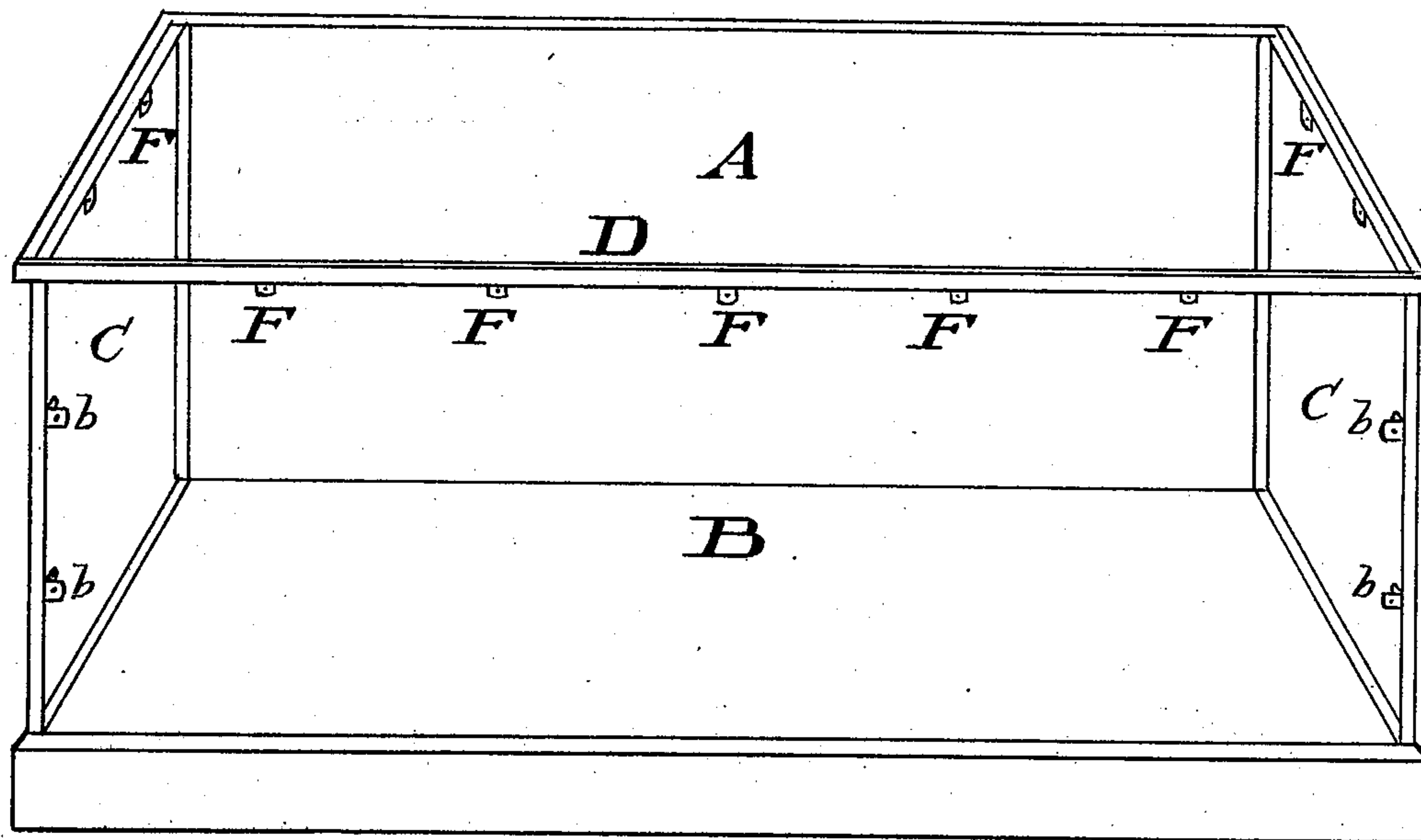


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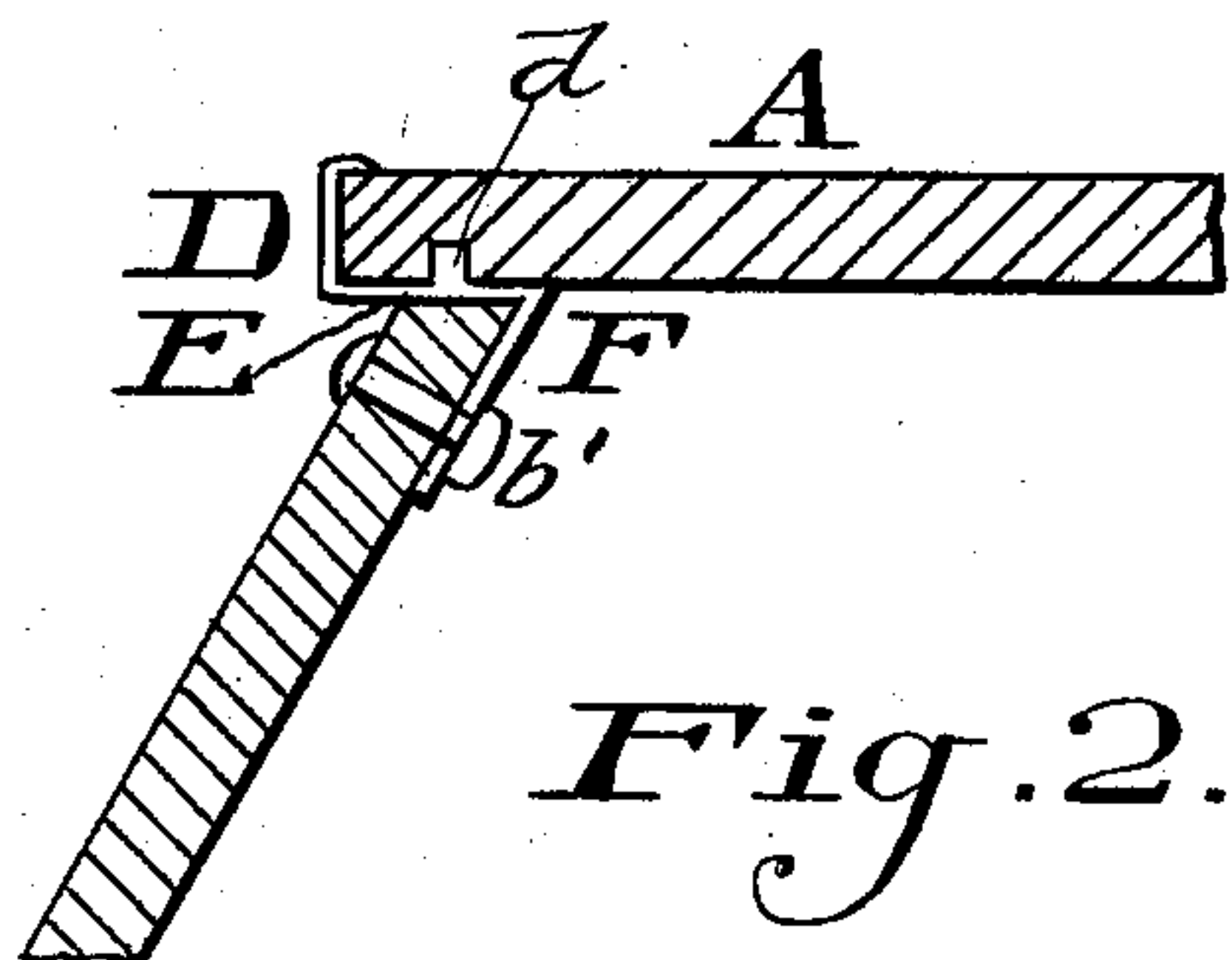
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