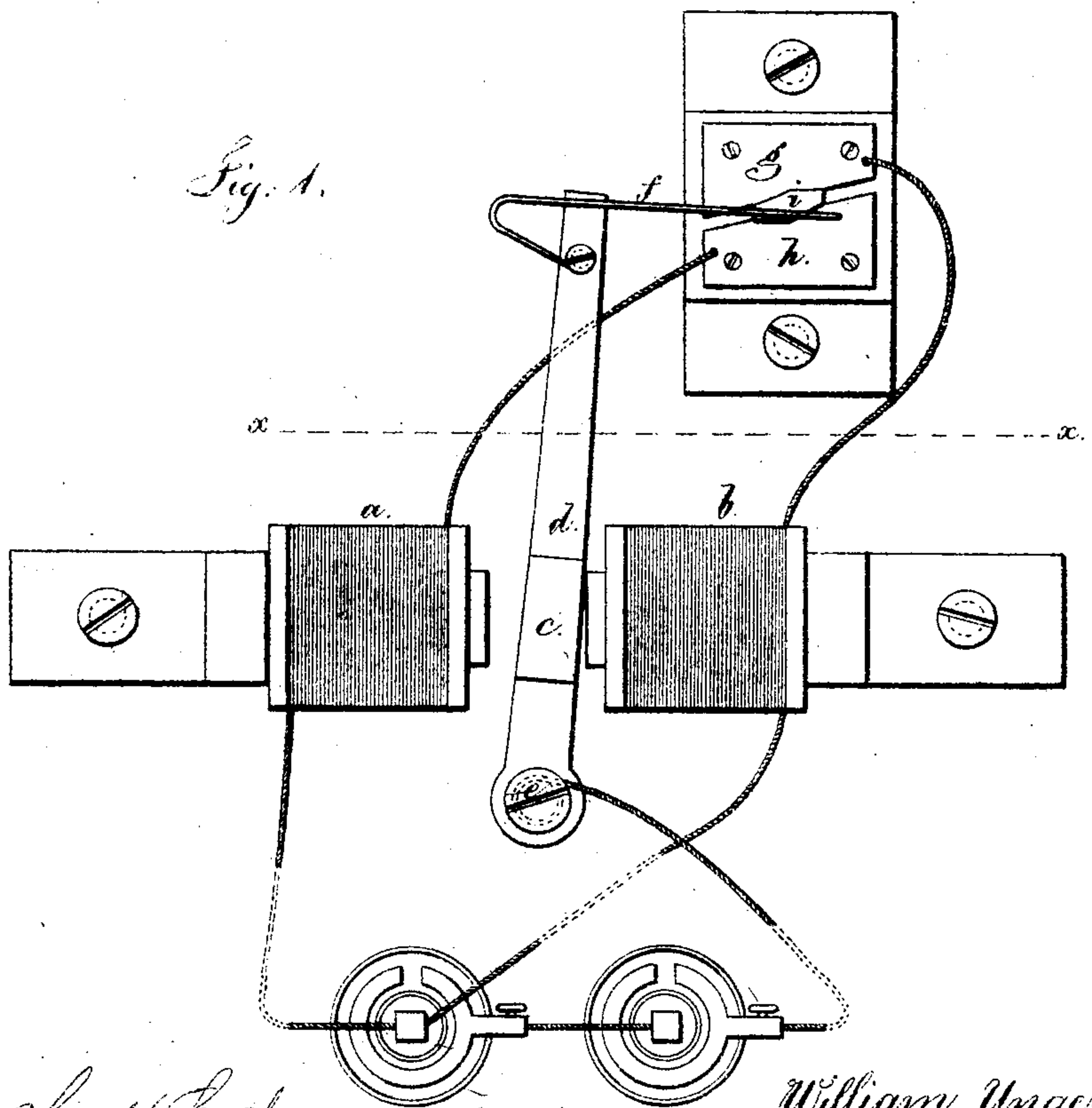
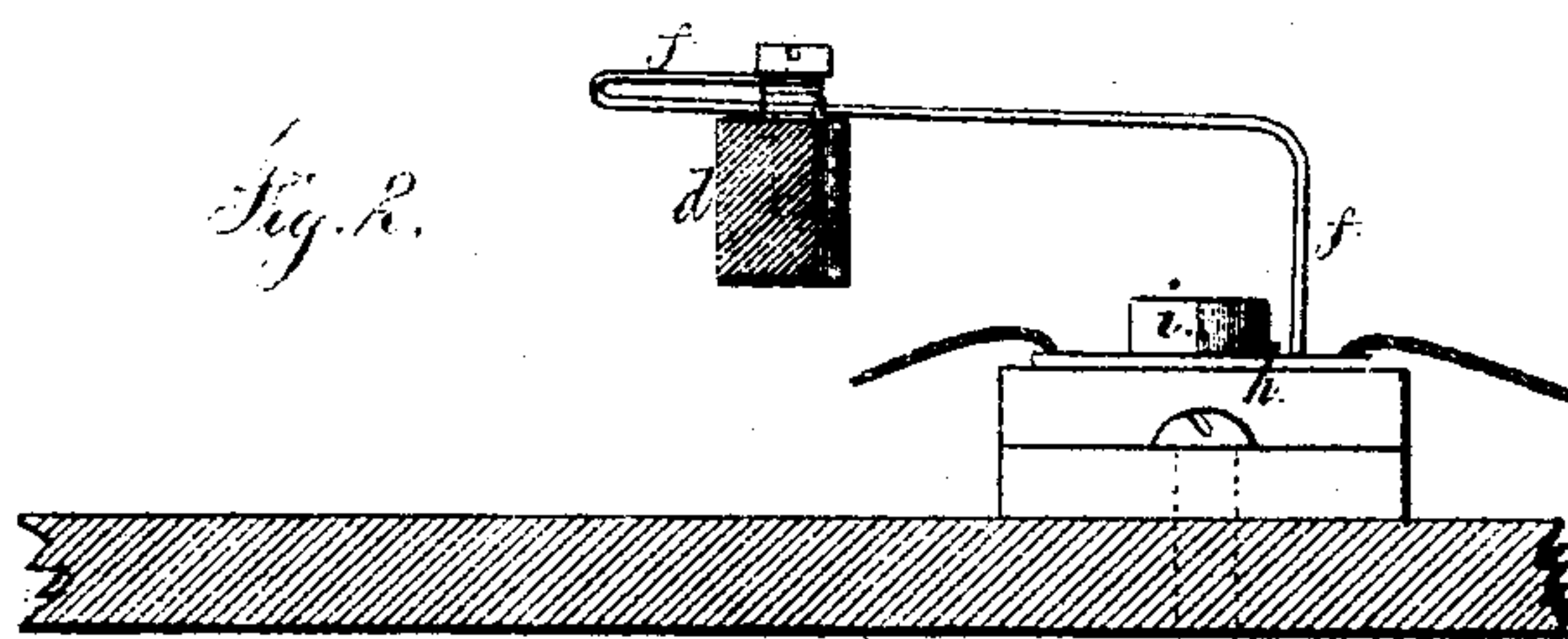


