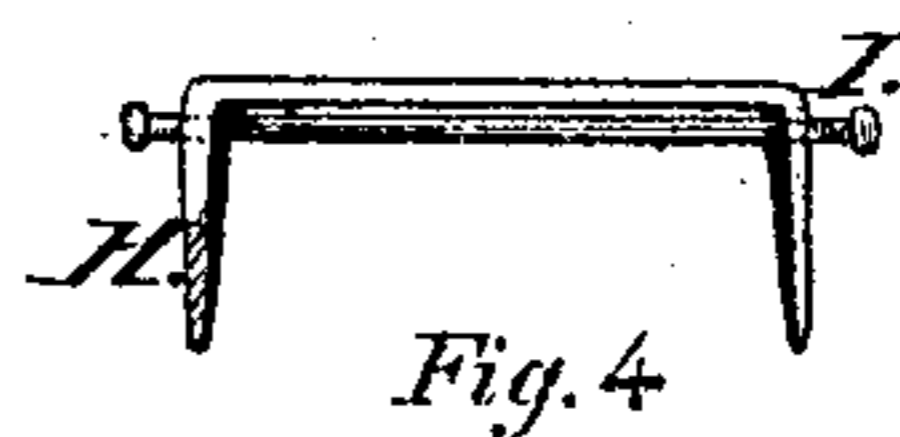
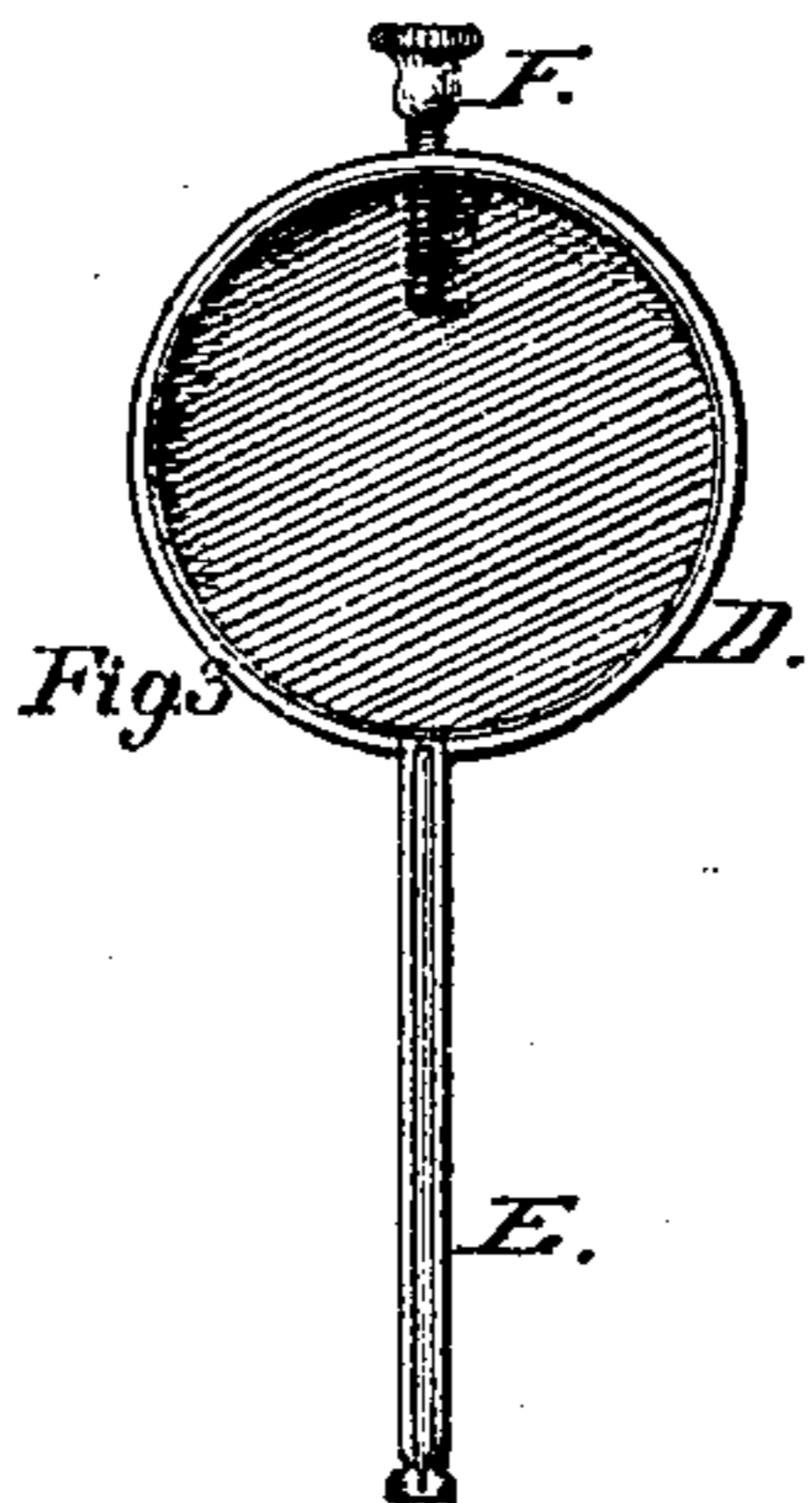
