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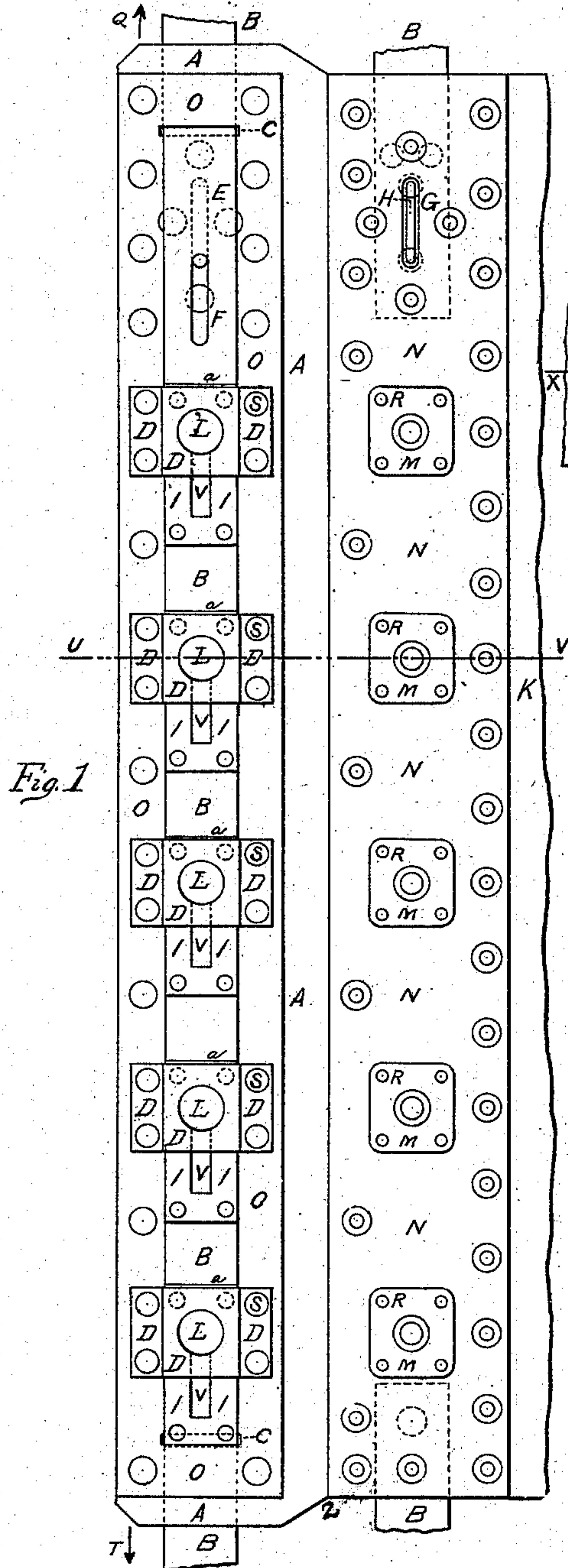


