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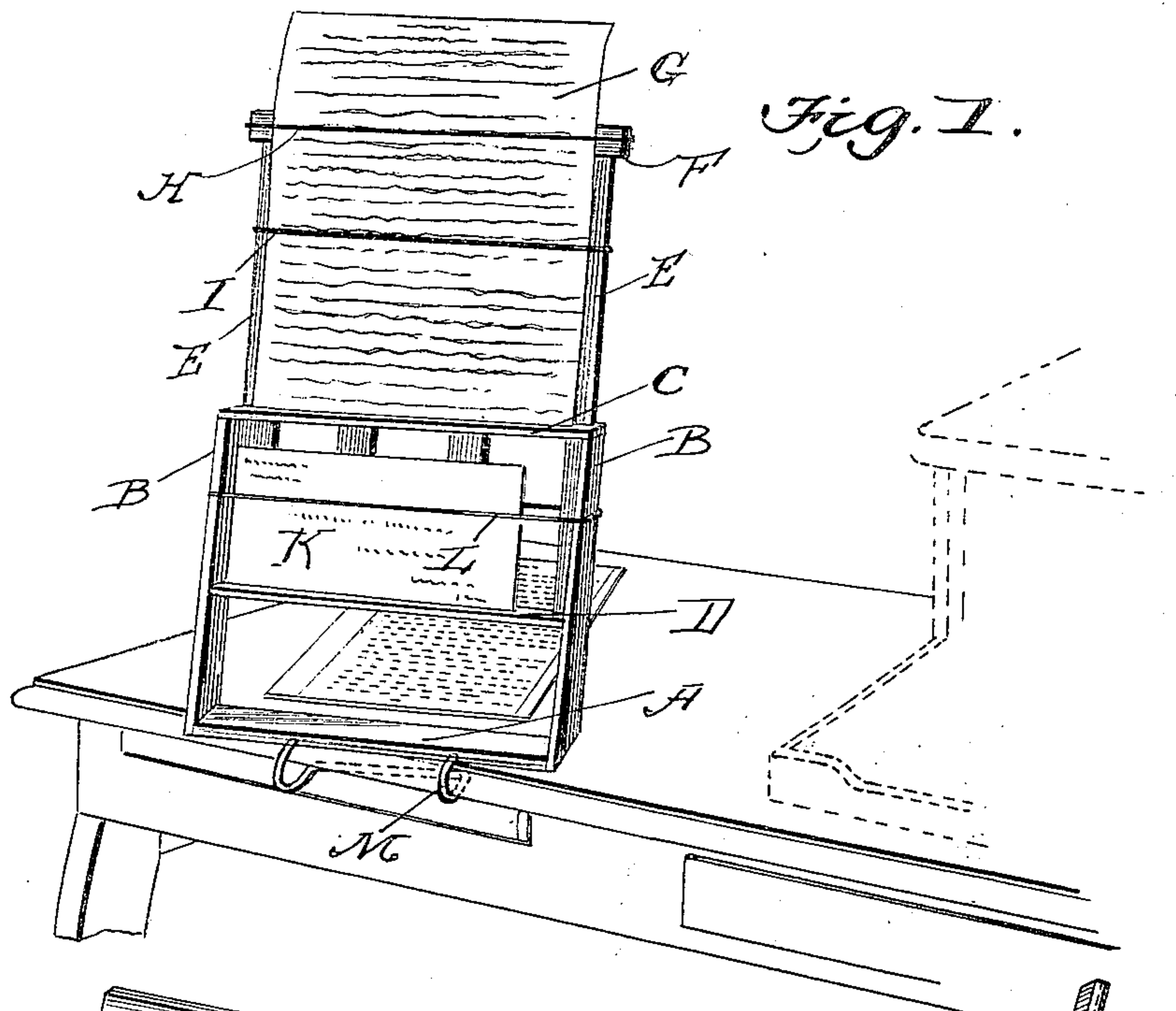


Fig. 1.