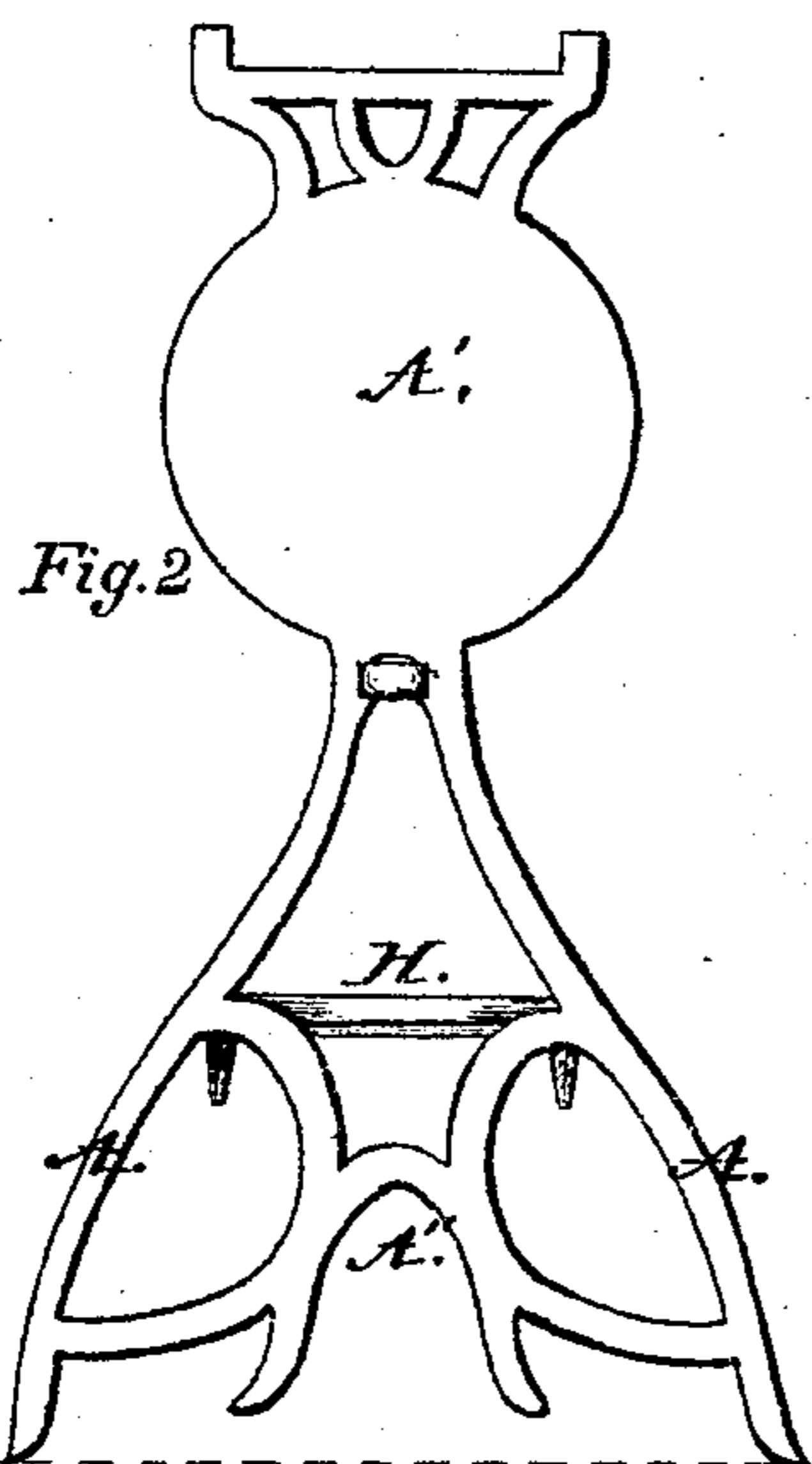
