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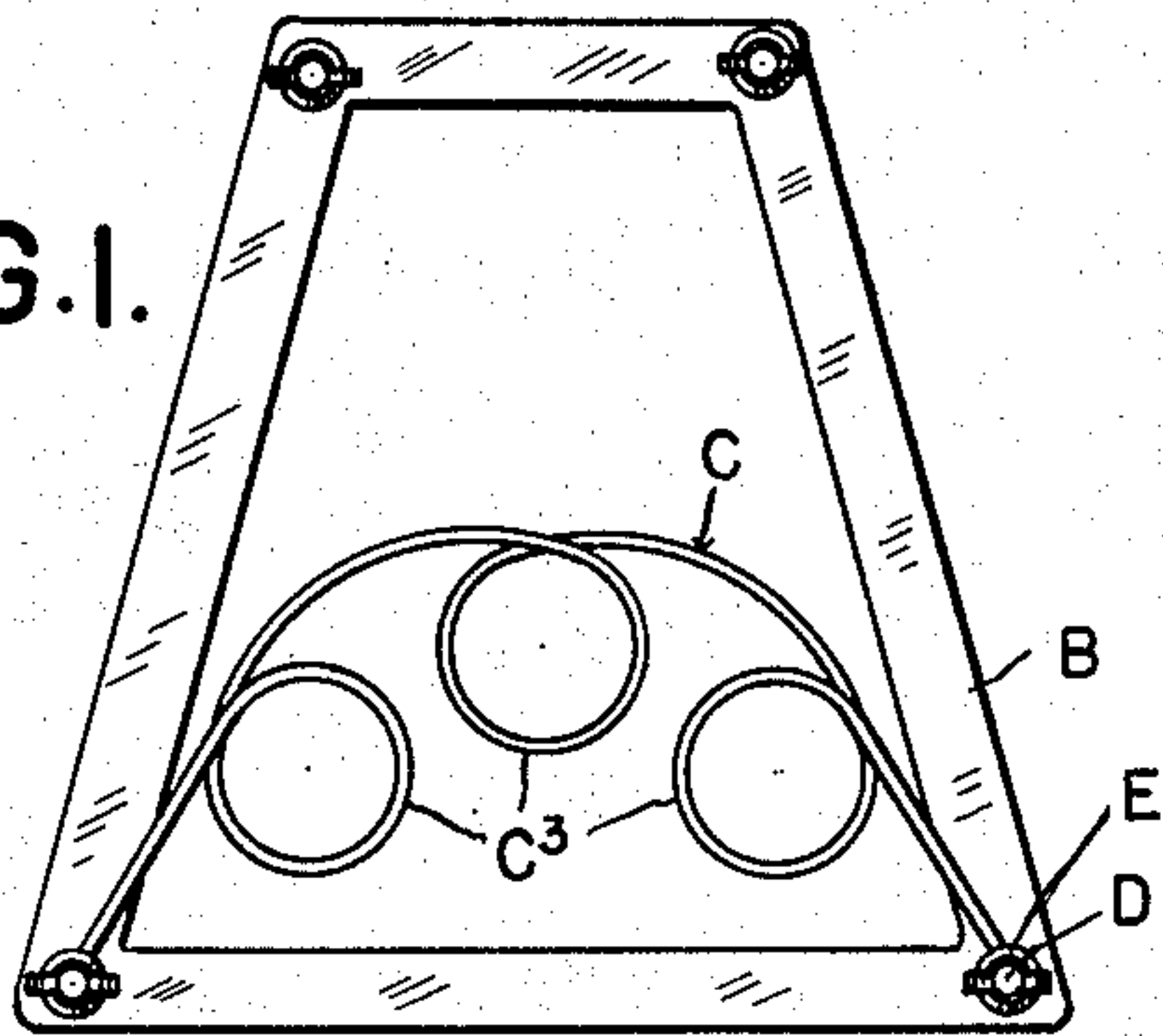


