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HOLDER FOR SMALL WARES.

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FIG. 1.

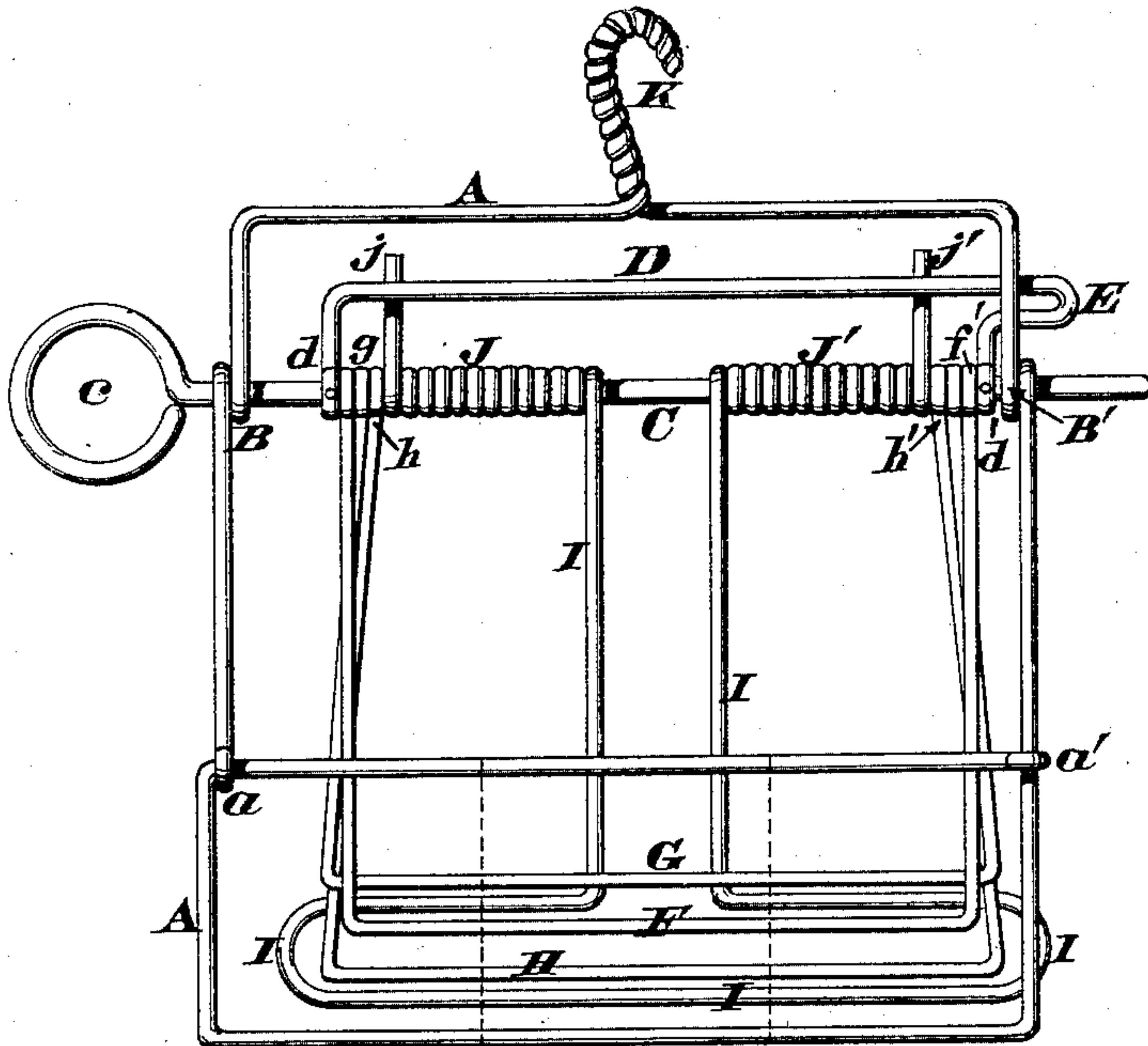


FIG. 3.

