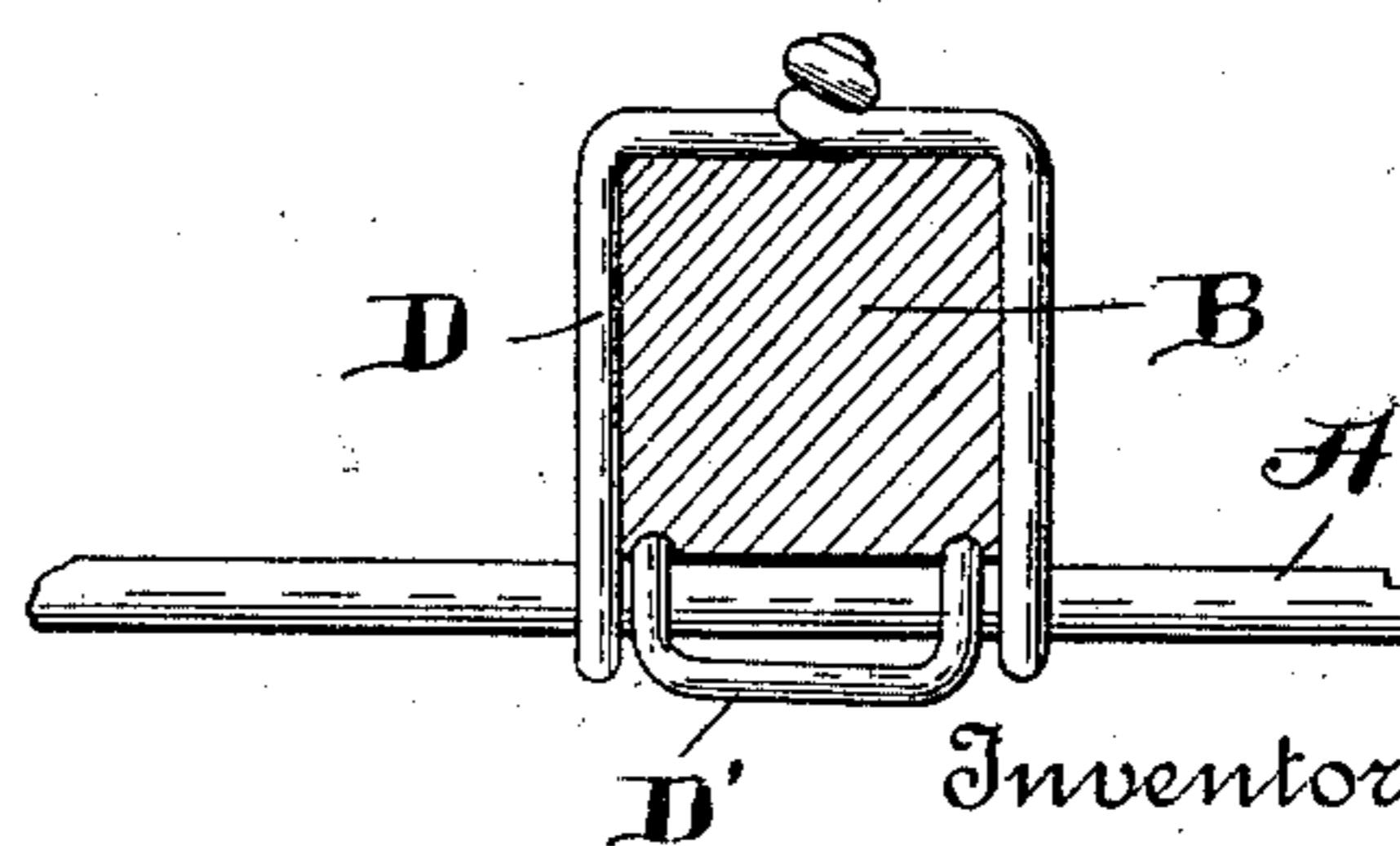
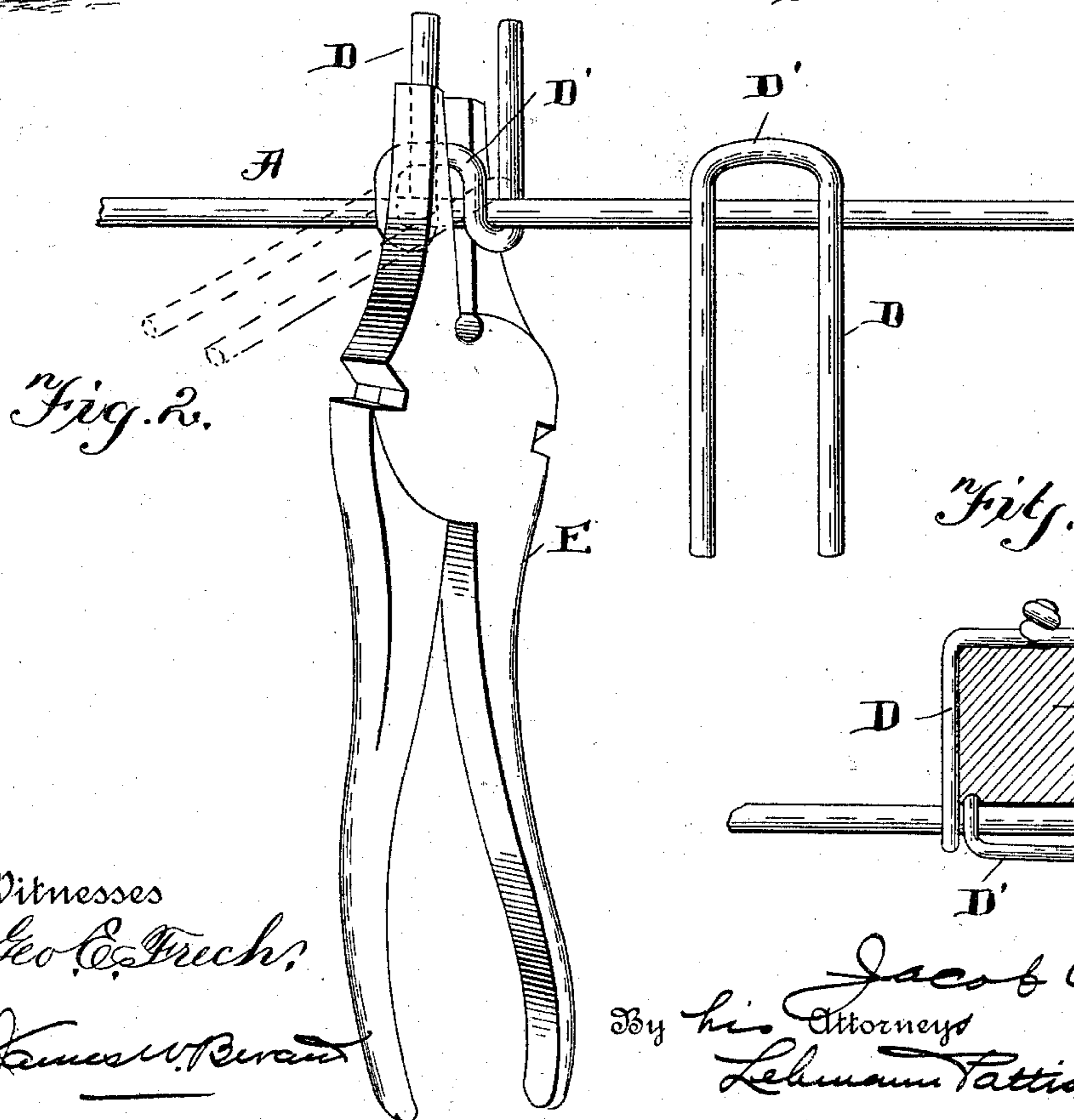
