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Fig. 1.

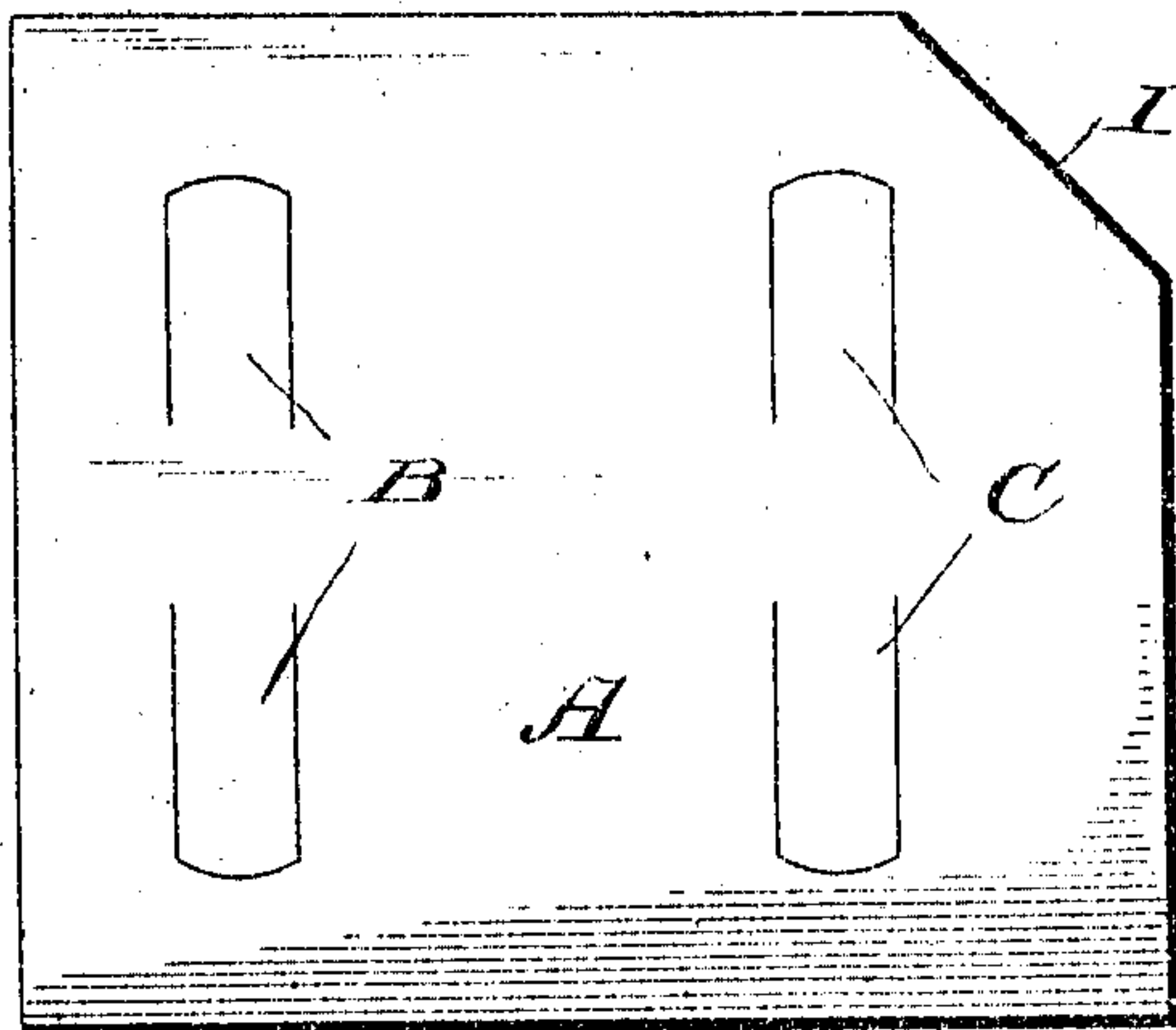


Fig. 2.

