

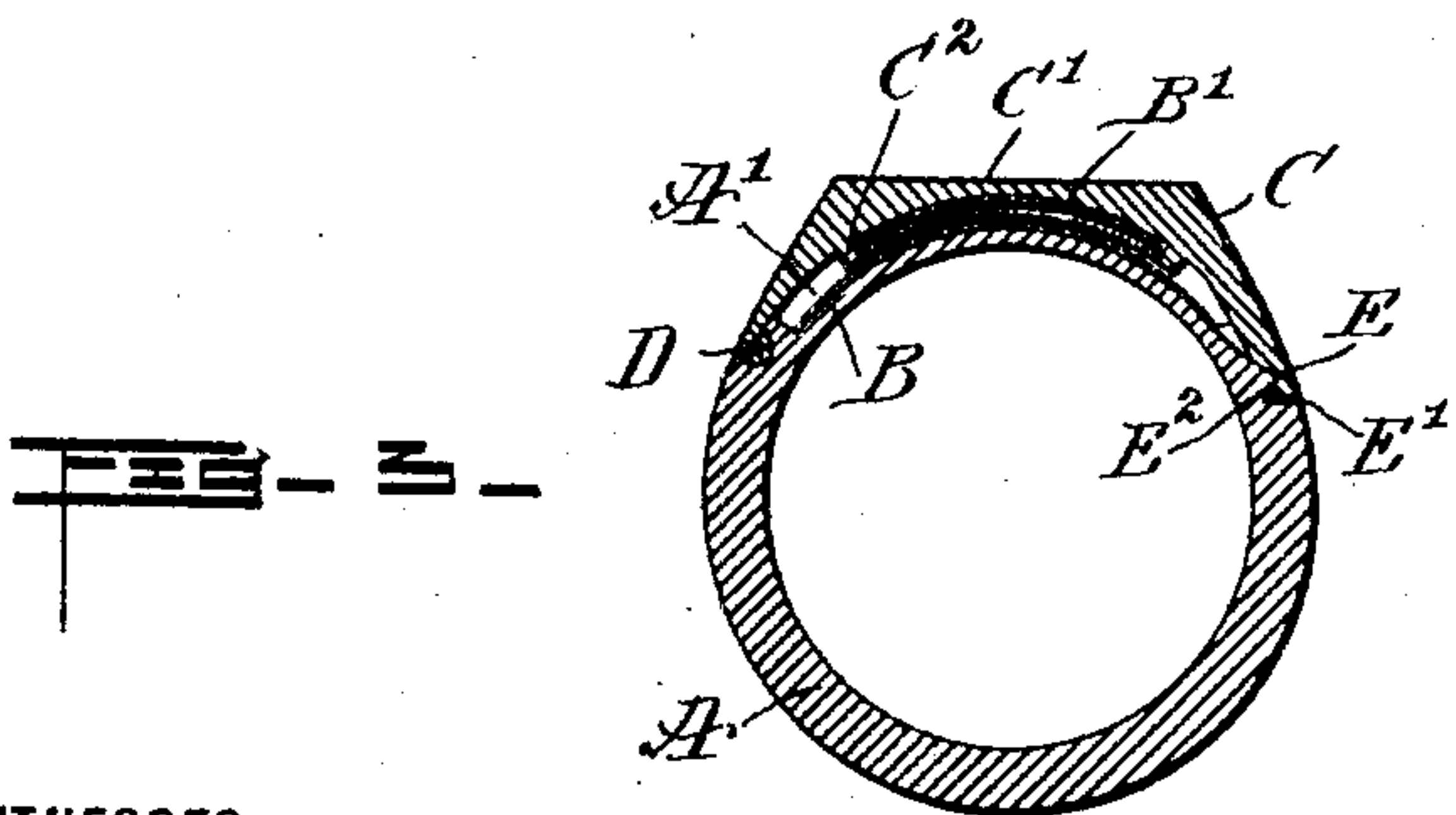
