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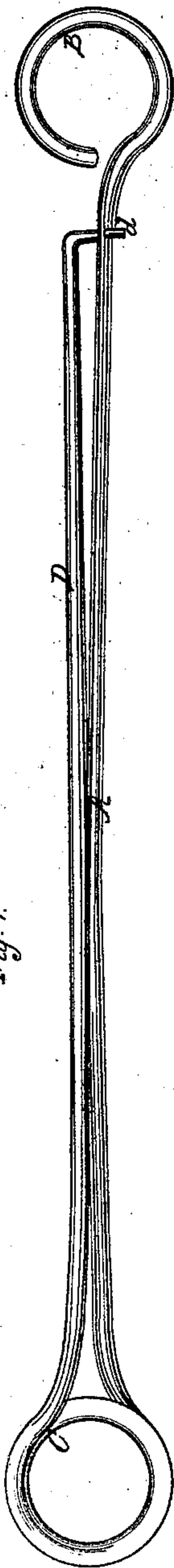


Fig. 1.

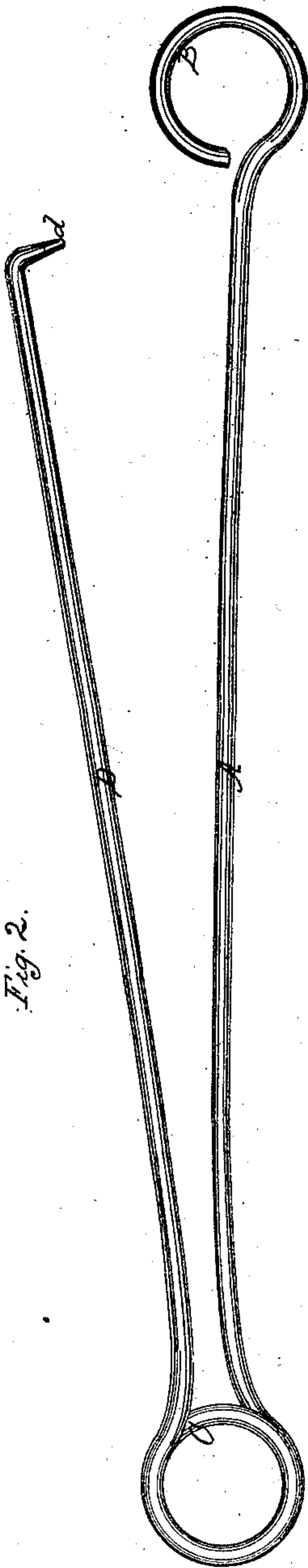


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN NEWSPAPER-FILES.

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, LOUIS P. McCARTY, of San Francisco, county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improved Newspaper-File; and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawings are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains to make and use my said invention or improvement without further invention or experiment.

The object of my invention is to so construct a file for preserving newspapers in their chronological order that it will be cheap, durable, and readily managed, and not subject to be easily broken or thrown out of order. This is effected by bending a wire upon itself, so as to form two parallel sides, between which the papers are laid and secured, having a clasp at one end, while the other is coiled so as to form a spring for opening it.

To more fully illustrate and describe my invention, reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, of which—

Figure 1 is a view of the file with the lever open, ready to receive the papers.

Figure 2 is a view of the file closed.

A is a piece of wire, of any desired size, having a loop or ring, B, formed at one end, coils C in the centre, and a lever, D, having a hook or clasp, *d*, at its end. The lever is so arranged that its centre will press closely upon the wire, A, while near the coils there is a considerable distance, which gradually lessens toward the centre until it touches the wire, A, in order that when a number of papers are on the file the pressure will be evenly distributed the whole length of the papers, and not on the ends, (as it would otherwise,) thus accommodating itself to a large number of papers. When the papers are on the file, the lever D is thrown down and the hook *d* clasped around the wire, thus binding the papers between the two parallel wires and holding them firmly to their place. The coils C act as a spring to throw open the lever when once the hook is unclasped, when it is desired to remove or make addition to the file.

By this means a file may be made that will be cheap, durable, and easily managed, and the necessity of punching holes through the papers to secure them, as in the ordinary file, is avoided, as the wires will hold them sufficiently firm; also, it obviates the loss of time necessary to fit the papers to pins, and screw and unscrew the movable part of the ordinary file.

For ready reference, a hook may be placed in the wall above the desk, and the ring of the file placed over it, while a piece of elastic cord may be fastened to the desk, and hooked into the coils, thus extending the file at an incline in front of the person at the desk, when the whole file may be readily run over without trouble or delay.

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

A newspaper-file, constructed substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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