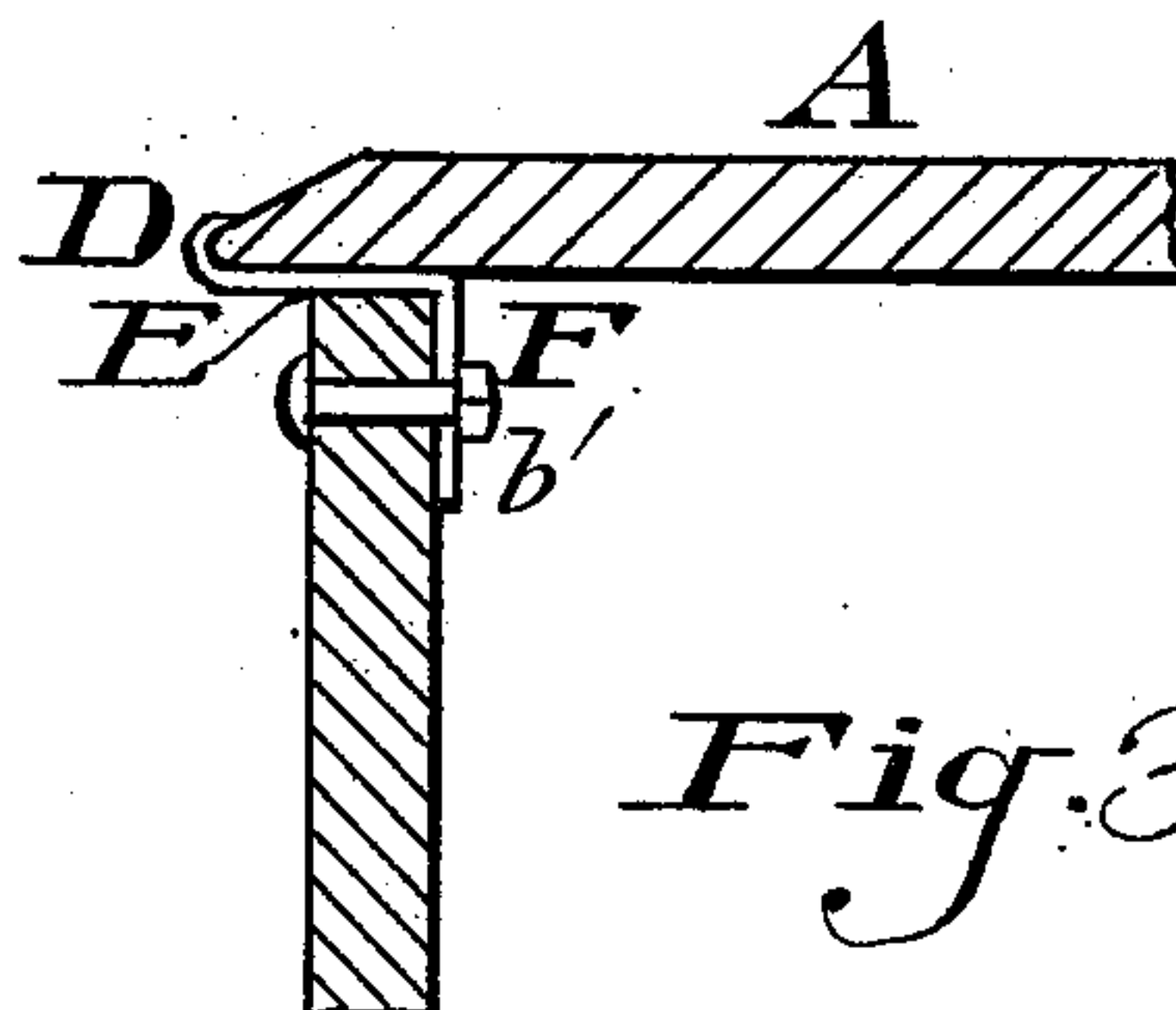
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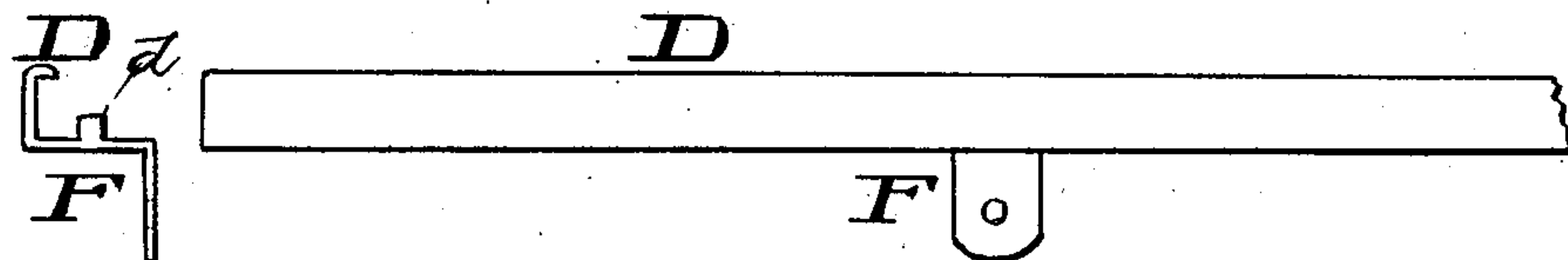
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*

