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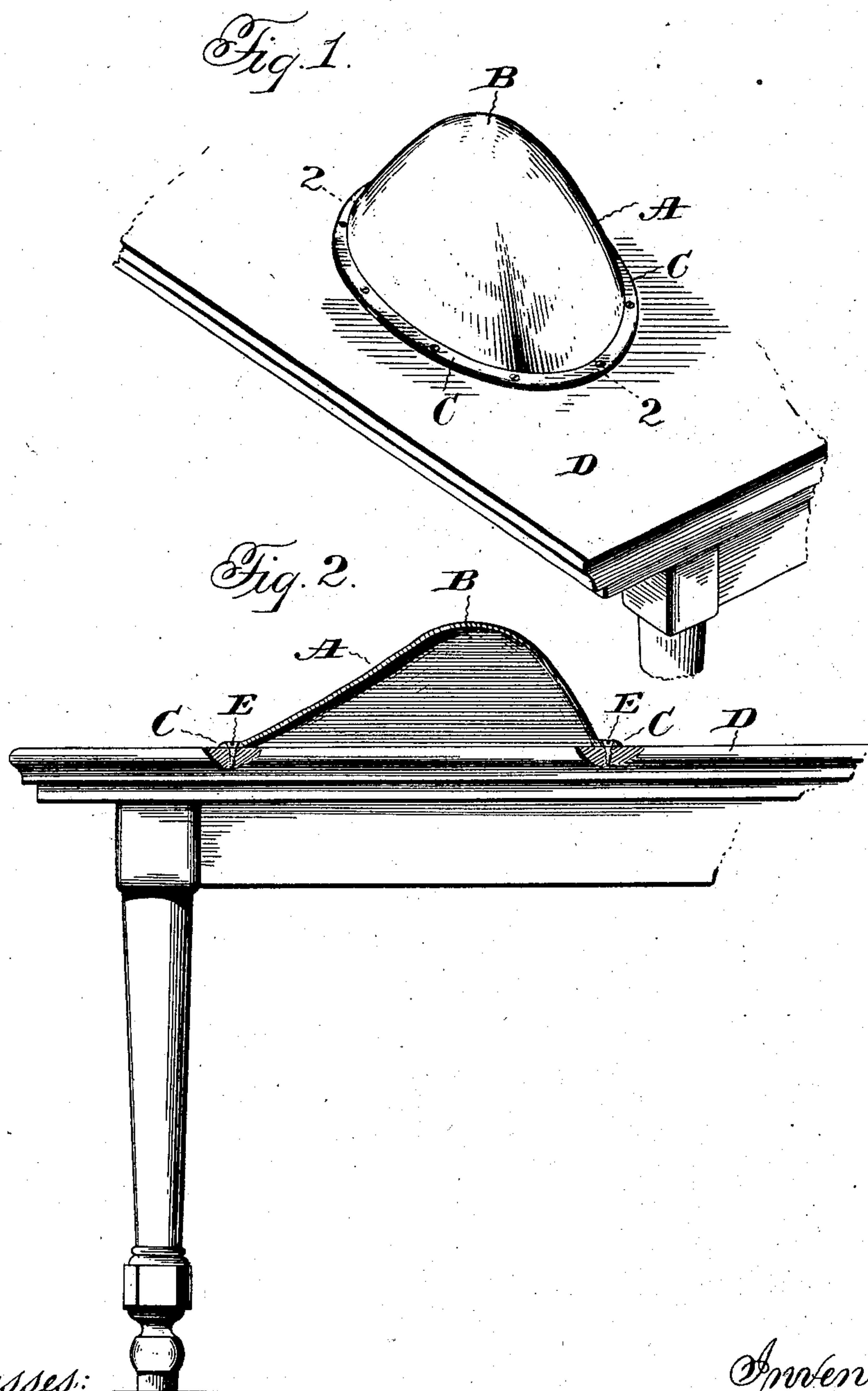
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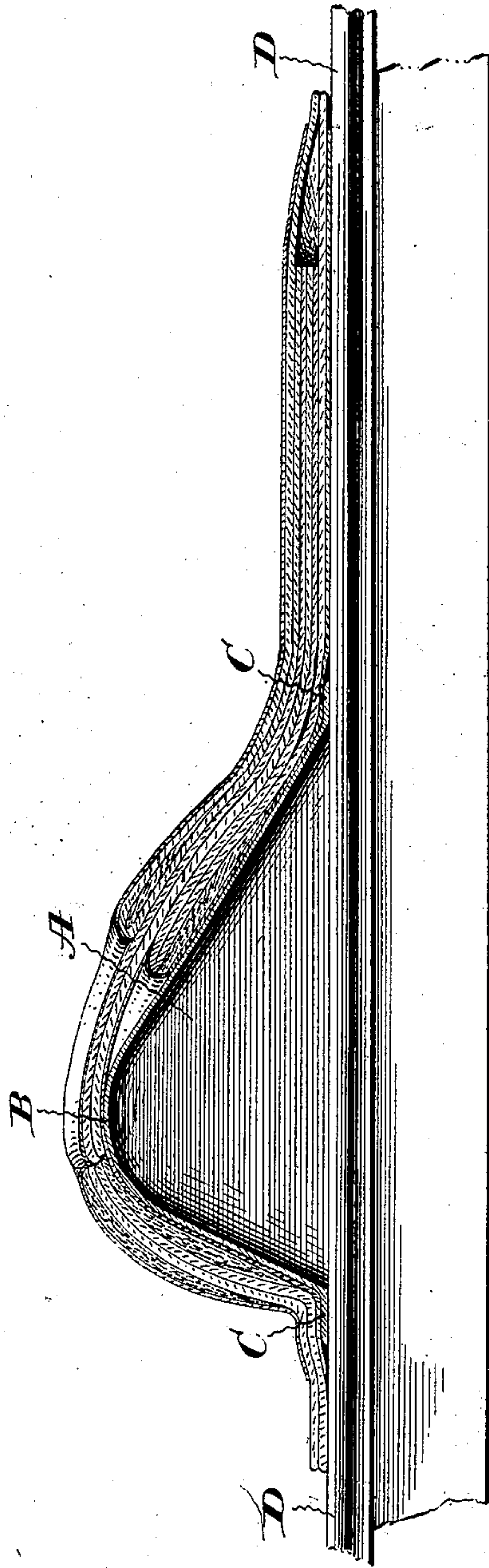
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Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS H. CANNON, of Spartanburg, in the county of Spartanburg, and in the State of South Carolina, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Forms for Stacking Coats; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a form embodying my invention for stacking coats, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1.

