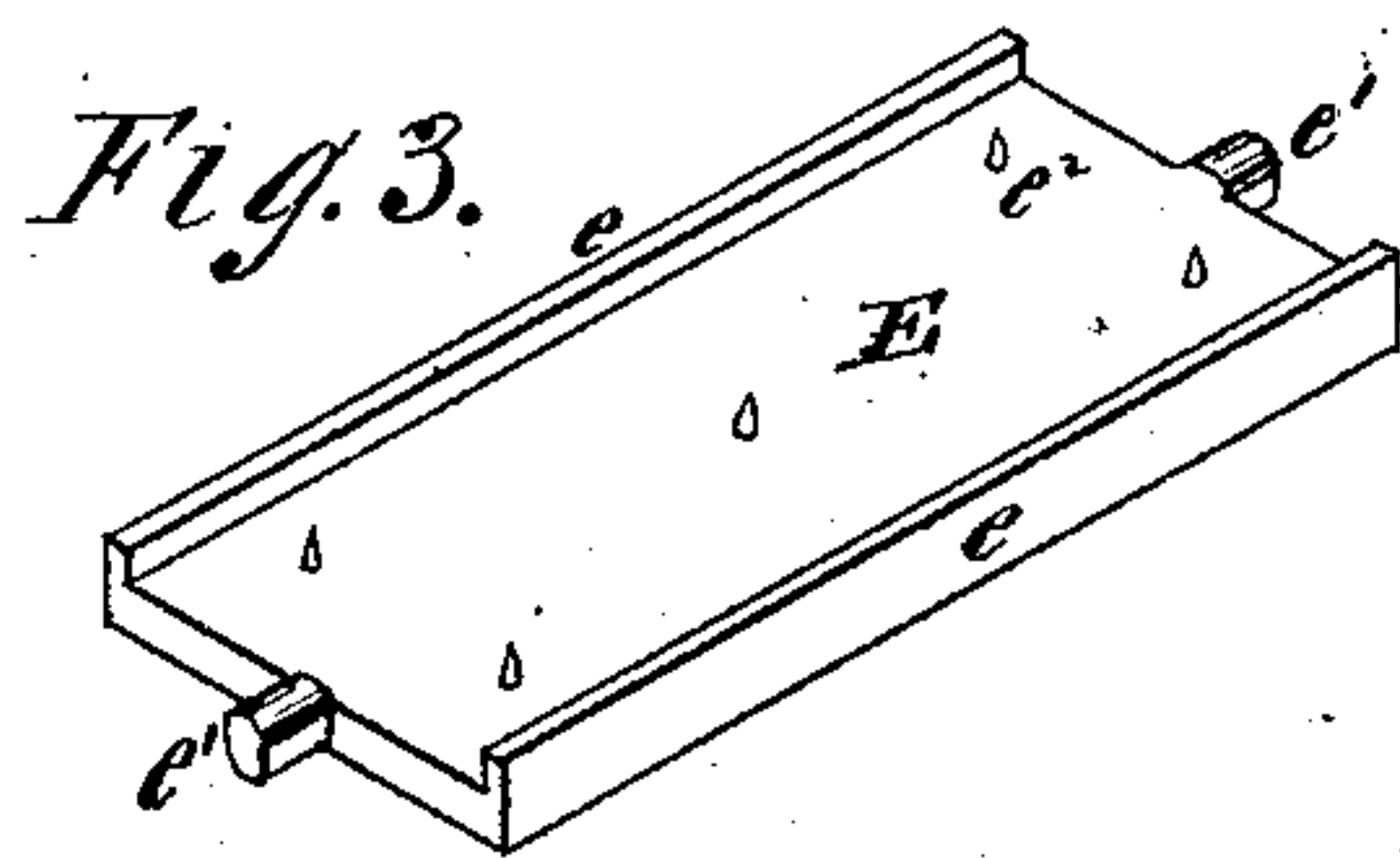
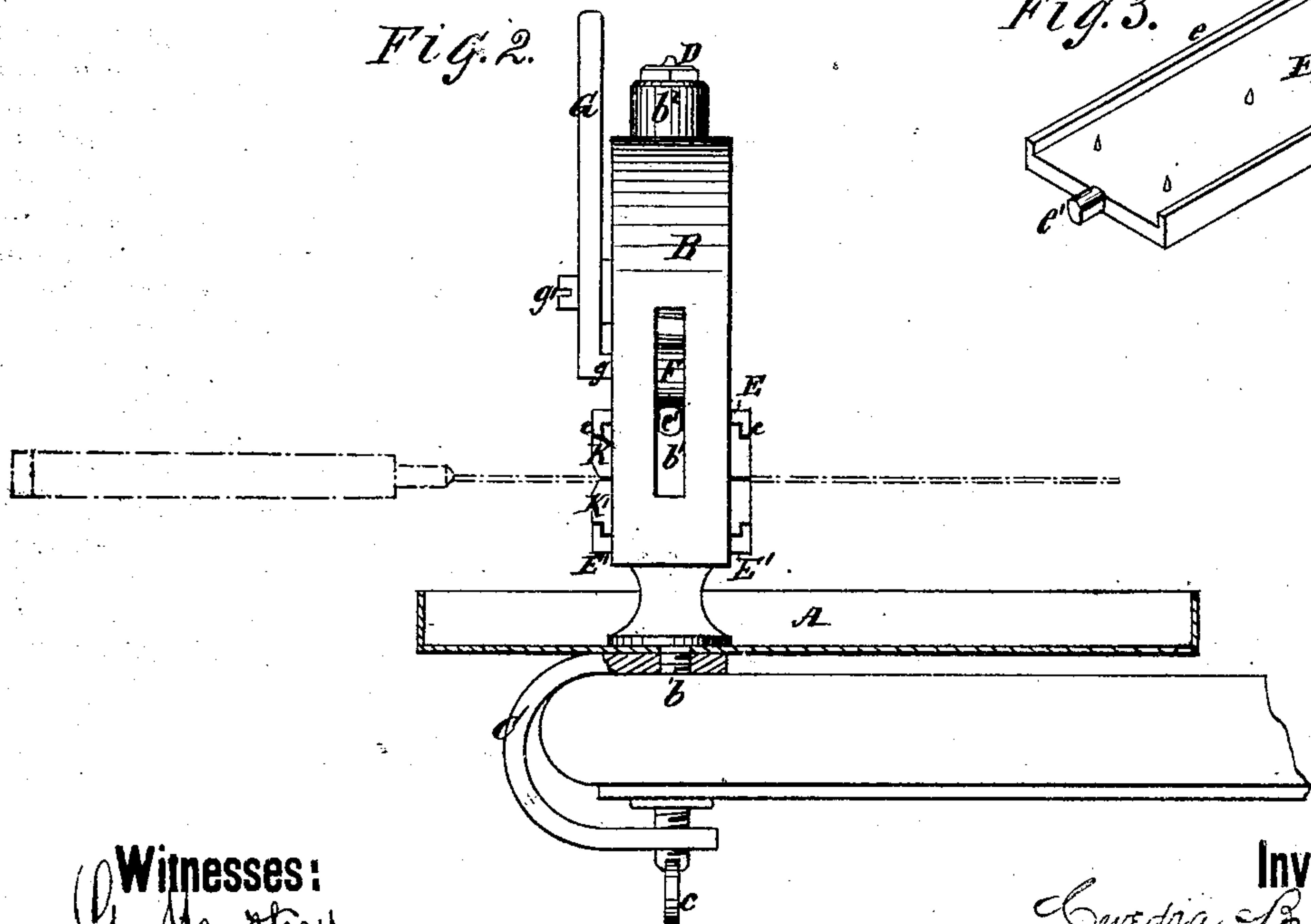