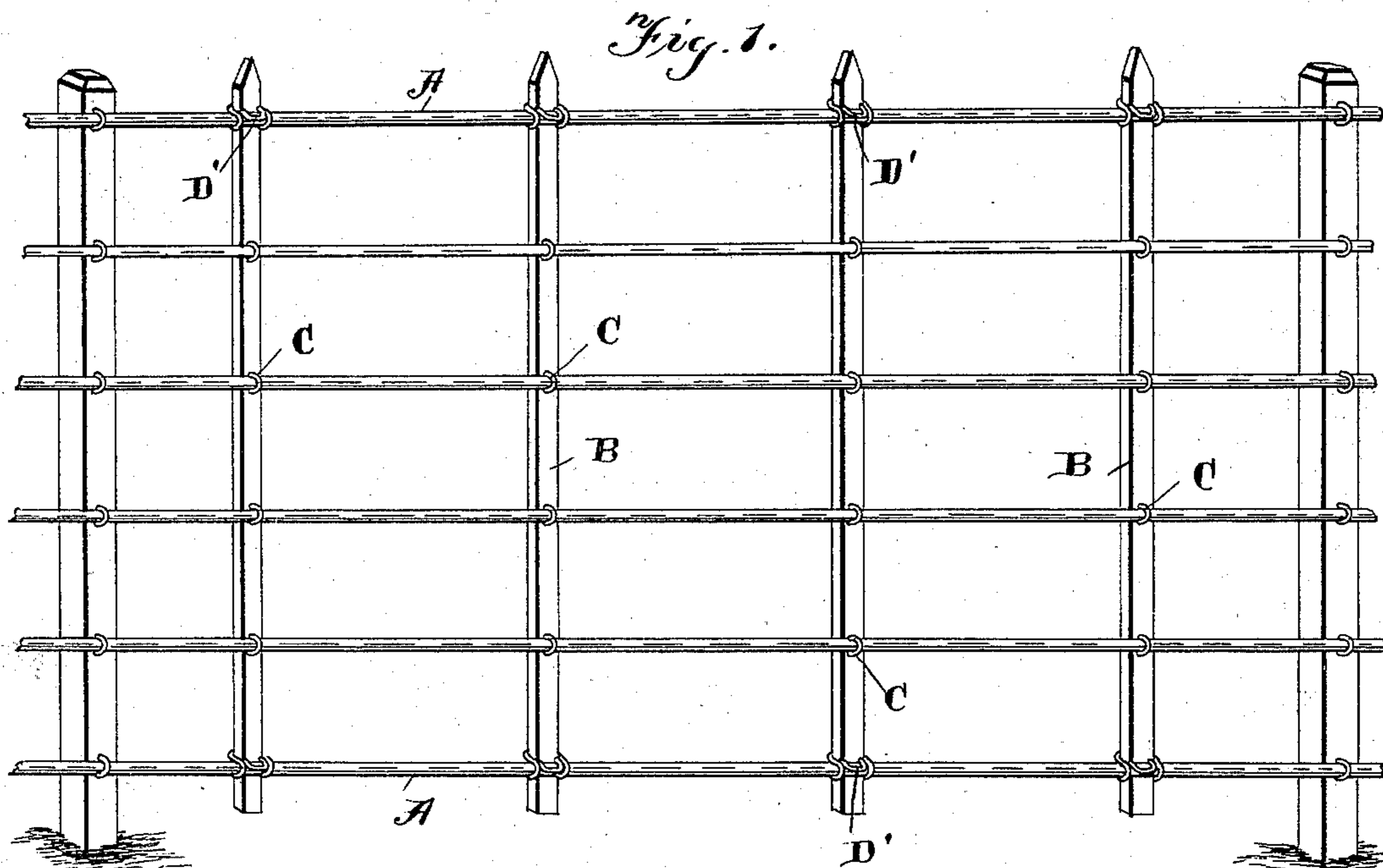


