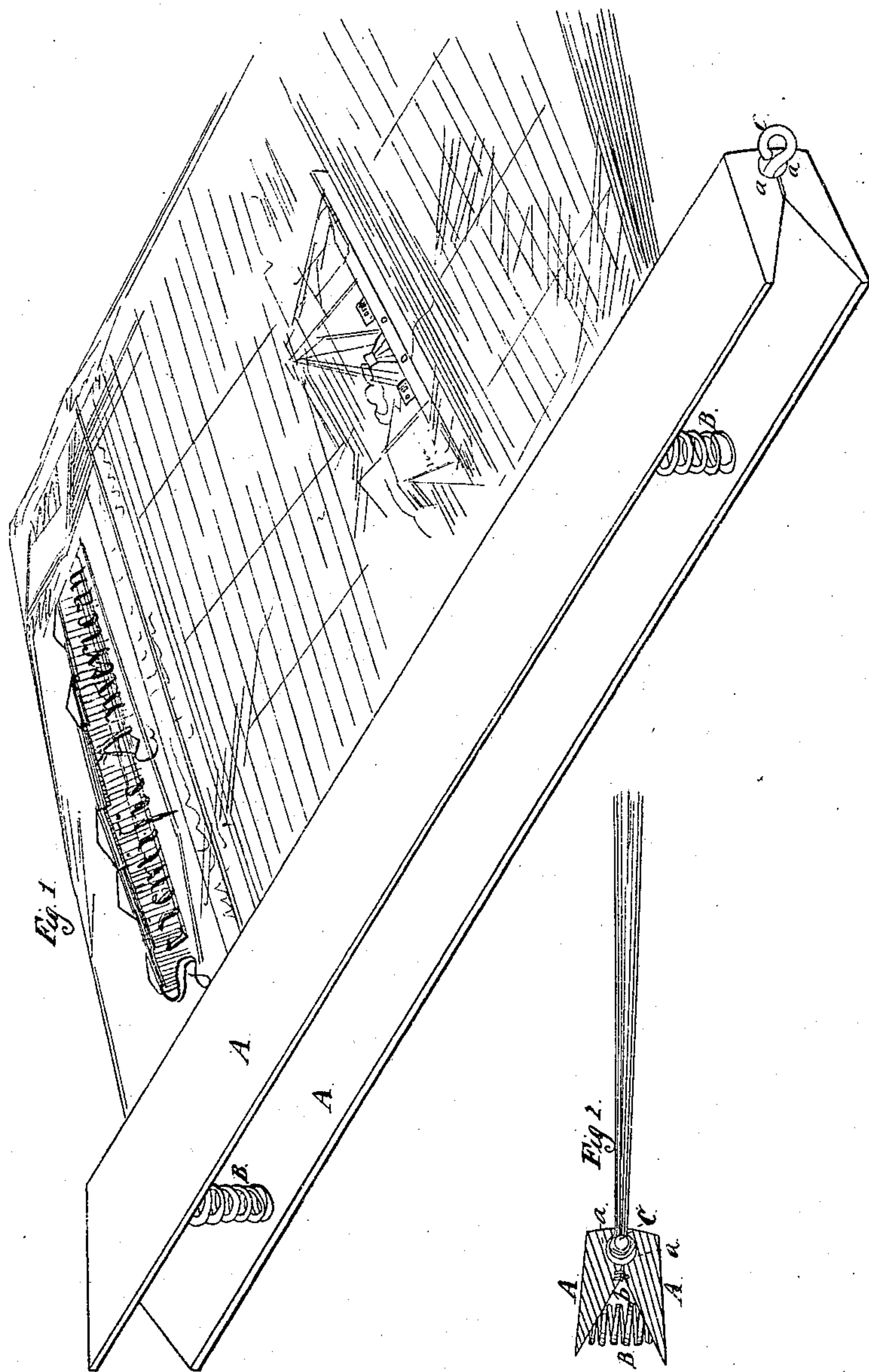


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN D. HALL, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Clasp for Holding Newspapers, Magazines, Music, Letters, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention; Fig. 2, a transverse section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the two figures.

This invention consists in the employment or use of two strips provided each with a groove in which a wire or rod is fitted, said strips being arranged with springs in such a manner that the wire or rod will be retained within the groove, and the papers which are folded around the wire or rod firmly secured in the groove, as hereinafter set forth.

To enable those skilled in the art to fully understand and construct my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

A A represent two strips, which may be constructed of wood or metal, and having each a groove, *a*, of semicircular form, made longitudinally in it near one edge, extending its whole length. These two strips are connected by hinges or joints *b*, and between the strips there are placed spiral springs B, which have a tendency to keep the edges of the strips in which the grooves are made in con-

tact, as will be understood by referring to both figures.

Within the grooves *a a* there is fitted a wire or rod, C, which is placed within the fold of the newspapers. The wire or rod is placed within the fold and the former then fitted in the grooves *a a*, the edges of the strips in which the grooves are made being forced apart by pressing together the edges of the strips between which the springs B are placed. By this arrangement the papers will be kept firmly in position for use, and may be readily adjusted to and detached from the clasp.

I do not confine myself to any precise arrangement of springs, nor to any particular form of strips, for they may be varied in different ways and the same end attained.

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

The employment or use of two strips, A A, each provided with a longitudinal groove, *a*, to receive a metal wire or rod, C, in connection with springs arranged as shown or in any equivalent way to keep the parts of the strips in which the grooves *a* are made in contact, and confine the wire or rod C with the papers around it within the grooves, substantially as and for the purpose herein specified.

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