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SPECTACLE HOLDER.

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FIG. 1.

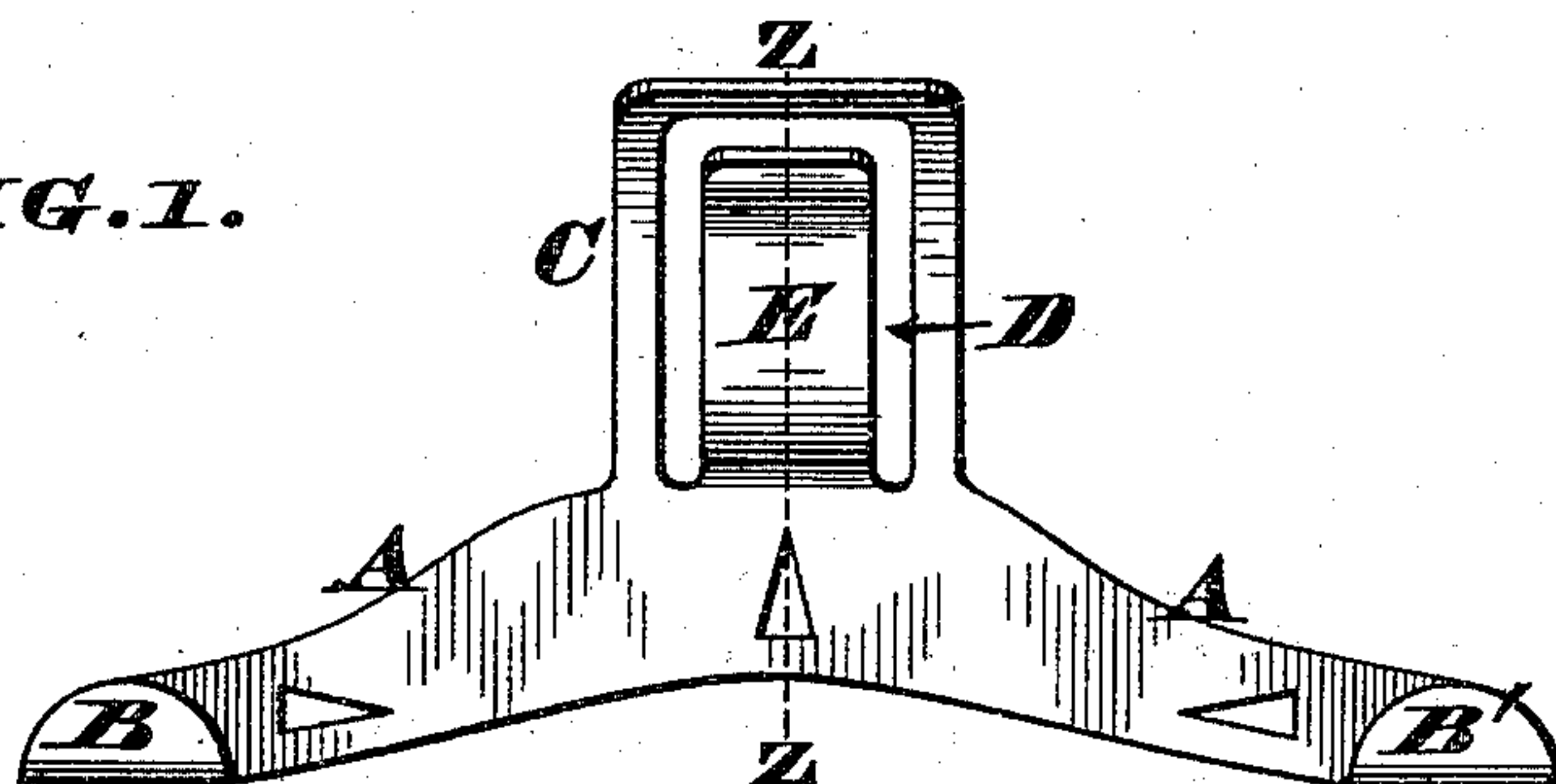


FIG. 2.