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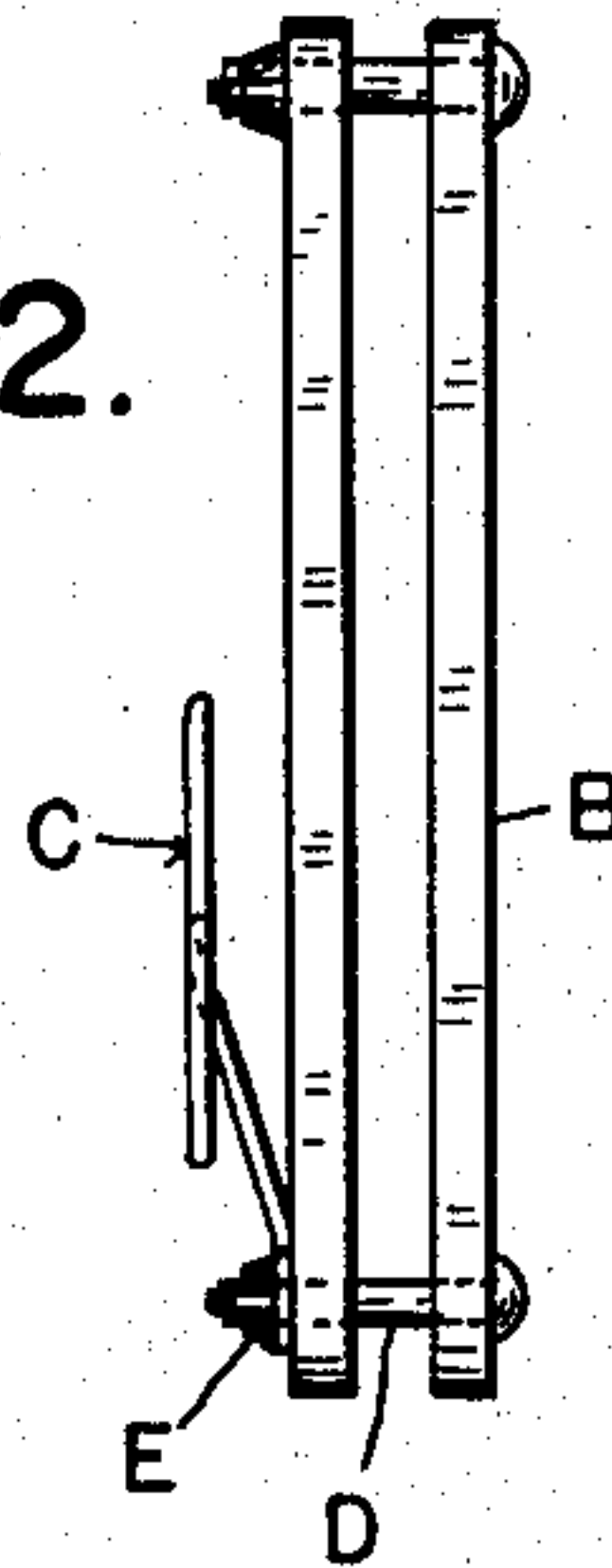