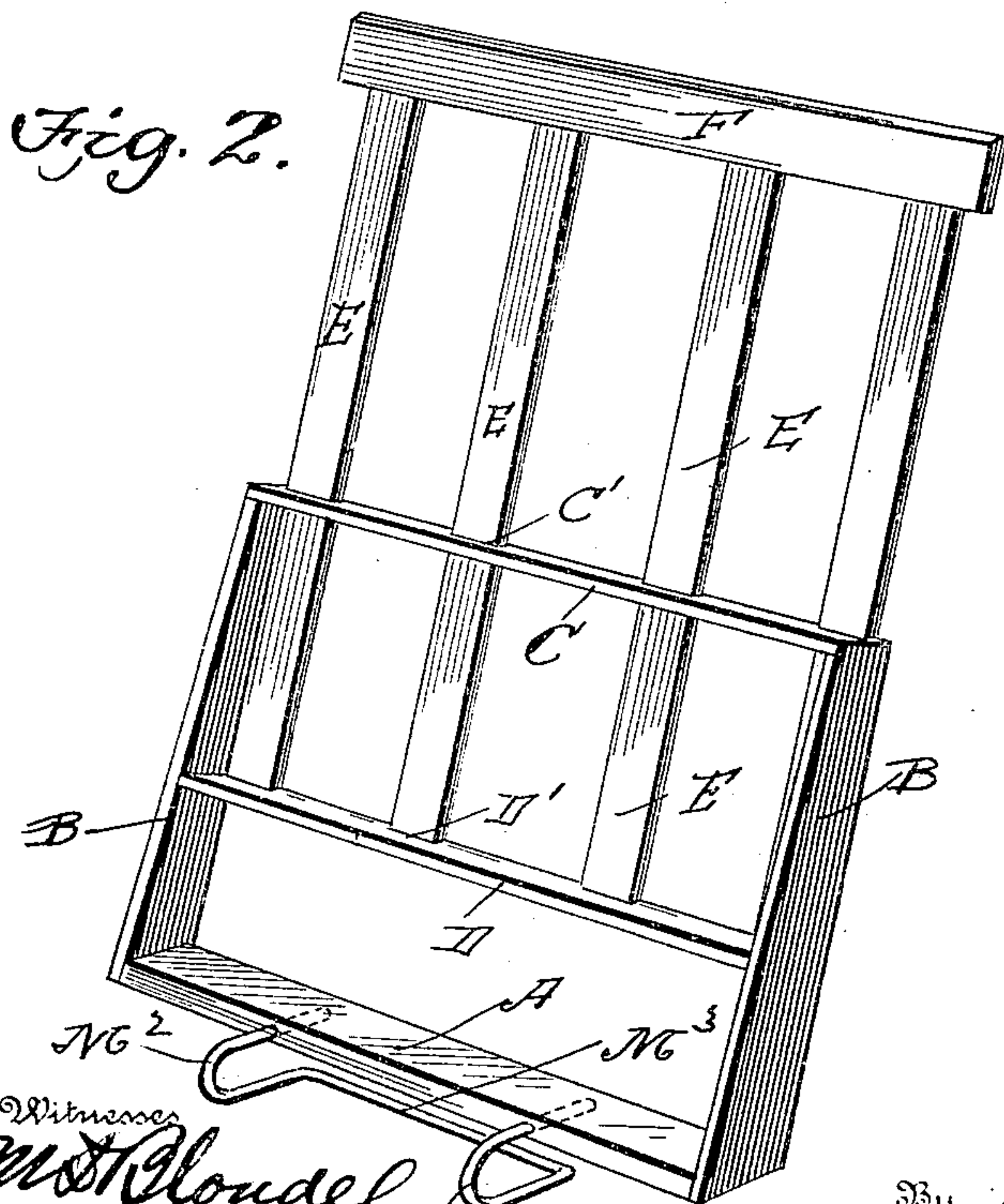


Fig. 2.

