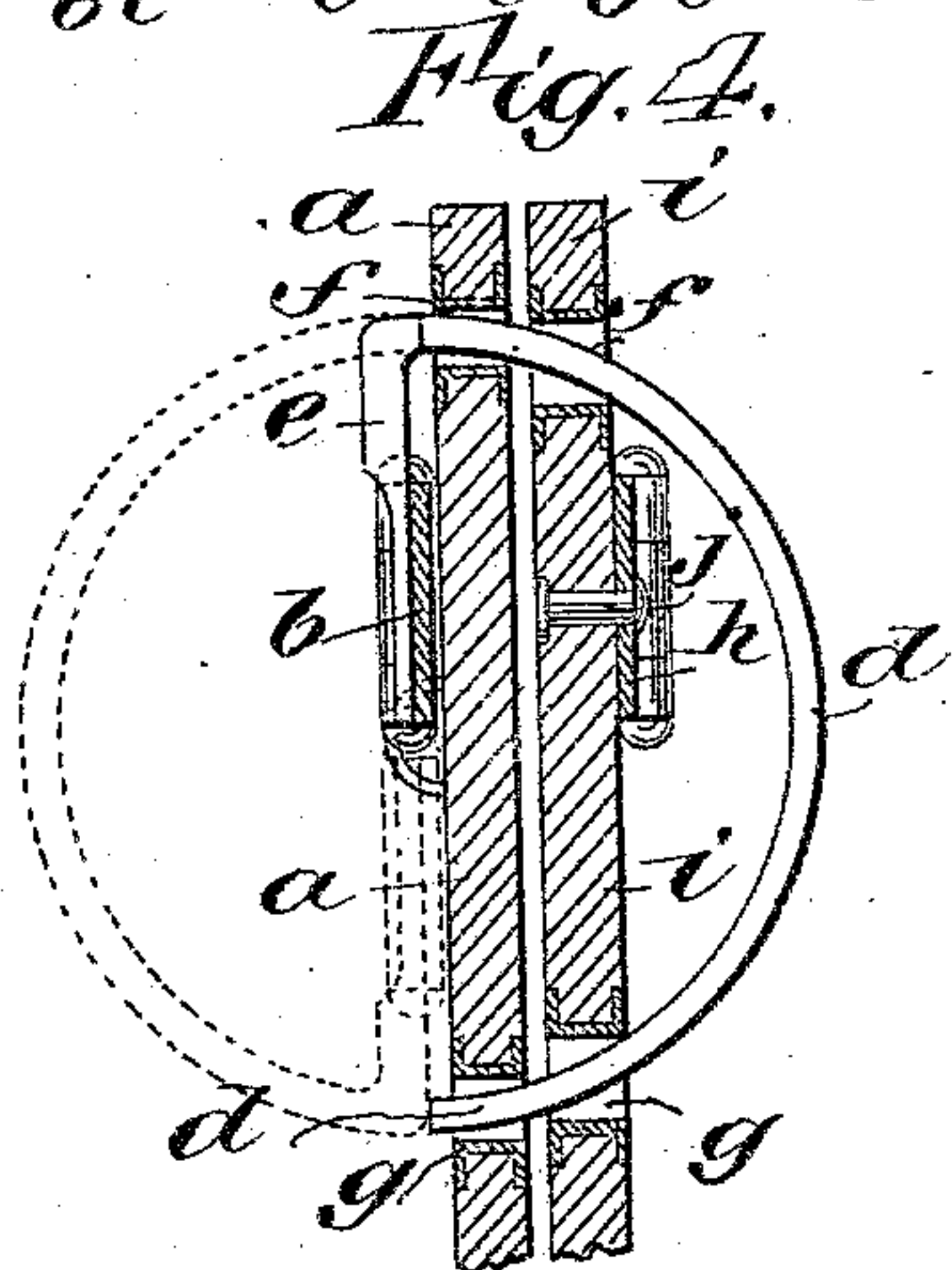
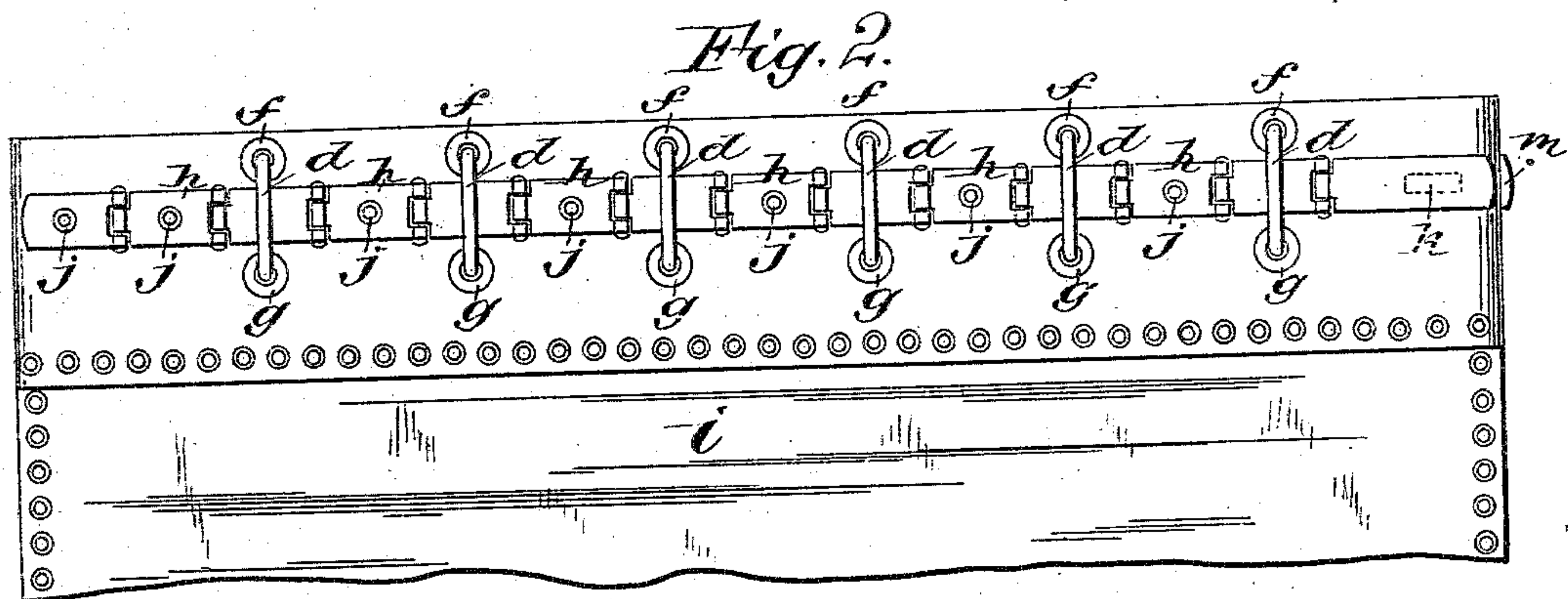
