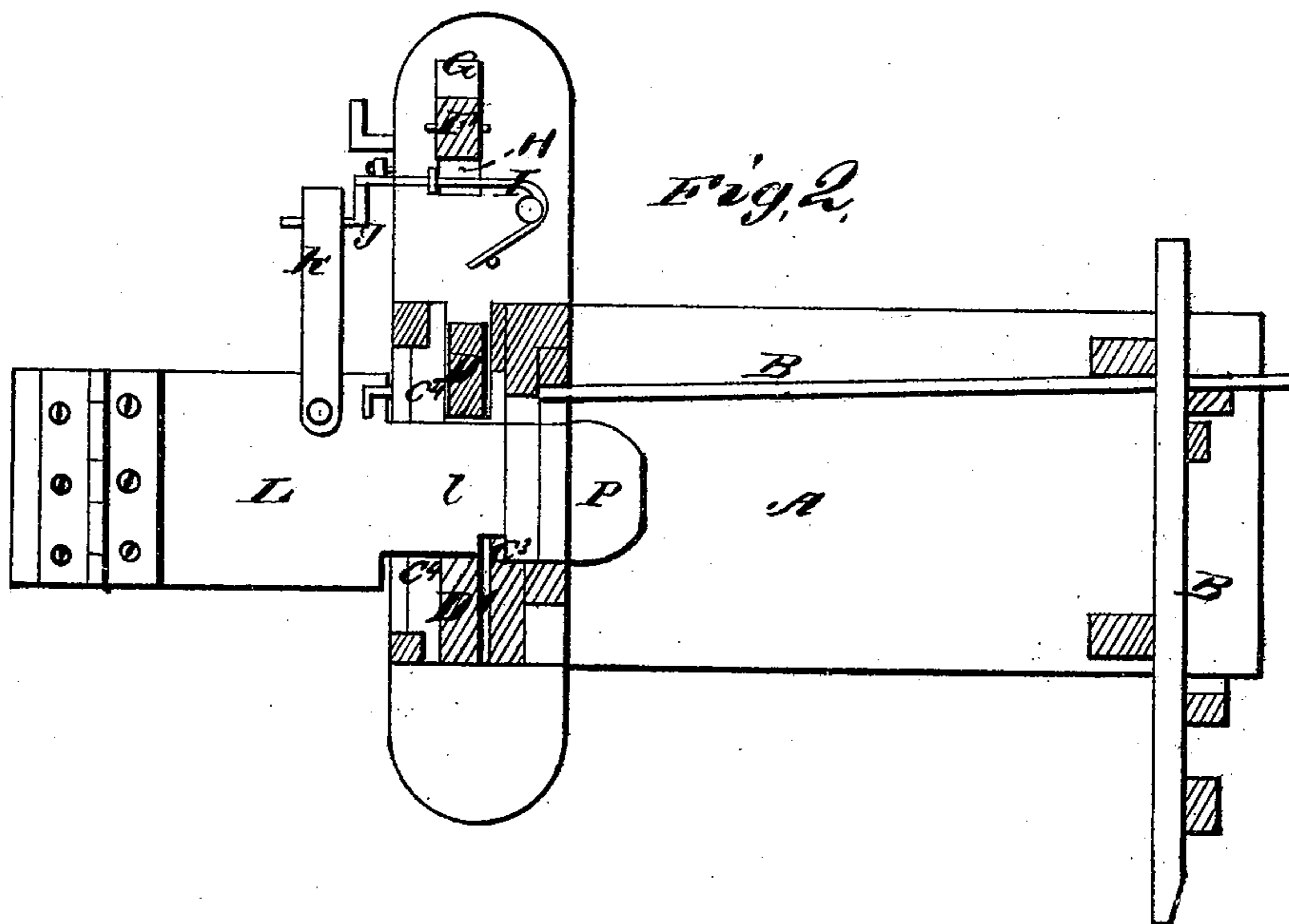
