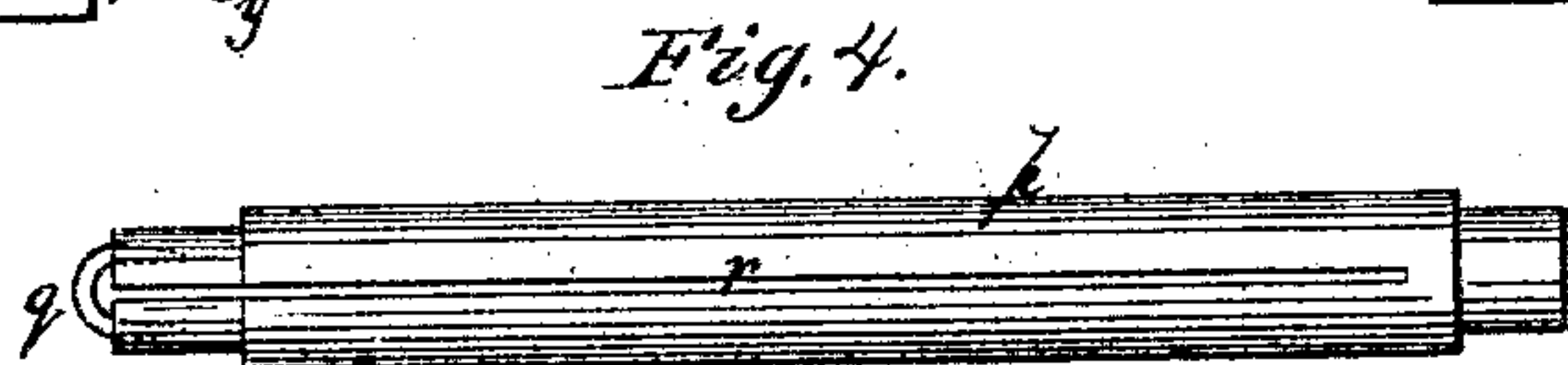