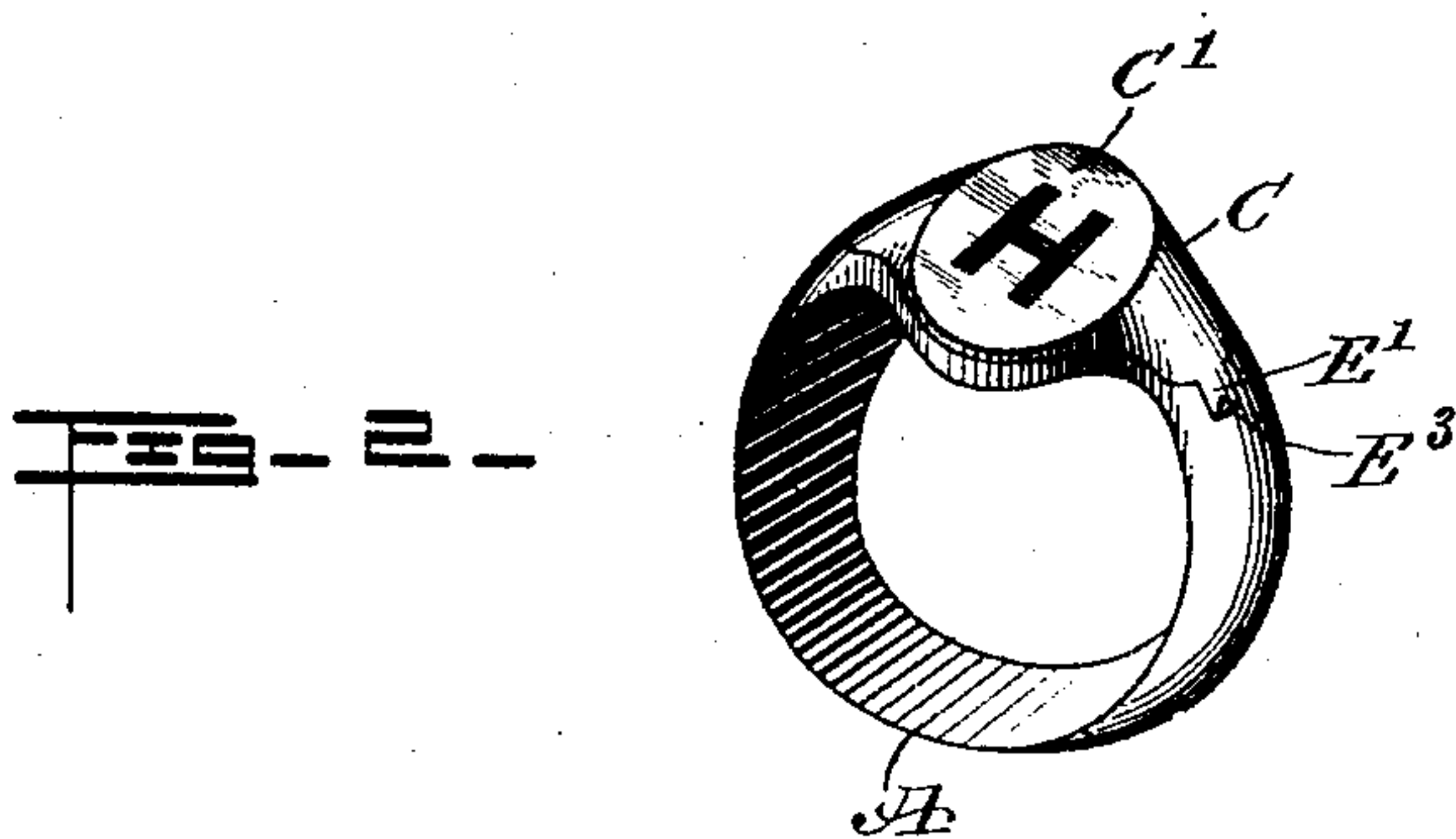