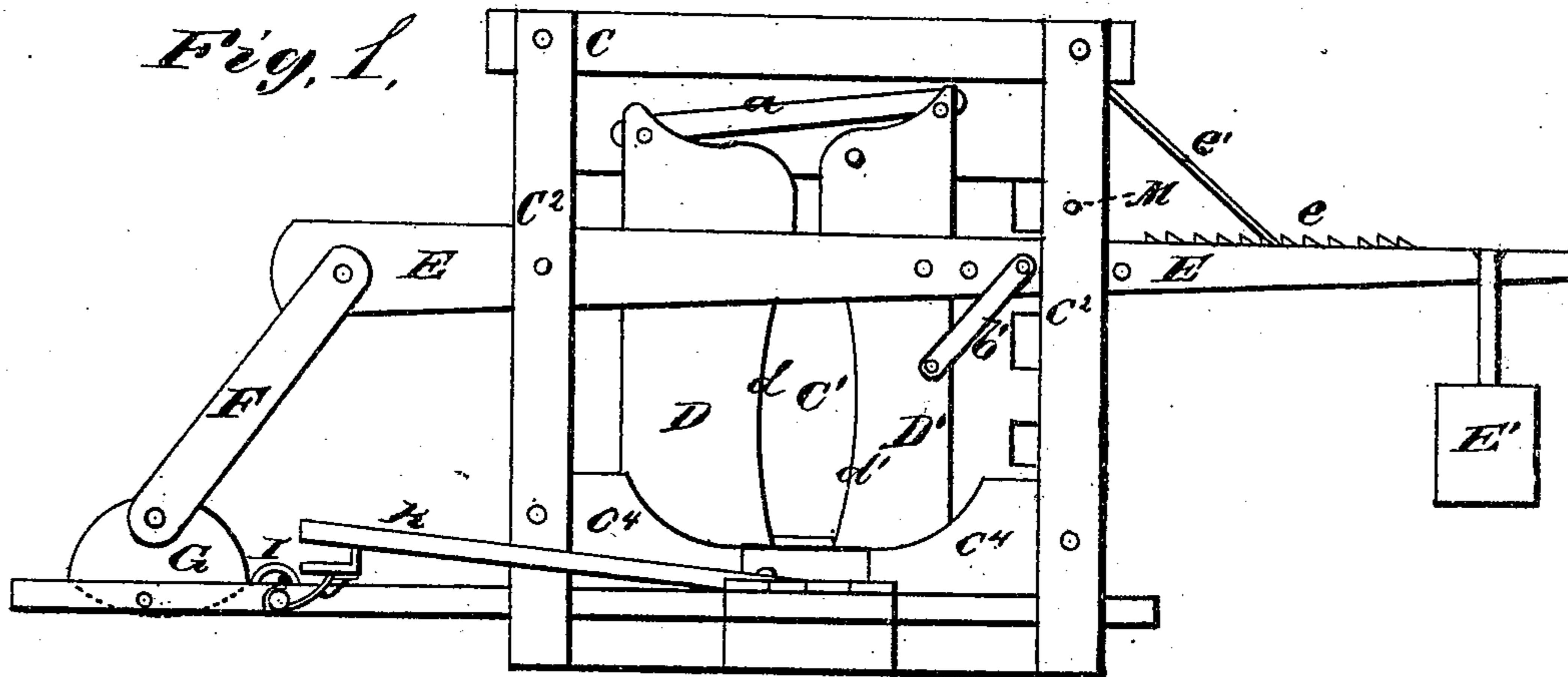


