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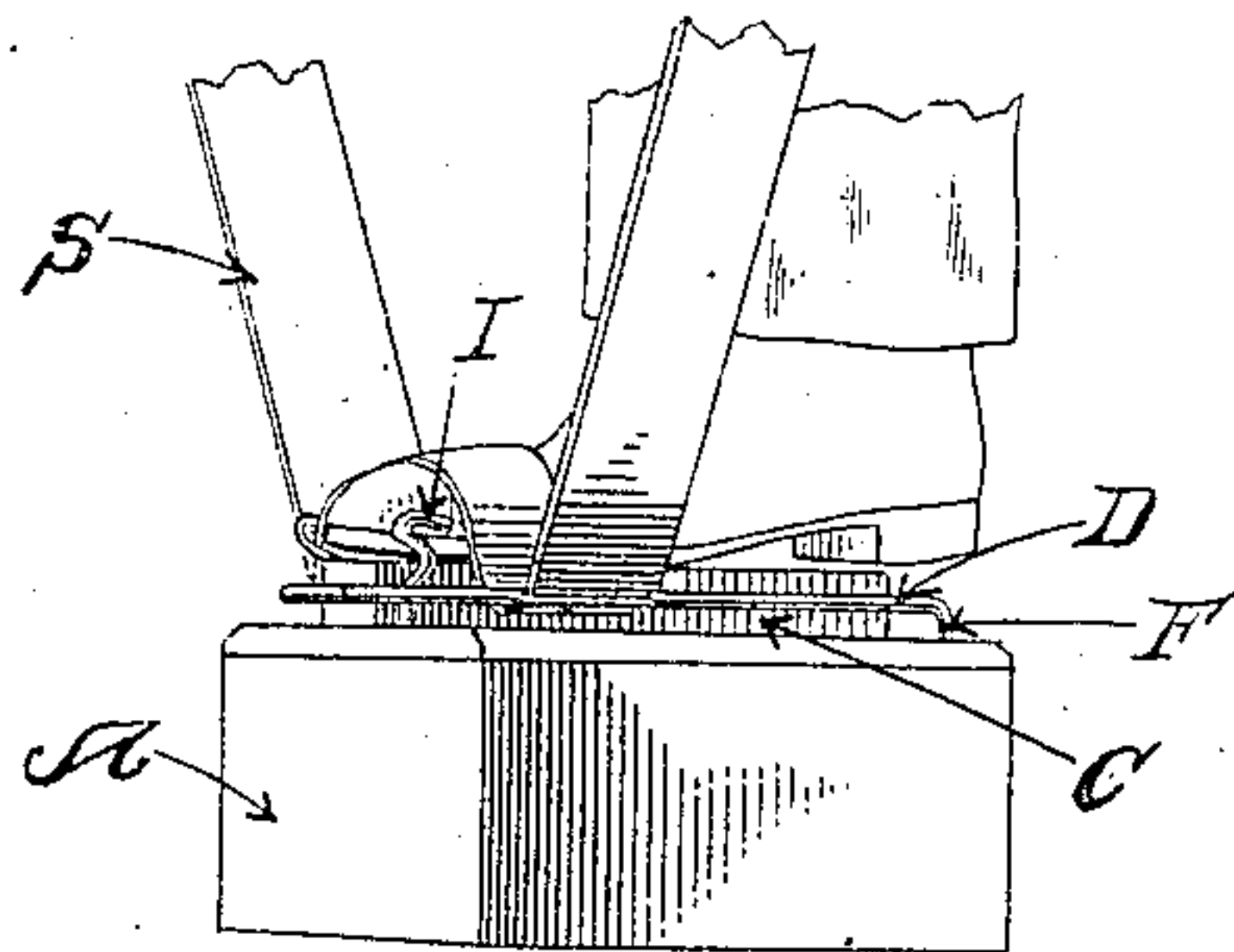


Fig. 1.

