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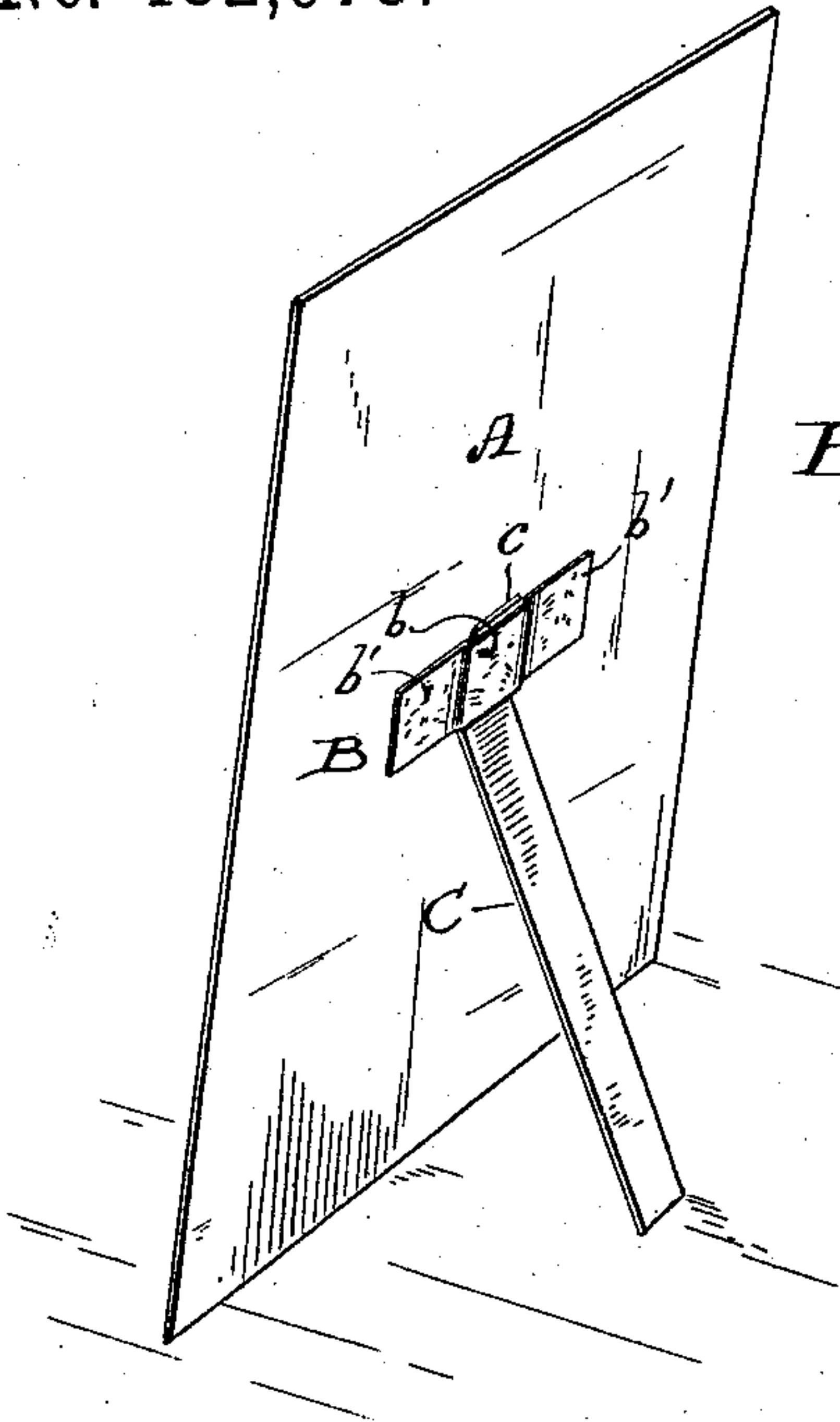


