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Fig. 1.

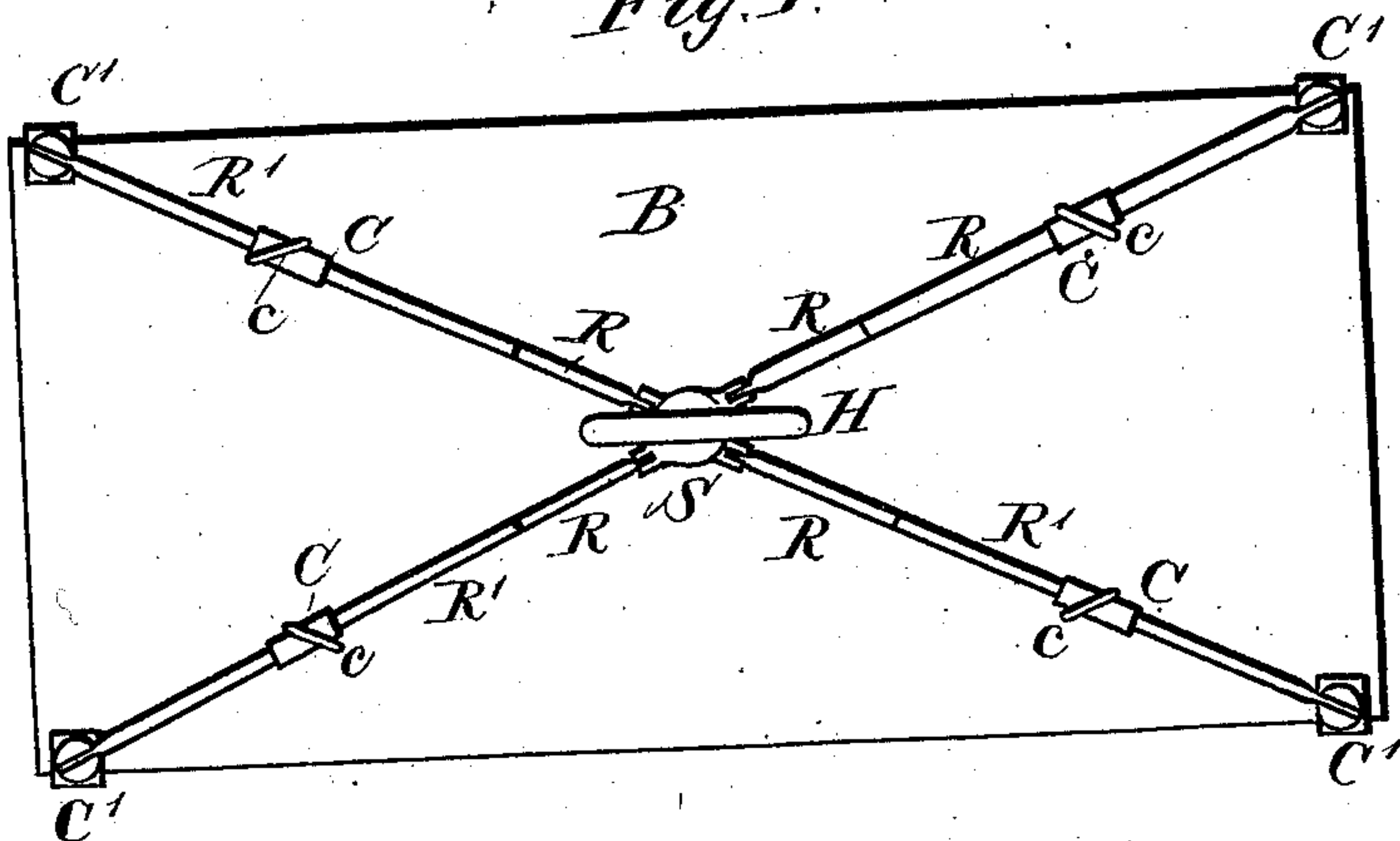