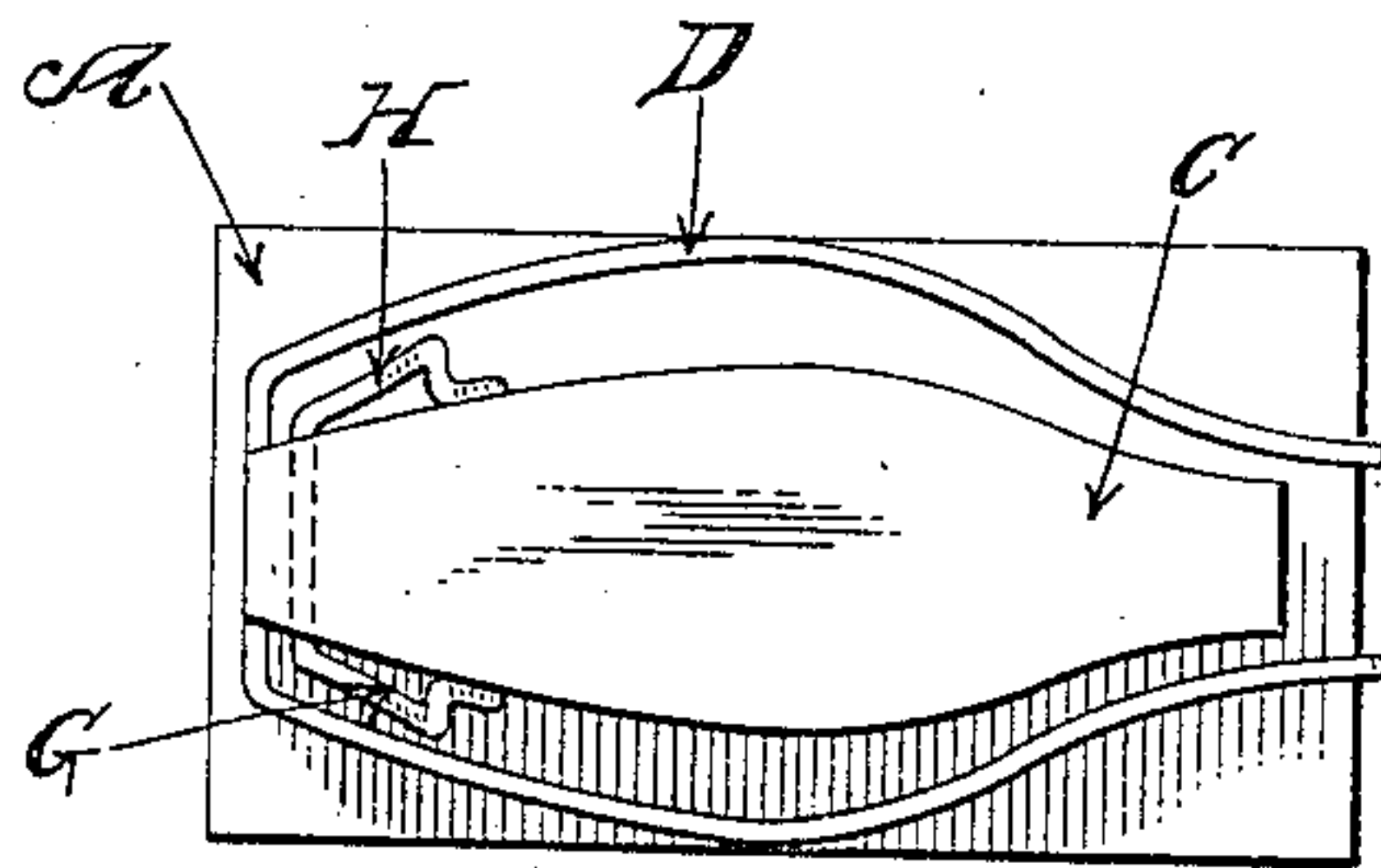


Fig. 2.

