

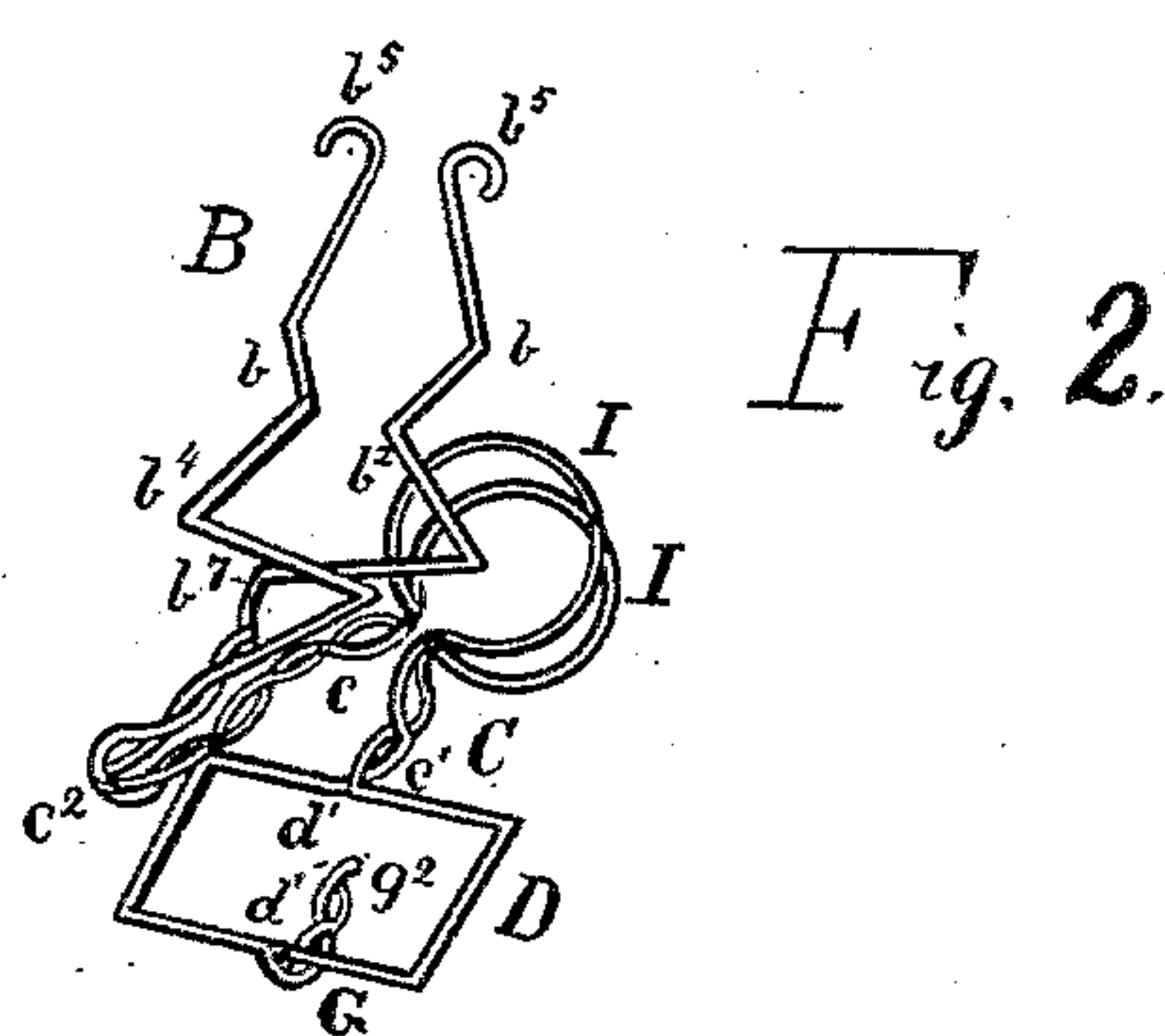
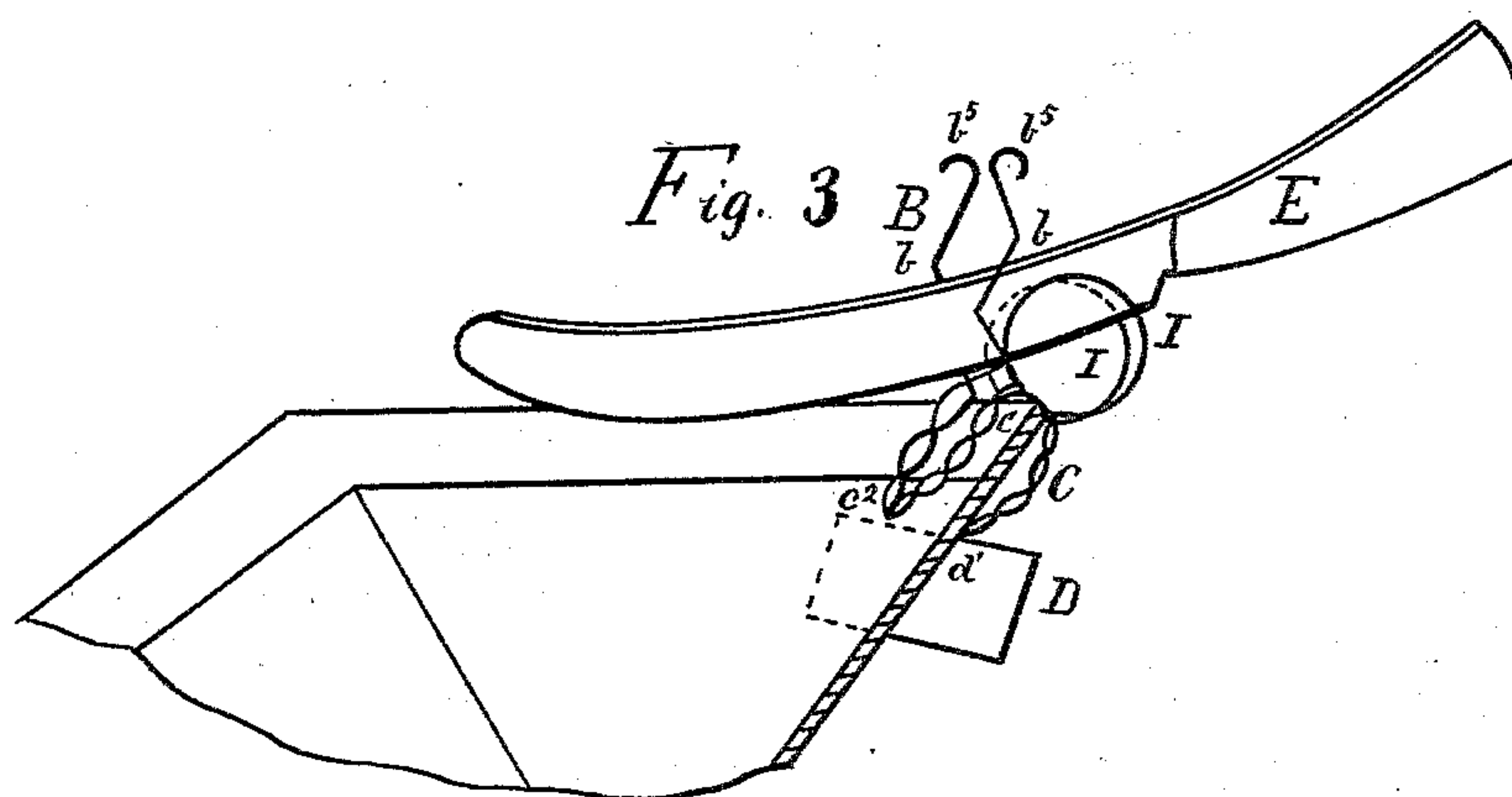
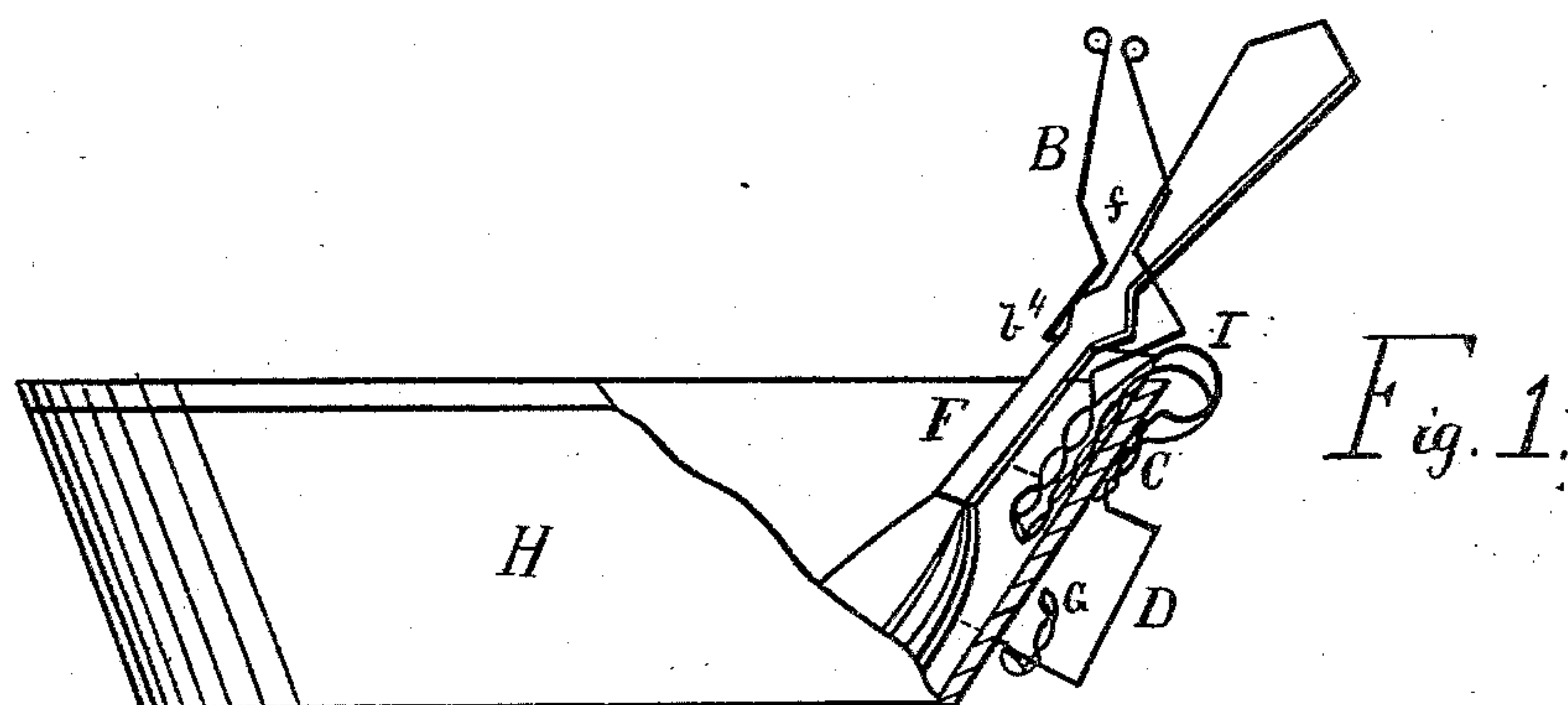
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK B. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at North Springfield, in the county of Greene and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Spoon-Holders and Knife-Rests; 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.