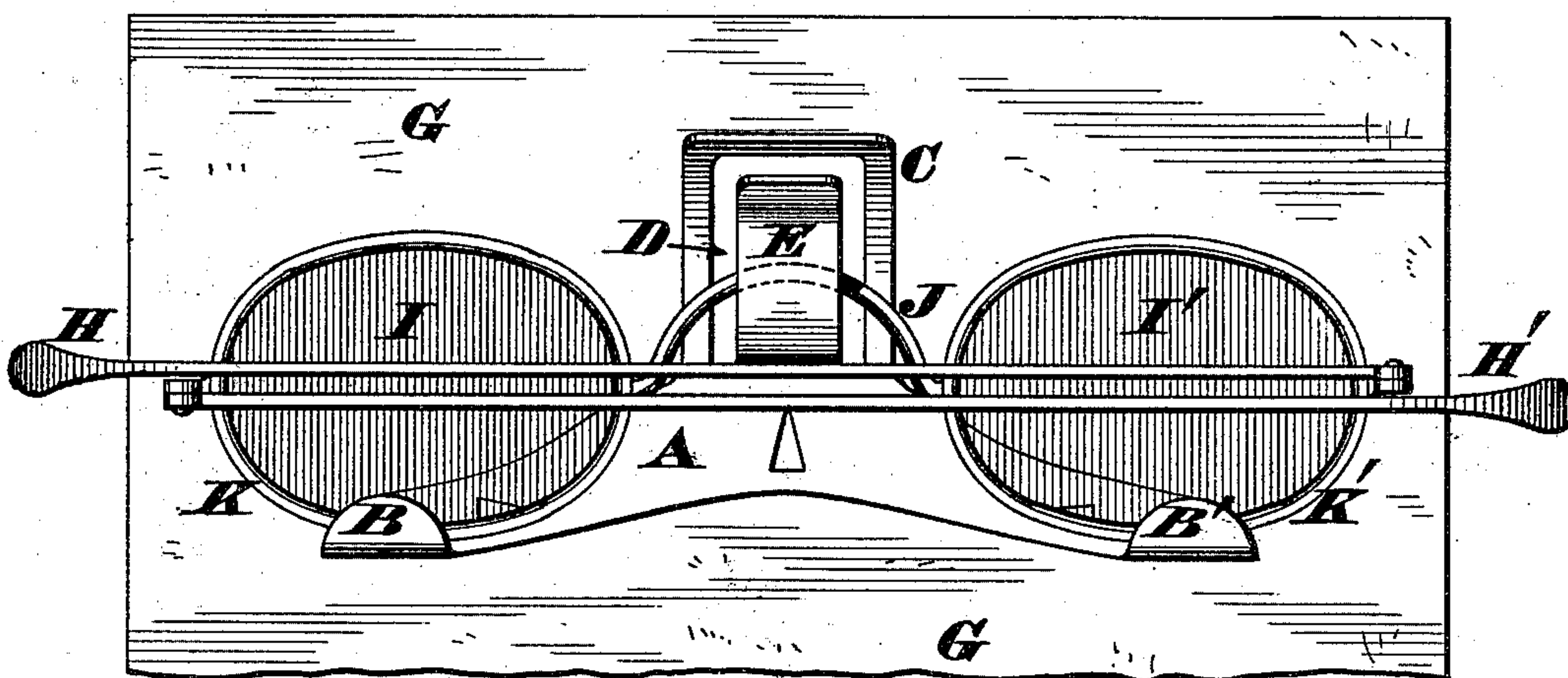


FIG. 3.

