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Fig. 1.

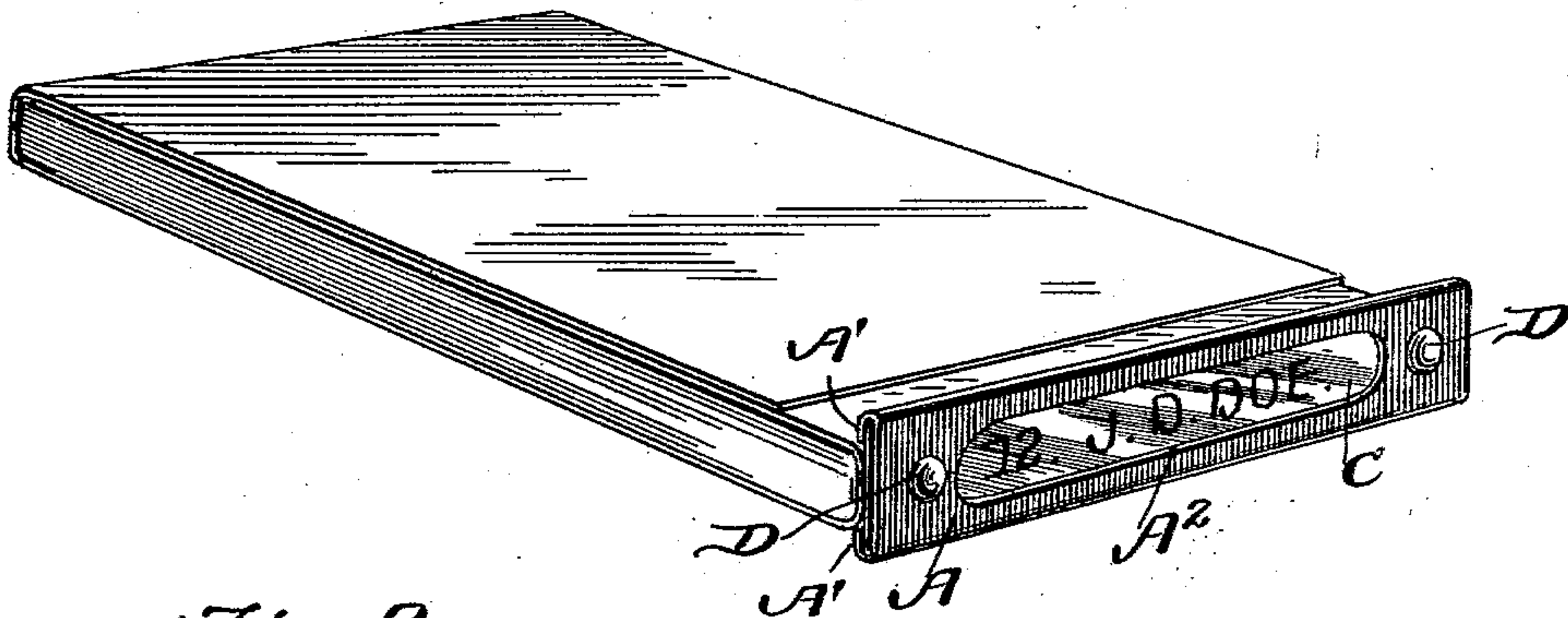


Fig. 2.

