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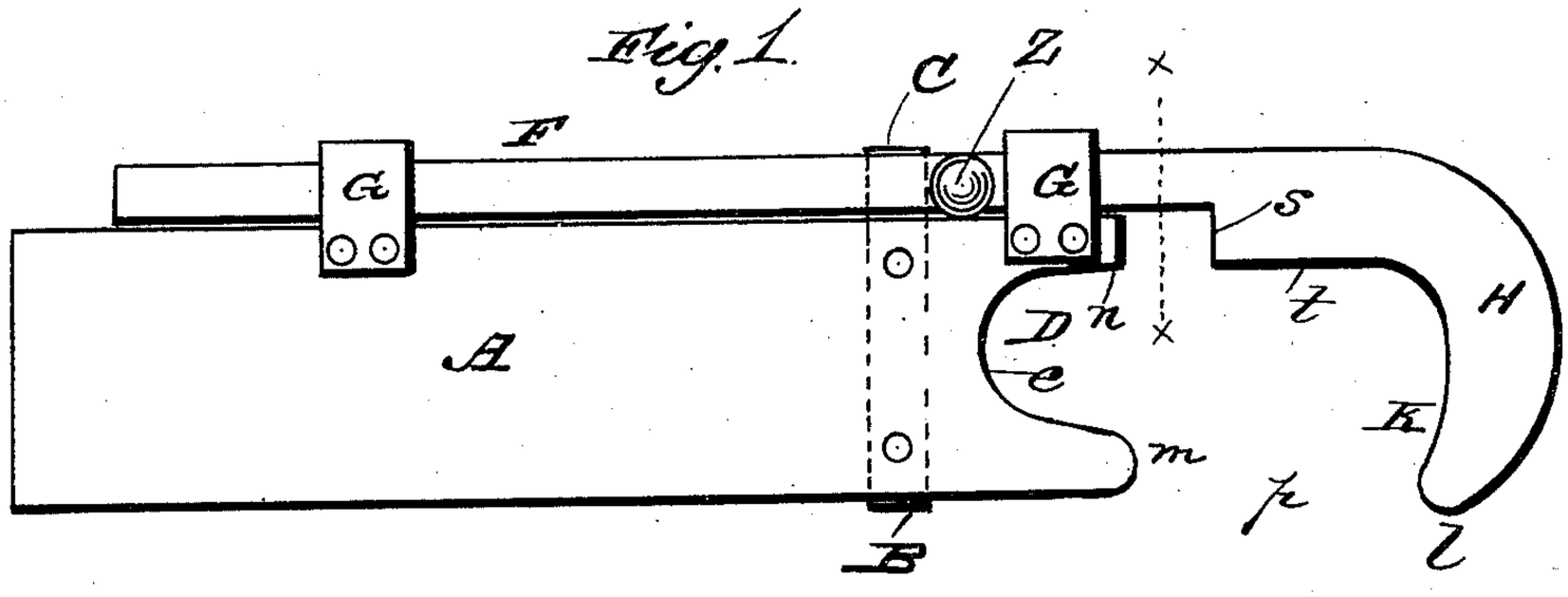
Fig. 1.



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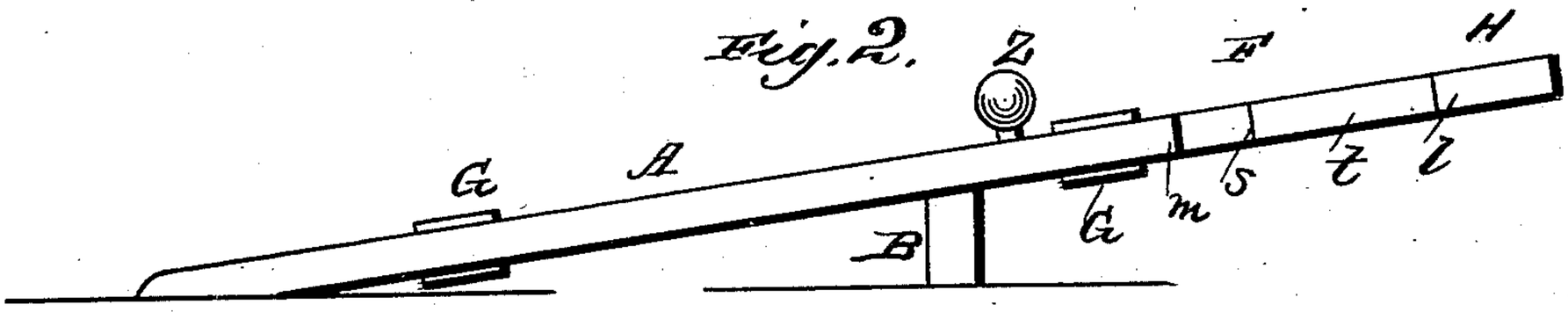

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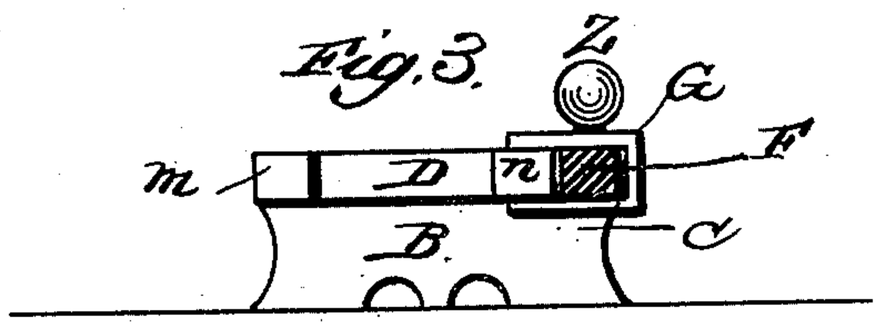

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHANNES REINING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Okawville, in the county of Washington and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boot-Jacks; and I do 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.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a top view of my jack. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same; and Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken on line *x x*, Fig. 1.

This invention has relation to boot-jacks; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of parts, all as hereinafter set forth, and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates the main board or body of the jack, which is supported by the transverse cleat or prop bar B on the under side, said prop-bar projecting a little on one side, as shown at C, to form a bearing-shoulder.

D represents the heel notch or bearing in the end of the body-piece A, the wall of which is marked *e*.

The letter F represents a lateral adjustable slide-bar, which is arranged along the side of the platform or body A in bearings G, secured to said body, and rests on the shoulder C of the under prop, B. This slide-bar is provided with a forward hook-formed extension, H, at its end, said extension reaching out in front of the heel-notch D by a transverse-curved arm or toe bearing, K, which extends laterally a distance equal to the width of the jack. This curved arm or extension terminates at the point *l* a sufficient distance in front of the prong *m* of the heel-bearing to provide a lateral opening, *p*, for the introduction of the boot. The opposite prong, *n*, of the heel-bearing is squared at its ends, to fit the squared shoulder *s* of the slide-extension, which is so formed that its inner wall, *t*, will be in line with the wall *e* of the heel-bearing.

Z is a stop and handle, secured to the top of the slide-bar near the forward part of the body A. By manipulating this handle the extension-hook can be moved forward, to provide room for the free introduction of the boot into the jack. Then the extension-hook can be brought back to bear on the toe portion, holding the boot firmly and facilitating the act of drawing out the foot.

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

A boot-jack consisting of the body portion A, having its forward end provided with the heel-notch D and one of its branches provided with a squared portion, *n*, the lateral slide-bar F, engaging the lateral brace-shoulder C of the prop B, the bearings G, the slide-bar having the shoulder S, the hook forward extension, H, and the stop and handle Z, substantially as specified.

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

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