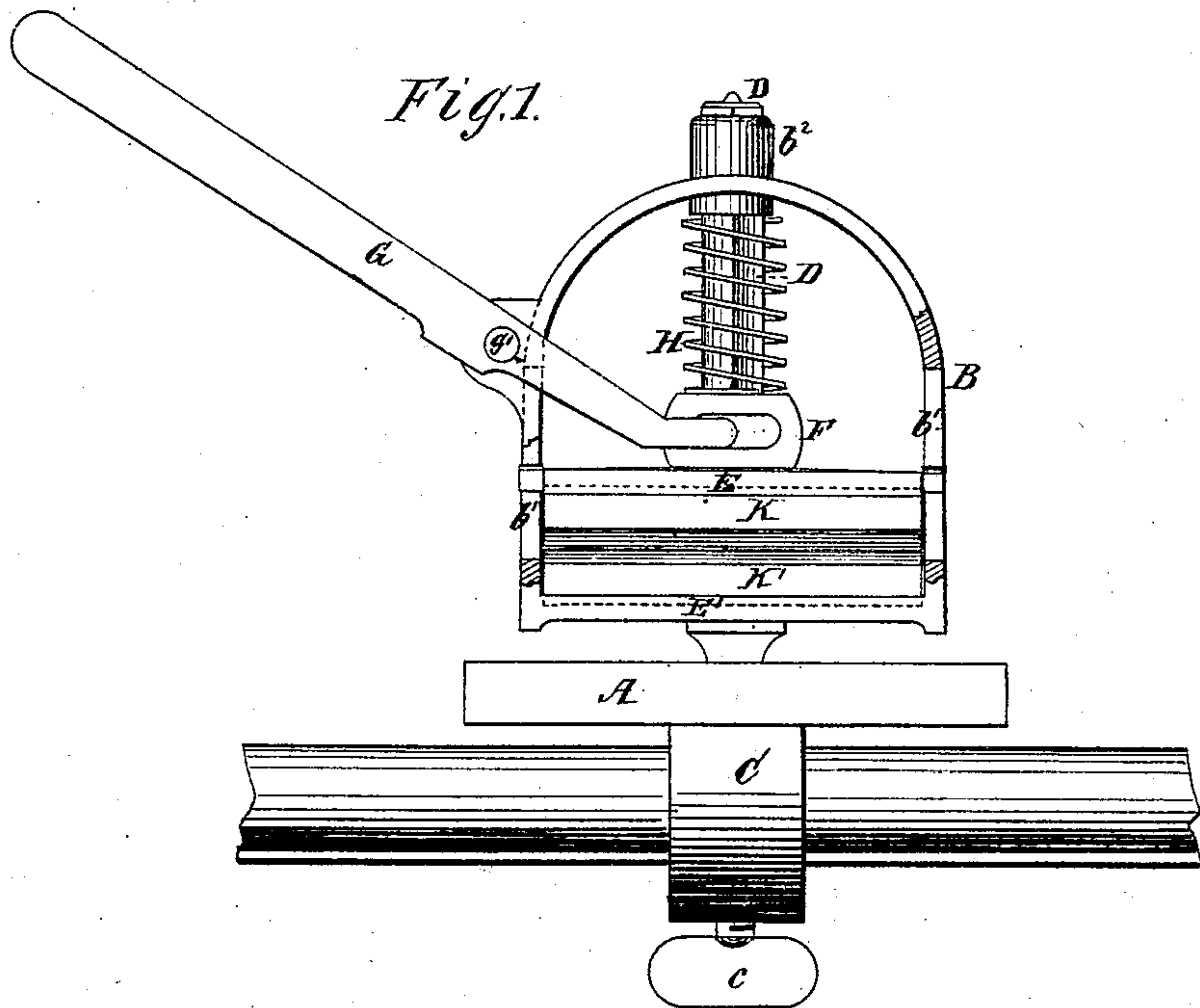