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB CAYLOR, of Ridgeville, in the county of Randolph and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Picket Fasteners; and I do hereby 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 pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improved fence-picket fastener; and the object of the same is to provide an improved device for securing pickets to the lead wires of fences.

The invention consists in the novel features of construction, which will be hereinafter fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a section of a fence constructed in accordance with my improved plan. Fig. 2 is a detailed view showing the steps in applying the holding device whereby the pickets are secured to the wires. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of one picket.

A designates the lead-wires and B the pickets. I here show the intermediate wires secured to the pickets by ordinary staples C, so that the same may be stretched independently of the pickets and thus have their tension regulated without interfering with the main picket-holding strands, which are here shown to be the upper and lower strands of the fence. By this arrangement also one or more of the intermediate strands may be omitted, if desired, by simply withdrawing the staples and thus making the fence of such proportions that poultry or small stock may pass therethrough.

A fastener D for permanently securing the pickets to the strands consists of a wire which

in blank is of U shape, as indicated in Fig. 2, and in applying the same the said U-shaped wire is first placed across the strands near its loop end, as indicated, and then the strands between the arms of the loop, as well as the cross-bar of the loop, are grasped by a pair of pliers E and the loop end of the wire thus held from turning. Each arm of the loop is coiled once, or, if desired, twice, about the strands leaving them pointing in the same direction as regards the strands as they did before any twisting was effected, the coils of the holders embedding themselves into the pickets when the same are bound to the strands by twisting together the arms of the loops around the pickets, as indicated. The loops are so formed as to size that they readily embrace the pickets to be used.

By the arrangement shown it will be readily seen that the cross-bar D' of the loop serves to hold the latter from turning while the arms thereof are coiled about the strand.

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

An improved fence-picket fastener comprising a U-shaped blank having its loop twisted around the strand as shown, the arms D extended outward from the strand with the picket positioned therebetween with its face in engagement with the convolutions of the portion of the loop twisted about the strand to prevent vertical displacement, and the extremities of arms D twisted together around the picket, substantially as shown and described.

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

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