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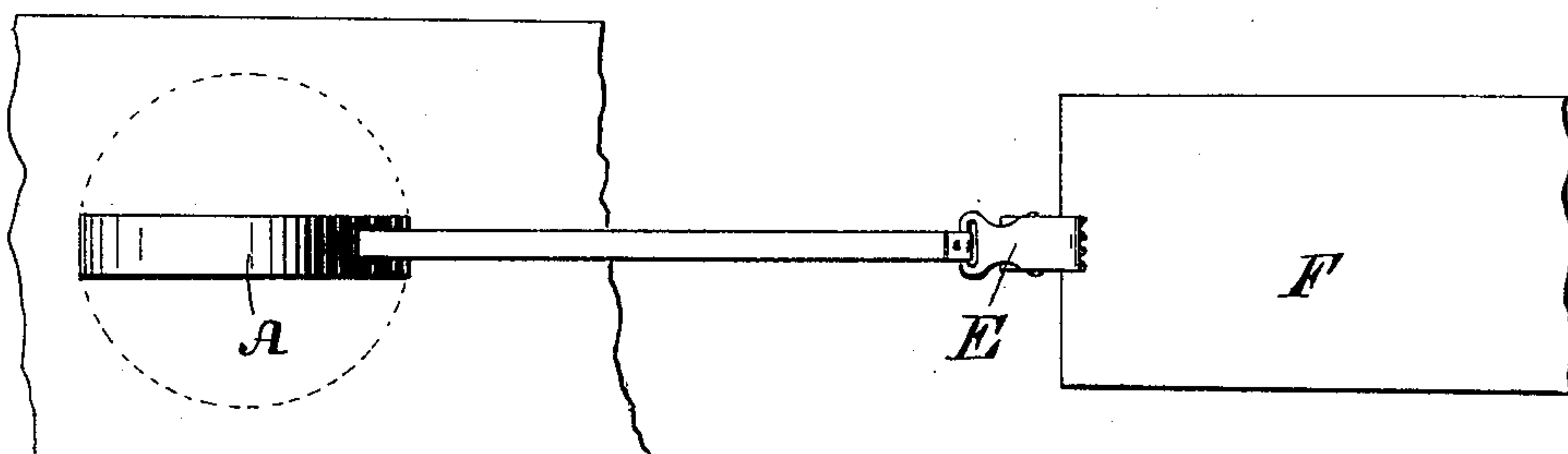
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