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Fig. 1

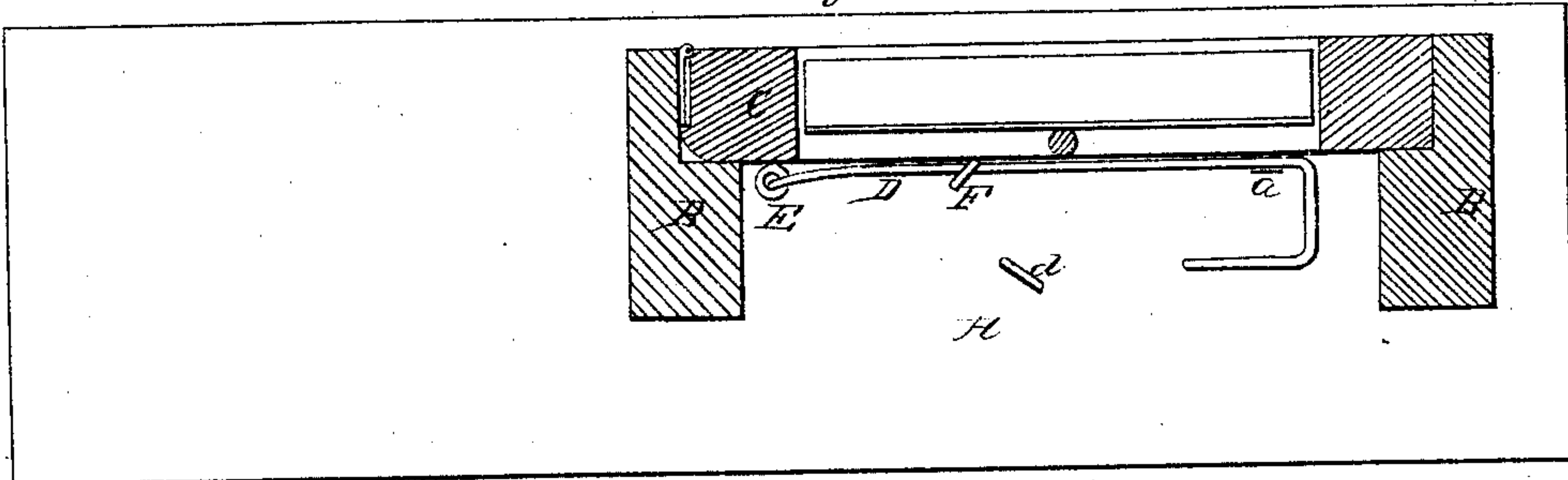


Fig. 2.

