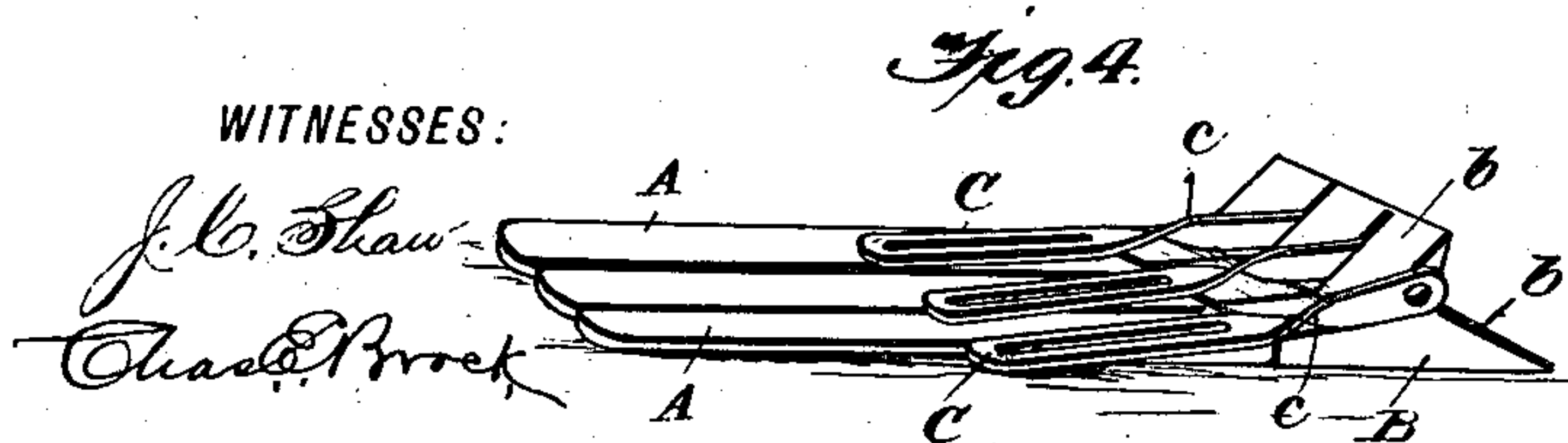
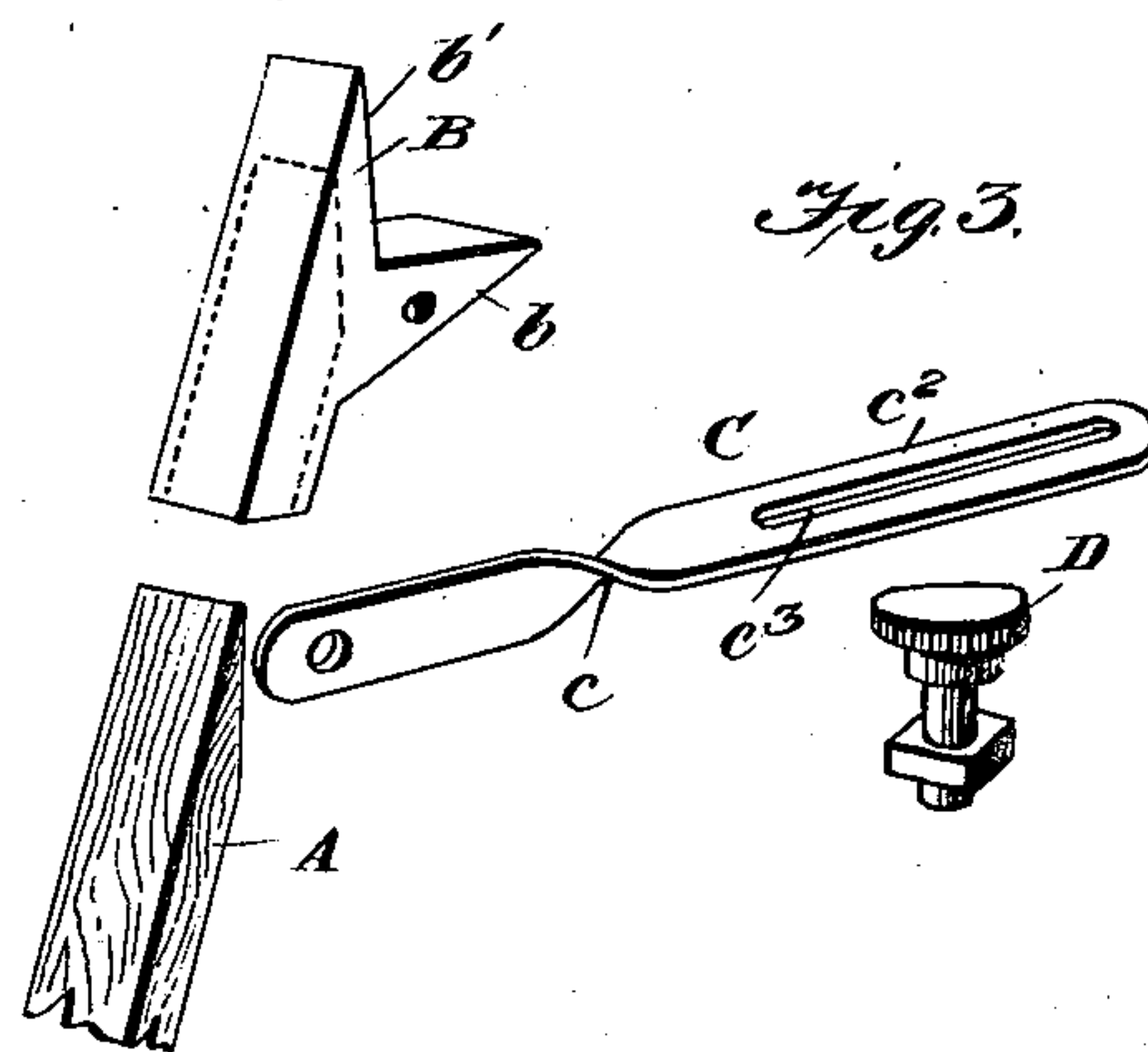
