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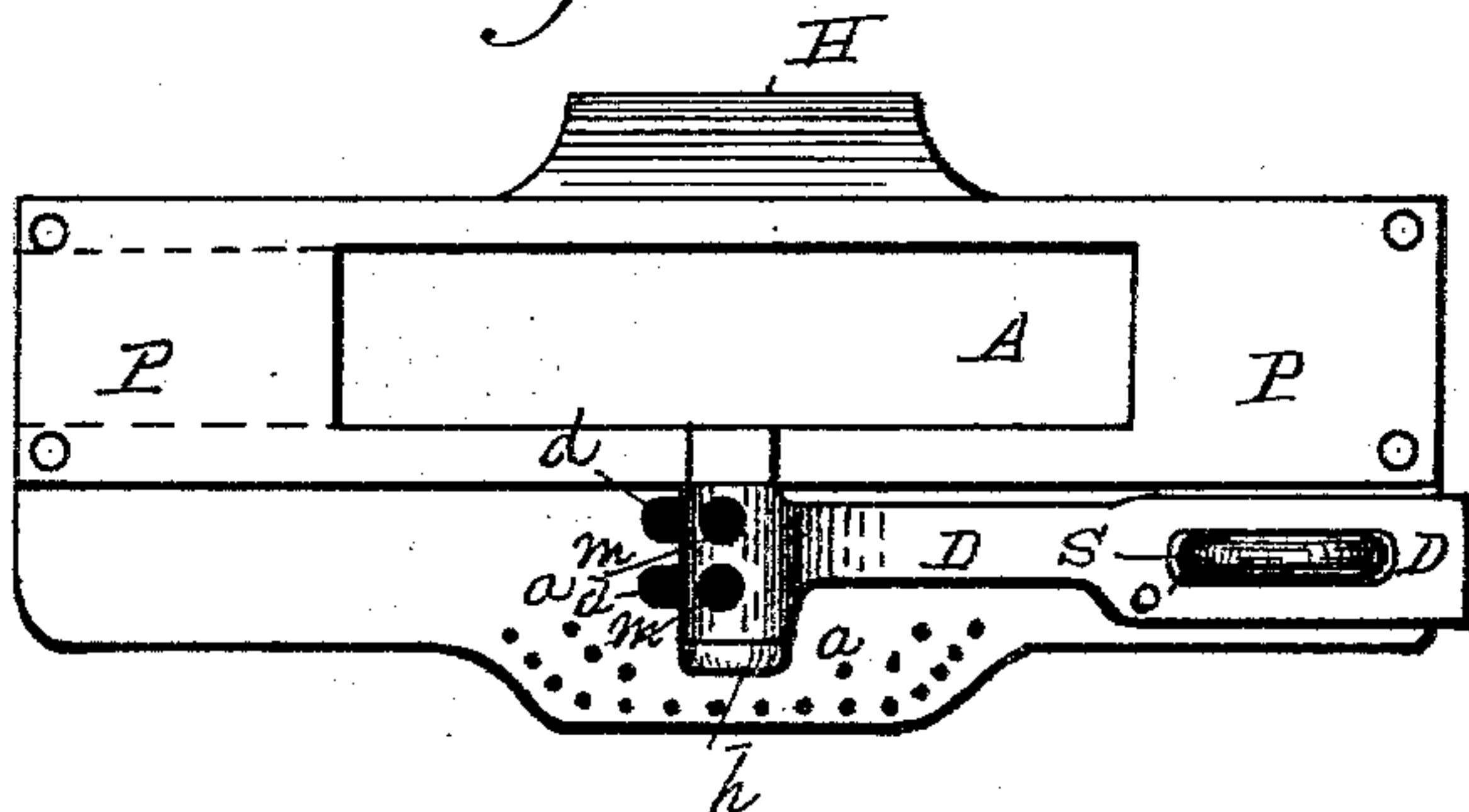
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