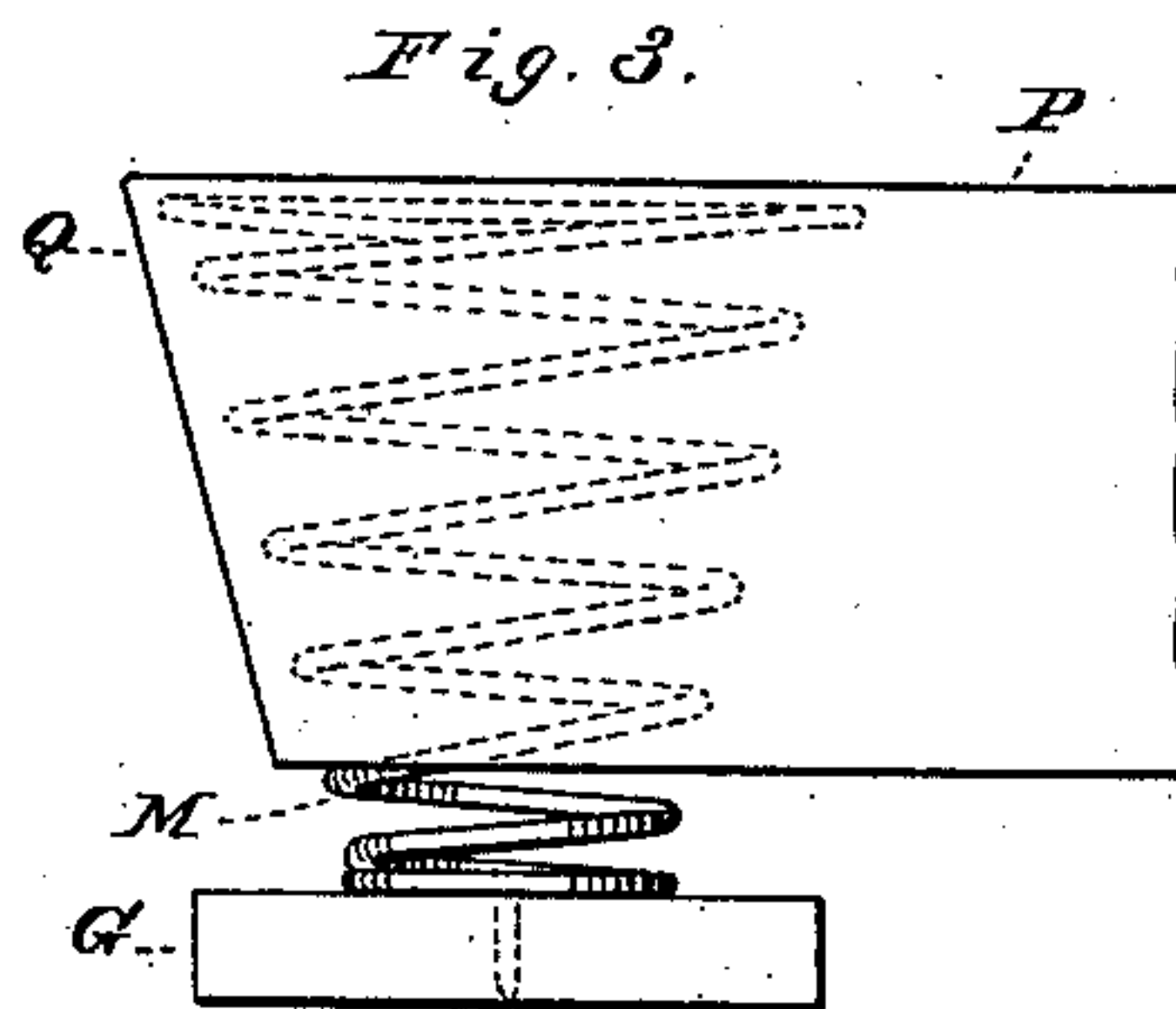
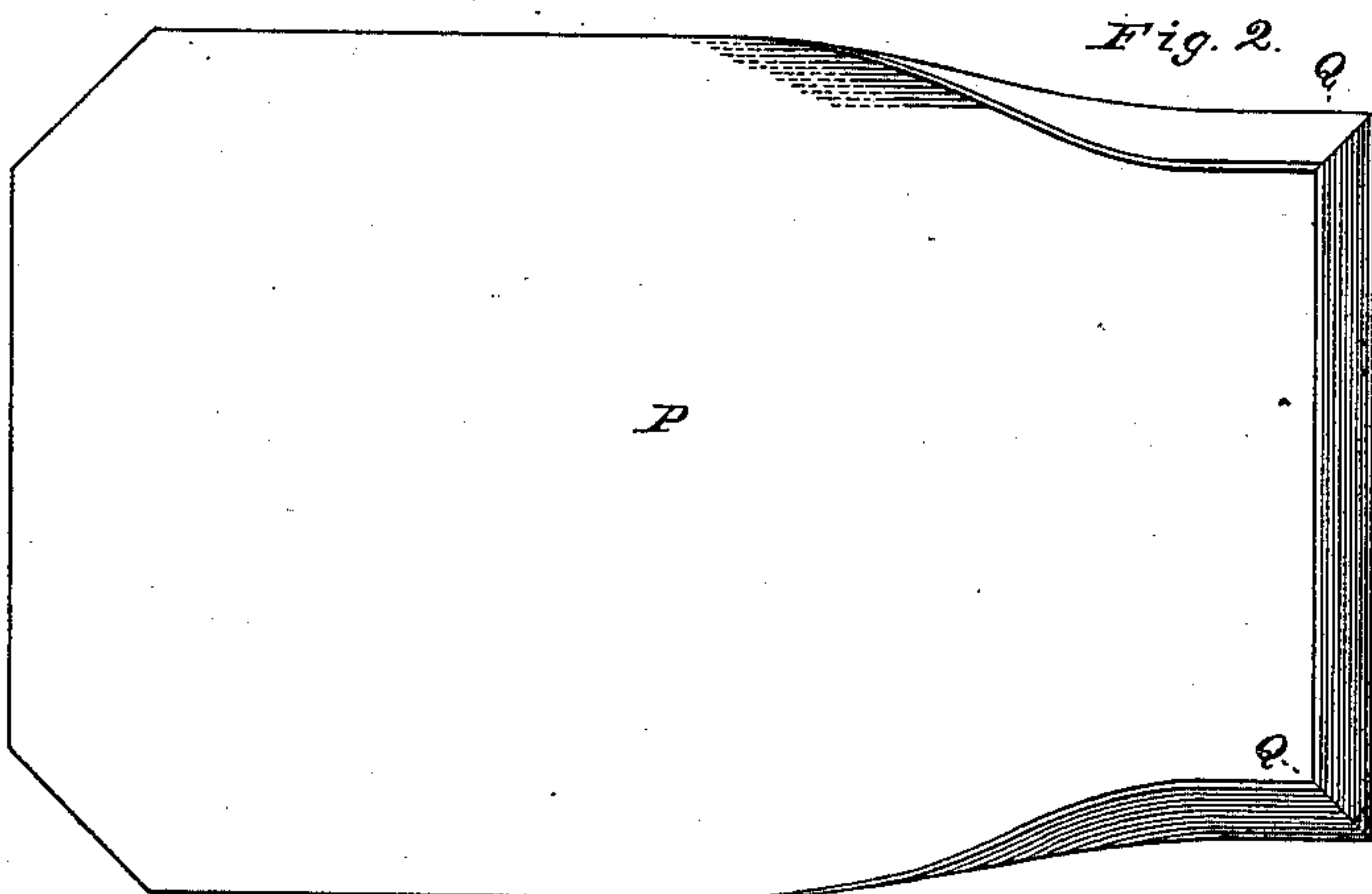
