

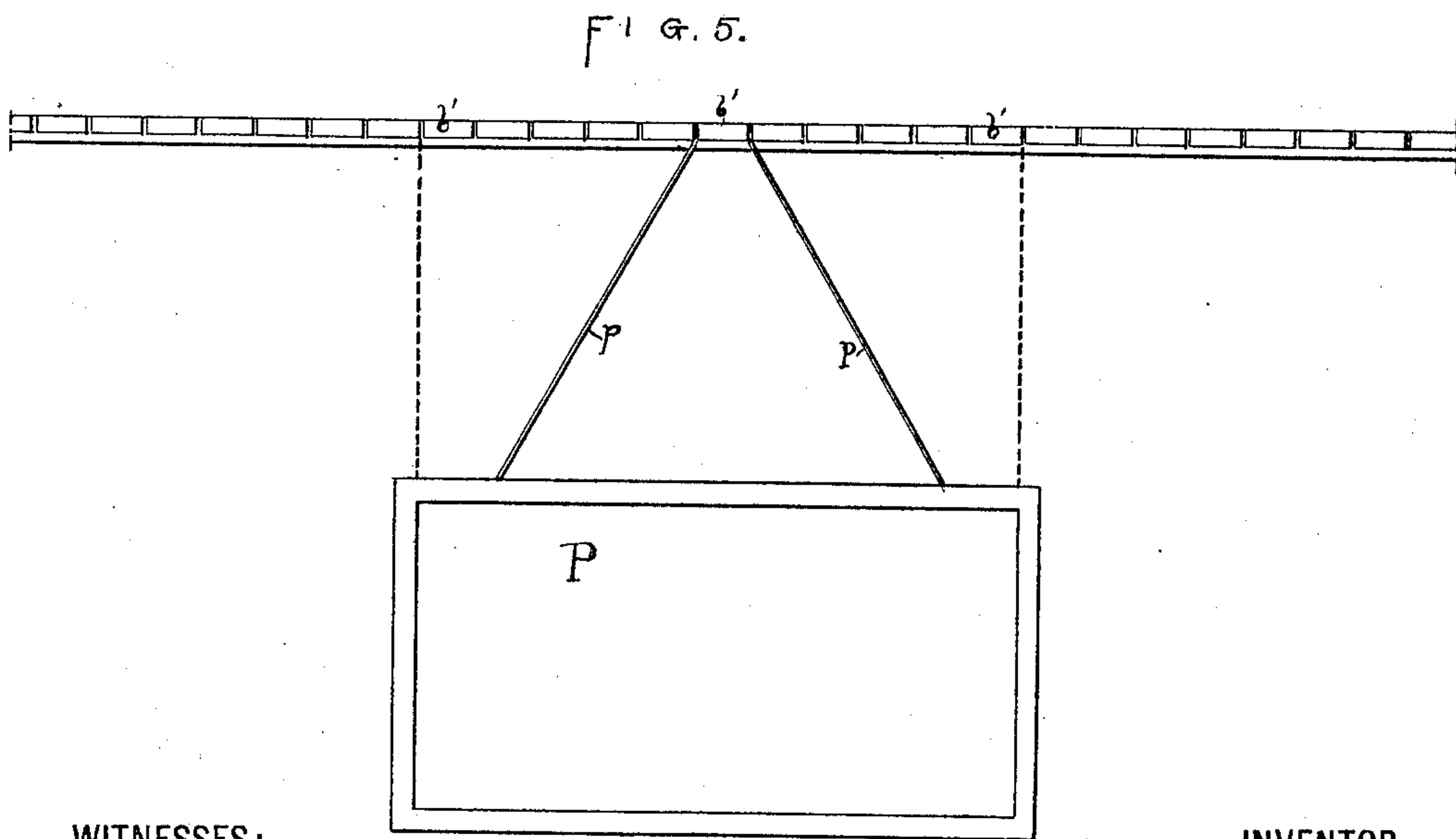
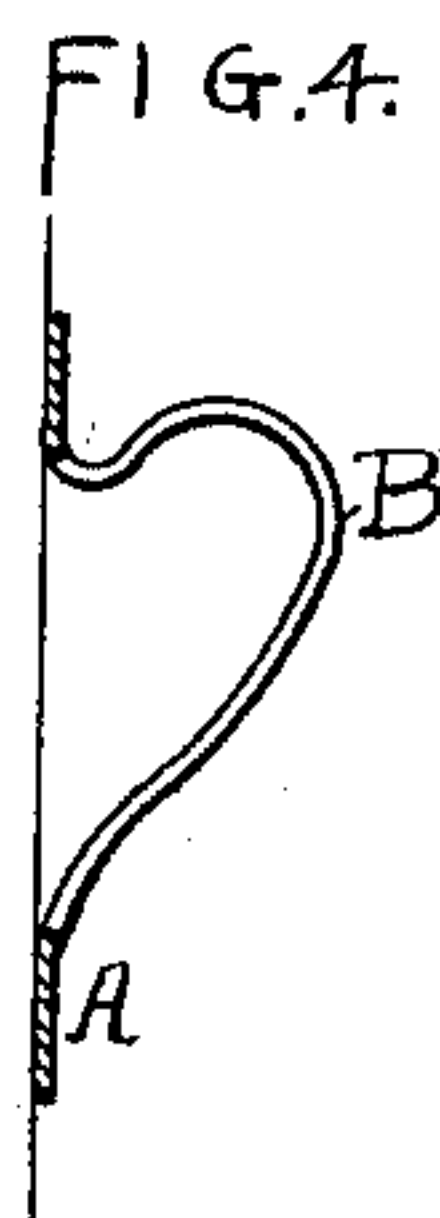
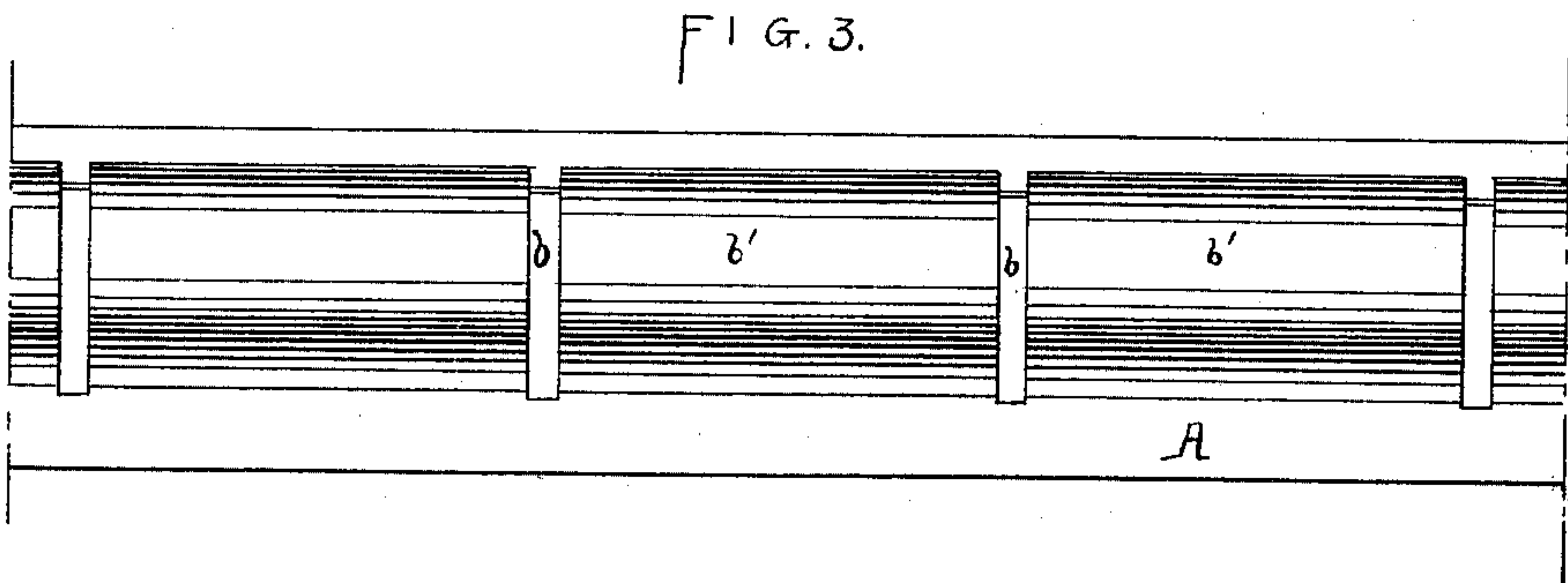
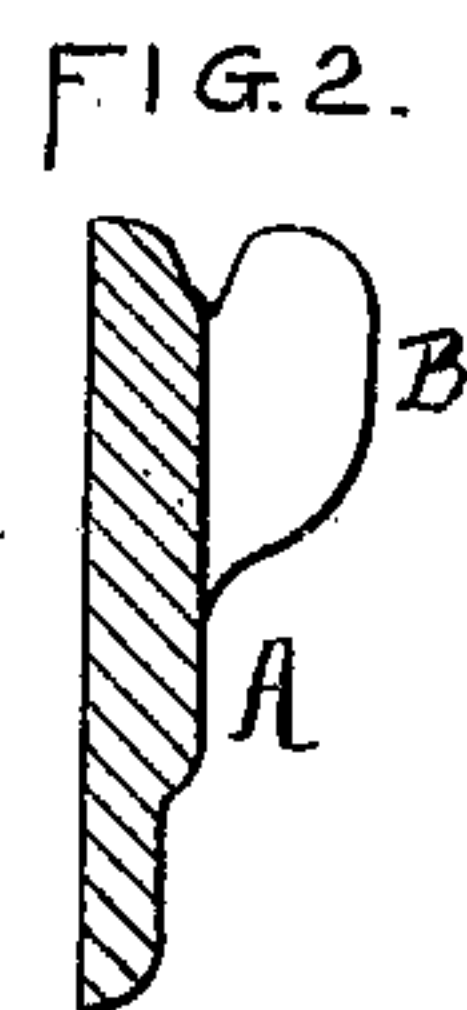
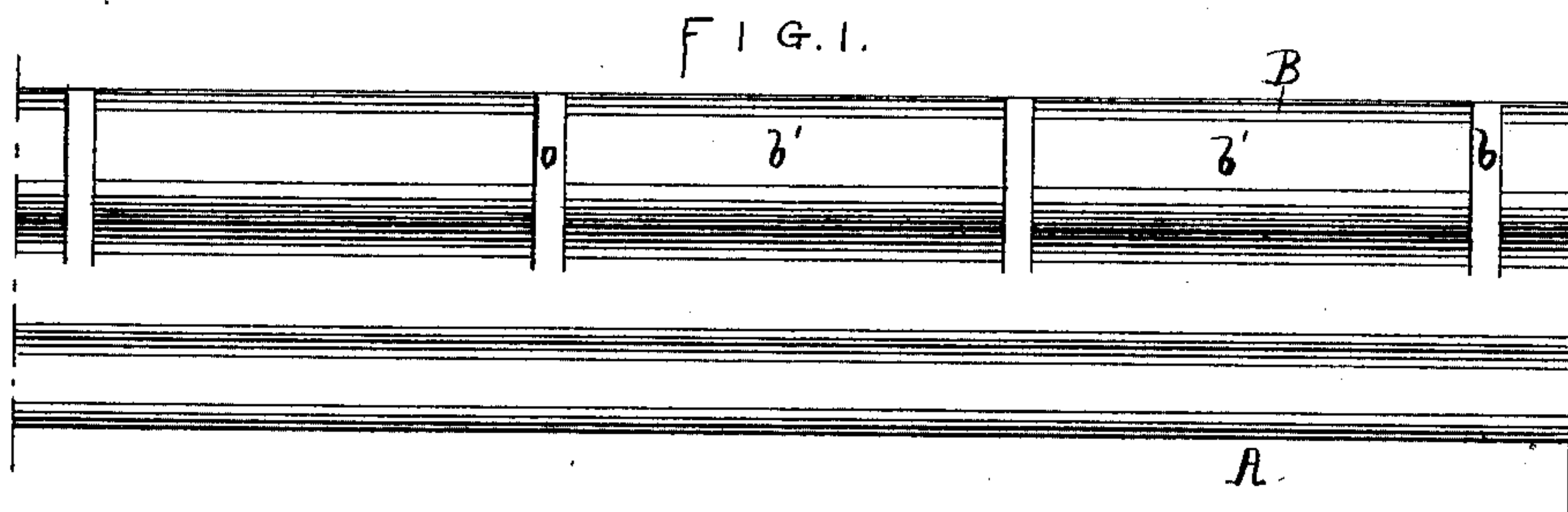
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## PICTURE-MOLDING.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. COWL, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in New York city, county of New York, State of New York, have invented Improvements in Picture-Moldings, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to so construct a picture-rail or picture-molding for walls that the pictures can be hung directly on the rail or molding itself, thereby dispensing with the need of the detachable hooks ordinarily used in connection with picture-rails. This object I attain as hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a face view of a length of wooden picture-rail embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same. Fig. 3 is a face view of a length of metallic picture-rail embodying my invention. Fig. 4 is a cross-section of the same, and Fig. 5 is a view of my picture-rail drawn to a smaller scale and showing how pictures may be suspended from it.