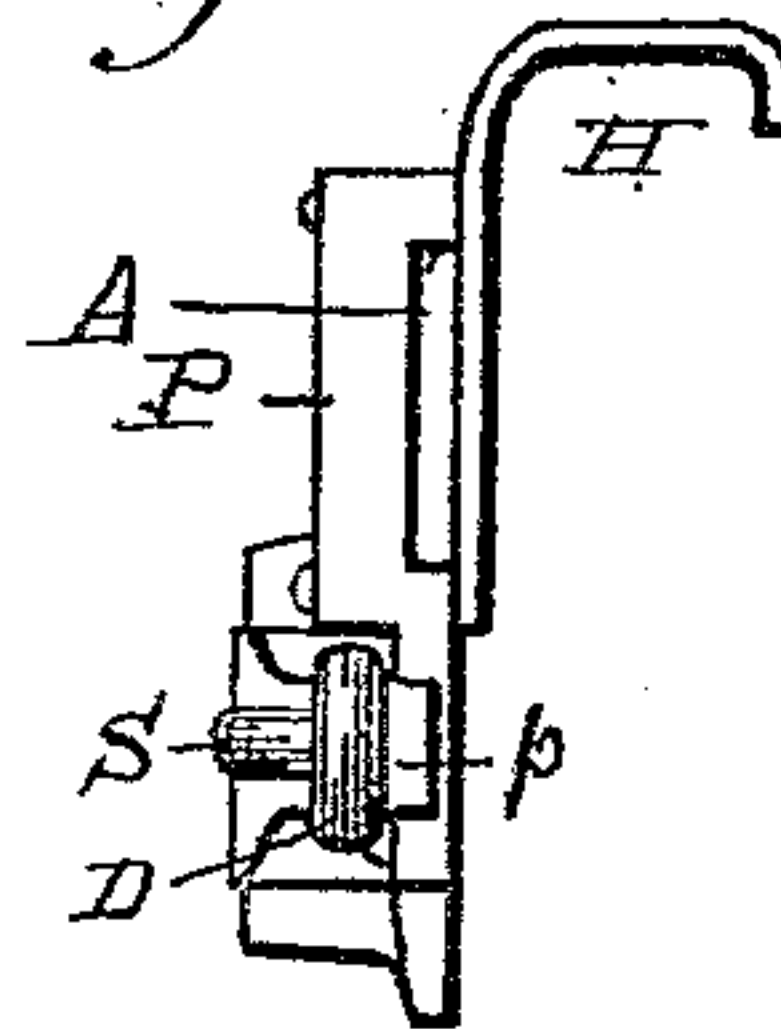
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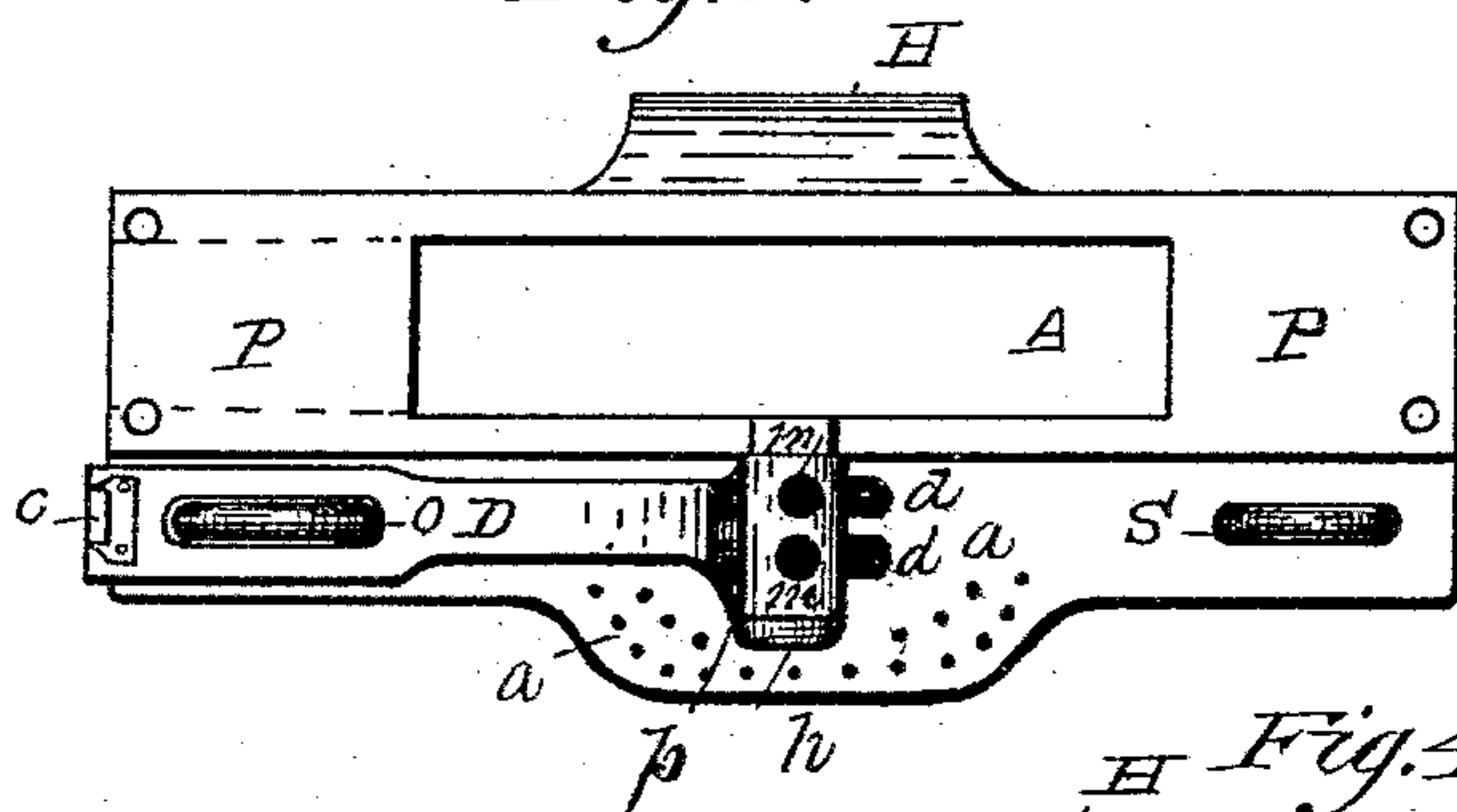
*Fig. 1.*