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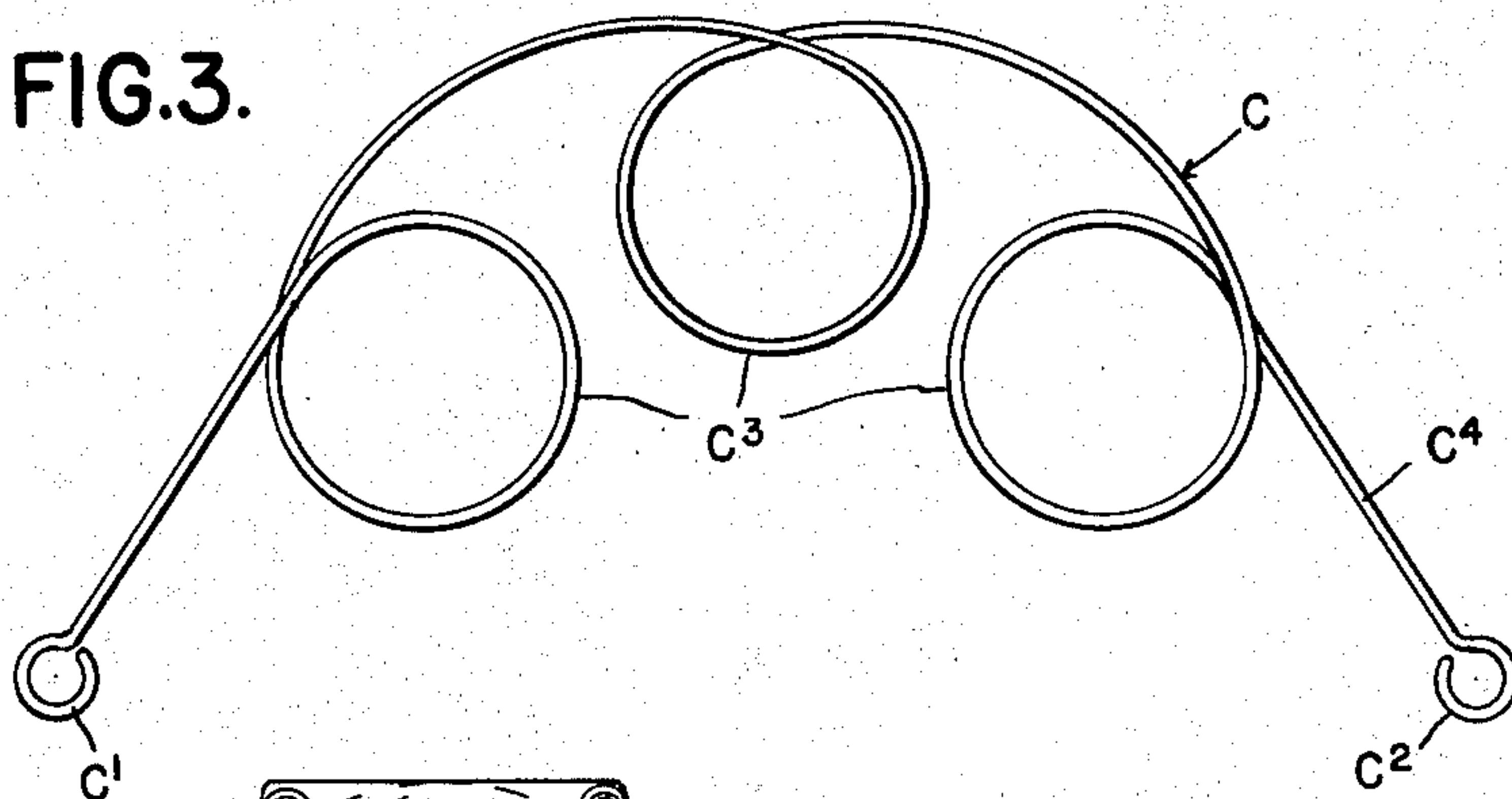


