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Fig. 1.

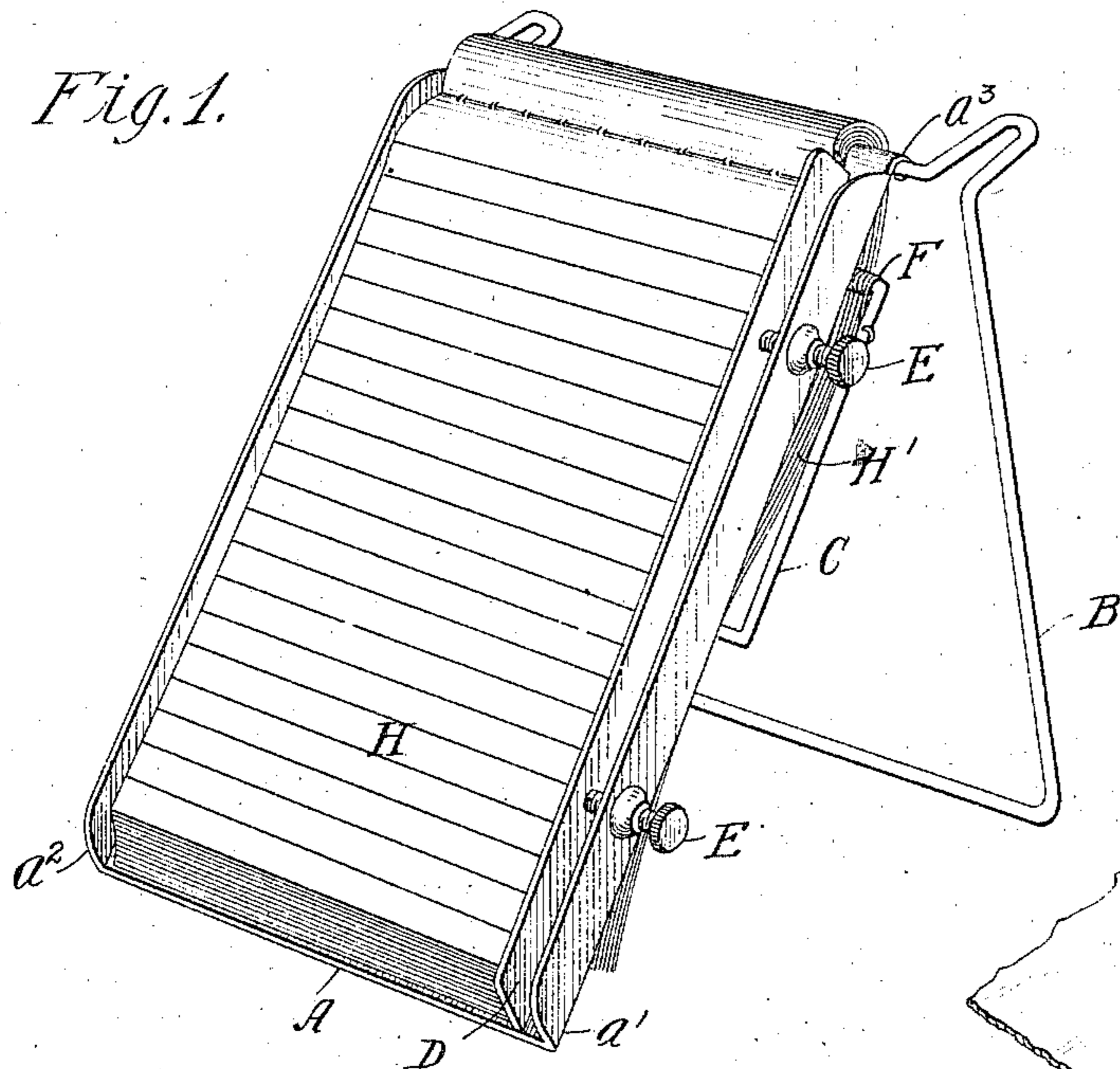


Fig. 4.