My invention is a new and useful combined spoon-holder and knife-rest, the object of which is to provide an adjustable, cheap, simple, durable, and ornamental device for attaching to soup-dishes, plates, and other vessels to hold or support a spoon or knife, so as to prevent its slipping into the dish or dripping outside. These objects I attain by means of the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation showing the device attached to a vessel. Fig. 3 is a similar view. Fig. 2 is a view of the same detached.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

F is an ordinary spoon, E a knife, and H a dish.

B C D G I represent the device, preferably made of wire, composed of any suitable material, to be bent, twisted, and formed as hereinafter explained.

B is a support, or the part of the device for holding and supporting the spoon. It is composed of two jaws,  $b\ b$ , for clasping the small part  $f$  of a spoon, and is preferably made of material that will spring, so as more easily to receive a spoon, and it has a spring-loop,  $b'$ , to make it self-adjusting to different-sized spoons.

C is a bow, forming a spring-clasp to receive the edge of a vessel to secure the device there-to. On the upper part of this bow is formed a spring-fork, I I, for receiving the blade of a knife and holding it.

D is an expansion on the lower outer end of the spring clasp or bow C. It is to prevent the device from turning or twisting to either side.

G is a hook on the lower part of the expansion D, for supporting any desired utensil.

The device may be constructed of any desired metal. I prefer to form it of one piece of wire by bending it at its middle  $g^2$  and twisting or winding the wires or ends about each other long enough to be bent for forming the hook G. At the attached end  $d'$  of the hook the wires or ends are bent outward side-wise, so as to form the expansion D, which is preferably made rectangular, as shown, to rest against the lower or outer side of the vessel. In forming the device for plates the hook G may be omitted. At the upper middle part of the expansion the wires or ends are again twisted about each other, forming a part,  $c'$ .

Extending upward from the point where the bow C rests against the upper edge of the vessel a fork, I I, is formed by spreading the wires, and thus forming a spring-catch for a knife-rest. The wires or ends are again twisted together and bent to fit over the top of the vessel down on the inside, to form a clasp at a point,  $c^2$ , opposite to the expansion, and then bent up inward to a point near I I. The wires are then bent, diverging to form a spring-loop,  $b'$ , and, preferably on a level with the top of the vessel, they cross each other and extend outward sidewise, forming a flat surface for the spoon to rest upon, and also the blade of a knife when the spoon is removed. At the points  $b^2\ b^4$  (about the width of the small part  $f$  of a spoon) the wires are again turned back, and, coming near each other, are again slanted outward and again turn in, with the ends turned and rolled back upon themselves,  $b^5\ b^5$ , as shown.

The device is placed upon a vessel by taking hold of the support B and hook G and opening the clasp formed by the bow C. It may thus be easily secured to any vessel. Thus secured a knife may be placed and securely held in the fork I I, while the part of the blade extending over the dish or vessel may rest in the spoon-support, out of the way of the contents of the vessel. The hook G is useful in placing and removing the device, as well as for supporting articles on the outside of the vessel. On soup-dishes, when desired, the fork for the knife may be dispensed with; but it is preferably formed as above set forth.



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

1. A combined spoon-support and knife-rest composed of a hook, G, expansion D, spring-bow C, spring-fork I I, and support B, having a spring-loop, *b*<sup>1</sup>, substantially as shown and described.

2. A spoon-support comprising a support 10 having jaws *b b*, a spring-loop, *b*<sup>1</sup>, and a spring-clasp, C, having an expansion, D, all substantially as shown and described.

3. A support, B, having a spring-loop, *b*<sup>1</sup>,

combined with a spring-fork, I I, and spring-bow C, substantially as set forth.

4. The device composed of wire twisted and bent to form a hook, G, bow C, fork I I, spring-loop *b*<sup>1</sup>, and jaws *b b*, all substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in 20 presence of two witnesses.

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