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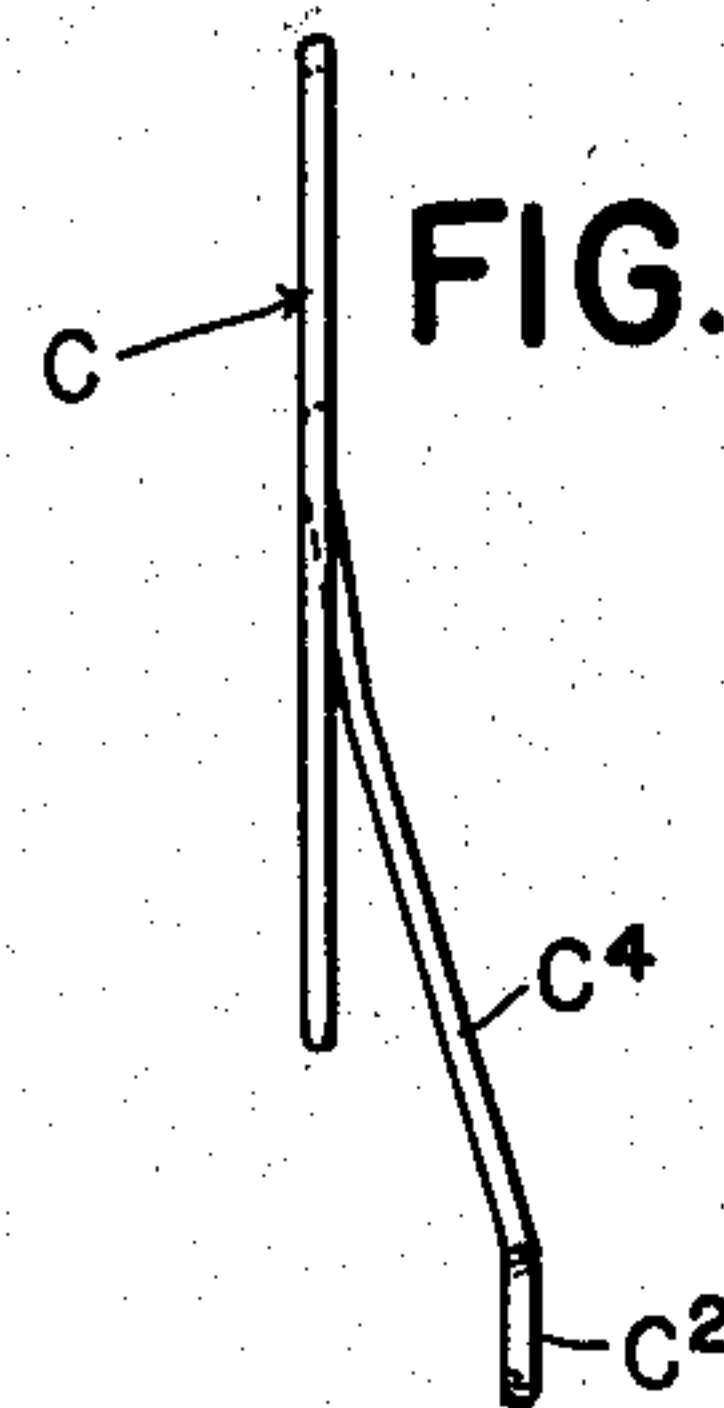


