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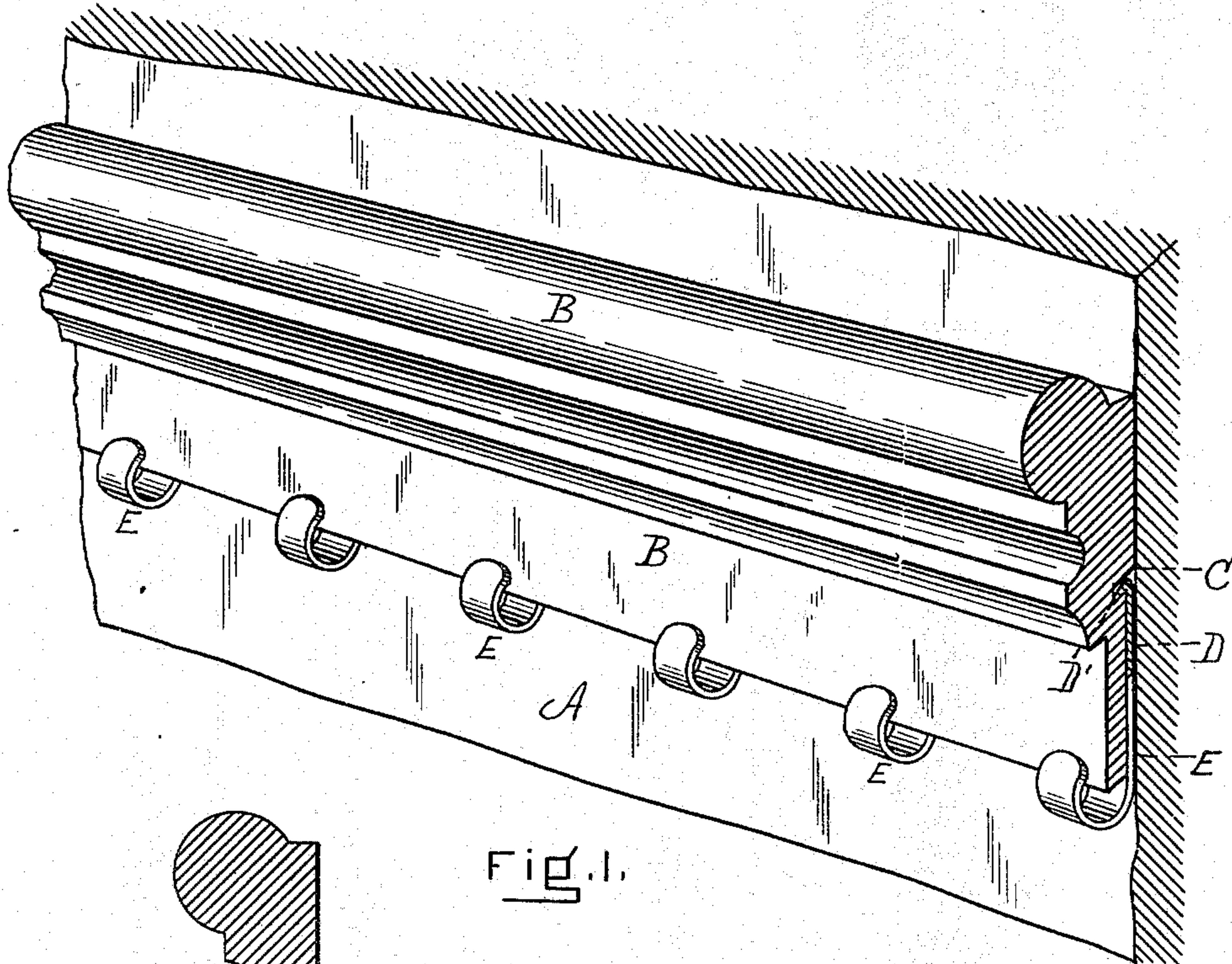


Fig. 1.