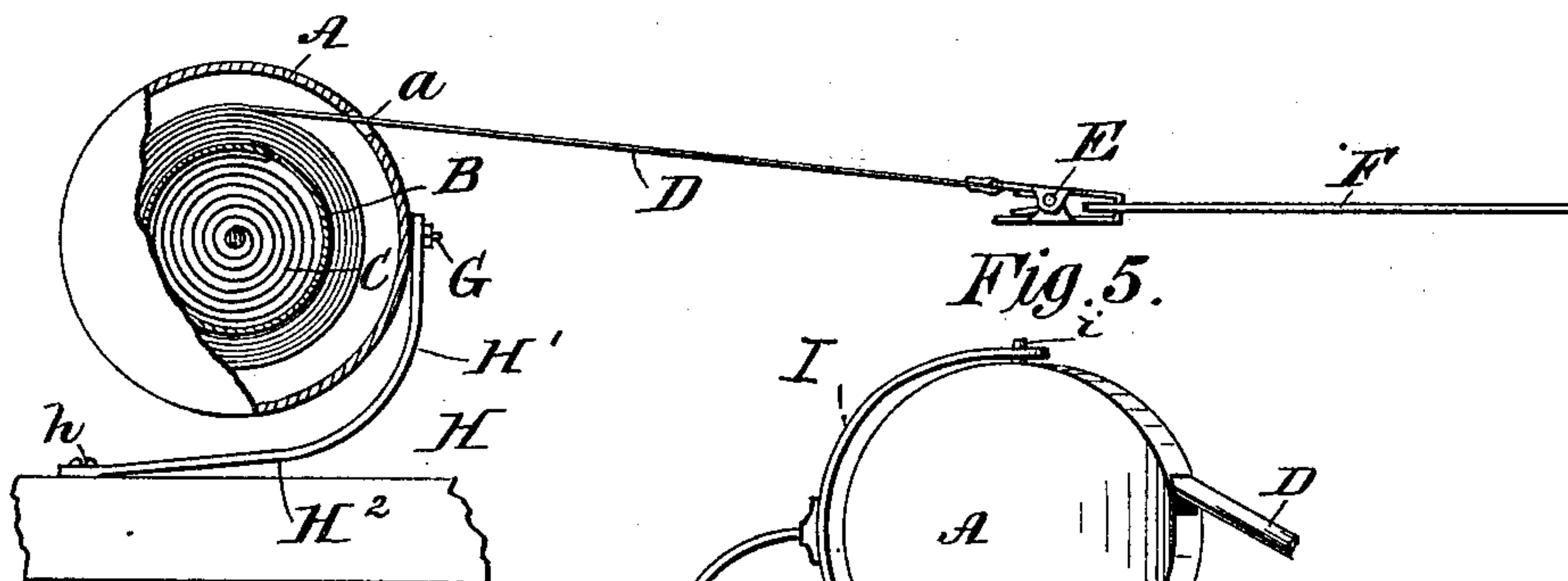
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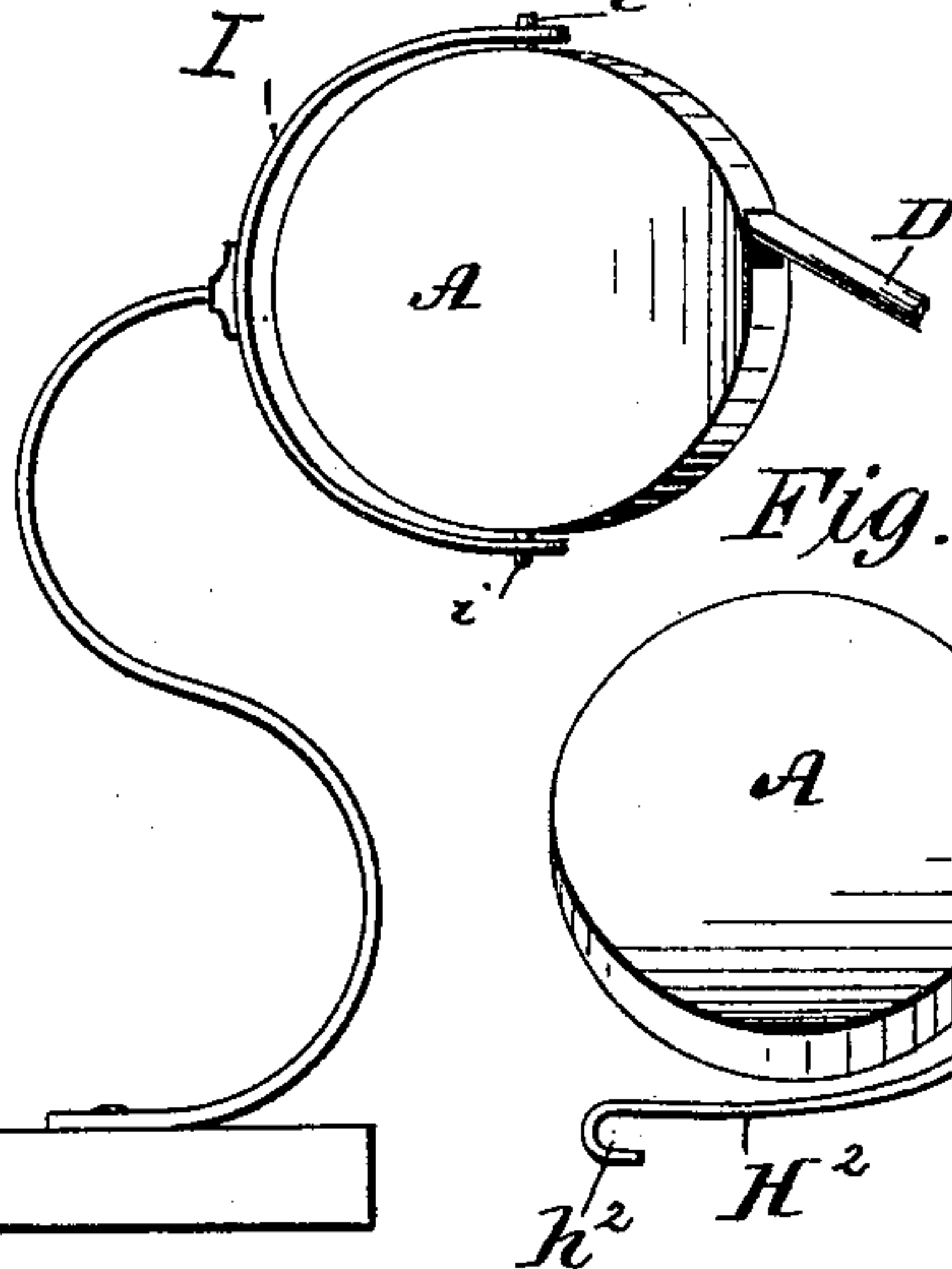
*Fig. 1.*