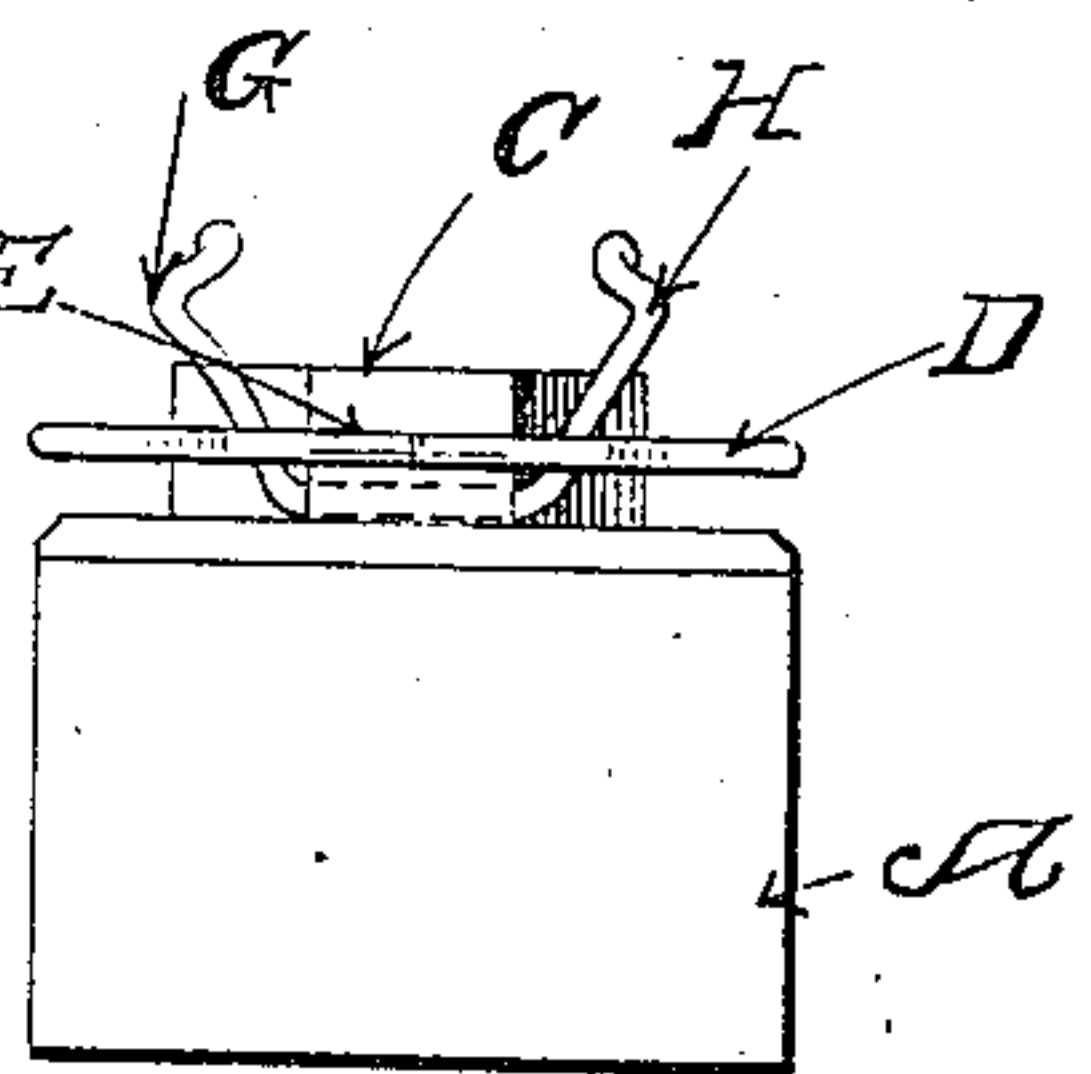


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