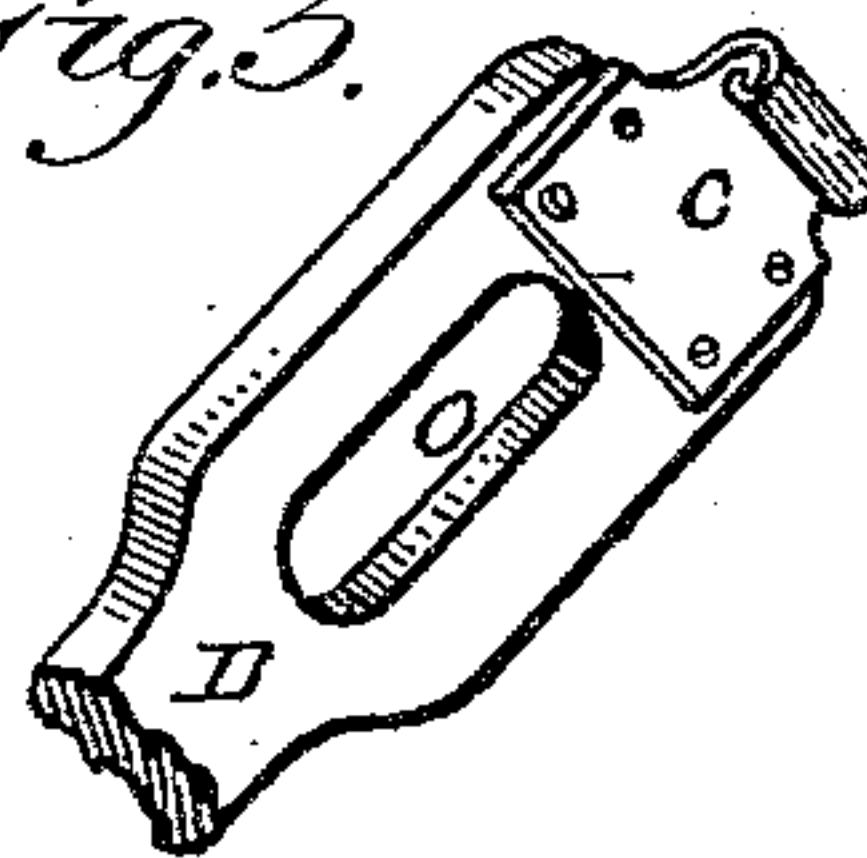
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