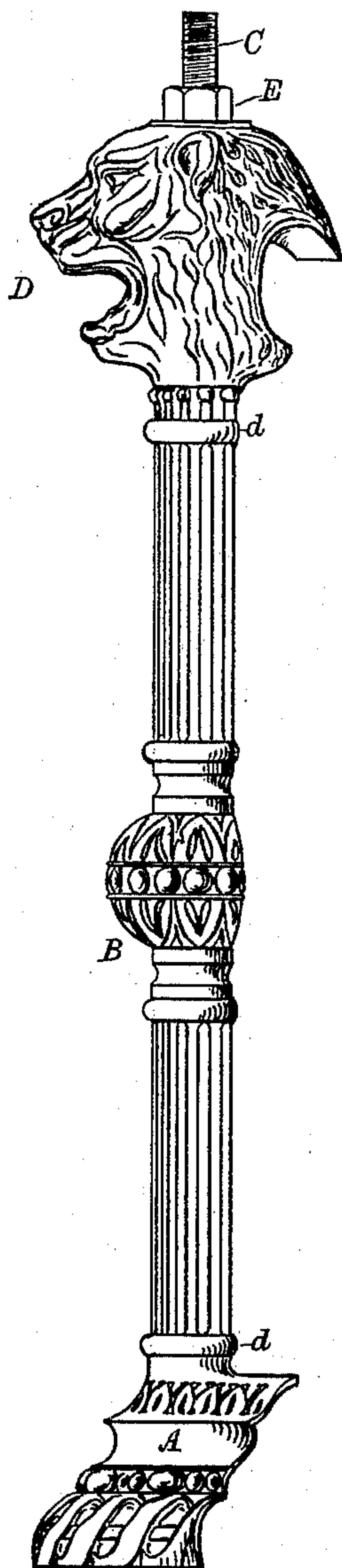


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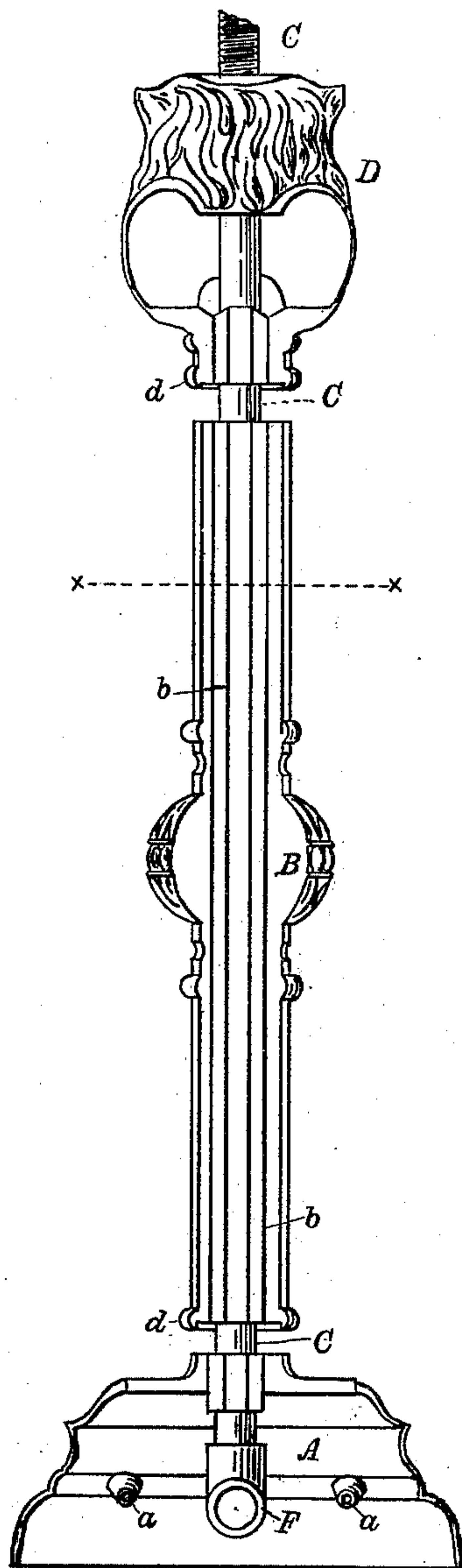