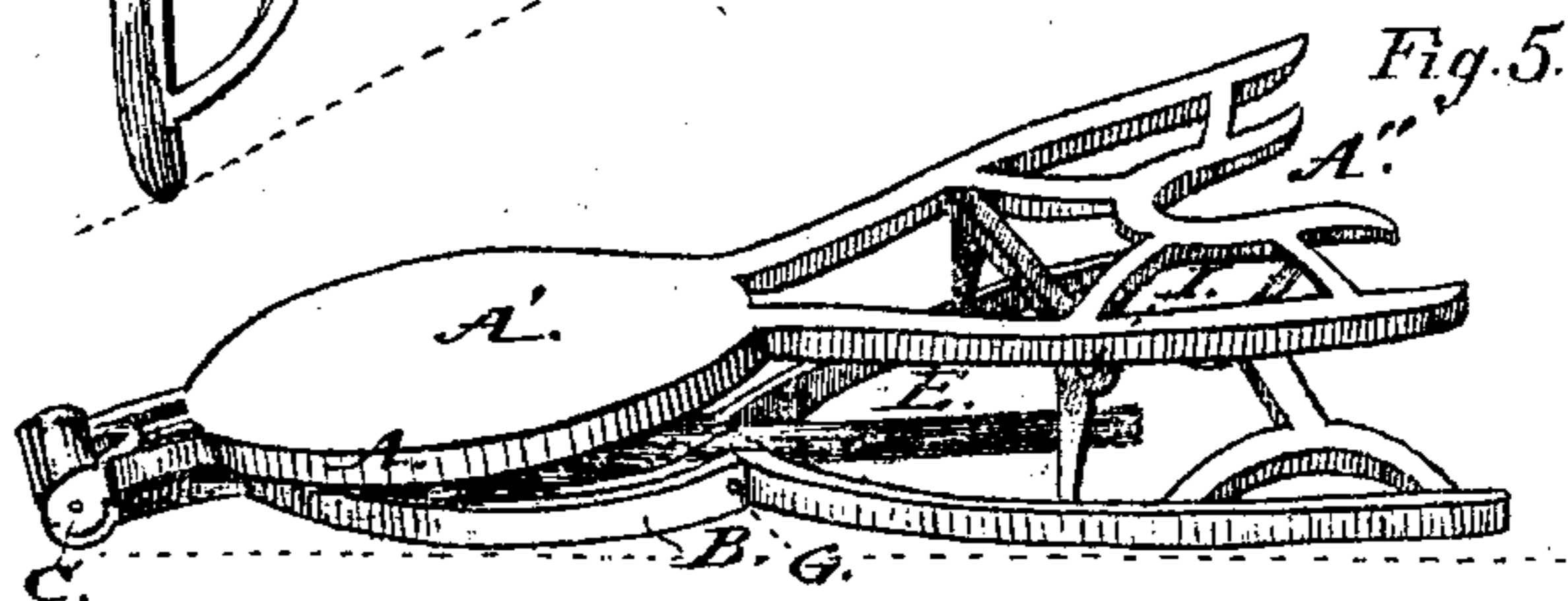
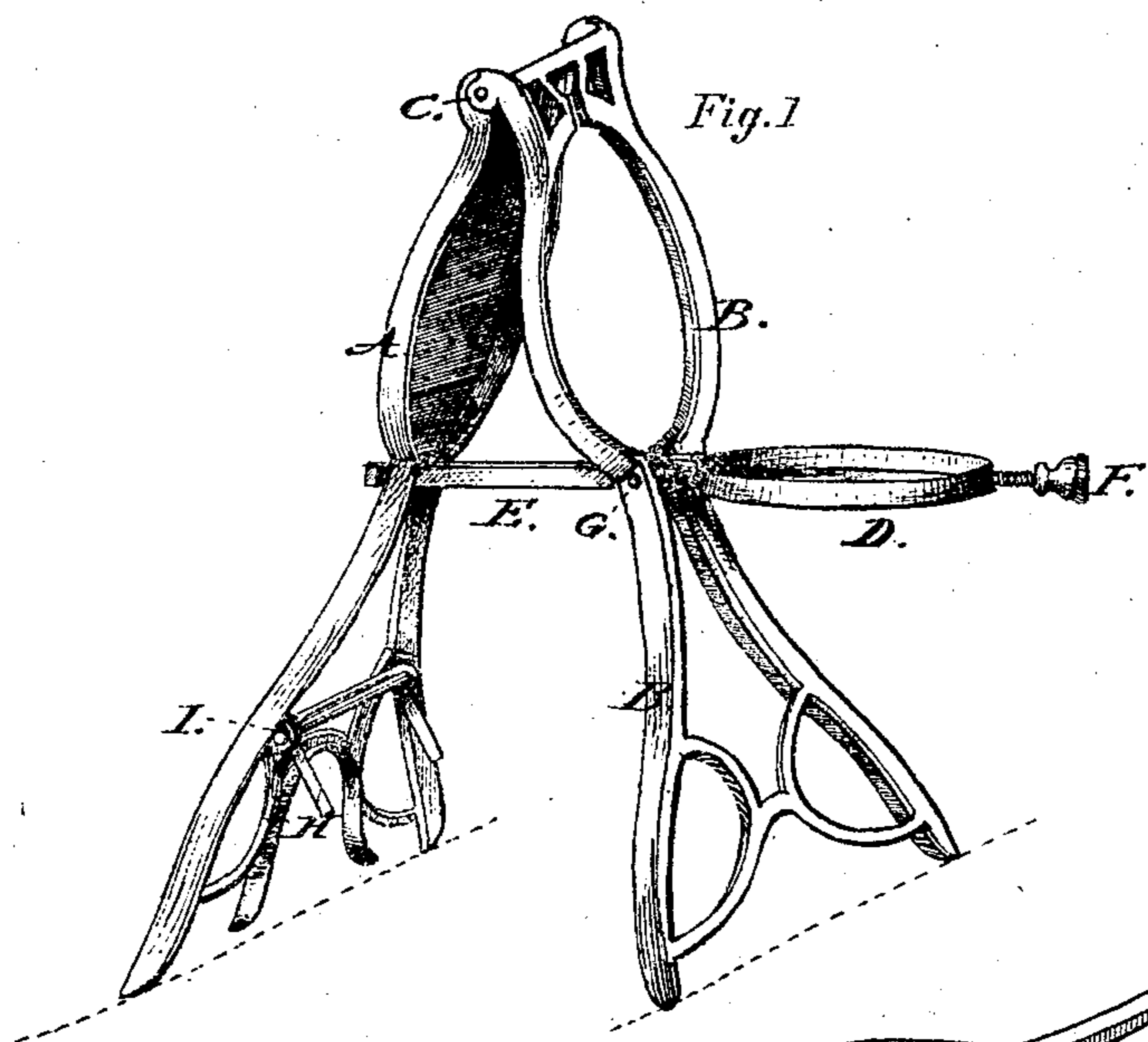


