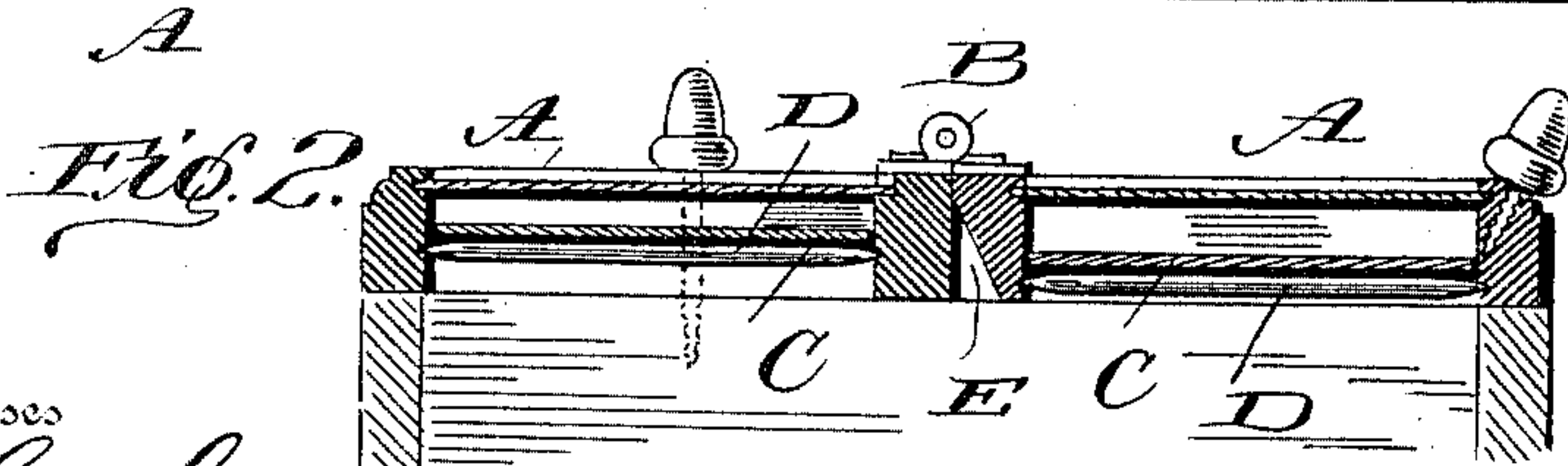
