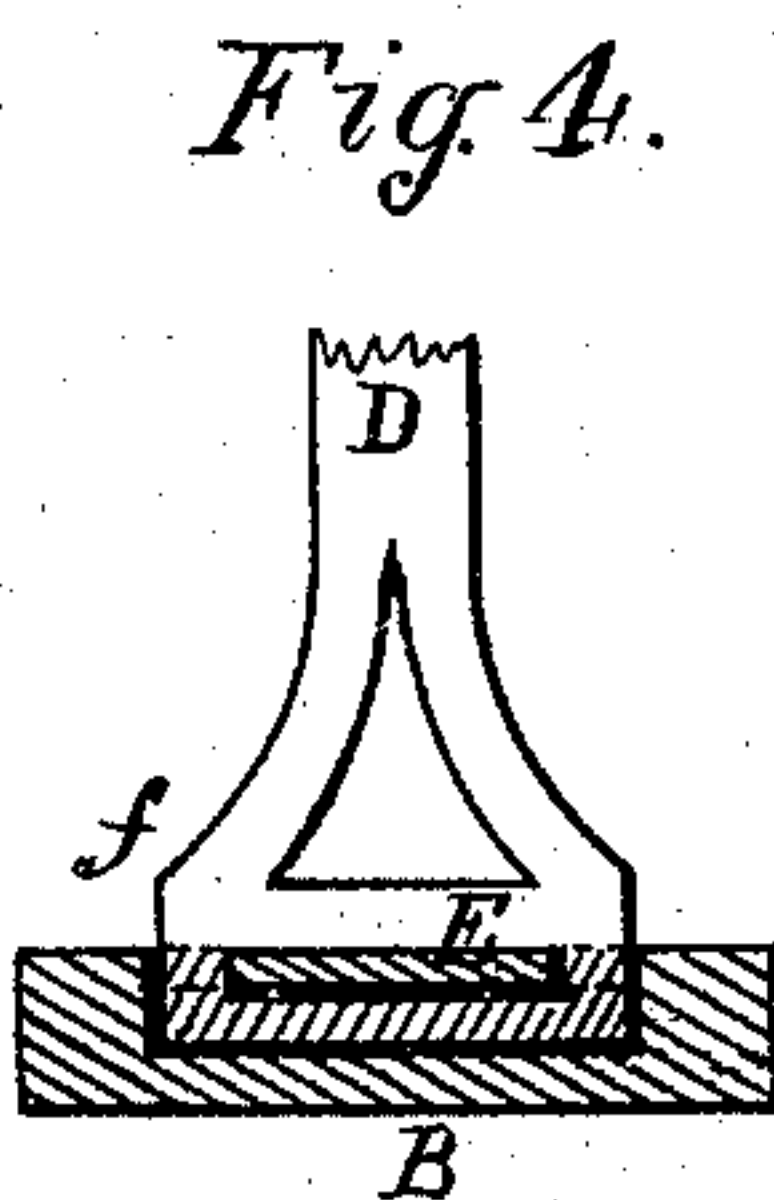
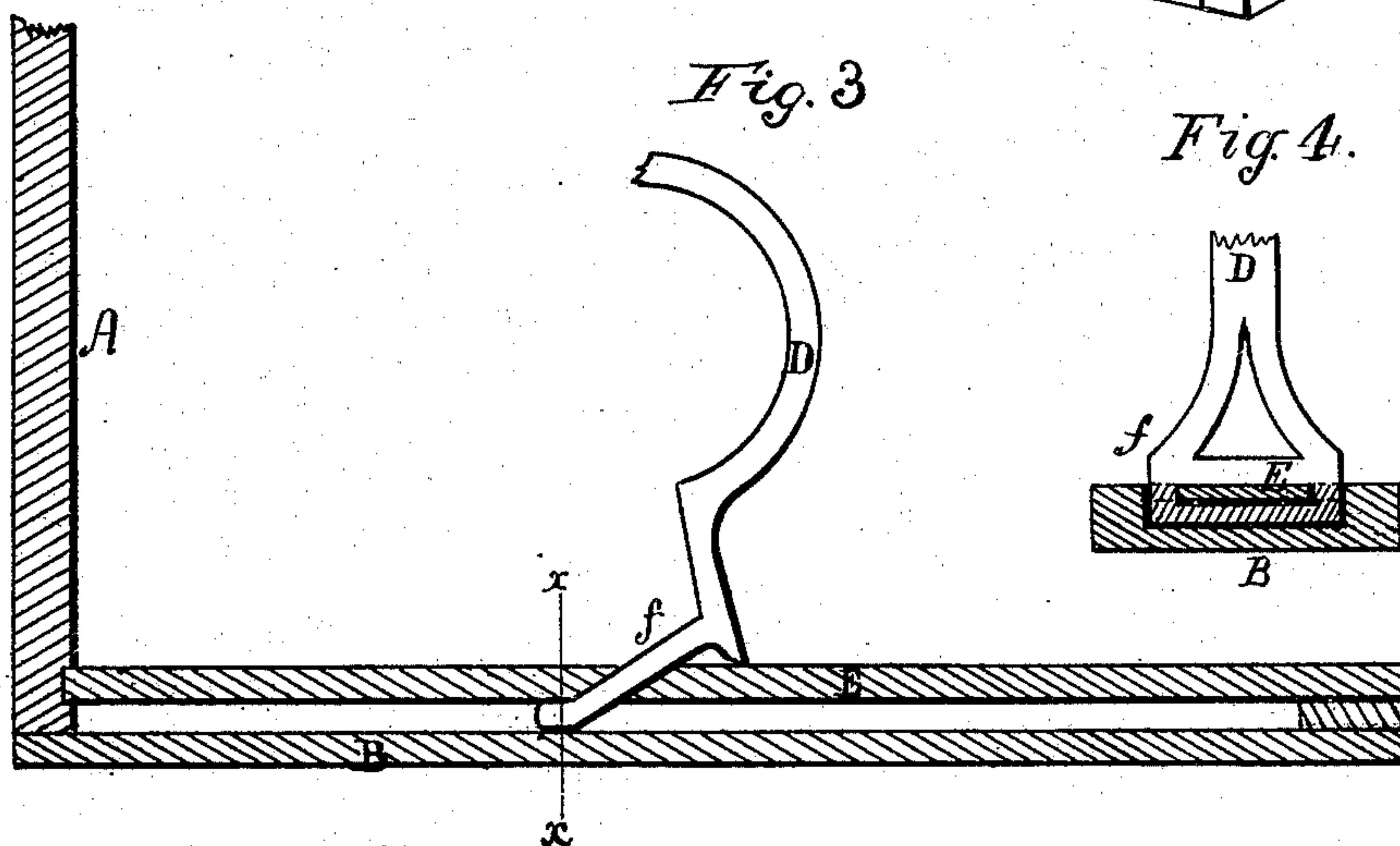
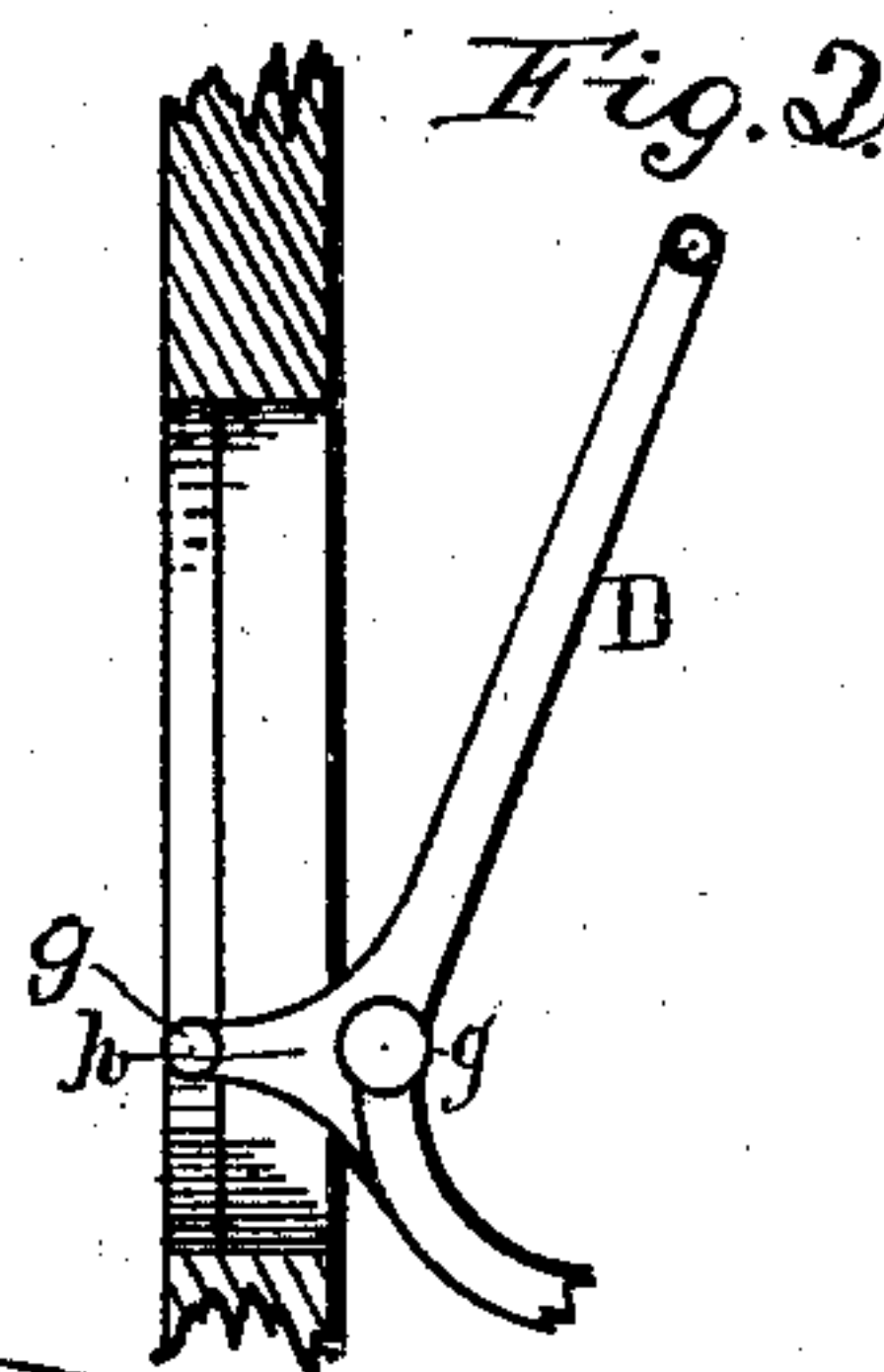
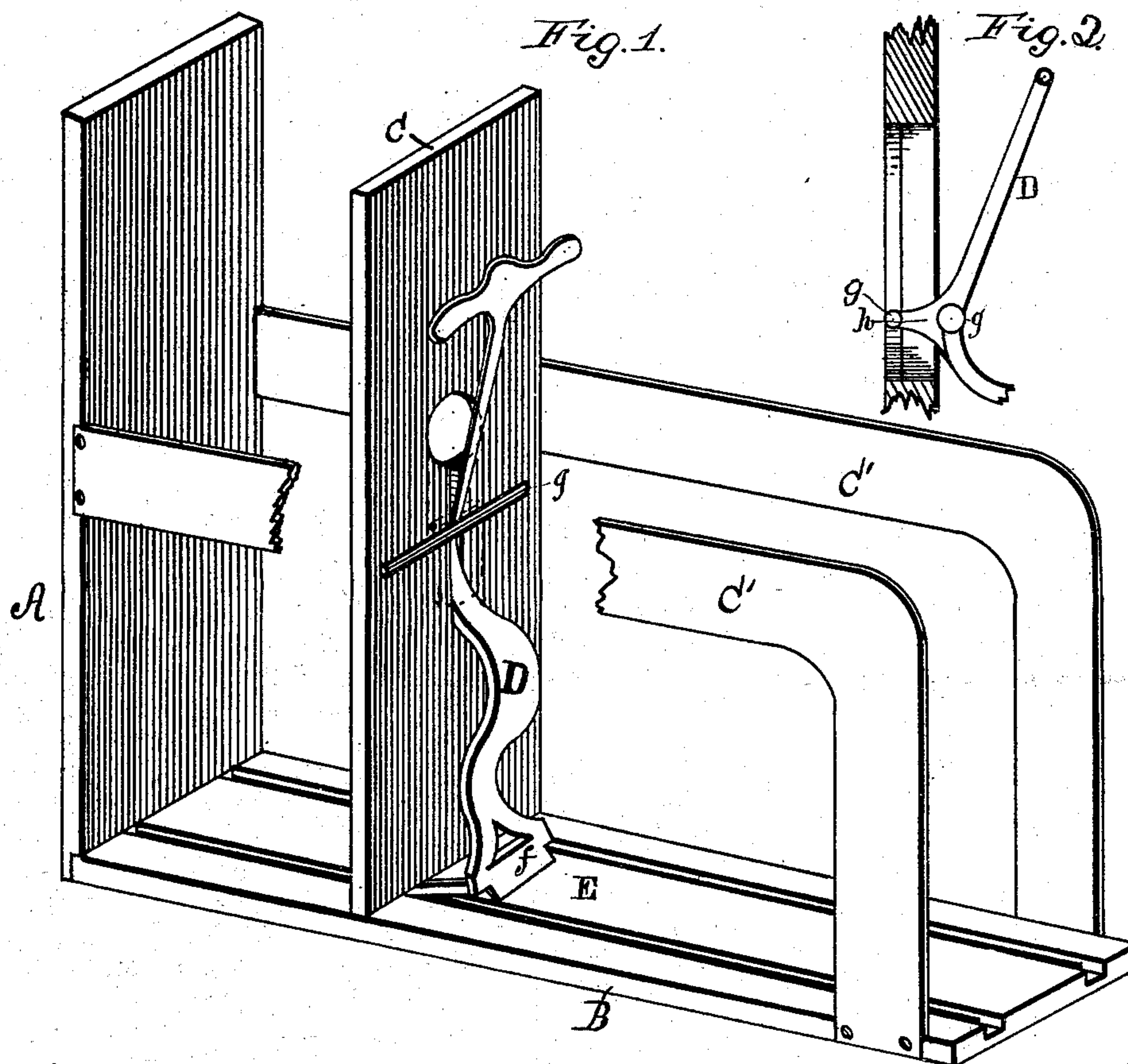


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## PAPER-FILE HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLARD D. DOREMUS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington city, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper-File Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The object of my invention is to provide a file-holder for the preservation of papers which from the simplicity of construction, convenience, and ease of operation will greatly facilitate the filing of and reference to its contents.

The file-holder is of the usual or any convenient form, constructed of wood or metal, having a central raised strip or slide-bar, forming a part of its floor. This slide-bar has sufficient