

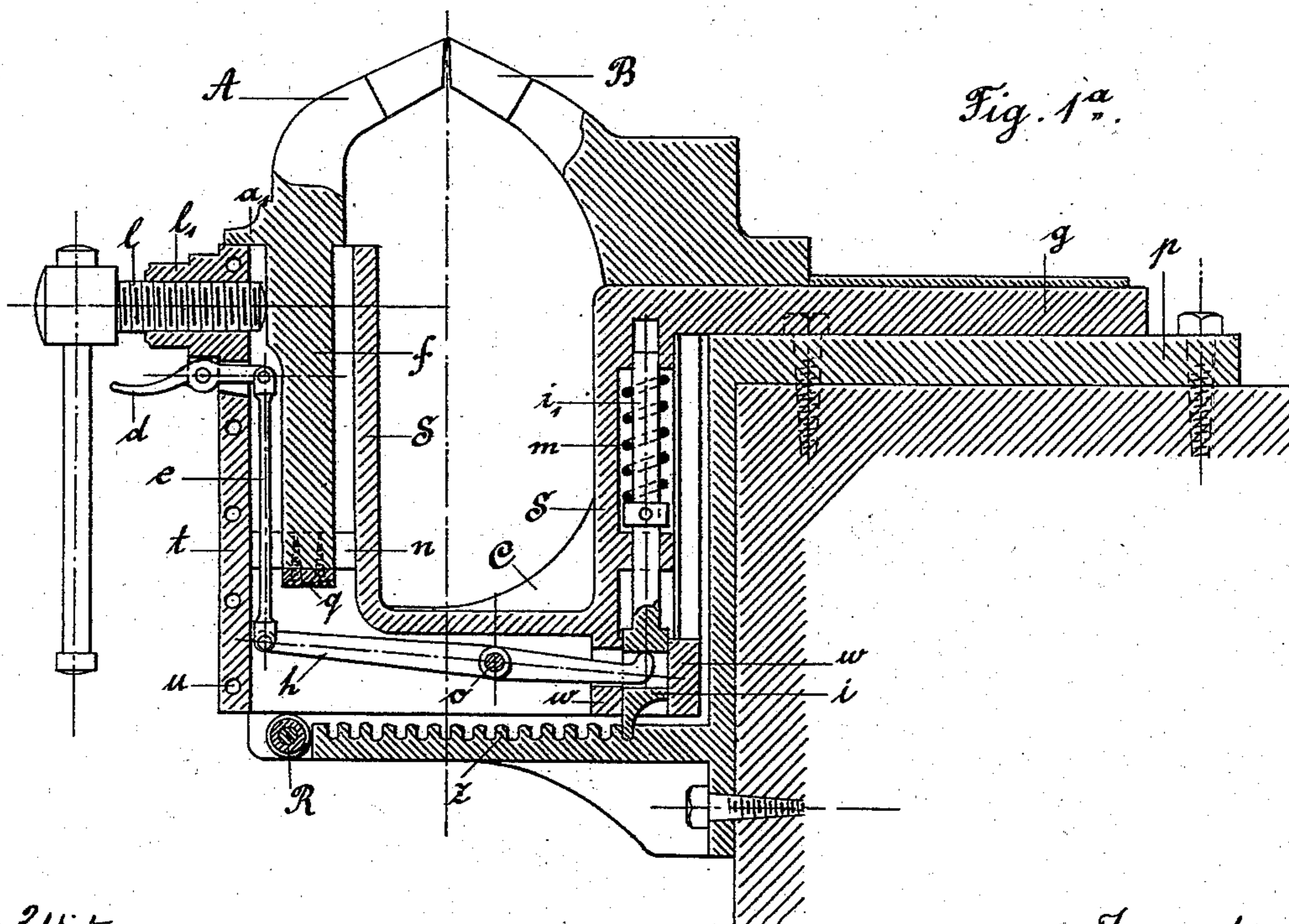