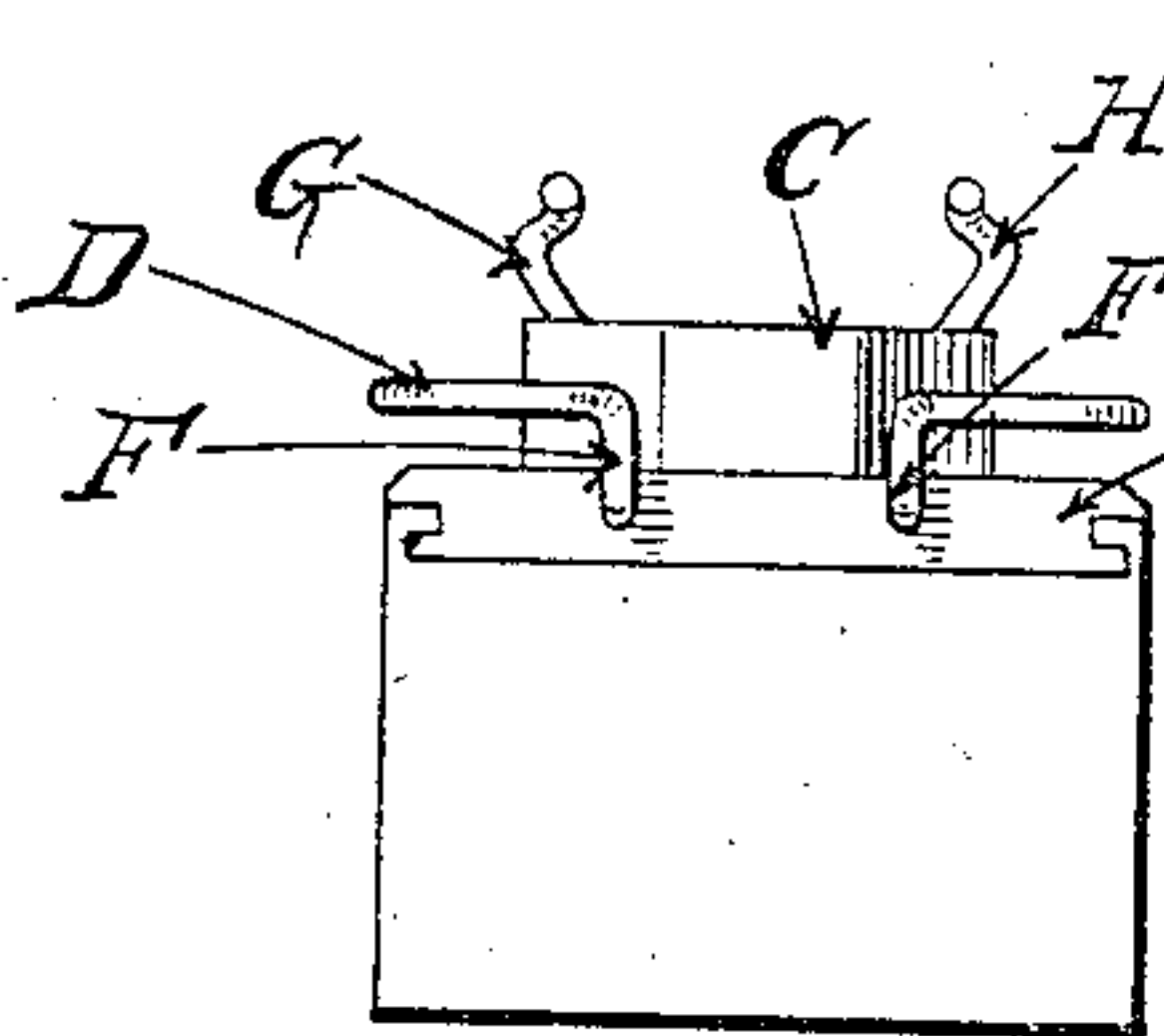


Fig. 4.

