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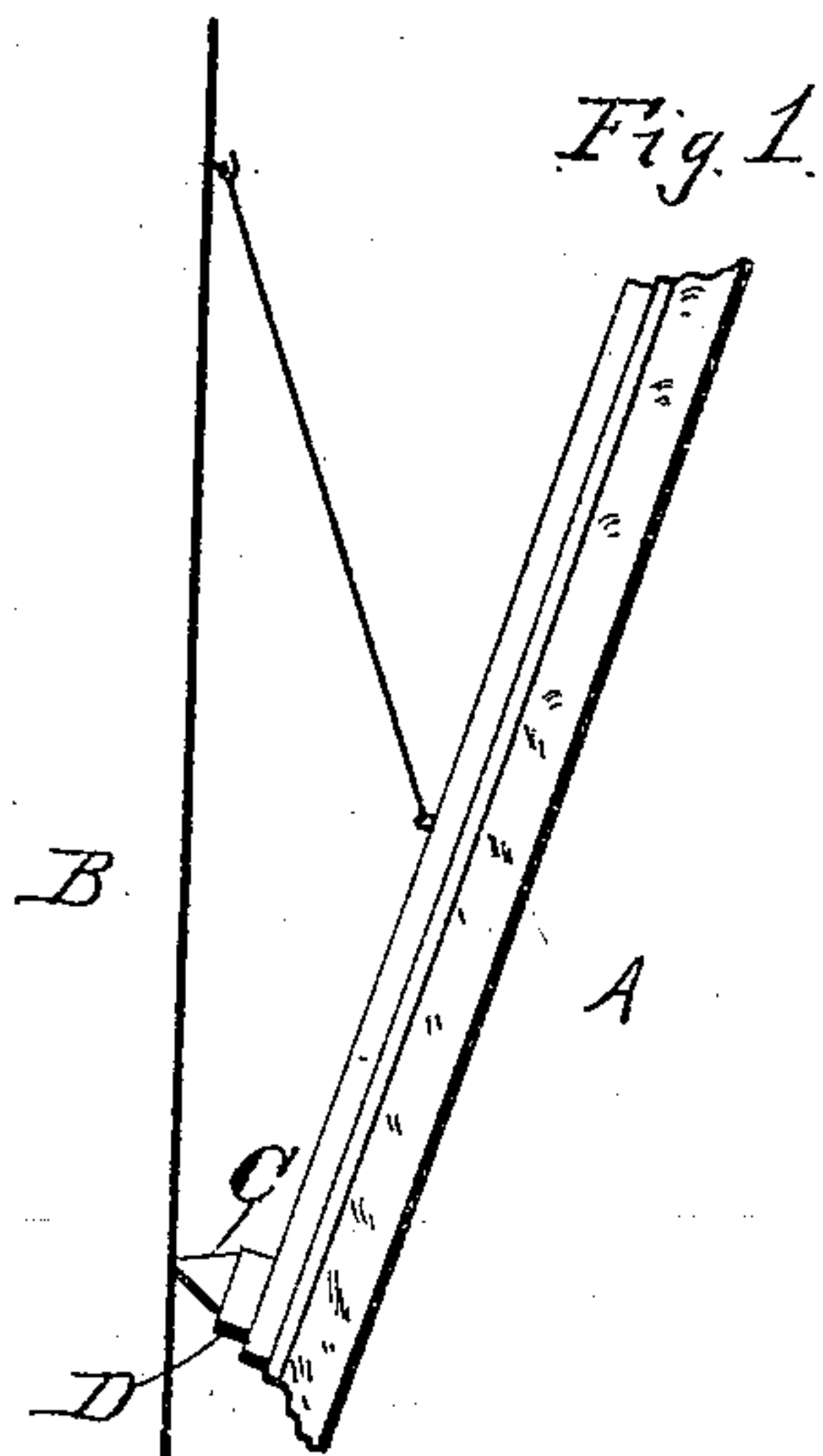