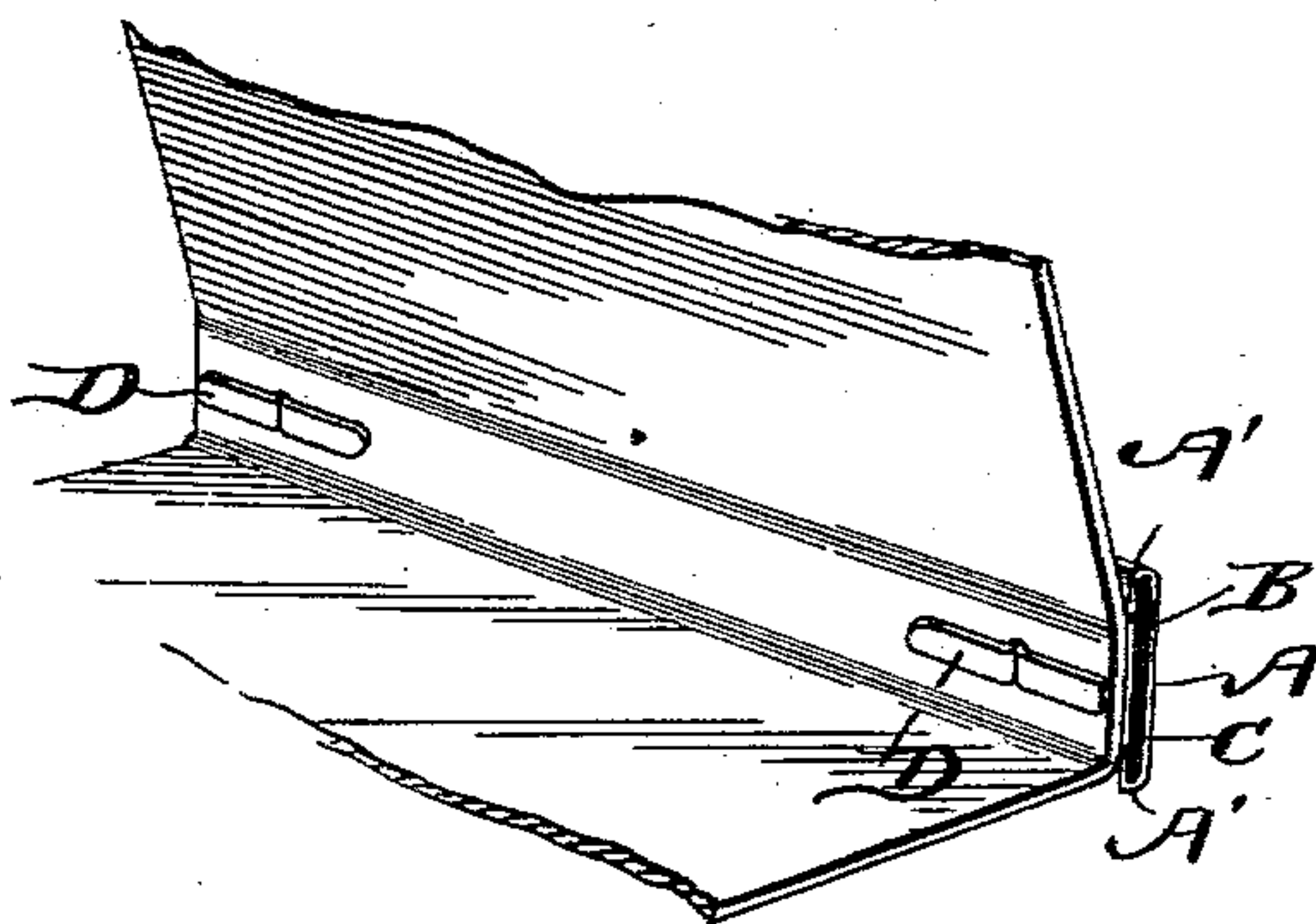


Fig. 3.

