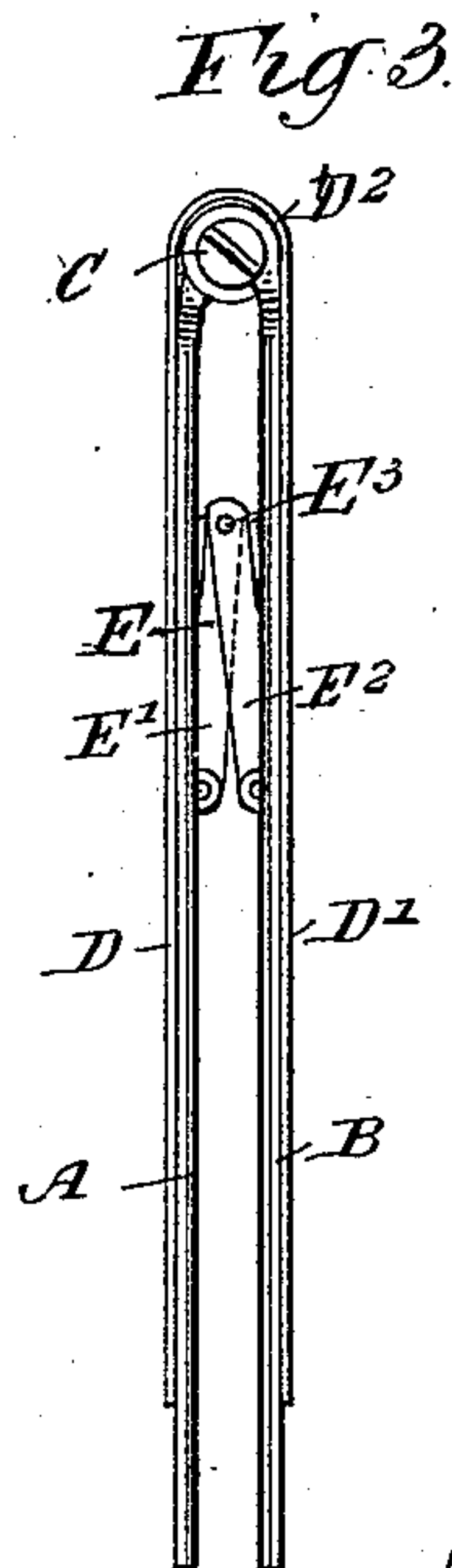
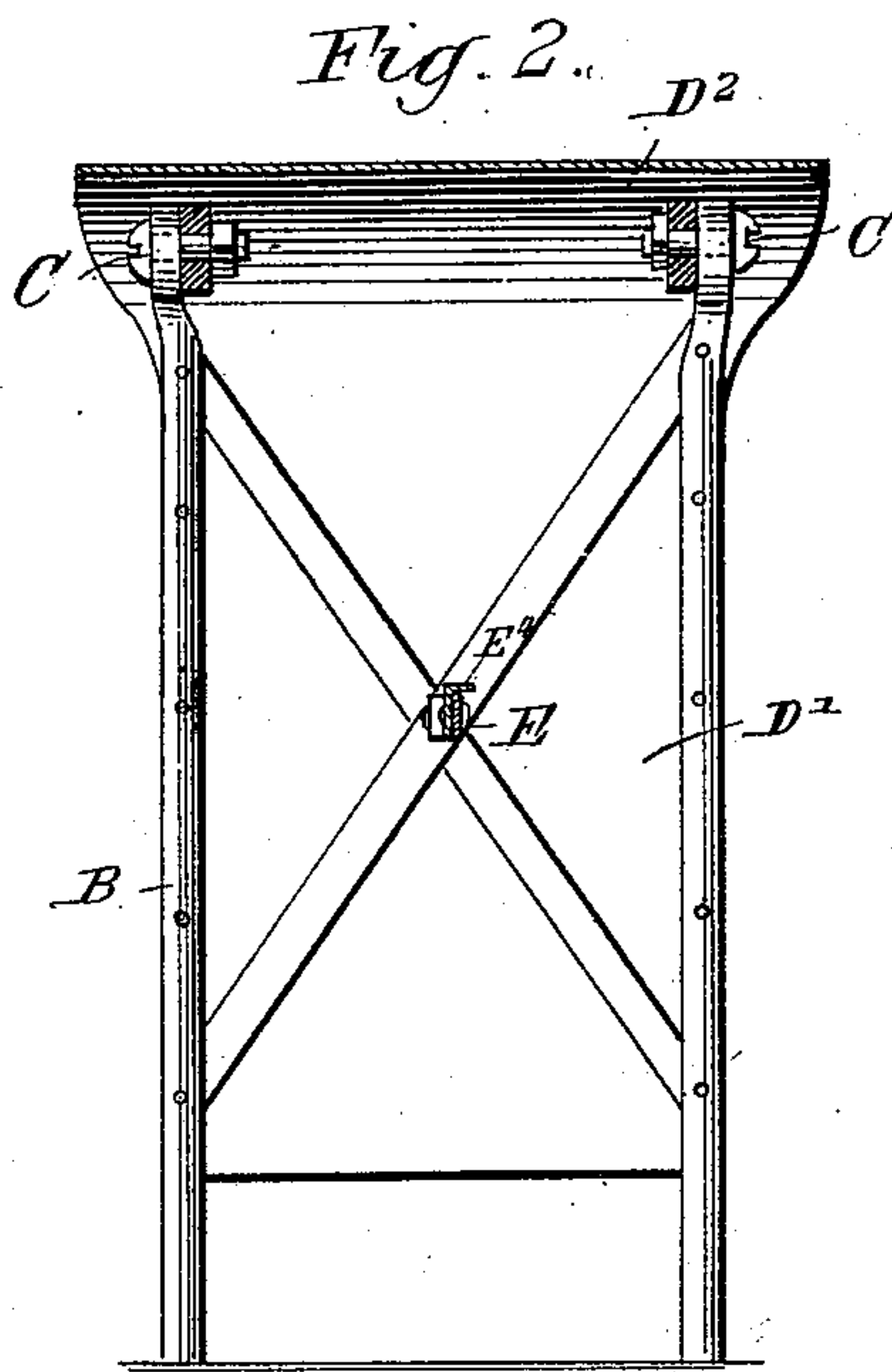
