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Fig. 1.

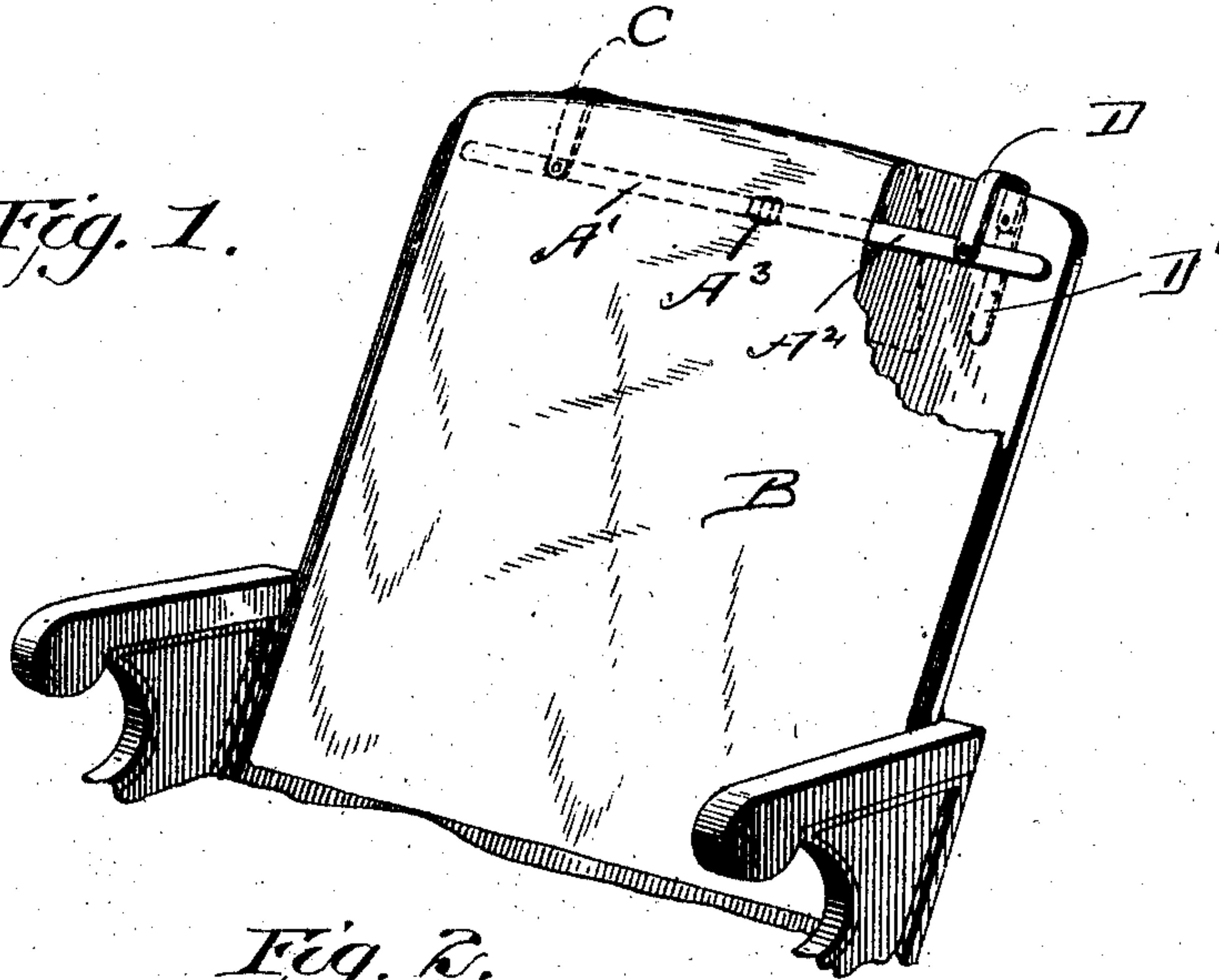


Fig. 2.