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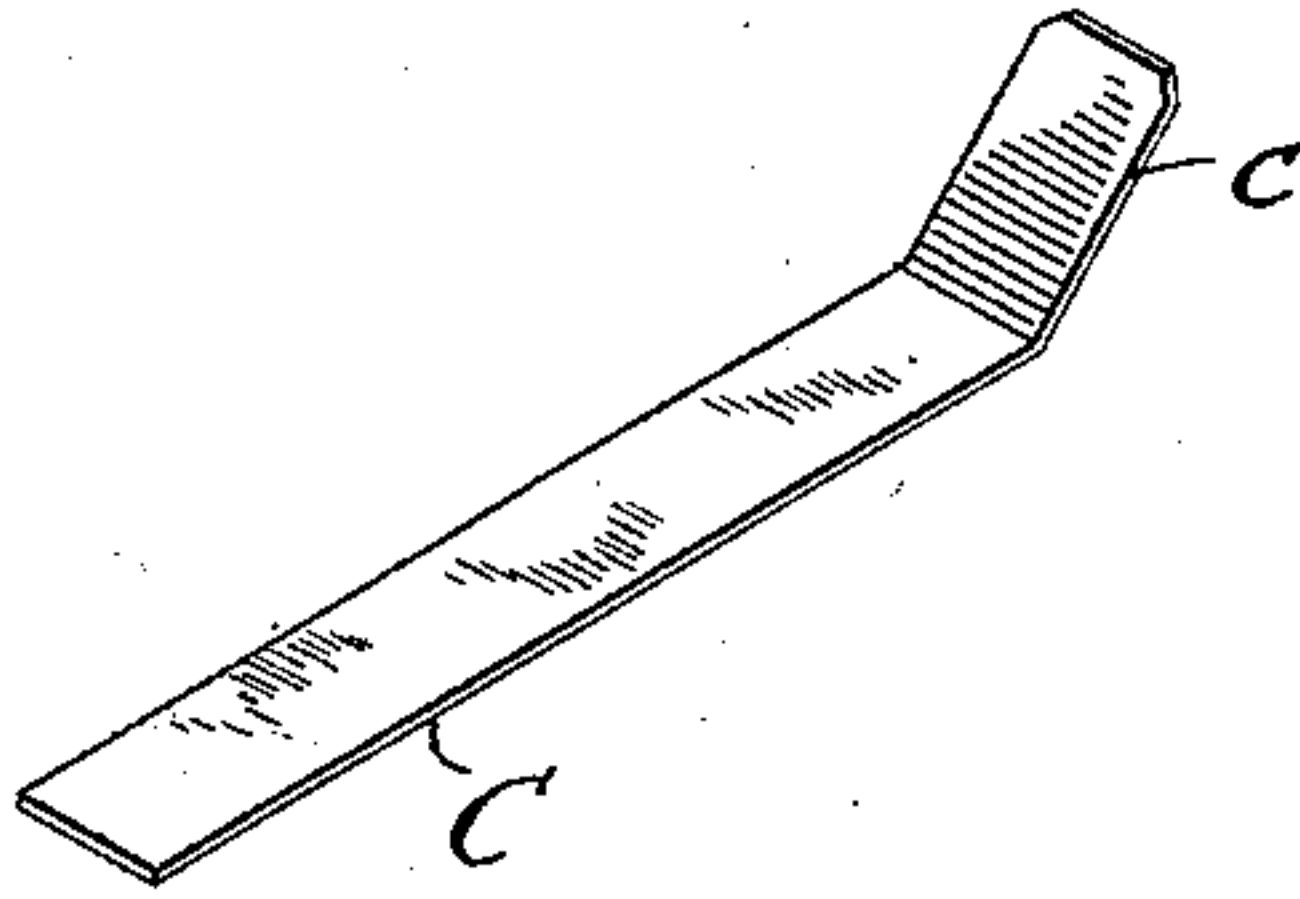


Fig. 3.