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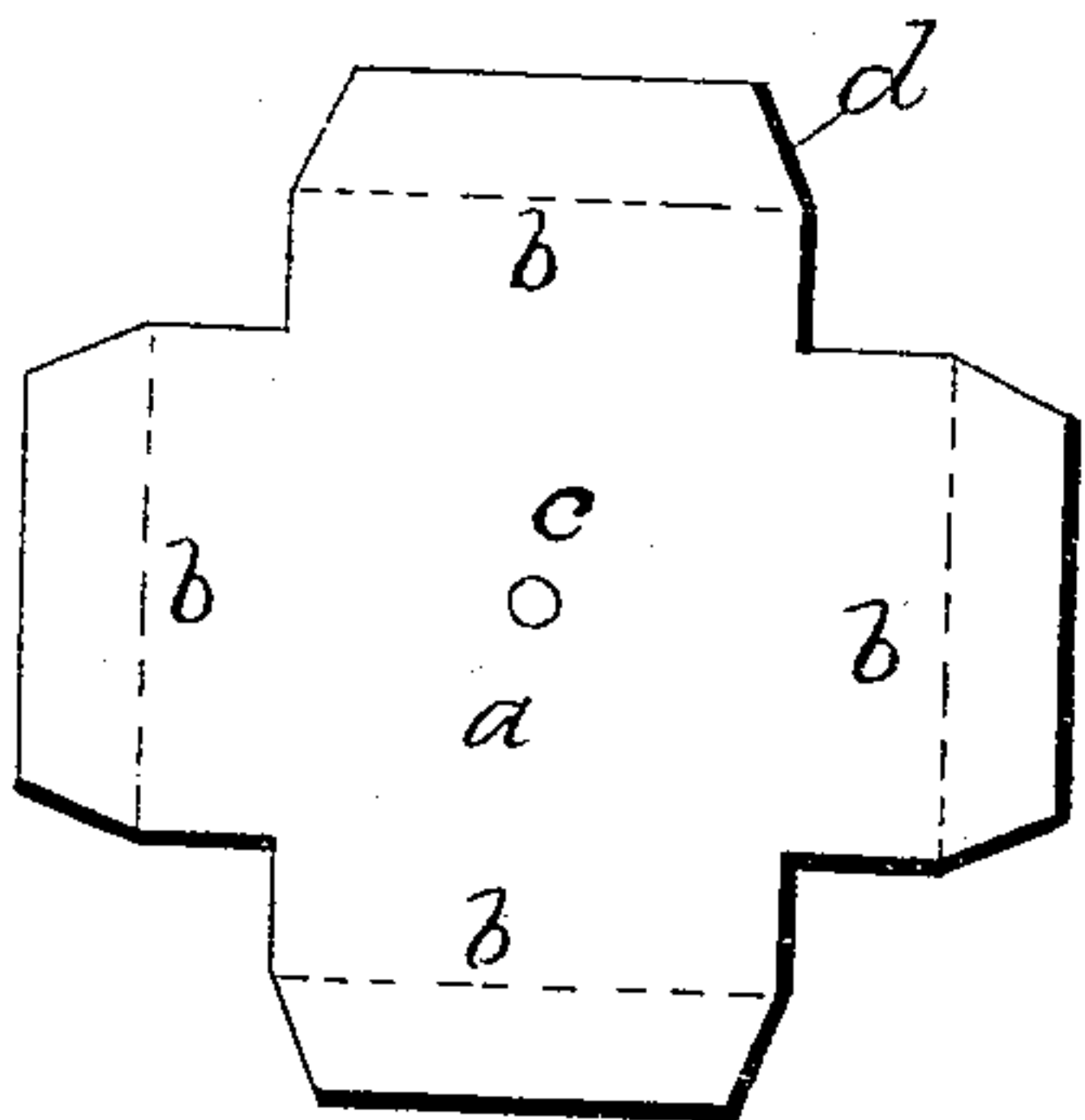


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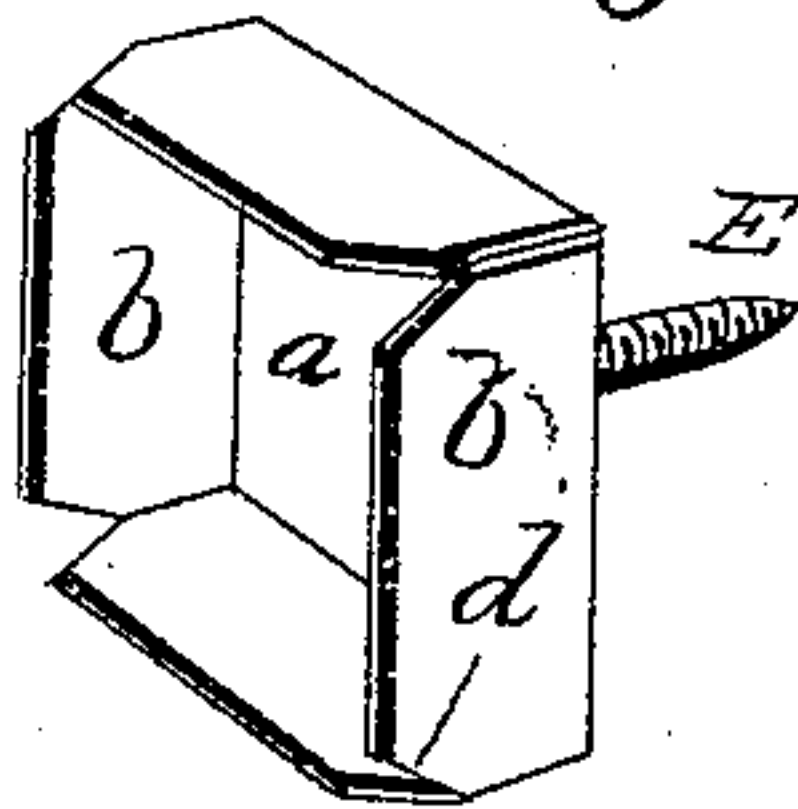