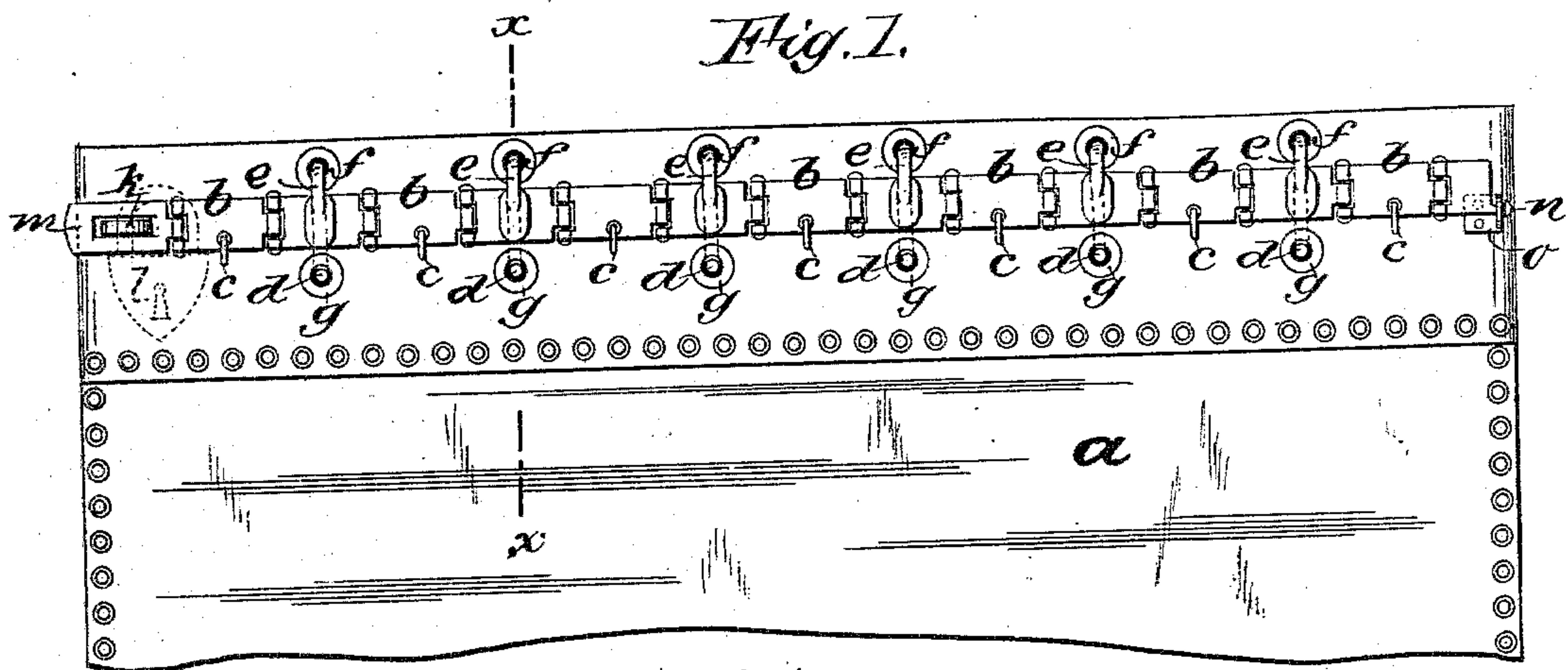