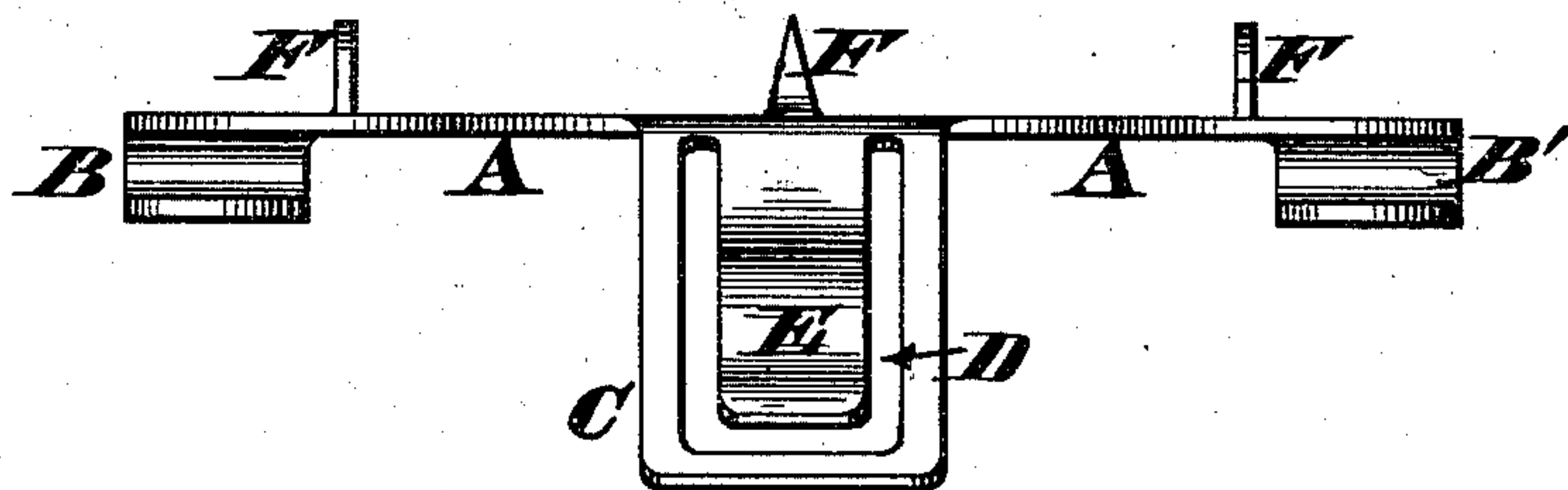
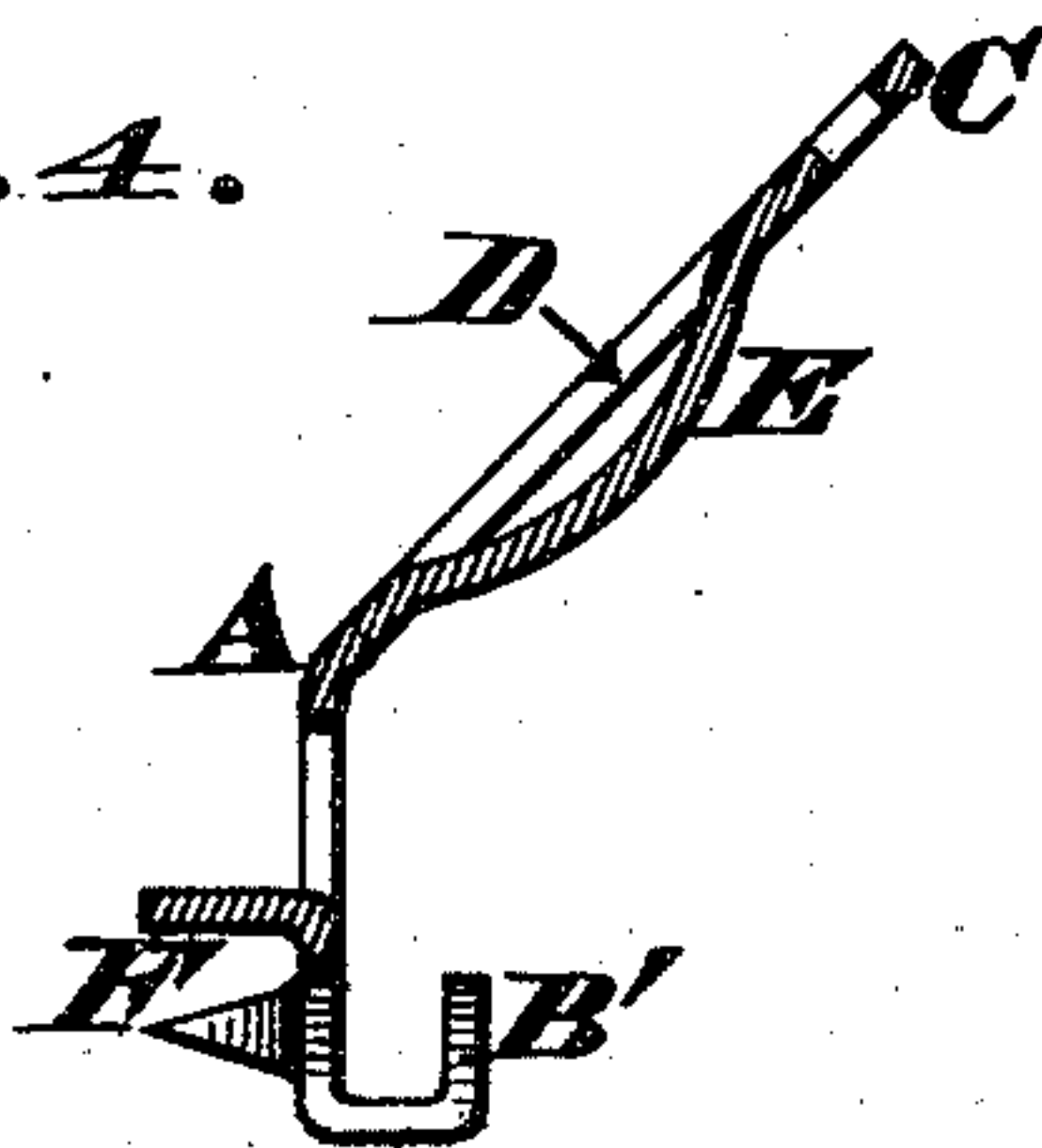