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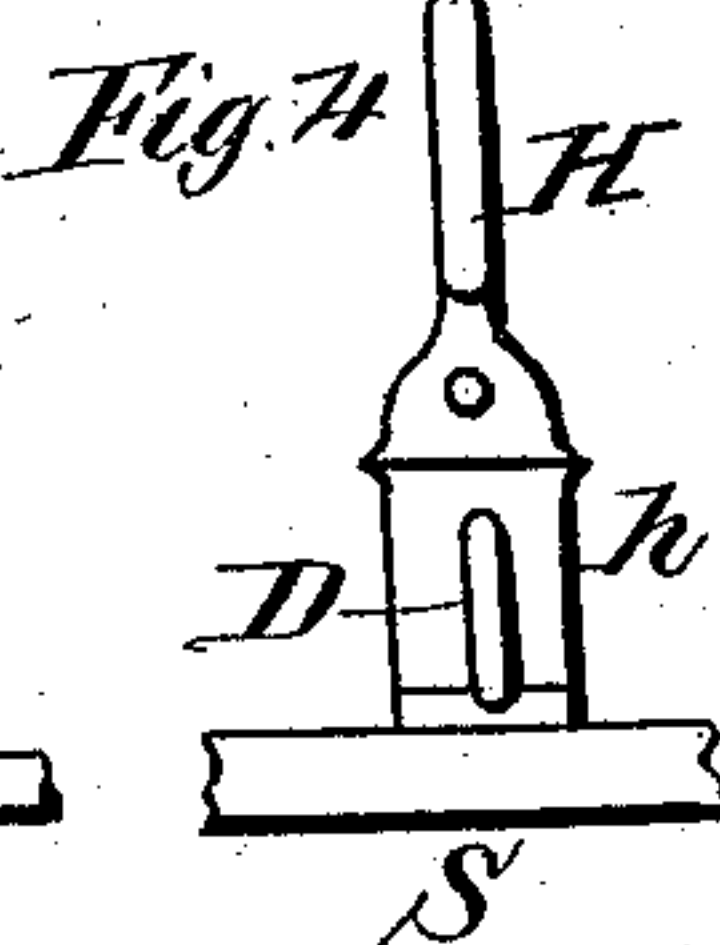