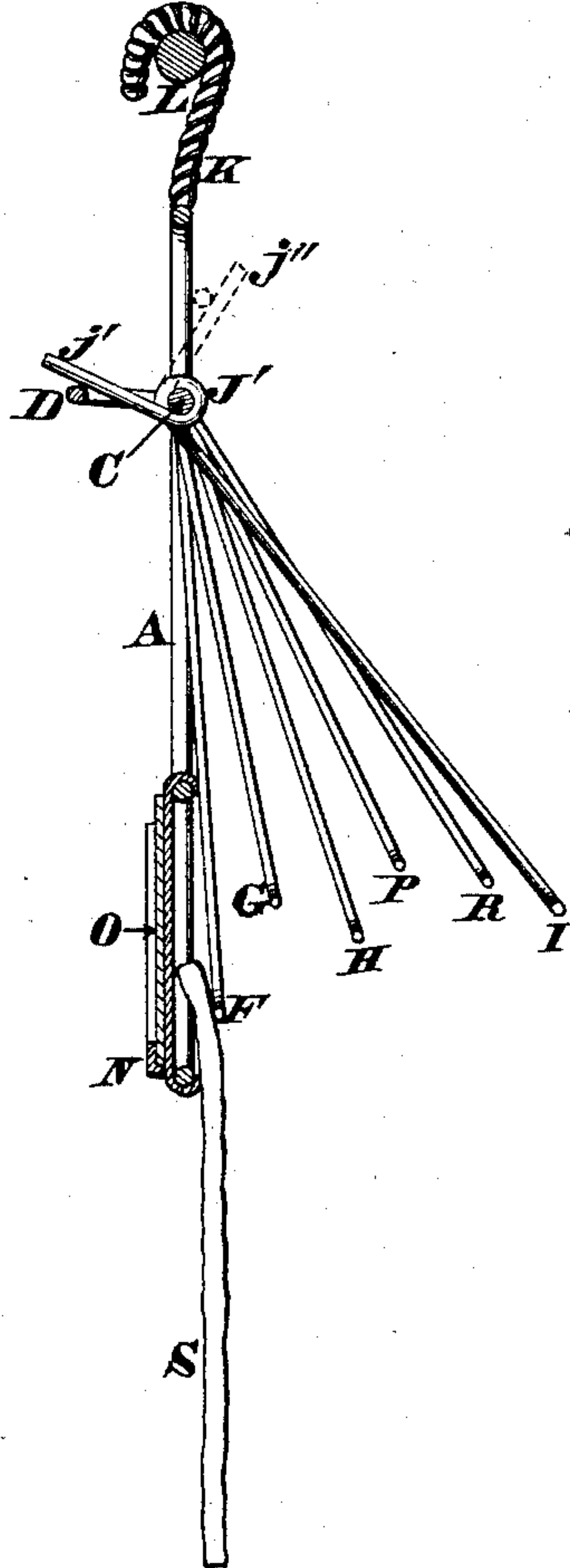


FIG. 2.

