

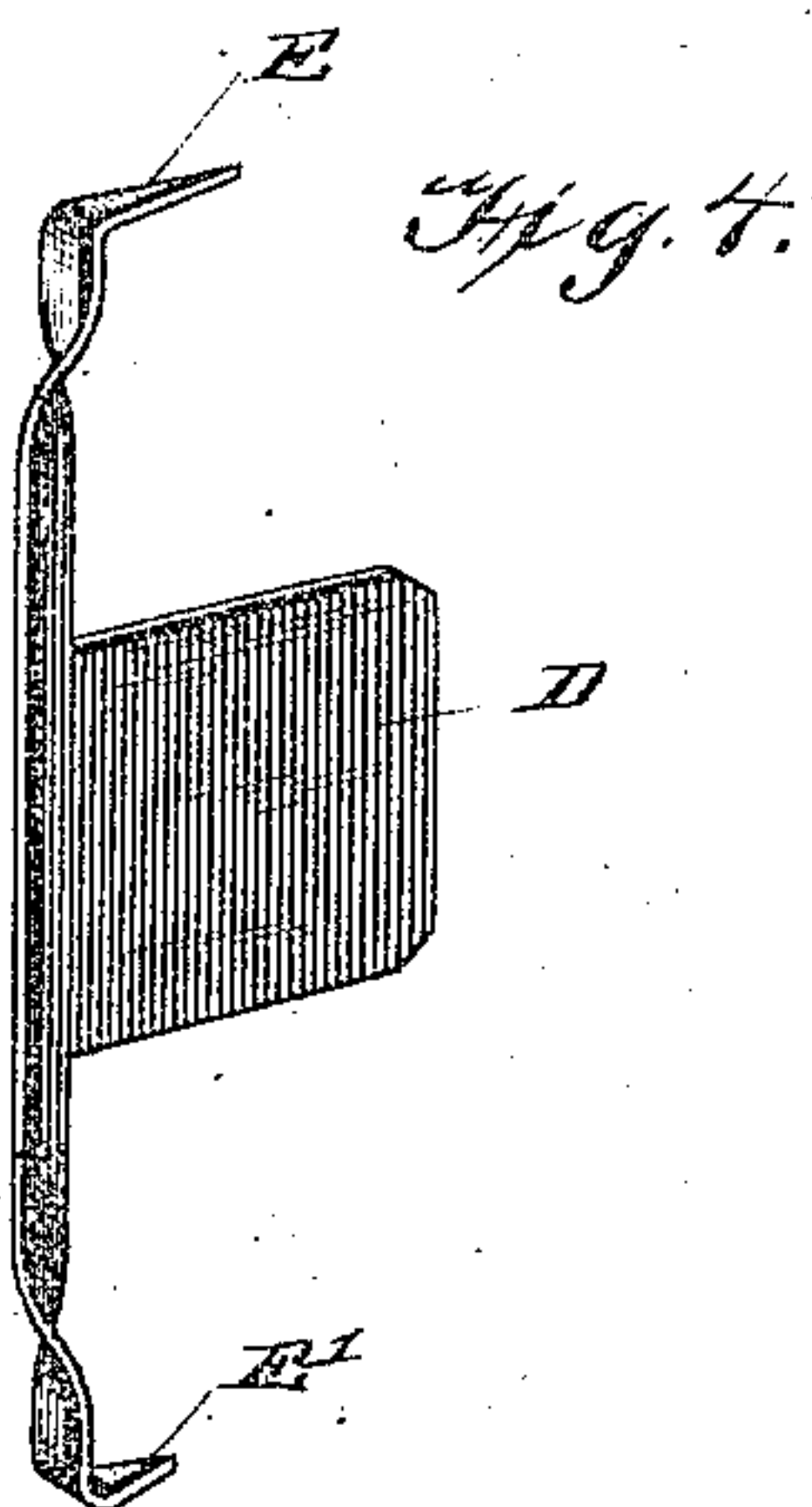
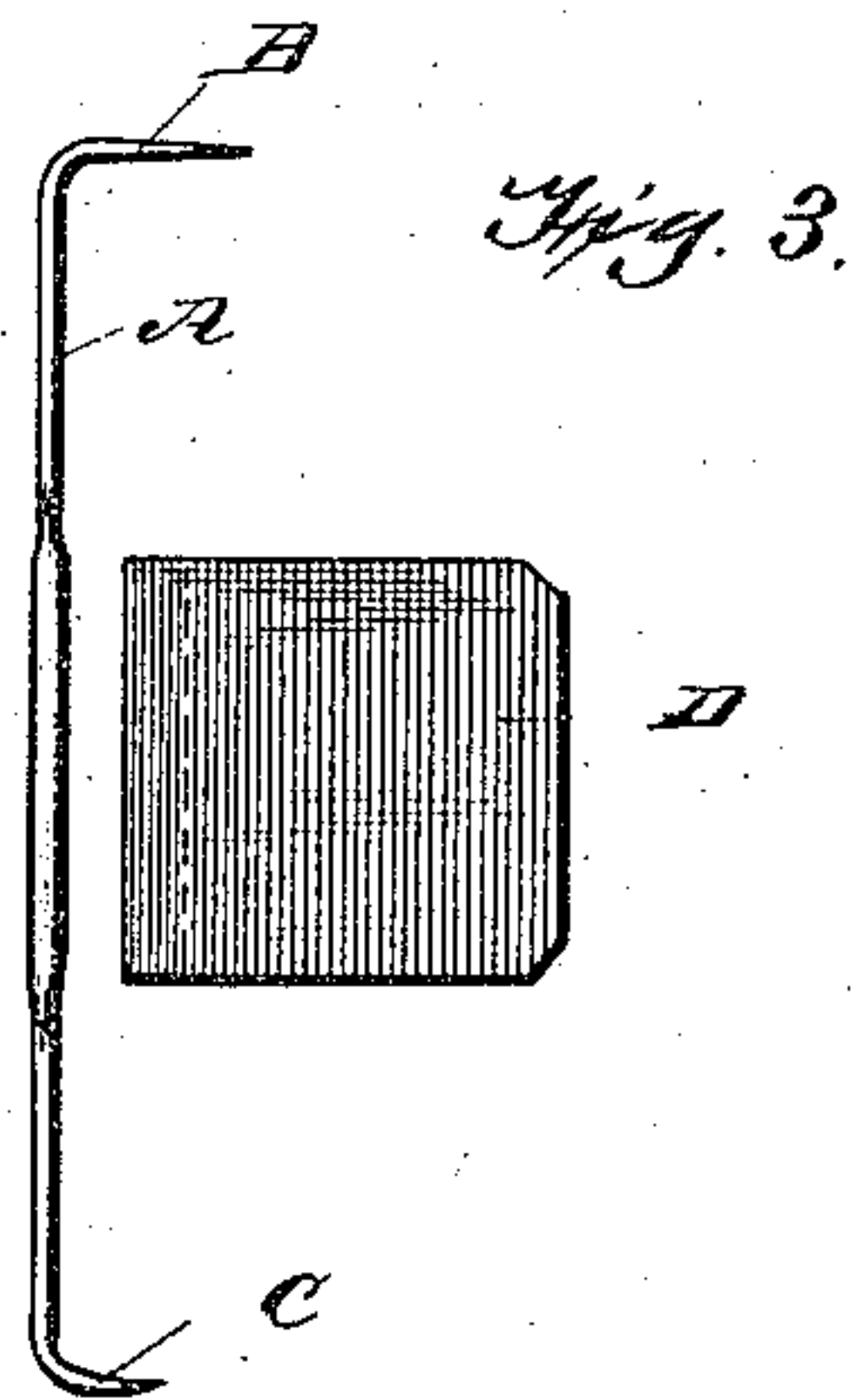
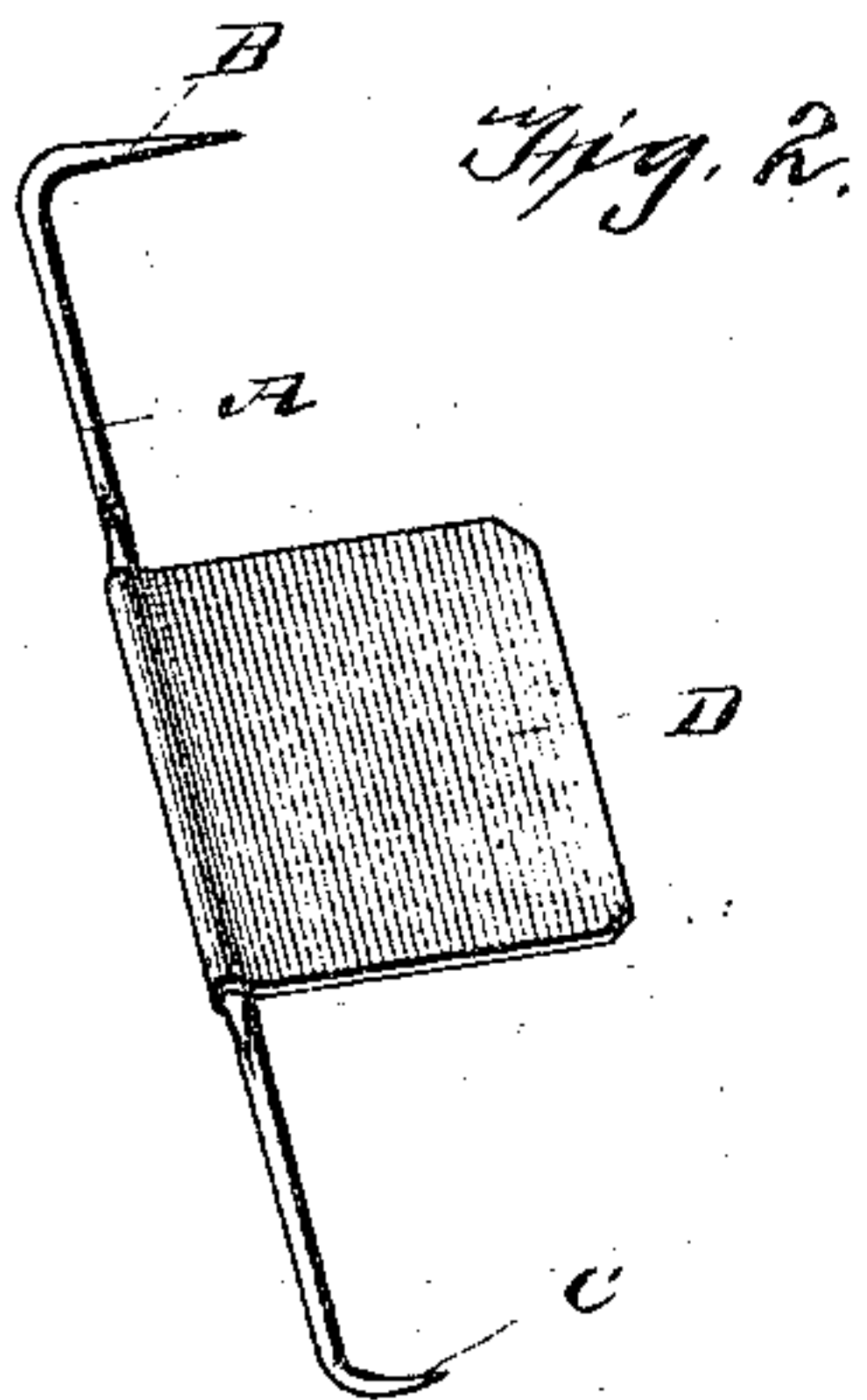
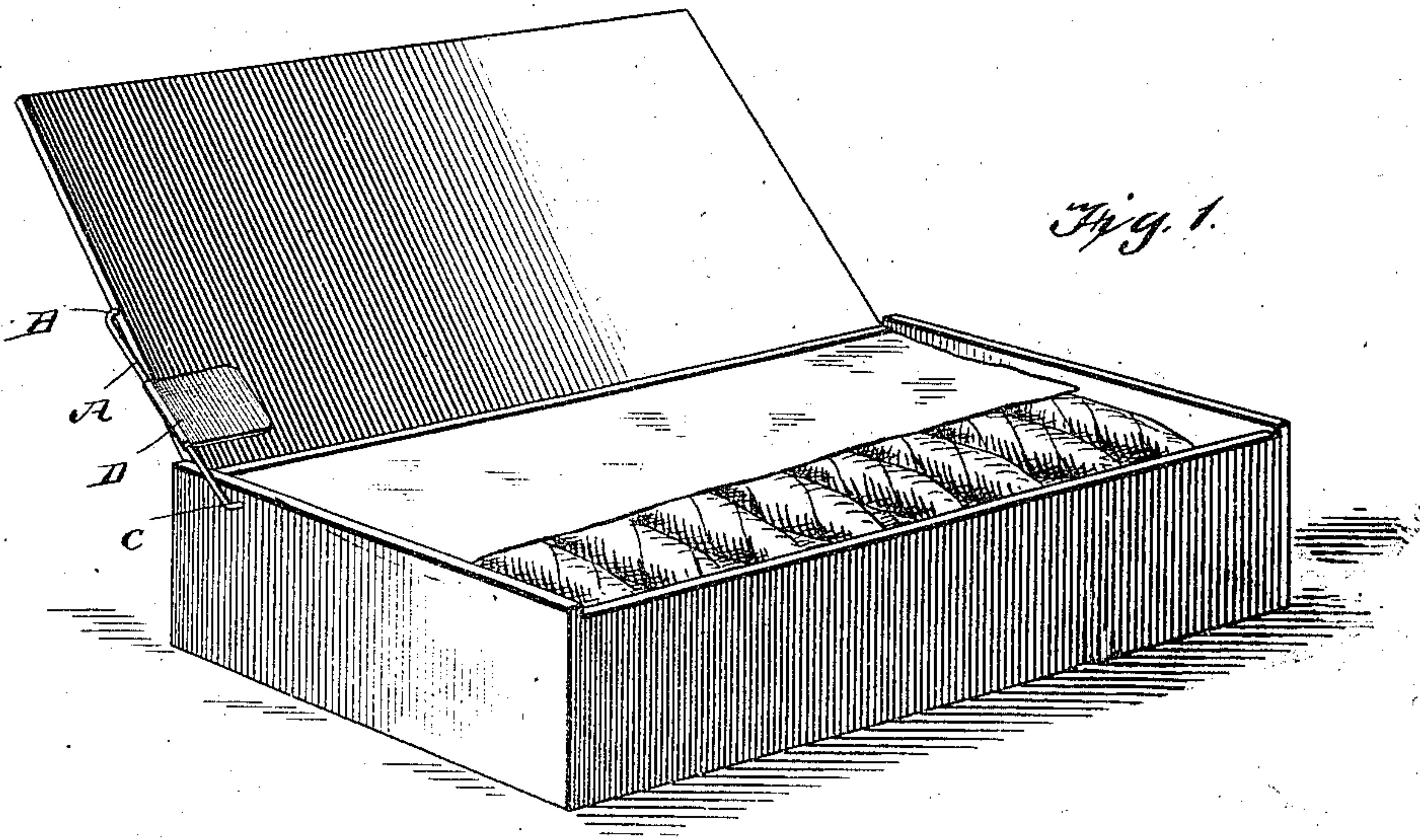
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## BOX-LID HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, COLIN CABLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Box-Lid Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is a new and useful construction of box-lid holder, one object being to provide an exceedingly simple and cheap device by means of which the hinged lid of a cigar-box or other box may be held opened in an inclined position in order to display the contents of the box, and another object of the device is to so construct the same as to display a price-card or advertisement, as desired.

