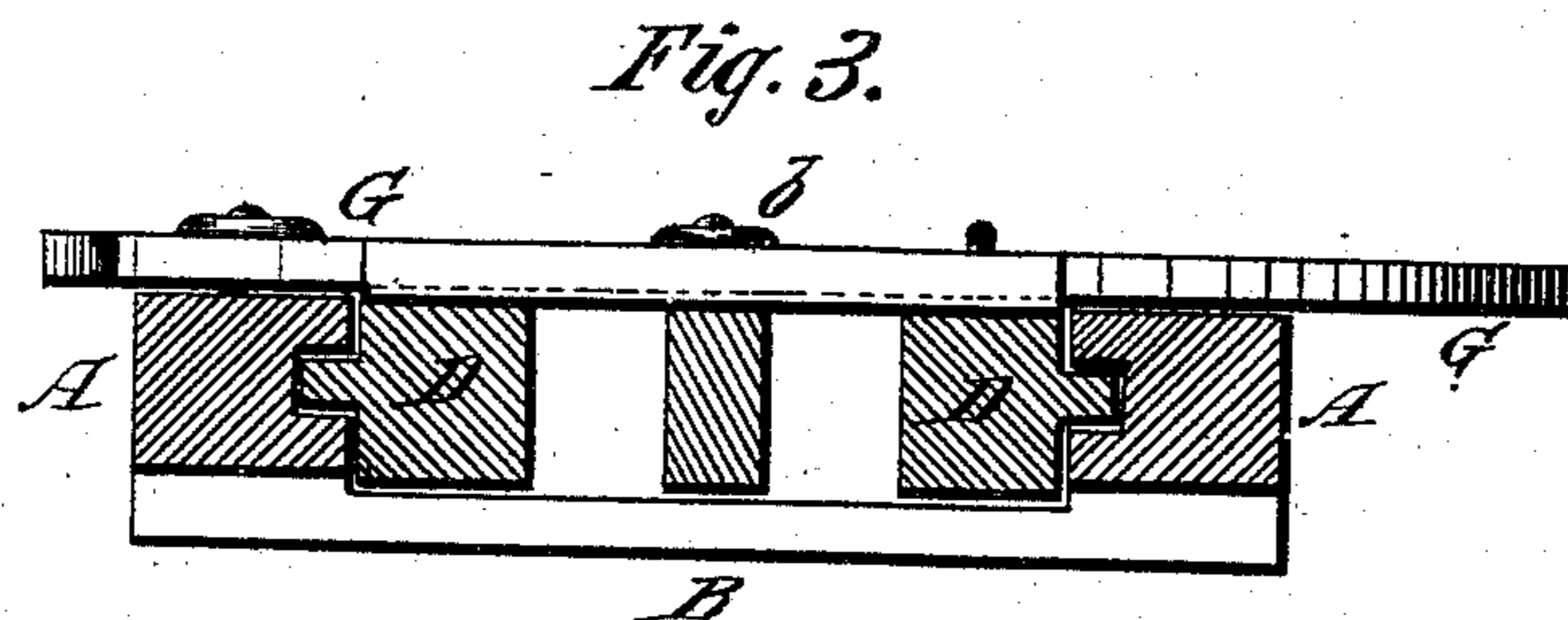
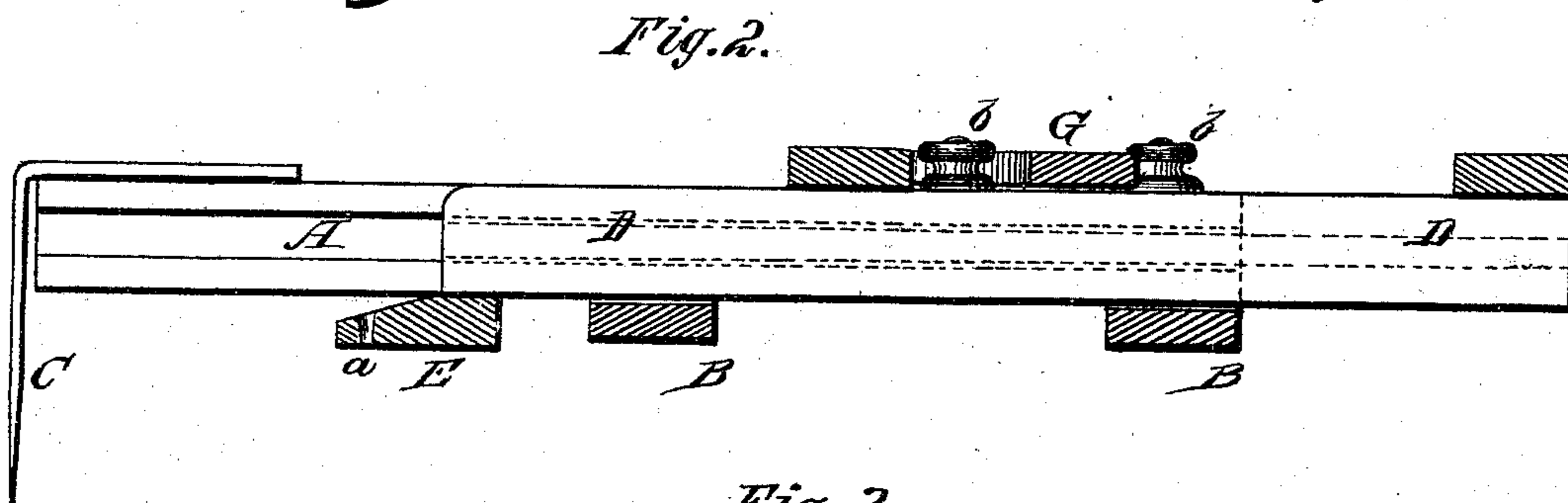
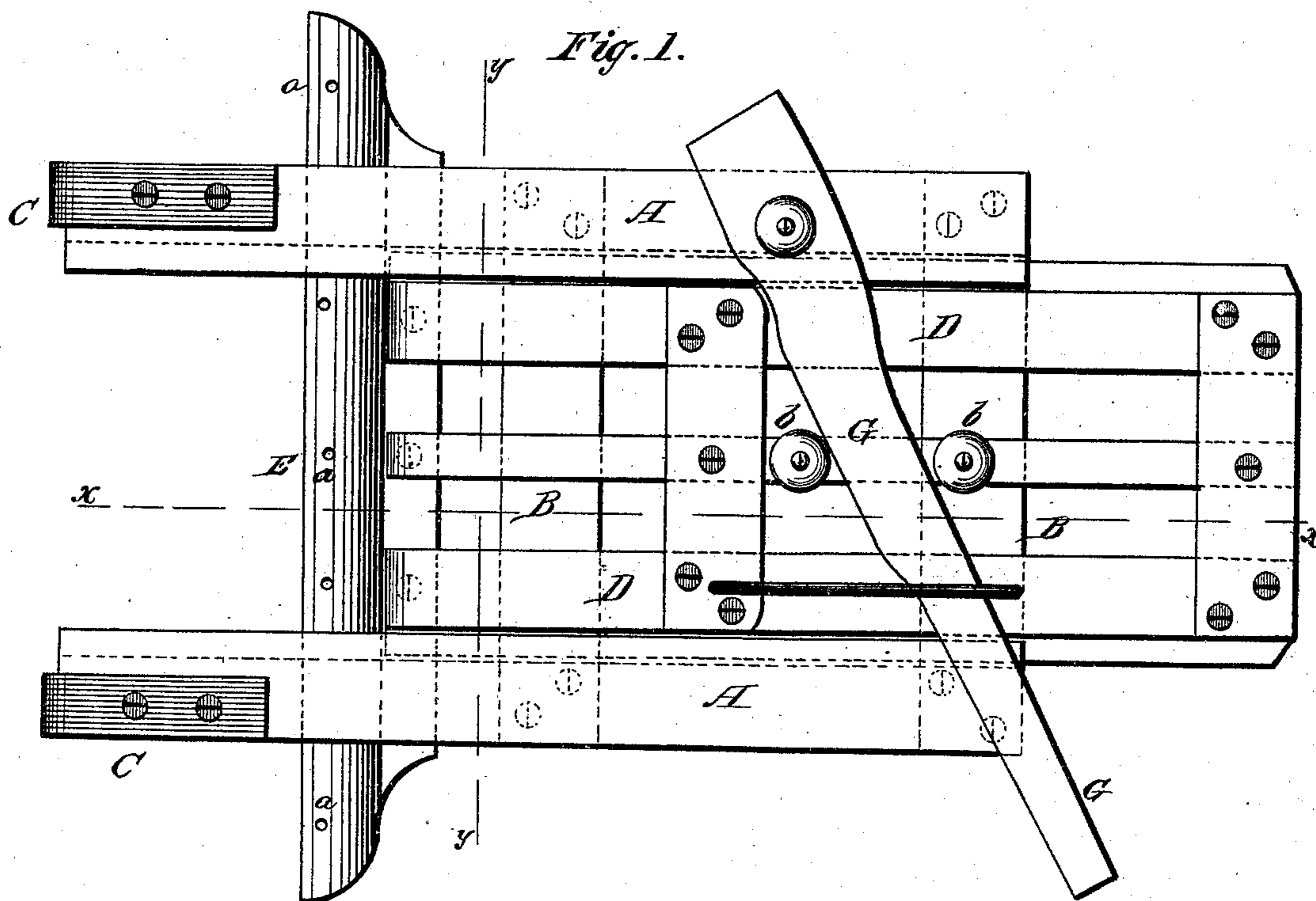


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LYMAN NOLTON, of city of Hillsdale, in the county of Hillsdale and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Carpet-Stretchers; 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 which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a carpet-stretcher, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawing, Figure 1 is a plan view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same through the line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a cross-section through the line *y y*, Fig. 1.

A A represent two parallel side bars, connected by means of cross-bars B B, and provided at their front ends with L-shaped points C C, as shown. The inner sides of the bars A A are grooved longitudinally, and in the same slides a frame or gate, D, having a head, E, at its front end underneath, and extending beyond the side bars A. The head E is provided with teeth *a*, or their equivalents, for

taking hold of the carpet to be stretched. On top of one of the side bars A is pivoted a lever, G, which works between pins *b b* on the frame D to move the same back and forth. The points C are to be fastened in the floor close to the wash-board, the stretcher-frame resting on top of the carpet. The teeth of the head E are then fastened in the carpet, and, by means of the lever G, the frame D is moved forward, stretching the carpet with it up to the wall. The lever may then be held by another pin while the carpet is being tacked down. This device may be made of wood or metal, as desired, and is simple, cheap, and durable, and not liable to get out of order.

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

The combination of the grooved frame A B, with points C C, the sliding frame D, with toothed head E, the lever G, and pins *b*, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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