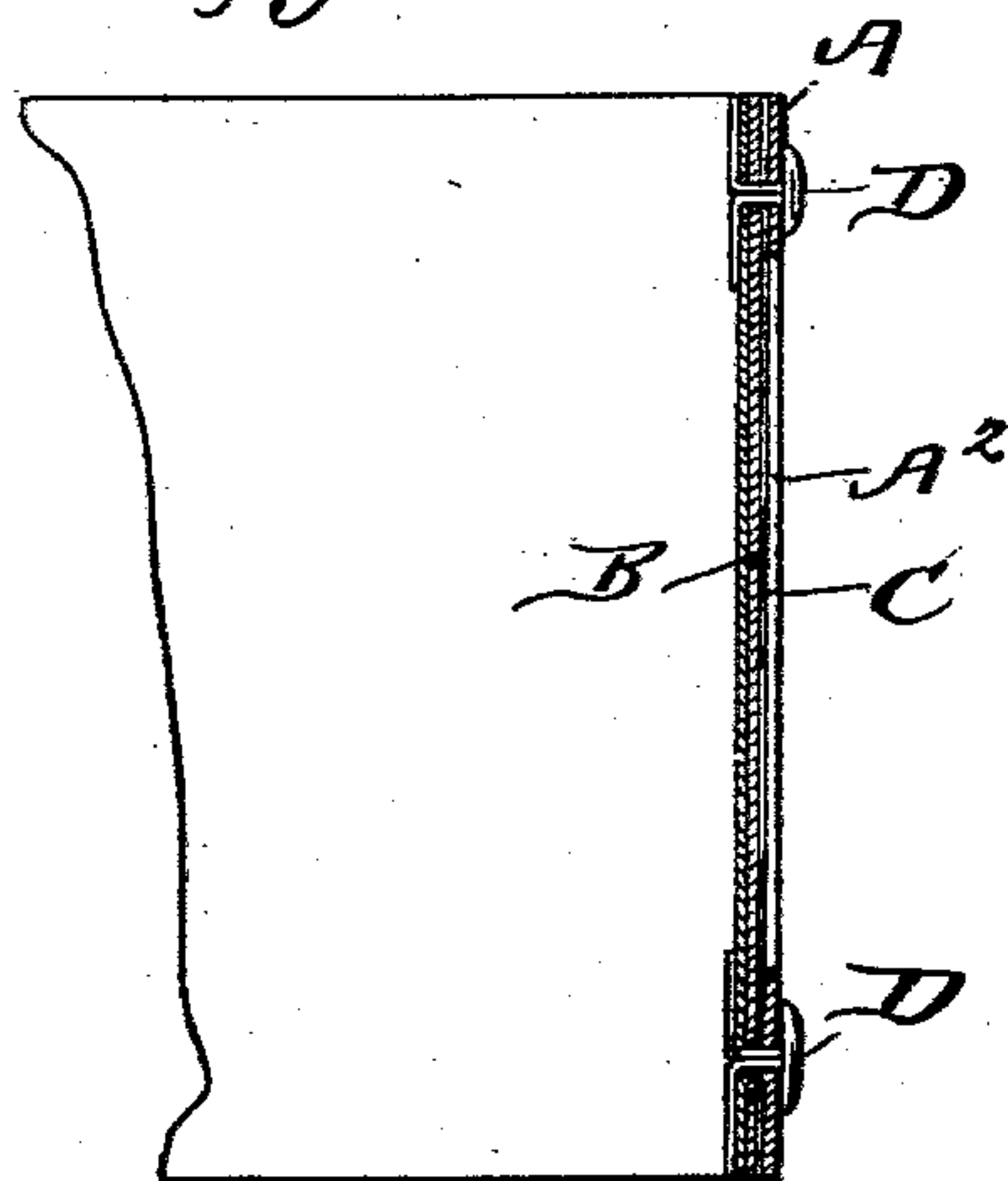
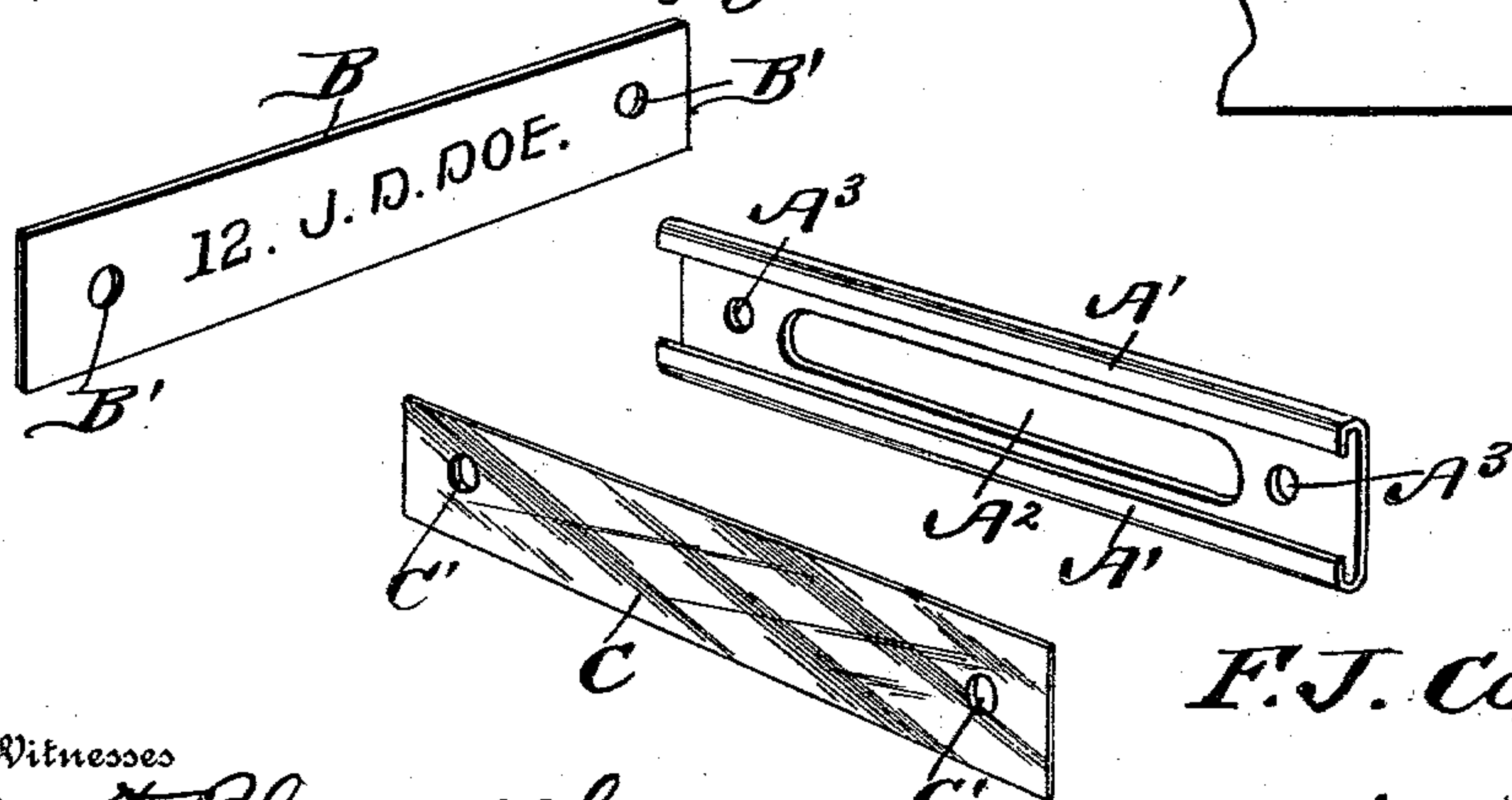


