

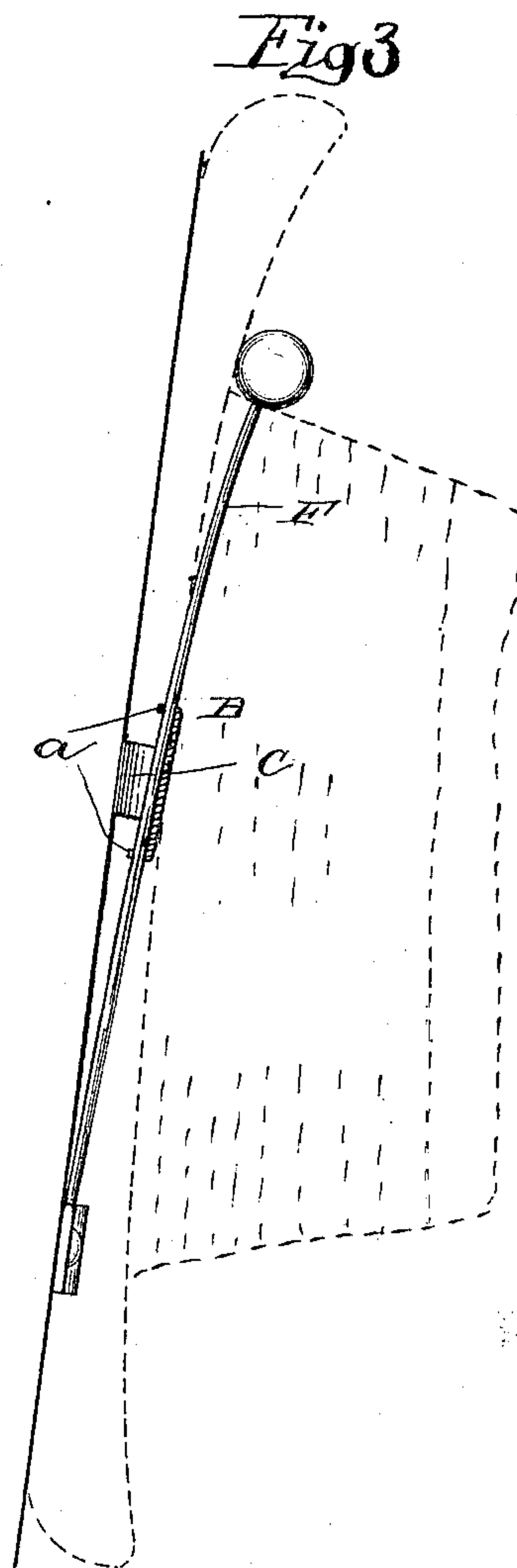
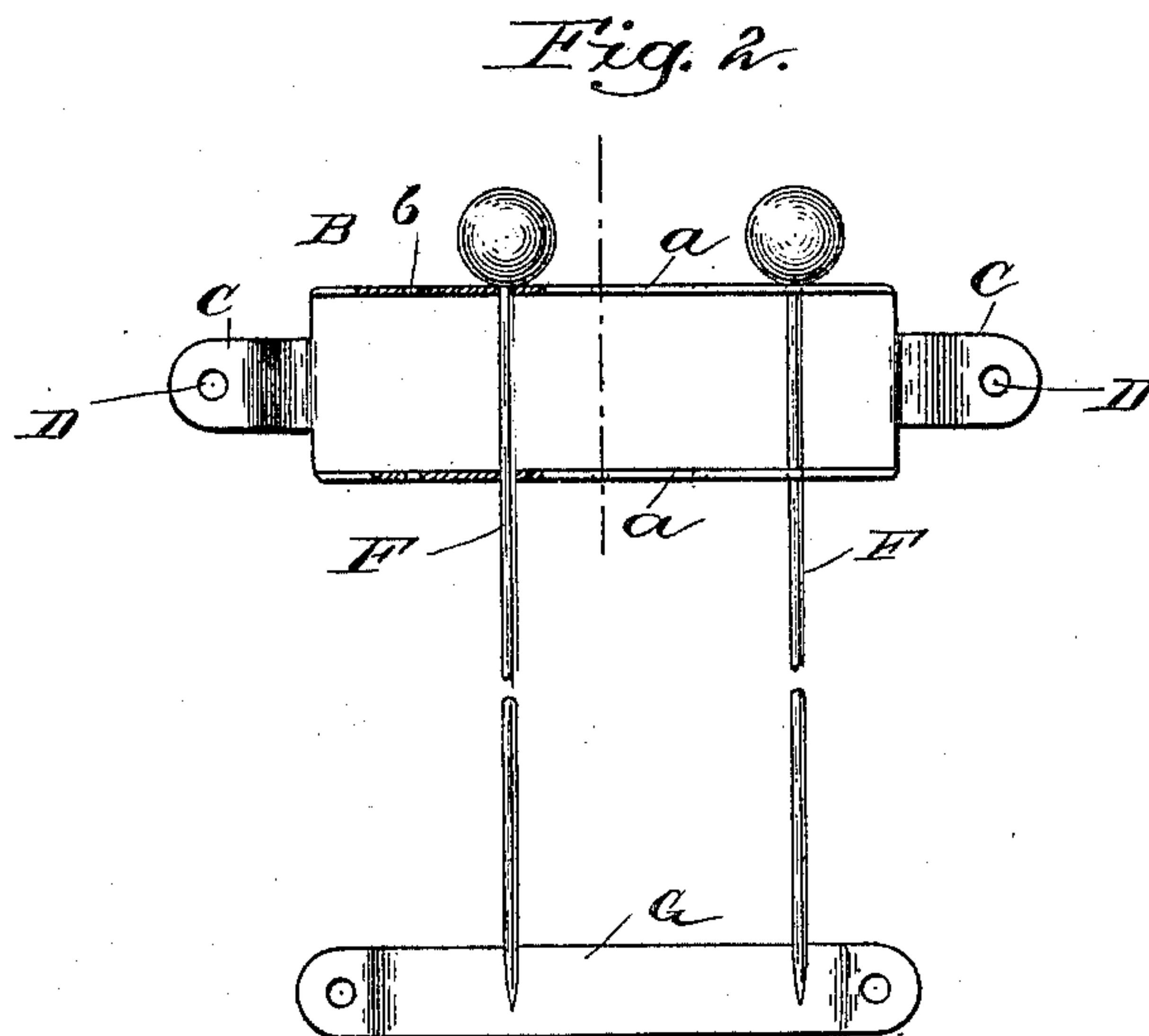
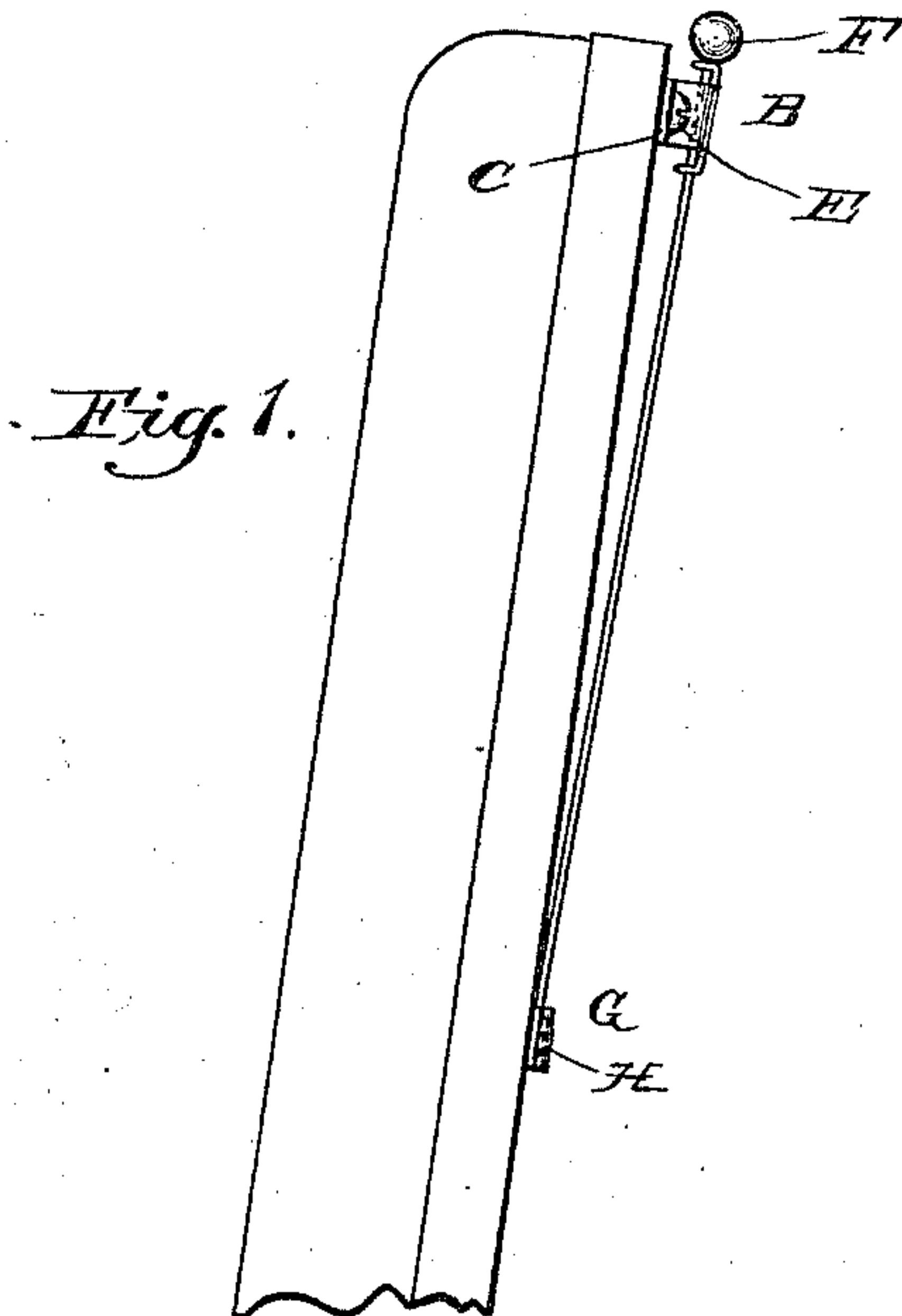
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## HAT-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FLORA J. SHEA, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brookline, county of Norfolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Hat-Holders, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