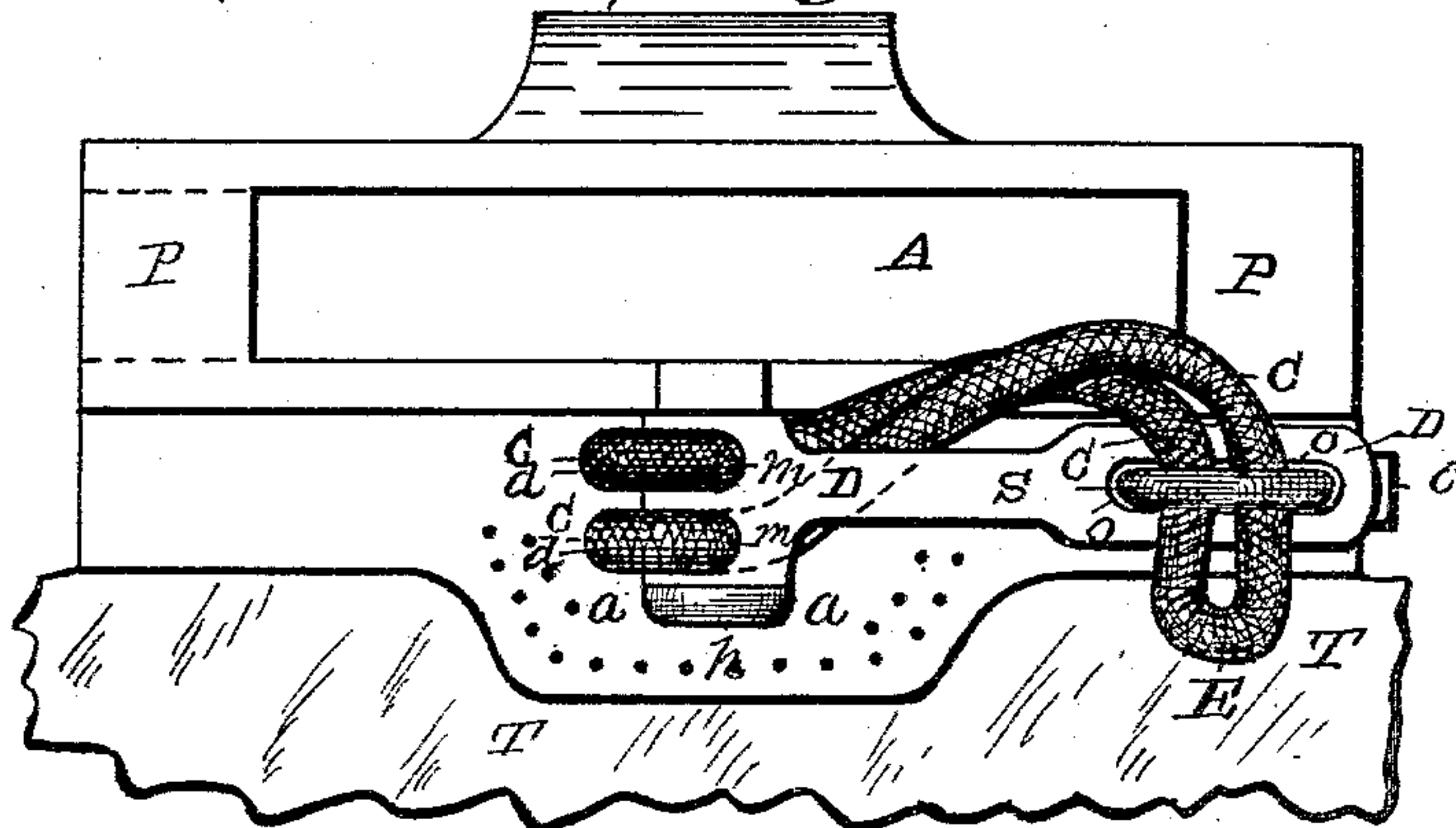
*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 5.*