Fig. 4.



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## NAME OR INDEX PLATE HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FREDERICK J. COTA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Menominee, in the county of Menominee and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Name or Index Plate Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in name-plates; and the object is to provide a plate of this kind which is especially adapted for use with account-books of customers where a separate book is kept for each customer, and in practical use I use the plate in connection with a manifolding-book, for which a separate application has been filed. My device, however, can be used in connection with other books and is especially adapted for use in connection with books used in an office or factory and handled considerably. It is often the custom to paste labels on the backs of such books; but by frequent handling these become torn or soiled, so as to be illegible.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my name-plate applied to a book. Fig. 2 is a detail view illustrating the means of securing the plate to the book. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section through the plate and holder. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the card, holder, and cover, the parts being detached.

In carrying out my invention I employ a metal plate A, rectangular in shape and having its side edges turned over to form guide-flanges.

The plate is centrally and longitudinally cut out at A<sup>2</sup>, and on each side of this cut-out portion is a perforation A<sup>3</sup>. A rectangular card B, adapted to have a name or legend imprinted thereon, is cut of a length equal to the length of the plate and slightly narrower, so that it will slide between the flanges A' and the plate A. This card has perforations B' adjacent each end adapted to register, when the card is in position, with the perforations A<sup>3</sup>. A plate of isinglass or some other transparent non-brittle material C of the size of the card B is perforated at C', these perforations being adapted to register with those of the card.

The plate C is placed over the matter imprinted on the card, and the two slide between the flanges A', which can be bent firmly down upon them, the isinglass being next to the plate and the printed matter registering with the opening A<sup>2</sup>.

The perforations A<sup>3</sup>, B', and C' aline, and through them adjacent each end is passed the fastener D, which is a metal paper-fastener of the usual construction, and the prongs are forced through the back of the book and then bent down. The books are then adapted to be placed in a case or cabinet one above the other, the name-plate being outward, and when it is desired to get the book of any customer the proper one can be drawn out without difficulty.

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

1. A device of the kind described comprising a metal plate centrally cut out and having rear guide-flanges, along each side, said plate being perforated on each side of the cut-out portion, a card having reading matter imprinted thereon and having perforations alining with those of the plate, a transparent cover-plate adapted to fit over the card and slide between the flanges, the said plate having perforations alining with those of the metal plate, and fastening devices adapted to pass through the perforations of the cover-plate, card and metal plate.

2. The combination with a book, of metallic plate having its sides turned over to form guide-flanges, said plate being centrally cut out and perforated on each side of the cut-out portion, a card adapted to slide in said flanges and having perforations alining with those of the metal plate, a transparent non-brittle plate adapted to lie between the card and the metal plate and means for fastening the whole to the back of a book.

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