

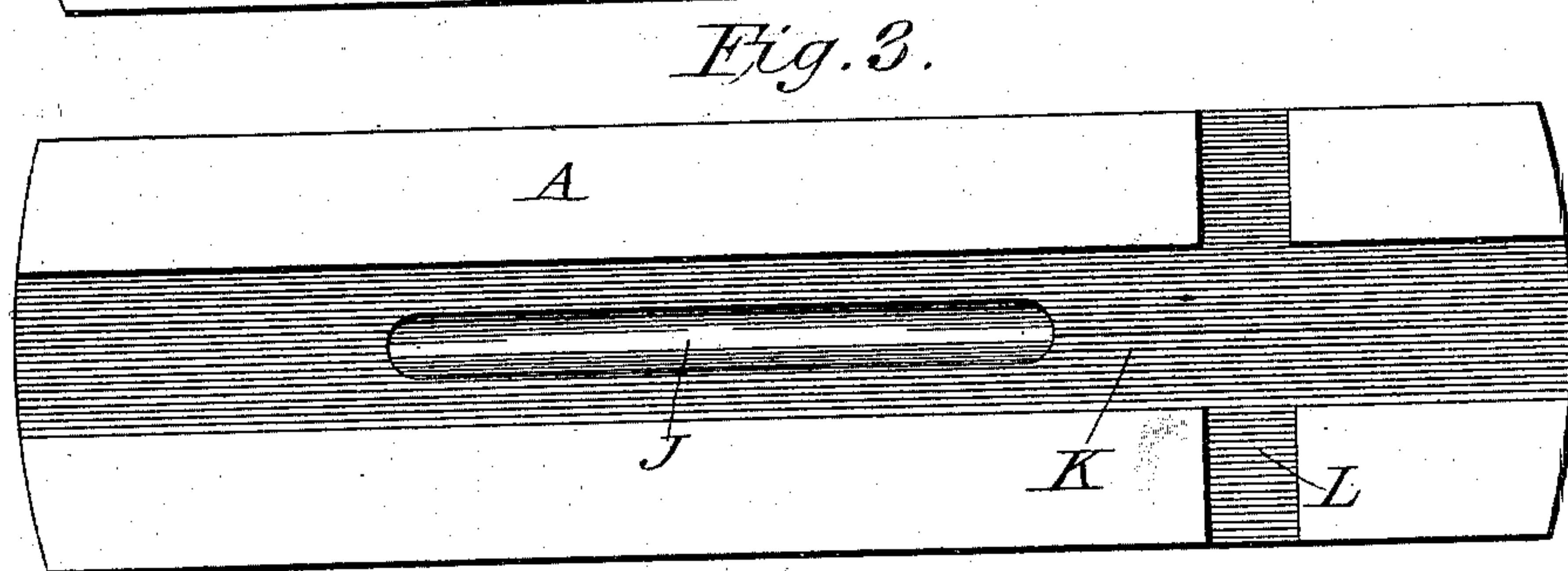
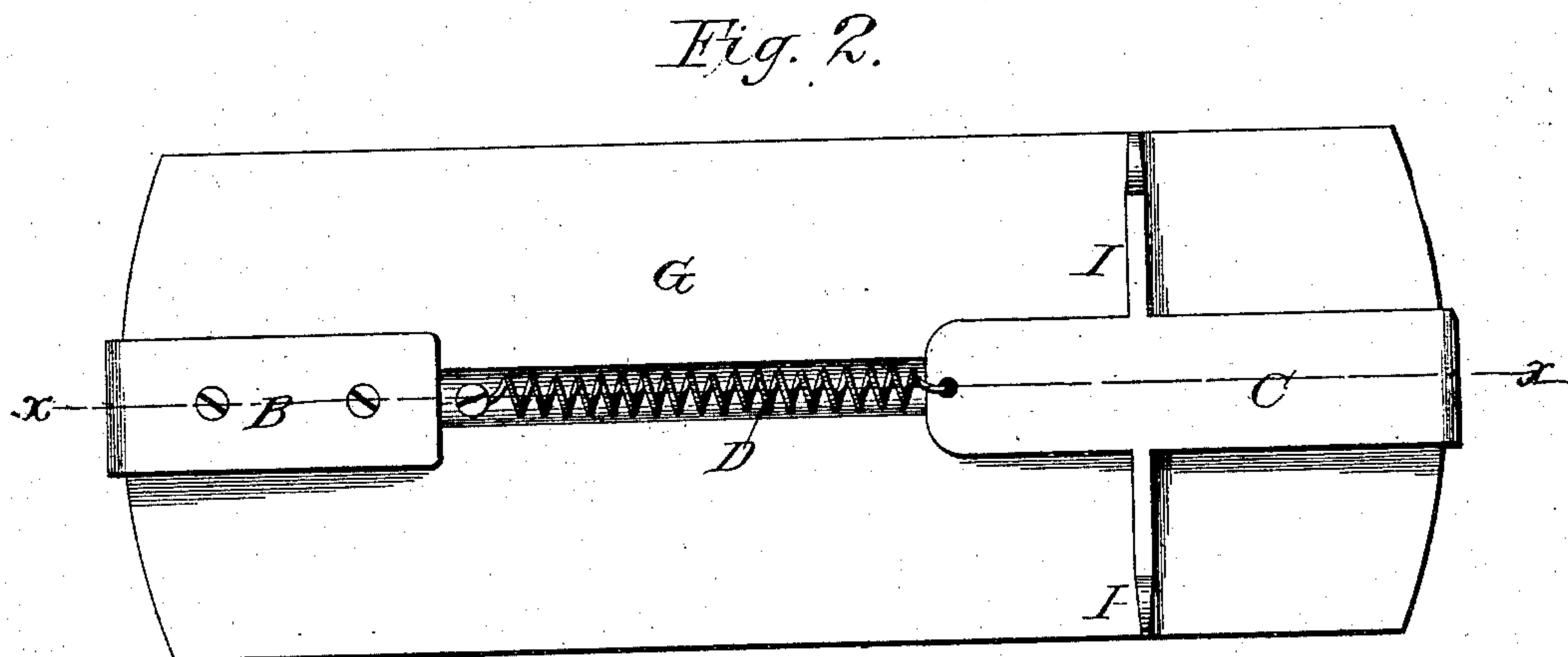
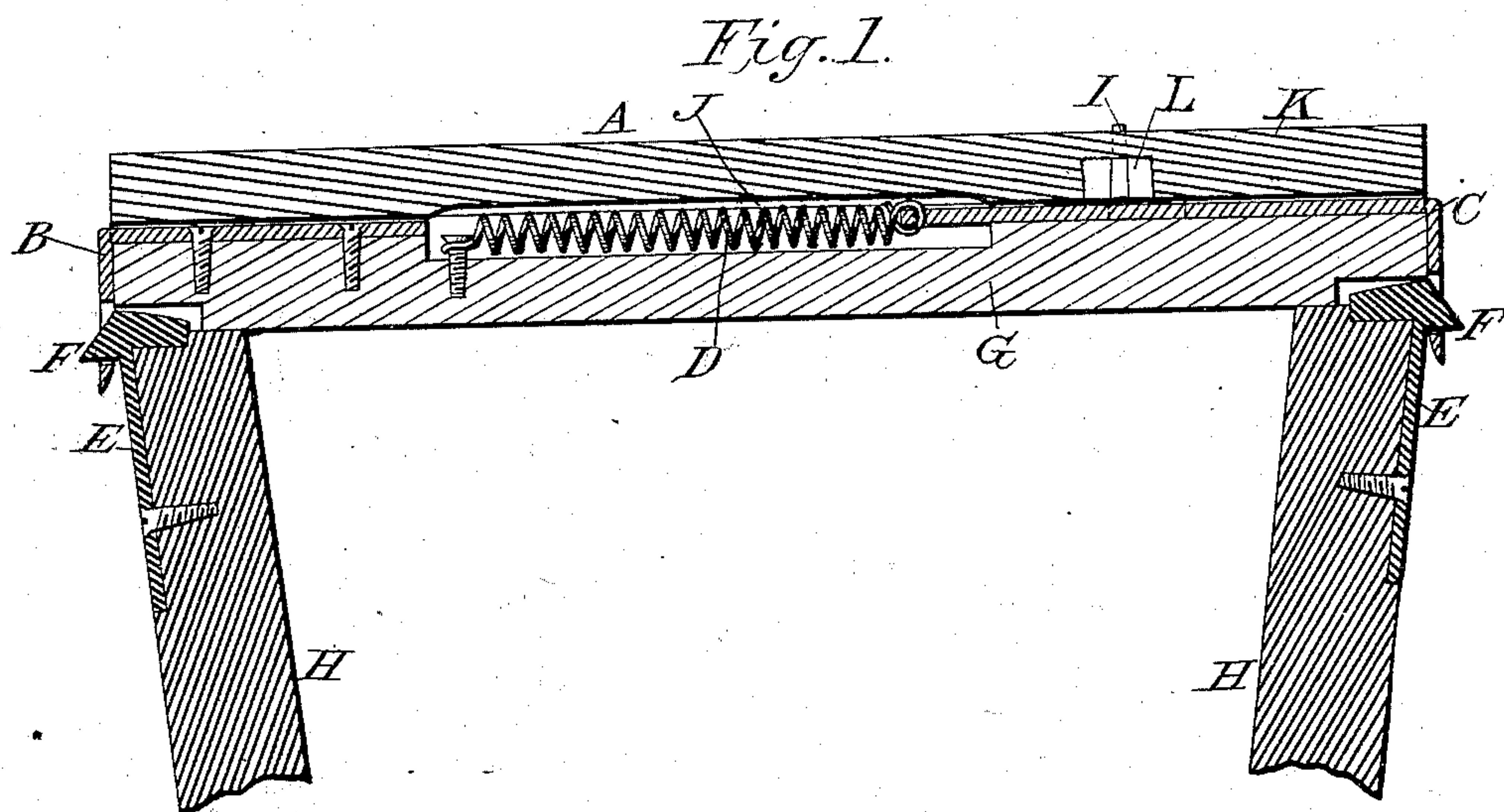
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## FASTENING FOR BUTTER-PAIL COVERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CONNER L. STEPHENS, of Brooklyn, county of Susquehanna, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Fastening for Butter-Pail Covers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention consists in providing a cheap, firm, reliable, and easily operated fastening for such pails without bringing any metal in contact with the contents of the pail, as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 represents a vertical central section of the fastening on line *x x*, Fig. 2, with cap shown. Fig. 2 represents top view of a sufficient portion of the cover to show the fastenings with the cap represented by Fig. 3 removed. Fig. 3 represents the under side view of a cap-piece which extends across the cover over the fastenings.

A refers to sufficient portion of the cover to show the arrangement of the fastenings B to an iron permanently fastened to the cover, turned down at the end, so as to catch on to the catch F E, permanently attached to the staves of the pail H. C refers to an iron

shaped like the one B, and attached to the cover by the spiral spring D, by which attachment the cover is held latched to the catch F E when at its place upon the pail, and by which, by pressing outward on the thumb-piece I, attached to the iron catch-piece C, the fastening is unlatched and the cover loosed from the pail. G refers to the portion of the cover on which the fastenings are attached. J refers to a hollow made in the cover and cross-cap, by which room is made for the spiral spring D to work in. K refers to the cap-piece extending across the cover over the fastening. L refers to a slot on the under side of the cap K, in which the thumb-piece I works in the latching and unlatching thereof.

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

The tub H, provided with the catches F, in combination with the cover A, provided with the fixed plate B and the sliding plate C, having thumb-piece I, and retracting-spring D, all constructed to operate substantially as described.

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