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IMPROVEMENT IN CIRCUIT-CLOSERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM UNGER, of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented an Improvement in Automatic Magnetic Circuit-Break; and the following is declared to be a correct description thereof:

The object of this invention is to make an electro-magnet break its own circuit and direct the electrical current through another magnet or in a different direction. This device becomes a reciprocating electro-motor that is self-acting, and can be applied to the propulsion of a sewing-machine, to the movement of several telegraph-machines in harmony with each other, or the performance automatically of any other operation.

In the drawing, *a* and *b* represent two electro-magnets, with the poles facing each other, and *c* is an armature upon the lever *d* that swings upon the fulcrum-stud *e*, and carries the spring-arm *f*, the end of which is bent at right angles, or nearly so, and rests at its upper end upon one of the plates *g* or *h*. These parts are shown in the plan, Figure 1; and Fig. 2 is a side view of the plates, cam, and arm, the arm being in section at the line *x*. These plates *g* and *h* are of metal, preferably of platinum, and between them is the diagonal cam-switch *i*. The position of this cam-switch is diagonal to the arc described by the end of the spring-arm *f*; hence, as the said arm is moved in one direction by the magnet, the end of said arm moves upon the surface of the plate *g*, but goes along one side of the cam *i* until it reaches the end of said cam, and upon clearing the same the contraction of the spring immediately slides the

end of the arm *f* off the plate *g* upon the plate *h*. These plates *g* and *h* are insulated as well as the cam *i*, or said cam may be of glass or hard rubber, and one plate *g* is connected with the magnet *b*, and thence to the battery, and the other plate *h* is connected to the magnet *a*; thence to the same pole of the battery; and the armature-lever *d* and spring-arm *f* are in connection with the opposite pole of the battery; hence the movement of the spring-arm, as aforesaid, will reverse the connections breaking the circuit to the magnet *b*, and closing the circuit to the magnet *a*, so that the motion is reversed; and at the other end the arm *f* springs back upon the plate *g* to cause this reverse movement of the armature and itself.

By this construction the circuit-break becomes entirely self-acting; and I remark that a spring might take the place of one of the magnets in cases where only one circuit and magnet are required; or the automatic switch aforesaid might be employed to reverse the current upon one main-line circuit and single magnets.

I claim as my invention—

A cam placed diagonally to the movement of a spring-arm, actuated by a magnet, in combination with a metallic plate contiguous to said spring-arm, and acting therewith to close an electric circuit automatically and break the same, substantially as set forth.

Signed by me this 9th day of May, A. D. 1871.

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