

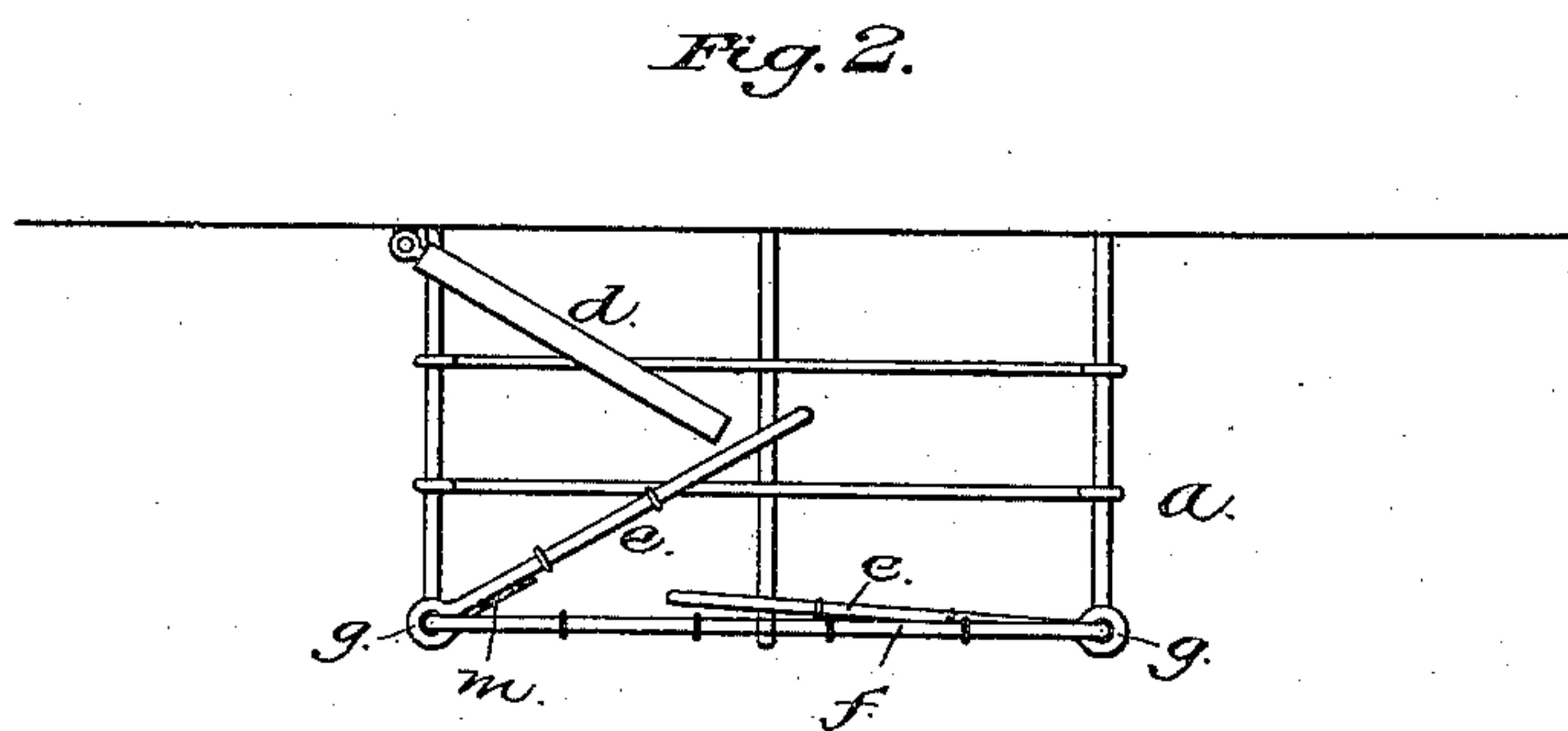
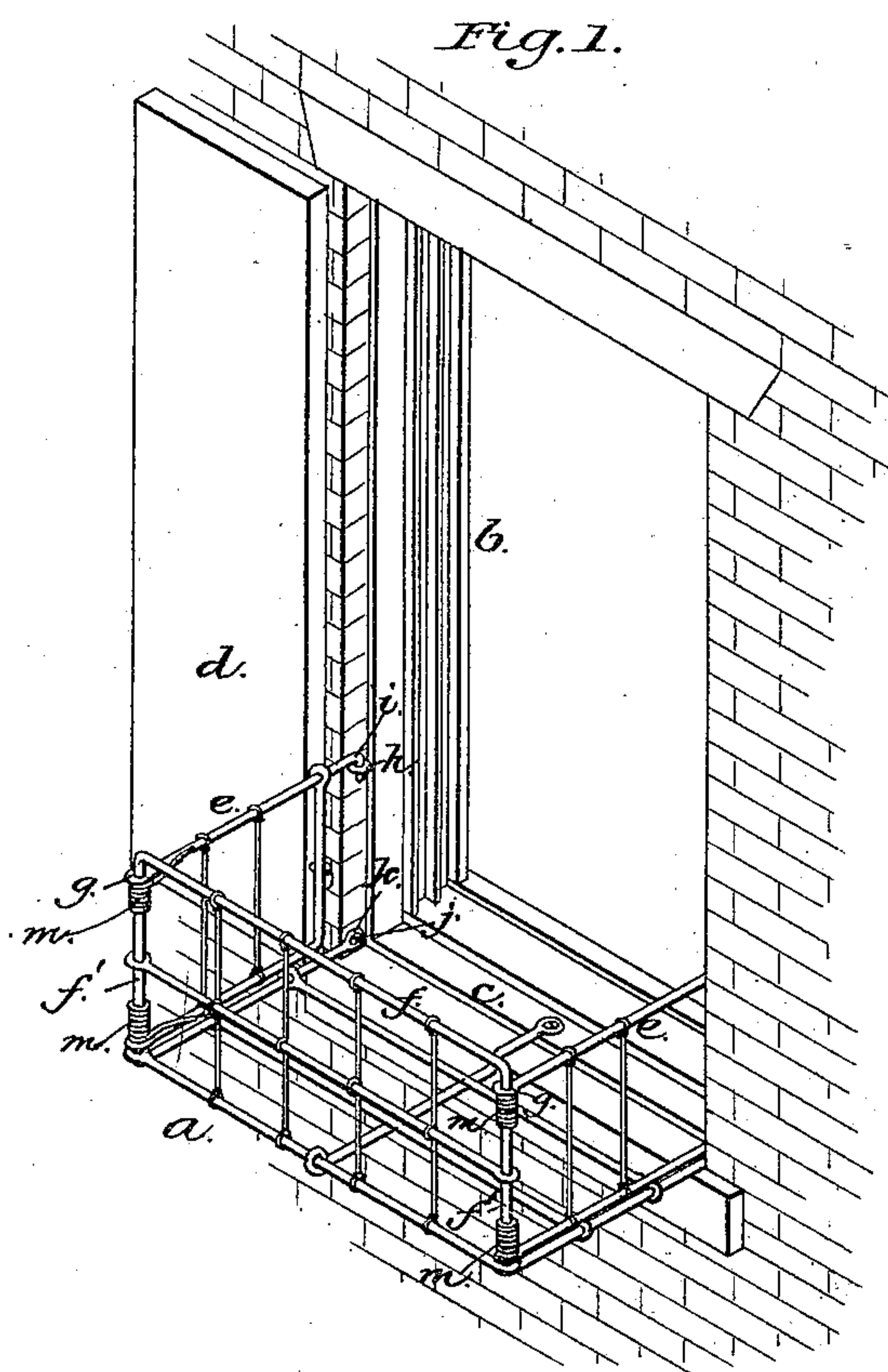
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## WINDOW-GUARD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN. POLKOWSKI, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Window-Guards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in guards or screens for the windows of dwelling-houses; and the object of my improvement is to provide a reliable and effective guard or protecting-shield for attachment to windows to insure the safety of children, that is easily applied and is perfectly practical for use on windows having outside blinds.