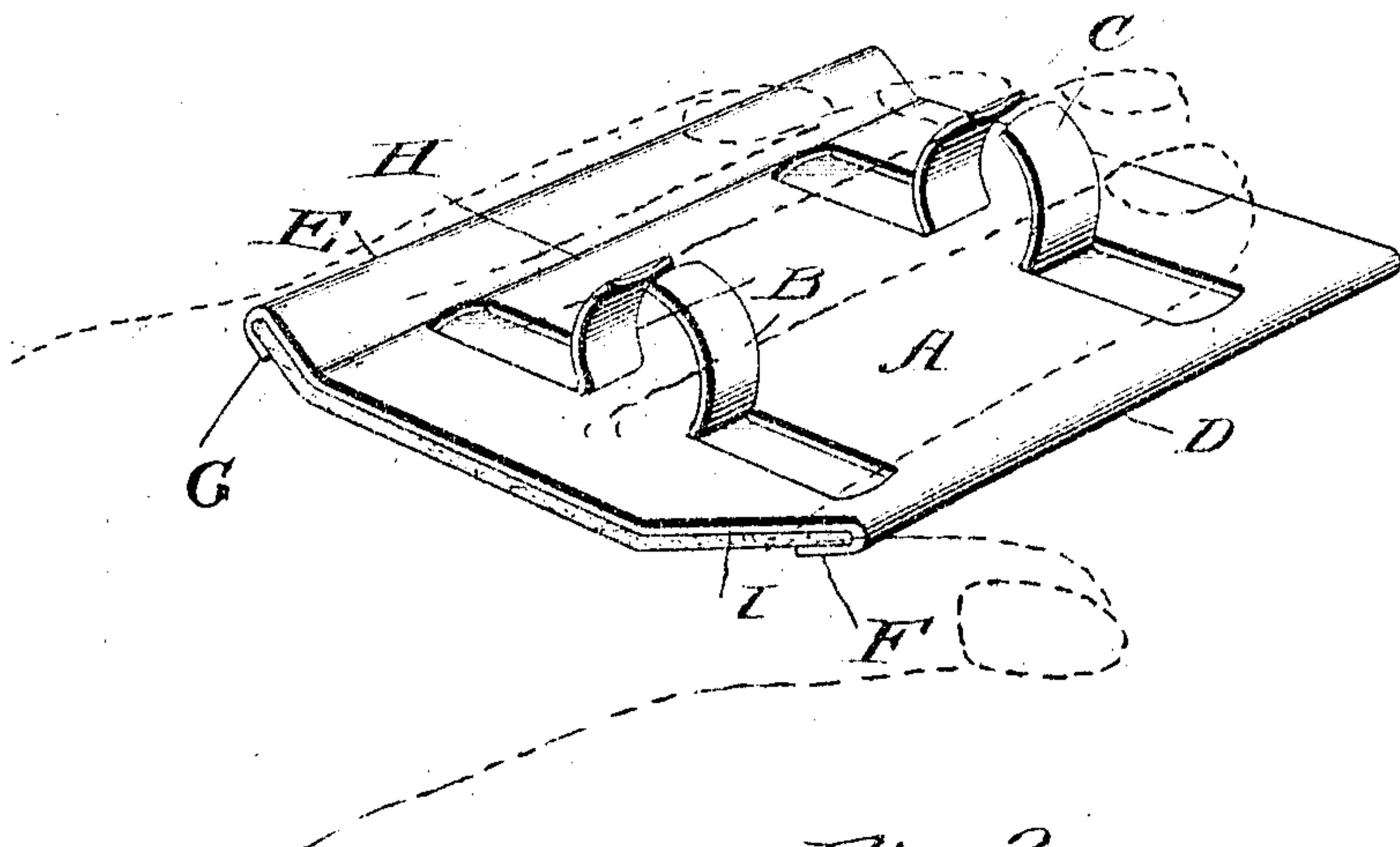
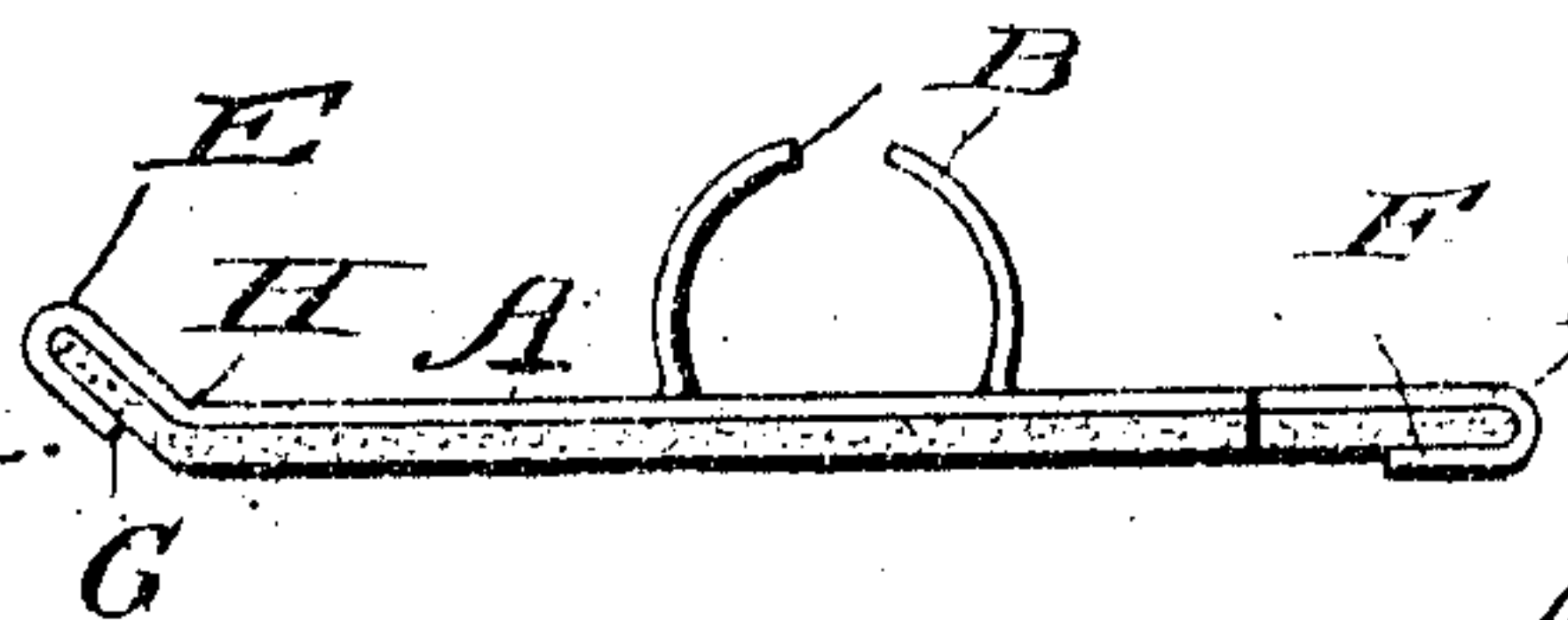