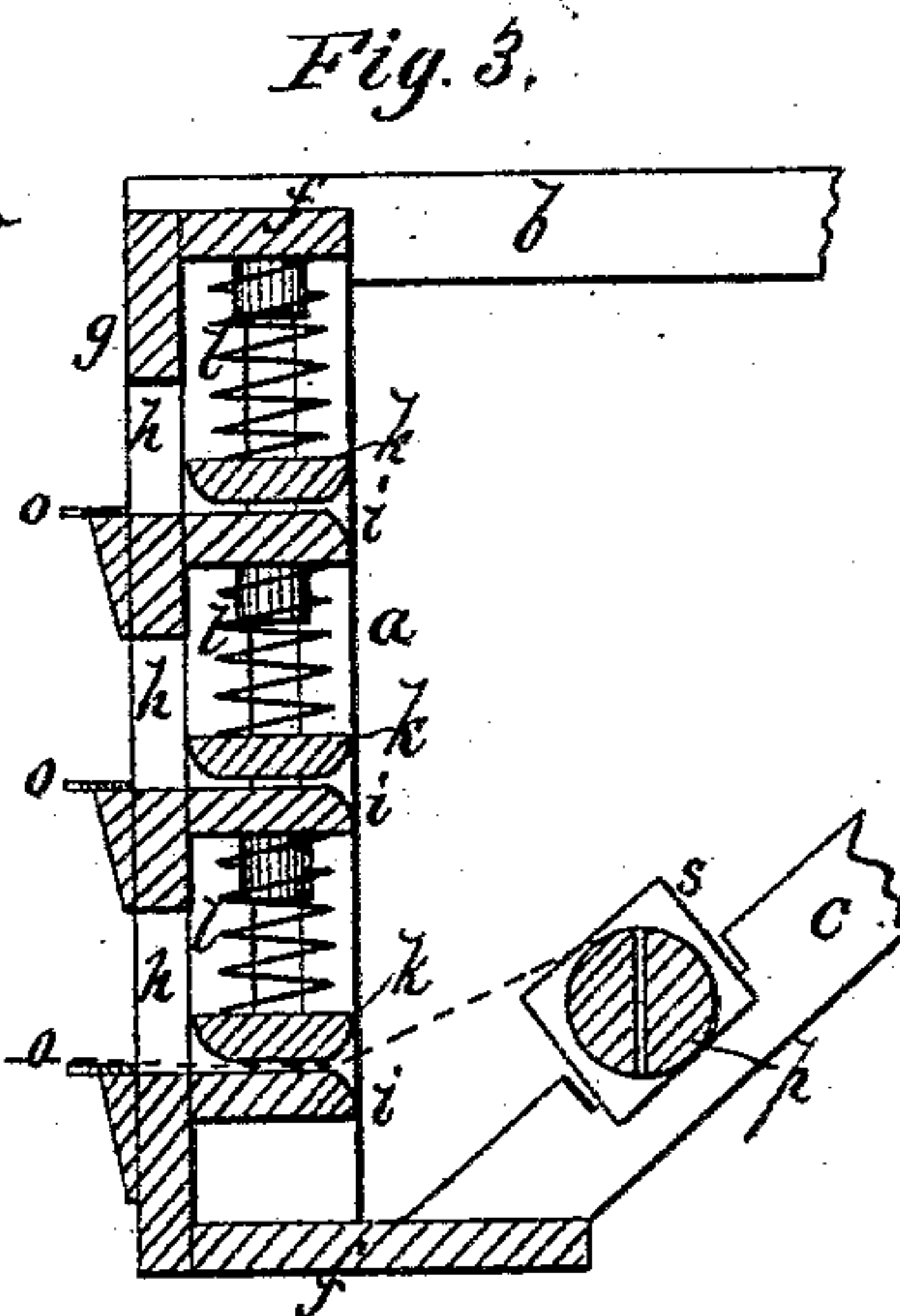
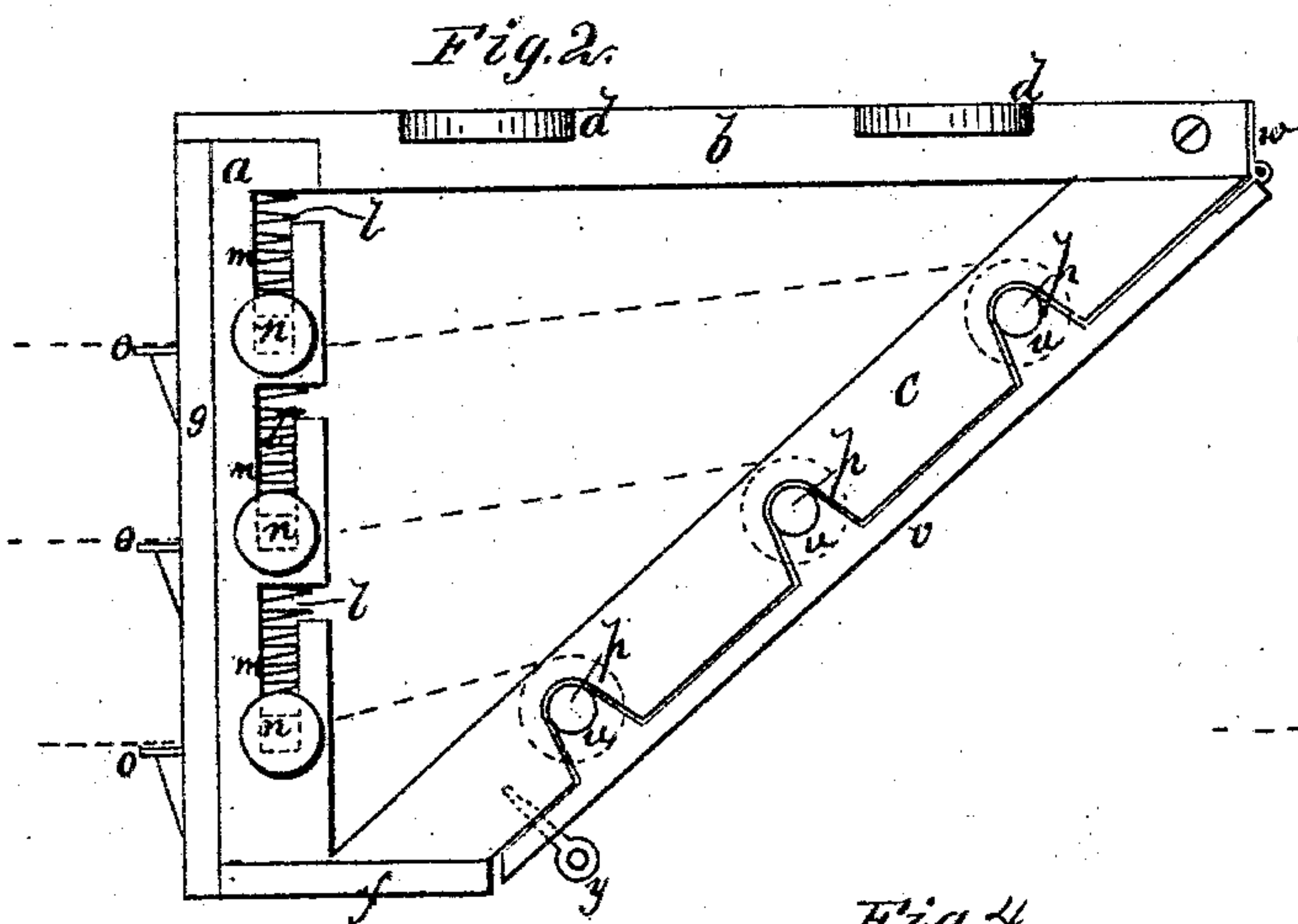