Fig. 1

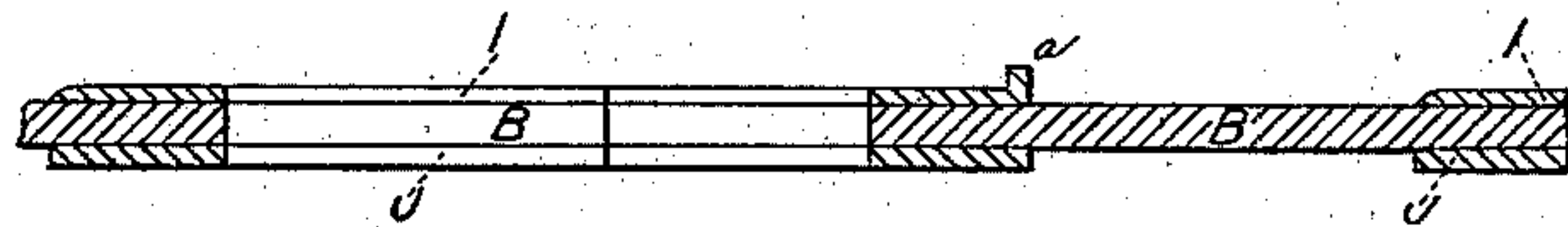


Fig. 2

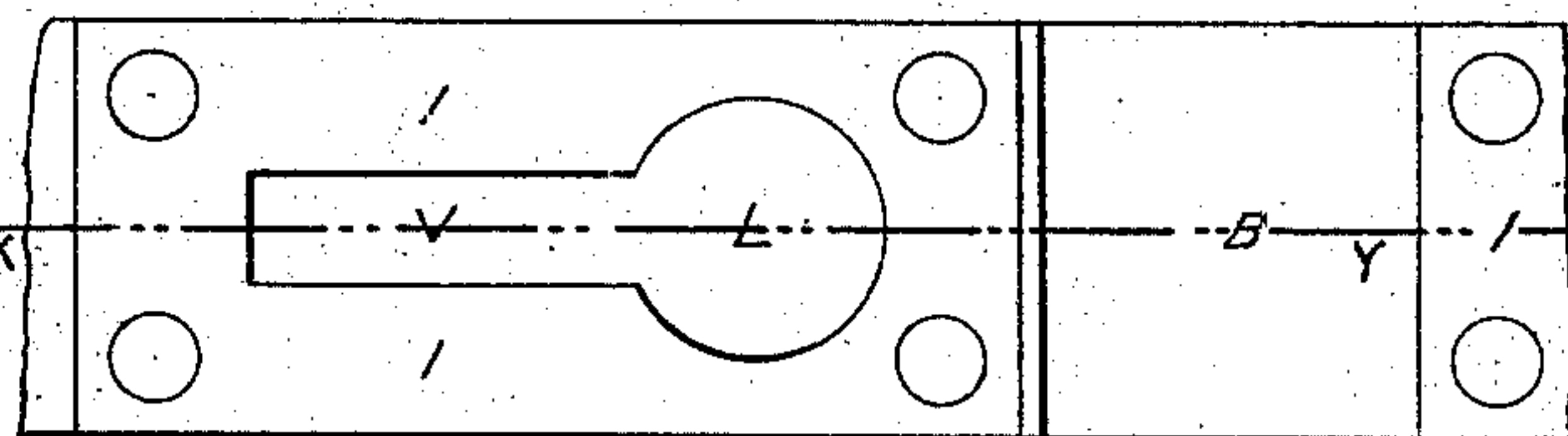


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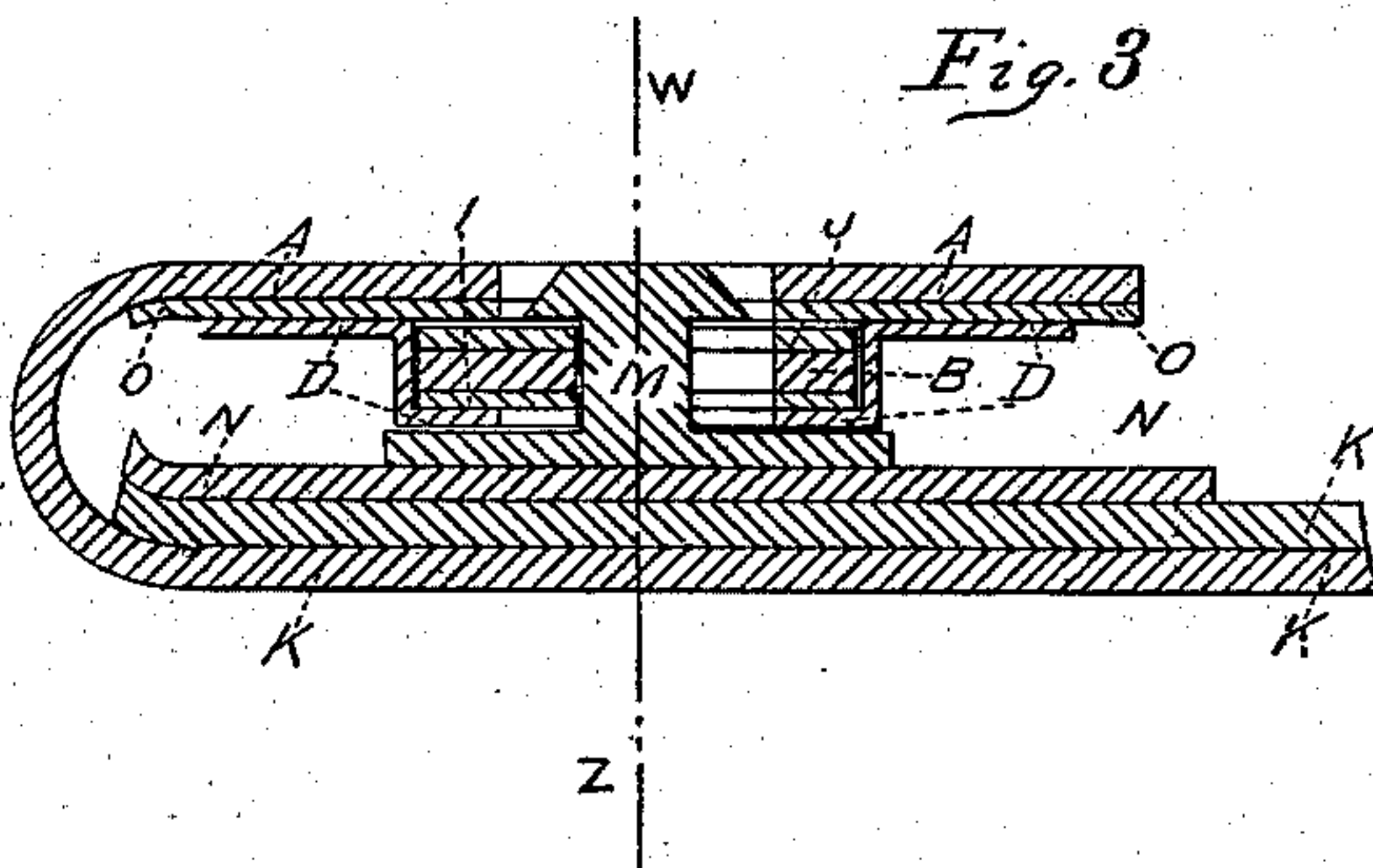