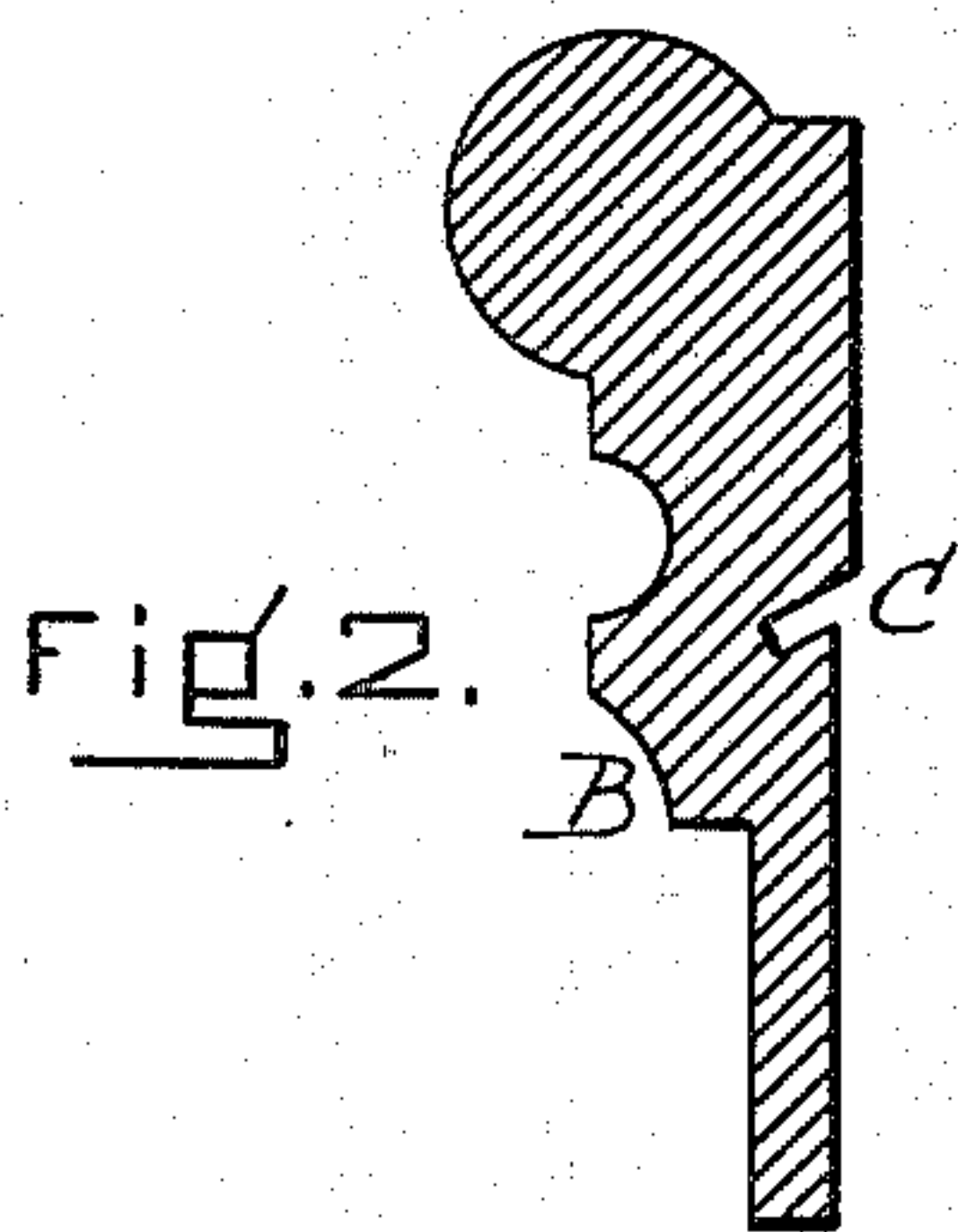


Fig. 2.