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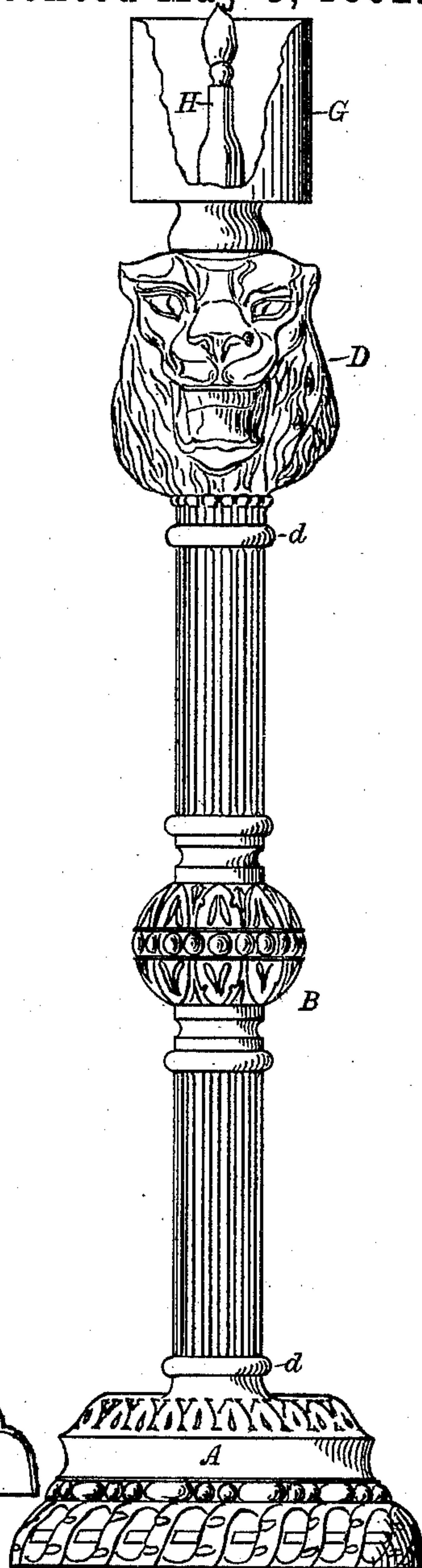


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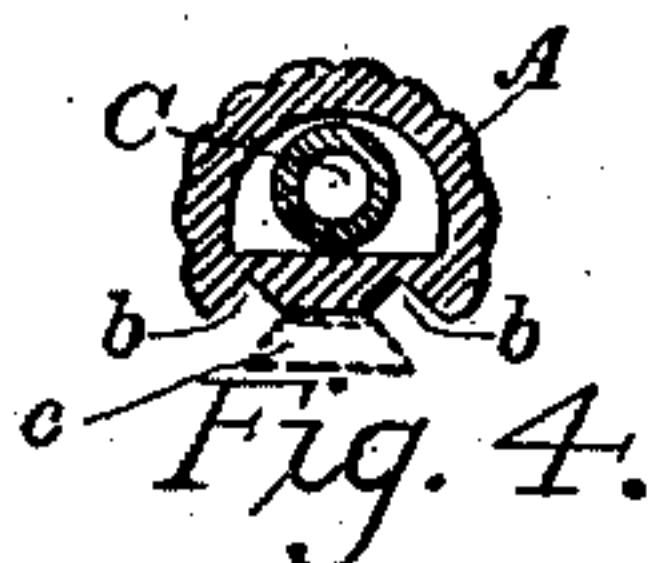


