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TELEGRAPHIC TAPE SUPPORTER.

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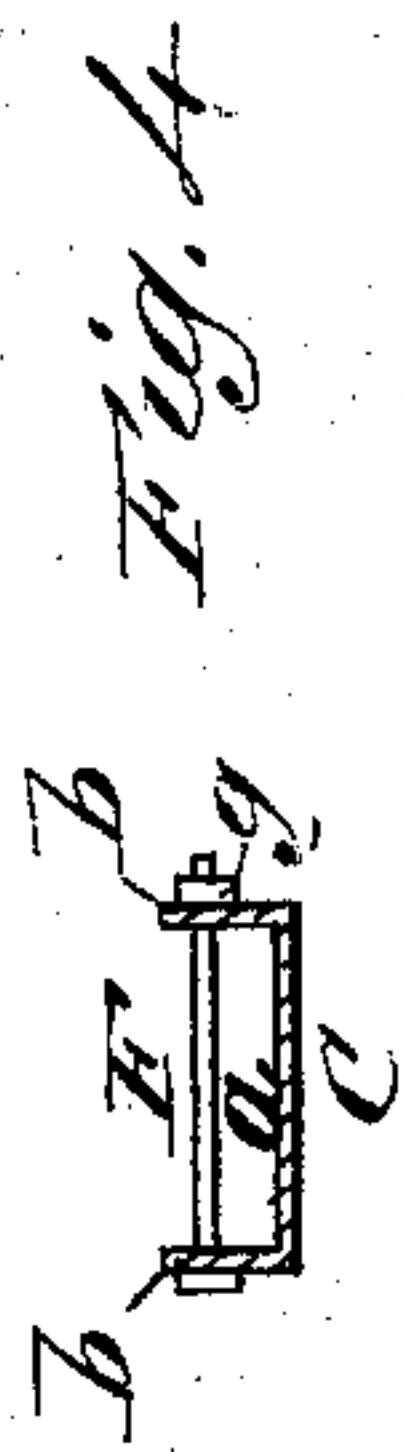
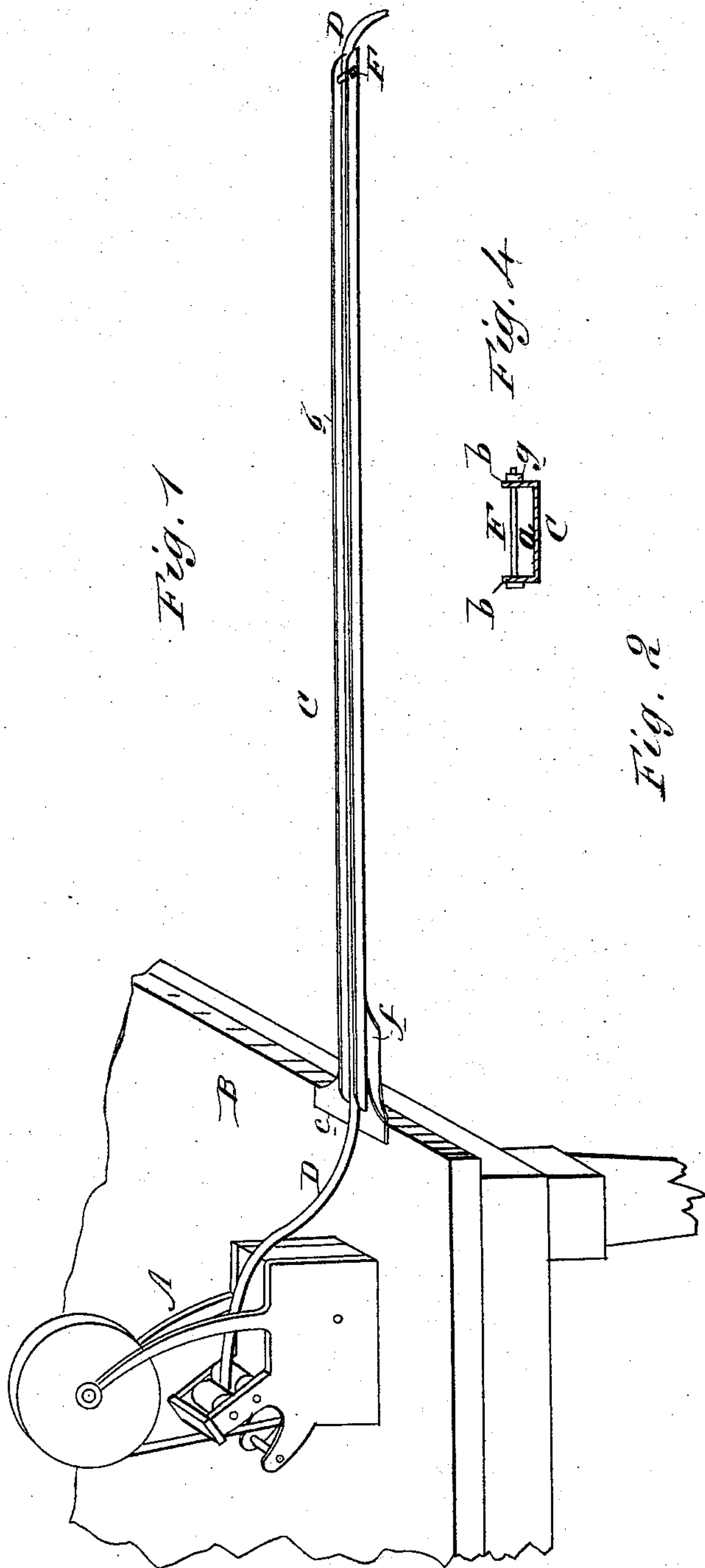