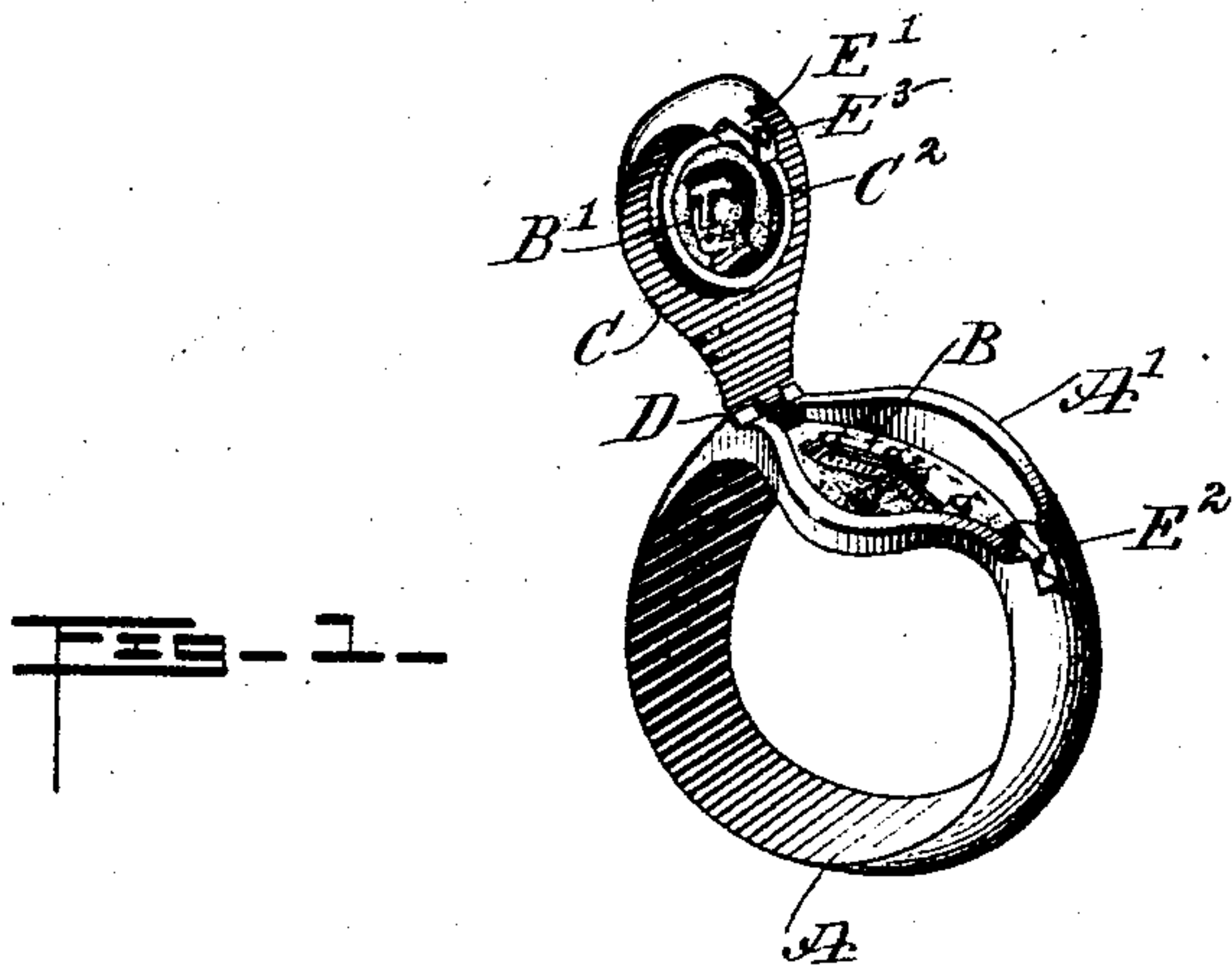
No. 774,700.