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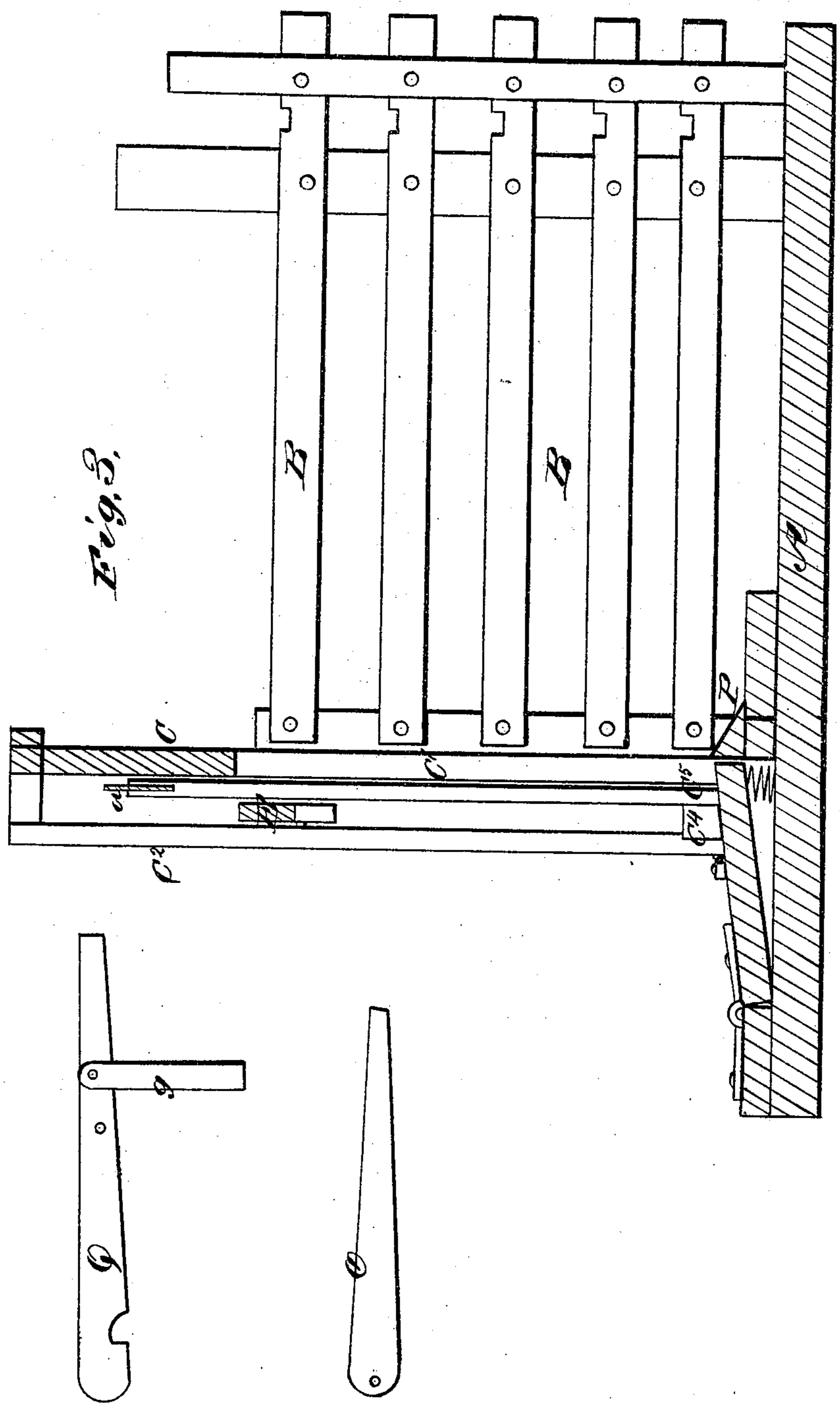
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## IMPROVEMENT IN HOG-TRAPS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK A. LESLIE, of Elkhart, in the county of Logan and State of Illinois, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Hog-Trap; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a front elevation of my hog-trap, and Fig. 2 is a horizontal section view thereof. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view of the same.