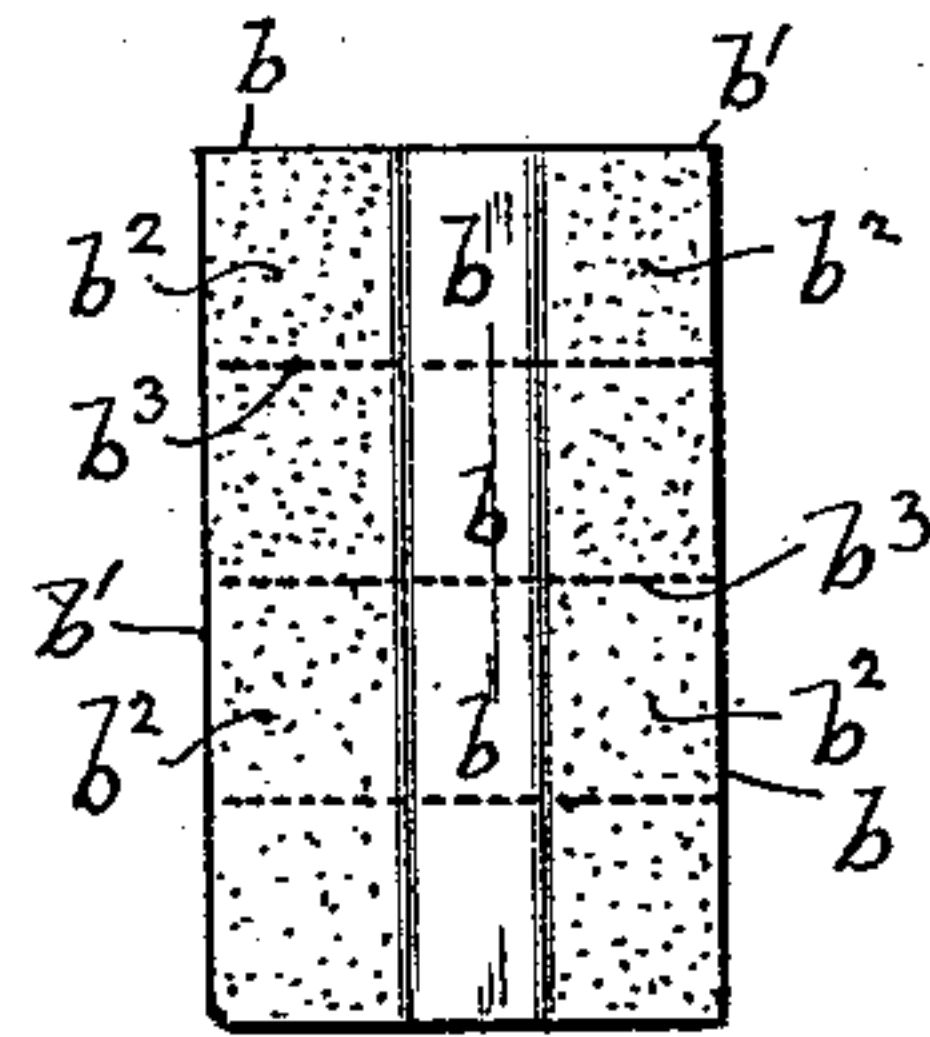
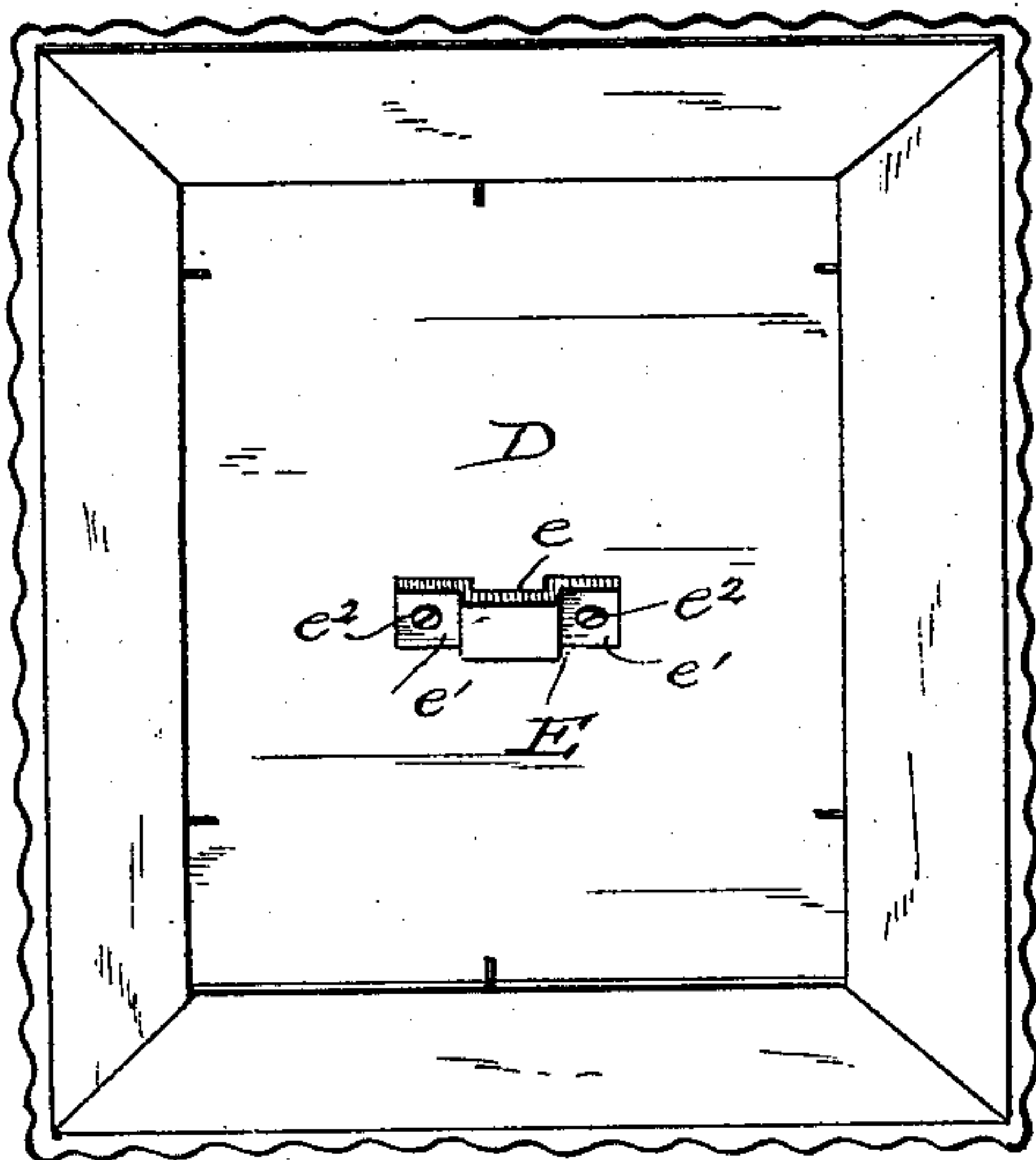