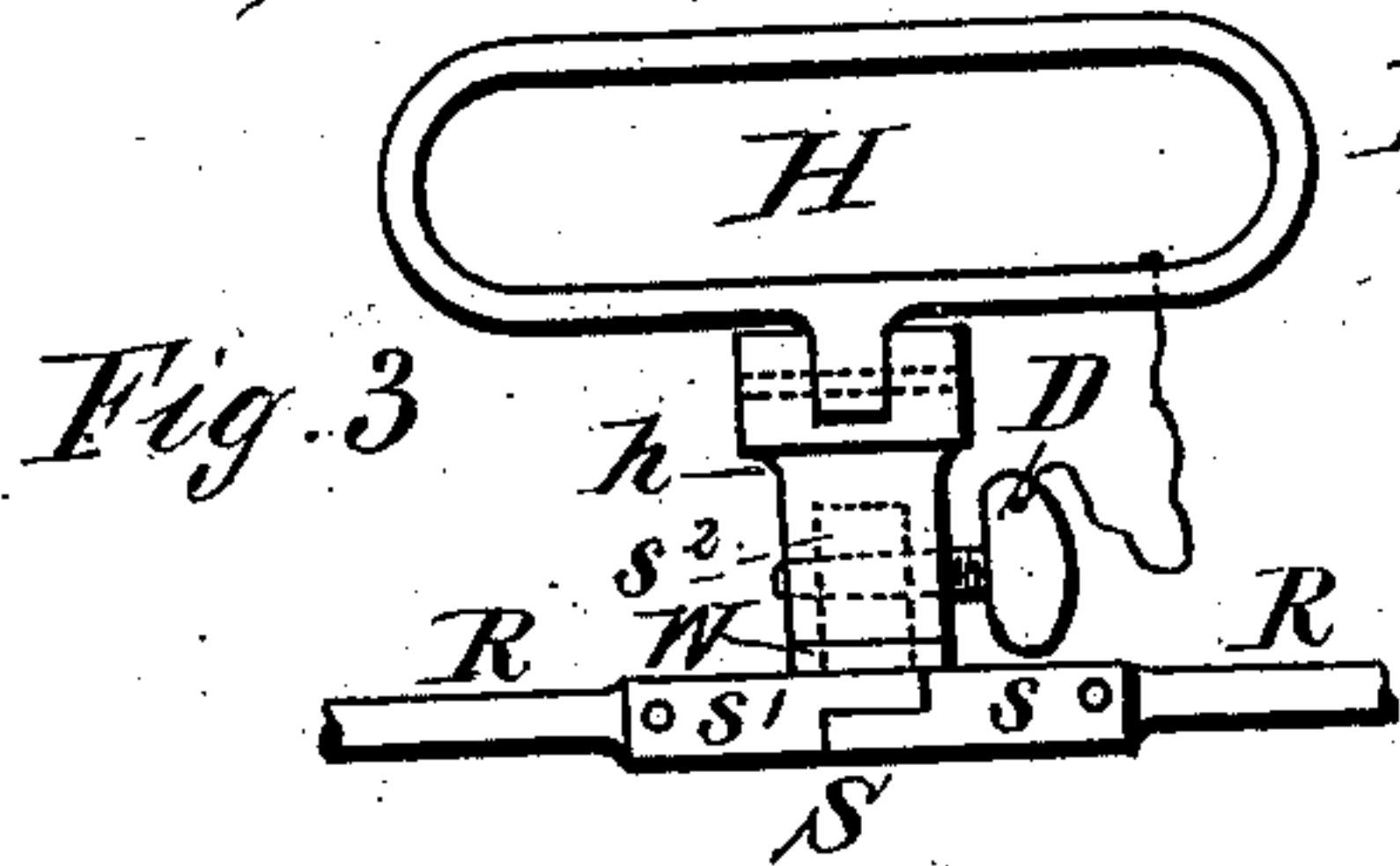
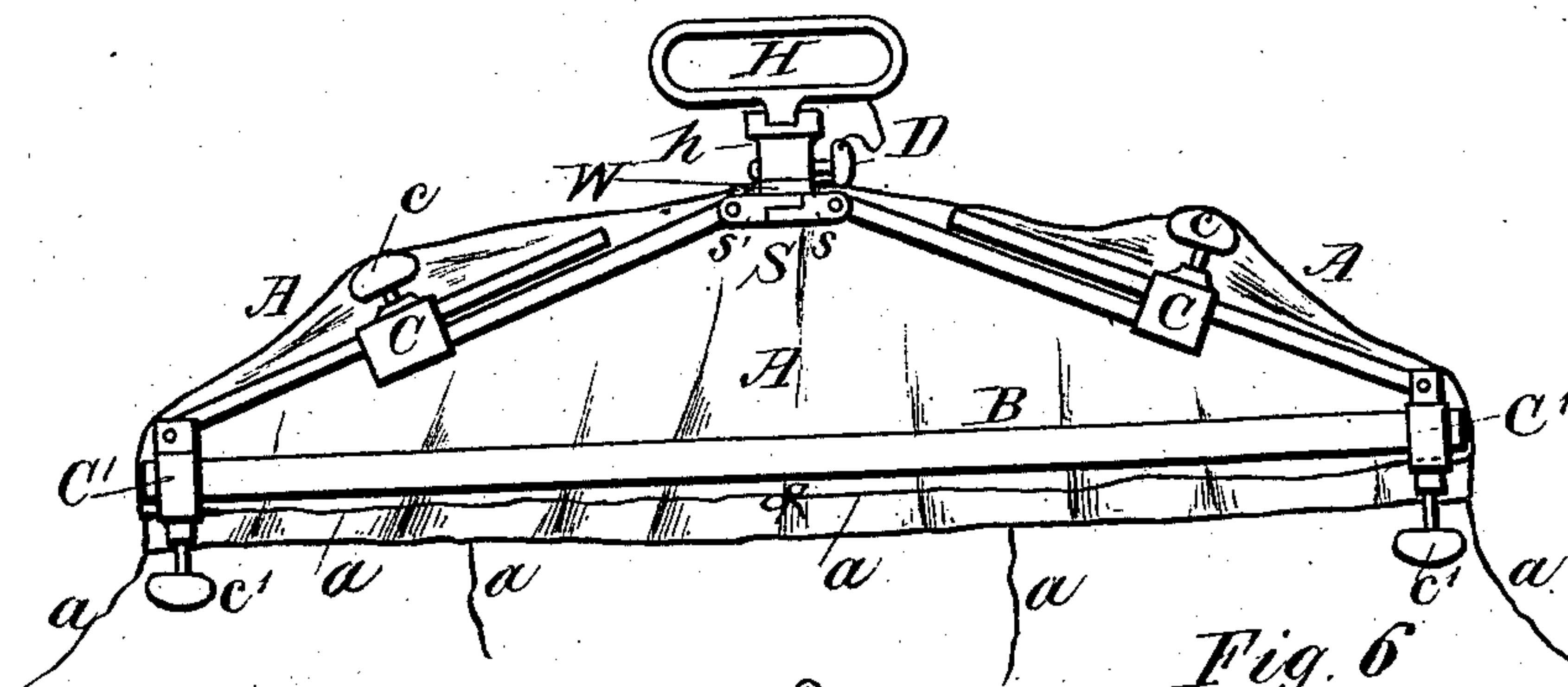


