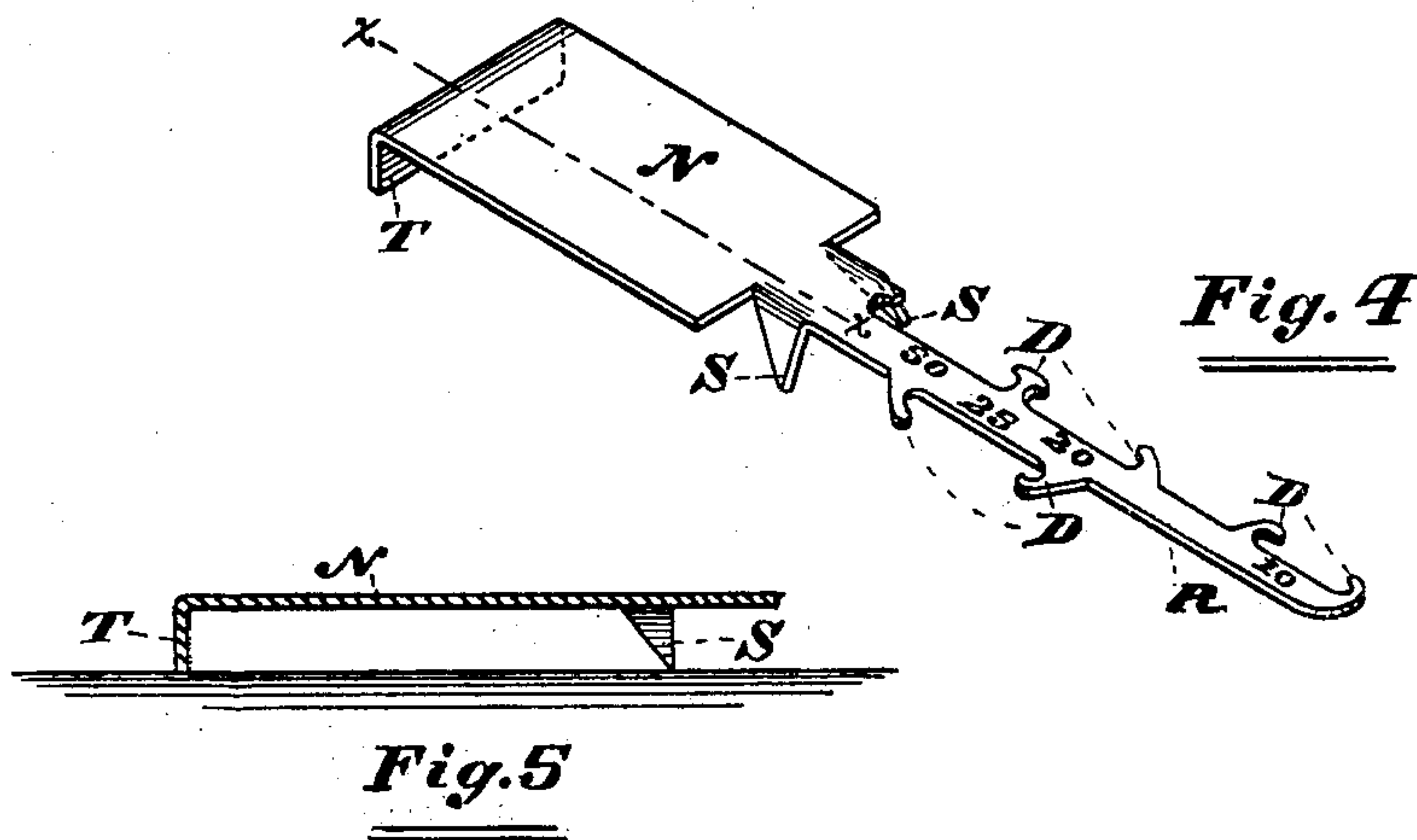
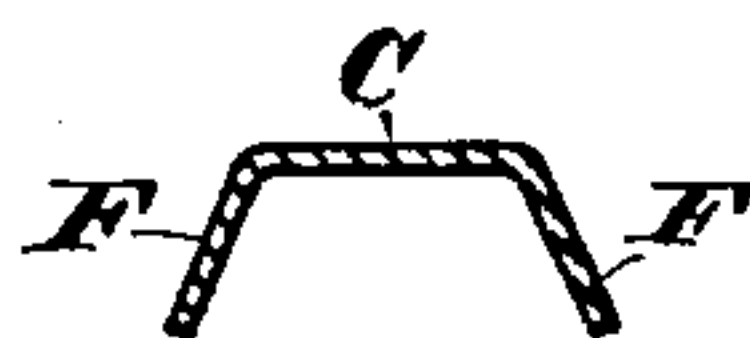