*Fig. 5.*

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## SHOW-CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FENIMORE C. BATE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Binding-Strip for Show-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to glass show-cases, and has for its object to provide a protection for the edges of the top glass plate; and it consists of a strip of metal or other suitable material adapted to cover the edge of the glass plate as well as to bind the glass plates together, constructed and applied substantially as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a glass show-case containing my improvement. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of two plates of glass joined by my improved strip. Fig. 3 is a like view showing the top plate as having a beveled edge. Fig. 4 is a front view of a portion of the strip with one of the depending fastening-lugs. Fig. 5 is an end view of the same.

In all glass show-cases the edges of the top plate are liable to get scratched, marred, or chipped by persons leaning against them or otherwise and destroying their finish and beauty. The purpose of my improvement is to obviate this by providing a suitable protection.

A represents the top plate, B the front plate, and C C the end plates, of a show-case. The plates B and C are secured together by means of small metal clips and bolts *b b*. The

edges of the top plate project over the side and ends.

D, Figs. 4 and 5, is a strip of metal or other suitable material bent to form a groove or channel into which the edges of the top plate will fit, and has an under lap E, which lies between the top edge of front plate B and the top plate A.

F F are perforated lugs depending from the inner edge of the lap E, through which and the glass plate the bolts *b'* pass for securing said plates together. The said lugs may be bent to hold the plates together at different angles, as seen in Figs. 2 and 3.

*d* are dowel-points on the lap-strip, fitting in holes in the under side of the top plate A to prevent said plate slipping.

In Fig. 3 the top plate is shown as having a beveled edge, and the strip D has a narrow bend for fitting over the narrow edge of said plate. The front surface of the strip D may be made ornamental in any suitable design and present a pleasing finish. Cement may be used with the strip for making a dust-proof joint.

Having described my invention, I claim—

In a show-case the combination with the glass plates forming the top and front, of channeled protection binding-strip D, having lugs F, dowels *d*, and bolts *b'*, substantially as described.

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