

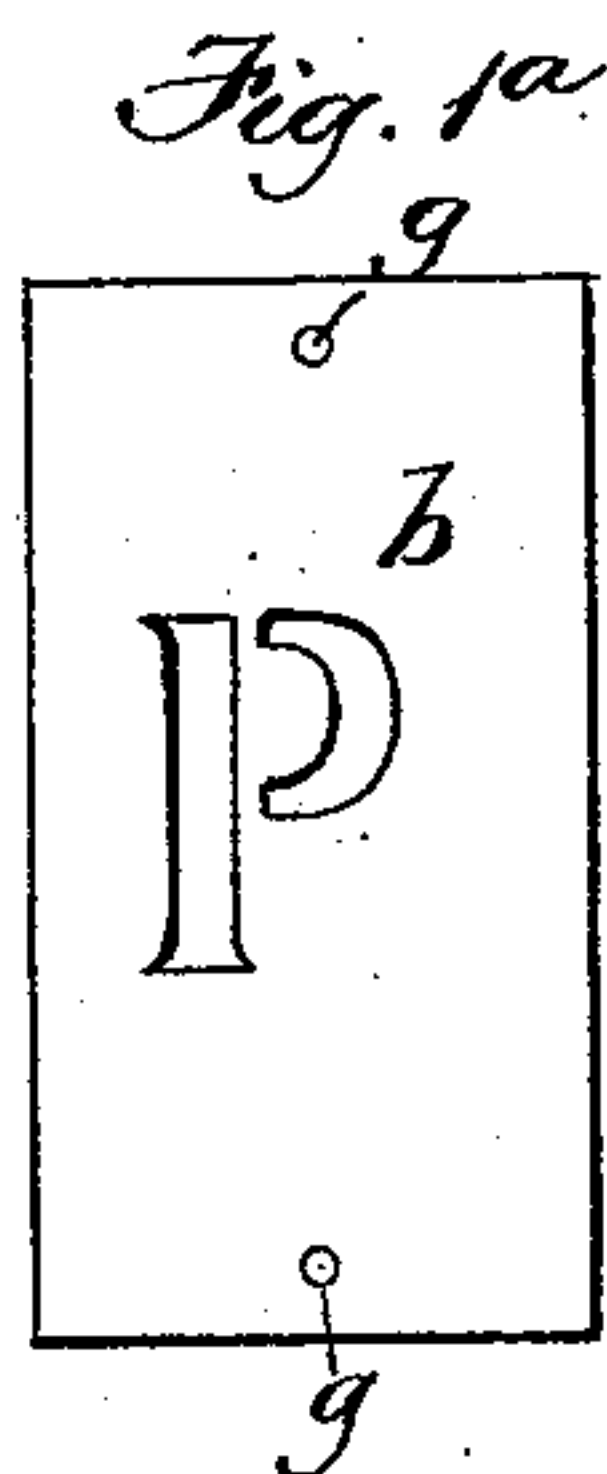
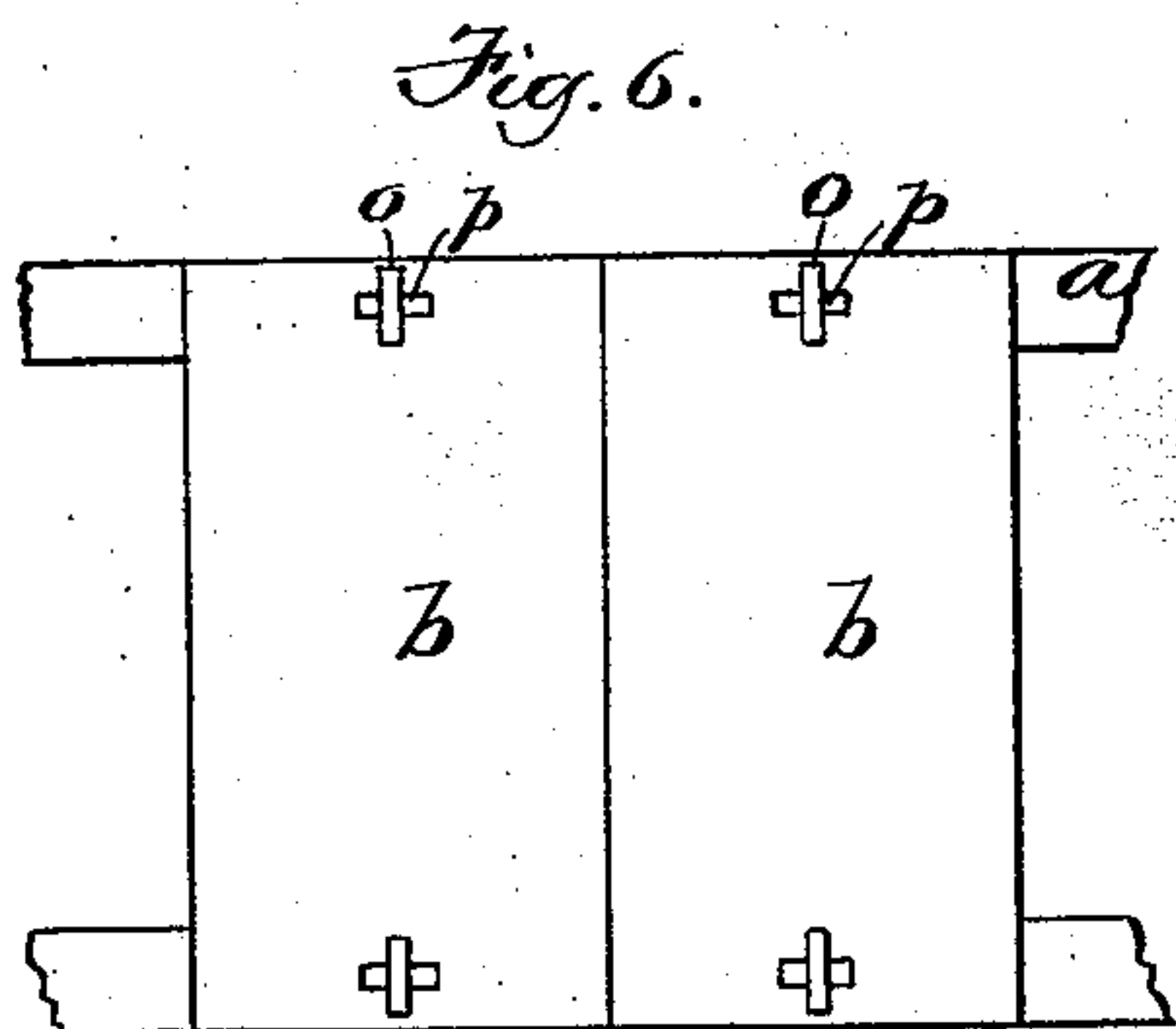
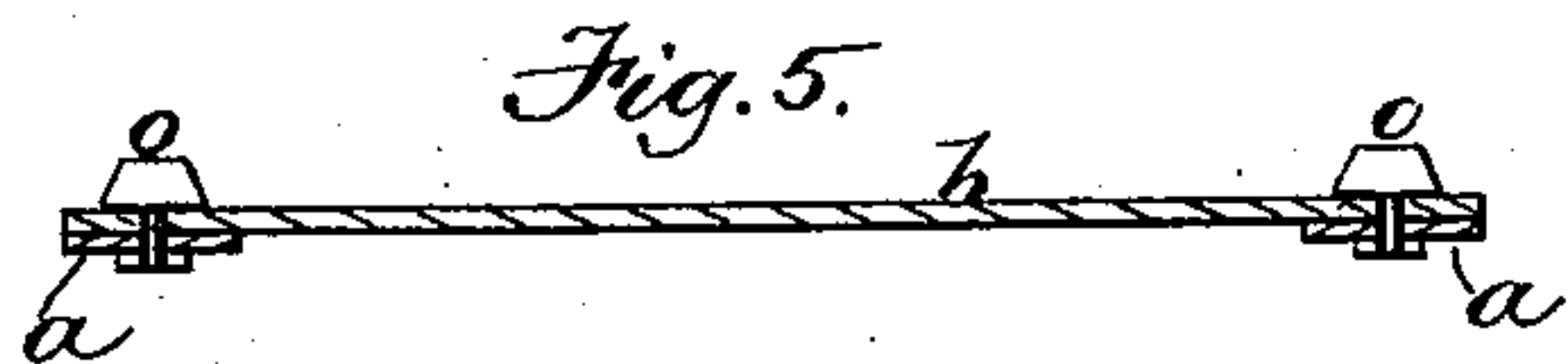
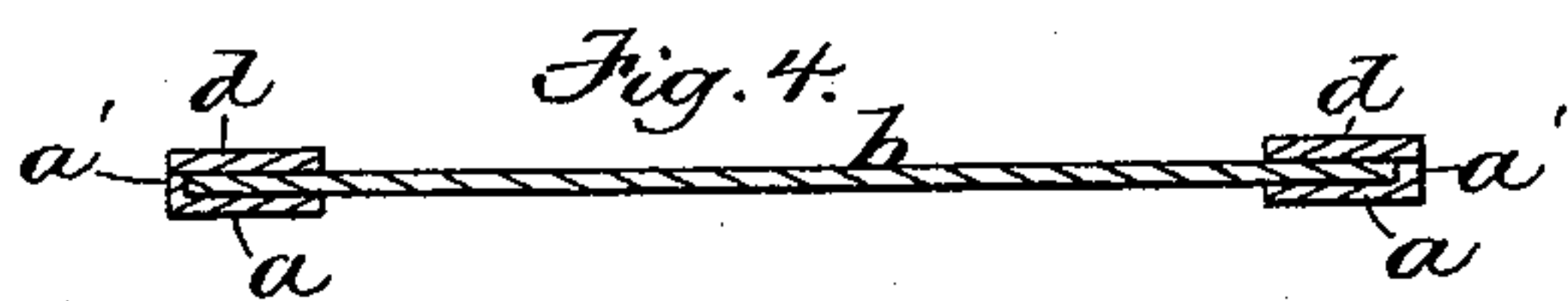