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## IMPROVEMENT IN KNIFE-CLEANERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CEVEDRA B. SHELDON, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Knife-Cleaner and Polisher; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation; Fig. 2, a side elevation, partly in section, and showing the cleaner and polisher attached to a table. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the cork-holder.

This invention relates to devices whereby knives and forks may be cleaned, freed from stains, and polished; and consists in the means substantially as hereinafter described and pointed out in the claim.

A represents a pan, in which is placed the polishing or cleaning powder. This pan is made fast to a projection, *b*, between the polisher-frame B and the clamp C. In the latter works a thumb-screw, *c*. The frame B is slotted at *b*<sup>1</sup> *b*<sup>1</sup>, and has a socket, *b*<sup>2</sup>, at top, through which works the guide-rod D. The socket and guide-rod may be made angular or round, but preferably the latter. E is the holder of the upper cork, rubber, or other substance employed to receive the polishing-powder, and may have the flanges *e*, the guides *e*<sup>1</sup> that slide up and down in slots *b*<sup>1</sup>, and the teats *e*<sup>2</sup>. By this construction the cork is securely held and retained in the holder. The holder E and guide-rod D are connected by an intermediate and horizontally-slotted piece of metal, F. In

the slot works the side pin *g* on the end of a lever, G, pivoted at *g*<sup>1</sup> to the frame B. Between the piece F and the guide-socket *b*<sup>2</sup> is an expansive spiral spring, H, that is stiff and exercises considerable tension, holding the upper cord, K, firmly down upon the lower one, K', which is made fast to its seat E'. These corks have bevels or inclines outward from the center on their opposite faces, to enable the knife to be affected with equal pressure on all parts of its two sides.

The application is as follows: The polishing-powder having been placed in the pan A, and the cleaner having been attached by the clamp C to a table or other convenient place, some powder is secured on the end of the knife, the holder E and its cork K lifted by means of the lever, and the knife with the powder inserted between the corks. The corks are now allowed to come together, and the knife now drawn back and forth a few times between them, when it is not only cleaned, however foul it may have been, but is beautifully polished.

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

A spring-pressed holder, E, provided with the horizontally-slotted piece F on the top thereof, combined with a lever, G, fulcrumed on frame, and having the side pivot *g* working in said slot, as and for the purpose set forth.

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