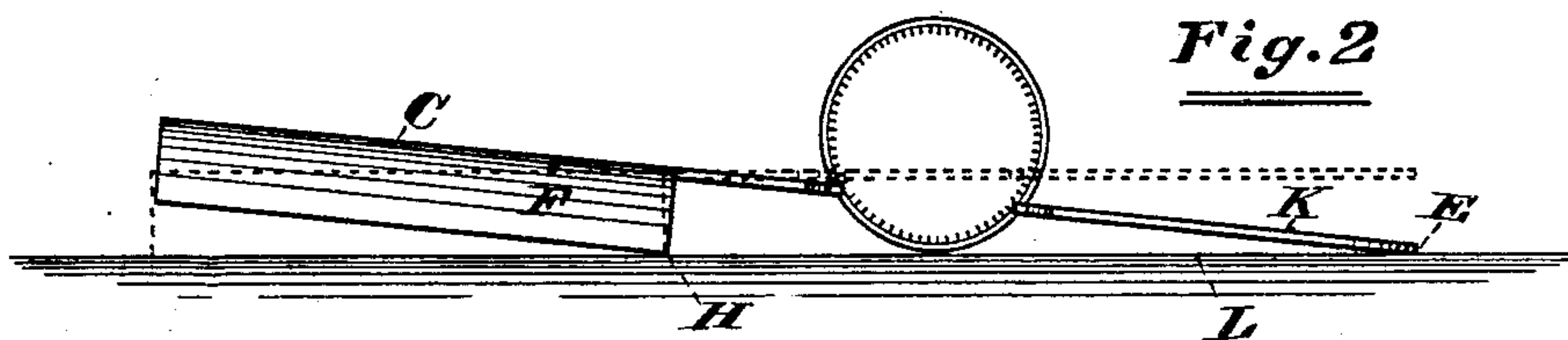
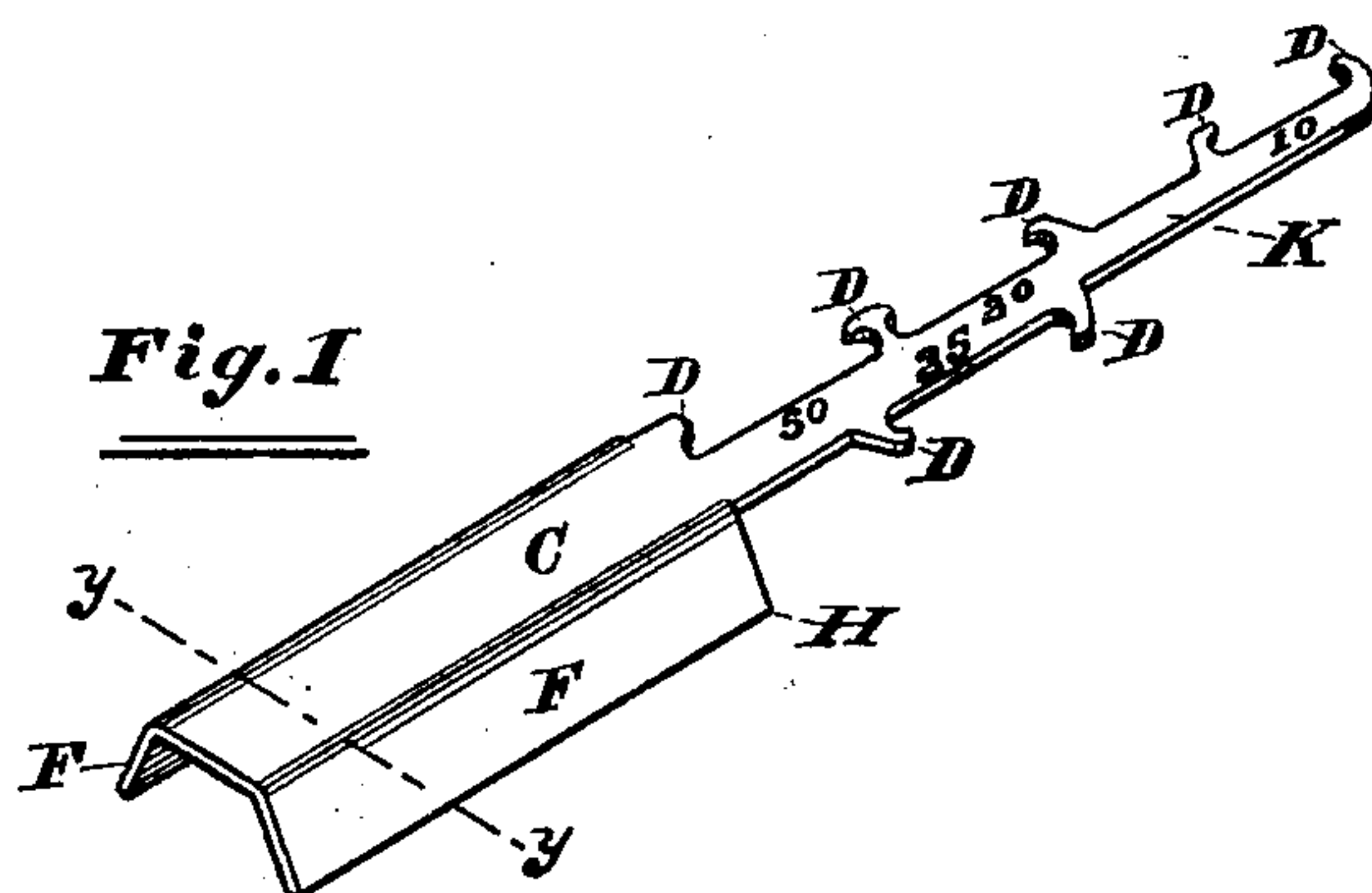