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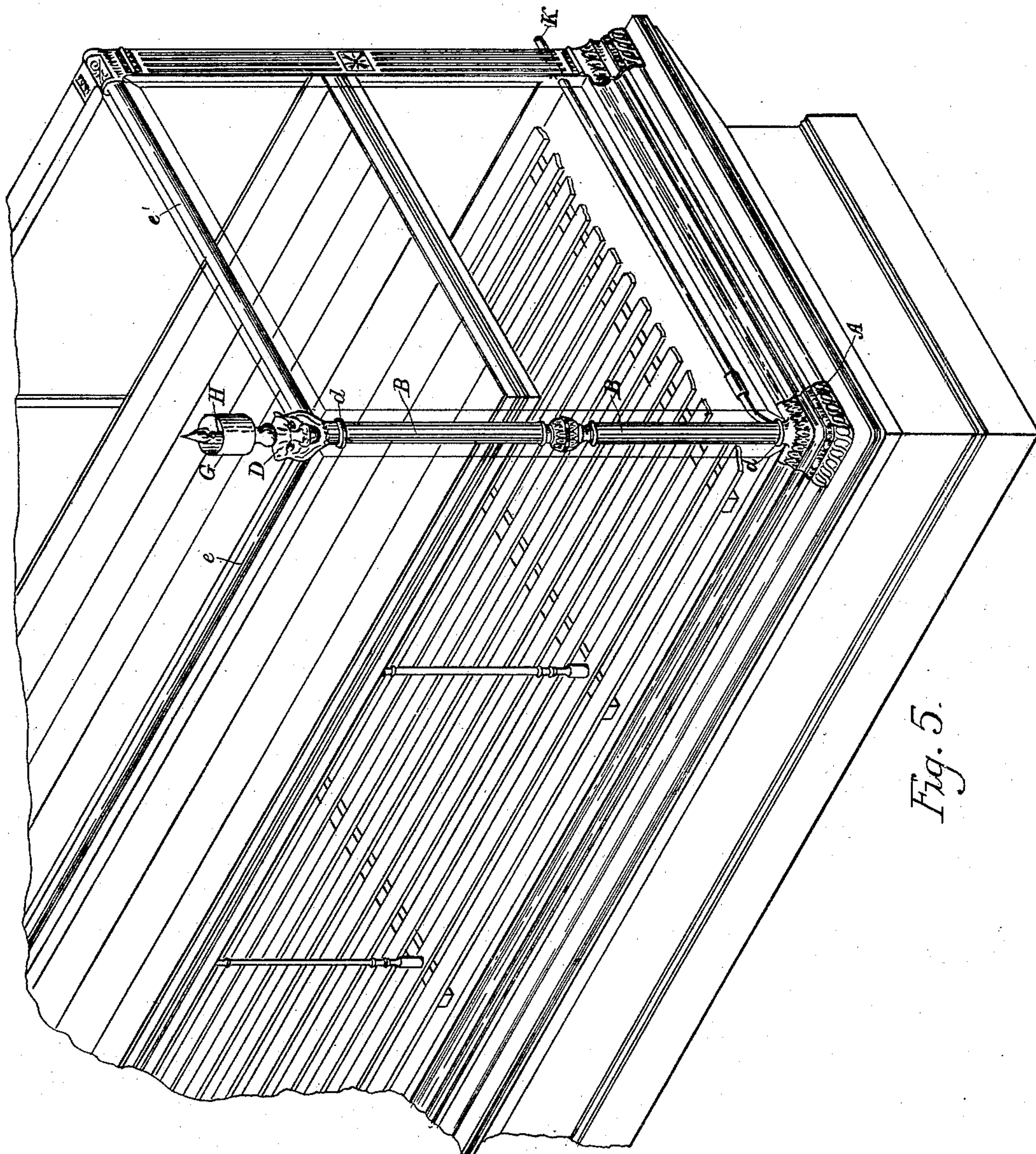


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN HOFMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Show-Case Corners, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters refer to similar parts in the several views.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my show-case corner. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation thereof, showing the different parts thereof separated. Fig. 3 is a front elevation thereof. Fig. 4 is a cross-section on the line *xx* of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one end of a show-case having my show-case corner applied to the same.

My invention consists in the various devices and arrangements hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings my invention is represented as if made, as I prefer it, of a suitable metal, although it may be made of wood or of any other suitable material.

A represents that part of the show-case corner which fits upon, clamps, and fastens the base-moldings of the show-case, and is herein called the "base-piece." A clamp fits on the inside of the base-moldings, which is fastened to the corner-piece by screws which enter threaded lugs *a a*.

