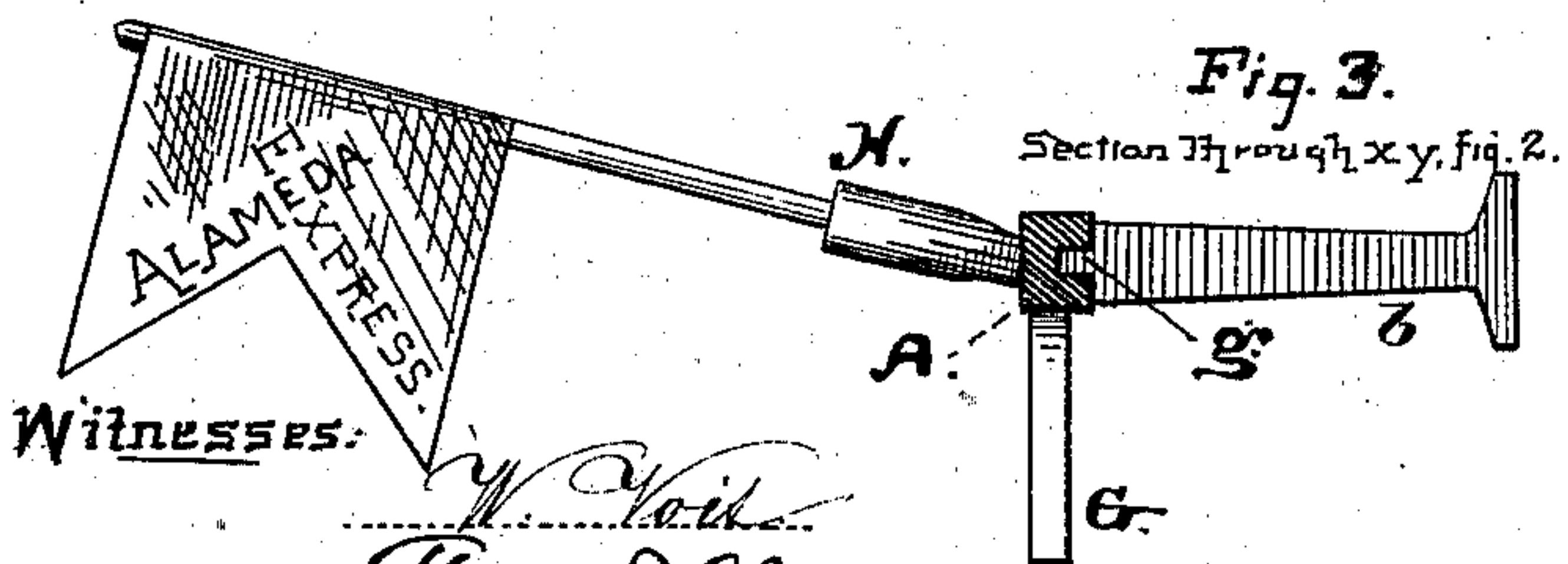
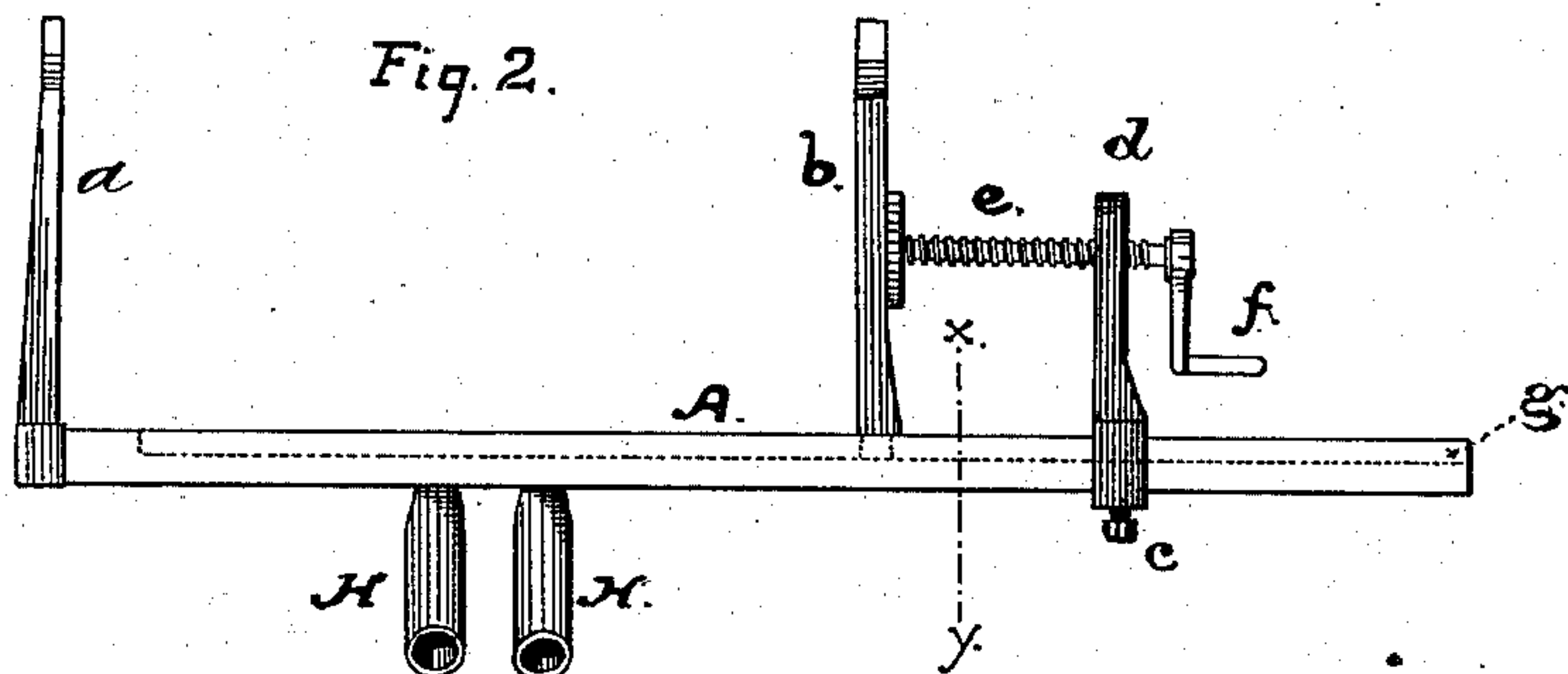