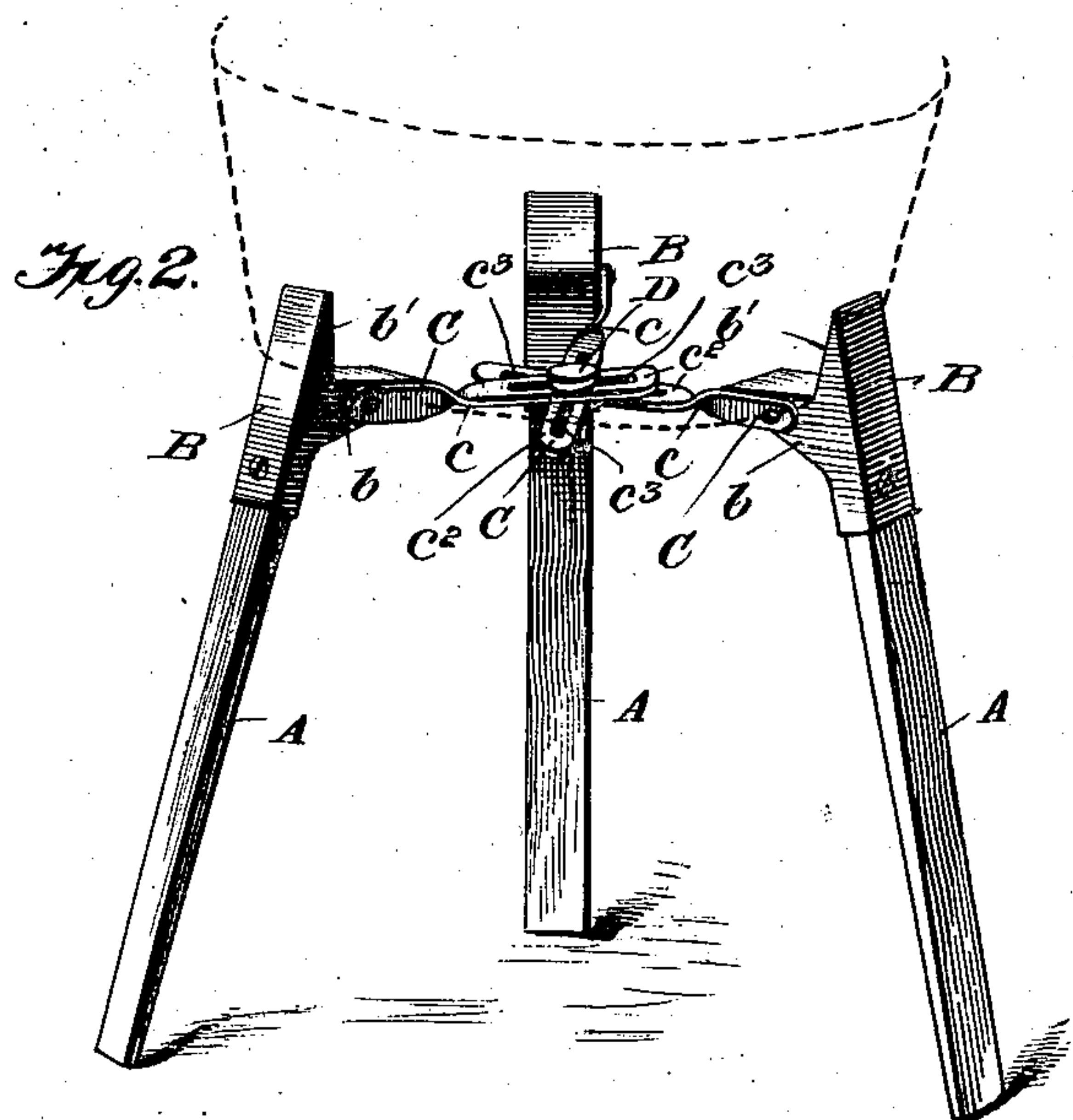