PATENTED NOV. 8, 1904.

C. SCHMIDT.
FINGER RING.

APPLICATION FILED DEC. 3, 1903.

NO MODEL.



WITNESSES:

W. C. Abbott
Geo. G. Norton

INVENTOR

Charles Schmidt

BY

Munn
ATTORNEYS

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

CHARLES SCHMIDT, OF NEW YORK, N. Y., ASSIGNOR OF ONE-HALF TO
JOSEPH SOUVAY, OF NEW YORK, N. Y.

FINGER-RING.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 774,700, dated November 8, 1904.

Application filed December 3, 1903. Serial No. 183,583. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES SCHMIDT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Finger-Ring, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to jewelry; and its object is to provide a new and improved finger-ring resembling an ordinary signet-ring and arranged to provide a locket for containing pictures and the like.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement, showing the cover in an open position. Fig. 2 is a like view of the ring, showing the cover closed; and Fig. 3 is a sectional side elevation of the same.

The annular shank A of the ring has its top portion A' somewhat widened and recessed, as plainly indicated in Fig. 1, for containing pictures B or the like, and the said recessed widened top portion A' is adapted to be covered by a cover C, made segmental and connected at one end by a hinge D to one side of the shank A, and the free end of the said cover is adapted to be fastened by a locking device E to the other side of the annular shank A, the said fastening device E being invisible and the cover when closed being of unbroken continuity with the shank, as plainly indicated in Figs. 2 and 3.

The cover C has a portion of its top flattened, as at C', for forming a seal, and on the under side of the cover is arranged an annular flange C² for inclosing a picture B' or the like, the said annular flange C² extending into the recess of the top portion A' when the cover C is closed, as plainly indicated in Fig. 3.

The locking device E consists, preferably,

of a spring-tongue E' on the free end of the cover C, having its under side notched to engage a lug E², arranged on the shank A, the said spring-tongue E' fitting snugly into a recess in the shank adjacent to the recessed top portion A', as will be readily understood by reference to Fig. 1, so that no projections whatever, either at the locking device E or at the hinge D, are had to mar the unbroken continuity of the ring.

A minute recess E³ (see Fig. 2) is formed exteriorly on the spring-tongue E' to allow of applying a pin or other instrument for prying the cover C open when it is desired to have access to the pictures B and B'.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the ring when the cover C is closed resembles an ordinary signet-ring; but the cover forms, with the enlarged portion A', a locket for containing pictures and the like, which can be readily viewed when swinging the segmental cover C into an open position, as illustrated in Fig. 1.

It is understood that I do not limit myself to the flat seal portion of the cover as shown, as the cover may be otherwise arranged exteriorly and of different forms and ornamented with precious stones and the like.

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

1. A finger-ring having an annular shank and an elongated segmental cover extending longitudinally in the direction of the circumference of the ring and hinged at one of its ends to the shank and at its other end having means for locking engagement with the shank, said cover when closed being of unbroken continuity with the outer top surface of the shank, and having a recess on its under side for the reception of pictures.

2. A finger-ring having an annular shank and an elongated segmental cover extending longitudinally in the direction of the circumference of the ring and having at one of its ends on the under side thereof a concealed hinge connecting it with the shank and at its other end having means for concealed locking engagement with the shank, the cover forming an unbroken continuation of the shank, on the outer face thereof, the shank and cover

each having recesses on their meeting faces for the reception of pictures.

3. A finger-ring having an annular shank provided with a widened, recessed top portion
5 for containing pictures, and a segmental cover fitting on the top portion, for closing the recess therein, the cover having a flattened exterior seal-surface and an annular flange on the under side, for containing pictures and
10 extending into the said recess, as set forth.

4. A finger-ring having an annular shank provided with a recessed top portion for con-

taining pictures, and a segmental cover fitting on the top portion for closing the recess therein, the cover having an annular flange on its
15 under side for containing pictures, said flange extending into said recess.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

CHARLES SCHMIDT.

Witnesses:

JACOB STARK,

ROBERT M. SOUVAY.