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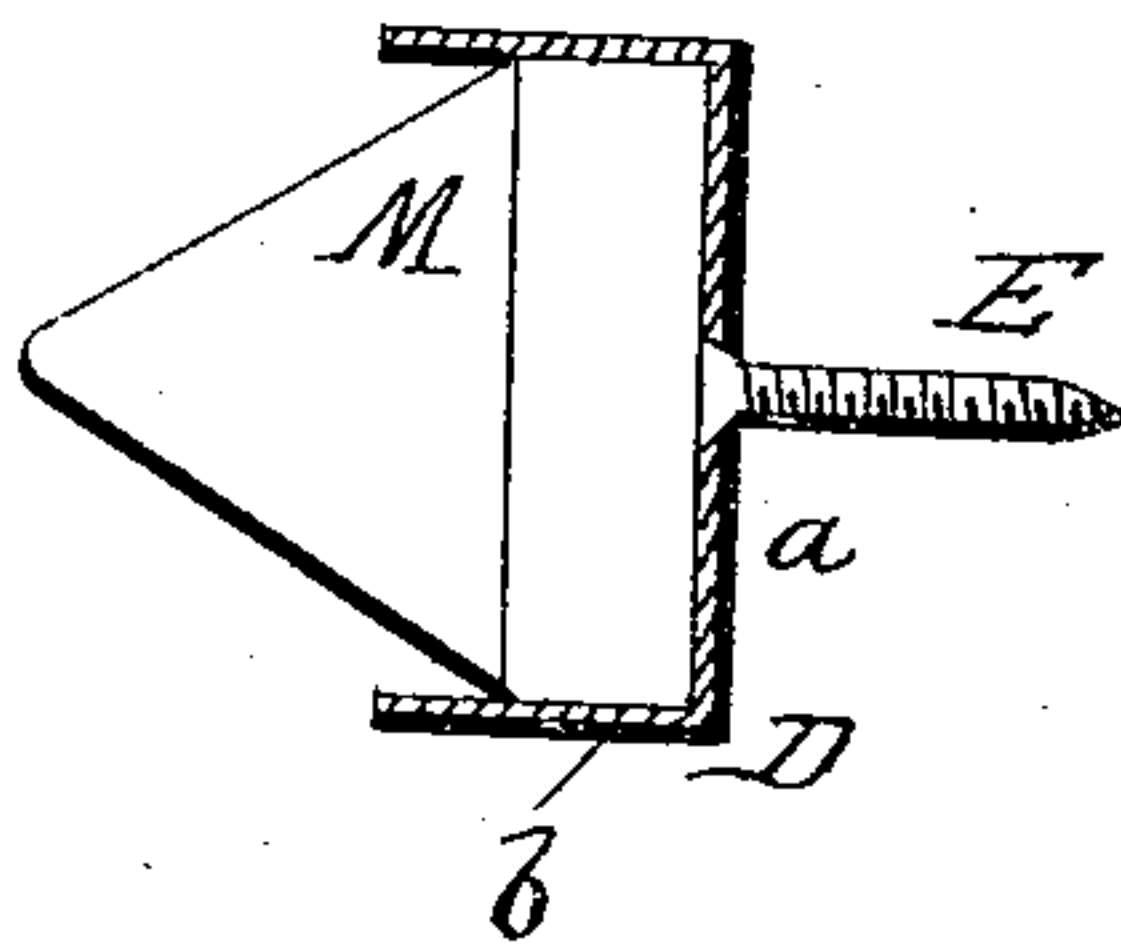