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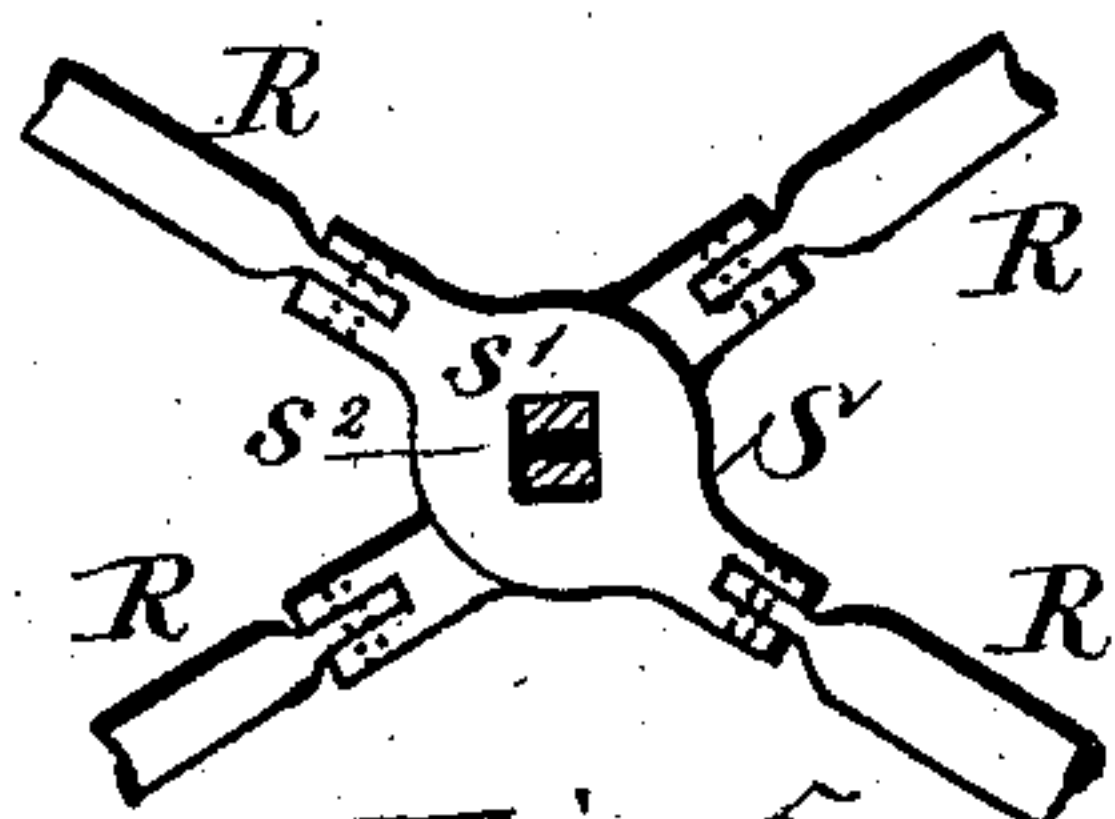