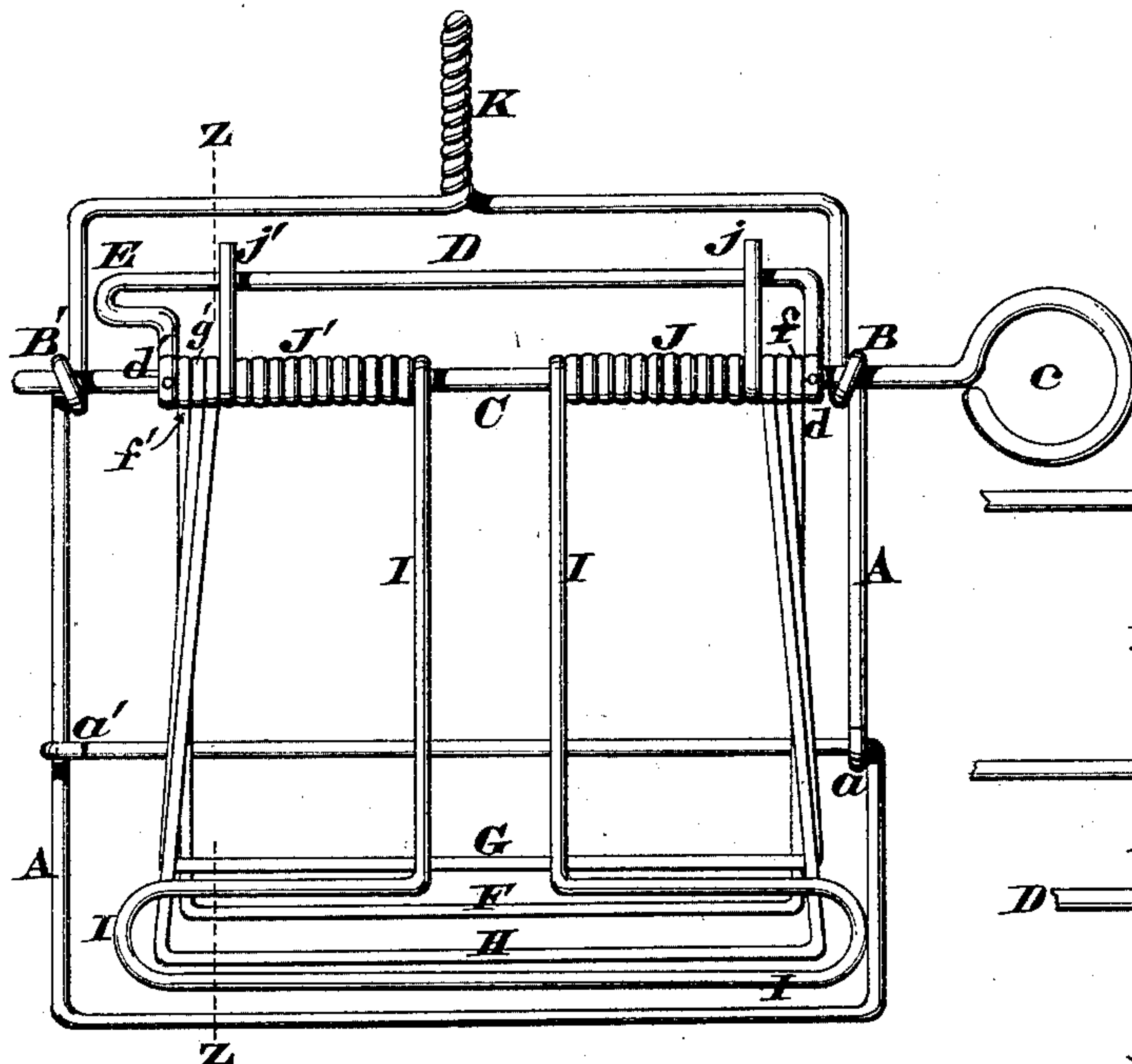


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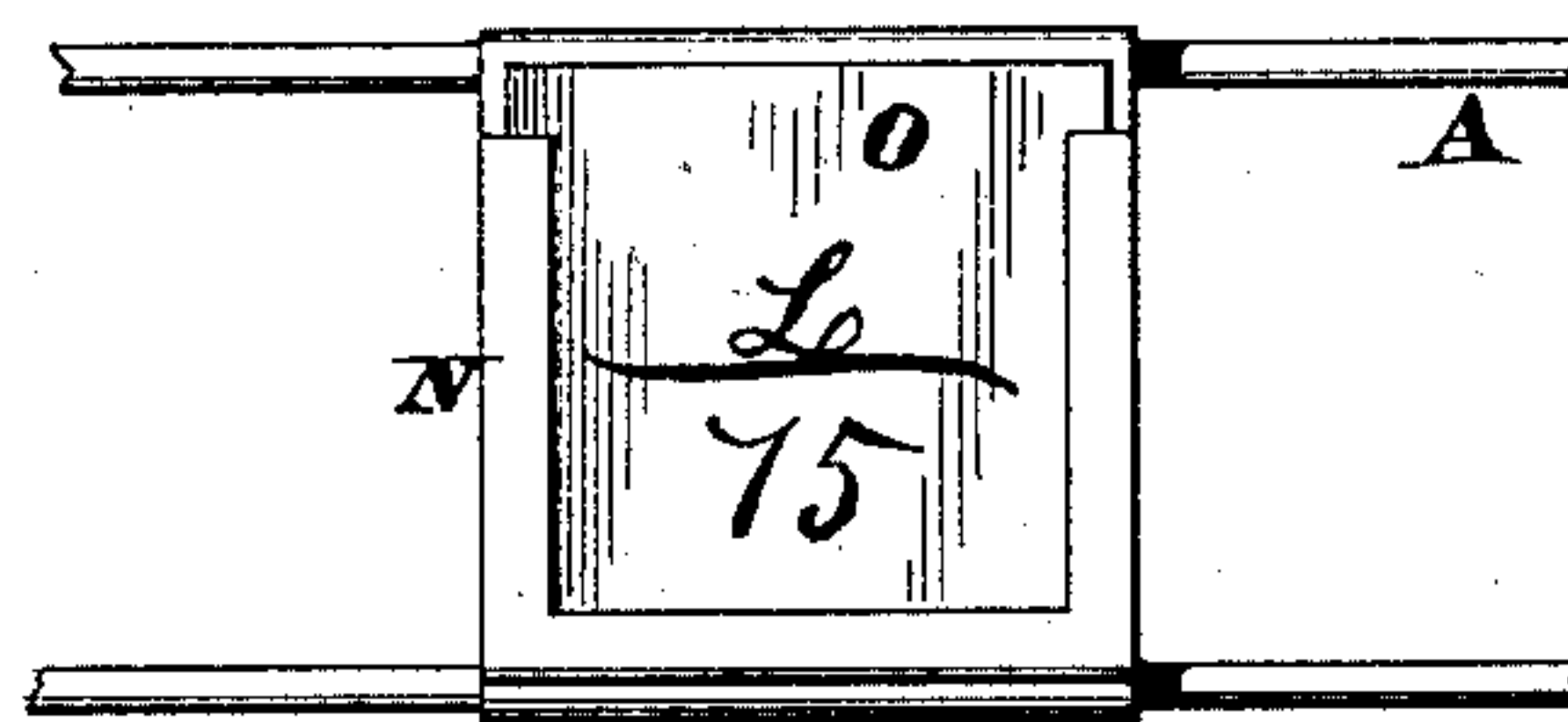
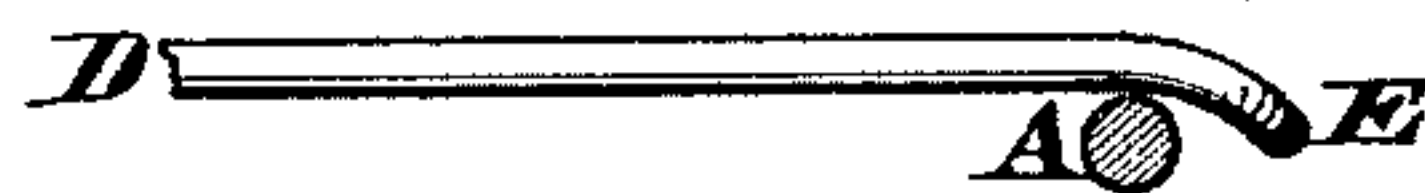


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HOLDER FOR SMALL WARES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE K. JENKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jamestown, in the county of Greene and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Small Wares, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The object of my invention is to provide a clip or clasp, the peculiar construction of which renders it especially useful in dry-goods and notion stores, &c., the device being arranged in such a manner as to hold an assortment of various articles—such as gloves, handkerchiefs, stockings, suspenders, &c.—and yet allow each separate article to be readily detached without disturbing either of its neighbors.

Said clip, clasp, or holder consists, essentially, of a light wire frame, within which is journaled a longitudinally-shiftable rock-shaft that carries a tension-bar, a clamping-frame, and a series of independently-swinging frames or leaves, all of said frames being hung loosely on said rock-shaft, while the tension-bar is rigidly fastened thereto. Furthermore, the relation of the rock-shaft, tension-bar, clamping-frame, and swinging frames is such as to cause said frames to press against each other when the shaft is turned and shifted in one direction, while the retraction and opposite turning of said shaft will relieve the frames and allow them to swing freely. The frames are thus liberated for the purpose of inserting the articles between them, and the rock-shaft is then shifted so as to bring the proper tension to bear against said frames, and thereby clamp said articles in place, as hereinafter more fully described.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the clip, clasp, or holder, the rock-shaft being advanced so as to force the clamping-frame against the independently-swinging leaves or frames. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the device, said rock-shaft being retracted for the purpose of removing the tension from the swinging frames. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the device taken at the line Z Z of Fig. 2, an article being shown held by the front frame, while the rear frames are swung open to permit the insertion of other articles. Fig. 4 is

an elevation of a "ticket-holder" that may be attached to the front of the main frame of the clip. Fig. 5 is an enlarged plan of the engaging end of the tension device.