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROY B. SCOTT, of Denton, in the county of Denton and State of Texas, have invented a new and Improved Mail-Bag Fastening, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention consists of a chain fixed to one side of the bag so as to swing on the lower edge, and having hooks, or, it may be, curved or straight studs, which are made to pass through eyes of the two sides of the bag and around or through another chain on the other side of the bag, making a very simple fastening that is equally secure as the staple fastening now in use and much more readily manufactured, as hereinafter fully described.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the bag, showing the chain having the fastening-hooks, and being arranged to swing up and down on its lower edge to insert and withdraw the hooks. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the reverse side of the bag. Fig. 3 is a top view; and Fig. 4 is a detail in section on line *x x* of Fig. 1, and on an enlarged scale.

On the side *a* of the bag I arrange the chain *b* on staples *c*, for a pivot whereon the said chain may turn on its lower edge freely, and I attach the curved hooks *d* to the chain, said hooks being connected to the chain by a straight shank, *e*, transverse and parallel to the chain, and extending upward therefrom when the chain is swung up to the position for fastening the bag to the eyes *f* along the upper margins of both parts of the bag. From these shanks *e* the hooks are formed in a half-circle, and again pass through eyes *g* of both parts of the bag below the chains, also passing around the chain *h*, attached to the side *i* of the bag, and riveted to it at *j*. The eyes *f* and *g* are to be suitably bushed or eyeleted, for substantial construction and durability of wear. It will be seen that when the two chains

are connected at one end by the staple *k*, hasp *m*, and a lock, *l*, the bag will be securely fastened, and that the operations of fastening and unfastening the bag can be very quickly performed by swinging the chain *b* on its pivot-staples *c*. The chain *b* will have a pivot stud, *n*, at the end opposite to the staple *m*, for being pivoted to the ear-lug *o* or connected with any suitable fastening device.

I may substitute studs having heads and arranged to extend directly through the bag from the upper edge of chain *b* and through holes of the chain *h*, which chain may then be shifted along the bag—before connecting the hasp *k* with chain *b*—to draw the chain along the studs and secure it under the heads of the studs by narrow slits extending along it from the holes through which the heads of the studs pass through the chain, this chain *h* in that case not being riveted to the bag, but secured by staples, allowing it to slide along the side *i* of the bag a short distance. In either case the fastenings will be inserted and withdrawn from the eye-holes of the bag by swinging the chain *b* on its pivot-connections with the bag, which is the essential feature of my invention.

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

1. The combination, with a mail-bag having eyes in the upper margin of its mouth, of a chain hinged at its lower edge to the bag, and provided with fastening devices projecting through the said eyes, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. The chain *b*, pivoted to the part *a* of the bag, and having hooks *d*, in combination with the parts *a* and *i*, and with the chain *h*, attached to the part *i*, said parts *a* and *i* of the bag having eyes *f* and *g*, substantially as described.

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