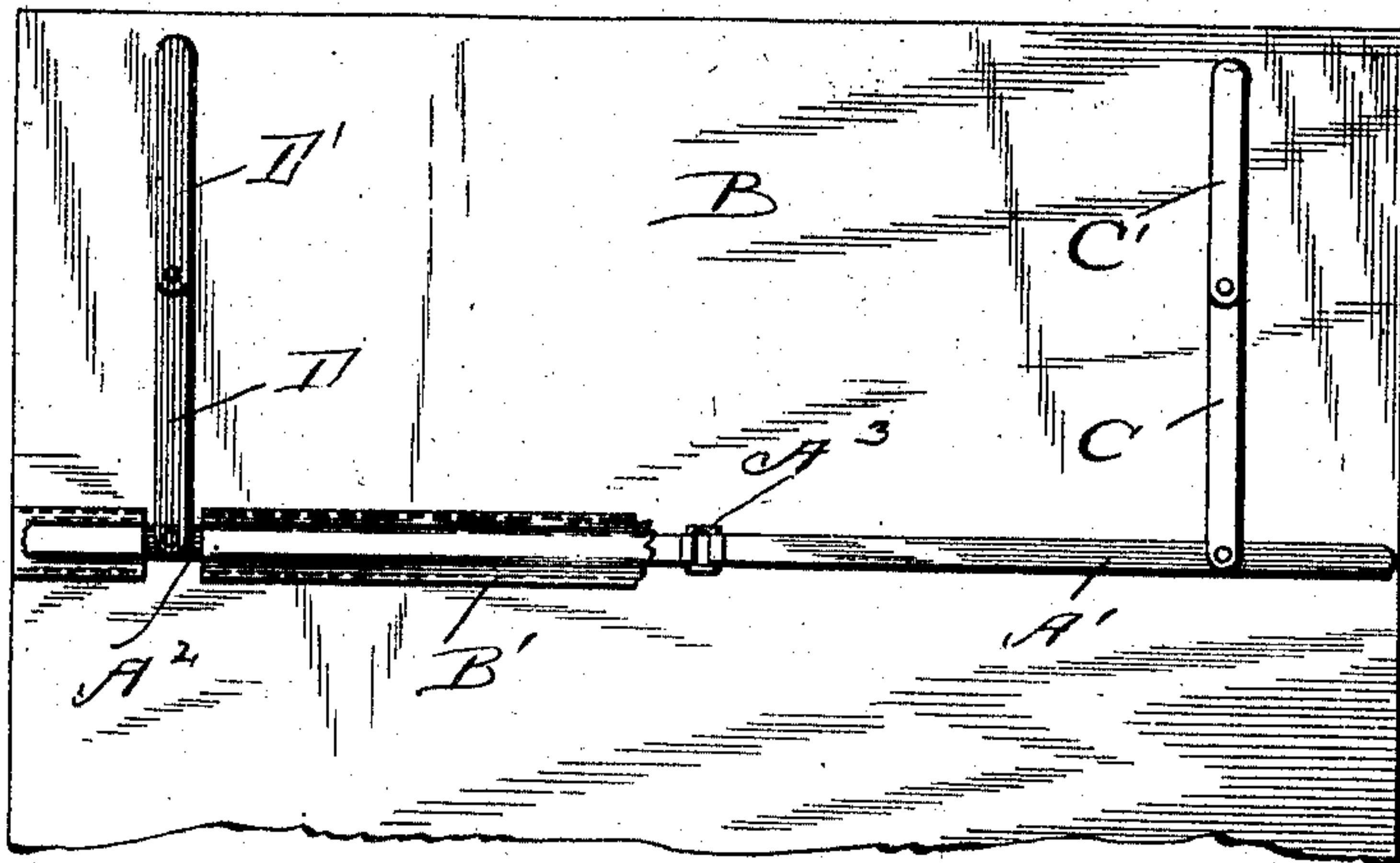
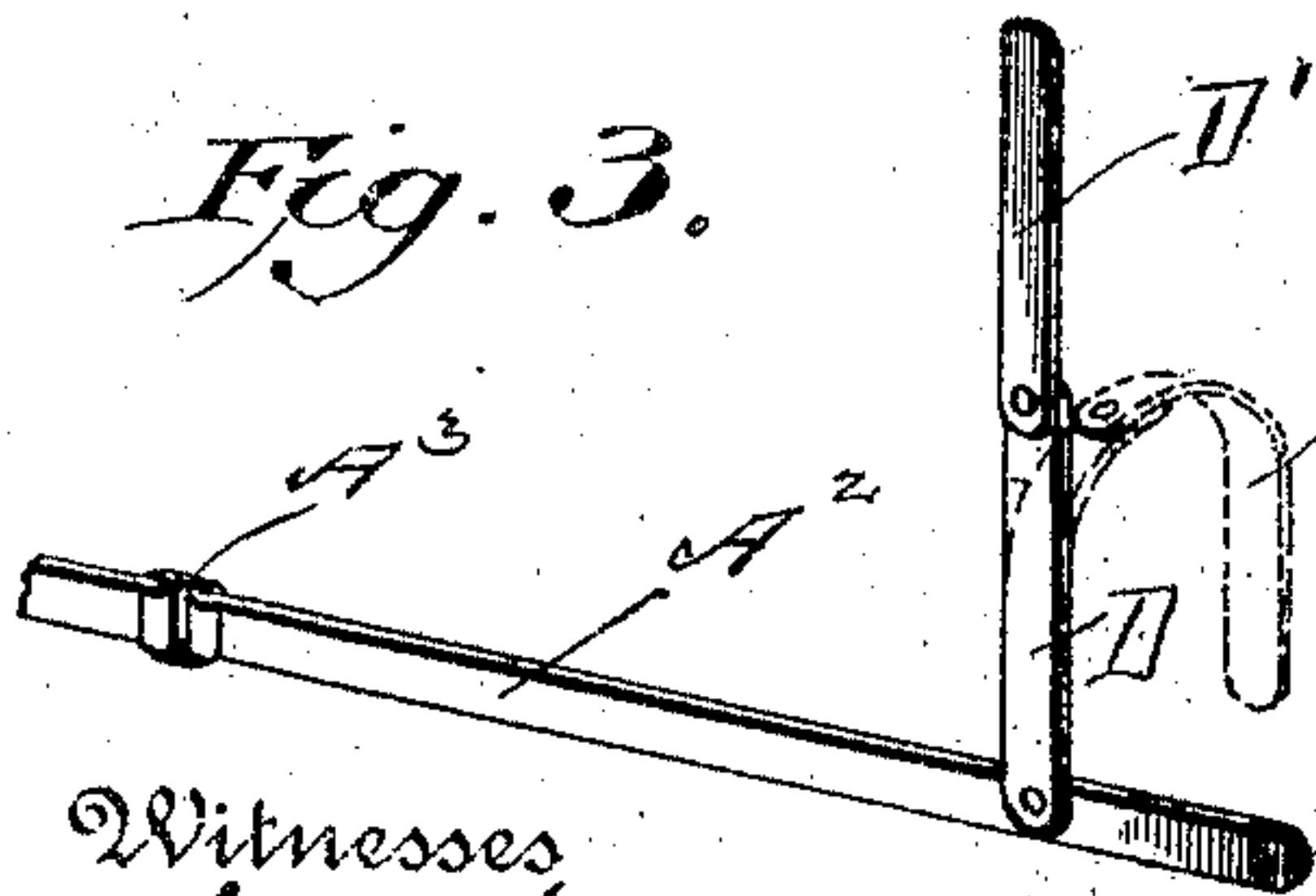
