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Figure 1

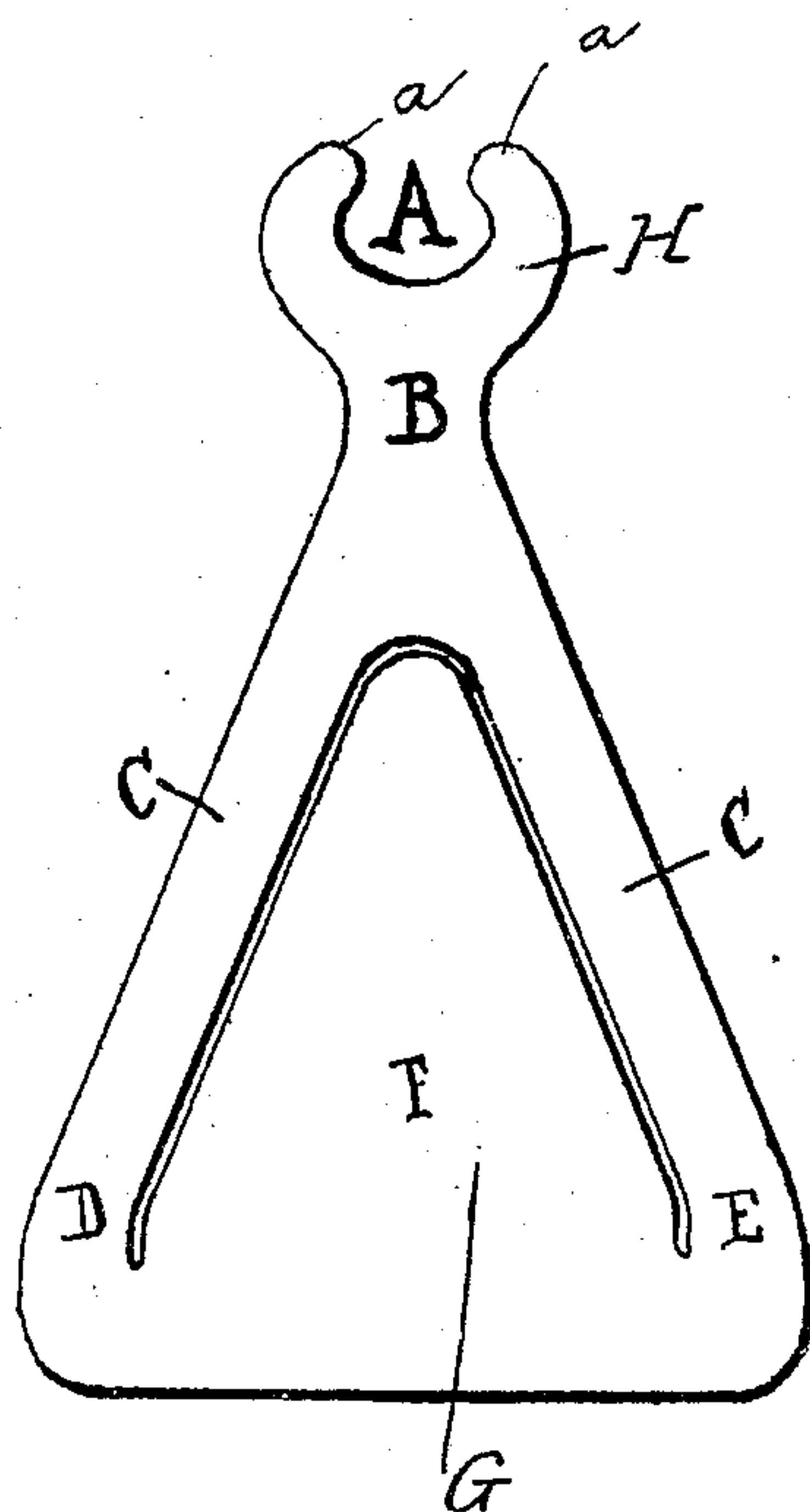
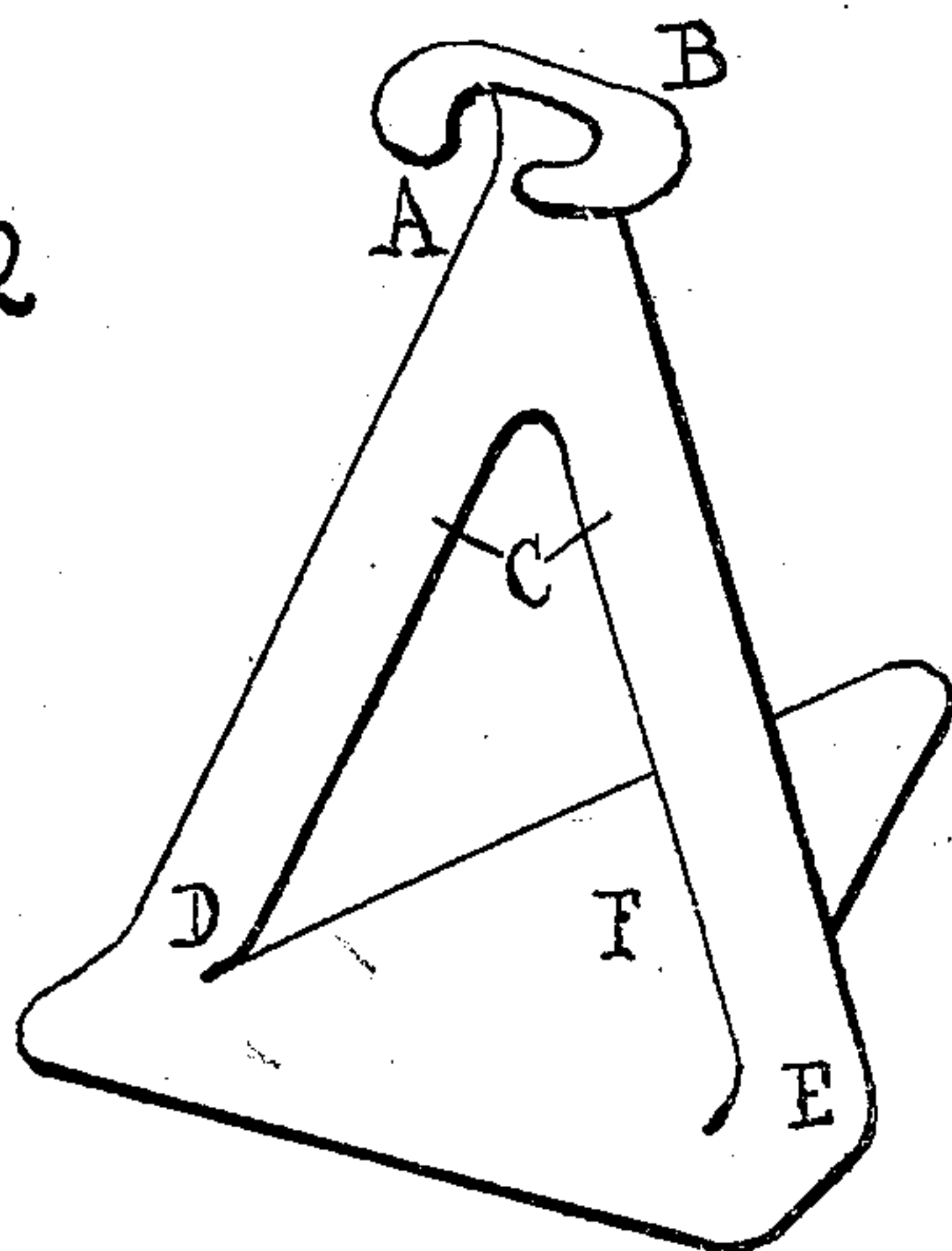