FIG. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADOLPH ZESTERMANN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Spectacle-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, reference being had to the annexed drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention comprises a cheap, simple, and handy device for holding a pair of closed spectacles, the device being intended more especially for the use of dealers in such optical instruments, in order that they may be completely and yet securely displayed in show-cases, windows, &c., the details of the improvement being hereinafter more fully described.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the aforesaid holder. Fig. 2 is a similar view, but showing the holder attached to a piece of card or other backing and a pair of spectacles applied to the device. Fig. 3 is a plan of the holder. Fig. 4 is a vertical section of the same, taken at the line Z Z of Fig. 1.

My holder is made from a single piece of thin sheet metal and includes a plate A of any appropriate shape, with a pair of sockets B B' at its ends, the upper central portion of said plate being inclined forward at C and so slotted at D as to afford a spring-tongue E, as more clearly seen in Fig. 4. Furthermore, this plate has a number of triangular cuts made in it to produce rearwardly-projecting tangs F, wherewith the holder is readily and yet securely attached to a piece of cardboard G or other backing or support.

Quite a number of these holders are fastened to a card by passing the tangs F through the latter and then bending them down flatly against the back of said card, after which act the spectacles are applied in the following manner, the spectacles are first closed, so as to bring their temple-bars H H' against the

back of the glasses I I', and then the bridge J is engaged with the tongue E, while the bows K K' are seated within the sockets B B', as seen in Fig. 2. Consequently the spectacles are so applied to the card as to be exposed in the most complete manner, while at the same time there is no danger of them being rubbed against other glasses on the same card. Furthermore, it is evident any pair of spectacles on the card can be almost instantly detached by simply lifting them up bodily, which act disengages the bridge J from the tongue E and withdrawing the bows K K' from their respective sockets B B'. It is also evident that owing to the length of the tongue E, and to the fact that its upper or free end is open, any sized spectacle can be applied to my holder without changing or adjusting the latter in any manner whatever.

Other fastenings than the tangs F may be employed, and in some cases a pin may be pivoted to the back of the plate A to enable the holder being secured to a person's coat or other garment.

Finally, the holder may be plated or ornamented in any suitable manner to render it attractive and salable.

I claim as my invention—

As a new article of manufacture, a spectacle-holder consisting of the plate A, having a pair of upturned-sockets B, B'; an upper, central portion C, inclining forward; a slot D, near the sides and top of said inclined portion C; and an integral-tongue E projecting from the plate A, the upper end of said tongue being free, to enable the detachment of the spectacles by lifting them bodily upward, all as herein described.

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

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