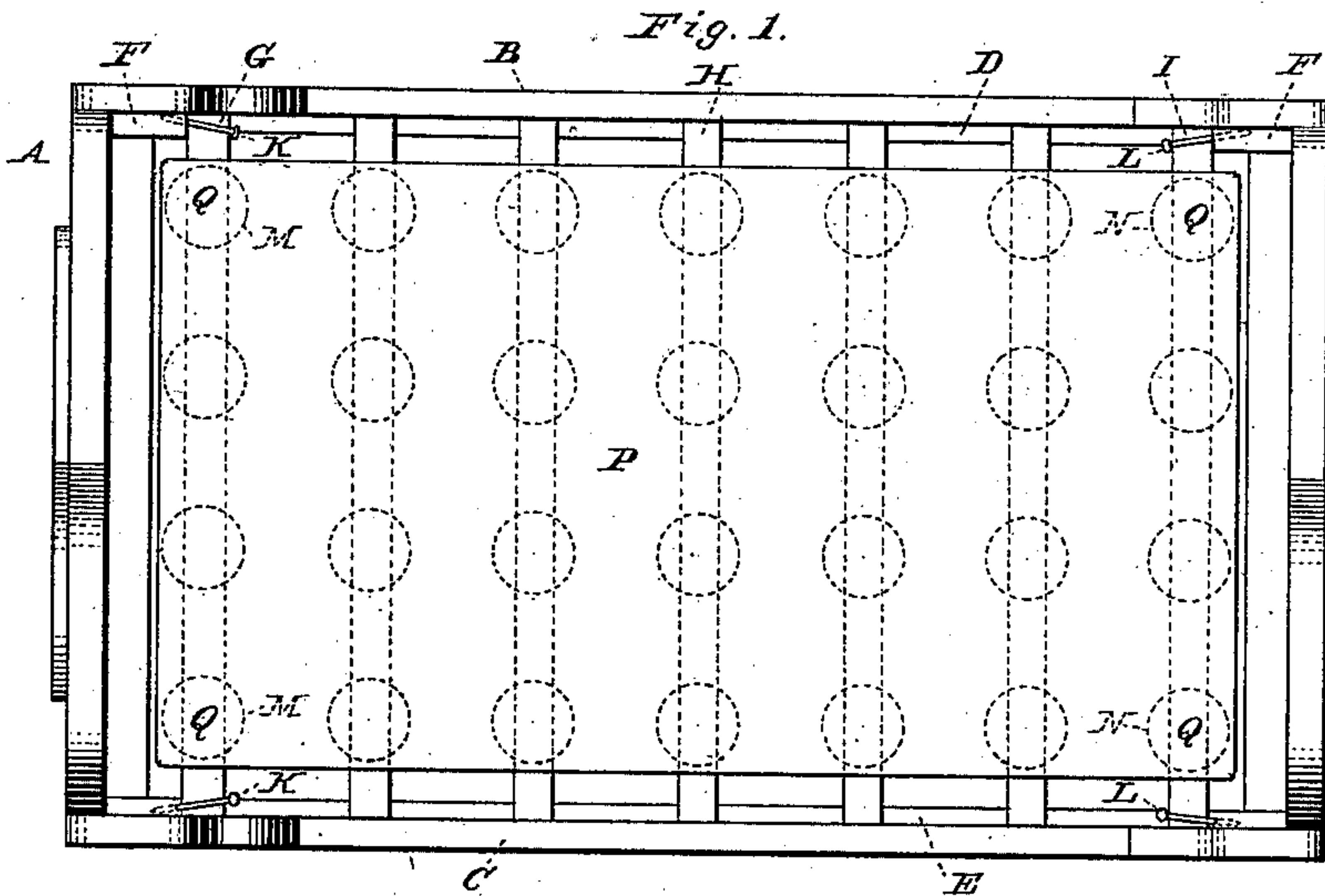


