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Towel-Racks.

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Fig. 1.

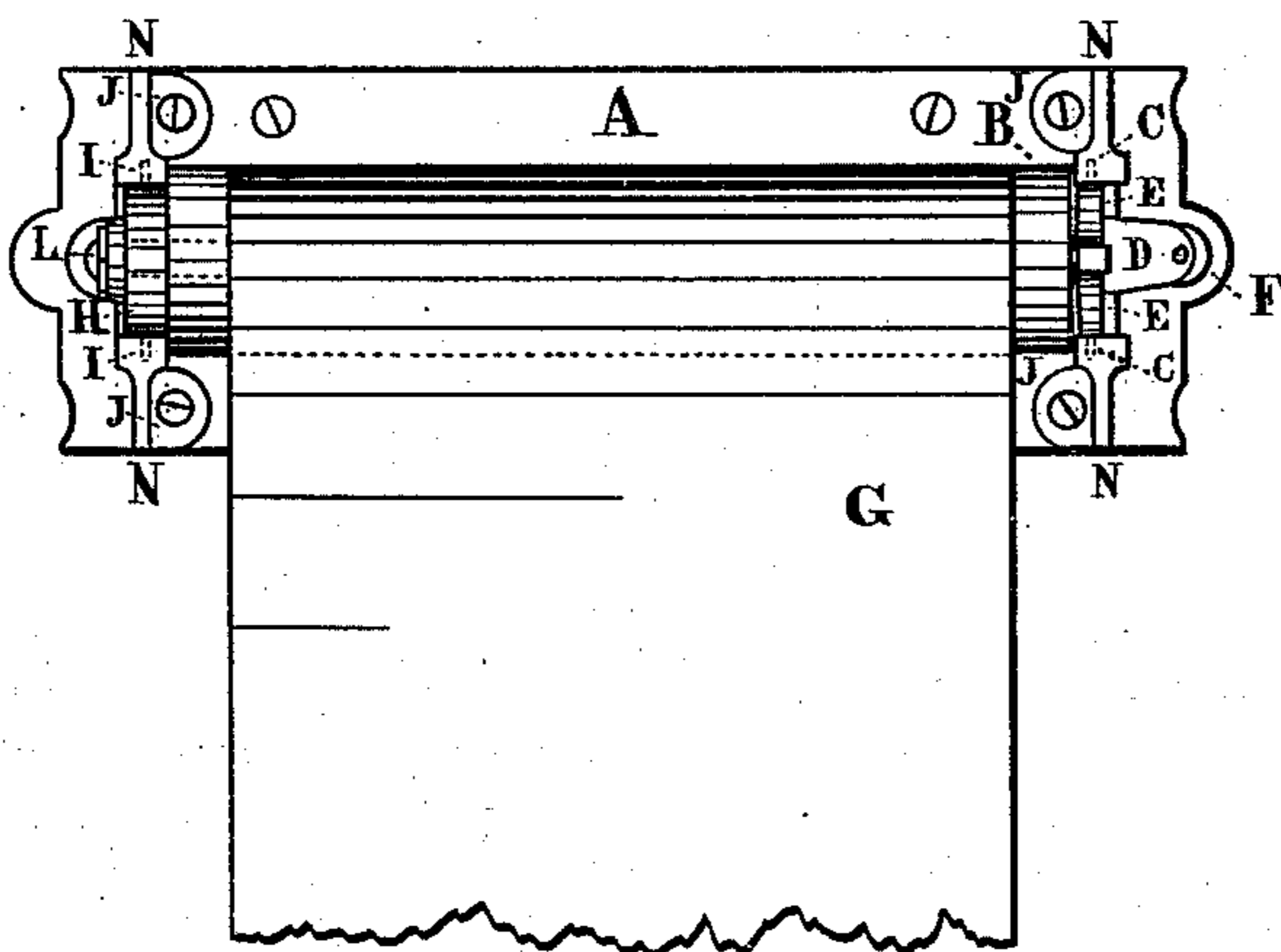
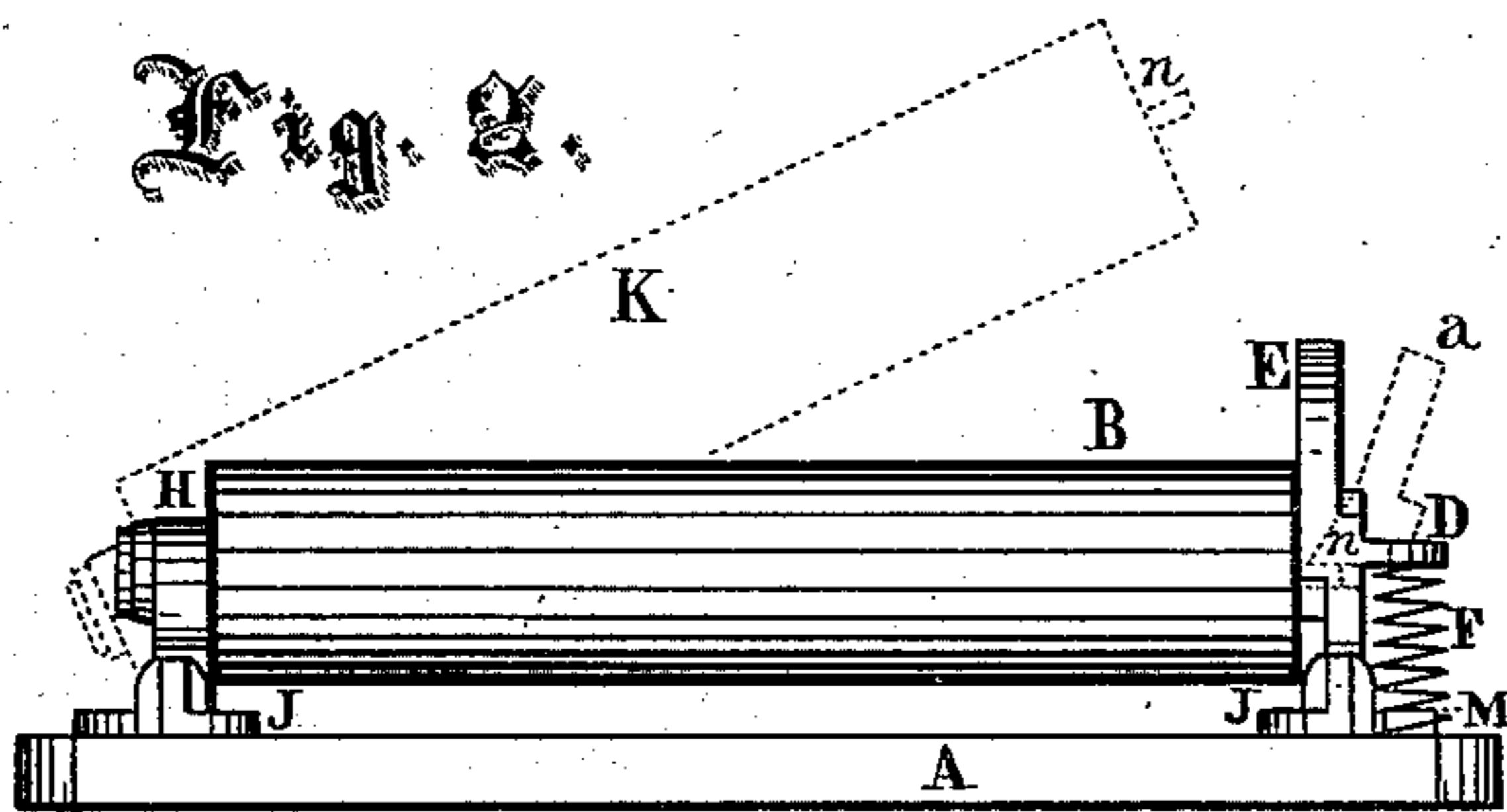