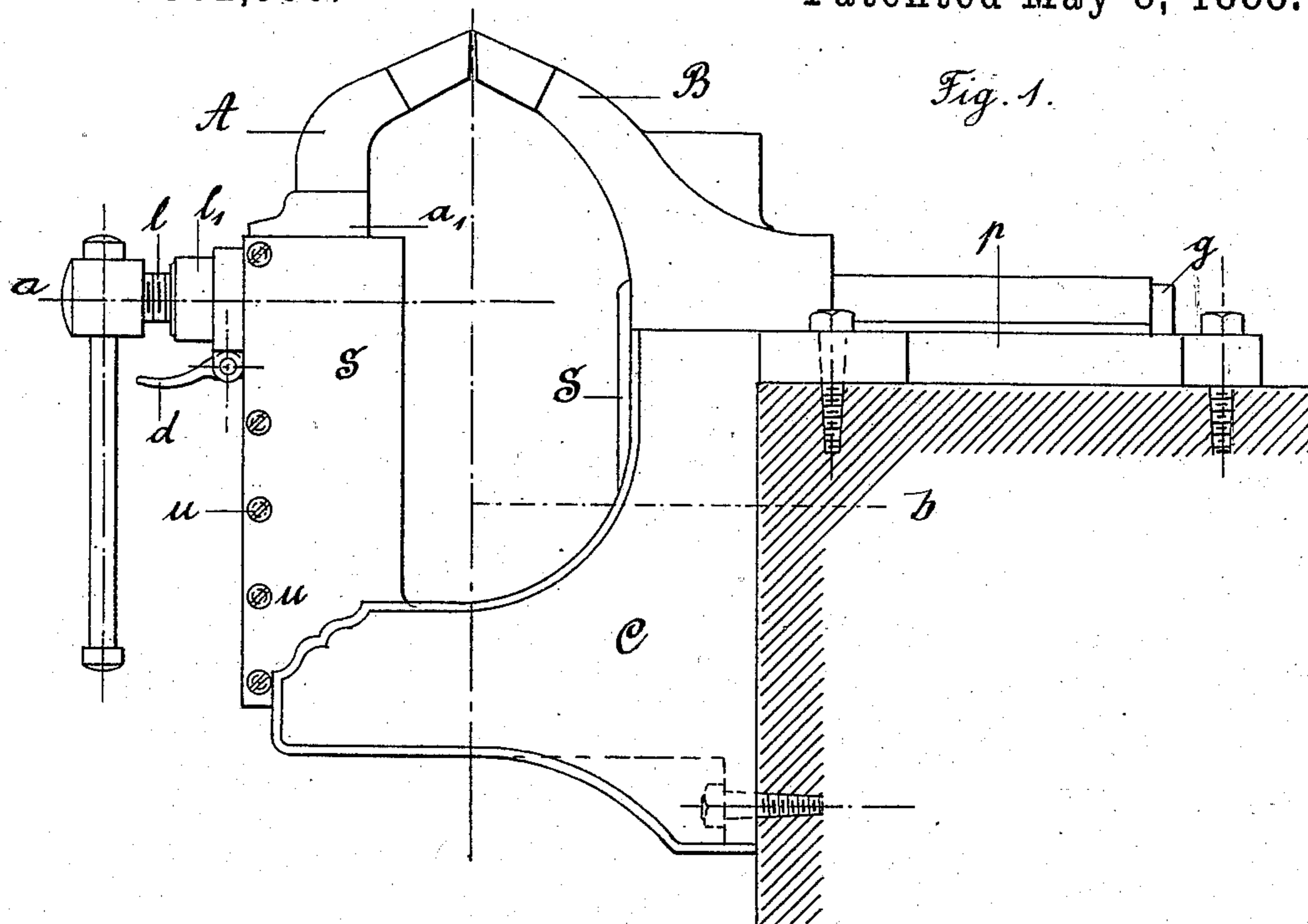
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