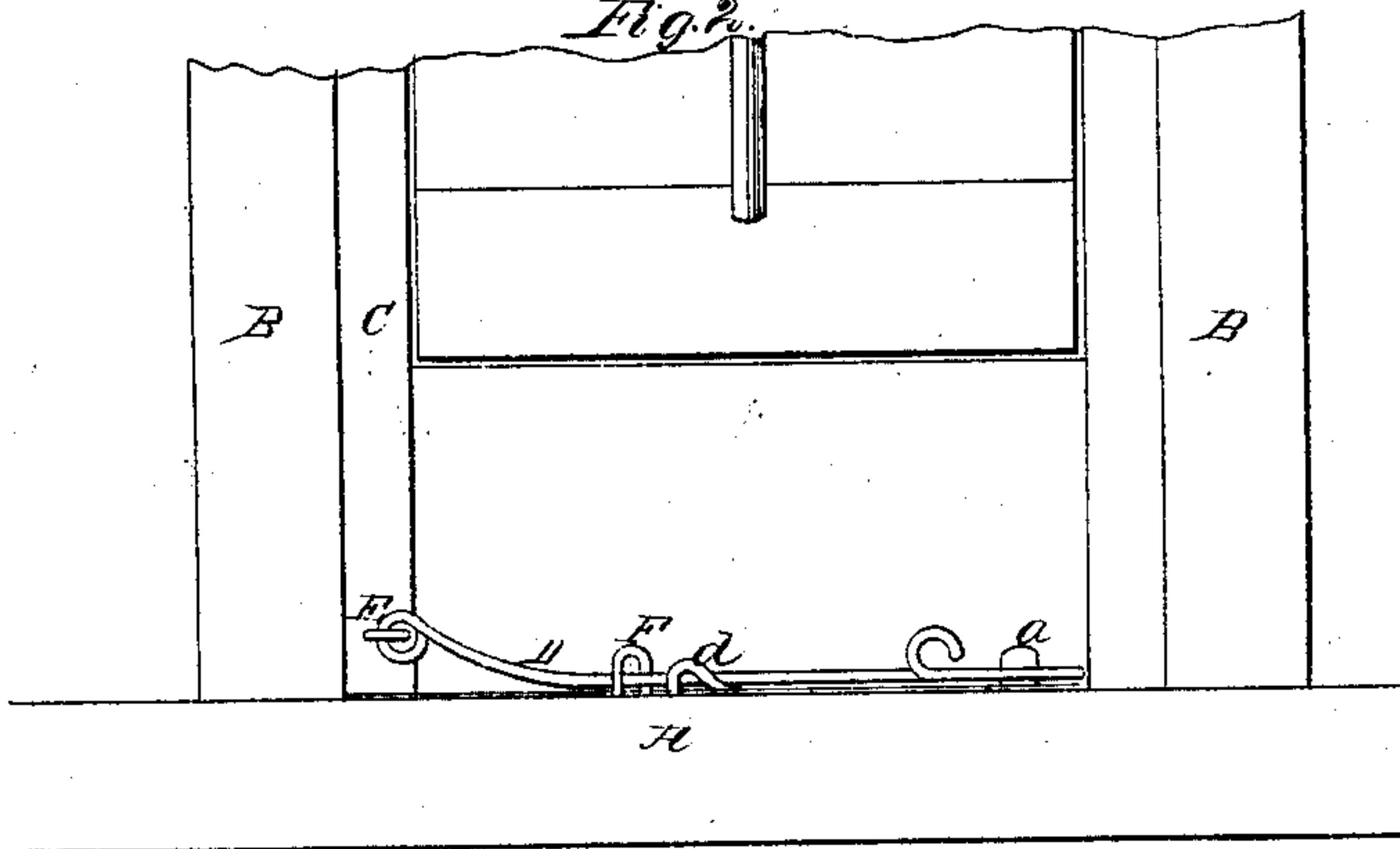
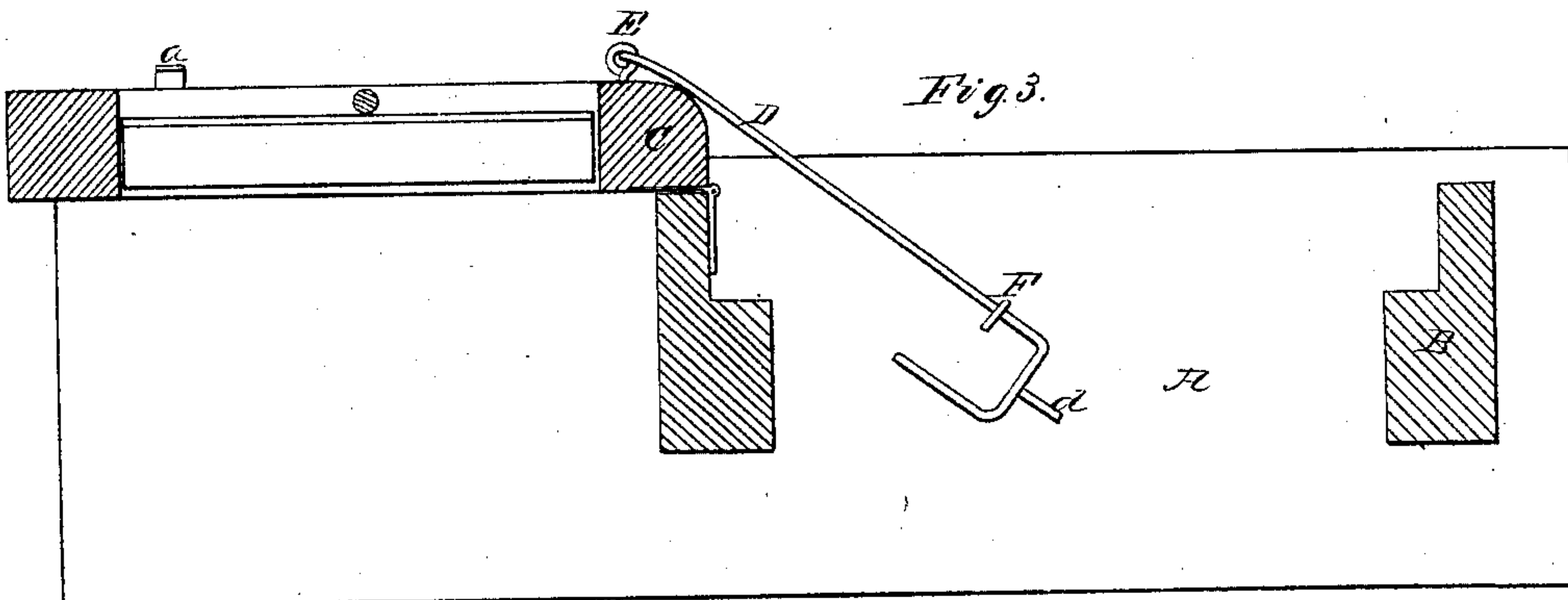