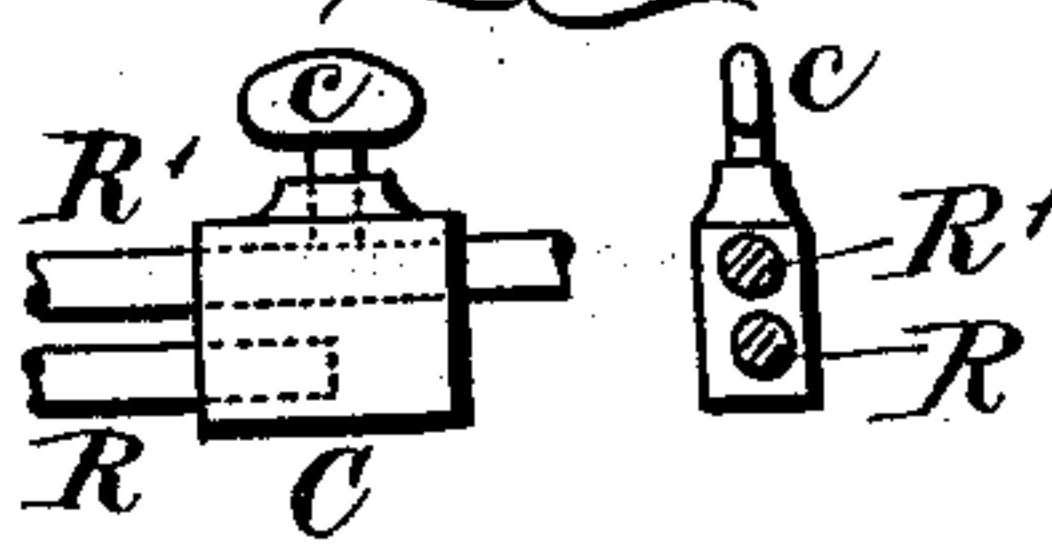
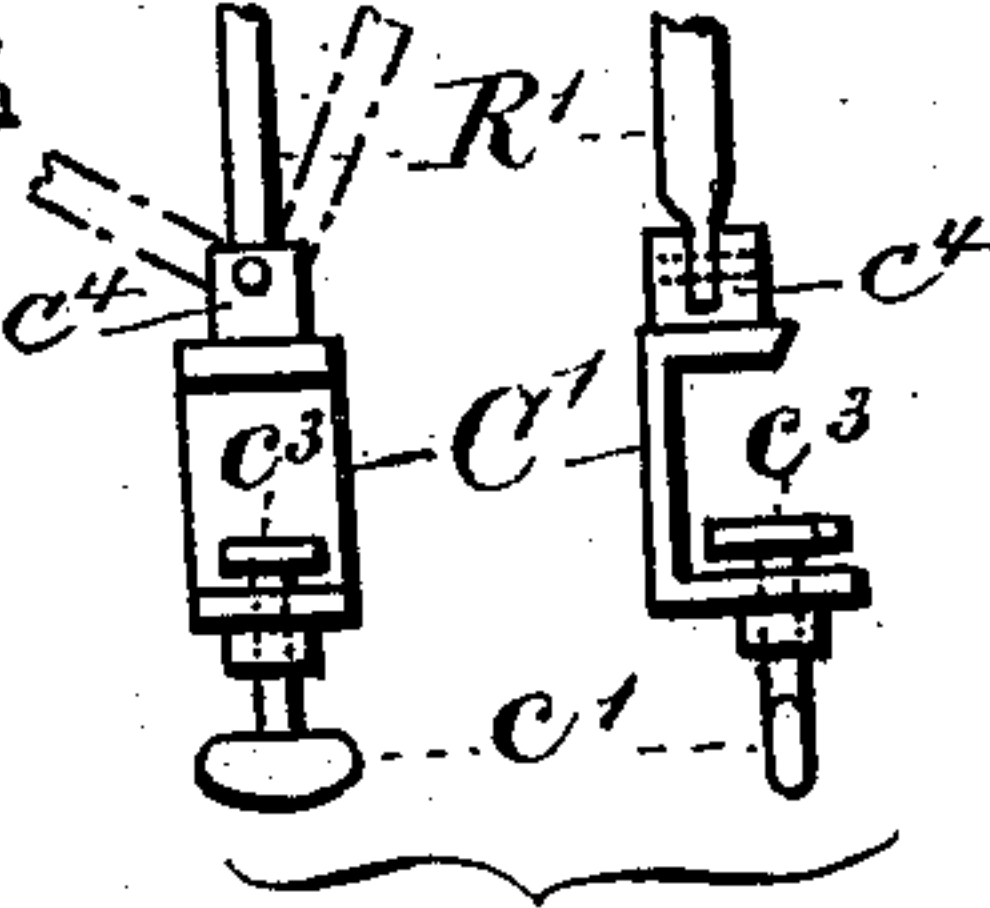