Ladies attending the opera, theater, &c., now commonly remove their hats and hold them, much to their discomfort.

The invention herein to be described has been devised to hold ladies' hats. The holder consists of a plate adapted to receive the shank of a hat-pin which may yet be in a hat, the plate being adapted to be secured to the back of a chair or other object.

Figure 1 shows part of the back of a chair with my improved holder connected therewith, the holder sustaining a hat-pin. Fig. 2 is a rear side view of the holder, partially broken out and containing two hat-pins, the drawing also showing a point-guard connected with the back of the chair. Fig. 3 illustrates the holder in use.

In the drawings, A represents the back of a chair such as used in theaters.

My improved holder B as herein embodied in one of the best forms now known to me consists of a metallic plate which may have extended from it ears C, preferably formed at an angle to the plate, as shown, and provided with screw-holes D for the reception of screws E, by which to confine it in working position. The metal used may be in the form of sheet metal bent over or flanged at its upper or lower ends, as at *a*, the flanges so formed being provided with openings *b* of any desired number for the reception of the shanks of hat-pins F of any usual kind. The openings for the pins inserted in the holes will stand at an angle with relation to the rear side of the back A of the chair, (see Figs. 1 and 3,) so that the points of the pins will meet, or substantially so, the back of the chair. The points of the pins may pass behind a point-guard G, secured to the chair-back by usual screws H.

It will be obvious that the holder might be made of a solid or thick bar of metal having suitable openings for the passage of the shanks of the hat-pins.

A lady on arriving in the theater may with-

draw the hat-pin partially and remove her hat and then may place the hat against the back of the chair and insert the point of the pin in one of the openings of the holder, thus confining the hat in place, as represented in Fig. 3.

It will be obvious that the hat in Fig. 3 might be further slid down upon the back of the chair, so that the hat would practically contact with the upper edge of the holder.

If more than one hat-pin is used, they may be removed and put into any of the openings of the holder before finally pinning the hat to the holder.

If desired, part of the lining of the hat may be turned outwardly and a pin withdrawn from the hat, or any pin may be put through the lining, its point entering one of the openings, thus holding the hat in position.

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

1. A hat-holder consisting of a plate adapted to be attached to a stationary support and having an opening for the reception of a hat-pin, said opening being at an angle to said support.

2. A hat-holder adapted to be attached to a support and consisting of a plate provided with holes for the reception of a hat-pin, said holes being arranged to support the hat-pin at an angle to the plate.

3. A hat-holder consisting of a plate provided with flanges, said flanges having holes formed therein for the reception of a hat-pin, and being formed with provisions for attachment to a support.

4. A hat-holder composed of a plate having ears by which to attach it to a support, and having an opening for a hat-pin, the opening being at an inclination to the support.

5. A hat-holder composed of a metallic plate having a series of openings for receiving a hat-pin, and ears to support the ends of said plate, the openings in the metallic plate being at an inclination to the faces of said ears.

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

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