space at either side and below it to allow an encircling band or buckle formed upon the lower end of a metal supporting-lever to slide freely upon and about it. The metal supporting-lever, with its buckle and attachments, I shall call the "lever-buckle." This I prefer to make with a straight or nearly straight standard, projecting a short distance below the rear side of the buckle and upward until it reaches to about the center of the compressing board or follower, where it is provided with a pair of cross-bars connected together (front and back) by a suitably-formed stud. Above the standard and connected cross-bars the lever-buckle ends with any conveniently-shaped handle. The compressing-follower is longitudinally slotted near its center, and is provided with a groove or channel of a breadth and depth equal to the length and thickness of the front connected cross-bar, and in which said cross-bar may move with the necessary rolling or rocking motion. One end of the slot in the follower is enlarged to give room to enter the front cross-bar, which being done, the stud occupies the groove and acts as a

pivot, on which the follower is hung in position.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved file-holder, showing the compressing-follower and lever-buckle in position. Fig. 2 is a section of the follower, showing position of the cross-bars and connecting-stud. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of the bottom or floor, showing buckle and slide-bar. Fig. 4 is a transverse section on *xx* of Fig. 3.

In the drawings, A is the front board of the file-holder; B, the bottom or floor; C, the compressing-follower. C' C' are metallic side braces; D, the lever-buckle; E, the slide-bar; *f*, the buckle; *g*, the cross-bars, and *h* the stud on which the follower is pivoted.

To operate the file-holder when papers are held by the follower, I press lightly upon the upper end or handle of the lever-buckle D, releasing the buckle *f* and throwing it out of connection with the slide-bar E, by which means the follower C is tilted back or withdrawn. In compressing the papers it is necessary only to push the follower C and lever-buckle D forward upon the papers, when the lever-buckle becomes effective in supporting the follower and papers and in maintaining the pressure given by the hand.

With this description of my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A supporting-lever for file-holders having an extension beyond or above its pivotal point on the compression-follower to be used as a handle with which to set free said compressing-follower.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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