

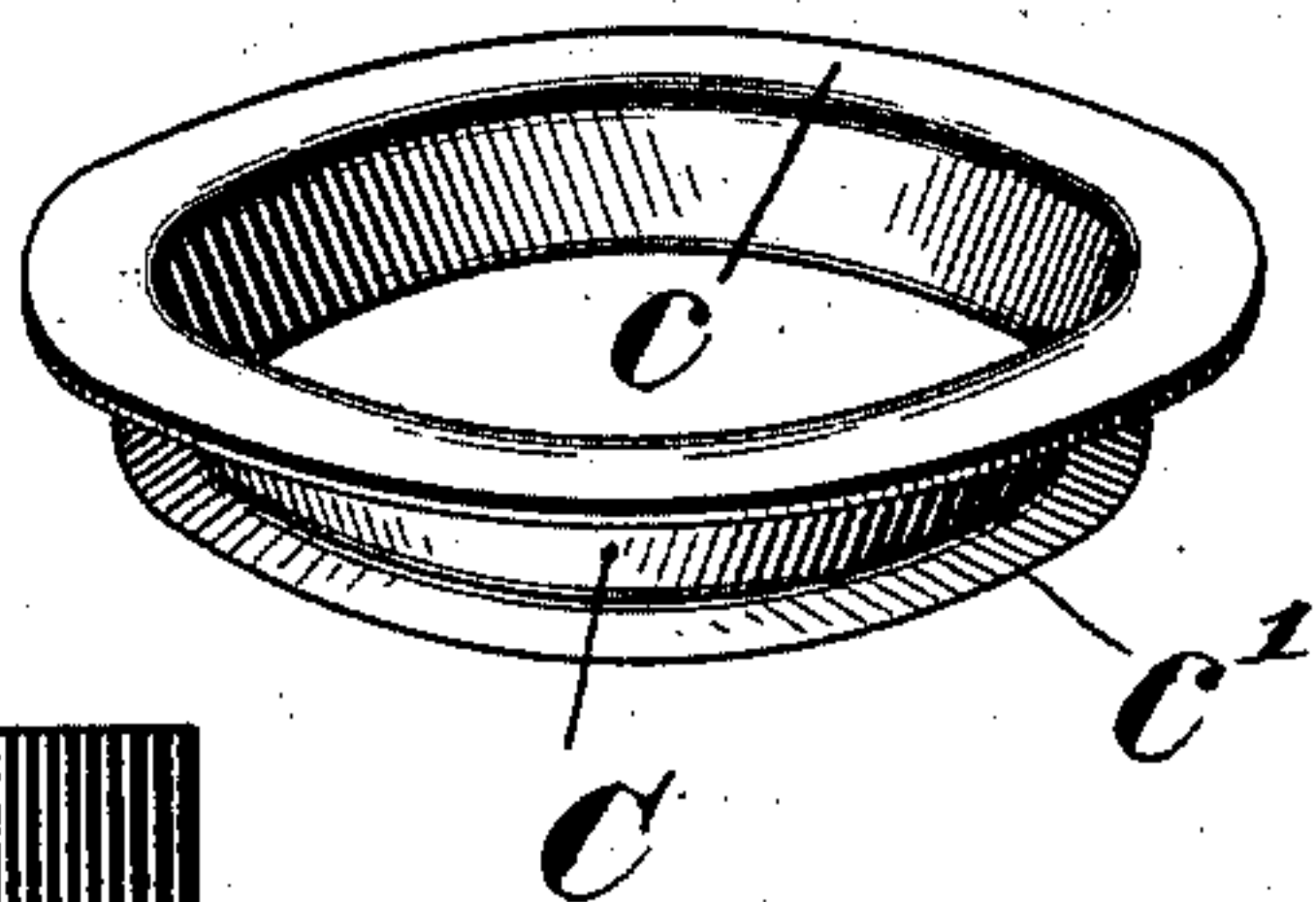
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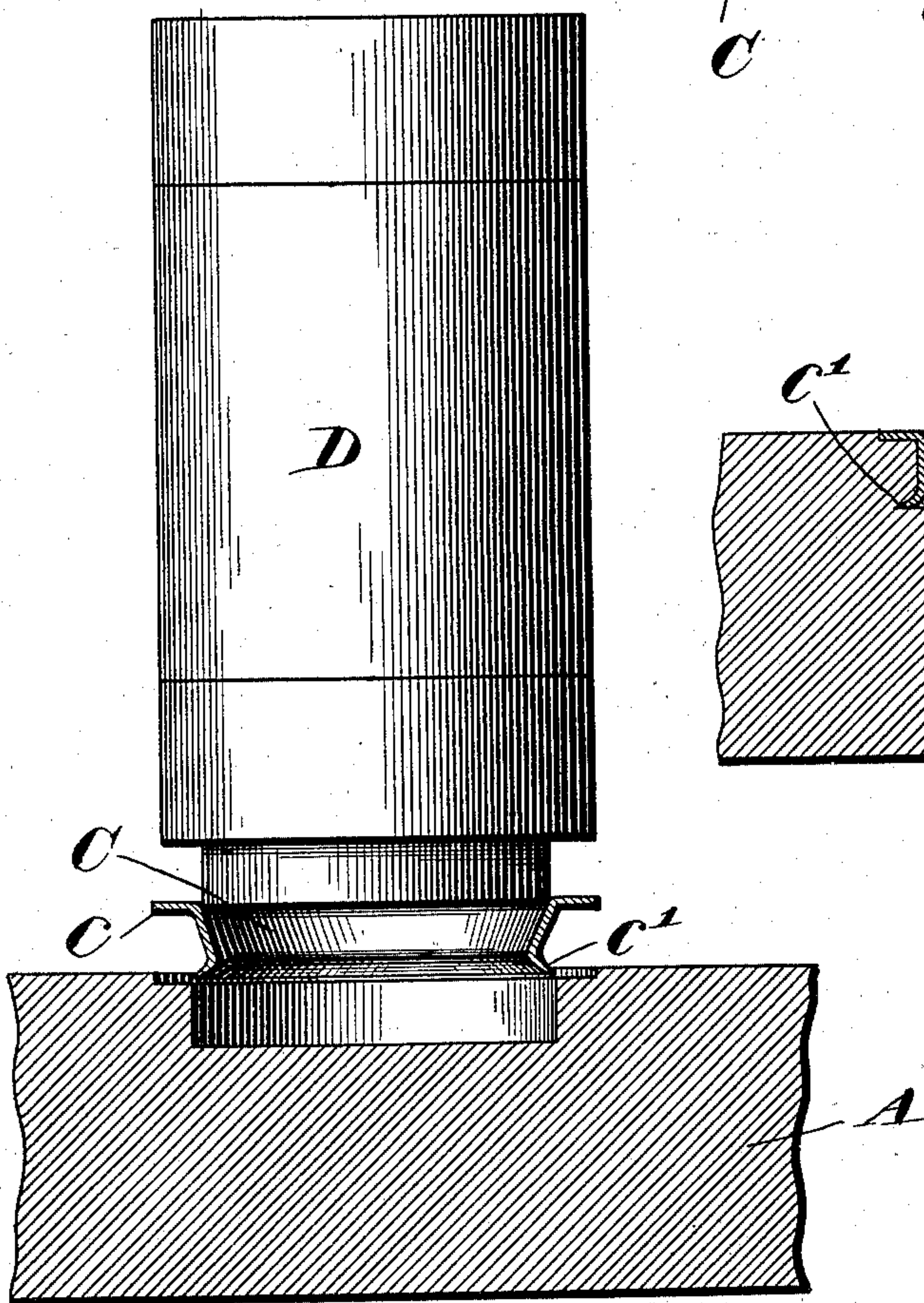
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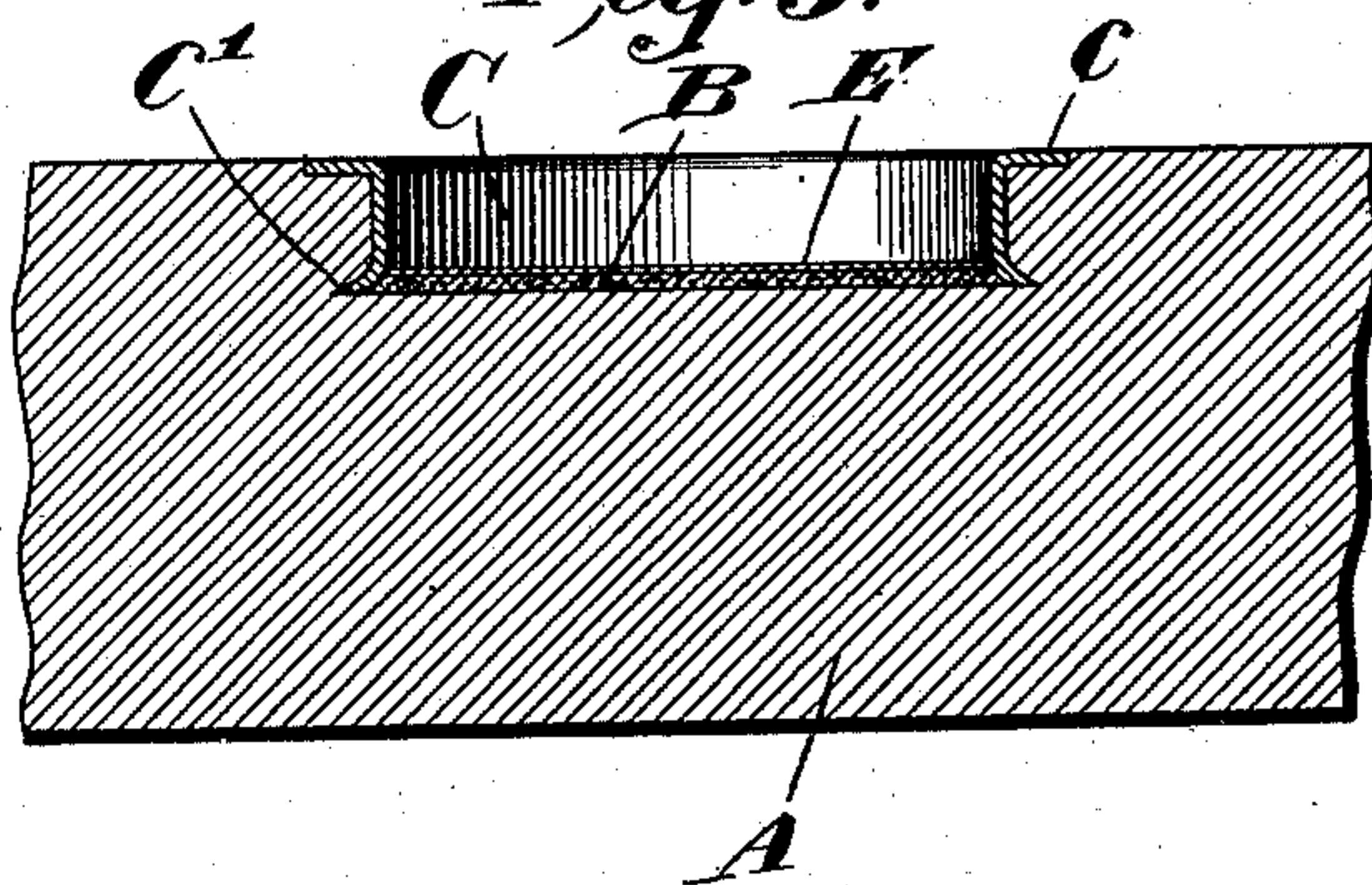
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## RECORD-RETAINER FOR LIQUID-PACKAGES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS PENDERGAST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Record-Retainers for Liquid-Packages; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to record-retainers or label-holders for beer-kegs and other liquid-packages.