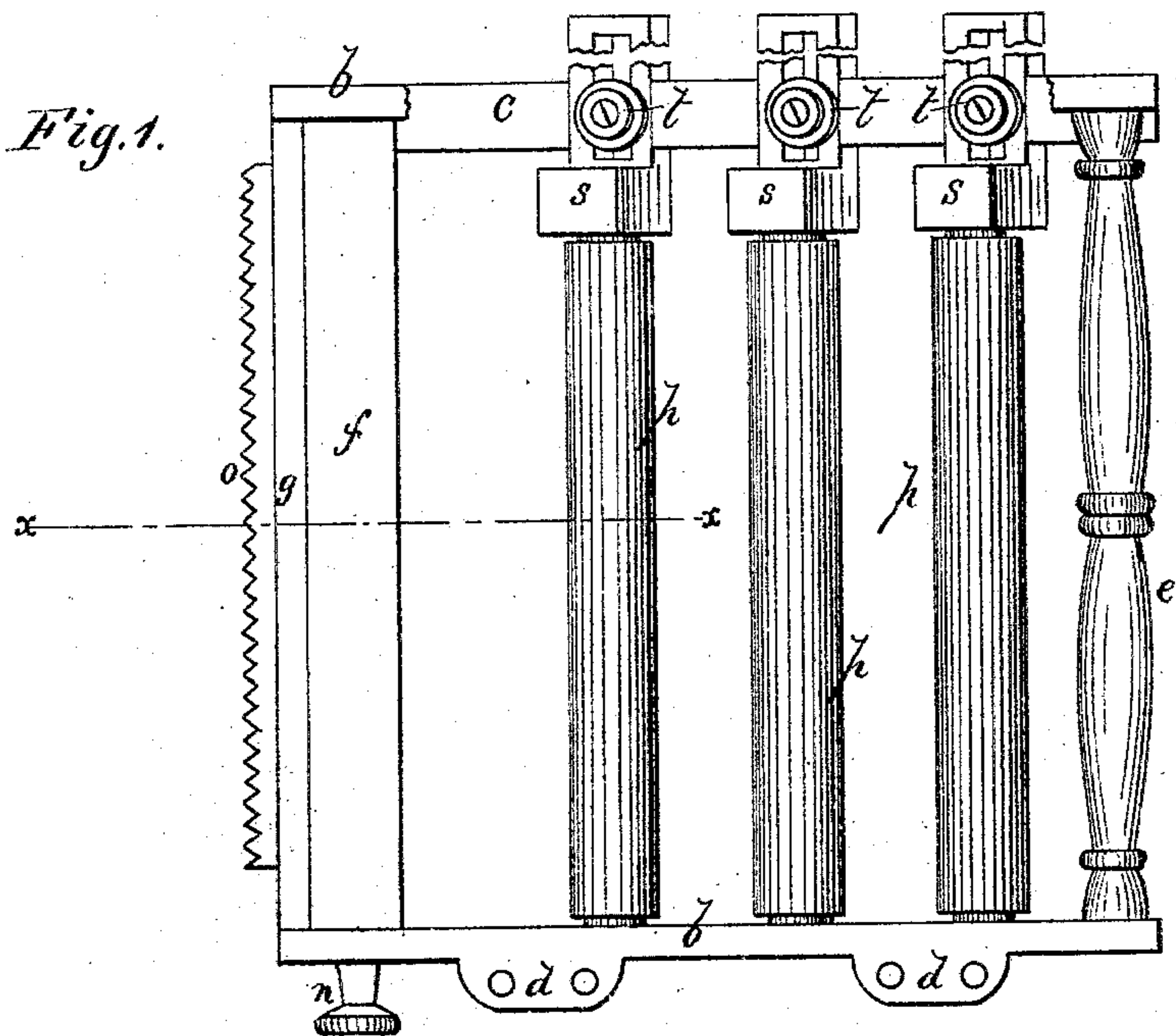