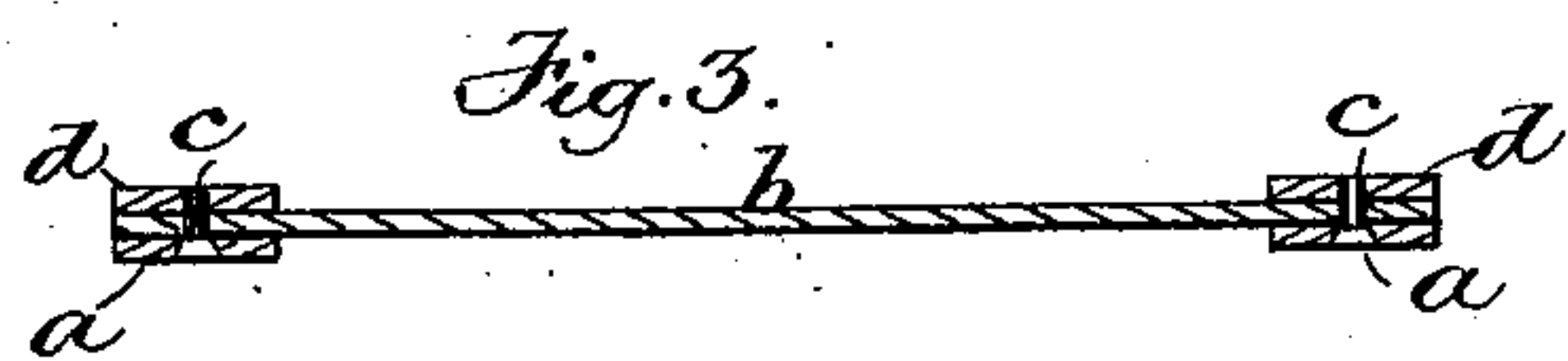
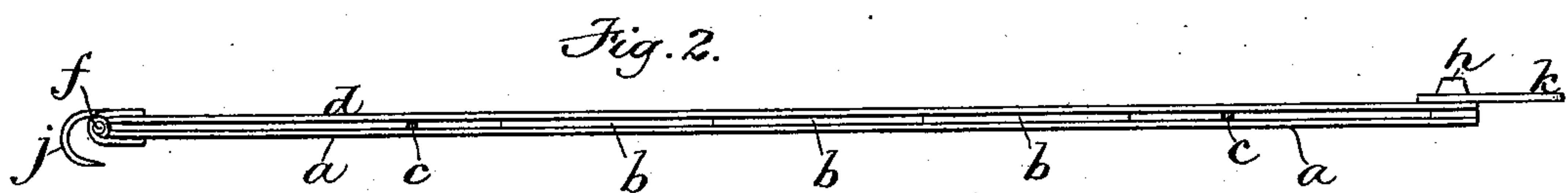
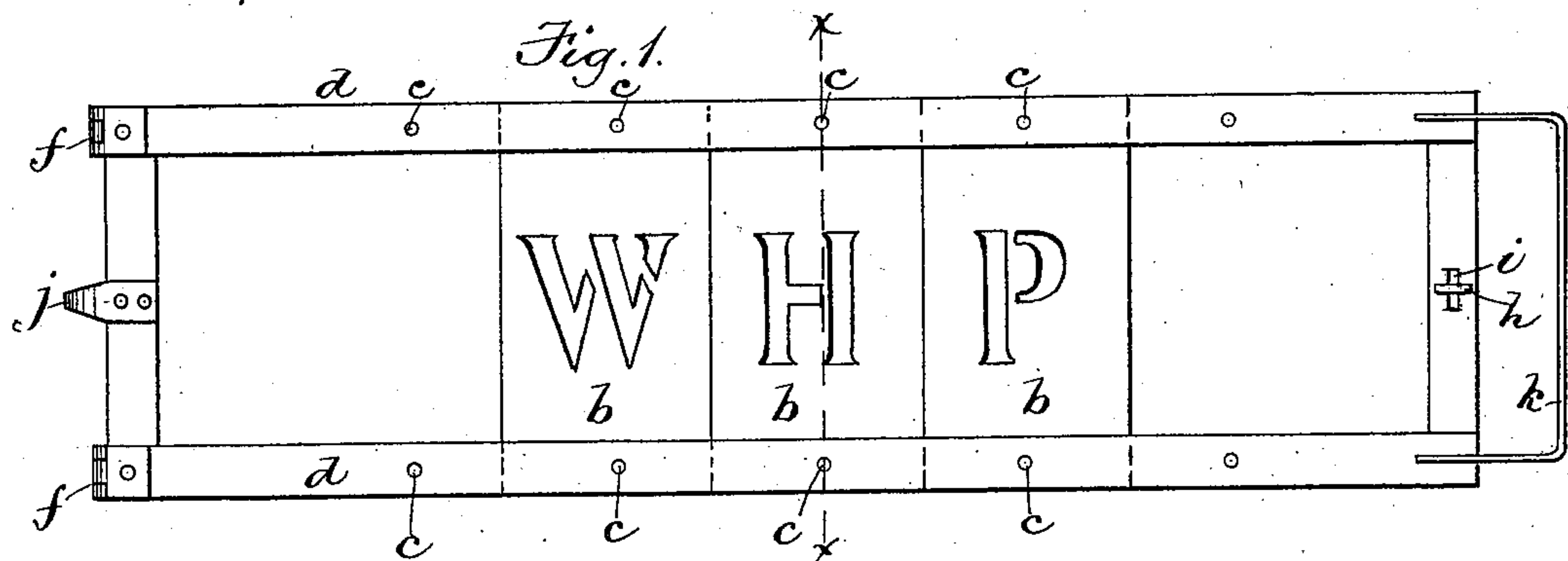
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER H. PERKINS, of Reading, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain
5 Improvements in Stencil-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide an improved device whereby a number of stencil-plates can be held in a series and conveniently applied to a bale, box, or other article to be marked.