The essential feature of my invention consists in the construction of what serves as a suspension-hook out of the body of the material of the rail or molding itself. As the preferable way of accomplishing this I form in the face of the raised portion or projecting bead of the molding or rail notches or recesses at suitable intervals, thus forming of the parts of the beads between the notches hook-like projections for the reception and suspension of picture-cords.

The molding or rail may be made of wood or metal, as may be found preferable, and be of any suitable shape and any suitable length

and have any suitable ornamentation. In Figs. 1 and 2 I have shown a suitable form of wooden molding A, with a projecting bead B. At suitable intervals I cut through this bead transverse notches *b* at right angles or at any other suitable angle to the length of the rail and to a depth sufficient to make the intermediate portions or sections *b'* of the bead adapted to act as suspension-hooks for the cords of pictures, mirrors, &c. The cord *p* of the picture P may be hooked over and suspended from one of these sections *b'*, as shown by full lines in Fig. 5, or may be hooked over several of the sections *b'*, as indicated by dotted lines in that figure.

In Figs. 3 and 4 I have shown how the molding may be made of metal—as, for instance, stamped or rolled sheet-steel.

The construction of molding or rail described affords a direct and strong support for the picture-cord, while adding to rather than detracting from the ornamental character of the molding, and at the same time the detachable hooks ordinarily used are dispensed with.

I claim as my invention—

A picture molding or rail having notches cut in the projecting beading at intervals to produce suspension-hooks for the picture-cords, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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