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN TOWEL-RACKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT B. TAYLOR, of Fort Howard, in the county of Brown and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Towel-Racks, of which the following is a specification:

The nature of the present invention consists in a roller pivoted to a jointed bracket, which allows the roller to be swung out from a wall or frame, for placing a towel thereon or removing it. The opposite end of the roller is supported by a jointed spring-bracket, which, when turned outward, releases the end of the roller, that it may swing out from a wall, as above stated, and both brackets being attached to a suitable cleat, makes the device portable, compact, and convenient.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of my improvement in towel-racks with a towel shown on the roller. Fig. 2 a plan or top view thereof.

A represents a cleat, which is made of wood or other suitable material, and provided with screw-holes, to be fastened to a wall, and it supports the devices hereinafter described. B represents an ordinary roller, on which a towel, G, is to be hung, and which is pivoted to a bracket, H, by means of a screw, L, or other suitable means. This bracket is jointed to a bridge, N, at C C, and the bridge is fast-

ened to the cleat A by means of screws put through lugs J J. The opposite end of the cleat A has fastened to it a bridge similar in construction to the one described, and there is jointed to said bridge a bracket, E E, which is provided with an outwardly-projecting seat, D, to support one end of a coil-spring, F, the other end of the spring being supported by a seat, M, fastened to the bridge M back of the seat D. The bridges N are made of two parts, each overlapping one another at the place of contact. This is done that the pivots C, cast solid to the brackets E E, may be placed in holes drilled or cast in them. The bracket E E is provided with a catch that embraces the pivot *n*, dotted lines, of the roller, and the arrangement is such that when the bracket is turned on its pivots, as indicated by dotted lines *a*, the roller at that end will be released for placing a towel thereon or removing a towel.

I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

The roller B and bridges N N, in combination with the brackets H E and spring F, as described and set forth.

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