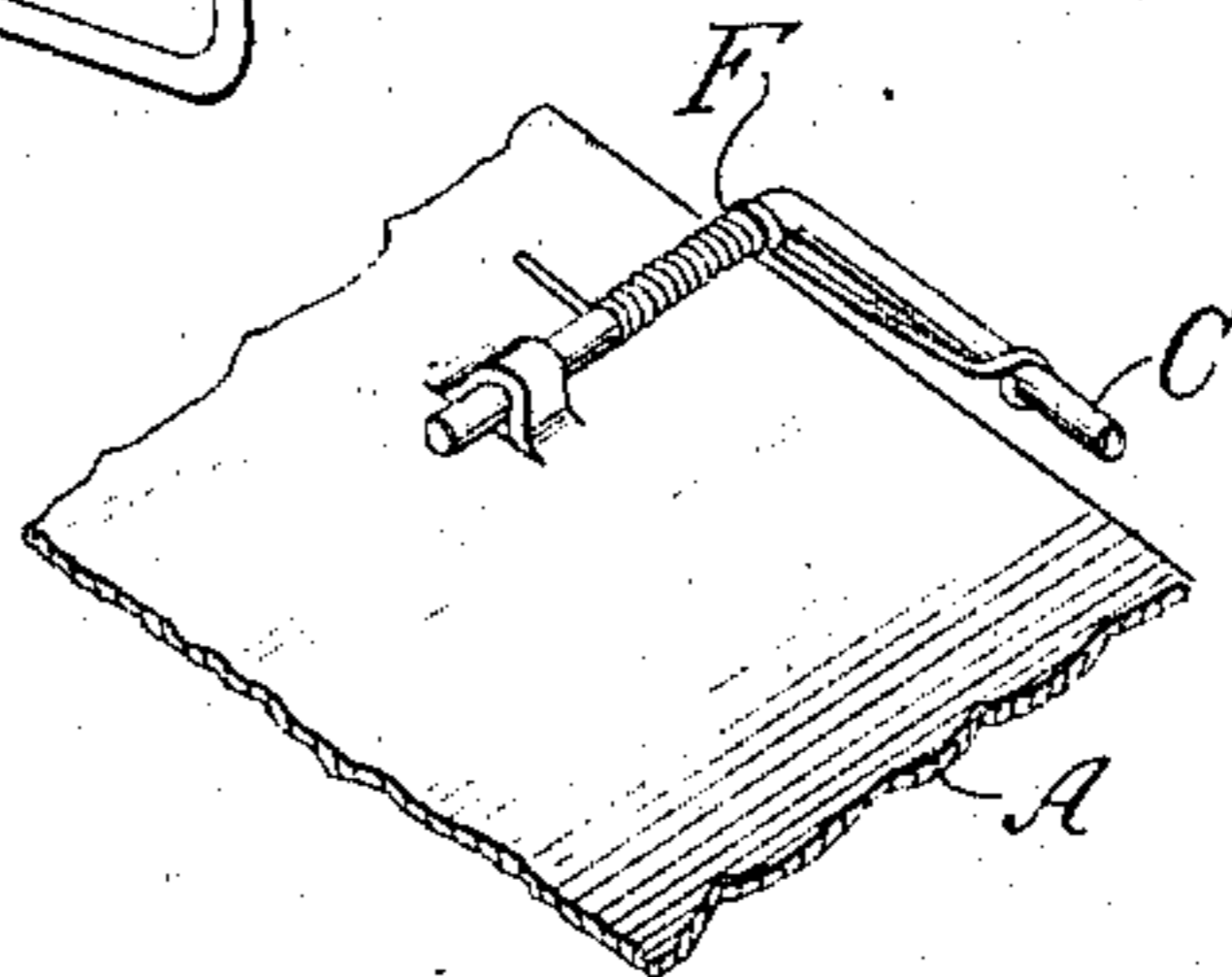


Fig. 2.