*Fig. 4.*



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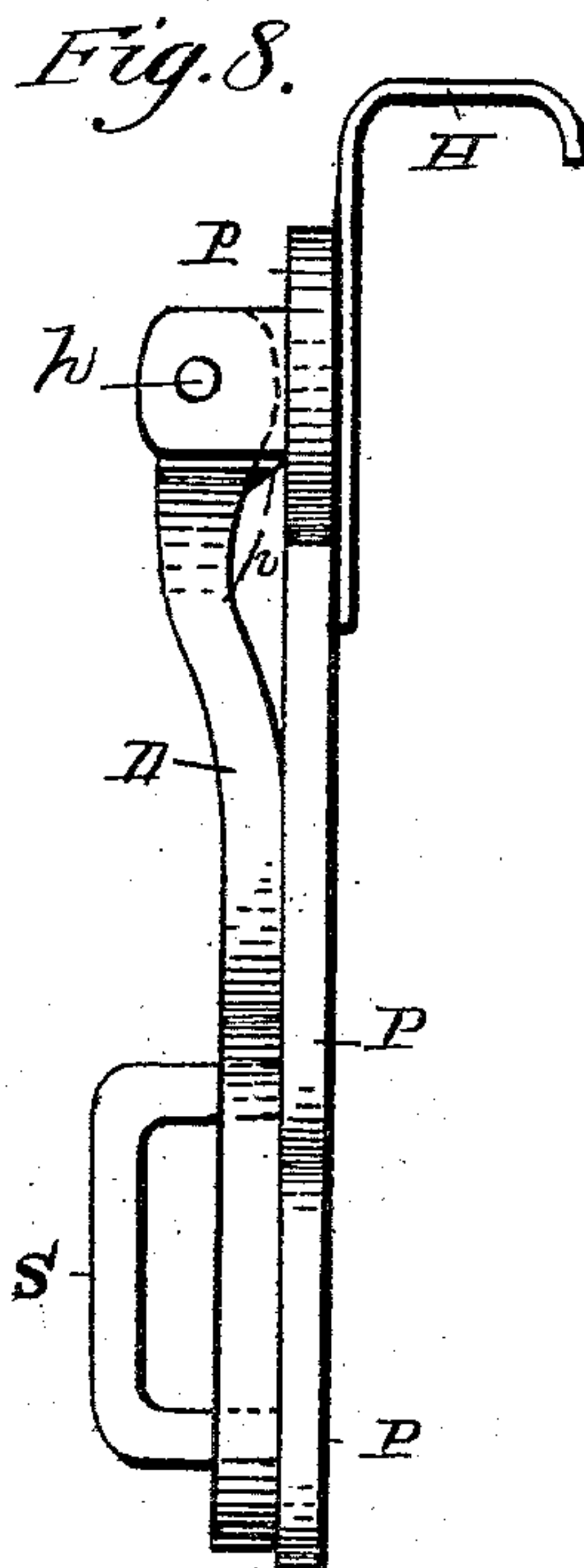
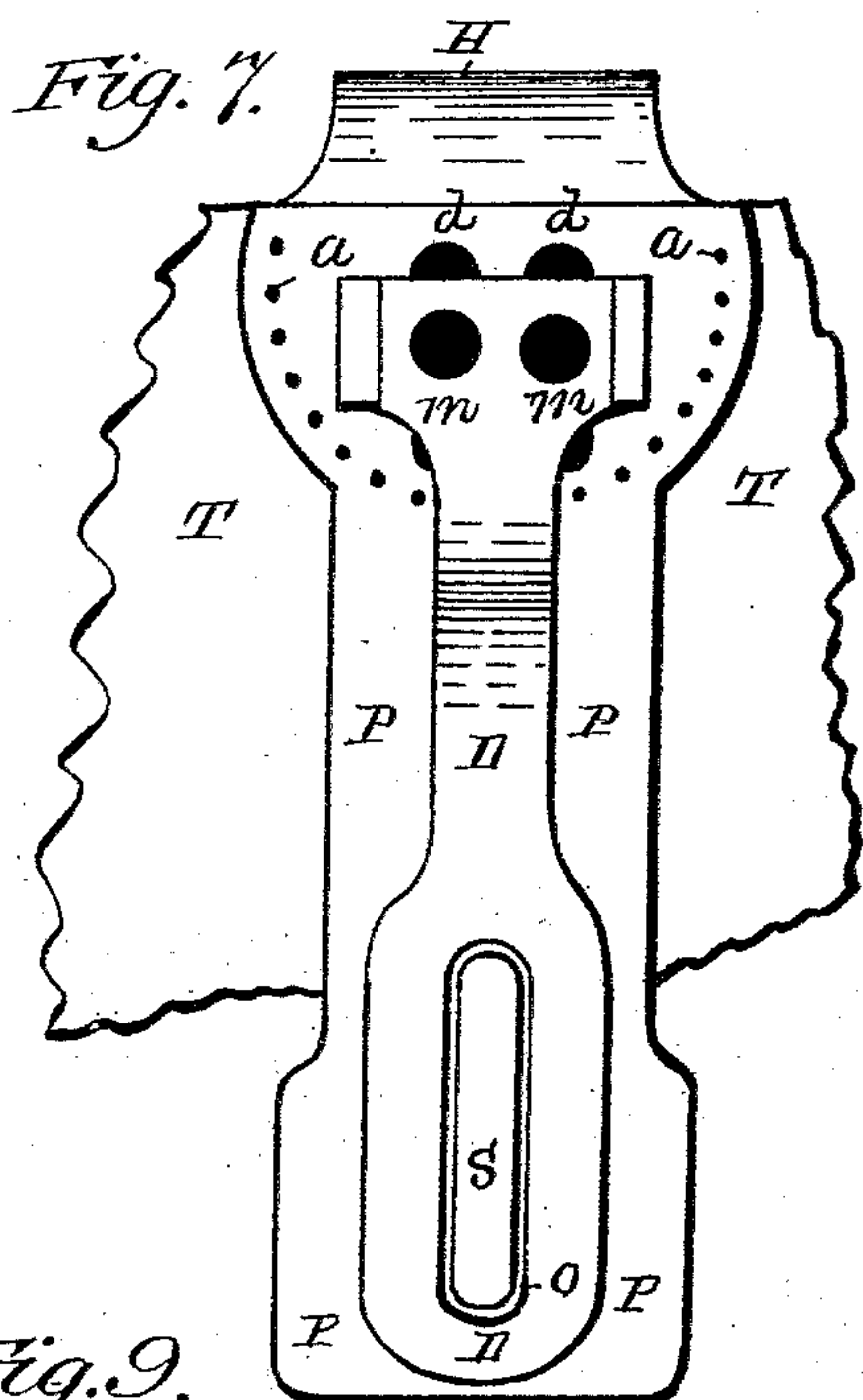
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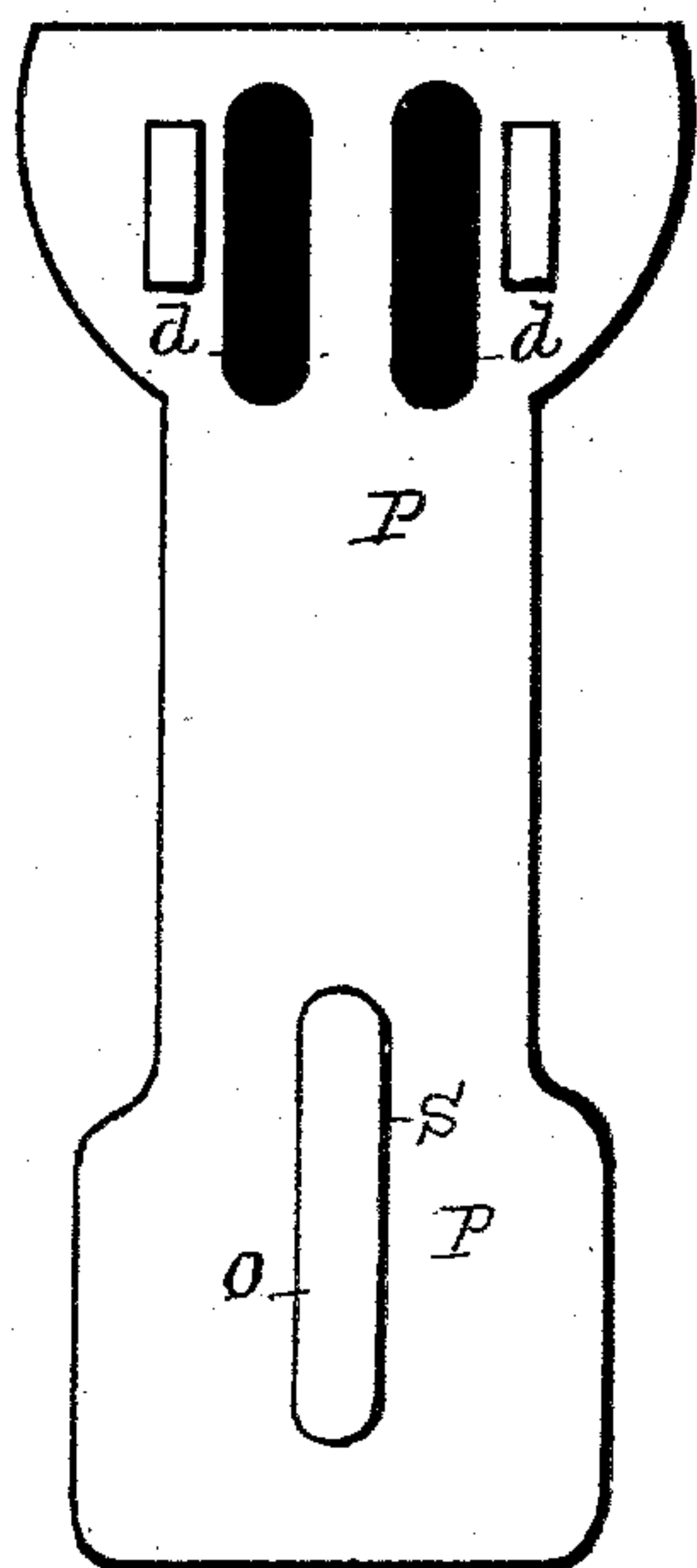
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## FASTENING FOR MAIL-BAGS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANDREW J. MORRISON, of the village of West Troy, county of Albany, and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Destination-Tag Holders and Fastenings for Mail Sacks and Pouches, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements upon that class of devices which are made to receive a destination tag, and are used to secure the filling and emptying ends of postal-sacks and mail-pouches into which mail-matter is being put while being sorted in postal cars and post-offices; and the object and purpose of my invention is to better adapt this class of devices for rapid and convenient operation when being opened and closed.