Fig. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADAM SEVERIN, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Chattanooga, in the county of Hamilton and State of Tennessee, have invented a new and Improved Method of Fastening Mail-Bags, of which the following is the specification.

This invention relates to that class of mail-bags in which slotted straps and studs are employed for locking the entrance thereto; and it consists in certain combinations of parts, as hereinafter described and specifically claimed.

The improvement is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 is a plan showing the flap of the mail-bag turned back, ready for the emptying of the bag. Fig. 2 is a full-sized view of a part of the locking-strap, and also a section of same on line *x y*. Fig. 3 is a full-sized section on the line *u v* of the mouth end of the mail-bag when closed, that part of the section to the left of the line *w z* showing the position of the locking-strap when the bag is locked, and that part of the section to the right of the line *w z* showing the position of the locking-strap when the flap is ready to be turned back for the emptying of the bag. Fig. 4 is an elevation showing the staple and the manner of fastening the same to the locking-strap.

The same letters in each figure refer to the same parts.

As shown in Fig. 1, the flap A is ready to be turned down and close the bag. When the flap is turned over, the studs M pass up through the holes L. Then the locking-strap B is pulled in the direction of the arrow Q till the lower edge of the slots V come in contact with shank of the studs M, the strap moving just far enough so that the slot F comes over the dotted slot E in the flap, and then both are over the slot G in the bag proper. Then the strap is bent under the bag and the staple H passed up through the slots F, E, and G and locked with a padlock, in the usual manner. To open the bag, the operation is reversed, the lock being first opened and the staple pulled out, and then the locking-strap B is pulled in the direction of the arrow T till the small lugs *a* on

the metal pieces I come in contact with the edge of the loops D D D, when the studs M are left free, and the flap can be turned back and the bag emptied or filled. The end of the locking-strap at the lower end of Fig. 1 is fastened to the under side of the bag loosely by a rivet, so that when the flap is turned back the strap will slip around the corner at 2. The mouth of the bag is re-enforced by the piece N, to which are riveted the studs M by four rivets, R. The flap A is re-enforced by the piece O O, and to them both are riveted the loops D D D, which hold the locking-strap in place, the locking-strap B passing through the flap at the slots *c c*. The locking-strap is re-enforced at each of the holes through which the studs M pass by pieces of metal I and J, either of brass or iron. The staple end of the locking-strap B is stiffened by being incased by the piece of sheet-iron P P.

The merits of the invention consist not only in the security of the fastening, but in the ease and rapidity with which the mail-bag can be opened and closed, thereby saving much valuable time in these operations.

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

1. The combination, in a mail-bag having a flap or overlapping portion provided with a series of perforated loops, D, adapted to engage the studs M of the front of the bag, and the slotted locking-strap B, provided with plates I J, the plate I having a lug, *a*, formed at one end thereof, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A mail-bag having a flap provided with loops D and slots *c c* and E, in combination with the slotted strap B, provided with staple H, plates I J, and lug *a*, the bag proper having a slot, G, substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

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