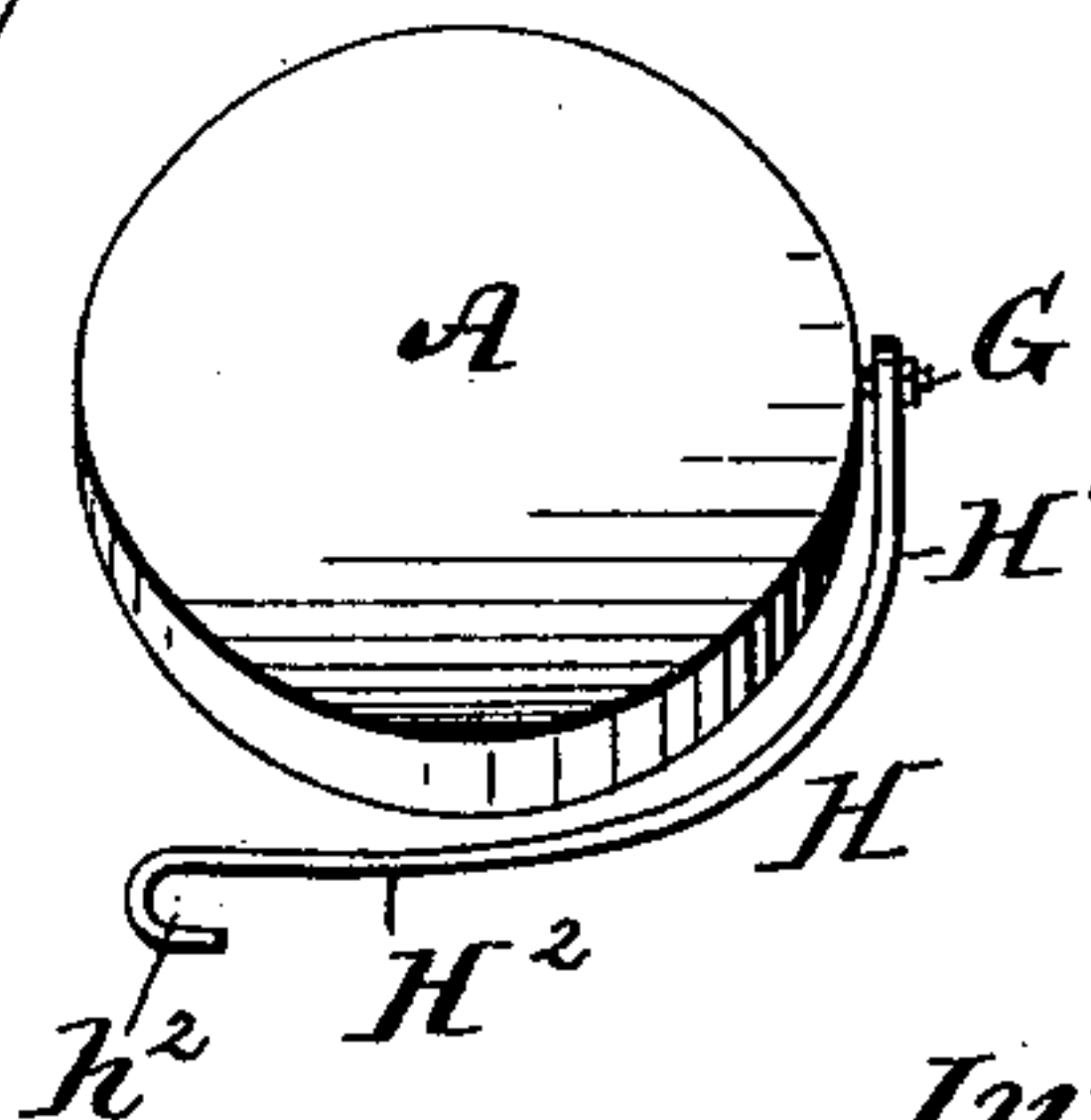
*Fig. 2.*



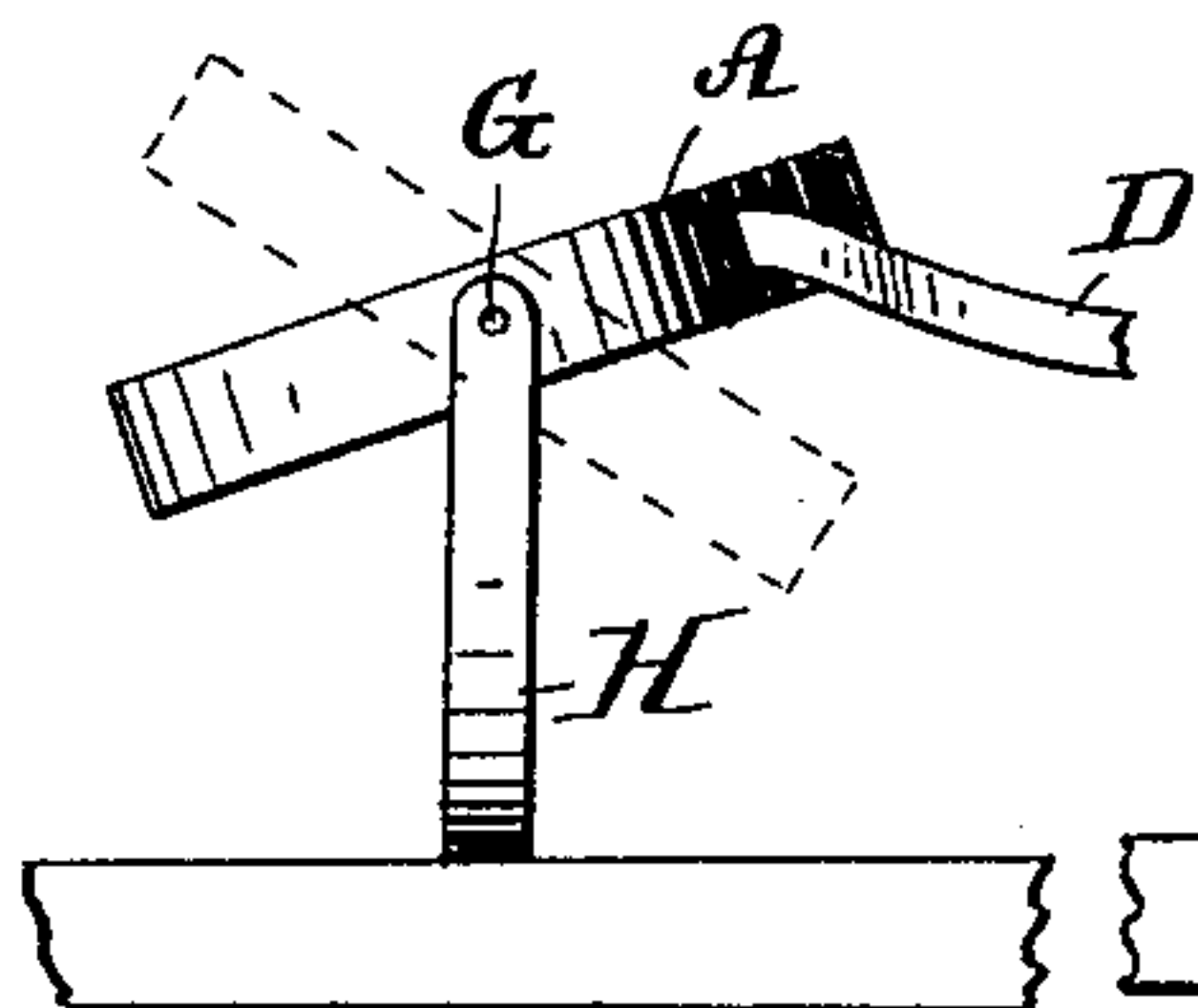
*Fig. 5.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## AUTOMATIC BLOTTER-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALFRED ROSS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wichita, in the county of Sedgwick and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Automatic Blotter-Holders; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention is an improvement in blotter-supports, and has for an object to provide a convenient means by which the piece of blotting-paper may be held in easy reach of the writer, may be moved easily to any desired position for use, and may be automatically returned to its usual position when it has served its purpose.