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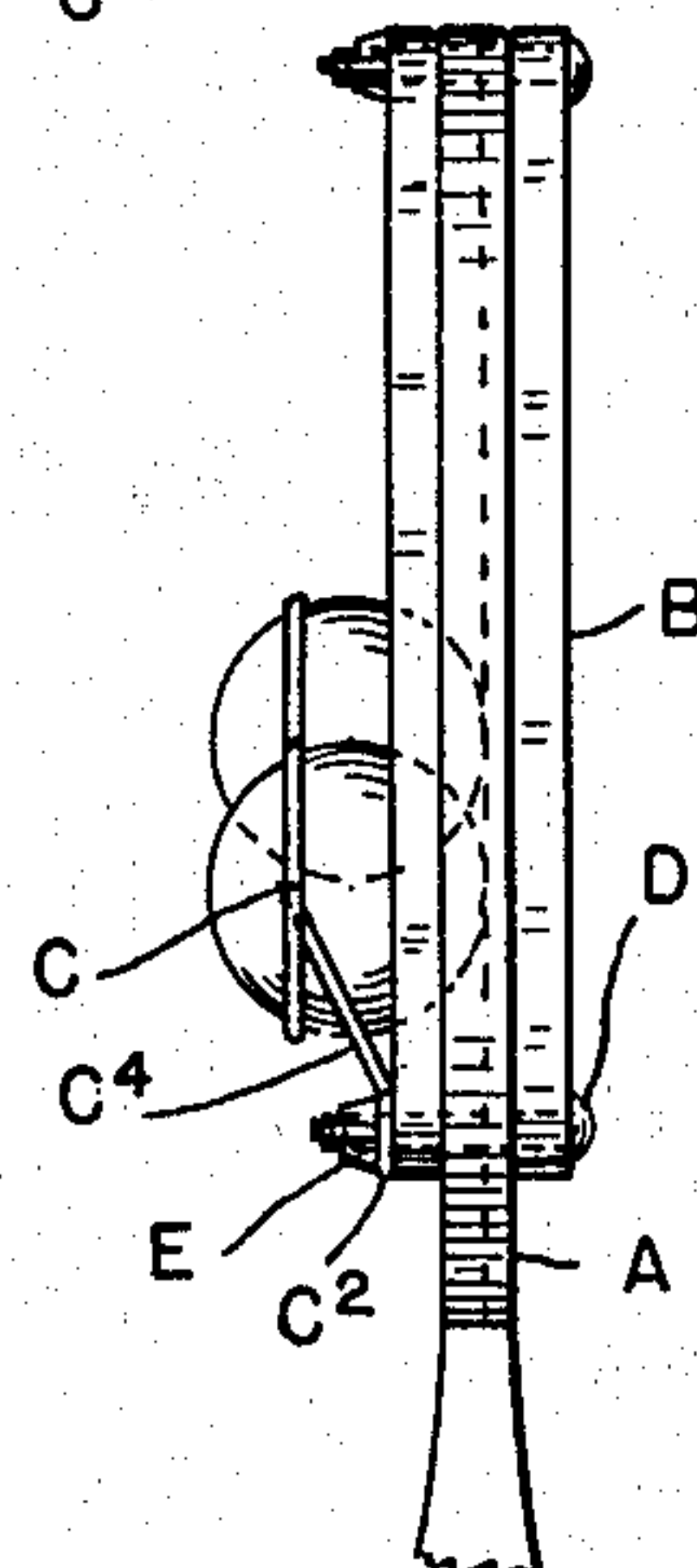
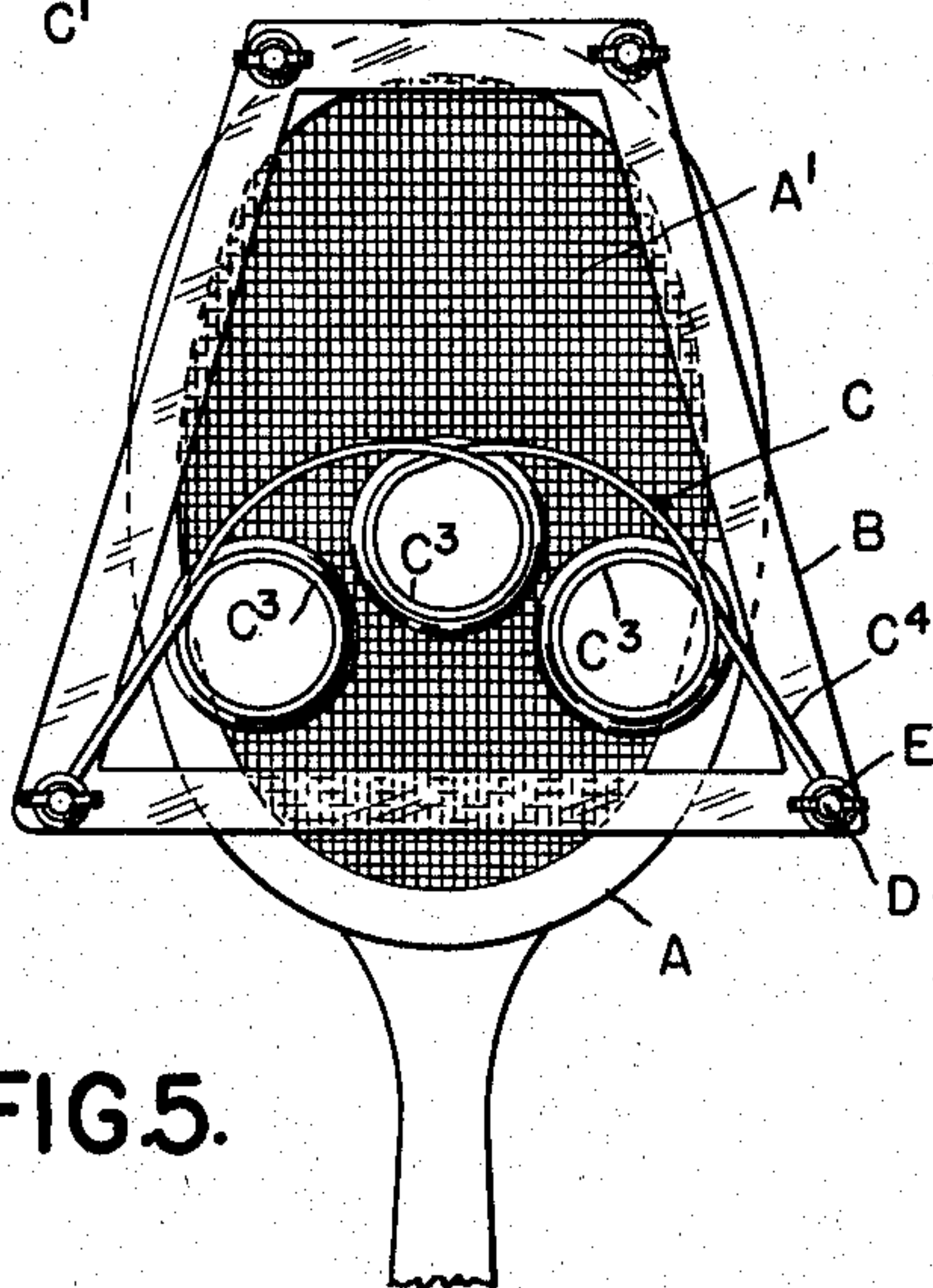