Fig. 2

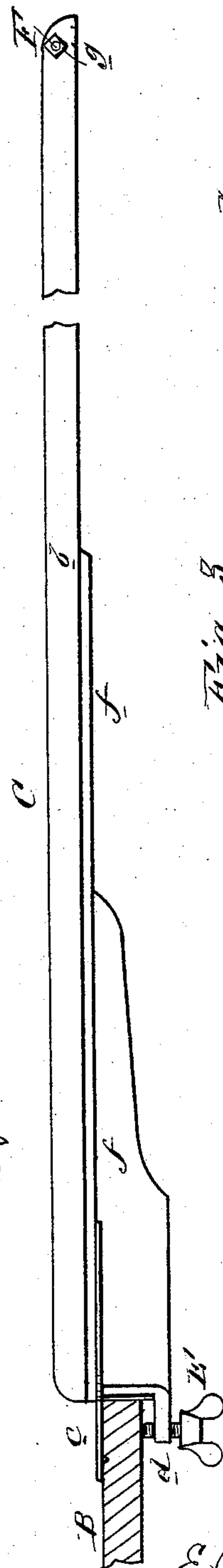
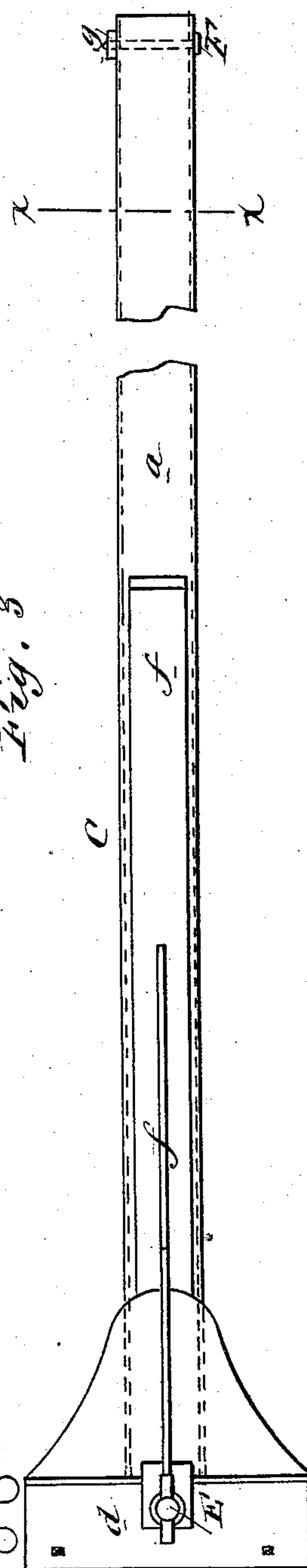


Fig. 3



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## TELEGRAPHIC-TAPE SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD J. McLOUGHLIN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Telegraph-Tape Supporter, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a device especially applicable to stock-printing telegraph-instruments for supporting and displaying the tape as it runs from the instrument, and thereby preventing its disarrangement.

The invention consists of a trough having a flat bottom and sides at right angles to the bottom, and provided with extensions and thumb-screw at one end and a transverse tape-retaining rod at the other end, as hereinafter fully described.

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing the device in place. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan of the reverse of the same. Fig. 4 is a cross-section on line *x x*, Fig. 3.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

In the drawings, A represents a stock-printing telegraph-instrument set on a table, B, and C represents the tape-supporter, constructed, preferably, of sheet metal, having a flat bottom *a*, and sides *b* at right angles to the bottom *a*, said supporter C being designed to be wide enough to receive the tape D, proceeding from the telegraph-instrument A. On the reverse of one end of said supporter C are formed or attached plates or extensions *c d*, sufficiently far apart

from each other to receive between them the edge of the table B; and being thus fitted on the table B the supporter C is held in place by a thumb-screw, E, that is passed up through the plate *d*, as shown in Fig. 2.

Strengthening-pieces *f* are preferably formed on or attached to the under side of the supporter C, as shown, though they may be dispensed with.

Transversely through the sides *b*, near the free end of the supporter C, is passed a headed rod, F, which is held in place by a nut, *g*, as shown. The purpose of this rod F is to prevent the tape D from being disengaged from the supporter C as the said tape D is handled. This supporter C can be constructed of any desired length, and always displays a considerable portion of the tape D, thereby facilitating its inspection and obviating the necessity of taking it up or handling it for that purpose.

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

An improved telegraph-tape supporter, consisting of the trough C, having a flat bottom and sides at right angles to the said bottom, and provided at one end with the extensions *c d* and thumb-screw, and at the other with the transverse tape-retaining rod F, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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