

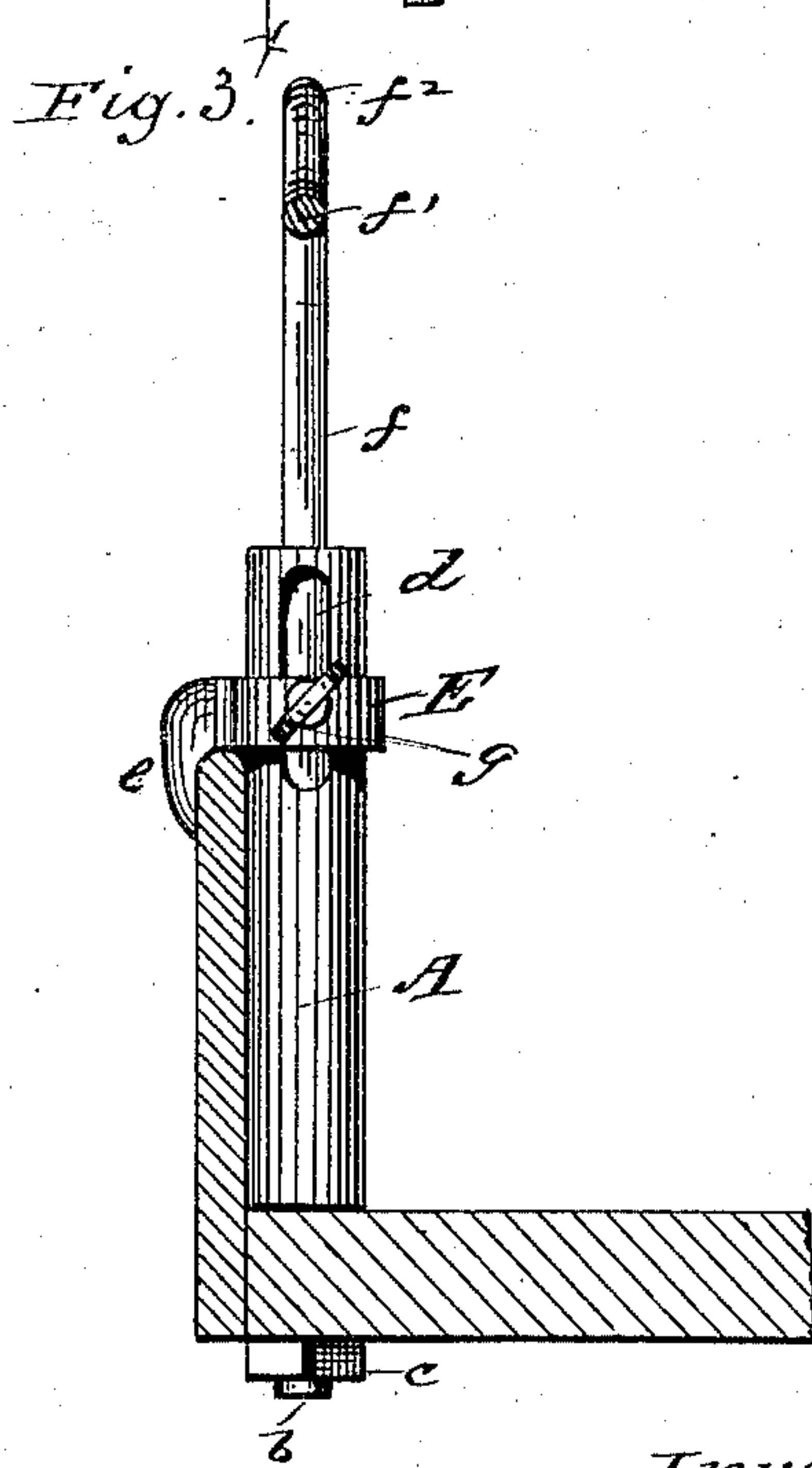
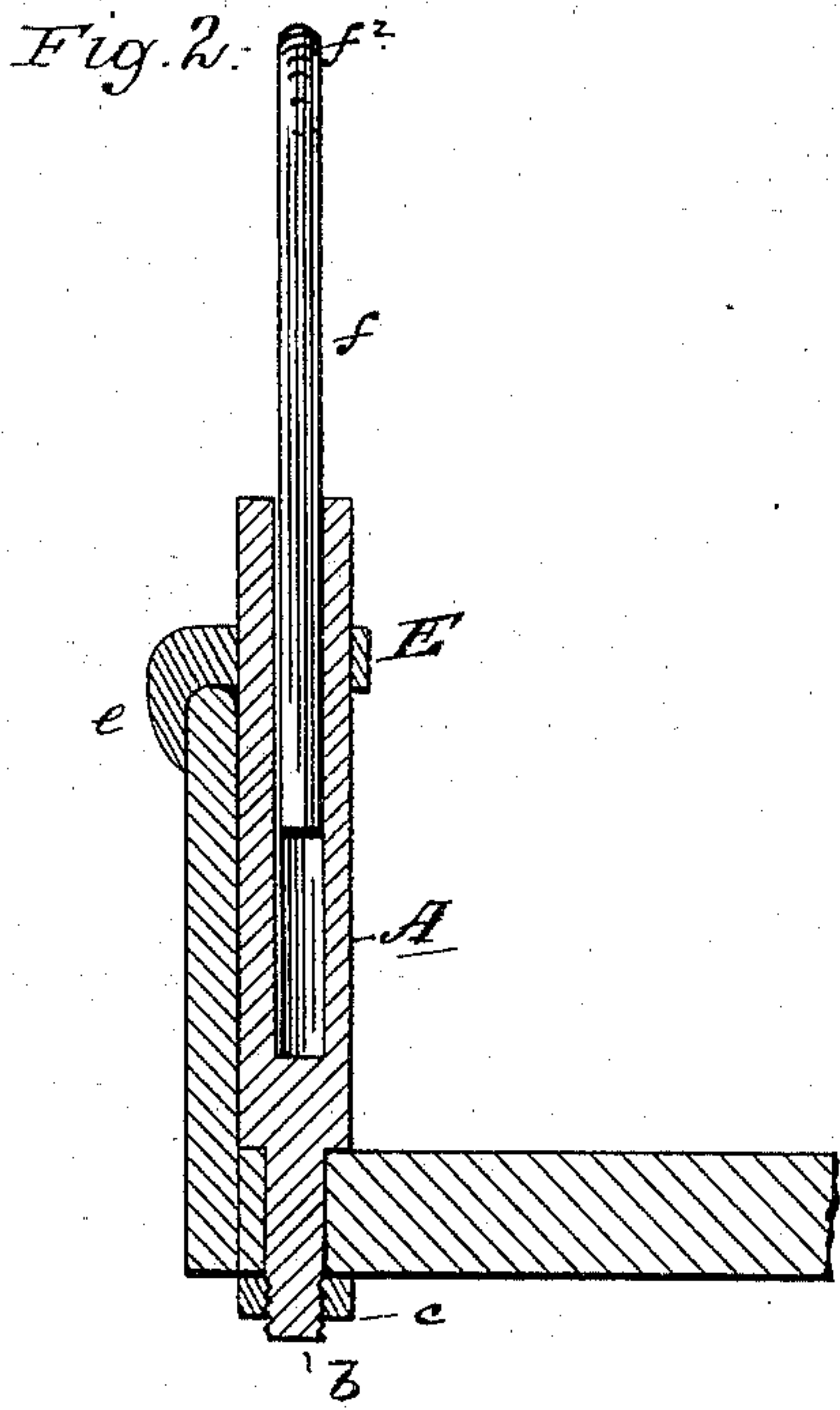
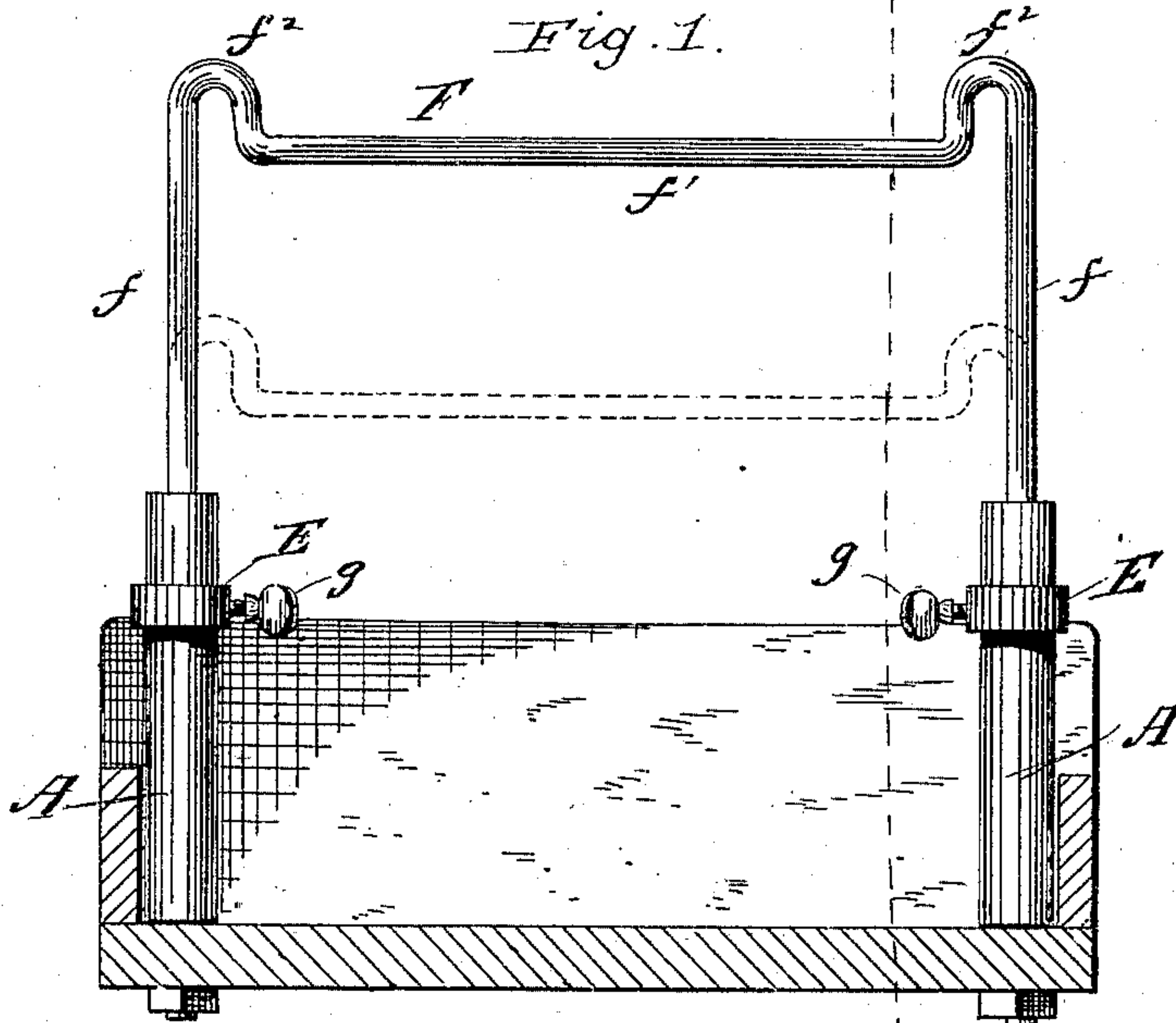
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PATRICK BOSSIDY, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Lee, in the county of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Rein-Racks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a rein-supporting attachment for vehicles, such as buggies, carriages, and others having dash-boards, though it may be also applied to vehicles having box-like bodies.