The principal member of my clip, clasp, or holder consists of a rectangular frame, A, preferably made of a single piece of wire properly bent, the opposite ends thereof terminating at *a a'*, as seen in Fig. 1. Furthermore, eyes or bearings B B' are formed in the sides of said frames, and near the top thereof, a longitudinally-shiftable rock-shaft, C, being journaled in said eyes, which shaft has at one end a ring, knob, or handle, *c*. Soldered or otherwise rigidly attached to this rock-shaft at *d d'* is a tension-bar, D, whose end most remote from the handle *c* is formed into a catch or detent, E, adapted to engage behind the side bar of frame A, as seen in Figs. 1 and 5, which latter illustration shows that said catch is slightly curved, so as to snap or engage around the frame and not be liable to become accidentally unshipped therefrom.

Suspended from rock shaft C, and adapted to swing freely and independently thereon, are three frames or leaves, F G H, of which devices the one, F, is arranged to bear against the main frame A, while the intermediate leaf, G, presses against said leaf F. Leaf G is in its turn pressed against by the other leaf H. *f f'*, *g g'*, and *h h'* are respectively the eyes or bearings of these leaves or swinging frames, of which frames as many may be employed as convenience will suggest.

The rear leaf, H, is pressed forward by a clamping-frame, I, whose spring-coils J J' are traversed by the rock-shaft C, said coils having arms *j j'* that rest against the rear side of tension-bar D.

K is a hook formed of or attached to the top bar of the frame, said hook being provided for the purpose of allowing the clip or holder to be hung from a cord or wire, L. (Seen in Fig. 3.)

If preferred, the lower part of the frame A may have attached to it a holder, N, for containing a ticket, O, upon which is inscribed the price of the articles grasped by the clip, said holder being seen in Figs. 3 and 4, and its position being indicated in Fig. 1 by dotted lines.

The letter L or other character on the ticket indicates the cost of the article grasped by the clip, while the figure or figures on said ticket exposes the selling-price of the article.

5 To open the clip or clasp preparatory to inserting the goods therein, the rock-shaft C is retracted, as seen in Fig. 2, which act disengages the catch or detent E of extension-bar D from contact with the side of main frame A, thereby removing all pressure from the frames 10 F G H P R I, and permitting the lower or free ends of the latter to be swung rearwardly, as seen in Fig. 3. A handkerchief or other article, S, is then applied behind the main frame 15 A, and the front leaf, F, is closed against the rear of said article or piece of goods or other exhibit.

Another article is now applied behind the leaf F, and the next leaf, G, is brought to bear 20 against this second piece, and so on until the clip is filled, and the last article is held in place by the clamping-frame I; but the act of closing this clamping-frame brings the arms $j j'$ of its springs J J' about to a perpendicular, 25 and the rock-shaft C is then turned to the rear, so as to allow the detent E to be passed behind the side bar of frame A in the act of shifting said shaft to the position seen in Fig.

1. This backward swing of rock-shaft C and 30 its attached bar D E forces the arms $j j'$ over to the position indicated by the dotted line j'' in Fig. 3, thereby imparting considerable tension to the spring-coils J J', which latter constitute the bearings for the rear leaf or 35 clamping-frame, I. Hence it is apparent that the tension imparted to this clamping frame or leaf is transferred to all of the leaves and the various articles inserted between them, thereby retaining said articles securely in 40 place and yet permitting them to be liberated

by a moderate exertion of force. To do this it is necessary only to give the selected article a sharp, quick jerk, and it will instantly slip out from between the adjacent leaves, and 45 without disturbing any of the other pieces of goods depending from the clip; but, if desired, all the articles can be disengaged at a single pull.

In Fig. 3 two extra leaves, P R, have been added to the clip, thereby indicating that any 50 desired number of such leaves may be employed, a multiplicity of which would render the device very convenient for holding wrapping-paper, &c.

Finally, the clip can be nickel-plated, so as 55 to increase its ornamental appearance, without adding materially to the cost of manufacture.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, in a clip, clasp, or holder, of a main frame within which is jour- 60 naled a longitudinally-shiftable rock-shaft having a clamping-frame, and a series of independently-swinging frames or leaves suspended therefrom, said rock-shaft being provided with a detent or catch that engages with the 65 main frame of the clip, for the purpose described.

2. The combination, in a clip, clasp, or holder, of a main frame, A B B', longitudinal- 70 ly-shiftable rock-shaft C c, tension device D $d d'$ E, independently-swinging frames F f f' G g g' H h h', and clamping-frame I J J', whose arms $j j'$ bear against the tension-bar D, for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 75 in presence of two witnesses.

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