In packaging beverages suitable labels or "records" are usually applied to the casks or packages to designate the contents, whether beer, ale, or porter, for instance, or the particular kind or quality of beverages, and these labels are often injured or effaced in transportation and storage; wherefore, in order better to protect them and retain them in place, it is desirable to sink the labels in suitable cavities in the heads or other parts of the kegs or packages.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive label or record retainer which may be readily sunk into and permanently fitted in the cavity therefor in the liquid-package. This is attained by means substantially as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved retainer. Fig. 2 is a vertical section showing the device about to be sunk into the cavity therefor in the cask by means of a suitable die or tool, which is shown in elevation; and Fig. 3 is a vertical section showing the device fitted in its cavity.

The letter A in said drawings designates a fragment of the head of a beer-keg which has a circular cavity in its top or outer side to receive a record-label B, which indicates the contents of the keg.

My improved label-retainer consists of a ring C, having, preferably, an upper outward flange *c*, said ring slightly slanting inward or

converging toward its lower end and having a sharp lower outturned edge *c'*.

The letter D denotes a suitable die for inserting the ring in its cavity. Said die consists of a wooden block having an upper iron band and having a lower steel head with a reduced end of substantially or nearly the same diameter as the cavity in the cask. Said lower end of the die fits tightly within the upper end of the ring, which latter may therefore be picked up by the die and inserted into the cavity in the manner shown in Fig. 2. After the ring is inserted in the cavity the die may be struck by a hammer or mallet, whereupon the lower end of the die is forced down into the ring, expanding the latter and forcing the sharp lower edge *c'* into the sides of the cavity. It is desirable also to have the flange *c* sunk flush with the outer surface of the cask, as shown in Fig. 2. The label is then forced down into the ring, the lower outwardly-curved end of which now constitutes a shoulder to retain the label in place. It is usually desirable to have a disk E, of mica or other suitable transparent material, placed over the label to protect the same, said disk being retained in place in the same manner as the label.

The invention is also applicable to other uses than that particularly referred to herein.

If desired, the cavity may be slightly deeper than the ring to provide an annular recess below the flange or edge of the latter for the label, so that when the label is forced through the ring it will expand into said recess, and thus be secured in place.

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 label or record retainer for liquid and other packages consisting of a metal ring converging toward one end which has an outturned sharp edge, said ring being adapted to be sunk into a cavity therefor in the package and to be expanded therein and have its lower sharp edge embedded in the sides of the cavity.

2. A label or record retainer of the character described consisting of an expansible ring converging toward one end, the edge of which



is turned outward, the ring being adapted to be fitted and secured in a cavity therefor in a package by expanding it into straight form.

3. A label or record retainer of the character described consisting of a metal ring adapted to be fitted within a cavity therefor in a package, and having a lower sharp projection adapted to be forced into the sides of the cavity, said projection constituting a shoulder beneath which the label may be retained.

4. A label or record retainer of the character described, consisting of a metal ring having an upper outward flange, said ring converging toward one end which has a sharp outturned edge or extremity, substantially as and for the purpose described.

5. In combination with a cask having a cavity therein, a metal ring fitted in said cavity having its lower end outturned and embedded

in the walls of said cavity, thus securing the ring in place, said lower outturned end also forming a shoulder beneath which a label may be held.

6. A label or record retainer of the character described consisting of a ring constructed for insertion in a correspondingly-shaped recess in a cask or other receptacle and having an expansible end with an outwardly-turned edge for embedding in the sides of the recess, whereby the ring is secured in place and a shoulder is provided for retaining the label inserted in the ring.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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