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTER E. JACKSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lincoln, in the county of Lancaster and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Rulers and Blotter-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to a combination blotter holder and ruler adapted to be attached to a finger of the left hand of the user whereby to be ready for use at all times, and which in its manner of being held affords comparatively no inconvenience.

The further purpose of the device is to produce the same from a single sheet of stamped material whereby the cost of the manufacture is such that the articles may be sold at a very low price and yet give a reasonable profit to the producer.

The invention is designed with especial reference for the use of bookkeepers and other accountants who are constantly required to strike balances, etc., and for those who are frequently called upon to sign bills or letters, and it is further adapted to permit the turning of pages or papers by other fingers of the hand to which it is attached.

The invention is shown in its preferred embodiment in the accompanying drawing wherein,

Figure 1. illustrates the blank sheet from which the article is produced. Fig. 2. illustrates the finished article in perspective, and Fig. 3. is an end view thereof.

Referring to the drawing in further detail and wherein like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different figures shown, A refers to a blank sheet of suitable metal or other material which is of precisely the outline shown in Fig. 1. Said plate is punched within the margin thereof to provide two pairs of oppositely disposed ears B and C respectively, which ears are bent upwardly and inwardly into the shape shown in Fig. 2, thus constituting the means by which the device is to be held on the finger of the user.

The opposite side edges D and E are bent under and upon themselves to provide a pair of engaging devices F and G, which serve as the means for retaining a blotter therein, in a manner that will be readily obvious. The side portion E is bent

slightly upward along the line H the purpose whereof being to provide a ruling edge that will give the desirable bearing surface for a pencil and likewise permit the use of an ordinary pen for ruling. The peculiar manner of bending the side portion E is further serviceable in that it affords an additional retaining means for the blotter.

That corner of the plate designated by the letter I is cut away in order that the device may have no obstruction to its convenient manipulation.

When in use the piece is adapted to be kept permanently on a finger of the left hand, said finger entering between the retaining pieces B and the end thereof slightly protruding through the members C as shown by the lines in dash in Fig. 2, and in this position the upturned edge E of the device is at all times in a position to be conveniently presented for ruling.

While I have shown and described the instrument in certain particular details, I do not wish myself understood as being limited to the precise structure shown but rather reserve instead the right to make such changes therein as will better adapt the device to its purpose, limiting myself only to such details as may be disclosed in the prior art to which the present invention pertains.

What I claim as new is:

A combination blotter holder and ruler comprising a substantially rectangular metal plate having a pair of opposed portions struck up therefrom and designed to provide a resilient holding means to be engaged by a finger of the hand, one side portion of said plate being folded upon itself and disposed upwardly to provide a ruling edge, the opposite side portion of the plate being also folded upon itself and providing with the folded portion of the ruling edge a means for holding a blotter, and the inner corner of said sheet opposite the bent up portion being diagonally cut away whereby to permit of freedom of movement of the thumb of the hand.

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

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