My invention relates to automatic hog-traps for use in castrating hogs and other animals; and the nature of my invention consists in adjustable jaws, which are pivoted at opposite ends and operated by a loaded lever, and, also, in an eccentric, a spring-catch, and a hinged platform adapted to be operated by the weight of the hog, and in auxiliary devices, substantially as hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the bottom of my trap, upon which fencing B is erected to form a pen. The front of the trap is composed of a vertical frame, C, which has a central opening, C<sup>1</sup>. Frame C is also provided in front with vertical standards C<sup>2</sup> C<sup>2</sup>, and with abutments C<sup>3</sup> C<sup>3</sup> C<sup>4</sup> C<sup>4</sup>, which form guideways C<sup>5</sup> C<sup>5</sup> for the bottom of jaws D D.

The function of these jaws is to close the opening C<sup>1</sup>, and thereby secure the hog by the neck as he endeavors to pass through. To adapt them to this purpose their proximate edges are recessed at *d d'*, so as to leave an oblong slit when drawn together. The jaw D is pivoted at its lower end; but the jaw D' is pivoted at its upper end, so that its lower end swings to and fro in guideway C<sup>5</sup>. The upper ends of bars D and D' are connected by rod, bar, or plate *a*, which is pivoted to them so as to allow free play. The jaw D' is connected by bar or bars *b'*, preferably constructed of iron, and pivoted at both ends, like bar *a*, to a lever, E, which bears a weight, E', at or near its outer end. Lever E is pivoted between frame C and vertical standard

C<sup>2</sup>, on the opposite side of opening C<sup>1</sup>, so that the operation of said weight on the longer arm of said lever is to force together jaws D and D', and so close the opening C<sup>1</sup>.

The device is tripped by the following mechanism: The short end of lever E is connected by a link or bar, F, with an eccentric, G, which is pivoted in a slot, H, in an extension of frame C at the bottom thereof. The face of this eccentric nearest to said frame is notched at intervals to regulate the proximity of jaws D and D' to one another, and these notches engage with spring-latch I, one end of which lies upon the end of bent trigger J, and which is adapted to be raised by said trigger out of engagement with said notches. This trigger J is operated by an arm K, which is pivoted to hinged spring-platform L. As soon as the fore legs of the hogs, in passing through the opening C<sup>1</sup>, depress this hinged platform the trap is sprung.

The surface of long arm of lever E may be provided with a succession of notches for regulating the power exerted by weight E', according as it is moved to or from the end of lever E. It is also provided with a fixed rack-bar, *e*, which engages with pawl *e'*, pivoted to frame C, and is locked thereby after the trap is sprung and the hog is caught. The free end *l* of spring-platform L is recessed, so as to fit the space between abutments C<sup>3</sup> C<sup>3</sup> and C<sup>4</sup> C<sup>4</sup>, and the bottom of jaw D is also recessed, so as to slide freely over end *l* of platform L when the same is depressed. A detachable pin, M, passing through vertical standard C<sup>2</sup> and frame C, may be used to hold up the long end of lever E, and prevent the trap from operating. The outer abutments C<sup>4</sup> C<sup>4</sup> of frame C are brought sufficiently near together to prevent the hog from turning aside as he passes through the opening C<sup>1</sup>, and he is thus compelled to tread upon the platform. Loose arm O may be placed horizontally across the front of frame C to prevent hogs from jumping. A suitable rigid sill, P, is secured to floor A as a guard for the loose end of platform L. It compels the hogs to step upon instead of knocking against the same.

Q is a lever pivoted to frame C at the back thereof, and provided with a hanging arm, *q*, (or arm *q* may stand upright and form a pivot

for lever Q,) to which a suitable gripping device should be affixed. Its office is to raise the hind quarters of hogs or other animals for purposes of castration, while the necks of animals are secured between jaws D and D'.

By removing the lever E and connecting-rod *b'* the device is converted into a hand-trap.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a hog-trap, the jaws D D' hung at opposite ends, connected at their upper ends, and operated automatically by a weighted lever acting thereon, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with the jaws D D' arranged as described, of the weighted lever E, connecting bar or bars *b'*, bar F, pivoted notched eccentric G, spring-latch I, hinged platform L, and trigger J, all constructed, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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