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CLOTH OR DRESS GOODS SAMPLER.

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Fig. 1.

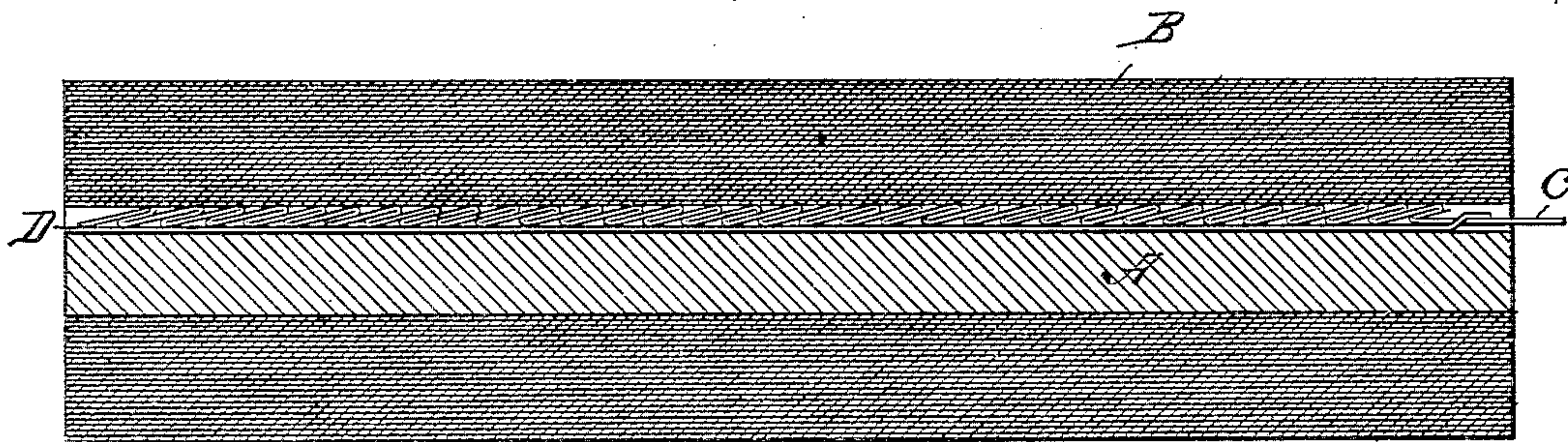


Fig. 2.

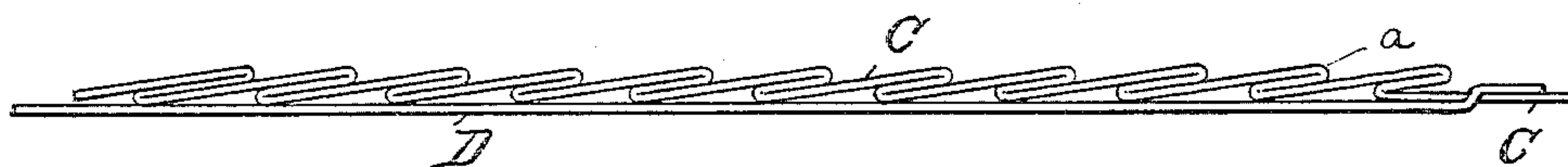
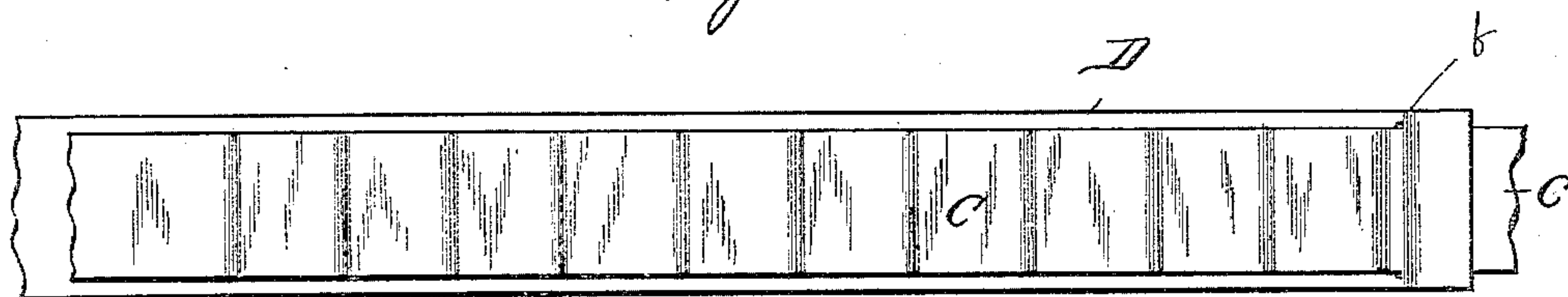


Fig. 3.



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CLOTH OR DRESS-GOODS SAMPLER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH MORTON BOSTWICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Janesville, in the county of Rock and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cloth and Dress-Goods Samplers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

It is well known in the dry goods trade that considerable waste occurs in giving patterns to customers by the system commonly employed of pieces cut off the rolls of material, as this involves the necessity, when measuring off a piece of the goods, of ignoring the end from which a portion has been taken so as to give the purchaser a full length, and the merchant is compelled to suffer the loss of an inch or so from the length of the goods and of the full width of the piece. Where a large business is done it will be readily seen that this loss must assume considerable proportions in the course of a year, especially in view of the fact that it is not customary to charge for patterns.

The object of my invention is to minimize the expense of furnishing such patterns and at the same time to provide a convenient means whereby suitable samples of the goods may be handed to customers from the actual roll or package when it is being exhibited.

In order that my invention may be fully understood I have attached hereto a sheet of drawings clearly illustrating the same.

Figure 1 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view taken through a roll or bolt of dress goods showing my improved sampling device in position for use. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of my improved sampling device, and Fig. 3 is a plan view of the same.

In the figures A represents a core or winding board for dress goods, B the dress goods wound thereon, C a narrow strip of goods kinked or folded at *a*; D a piece of card board hav-

ing a slot or opening *b* through which the sample strip may be drawn as required. The said piece of card board D is laid upon the wooden or other core or center A over which the goods B are wound, and a strip of the goods C of sufficient width to show the pattern, and kinked or folded to reduce its apparent length is also laid along the core or center of the roll of goods, one end of said strip of goods being passed through the slot in the piece of card board before referred to, and projecting beyond the end of the roll. The salesman when desirous of furnishing a pattern simply pulls upon the projecting end of the strip of goods and cuts off a sufficient quantity. The strip being of ample length packed along the core by means of numerous kinks will serve to supply a great number of patterns and by this means the roll of goods need not be interfered with for this purpose.

What I claim is—

The combination with a roll of cloth or dress goods, of a sampling device consisting of a strip of card-board, or equivalent, having a slot at or near one end thereof, and a strip of cloth or dress goods folded upon said piece of card board and having one end projecting through the said slot and adapted to be pulled out for the purpose of cutting off samples; the said strip of card-board together with the folded strip of cloth or dress goods being laid upon the board or core and held in place by the roll of cloth or dress goods which is wound around and upon the board or core, substantially as and for the purposes set forth and illustrated.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of October, 1892.

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