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVED BLIND-FASTENING.

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, WILLIS HUMISTON, of Meriden, in the county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new improvement in Blind-Fastenings; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a transverse section of a window frame or blind showing a top view of my fastener, (the blind closed.)

Figure 2, an inside view of the same; and in

Figure 3, a like section as in fig. 1, showing the blind opened.

My invention relates to an improvement in fastening for blinds, whereby the blind may be opened or closed and fastened in either position without the necessity of reaching out the window, as in common fasteners; and to enable others to construct and use my improvement I will proceed to describe the same as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

A is the window sill; B the window jambs; C the window blind hinged to the jamb of the window in the usual manner. Upon the inside of the blind, and near the window jamb, I attach a rod, D, by means of an eye E. The said rod D, passing through a staple or guide, F, lies, when the blind is closed, as in fig. 1, nearly parallel with the blind, so as to be latched upon a hook, *a*, and when so hooked, as seen in figs. 1 and 2, the blind cannot be opened. The inner end of the rod D is bent nearly as seen in fig. 1, or so as to form a right angle in the said rod, the extreme end of the said rod being bent or curved into any desirable or convenient form. Upon the window sill I fix an inclined catch or stop *d*, so that as the blind is opened the bent or right-angled arm of the bar D will pass over the inclined stop, and dropping down after it has passed it, as seen in fig. 3, the blind is securely held in an opened position, as seen in fig. 3, and is thus opened by simply raising the rod D from the hook *a*, and by means of the lever pressing the blind open. To close the blind, raise the rod from the stop *d* and pull upon the rod D; the blind will close so as to be secured, as denoted in figs. 1 and 2. Thus the blind may be opened or closed and secured in either position by the simple movement of the rod D in the manner described. The rod D lies parallel with the blind, and if attached to the blind at or near the bottom the rod would be entirely straight from its connection to the right-angled bend described.

I do not broadly claim a rod attached to and so as to operate and secure the blind.

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

The combination of the rod D, hinged to the blind, with the hook *a* upon the blind, and the guide F, and the inclined stop *d* on the sill, constructed and arranged so as to operate substantially in the manner described.

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