Heretofore it has been customary to attach permanent guards or screens to windows only where outside blinds are dispensed with, as any such appliance, if projecting beyond the sill, would be impracticable where the blinds are hung on the exterior of the window, by reason of its interfering with the opening and closing operation thereof.

The purpose of my invention is to furnish a guard or protecting-screen which will project beyond and inclose the outside sill of the window, and yet permit of the blinds being swung inward or outward when desired.

In the accompanying drawings, which serve to illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved guard attached to a window, and Fig. 2 is a top or plan view of the same in a position to allow the blinds to pass.

Let *a*, in general, represent a window-guard, which is constructed entirely of light open-mesh wire-work; *b*, the window-frame; *c*, the sill, and *d d* outside blinds. The bottom and front portions of the guard *a* are formed from one piece of wire-work. The end or side pieces, *e e*, are hung to the front portion, *f*, by means of eyes *g*, formed on the end or extremity of the top and bottom wires by bending or otherwise, through which the vertical terminal wires *f'* of the front portion or railing *f* pass. These end or side pieces have a free longitudinal swinging movement, and may be swung inward against the front railing. On each side of the window-casing is secured an eye screw or bolt, *h*, and on the inner end of the upper longitudinal wire of the side piece, *e*, is formed a hook, *i*, to connect therewith, for

securing such inner end to the frame *b* of the window when the side sections are closed, as shown in Fig. 1.

In lieu of the eyebolt and hook, any simple form of latch device may be employed as a fastener to secure them in place. The guard *a* is secured to the sill and to the sides of the window-frame by screws *j*, which are inserted through eyes or loops *k* on the ends of the terminal and central cross-wires of the bottom portion. When the guard *a* is in use, as shown in Fig. 1, and it is desired to either open or close the outside blinds, it is only necessary to release the inner end of the side railings from the window-frame, when they may be swung inward so as to allow the blinds to clear them without contact.

In order to provide against the liability of the sides of the guard being left open and exposed by negligence or inadvertence, I arrange on the front railing a spring, *m*, which bears against the side railing and closes it automatically after the blind has passed it. Where the outside blinds are hung to fit close to the window-frame the side fastenings of the guard are applied to the walls of the house.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A window-guard composed of wire-work, consisting of a bottom section and front railing, having hinged automatically-closing side sections, as set forth.

2. A portable window-guard consisting of a bottom frame of wire, with fixed front railing, *f*, side railings, *e e*, hinged to the ends of the front railing, with eyebolts *h*, and hooks *i*, and loops and screws *k j*, for securing the same to the window-frame, all arranged and operating as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination, in a wire-work window-guard, of a bottom frame with front railing, side railings hinged to the ends of the front railing, and provided on their inner ends with fastening-hooks to connect with eyebolts on the window-frame, and springs for automatically operating said side railings, with means for securing said guard to the window-casing, as set forth.

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