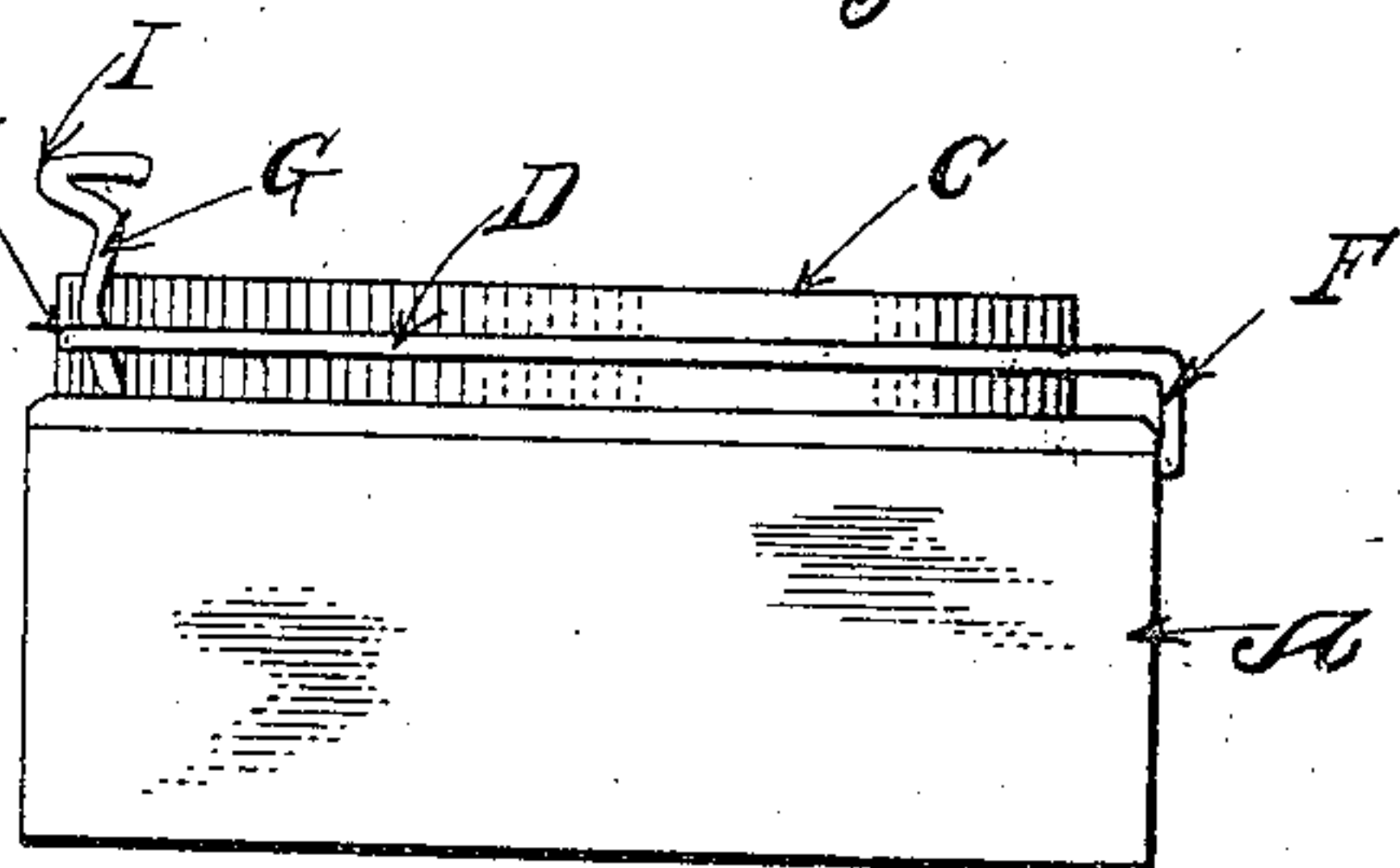


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE B. DUNN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brockton, in the county of Plymouth, State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Shoe-Polishing Devices, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to a shoe-polishing device of that kind in which means is provided for guiding a strip of cloth over the portions of the shoe to be polished, and has for its object to provide means for preventing the polishing-cloth from running off over the toe of the shoe, as has heretofore been the case where no such means is provided.

The invention will be fully understood from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, and the novel features thereof are pointed out and clearly defined in the claims at the close of the specification.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved shoe-polishing device, showing the shoe in the act of being polished. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the device. Fig. 3 is a view of the left-hand end of the device shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a view of the right-hand end thereof. Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the device.

Referring to the drawings, A indicates the box or pedestal upon which the device is mounted. For convenience I frequently mount the device directly upon the sliding cover B of the box, as shown in Fig. 4. Upon this cover is placed the shoe-support C, which is raised above the surface of the cover of the box a convenient height and is shaped to conform somewhat to the shape of the shoe.

Surrounding the shoe-support C and substantially parallel thereto is the rod or cloth-guide D, under which on each side the polishing-cloth is inserted and by means of which it is held in contact with the portion of the shoe to be polished. The rear end of the cloth-guide—i. e., the right-hand end in Fig. 2—is curved inwardly to guide the polishing-

cloth better about the incurved portions of the shoe. In practice it is found convenient to have the cloth-guide D held in place by engaging a notch E on the shoe-support, while its rear ends are bent at right angles with the rear surface of the box A, as shown at F, and inserted in holes bored horizontally in the cover. By this means the cloth-guide is held securely in place.

To prevent the polishing-cloth from running off over the toe of the shoe, I furnish my device with a toe-guide provided with two upwardly-extending prongs G and H, which engage the toe-cap of the shoe just above the sole and are formed with a loop I, (see Figs. 1 and 5,) in which the edge of the polishing-cloth runs and by which it is held in position and is prevented from slipping off over the end of the toe of the shoe when the toe of the shoe is being polished. This loop also serves to guide the cloth over the extreme forward portion of the toe-cap.

The toe-guide may be of any suitable shape or material; but in practice I find it convenient to make it of stiff wire, which may be bent into the shape shown in the figures and which, having a slight resiliency, is well adapted to form the projections or prongs which engage the sides of the shoe. I also find it convenient to hinge the toe-guide to the shoe-support by having it pass through a hole bored in the said shoe-support. By this means the toe-guide is so arranged that it may be folded down into the position shown in Fig. 2, in which position the device occupies less space and is more convenient for packing.

What I claim is—

1. In a shoe-polishing device, the combination with a shoe-support, of a cloth-guide conforming in shape to the shape of the portion of the shoe to be polished, and a toe-guide having two portions adapted to contact with the sides of the shoe near the front end and prevent the cloth from running off over the toe.

2. In a shoe-polishing device, the combination with a shoe-support, of a cloth-guide, and a toe-guide provided with loops for the

reception of the polishing-cloth and with portions to contact with the sides of the shoe to be polished.

3. In a shoe-polishing device, the combination with a support for the shoe, of a cloth-guide for the polishing-cloth and a toe-guide hinged to the shoe-support.

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

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