The invention consists in certain novel constructions, combinations, and arrangements of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my holder. Fig. 2 is a side view, the carrier being partly broken in section 1. Fig. 3 is a front view of the holder. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view, and Fig. 5 is a modification.

The carrier or casing A may be of any suitable construction, and contains a drum or roller, B, and a spring, C, for actuating such drum. A cord, D, is secured and wound on the drum B, and may be passed out of a suitable guide-opening in the carrier. This cord may be round cord or a flat tape, as desired, and is provided at its outer end with a spring-clasp, E, by which to secure a blotter, F. I prefer to use such clasp, because by it the blotter may be conveniently attached and detached; but it would involve no departure from the broad principles of my invention to tie the cord D to the blotter.

The carrier may be secured rigidly to the wall back of or to one side of the desk of the user or on the top or side of such desk; but I prefer to pivot the carrier at G, so it may be freely turned, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 3, to

adapt itself to the direction from which the blotter may be drawn.

It will be seen that the blotter may be drawn away from the carrier against the tension of the retracting-spring, and when the blotter is used and released such spring will return it readily to its place close to the carrier.

I prefer to pivot the carrier at G to a bracket, H, which is adapted for application to a suitable supporting distance-surface, and provides a convenient means for fixing the carrier in position. It is also preferred to bend this bracket H to provide approximately right-angled arms H' and H<sup>2</sup>, the arm H' being pivoted at G to the support, and the arm H<sup>2</sup> being pivoted at h to the desk or wall or in other desired position. It will be noticed that the pivots G and h are at right angles to each other, so that the carrier has not only the movement on its own pivot G, but also the swinging movement on the pivotal connection h of the bracket, by which it more correctly follows the direction of draft of cord D.

Instead of connecting the bracket permanently at h, the arm H<sup>2</sup> may be provided with a hook, as shown in Fig. 4, by which to engage and be suspended on a pen-rack, rod, staple, or other construction.

The invention will be found especially useful in banks, railroad, post, and other public offices, as well as in legal and other private offices, and will obviate the delays frequently occasioned in looking for a blotter, as it is held at all times, when not in use, in a particular place.

While I prefer to use a carrier, it is manifest that the spring-roller might be journaled to the desk or other support.

It will be understood that instead of the construction before described that shown in Fig. 5 may be employed. In this construction the bracket, instead of having right-angled arms, is curved, as shown, and is pivoted to a support at one end, and has a clasp, I, at its other end, which is pivoted at i i to the case or carrier A.

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

1. The blotter-support comprising a carrier,



a spring and roller contained therein, a cord attached to such roller, and a double armed bracket having one arm pivoted to the carrier and its other arm pivoted to a suitable support, the said arms being arranged at approximately right angles, whereby the pivots will be formed at such angles, substantially as set forth.

2. The blotter-support herein described,  
10 consisting of the carrier, the right-angled bracket having one arm pivoted to such car-

rier, a drum and spring located in said carrier, a cord attached at one end to the drum, and a spring-clasp on the other end of the cord, substantially as set forth.

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

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