With these objects in view the invention consists, essentially, of a piece of wire having a pointed arm at its upper end adapted to engage the edge of the lid, a short pointed arm at the lower end of the arm and adapted to be forced into the end of the box, and the plate arranged upon the wire intermediate its ends and adapted to receive a price-card or advertising matter.

The invention consists also in certain details of construction and novelties of combination, all of which will be fully described hereinafter and pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the practical application of my invention. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the device detached. Fig. 3 is a view showing the parts comprising the device, and Fig. 4 is a view showing a slight modification.

In carrying out my invention I employ a piece of wire A, which is bent at a right angle at its upper end to provide an arm B, which arm is pointed at its extremity, and at the lower end of the wire A another arm C is produced, said lower arm being somewhat shorter than the upper one, but also pointed. Intermediate the ends of the wire it is flattened, and to said flattened portion is attached a plate D, of metal or other suitable material, said plate being of such size and shape that a price-card can be printed or attached thereto or any advertising matter can be printed thereon or attached thereto in any suitable manner.

The flattened portion of the wire prevents the plate turning thereon. In operation the

long arm is forced into the edge of the lid for more permanent engagement and to form a pivot, and the short arm is forced into the end of the box at any desired point, according to the inclination at which it is desired to hold the lid, and the plate will always be held at the proper angle for displaying purposes.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a slight modification in which the entire device is constructed from a single piece of sheet metal, the extended portions above and below the plate being twisted, as shown at E, and bent at right angles, as shown at E', in order to provide the pointed arms at the upper and lower ends of the wire.

It will thus be seen that I provide an exceedingly simple and efficient device for holding the lid of the box in an open position and at the same time displaying an advertising plate or card.

By arranging the plate in the same plane with the arms it will lie flat against the lid when the box is open and will fit in between the lid and the top of the box when the box is closed without the necessity of removing the longer arm from its engagement with the edge of the lid.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A box-lid holder, comprising a body portion, each end of which is bent laterally to form an arm and the intermediate portion of which is provided with a laterally-extending plate lying in substantially the same plane with the arms, substantially as described.

2. A box-lid holder, comprising a body portion, each end of which is bent laterally to form an arm, one of which is longer than the other, and the intermediate portion of which body is flat and provided with a laterally-extending plate, lying in substantially the same plane with the arms, substantially as described.

3. A box-lid holder consisting of a wire having pointed arms at the upper and lower ends, and flattened intermediate its ends, and the plate attached to the flattened portion, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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