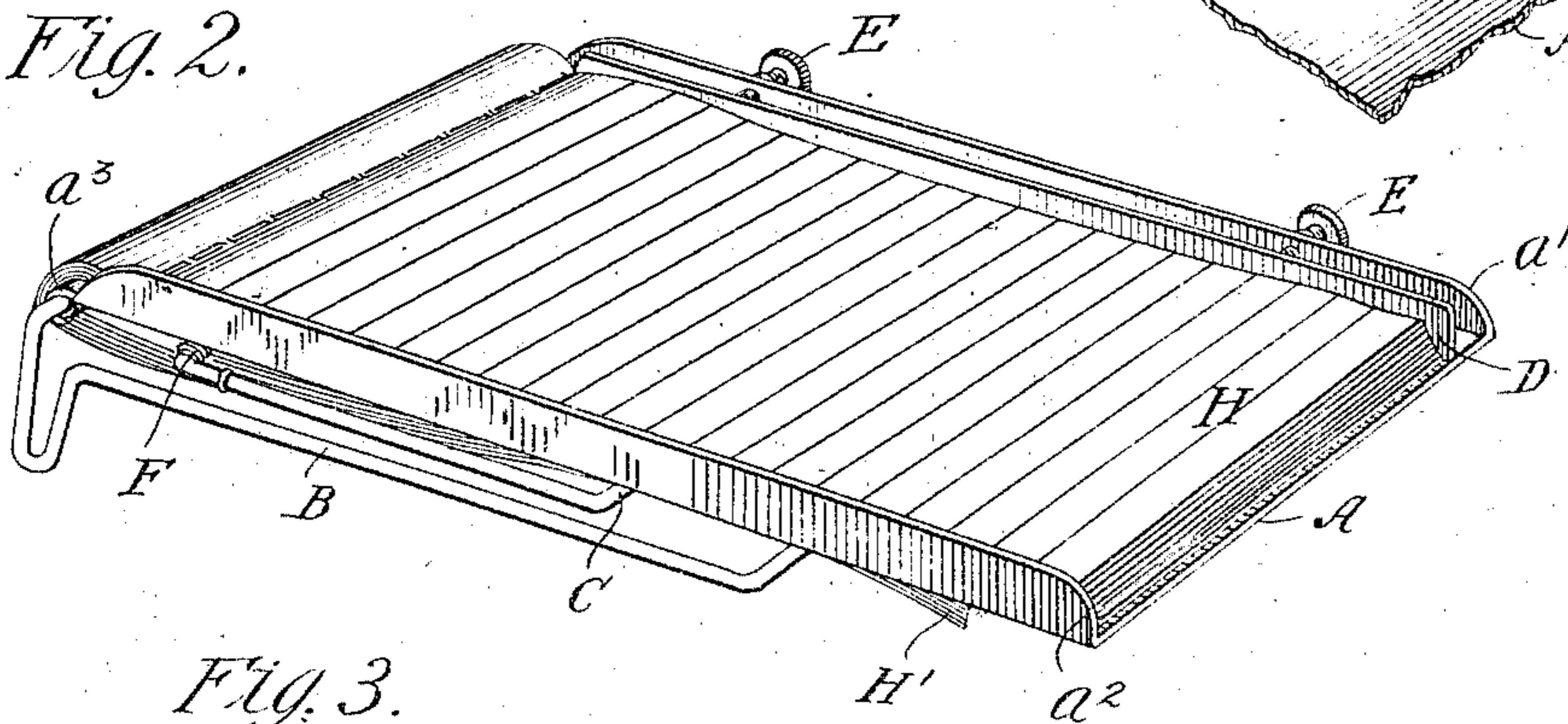
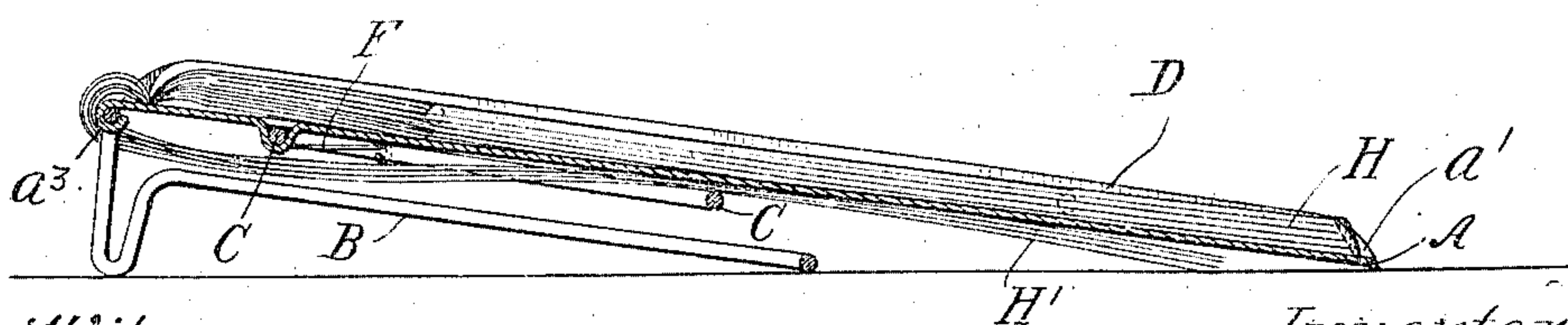


Fig. 3.



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COPY-HOLDING DEVICE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN R. FOSTER, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at the city of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Copy-Holding Devices, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in devices for the use of stenographers, type-writers, and others, and is intended to conveniently hold the stenographic note-book so that it may serve as a writing-pad while the notes are being written and afterward to retain said note-book containing the notes in a convenient position for them to be read while being transcribed. My invention is intended to hold the note-book at all times, both while writing the notes and transcribing the same. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the following drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my copy-holding device containing an ordinary end-opening note-book and in about the position that my device would set upon the table or desk if used in reading notes from said book for transcription. Fig. 2 shows my invention in perspective lying nearly flat, as it would ordinarily lie upon the table or desk while writing notes in the book shown therein. Fig. 3 is a sectional side elevation of my invention. Fig. 4 represents a broken section of the back of bed A, showing clip C, journaled thereto and showing spring-holding clip C in place.