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The invention relates to tennis sports equipment and more particularly to means for holding tennis balls in connection with a racket and press therefor.

It is the object of the invention to obtain a simple attachment to a racket press which in no way interferes with its normal function but which is adapted to form a carrier for tennis balls. To this end the invention consists in the construction as hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a racket press to which my attachment is applied;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof;

Fig. 3 is a plan of the ball holding means detached from the press;

Fig. 4 is an end elevation thereof;

Fig. 5 is a plan view of a racket and press in engagement showing my attachment device applied thereto and a plurality of tennis balls secured thereby; and

Fig. 6 is a side elevation of Fig. 5.

As illustrated A is a tennis racket and B a press therefor of usual construction. C is a clip attached to the press and extending over the open space above the racket. This clip is so fashioned as to engage one or more tennis balls and to press the same against the webbing of the racket to hold them from displacement. Preferably this clip is formed of resilient wire having eyes C' and C² at its opposite ends adapted to engage the clamping bolts D of the press and to be secured by the wing nuts E thereof. Intermediate its ends the clip C has one or a plurality of loops or helical portions C³, which are of a diameter less than that of the ball. As shown there are three of these loops, two of which are in transverse alignment and a third intermediate the other two and longitudinally beyond the same. The end portions C⁴ of the wire are fashioned to incline upward from the eyes C' and C² and to hold the loops C³ parallel to and spaced above the webbing A' of the racket. The spacing is such that when balls are engaged with the loops, they will be resiliently pressed against the webbing so as to retain them from displacement.

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However, at any time they may be easily removed from the loops even when the racket is still engaged with the press.

The structure as above described forms a most convenient means for holding and carrying the tennis balls with the racket and press. The added weight is negligible and the structure does not in any way interfere with the placing of the racket in the press or its removal therefrom.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A ball retainer for a tennis racket press comprising a resilient clip secured to the press to project over the webbing of the contained racket forming an open space therebetween through which a tennis ball may be freely inserted or withdrawn and held clamped between said member and webbing, said clip being formed of resilient wire having a plurality of loops therein, each forming an annular portion of a diameter less than that of the ball.

2. The construction as in claim 1 in which the end portions of the wire form eyes for engaging the clamping bolts of the press to be secured thereby.

3. The construction as in claim 2 in which the portions of the wire adjacent to said eyes extend at an oblique angle to the plane of the loops to hold the latter spaced from and parallel to the webbing.

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