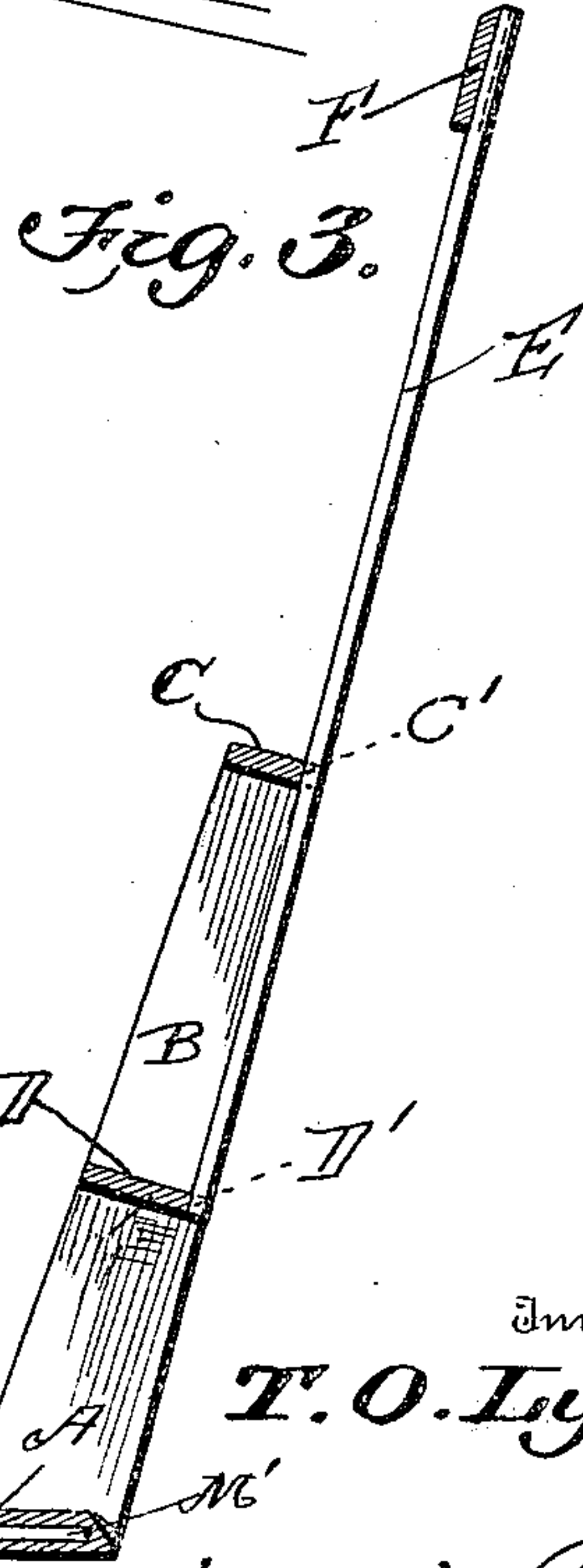


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS ORMOND LYNCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cripplecreek, in the county of Teller and State of Colorado, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Copy-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improved construction of copy-holder particularly adapted for the use of type-writers, the object being to provide an exceedingly cheap, simple, and efficient form of copy-holder by means of which the copy can be held in the proper position and one which can be used as a holder for envelopes and the like.

Another object of the invention is to provide a holder which can be adjusted to the most convenient angle for observation; and a still further object is to provide a copy-holder which can be quickly and easily attached to or detached from the edge of the desk or table upon which the type-writer is mounted.

With these various objects in view the invention consists in the novel features of construction and arrangement hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the practical application of my invention. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the holder disconnected from the table. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of the same.

In practice I prefer to construct my copy-holder of thin light wood, and in the course of said construction I employ a base-board A, to the ends of which are connected the tapering inclined side pieces B, which are connected at their upper ends by means of the cross-piece C and intermediate their ends by the strips D. The rear edges of the pieces C and D are recessed, as shown at C' and D', and arranged in said recesses and secured to the said cross-pieces C and D are the oblique upwardly-extending strips E, which are connected at their upper ends by means of the top piece F. The cross-piece C forms a rest for the copy G, and an elastic band H embraces the top piece F and holds the copy in place, and for the purpose of indicating the line to be copied I employ an elastic band I, which embraces the strips E and the copy resting thereagainst, and it can be moved down by hand as the copying progresses. It will be noted that the strips E extend downwardly from the cross-piece C to the intermediate cross-piece D, and thereby form a

receptacle in which can be placed envelopes and similar articles, as shown at K in Fig. 1, and, if desired, an elastic band L may be arranged about the holder at this point in order to hold such articles in place. For the purpose of connecting the holder to the table or desk I employ a spring-wire clip M, the ends M' of which are inserted in the forward edge of the base-board A, and the wire is then bent rearwardly and downwardly, as shown at M², thereby providing the two gripping-fingers, which are adapted to firmly clasp the edge of the table, and the inner ends of these gripping-fingers are connected by the central portion of the wire M³, which central portion is firmly bound against the table by the inherent elasticity of the spring-wire. By having an exceedingly long spring-clip I am able to attach the holder to the edge of the table at any desired angle, and in this manner the holder can be arranged in a position most convenient for the operator. The open space at the bottom of the holder is left for the purpose of arranging the table either before or after copying; as it will be noted by reference to Fig. 1, the hand can be inserted through the opening and the table grasped, this being the most convenient location of articles on the table. It will thus be seen that I provide an exceedingly cheap and simple and at the same time highly efficient construction of copy-holder.

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

1. A copy-holder comprising the base-board, the inclined side pieces and the intermediate and upper connected cross-pieces, the upwardly-extending strips and the top piece connected to the upper ends of said strips, the intermediate and lower portion of said strips being connected to the upper and intermediate cross-piece as set forth.

2. A copy-holder comprising the base-board provided with a spring-clip, the inclined tapering side pieces, the upper and intermediate cross-pieces connecting the side pieces, the upwardly-extending strips connected to the rear edges of the upper and intermediate cross-pieces, the top piece connecting the upper ends of said strips and the elastic bands arranged as described.

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