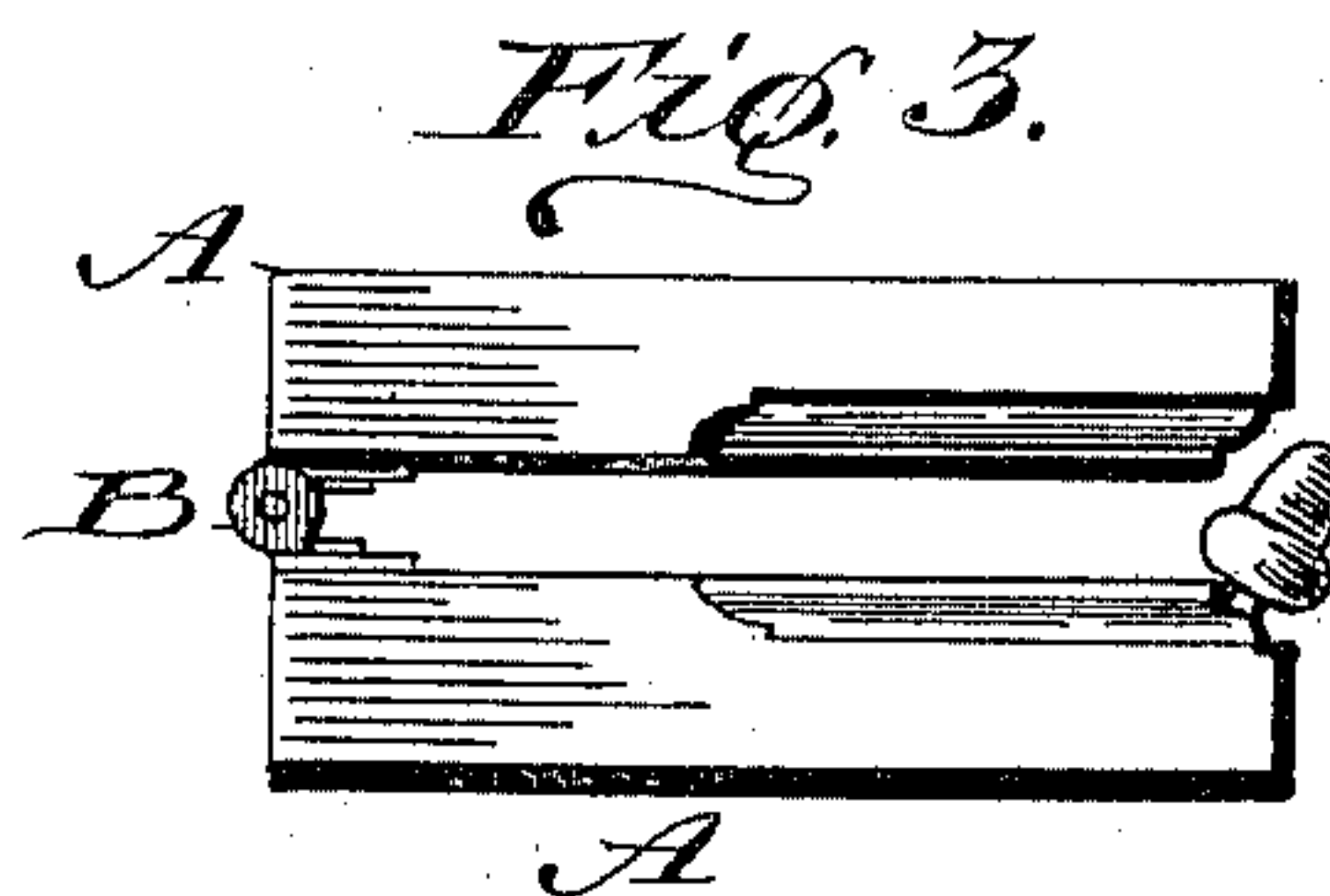
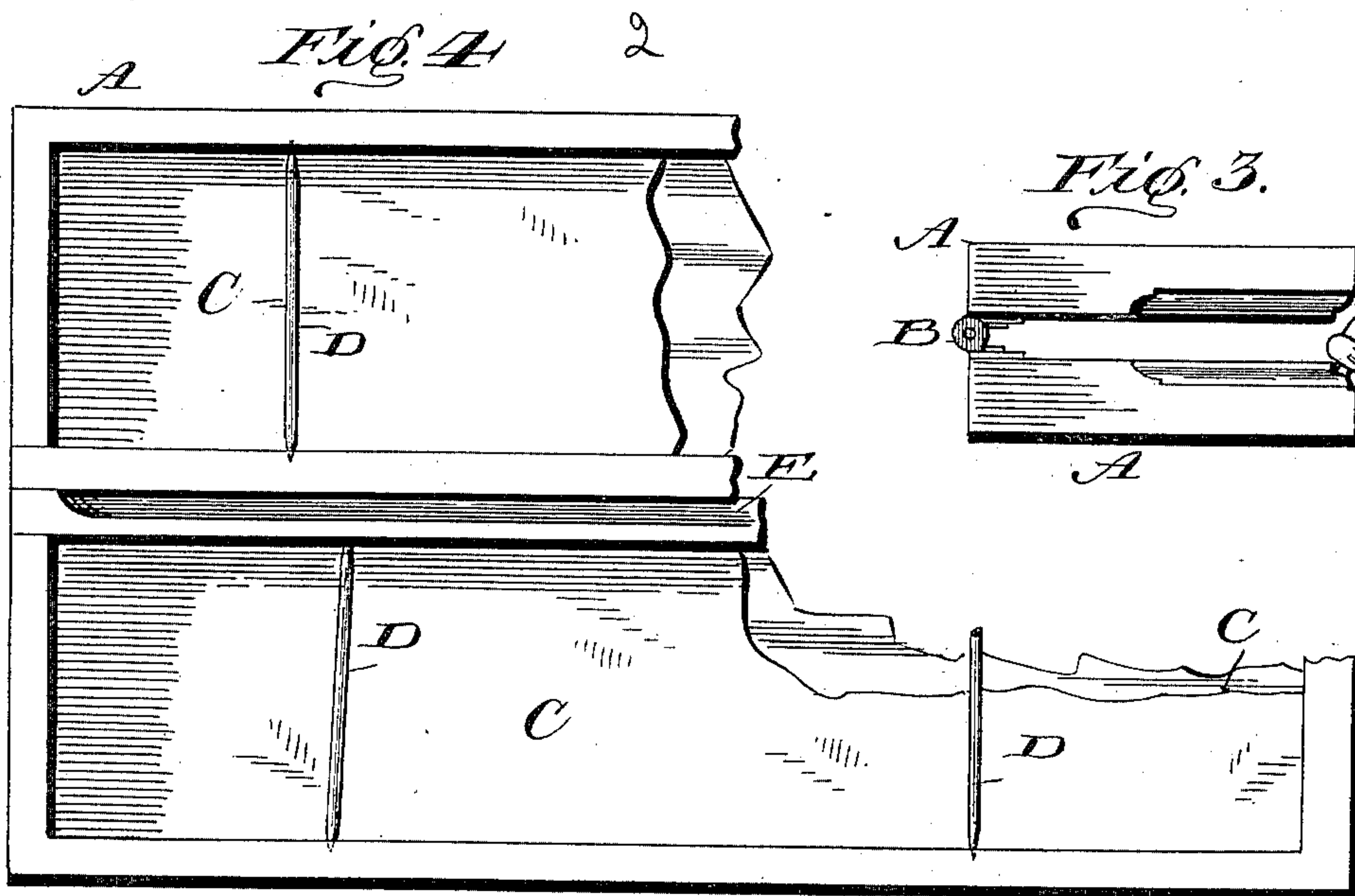