The object of the invention is to support the reins clear of the horse's back, and in such position that the animal's tail cannot become entangled therewith.

The improvement consists in certain novel combinations of devices, which will be hereinafter particularly described, and pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in elevation of my improved rein-support attached to the dash-board of a buggy, the buggy-body being shown in section. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same, partly in section. Fig. 3 is a section on the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

The letters *A A* indicate two metallic posts, somewhat taller than an ordinary dash-board, and having at their lower ends screw-threaded endwise projecting studs or bolts *b*, which are intended to pass through the floor of the vehicle and be secured by the nuts *c*, as shown in the drawings. These posts are hollow for a greater portion of their length, and are provided with longitudinal slots *d*, intersecting their bores. Around each post fits an adjustable band or ring, *E*, provided with a downwardly-projecting hook or bracket, *e*, to catch over the top edge of the dash-board.

The letter *F* indicates the rein-rack, consisting of two side rods, *f f*, arranged to slide in

the posts *A*, and connected at their upper ends by a cross-bar, *f'*, which is somewhat depressed in order to form the projections or shoulders *f''*, which will prevent the reins from sliding laterally off the cross-bar.

The bands or rings *E* are provided with thumb-screws *g*, which extend through the slots *d* in the posts, and impinge upon the rods *f*, these thumb-screws serving to hold both the rein-rack and the rings *E* with their brackets *e* in position.

As indicated in dotted lines, Fig. 1, the rein-rack may be adjusted to any desired height, or may be removed altogether when not required. Besides serving as a rein-support, the rods and posts will afford assistance in getting into and out of the vehicle, being in convenient position to be grasped by the person mounting.

Although I have shown the posts as round, they may be square or of any other shape, and the rods may be angular and fit in angular sockets, these being matters of fancy which may be varied at pleasure without departing from my invention.

What I claim is—

1. The hollow vertical standard *A*, provided at its lower end with a reduced screw-threaded portion and at its upper end with a vertical slot, *d*, in combination with the ring *E*, having hook *e*, and set-screw *g*, adapted to bear upon the standard of the rein-rack *F*, and to clamp the ring *E* upon the tube *A*, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination, with the hollow posts *A*, provided with screw-studs *b* and slots *d*, of the bands *E*, having hooks or brackets *e*, the rein-rack composed of the cross-bar *f'* and vertical rods *f*, arranged to slide in said posts, and screws *g*, passing through the bands and the slots in the posts, substantially as described.

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

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