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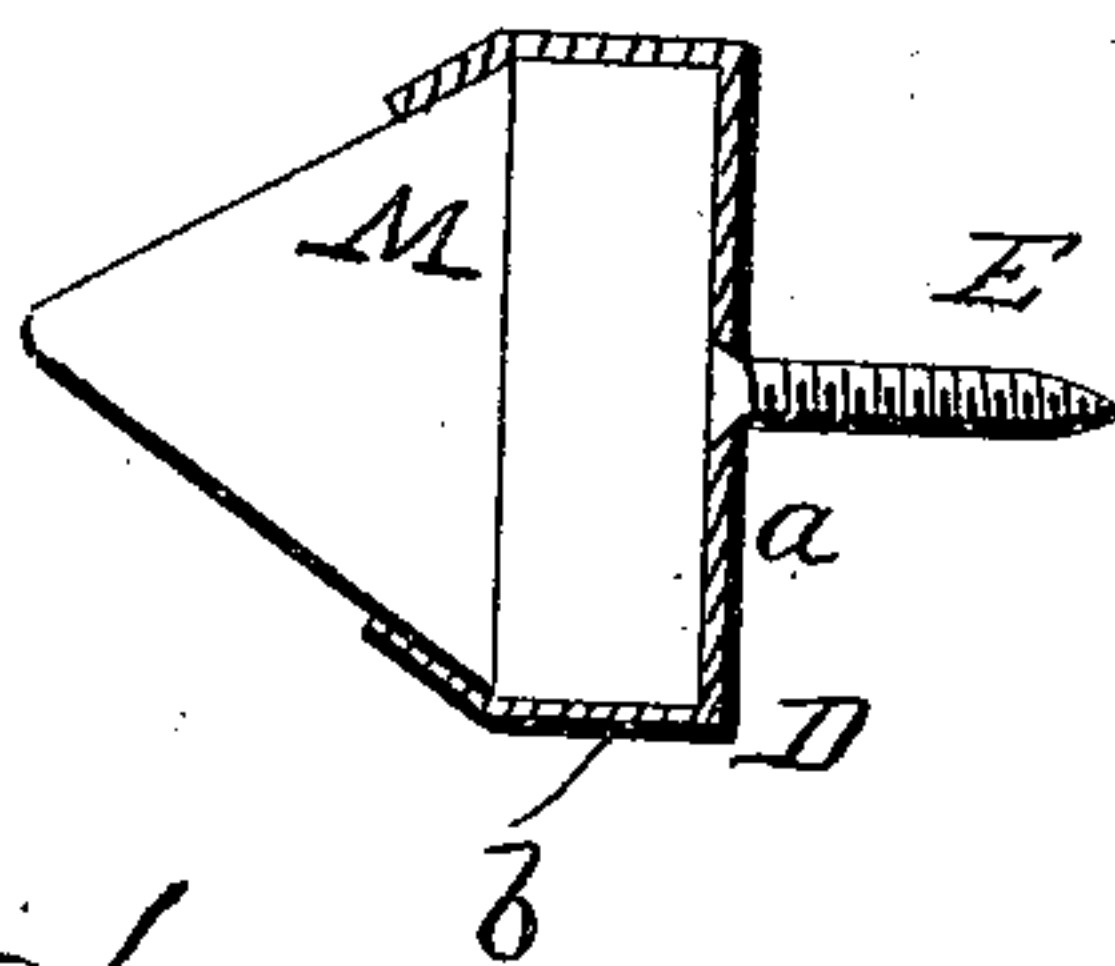
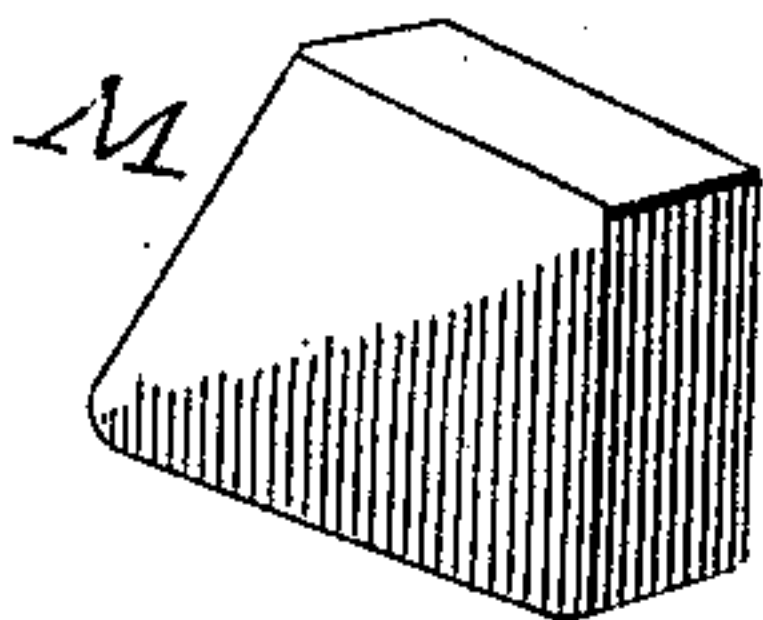


Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES GUNZBURG, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wall-Protectors; and I do 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 is an improved device for preventing picture frames, hanging-cabinets, brackets, mirrors, and the like, from scratching walls and for preventing the accumulation of dust between a picture frame and wall and it consists in the provision of a cushion protector of a peculiar and advantageous construction adapted to be connected to the lower end of a picture frame so as to engage the wall and hold the picture frame away from the same.

The invention will be fully understood from the following description and claim when taken in conjunction with the annexed drawings, in which:—

Figure 1, is a view illustrating my improved devices applied to a picture frame. Fig. 2, is a plan view of the blank from which the socket plate is formed. Fig. 3, is a perspective view of the socket plate and the screw. Fig. 4, is a sectional view showing how the rubber cushion is placed within the socket plate. Fig. 5, is a sectional view showing how the rubber cushion is secured in the socket plate, and:—Fig. 6, is a perspective view of the rubber cushion removed.

In the said drawings similar letters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views referring to which:

A, indicates a picture frame, and B, indicates the wall of a room upon which the picture frame is hung.

C, indicates one of my improved protectors which is designed and adapted to be detachably connected to the picture frame as will be presently described.

The socket plate D, of the protector C, which comprises the bottom wall *a*, and the side walls *b*, is formed from a blank of sheet metal *c*, such as shown in Fig. 2, of the drawings. This blank *c*, which is of a general

cruci-form and is designed to be bent into the form shown in Fig. 3, has the side edges of its branches beveled at the free ends thereof as shown at *d*, for a purpose presently described.

The cushion M, which is formed from rubber or equivalent material, is of approximately pyramidal form and is provided with a cubic base as shown, whereby it may be more securely retained in the socket-plate.

Suitably connected to the bottom *a*, of the socket plate D, is a screw E, through the medium of which the protector is connected to the picture frame.

The manner of placing and securing the cushion in the socket plate, is as follows:—The blank *c*, is first bent to form the socket plate D, as shown in Fig. 3, when the cushion is placed in said socket plate as shown in Fig. 4, after which the outer beveled portions of the side walls *b*, are bent in upon the pyramidal sides of the cushion to securely hold the same in position within the socket plate; the beveled edges *d*, of said outer portions permitting of such bending of the same. Thus it will be seen that the cushion will be securely held within the socket plate and will not be liable to casual disconnection therefrom. In practice I prefer to employ two of my improved protectors upon each picture frame, and to connect said protectors to the inside of the frame adjacent to the lower edge and corners of the same, whereby the points of the elastic cushions will bear against the wall and will serve to hold the picture firmly in position while preventing the same from scratching the wall, preventing the accumulation of dust between the frame and the wall, and also preventing the frame from staining the wall behind the frame.

As some of the advantages resulting from the construction which I have shown, I would say that by the rubber being of a pyramidal shape and pointed it receives the whole side weight of the picture on its point which causes it to hug the wall and thereby prevents the picture from sliding or moving sideways but will at all times hold the picture in the position to which it has been adjusted. By reason of the socket being four sided or angular it may be easily screwed into a frame

by any common wrench, and by the peculiar shape of the socket, the rubber is held securely in its seat and cannot be pulled out.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, the protector described, consisting essentially of the socket plate of rectangular configuration
10 formed from a cruciform blank of sheet metal and comprising the bottom wall, the side walls bent at right angles to the bottom wall and having their outer free portions inclined inwardly or toward each other and pro-

vided with the beveled edges *d*, the cushion 15 having a cubic base and an outer pyramidal portion; the former being seated within the side walls of the socket and the latter resting with the outer, inwardly inclined portions of the said side walls; and the screw carried by 20 the socket plate, all substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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