The invention consists in the improved stencil-holder which I will now proceed to describe and claim.

15 Of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a top view of my improved stencil-holder. Fig. 1^a represents a stencil-plate detached from the holder. Fig. 2 represents an edge view of the
20 same. Fig. 3 represents a transverse section on line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 represents a transverse section of a modification. Figs. 5 and 6 represent, respectively, a transverse section and top view of another modification.

25 The same letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

In carrying out my invention I provide an open frame, *a*, composed, preferably, of flexible metal side strips and end cross-pieces. Said
30 frame is adapted to support the ends of several stencil-plates, *b*, said plates extending across the opening inclosed by the frame. I also provide means for detachably securing the plates *b* to the frame. The preferred
35 means are shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, and are composed of a series of pins, *c*, rigidly secured to the frame *a*, and projecting upwardly from its upper side, and a clamping-frame, *d*, hinged at *f f* to the frame *a*. The stencil-plates are
40 provided with orifices *g g*, adapted to coincide with the pins *c*, the pins entering the orifices when the plates are properly laid on the frame *a*. The clamping-frame *d*, which is of the same size as the frame *a*, is laid upon the upper sur-
45 face of the stencils and confines them against the frame *a*. The swinging end of the clamping-frame is detachably secured to the frame *a*, preferably by means of a button, *h*, on the frame *a*, said button passing through a slot, *i*,
50 in the clamping-frame. One end of the frame *a* is provided with a hook or hooks, *j*, adapted

to engage with the surface of a bale of cotton or other article and hold that end of the frame. The opposite end is provided with a handle, *k*.

The device is used as follows: The desired
55 stencil-plates having been placed on the pins of the frame *a*, and clamped against the latter by the clamping-frame *d*, the operator engages the hooks *j* with the bale or other article to be marked, and then grasps the handle *k*, the
60 hook enabling him to control the device with one hand, leaving the other free to use the marking-brush.

The flexibility of the frame when made of flexible metal strips, as preferred, enables it
65 to readily conform to the curved surface of a cotton or other bale.

I do not limit myself to the provision of pins *c* on the frame *a*, to secure the stencil-plates from lateral displacement. If desired,
70 the frame *a* may have shoulders *a'*, as shown in Fig. 4, adapted to bear against the ends of the stencil-plates and prevent them from slipping crosswise. The clamping-frame may be dispensed with, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6,
75 and in lieu thereof buttons *o* may be pivoted to the frame *a*, the stencil-plates being provided with slots *p*, to receive said buttons, as shown in Fig. 6.

I am aware that it is not new to clamp a se-
80 ries of stencil-plates between two sections or marginal frames; hence I do not claim such invention, broadly.

I claim—

1. A stencil-holder composed of a flexible
85 open frame provided with means for holding a series of stencil-plates, the flexibility of the frame enabling it to conform to curved surfaces, as set forth.

2. A stencil-holder composed of a two-part
90 frame or clamp adapted to hold a series of stencil-plates between its parts or members, and provided at one end with a hook or hooks adapted to engage with a cotton-bale or other article to be marked, as set forth.

3. A stencil-holder composed of a two-part
95 frame or clamp adapted to hold a series of stencil-plates between its parts or members, and provided at one end with a hook or hooks, and at the other end with a handle, as set
100 forth.

4. A stencil-holder composed of the main

frame *a*, having a series of pins adapted to enter corresponding holes in a series of stencil-plates, and the clamping-frame *d*, hinged at one end to the main frame, as set forth.

- 5 5. A stencil-plate having holes adapted to receive pins in a frame or holder, as set forth.
In testimony whereof I have signed my name

to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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