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IMPROVEMENT IN COUNTERFEIT-COIN DETECTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. THOMPSON, of the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Counterfeit-Coin Detectors, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention; Fig. 2, a side view of my invention when testing a genuine coin. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line *y y*, Fig. 1.

This instrument can be struck out completed (except bending the flanges *F*) by one stroke of a die.

The object of the invention is the detection of counterfeit coin. Counterfeit coin are usually lighter than genuine, and on this fact the invention is based.

F are flanges, on which the instrument rests. These flanges *F* are bent from the bar or plate *C* at an angle of from seventy to eighty degrees, as being a suitable angle, but may be at a greater or less angle. The part *K* of the plate *C K* that projects beyond the flanges *F* is supplied with ears or lugs *D*, arranged in pairs. Each pair is so constructed as to clasp a coin of the denomination designed for it.

The space designed for a United States coin

of a given denomination is suitably indicated on the bar *K*.

The beam or bar *C K* is balanced, so as to rest on the flanges *F*, as shown in Fig. 1. When a genuine United States silver coin is placed in its proper receptacle the bar *C K* will be tipped down, as shown in Fig. 2, till the point *E* rests on the table or support *L*, the bar *C K* turning on the point *H* of the flanges *F*.

If a genuine coin of a given denomination is placed in the receptacle corresponding to such denomination the bar *K* will be tipped, as shown in Fig. 2.

If a counterfeit coin of the proper denomination is placed in either receptacle the instrument remains resting on the flanges *F*, as shown in Fig. 1.

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

In a counterfeit-coin detector, the bar *C K*, provided with the flanges *F*, and lugs *D D*, substantially as shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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