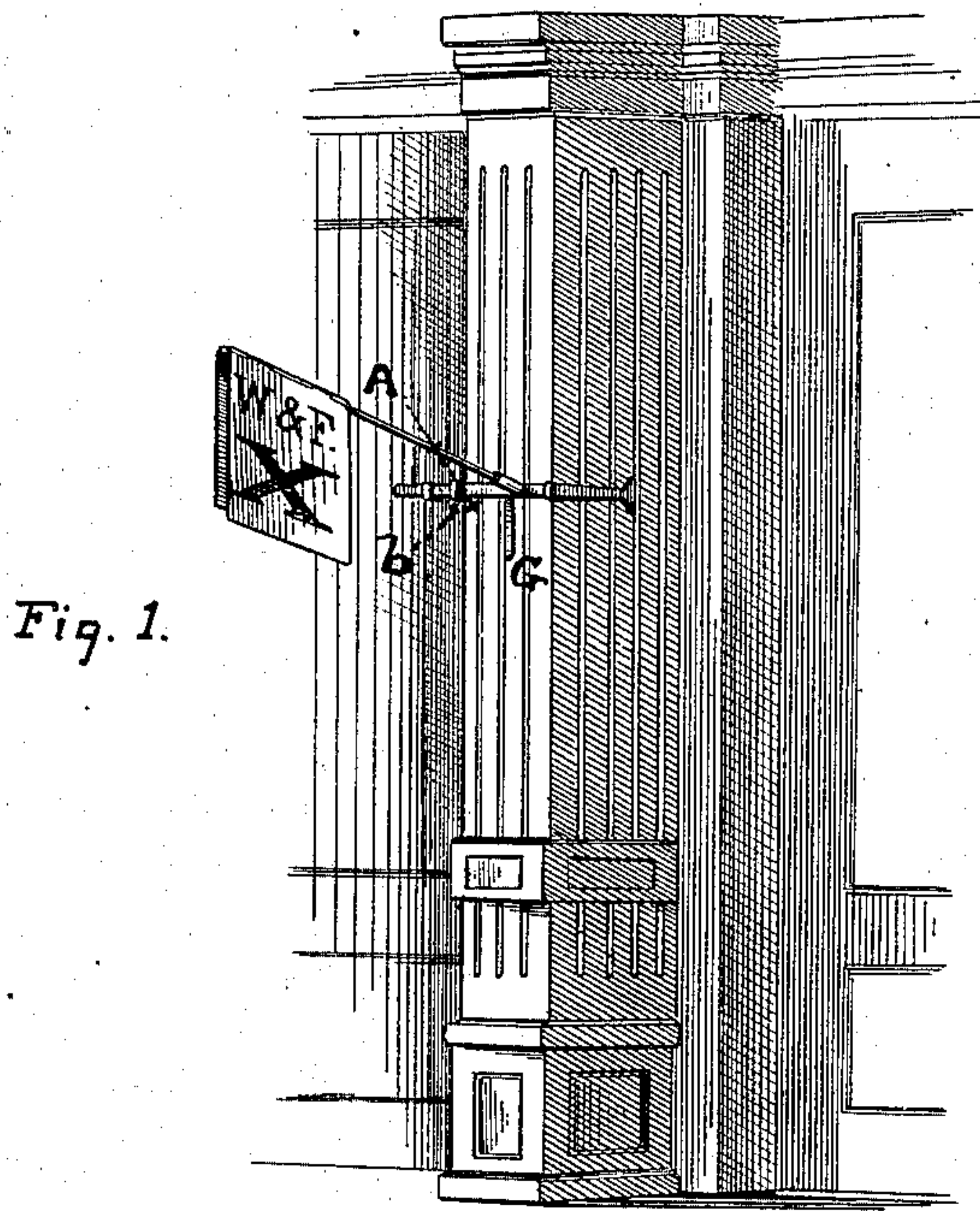