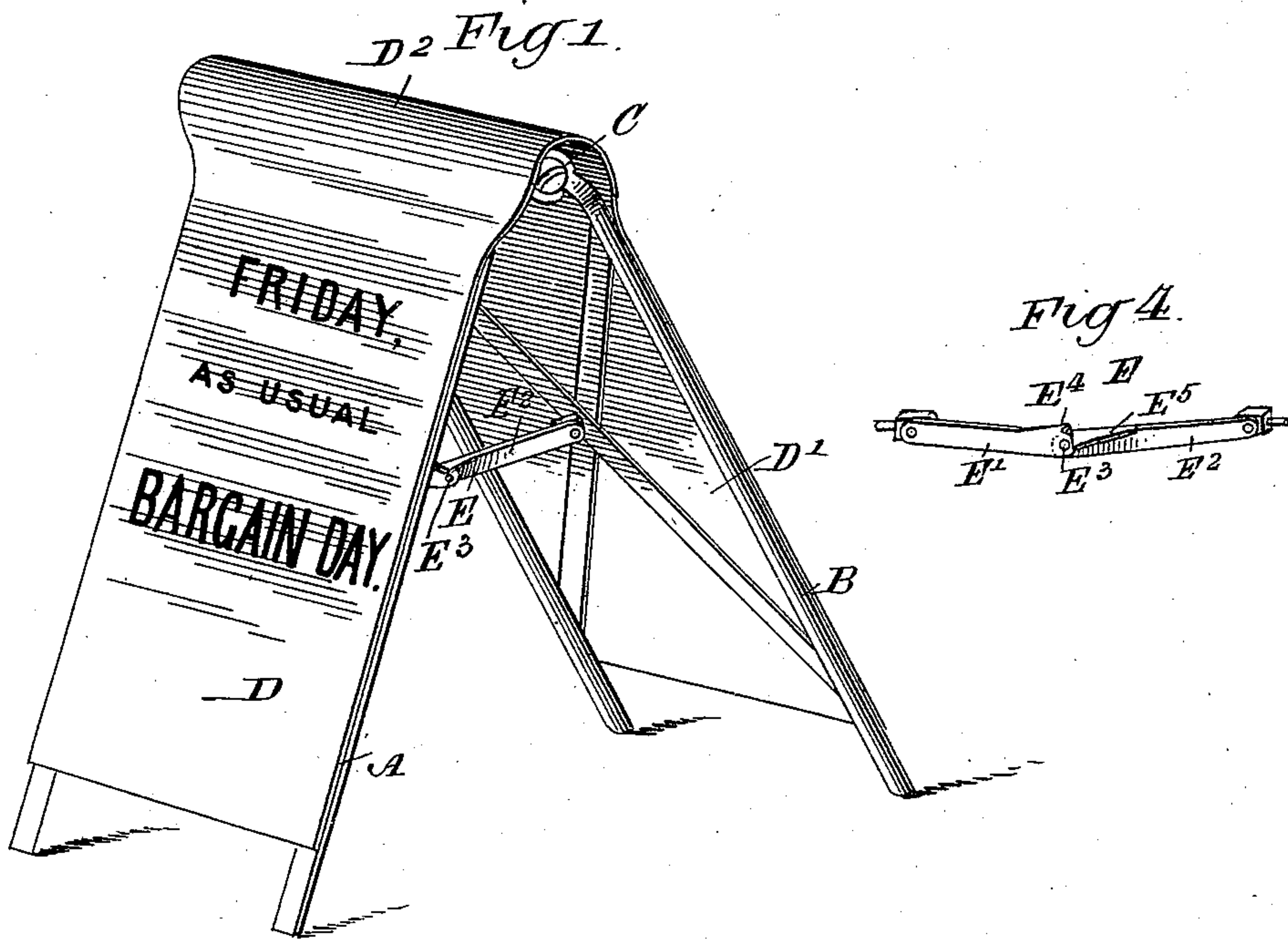