B is a standard fitting upon the piece A and having a suitable formation at the back, such as grooves *b b*, (see Figs. 2 and 4,) in order to permit the insertion of the edges of the sides of the show-case. These are fastened to the standard at the corner by means of cement, putty, or by a strip *c*, (shown in dotted lines in Fig. 4,) which may be screwed or otherwise fastened to the standard, so as to clamp and press upon the edges of the sides or glass plates. The standard is adjusted by being made longer or shorter, according to the height of the case in hand, while the cap and base piece remain unchanged.

In the drawings, and in the form which I prefer, the standard B is made hollow, so that a metal bolt or pipe C may be inserted and extend through the same, for the purposes hereinafter described.

D represents a cap fitting upon the top of the standard B, and through which the rod or pipe C passes also.

E represents a nut fitting upon the threaded end of the pipe C, which serves to clamp and fasten the three parts A, B, and D together. On the lower end of the bolt or pipe C is a shoulder. As shown in the drawings, it is formed by an elbow F. The cap B is formed at the back so as to fit upon, clamp, and hold the upper edge moldings *ee'* of the show-case. (See Fig. 5.) I prefer to make this corner-piece ornamental, as shown in the drawings, and (wherever it would be suitable) to use a pipe C for conducting an inflammable liquid or gas to a burner upon a long or short standard, which is placed upon the end thereof, so as to give light under suitable circumstances, and where the show-cases are made for cigar counters to provide means whereby cigars may be lighted.

A device suitable for use in cigar-stores is shown in Figs. 3 and 5, consisting of a cup G, which may be screwed upon the upper end of the pipe C and containing a burner H. This cup protects the flame at the top of the burner from currents of air, and being arranged at a suitable height gives easy access for lighting a cigar.

In Fig. 5, K is a gas-pipe connecting with the elbow F, and which is connected with the gas-main in any suitable way.

Where it is not desired to use a pipe C, it is evident that a rod or long bolt may be used to fasten the parts together, or the parts A, B, and D may be otherwise fastened together.

Upon the lower end of the standard B, I form a rim *d*, which is formed to fit over the upper part of the base-corner A, and upon the lower end of the cap D, I form a similar rim to fit over the upper end of the standard B, so that when the parts are fastened together the appearance is as if the whole device were made of one piece.

This device provides a means of making a very stiff, solid, and strong corner for show-cases, especially where large sheets of glass are used in them, it being necessary in such cases to provide an unyielding corner-piece, so that the piece of glass will not be liable to be broken by pressure or by a blow upon the



counter. It is also easy to make it ornamental, which could not be done with the show-case corner, heretofore used.

What I claim is—

5 1. A show-case corner composed of a base corner-piece suitable to clamp and hold the corners of the base-moldings of the case, a cap suitable to fit upon and clamp the upper edge moldings thereof, a standard fixed between  
10 said cap and said base-piece, and means for clamping said parts together.

2. A show-case corner consisting of a base-piece adapted to fit upon and clamp the base-moldings of the case, a cap adapted to fit upon  
15 and clamp the upper edge moldings thereof, a standard adjusted between said cap and said base-piece and provided with grooves suitable to fit upon the edges of the sides of the show-case, and means for clamping said  
20 parts together.

3. A show-case corner consisting of a base-piece adapted to fit upon and clamp the base-moldings of the case, a cap adapted to fit upon and clamp the upper edge moldings  
25 thereof, a hollow standard adjusted between said cap and said base-piece, and a pipe ex-

tending through the said base-piece, standard, and cap suitable to conduct inflammable liquid or gas to a burner attached above said cap.

4. A show-case corner consisting of a base- 30 piece adapted to fit upon and clamp the base-moldings of the case, a cap adapted to fit upon and clamp the upper edge moldings thereof, a hollow standard adjustable to said base-piece and said cap, and a bolt extending 35 through said base-piece, standard, and cap.

5. A show-case corner consisting of a base-piece adapted to fit upon and clamp the base-moldings of the case, a cap adapted to fit upon and clamp the upper edge moldings thereof, 40 a standard adjusted between said cap and said base-piece and provided with grooves suitable to fit upon the edges of the sides of the show-case, a strip adapted to clamp the edges of the sides of the show-case to said standard, 45 and means for clamping said base-piece, standard, and cap together.

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