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## SPRING BED-BOTTOM.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALFRED S. CLARK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Farmington, in the county of Dakota and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Spring Bed-Bottoms; 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 representation of a bedstead provided with this invention, and is a top view thereof. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the canvas cover detached, and shows two of the corners as they are cut for sewing and two corners sewed. Fig. 3 is a detail and a side view.

My invention relates to spring bed-bottoms; and it consists in the construction and novel combination of parts, as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

Referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, A designates the bedstead, the side rails, B C, of which are provided on their inner faces with the usual notched slat-supporting strips, D E. In some constructions the bedsteads are provided with corner blocks, F, and in other constructions these corner blocks are omitted or are lacking.

G H I, &c., designate the spring-supporting bed-slats, the ends of which rest in the recesses or notches in the upper edges of the slat-supporting strips D E. The two end slats, G I, are secured in place by nails or pins K L, driven over them into the corner blocks, F, or, where no corner blocks are provided, into the upper edge of the slat-supporting strips, to prevent said end slats from being tipped over. These pins K L are driven at such an angle as not to interfere with the removal of the end slats when necessary, nor with replacing said slats when desired.

M N, &c., are inverted-cone coil-springs, and are secured in or to the bed-slats in the usual manner.

P designates a canvas cover for the springs M N, &c., which is formed by cutting from each corner a triangular-shaped piece of the canvas and then folding the canvas at said cut corners so as to bring the cut edges evenly together, and the said edges are then stitched or sewed together on the under side of the cover, so that when puffed out the corners of the canvas cover will form hoods Q, for the reception of the corner springs of the bed-bottom, which corner hoods, Q, hold the canvas cover on the corner springs, and at the same time permit the removal of the canvas cover when it becomes necessary to remove it to wash or for other purposes. This canvas cover prevents the bed-springs from wearing, rusting the mattress, makes an even surface, and serves to catch fine dust that may accumulate.

I am aware that it is not new to fasten the ends of bed-slats to the head and foot boards of a bed, and that it is also old to provide a canvas cover for a spring bed-bottom, and therefore do not claim such devices, only in the construction and manner hereinafter specifically pointed out.

I am also aware that it is not new to provide a canvas covering for springs in a bed-bottom, the same being made from a square piece of material with its corners folded so as to make a square casing to be pulled down over the tops of the spring, and provided with leather loops for fastening the cover to the bed-frame, such as shown in Patent No. 322,162.

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

The canvas cover for a spring bed-bottom described, formed from a blank, as shown in Fig. 2, with its corners cut off obliquely, and the parts thus cut united in angular shape to form corner hoods, whereby the whole may be held in position by the action of the corner springs, substantially as specified.

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

ALFRED S. CLARK.

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