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW HUNTER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook, and in the State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supports for Photographs, Pictures, and Analogous Articles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in supports for photographs, pictures, and analogous articles; and it consists in the matters hereinafter described, and pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a photograph or other picture mounted upon a card and provided with my improved form of support. Fig. 2 is perspective view of the angular support. Fig. 3 is a view of a sheet of paper, card-board, or other suitable material from which the sockets or loops for attaching the angular supports to the backs of pictures are made. Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of a picture-frame provided with a loop formed from metal instead of paper or card-board.

In said drawings, A indicates a card-mount, upon which a photograph or other picture is placed. B indicates a loop of paper card-board, celluloid, or other thin sheet material provided with end portions b' b' , adapted to engage with the back of the card A and with a central socket b , within which the upper end of the angular support C is secured.

In the particular form of device illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3 the loop B is provided with gummed ends adapted to adhere to the back of the card or mount. This form of loop is conveniently made, as illustrated in Fig. 3, in which a number of loops are shown as being formed from a single piece of paper having its margins gummed, as at b^2 b^2 , and its central portion crimped or bent out of the plane of the marginal portions b' b' . The sheet is preferably perforated or scored, as at b^3 b^3 , so as to render the loops B B readily separable from each other. If desired, however, the loops may be made singly; but I prefer to form a number of loops from one sheet, it being obvious that the loops may then be sold either singly or in sheets like

postage-stamps and separated as they are needed for use.

In the form of device illustrated in Fig. 4 the loop E is formed of thin metal bent to the proper form and provided with a central portion e , which is bent out of the plane of the two ends e' e' , and said loop is attached to the back of a picture or picture-frame by screws or tacks e^2 e^2 . This latter form of loop is designed more particularly for use in connection with pictures in frames or pictures mounted upon heavy mounts, such as wood panels or similar devices. The angular brace or support C is preferably made of metal and provided with a bent upper end c , adapted to be slipped between the central portion of the loop and the back of the card or picture-frame, as illustrated more particularly in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

Any desired angle may be given to the picture by bending the upper end of the brace or support C, so as to increase or decrease the angle between said brace and the back of the card or frame in an obvious manner.

In use the picture is supported by the lower edge of the mount or the frame and the lower end of the brace or support C, the engagement of the said brace or support with the back of the picture affording a secure support for the same.

It will be seen that my improved form of support for pictures is at once very simple in its construction, exceedingly cheap to manufacture, strong, and durable, while at the same time it may be readily attached to any desired form of mount or picture-frame.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. The herein-described support for pictures or analogous articles, comprising a loop provided with means for attachment to the back of the picture or other article and a removable supporting arm or brace composed of a flat strip of metal having one end bent at an angle to the balance of the strip and adapted for insertion in said loop from the under side thereof, substantially as set forth.

2. The herein-described support for pictures or analogous articles, comprising a loop

provided with means for attachment to the back of the picture or other article and a removable supporting arm or brace composed of a flat strip of metal having one end
5 bent at an angle to the balance of the strip for engagement with said loop, said end being capable of further bending to vary said angle, as desired, to increase or decrease the distance between the said brace and the back of
10 said article and alter the inclination of the latter from time to time, substantially as set forth.

3. The herein-described support for pictures or analogous articles, comprising a loop
15 provided with a central raised portion and

end portions coated with adhesive material and adapted to be attached to the back of the picture or picture-frame and an angular supporting arm or brace adapted to be engaged at its upper end with said central portion of
20 the said loop, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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