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOOT-JACKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN A. MCKINSTRY, of Springfield, Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Boot-Jacks in combination with a Blacking-Case; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

This invention relates to that class of boot-jacks known as the hinged or folding boot-jacks, and also to the smaller class of boot-jacks, combined with blacking-cases. My invention consists of a pair of hinged plates, one of which is provided with a blacking-case, while the other serves as a cover to such blacking-case, said plates also forming the boot-jack, and being capable of serving as a support for the foot in blacking the boot thereon.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents my boot-jack when used as a support for the foot, the blacking-case being open; Fig. 2 represents the top plate of the boot-jack when the blacking-case is closed; Fig. 3 is a detached view of the blacking-case; and Fig. 4 is a detached view of the rest which supports the upper plate when set for use as a boot-jack.

In constructing my improved boot-jack I cast the two plates A and B so as to be united by a hinge, C, Fig. 1. The blacking-case D, Fig. 3, is cast with an arm, E, which serves for locking the plates A and B in position, as seen in Fig. 1, and it is also provided with a set-screw, F, for fastening the blacking-box in position in the case. This arm and blacking-

case are pivoted in the plate B, as shown at G, Fig. 1. The step or hinged rest H, Fig. 4, is also hinged or pivoted in place on the plate A, as seen at I, Fig. 1. The plates or castings require no finishing, and all the parts are easily put together and with very little labor.

It will be observed that the device is used in three very different positions and for three distinct yet connected purposes. When the hinged plates A B are closed the close and circular part or disk A' forms the cover of the blacking-case. By slightly raising the upper plate A and putting the hinged rest H in position, as seen in Fig. 5, the boot-jack is ready for use, the heel of the boot being placed in the notch A'', Fig. 2, while the operator stands upon the disk or close part A'; and, thirdly, the machine is used for a rest to the foot in blacking the boot, the arm E serving to lock the plates A B and also the blacking-case in fixed position.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. The above-described hinged plates A and B for the threefold purpose of forming or mainly forming the blacking-case, the boot-jack, and the support for the foot in blacking the boot, substantially as set forth.

2. The pivoted blacking-case D and locking-arm E, in combination with the hinged plates A and B, constructed substantially as set forth.

3. In combination with the plates A and B, the hinged rest H, substantially as set forth.

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