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLÉMENT MAROT, a citizen of the French Republic, residing at Troyes, in the French Republic, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Carriers for Paintings and other Analogous Works of Art, (for which I have obtained Letters Patent in France, No. 155,204, under date of May 5, 1883;) 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 the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple and convenient means for carrying works of art in oil, pastel, water-colors, crayon, and other materials, when freshly executed or partially executed, without danger of injuring the picture or painting during its transportation. Artists and amateurs have encountered serious difficulties in carrying their sketches, studies, or paintings when executed from nature from the place where they are executed to their home or studio, and this is more especially the case with pastel, crayon, or charcoal pictures, sketches, or studies, as the material cannot be indelibly fixed. By my invention I provide a light, convenient, and cheap device, whereby such articles may be safely carried without danger of becoming soiled or effaced while being so carried.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows in plan view my improved picture-carrier in its application to the board, frame, or stretcher on which the material for the execution of the painting or picture is secured, minus the cover therefor. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof, showing the cover in section; and Figs. 3 to 7 are detail views.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts wherever such may occur in the above figures of drawings.

My improved carrier is composed, essentially, of four or more light rods hinged together at one end, and carrying at their other end a clamp, to which is clamped the board, frame, or stretcher upon which the work is executed, or that supports the material upon

which such work is executed, a handle for more conveniently carrying the same, and a cover for covering the carrier and the object secured thereto. A carrier composed of these elements would answer all the purposes were the boards, frames, or stretchers of uniform size. This is, however, not the case, as the dimensions of these boards, frames, or stretchers usually vary with each painting, sketch, or design. It is therefore essential, to avoid the necessity of having a multiplicity of carriers, that such carrier should be constructed to accommodate itself to all sizes and forms of boards, frames, or stretchers, within certain limits. To this end the supporting-rod should be made extensible and their clamping devices adjustable, to adapt them for use with various forms and dimensions of boards, frames, or stretchers. Various means may be employed to effect this purpose, and in the accompanying drawings I have illustrated a single and convenient construction of device whereby the object of my invention may be attained.

R R, &c., designate four or more light iron rods, flexibly connected at one end to a supporting device, S, which may be in the form of the usual crown-piece to which the stretchers of an umbrella are pivoted, or of any other convenient form. In order, however, to adapt the carrier to be dismembered, with a view to its being folded into a more compact form, I construct the support S of two parts, s and s', the part s carrying a screw-pin, s². These two sections may be arranged so as to be laid one above the other, the screw-pin s² passing through the section s', as shown in Fig. 5; or said sections may be arranged to partly overlap each other, the section s' being slotted to receive said screw-pin, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3; or said parts may be arranged in any other manner whereby they may be detached one from the other. Each of the sections s s' carries two or more rods R, and each rod is provided at its free end with a clamping-sleeve, C, and clamping-screw c, Fig. 5. A second series of rods, R', corresponding in number with the number of rods R, are pivoted at one end to a clamp, C', provided with a clamping-screw, c², that carries at its free end a foot or clamping plate or jaw, c³, Fig. 7. The distance between the clamp-

ing-jaw C^2 of the clamp C' and jaw c^3 on the screw, when the latter is screwed out to its fullest extent, is such as to accommodate boards, frames, or stretchers of various thicknesses, within certain limits. As the rods R' are pivoted or hinged to the clamp C' , which is provided with a boss or projection, c^4 , for this purpose, which boss is preferably swiveled to the clamp, said rods may be adjusted to any desired angle relatively to the clamp, when in a vertical position, with the board, frame, or stretcher clamped thereto. The clamps C on the free ends of the rods R have an aperture through which the rods R' pass, and in which they are clamped by means of the clamping-screws c .