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BUDD SMITH, of the city and county of San Francisco, in the State of California, have invented a Temporary Staff-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

The present invention has relation to certain new and useful improvements in that class of temporary staff-holders for exhibiting flags and placards in front of buildings provided with a clamping device, whereby the holder is conveniently connected and held to a column or other projection in front of a building.

The object of the present invention is to provide the clamping device of a temporary staff-holder with means for steadying it and holding it against displacement after being clamped in position to the building or other object, which I attain by the construction shown in the drawings, and hereinafter described.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved staff-holder, showing its application as a sign-holder. Fig. 2 is a top view of the invention, and Fig. 3 a section through *x x*, Fig. 2.

A is a bar, one end of which is bent at right angles to the bar, so as to form the stationary jaw *a* of the clamp. On the outer end of this bar an arm, *d*, is arranged to slide, so that it can be adjusted toward or from the stationary jaw, and a set-screw, *c*, is arranged to fix it at any desired point in the length of the bar A. A screw-rod, *e*, passes through this arm and has the movable jaw *b* secured to its end inside of the arm *d*, while its opposite end is bent to form a crank, *f*. A groove, *g*, is made

on the under side of the bar A, in which a projection on the end of the movable jaw *b* fits and moves when the movable jaw is adjusted by turning the screw-rod *e*, the groove and projection serving as a guide to hold the movable jaw in position.

G is a steadying-bar, which projects from the lower edge of the bar A and extends down the face of the column or projection a short distance, so as to serve as a brace to keep the bar A in place.

On the front side of the bar A, I secure one or more staff-holders, H, so that they will project outward from the wall or other part of the building to which the clamp is secured. In the present instance I have represented a socket into which the end of a staff can be pressed until it is held tightly, thus supporting the flag or placard in the proper position to be displayed in front of the building. I have represented a socket because it is a simple and convenient holder for a staff; but any kind of a gripe or holder could be used.

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

The bar A, provided with stationary jaw *a*, socket H, and steadying-bar G, in combination with the sliding jaw *b*, movable arm *d*, carrying the screw-rod *e*, constructed to operate substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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