The object of my invention has been to provide a form upon which coats can be stacked, and which will have, among others, the advantages of supporting the coats in such shape that practically no wrinkling shall occur except in the sleeve and in such shape that the pads in the coat shall remain unwrinkled or unbroken, of presenting a smooth and complete surface to the coat so that the under coat of the stack can be readily drawn out from under the stack without injury from being caught or torn on the form, of being capable of being permanently and conveniently secured in position for use, of being capable of being nested so as to be cheaply shipped, and of being capable of being produced at a low cost; and to such ends my invention consists in the form for supporting stacks of coats hereinafter specified.

In carrying my invention into practice I provide a form A, having the general shape of a shoulder and a portion of the side of a human torso, the shoulder being smoothly rounded off at the apex B and the surface of the form merging into a flange C. I prefer to make the form of sheet metal, as illustrated in the cross-sectional view, Fig. 2. The form is secured to the table D or other support, as by screws E passing through openings in the flange C and into the table. The coats before being placed upon the form are folded along the middle of the back, the lower shoulder being thrust into the upper shoulder, so that the two shoulders are nested like a pile of hats. The coats are laid one upon another upon the form A, and the form is preferably of such height that the shoulder-pads cannot

lie upon the table when the coat is upon the form. The forms are made both right and left, so that either side of the coat can lie uppermost, and they are made of various sizes to correspond with the sizes of the coats to be stacked. I have found in practice that my coat-form supports the stack of coats in such way that there is practically no wrinkling in the body of the coat and the shoulder-pads are preserved in perfect form. Owing to the fact that the contour of the form is unbroken by any edges or openings, the lowermost coat can be easily removed without injury and without disturbing the remainder of the stack of coats. This is conveniently accomplished by thrusting one hand above the lowermost coat to retain the stack of coats in position and then drawing the lowermost coat from beneath with the other hand.

When my coat-form is made, as illustrated, of sheet metal, it can be produced at a very low cost and the coats can be nested or placed one upon the other, so as to occupy very small space in shipment.

It is obvious that various changes can be made in the above-illustrated construction, and I have only illustrated the construction which I prefer.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

As a means for supporting a stack of coats in a pile, superimposed one upon the other, the combination of a form having a shape similar to a human shoulder and the adjacent portions of the human torso, a substantially horizontal support, and means for securing said form to said support, the height of such form above the support being at least equal to the corresponding dimension of a shoulder-pad, whereby the shoulder-pad can be entirely supported by said form, so that wrinkling of said pad is prevented.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand.

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