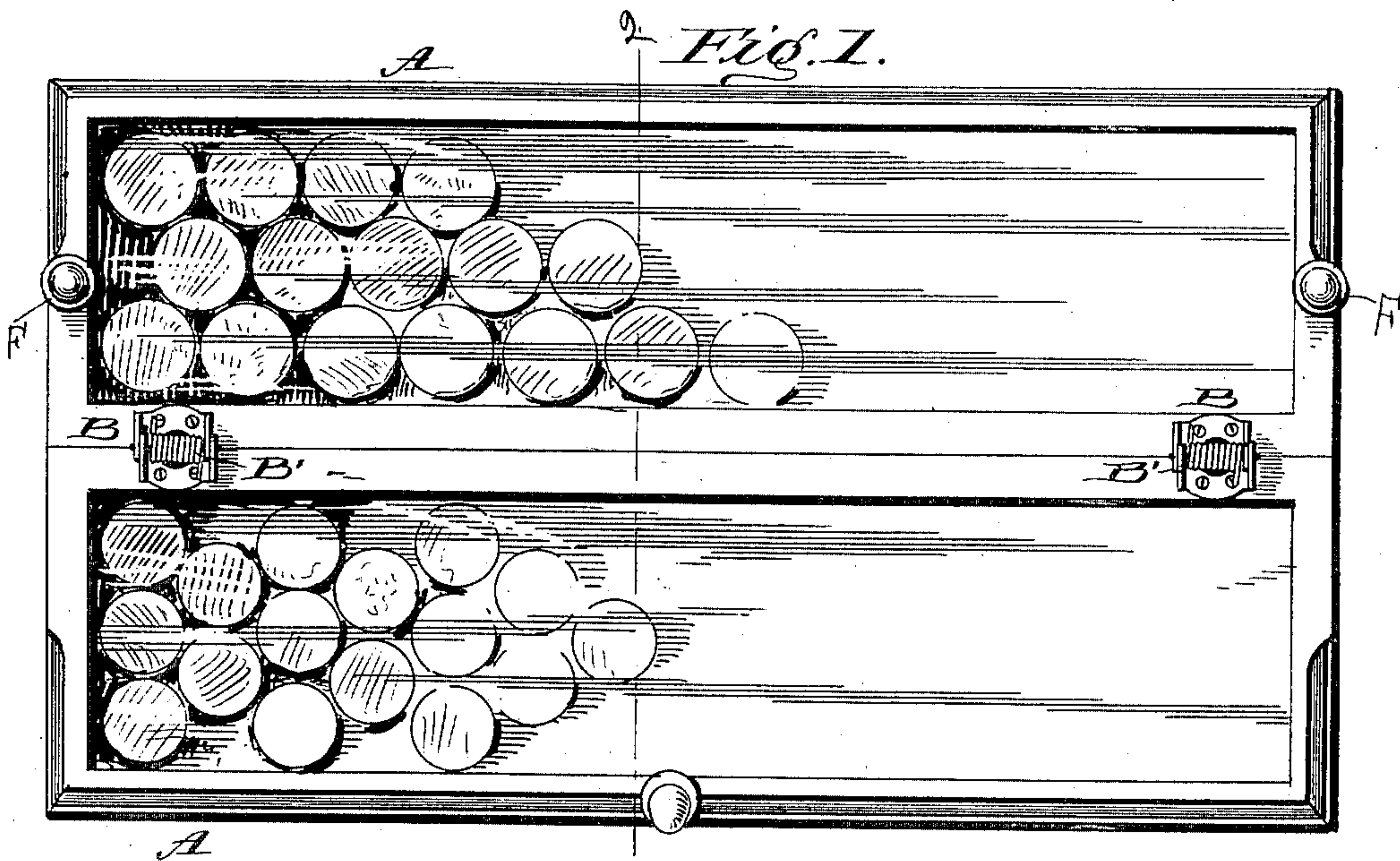