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MICHAEL HOFFMAN, residing at Dubuque, in the county of Dubuque and State of Iowa, have invented a new and Improved Washtub-Stand, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is in the nature of an adjustable stand for washtubs; and it primarily has for its object to provide a support of this character of a simple and economical construction, which can be adjusted to support a tub of either thirteen inches or forty inches in diameter.

My invention also has for its object to provide a tub-support formed of detachable members which can be compactly folded when not in use and which when set to their extended position will effectually serve for their intended purpose.

With other minor objects in view, which hereinafter will appear, the invention consists in a tub-support embodying the peculiar combination and novel arrangement of parts described in detail, and then specifically pointed out in the appended claim, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view illustrating my invention as in use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the support, the tub being shown in place in dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the several parts detached. Fig. 4 is a view showing the support folded up.

My improved support or stand comprises three wooden-leg members A, and the upper ends are beveled or cut to fit cast-metal sockets B, which have integral horizontal bracket portions *b* and upper ends having their inner faces inclined, as shown at *b'*, to the more positively engage the inclined outer sides of the tub. To the metal portions *b* are pivotally secured the adjustable arms C, formed,

preferably, of strap-iron twisted at *c*, whereby to form bearing-faces at right angles to each other, the faces *c*² having longitudinal slots *c*³, as shown.

By referring now more particularly to Fig. 2 it will be seen the several arms C are made to cross each other at the center and are made fast by a suitable set-screw D. By such construction and arrangement of parts it is manifest that the legs can be extended or brought close together, as may be required.

In use after the legs have been set so the brackets *b* will form the supports for the tub the weight of the tub will serve to press the upper ends of the members B tightly against the sides of the tub and in consequence keep the legs A forced outward. When not in use, the members C can be disconnected from each other and allowed to swing down and thereby admit of the several parts being compactly arranged, as shown in Fig. 4.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the advantages of my improvement will be readily apparent. The same, while of very inexpensive nature, will serve as a support for any of the ordinary sizes of washtubs now in general use.

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

The combination of the legs A, the sockets B having brackets *b* and top members having inclined bearing-faces, the arms C pivoted to the brackets *b*, and having longitudinal slots and the set-screw D all arranged substantially as shown and described.

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