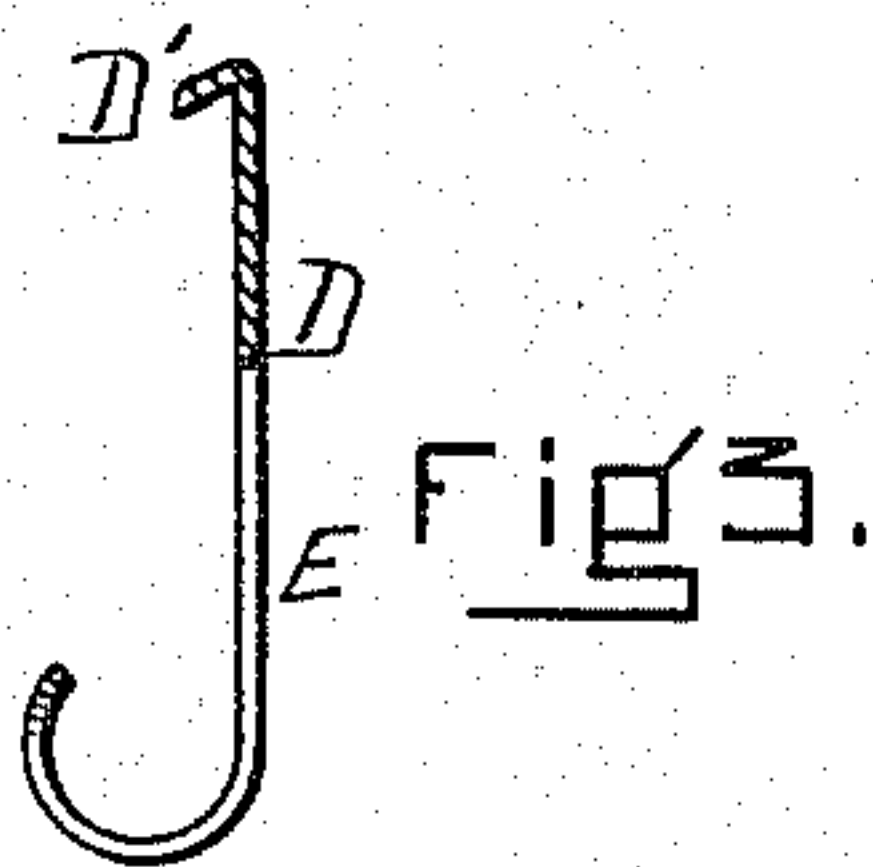


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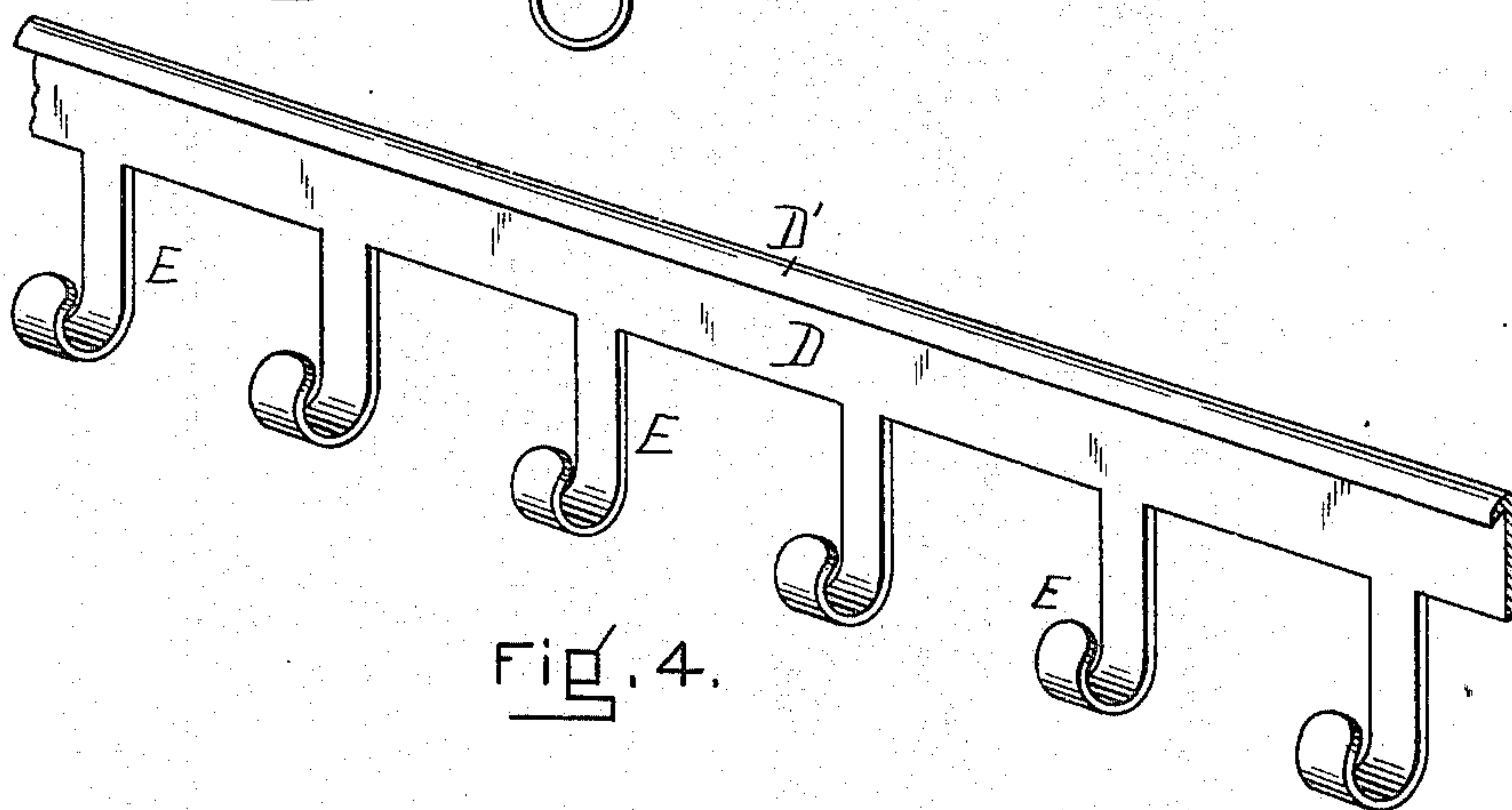