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE M. HUDSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Birmingham, in the county of Jefferson and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display Box-Covers; and I do 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 appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in display box-covers; and my aim is to generally improve upon and simplify the construction of the display-top upon which I have been granted Letters Patent in the United States numbered 573,661; and in carrying out the present invention I dispense with certain attachments which are found not to be as practical as the construction which I am now employing, and in so doing I provide a novel means of holding in the board which holds in place the articles to be displayed and which consists in making the top in two sections hinged together, with the longitudinal sides being adapted to be sprung laterally to allow the pointed retaining-rods to engage securely in the said strips to hold the backing-board securely in its place within the display-top.

A further part of the invention resides in the provision of suitable spring-hinges, which are so adjusted as to allow one of the sections of the top to be held open without the employment of a support and also to hold the section of the top closed over the top of the box under the tension of the spring forming a part of the hinges.

In connection with the foregoing features it is my purpose to bevel the inner longitudinal edges of the display-top, so as to allow crumbs to fall back into the box upon which the top is adjusted when put either edgewise or stacked up.

To these ends and to such others as the invention may pertain the same consists, further, in the novel construction, combination,

and adaptation of the parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and then specifically defined in the appended claim.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which drawings similar letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my improved display-top. Fig. 2 is a transverse section on line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the top, one section being folded upon the other. Fig. 4 is an under plan view showing the manner of holding the retaining-board.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter, A represents two complementary sections of the display-top, which are made of suitable size to fit the top of a cracker or other box to which it is desired to apply the top, and the said sections are provided with spring-hinges B, which carry on their pivotal pin a spring B', the ends of which bear against the hinged sections secured to the adjacent edges of the sections forming the display-top. By the provision of these springs the top may be held back open in any suitable position under the tension of the springs without the necessity of the employment of other supports, and when the sections of the top are closed the tension of the spring will have a tendency to hold the hinged sections snugly over the top of the box, preventing any dust entering the box.

Located in each section of the display-top is a retaining-board C, which is held in place by means of the pointed bars D. These bars are adjusted in place, after the articles to be displayed are placed within the tops between the outer glass plate and the said retaining-board, by means of springing the longitudinal sides of the section laterally and placing the said bars transversely across the back of the display-board and allowing the sides to spring back on the points of the bars, which will be forced into the edges of the strips and securely hold the board in place. While the drawings show but two of these spring-bars, any number may be used which are found to be necessary to hold the board in its proper

position. When it is desired to remove the said retaining-board, the sides may be sprung outwardly slightly enough to release the points of the bars from the edges, and they
5 may then be readily removed, as will be clearly understood.

One or both of the adjacent hinged edges of the display box-top may be beveled, as shown at E, which is provided to allow any
10 crumbs which may drop on the edge to fall back into the box.

In order to hold the display box-top temporarily to a box, I provide the adjusting thumb-screws F, which pass down through the
15 ends of one of the hinged sections of the top and are adapted to engage in the upper edge of the cracker or other box.

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

In a display-top for boxes, the combination 20 with the complementary sections connected together with spring-hinges, of the retaining-boards C, the double-pointed rods D transversely disposed with reference to the sections, over the ends of which rods, the longi- 25 tudinal strips of the sections, are designed to be sprung to retain the board within the section, substantially as shown and described.

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

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