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH P. PAPPIN, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Advertising-Sign, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to bulletin boards adapted to be set temporarily on the sidewalk in front of stores and other places, and the object of the invention is to provide a new and improved advertising sign, which is simple and durable in construction, not liable to be upset by the wind, and arranged for convenient folding, to store the sign in a comparatively small space.

The invention consists of two frames hinged together and covered by sign sheets displaying advertising matter, and an articulated connection between the said frames, to lock the latter in an open position.

The invention also consists in certain parts and details, and combinations of the same, as will be hereinafter fully described and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the same, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the articulated connection.

The improved advertising sign is provided with the two frames A and B, pivotally connected at their upper ends by suitable pivots C, as plainly illustrated in the drawings. The frames A and B are covered by sign sheets D and D', displaying on their outer faces suitable advertising matter to be read by the passers-by. As illustrated in the drawings, the sign sheets D and D' are made of one single piece of sheet metal having its connecting or top portion D² forming a hood for the upper jointed ends of the frames A and B, the said connecting portion also forming a spring for closing the frames A and B, as shown in Fig. 3.

In order to hold the frames A and B spread apart against the tension of the spring portion D² of the sign sheets, I provide an articulated connection E, made preferably of two links

E' and E² pivotally connected with each other at E³, and also pivoted to the frames A and B at their cross bars, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2. The links E' and E² are provided near their joint E³ with abutting shoulders E⁴, E⁵, respectively, arranged in such a manner that the links when open, are slightly inclined toward each other, with the joint or apex E³ downward, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 4. By this arrangement the open articulated connection prevents an accidental unlocking of the open frames A and B.

It will be seen that by the construction described the street sign is rendered very strong and durable, especially as all the parts are preferably made of metal. When it is desired to close the sign, the operator presses the links E' and E² upward so as to disengage their shoulders E⁴ and E⁵, to permit the links to close, as shown in Fig. 3, and to cause the spring portion B² to shut the frames A and B, as will be readily understood by reference to Fig. 3.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. In an advertising sign, the combination of two frames pivotally connected at their upper parts and adapted to stand in inclined positions when the sign is opened with their lower ends adapted to engage a supporting surface, and a jointed connection between the said frames adapted when the sign is opened to hold the frames in their inclined positions, substantially as set forth.

2. An advertising sign, comprising two frames pivotally connected with each other at their upper ends, a single sheet displaying advertising matter and secured on the said frames, and having its middle portion extending over the pivoted ends of the frames and forming a spring for closing the frames, and an articulated connection between the said frames, to hold the latter in an open locked position, substantially as shown and described.

3. An advertising sign, comprising two frames pivotally connected with each other at their upper ends, a single sheet displaying advertising matter and secured on the said frames, and having its middle portion extending over the pivoted ends of the frames and forming a spring for closing the frames, and an articulated connection between the

said frames, to hold the latter in an open locked position, the said articulated connection comprising two links pivotally connected with the frames and jointed together, each
5 link having a shoulder adapted to engage the shoulder on the other link, substantially as shown and described.

4. In an advertising sign, the combination of two frames pivotally connected at their upper parts and adapted to fold flat against each
10 other when closed and to stand in inclined po-

sitions when the sign is opened with their lower ends adapted to engage a supporting surface, a spring adapted to hold the frames normally in a closed position, and means for
15 holding the frames in their open position inclined to each other against the tension of said spring, substantially as set forth.

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