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GUSTAV SCHWAB, a citizen of the United States, residing in Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Picture Hooks and Moldings, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a structure which is practically a continuous picture-hook—that is to say, a plate or series of plates formed into downwardly-extending integral picture-hooks so numerous and so near together that pictures can be hung thereupon at any desired point, said plate being sustained by and behind a picture-molding.

By the employment of this invention the use of the ordinary picture-hooks can be entirely discontinued and the molding may be made in any desired shape or style and conform, if desired, to the other architectural features of the room.

Among the advantages of substituting my improvement for the ordinary style picture-hook and the elimination of the present arbitrarily-shaped molding may be mentioned the avoidance of any possibility of the falling hooks, of the necessity for moving them from place to place on the molding, or of applying and detaching them, the ease with which a picture may be hung in any position or changed from one position to another, the additional strength of the support for the hook, and the fact that the continuous hook and the molding may be so constructed or colored as to form a consistent and ornamental finish.

The nature of the invention is fully described in detail below and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a molding and picture-hook embodying my invention, said molding being applied to a wall. Fig. 2 is a cross vertical section of the molding. Fig. 3 is a cross vertical section of the plate or continuous hook removed. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a portion of the plate or continuous hook separated from the molding.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents a portion of the wall of a room.

B is the molding. The molding shown in the drawings is of the shape of that now in

common use, such shaped molding being adapted to support the ordinary style of picture-hook. For use in connection with my present invention, however, this molding may be of any desired shape and may be made to conform to any style of architecture. In fact, it may be perfectly flat, like a chair-rail, if desired. The molding is provided on its rear side with a horizontal groove C, said groove extending preferably downward at substantially the angle shown in Fig. 2.

D represents a continuous strip of metal, preferably of brass, the upper edge D' of said strip being bent downward at an angle to the main portion D, which corresponds with the angle of the groove C. Extending down from the lower edge of this strip D and integral therewith are a number of hooks E. Each of these hooks extends down vertically and has its end bent up into substantially the shape shown, and said hooks may be as numerous as desired, the object being to practically occupy the space at the lower edge of the molding, so that a person can hang a picture on the wall at any point without the use of any means other than my contrivance. The strip or plate D is set flat against the rear side of the molding B, with its bent portion D' extending into the groove C. The portion of the rear side of the molding below the groove is on a plane which is slightly forward of the plane of the portion above the groove, the intention being to allow for the thickness of the plate and hooks D E, so that when the molding is in position on the wall there will be just room enough behind its lower portion to accommodate the plate or strip D, as illustrated in Fig. 1. Preferably the hooks E are made of such a length as to extend but slightly below the lower edge of the molding in order that they may present the effect of being a part—and a not unornamental part—of the molding. The molding may be attached to the wall by driving in suitable nails or brads between the shanks of the hooks.

As the plate D, with its lip D', is a continuous piece, the support of the hooks is continuous and absolutely secure, as well as invisible. Moreover, as the pull is directly vertical instead of from a projecting top or bead it is stronger than is the case with the ordinary hook. In picture-galleries, whether

private or public, this device is exceedingly useful, inasmuch as the use of individual hooks, lifting them into position, removing them, and changing their positions is done
5 away with. Moreover, the distribution of the strain along the groove enables the hooks to sustain a large number of pictures with safety.

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

1. In a device of the character described, in combination, the horizontal plate D provided with a plurality of downwardly-extending hooks E and formed with a lip or flange
15 at its upper edge; and a molding provided on its rear side with a horizontal groove adapted to receive said lip, substantially as described.

2. In a device of the character described, in combination, the horizontal plate D provided with a plurality of downwardly-extending hooks E and formed with the downwardly-

bent lip or flange D'; and a molding provided on its rear side with the downwardly-extending horizontal groove C of suitable shape and at the proper angle to receive said lip, substantially as set forth. 25

3. In a device of the character described, in combination, the horizontal plate D provided with a plurality of downwardly-extending hooks E and formed with the downwardly-
30 bent lip or flange D'; and a molding provided on its rear side with the downwardly-extending horizontal groove C of suitable shape and at the proper angle to receive said lip, the rear sides of said molding below the groove
35 being recessed to receive said plate flush with the portion of the rear side above the groove, substantially as described.

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