In the several figures like letters of reference indicate like parts.

A is the bed of my device, and is constructed, preferably, of thin sheet metal, the edges being turned up (a' and a'') at right angles to the bed, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. This bed A is preferably constructed about nine inches in length and six inches in breadth to accommodate the common and usual sized stenographic copy-book, but may be constructed in any size that may be desired. The side pieces or lips a' and a'' are turned up preferably about half an inch, that accommodating the ordinary stenographic note-book, but may be extended so as to make a greater depth to accommodate a thicker book, if desired.

a' and a'' represent the sides rising at right

angles from the bed A, as appears in the several drawings.

a^3 is an extension of the bed A at its upper end to form a cylinder-shaped journal.

B is a wire leg journaled at a^3 to the bed A and intended as an adjustable leg to hold the copy-holder in the position shown in Fig. 1 for transcribing notes. This leg B may be folded down against the bottom of bed A, as shown in Fig. 2, thus enabling the device to lie down flat on the table for writing. A particular feature of my invention is embodied in the shape of the leg B, which is constructed of wire and has near the place at which it is journaled to bed A a U-shaped bend, as shown in the several Figs. 1, 2, and 3, the legs of the U formed by such bend being preferably about three-fourths of an inch in length and so shaped that such U-shaped bend forms a minor supporting-leg when the main leg B is folded down, as shown in Fig. 2, the utility of which is to hold bed A containing note-book at a slight and convenient angle or slant when laid on the table for the purpose of using as a writing-pad.

C is a spring-clip on the back of bed A, intended to engage and hold the used sheets of the note-book, which may be turned back and fastened down by means of the clip C against the back of the bed A. Clip C is preferably formed of round wire, each end extending into a journal on the back of bed A and its lower portion forming a clip held in place by coiled spring F.

D is a metal bar of the same width as the lip a' and the same length as the bed A. It is placed upright, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and held in position by set-screws E E, the object being by the use of the set-screws to engage the edges of note-books of variable width.

E E are set-screws passing through lip a' and engaging bar D, by which bar D may be moved outward or inward to engage the edges of note-books of varying width.

F is a coiled spring encircling wire-clip C and engaging with its extended end the back of bed A, and thus holding down clip C against the back of bed A.

In the several figures I show a note-book

H placed in position in my device, H' representing the used leaves of said note-book turned backward and engaged by clip C, holding them against the back of bed A.

5 The operation of my device and the utility thereof are as follows: The note-book H, opening at the top, is placed upon the bed A, and the bar D, by means of the set-screws E E, is brought up so as to slightly engage the edge
10 of the note-book, thus keeping it straight. The leg B being folded down on the back of the device, it is laid on the table nearly flat, and the notes are written on the exposed page of the note-book, and when the exposed page
15 is filled it is simply turned backward until as many pages are written as may be desired, when they are again turned forward into the original position. The device is raised, the leg B extended, so as to place it in the position shown by Fig. 1, in which position the
20 writer transcribes from the notes, throwing each page forward as it is written, and upon completion of the transcription the pages of notes are slipped under clip C and there kept
25 firmly in position out of the way, leaving an exposed page on the face for the next writing.

Having thus described the construction, operation, and utility of my invention, I claim as follows:

30 1. A combined copy-holder and writing-

pad, consisting of a bed, A, with spring-clip C attached to its back, in combination with a supporting wire leg B journaled to the upper end of bed A, said leg B fashioned with a U-shaped bend near the place at which it is journaled to said bed A, said U-shaped bend in leg B forming a minor leg when leg B is folded against bed A, capable of slightly elevating the upper end of bed A when laid on a table for use as a writing-pad substantially as shown and described. 35 40

2. In a combined copy-holder and writing-pad consisting of a flat bed to hold a note-book and a supporting adjustable leg, a supporting-leg constructed of wire as shown and described journaled to the upper end of the bed and constructed with a U-shaped bend at or near the point where it is journaled to said bed. 45

3. In a combined copy-holder consisting of a bed to hold the copy-book and an adjustable leg, a bed of light metal having a fixed vertical flange on one side and a movable flange and set-screws to adjust said movable flange on the other side, in combination with an adjustable wire leg, substantially as shown and specified. 50 55

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