W is a washer that fits around the screw-pin s^2 , and between which washer and the upper section, s' , of the support S is clamped the cover A , which may be of any suitable textile or other material. I preferably employ a water-proof material, such as oil or rubber cloth. This cover is provided with cords a at its free edges, by means of which it is secured around the board, frame, or stretcher, as hereinafter explained.

For the purpose of securing the sections of the support S and the cover in position, and also for conveniently carrying the carrier and articles supported thereby, I employ a socketed handle, H , the socket of which is screw-threaded and adapted to be screwed upon the screw-pin s^2 , the handle H being hinged or pivoted to its socket. This is one convenient way of securing the described parts together. Another convenient way of effecting this is shown in Figs. 1 to 4. Instead of a screw-pin, s^2 , the lower section, s , carries a stud or pin, s^2 , which is preferably square in cross-section, on which fits the washer W , and at a point close to the upper face of the latter, when in contact with the support S , the pin is perforated, the socket h of the handle H being also perforated, so that a retaining-pin, D , may be passed through both the socket h and pin s^2 , as shown. The cover A , instead of being clamped between the washer and support S , may be provided with a metallic eyelet, E , that will encircle the washer W . Rods R' of different lengths may be employed, to vary the capacity of the carrier, and instead of employing clamping-sleeves C telescopic rods may be employed, and when adjusted the sections thereof may be secured in place by binding-screws or rods; or arms composed of sections capable of being screwed together may under some circumstances be used.

The mode of securing a board, B , or frame or stretcher to the carrier may be briefly described as follows: Assuming the carrier to be dismembered and the board to be polygonal, as shown, the clamps C' are first clamped to opposite sides of the board at or near the corners. The rods R' are then passed through the clamping-sleeves C of the rods R , and adjusted and secured in position by the clamp-

ing-screws c , so that the support S for the latter will be at a point above the longitudinal and transverse centers of said board, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The washer W is now placed on the pin s^2 , and the cover A slipped over the same. Then the socketed handle is pinned to said stud or pin s^2 , and, lastly, the four edges of the cover A , by means of the cords a , are tied together underneath the said board B , whereby a pyramidal covered structure is formed, having the board B for the base and the handle H for its apex, that side of the board containing the sketch, or drawing, or painting, facing said apex, as will be readily understood.

It will be seen that the object supported from the carrier may be conveniently carried, and is fully protected against contact with another body or against dust or rain.

Although the primary object of the invention is to provide a convenient means for carrying objects of art executed in oil or other material, yet I do not wish to limit myself to the exclusive use of the carrier to such objects, as other articles to be kept free from dust or rain may be carried thereby.

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

1. The herein-described carrier, consisting, essentially, of a series of arms or rods constructed of sections capable of being extended and contracted, and when adjusted as to length locked in position, a handle-support to which one end of said rods is flexibly or pivotally connected, and a clamping device flexibly or pivotally connected to the other end of each rod, to which clamping device the object to be carried is secured, as described.

2. The herein-described carrier, consisting, essentially, of a series of rods or arms flexibly or pivotally connected with a support or handle at one end, and flexibly or pivotally connected at their other ends to fastening devices to which the article to be supported is attached, in combination with a flexible cover adapted to be secured to the support or handle and around the object carried by the carrier, as described.

3. The herein-described carrier, consisting of a series of sectional or extensible and adjustable rods, a sectional handle or support to which one end of said rods is flexibly or pivotally connected, devices for securing the sections of the rods in the position to which they may be adjusted, and clamping devices flexibly or pivotally connected with the opposite end of said rods, and a flexible covering, A , substantially as and for the purpose specified.

4. The combination of the rods R , carrying clamps C , and the support S , and handle H , to the sections s s' of which support said rods are hinged, with the rods R' and their clamps C' , substantially as described.

5. The combination, with the support S , its stud s^2 , perforated as described, and the rods

R R', of the perforated and socketed handle H and the pin D, substantially as described, for the purpose specified.

6. The combination, with the rods R R' and the support S, composed of two sections, s s', the former carrying a stud, s², provided with a transverse aperture, of the socketed handle H, also provided with an aperture, and the retaining-pin D, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

7. The combination, with the rods R R', the

support S, its stud s², and the washer W, of the socketed handle H and pin D, said stud and handle being perforated to receive the pin D, as described, for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of September, 1883.

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