Accompanying this specification, to form a part of it, there are two plates of drawings containing nine figures illustrating my invention, with the same designation of parts by letter reference used in all of them.

Of these illustrations, Figure 1 is a top view of my improved tag holder and fastener with the cord-hasp turned down and as it is when applied to secure the cord. Fig. 2 shows an end view of the device shown at Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a top view of the device with the cord-hasp turned over and down on its pivoted connection, so as to bring what is its under surface when in position as uppermost in this illustration. Fig. 4 shows the device with the cord that closes the sack inserted in the mechanism and as secured thereby, illustrating also a part of the postal-sack. Fig. 5 shows a part of the under side of the cord-hasp, illustrating a spring-catch arranged upon its outer end. Fig. 6 shows the cord-hasp as detached from the hasp-plate, and with what is its upper surface when in use illustrated as uppermost. Fig. 7 shows a modification illustrated in a top view, and in which modification the hook by which the sack is hung up arranged upon the end of the hasp-plate instead of the side, as in the other illustrations. Fig. 8 shows a side view of the modification illustrated at Fig. 7. Fig. 9 shows a top view of the modification illustrated at Fig. 7 with the cord-hasp removed and the hook omitted.

The several parts of the apparatus thus

illustrated are designated by letter reference, and the function of the parts is described as follows:

The letter P designates the hasp plate, which is adapted to attach to one side of the top opening of a postal-sack or mail-pouch by means of rivets, as indicated at *a*.

The letter S designates a staple arranged upon one end of the hasp-plate, and *d d* designate elongated openings made in the hasp-plate for the passage of the sack-cord C.

The letter A designates a recess formed in the hasp-plate, for receiving a tag for indicating destination.

The letter H designates a hook arranged on the hasp-plate by which the opening side of the sack can be hung up when the top is closed.

The letter D indicates the cord hasp, which is hinged at its inner end to the hasp plate, as indicated at *h*, and which hasp is constructed to have on its under side, near its hinged end, the projection *p*, and at its outer end the opening O for the passage of the staple S.

The letter *c* designates a spring-catch arranged on the outer end of the hasp, by which it can be latched onto the end of the hasp-plate, and the letters *m* designate openings for the passage of the cord loop arranged therein.

The apparatus thus described is used in connection with a postal-sack, T, as follows: The ends of the sack-cord C are each passed through one of the openings *m*, made in the cord hasp, and also are each passed through one of the openings *d*, made in the hasp-plate, with the loop end E of the cord projecting from the cord-hasps, and each of the ends of the cord thus threaded through the device is attached to the top of the sack or pouch, so as to close the same when the cord on the loop end is drawn outwardly therefrom through the openings in the hasp-plate and hasp, (the latter being in part turned up on its hinged connection;) and when the sack is opened the cord is drawn back toward the sack through the openings in the hasp-plate and hasp, with the latter unlatched and free from the staple, and the cord being still threaded through the plate and hasp, with its loop end E projecting from the hasp. When it is desired to secure the sack-opening, the loop end of the cord is drawn outwardly until the opening in the sack



is closed, when the cord-hasp is forced down, so that it passes over the staple S, and the loop end of the cord is passed through the latter, as shown at Fig. 4, the projection *p* on the under side of the cord-hasp, when the latter is thus forced down, making a secure bite on the cord to hold it as thus placed, with the spring-catch *c* latching onto the end of the hasp-plate to keep it from detaching.

10 Instead of the spring-catch *c*, a lock or any other well known means may be employed to connect the end of the cord hasp with the hasp-plate.

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

1. The combination, with a draw-cord that is adapted to close the mouth of a postal-sack, substantially as described, of the hasp-plate P, 20 attached to the sack, said hasp-plate being made with the cord-passages *d d* and the staple S, and the cord-hasps D, hinged to said hasp-plate and made with the openings *m m*, staple-opening O, and the projection *p* on its under surface, said parts being constructed 25 and arranged to be operated substantially in the manner as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The combination, with a draw-cord that is adapted to close the mouth of a postal-sack, 30 substantially as described, of the hasp-plate P, attached to said sack and made with the cord-passages *d d* and staple S, and the cord-hasps D, hinged to said hasp plate and made with

the cord-passages *m m*, staple-opening O, projection *p*, and fastening *c*, said parts being 35 constructed to be operated substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. The combination, with a draw-cord that is adapted to close the mouth of a postal-sack, substantially as described, of the hasp-plate P, 40 attached to said sack and made with the tag-recess A, cord-opening *d d*, and staple S, and the cord-hasps D, hinged to said hasp-plate and made with the cord-openings *m m*, staple-opening O, and with the projection *p* on its under 45 surface, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

4. The combination, with a draw-cord that is adapted to close the mouth of a postal-sack, substantially as described, of the hasp-plate P, 50 attached to the sack and made with the hook H, cord-passages *d d*, and staple S, and the cord-hasps D, hinged to said hasp-plate and made with the openings *m m*, staple-opening O, and having the projection *p* on its under 55 surface, constructed and arranged to be operated substantially in the manner as and for the purposes set forth.

Signed at Troy, New York, this 17th day of September, 1887, in the presence of the two 60 witnesses whose names are hereto written.

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