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IMPROVEMENT IN HOLDERS FOR WRAPPING-PAPER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. DOUTY, of Shamokin, in the county of Northumberland and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Holder for Wrapping-Paper, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to furnish a device for holding rolls of wrapping-paper, so that the desired quantity may be drawn off the roll and torn from the sheet.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my paper-holder. Fig. 2 is a side elevation. Fig. 3 is a section on line *x x* of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is an elevation of one of the paper-holding rolls.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The parts *a b c* are united together to form a triangular frame, which is to be attached to the under side of a counter, or in any other convenient place, by screws passed through the lugs *d d* of the pieces *b*. The two parts of the frame are held together by the cross-brace *e* and strips *f f*.

The piece *g*, which is attached to the front pieces, *a a*, is formed with a number of horizontal openings or slits, *h*; and *i i* are strips connected to the frame, so as to form ledges behind the openings *h*.

k k are loose strips resting upon the ledges *i*, and fitted to move vertically. *l l* are spiral springs resting upon the upper side of the strips *k*, and tending to press them upon the ledges *i*. The strips *k* thus form spring-lips, beneath which the loose end of the paper is to be passed, as shown by dotted lines.

One end of each strip *k* is cut out to form a pin, that extends through a slot, *m*, in piece *a*, and carries a knob, *n*, by which each lip *k* may be raised to insert the paper. These slots *m* are formed at one side of piece *a*, to permit the insertion of the strips *k*, and the opposite ends of strips *k* are formed with tenons, that enter a groove in the piece *a* at that side.

o o are serrated strips of metal attached at the front of each opening *h*, and forming an edge against which the paper is to be torn.

The paper-holding rollers *p* are of wood, slitted lengthwise to form a slot, *r*, as shown, in which the end of paper is placed and held while it is being rolled on the rollers. A staple, *q*, at the end of the roller is used to retain the forks of the roller closed and clamp the paper.

The rollers *p* are held by one end in the boxes *s*, that are attached to one piece, *c*, of the frame by the screw-clamps *t*. The screw of each clamp *t* passes through a slot in the box *s*, and by loosening the screw the box can be adjusted to suit the length of roller used.

The opposite end of each roller *p* enters a semicircular mortise in the opposite piece, *c*, and these ends are retained in place by the boxes *u*, attached to the strip *v*, that is hinged at *w*, and its lower end retained by a screw, *y*, so that this strip *v* can be turned back to permit the insertion or withdrawal of rollers *p*.

There is to be a roller, *p*, for each opening *h*, and each roller may carry a different width of paper. The paper is thus held in compact form, handy for use, and the desired quantity can be readily drawn out and torn off.

The paper-holder described is not expensive to manufacture, and, being adapted for attachment beneath a counter, will not be in the way nor take up valuable room.

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

In combination with the frame, substantially as described, the ledges *i*, spring-strips *k*, rollers *p*, adjustable boxes *s*, and hinged strip *v*, as set forth.

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