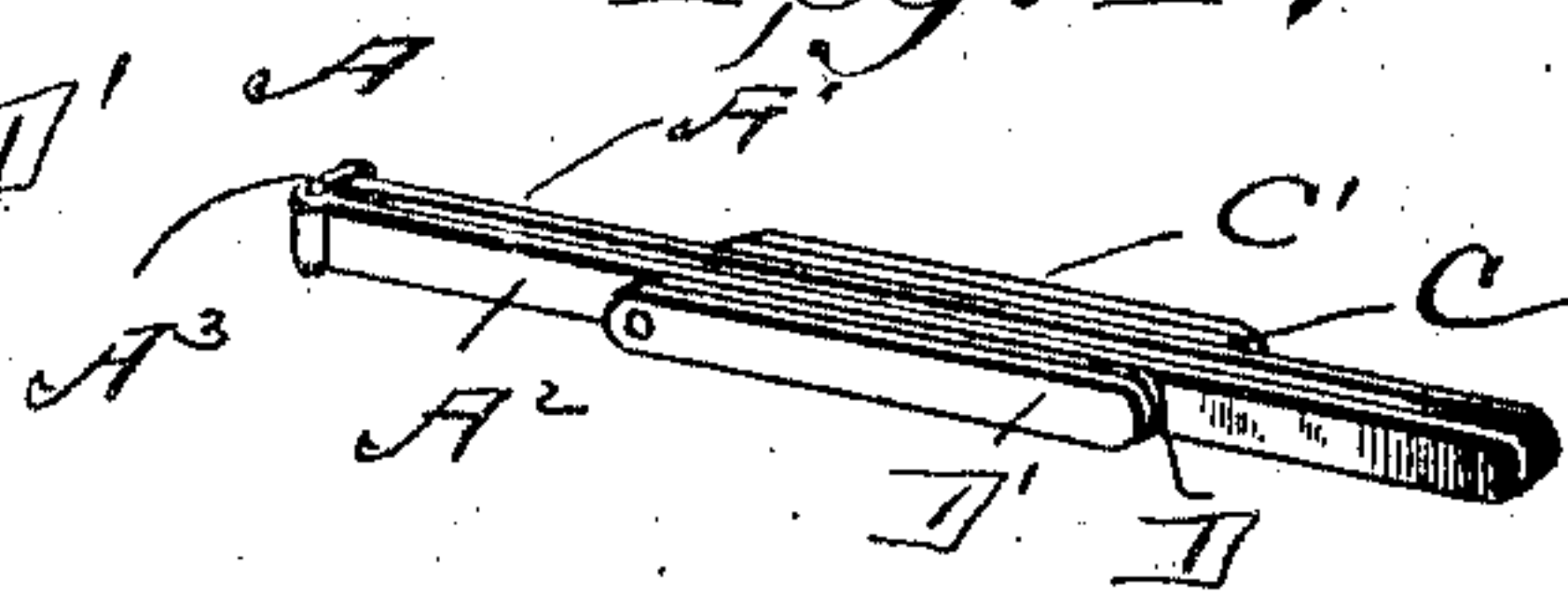