Figure 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUGH SHEPPARD STEVENSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at 2030 North Twenty-second street, in the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Easels, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and economical form of easel for displaying watches and similar articles; and to that end it consists of the novel construction and arrangement of parts herein fully set forth.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a face view of my improved easel in blank form before being bent up for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective of the easel bent up for service.

The blank shown in Fig. 1 is cut by stamping, punching, or any other suitable means from any pliable sheet material having sufficient tensile strength to support the articles desired to be displayed. I prefer to use a sheet metal such as brass or what is commercially known as "tin," &c., but do not confine myself to the use of these materials, as equivalents may be used. As shown in Fig. 1, the blank has a body portion G and head portion H, said head portion being recessed at A to form two upwardly-projecting prongs or horns *a*, preferably slightly turned in, as shown. The body portion of the blank is provided with a V-shaped die cut, as shown, for the purpose hereinafter stated. To render the easel thus formed in blank suitable for use, the portions C of the body are bent upwardly by hand at the points D and E to form the two converging side members of the easel-standard, and the head portion H is then bent forward at the point B substantially at right angles to said standard to form

the support for the article to be hung upon the easel. The portion F of the body lying within the die cuts forms the base-plate of the easel.

Although my easel may be utilized to support different articles, it is particularly suited for the display of watches in upright position, the stem of the watch fitting readily within the recess A between the prongs *a*.

A great advantage of my improved easel is that it may be packed and shipped flat and can be bent for use by hand. For example, a single easel can readily be mailed in an envelop. The blank in itself thus forms a complete commercial article ready for sale.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A watch-supporting easel formed from a single sheet of pliable material and comprising a rearwardly-projecting base, an upwardly-projecting and rearwardly-inclined standard bent up from the front of the base, and a forked head projecting forwardly from the top of the standard.

2. A watch-supporting easel formed of a single piece of pliable sheet metal and comprising a broad flat base, a rearwardly-inclined support consisting of a bar of said sheet metal projecting upwardly from the opposite front corners of said base, and converging to a medium width at the top forming a single neck, and a forked head projecting forwardly from said single neck.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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