Fig. 3.



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Fig. 4.



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## DRESS-WAIST PROTECTOR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN R. BRANTLY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Athens, in the county of Clarke and State of Georgia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Dress-Waist Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to dress-protectors, and has for its object to provide a dress-waist protector which is very simple and cheap in construction and one which can be quickly and easily attached to the back of a chair or seat of any kind for the purpose of preventing the dress-waist coming in contact with the chair or seat back.

Another object of my invention is to provide a protector of this kind which can be folded into a small bundle and carried in the pocket.

The device is especially adapted for use upon theater-seats, car-seats, church-pews, or any public seat; and it consists of a metal frame adapted to be attached to the seat and carrying a protective fabric which covers the seat or chair back.

The invention consists also in certain new and useful details of construction, 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 rear face view, parts broken away in order to more clearly show the supporting-frame. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view showing one end of the frame and the manner of bending the flexible arms or strips, and Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the frame folded.

Referring to the drawings, A indicates the frame, and B the protecting-cloth secured thereon. The frame A consists of two strips of metal A' and A<sup>2</sup>, connected together by a link-hinge A<sup>3</sup>, and the strips A' and A<sup>2</sup> have flexible metal strips C and D pivotally connected thereto adjacent their outer ends. Duplicate flexible strips C' and D' are piv-

oted to the free ends of the strips C and D, respectively. The protecting-cloth B, which may be of any material desired, is connected to the strips A' and B', which is stitched to the fabric B and envelops the strips A' and A<sup>2</sup> between the strips C and D.

From the foregoing description it can be readily seen that the protector can be folded into a small package, as the strips C' and D' can be turned back upon the strips D and C, which can be turned back upon the strips A' and A<sup>2</sup>, which are folded together, and the cloth is then rolled around the members, making a small package which can be easily carried in the pocket-book or satchel.

When it is desired to use the protector, it is unfolded, and the strips C, C', D, and D' are bent downwardly over the back of the chair or seat, as the case may be, to form supporting-hooks. One end of the cloth is allowed to drop down over the back of the chair, and the other end is thrown over the top of the back, and it can be readily seen that the back of the chair will be covered by the cloth, which will protect the dress-waist of the user from all dirt or dust which might be upon the chair or seat back.

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

1. In a dress-waist protector, the combination with metal strips hinged together, of a strip of cloth secured to said strips, and flexible sectional strips of metal pivoted to said strips adjacent each end, for the purpose described.

2. In a dress-waist protector the combination with metal strips connected together by a link carrying a strip of cloth, of flexible metal strips pivotally connected to the said strips adjacent their free ends and flexible strips pivoted to the free ends of said flexible strips, for the purpose described.

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