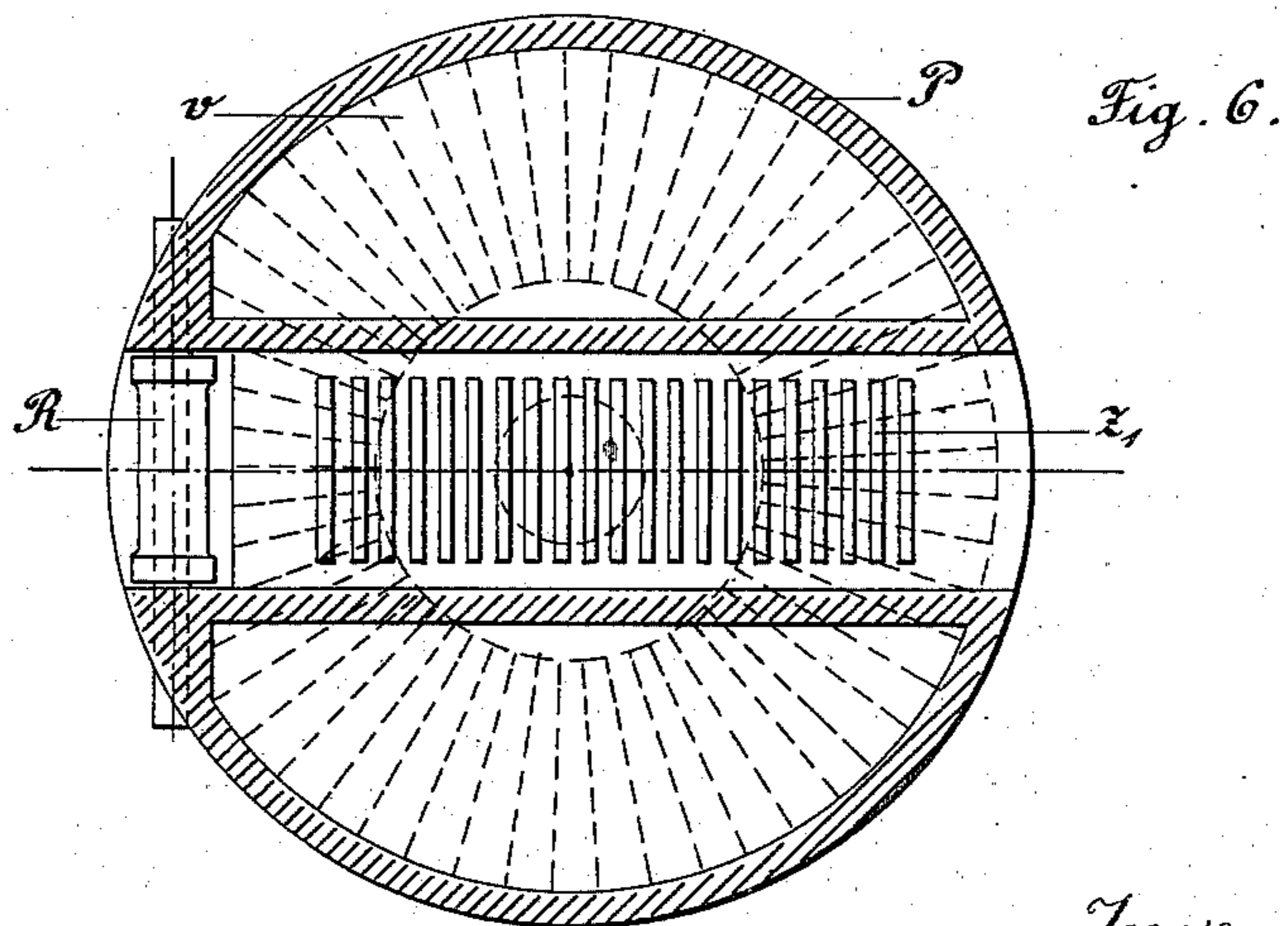
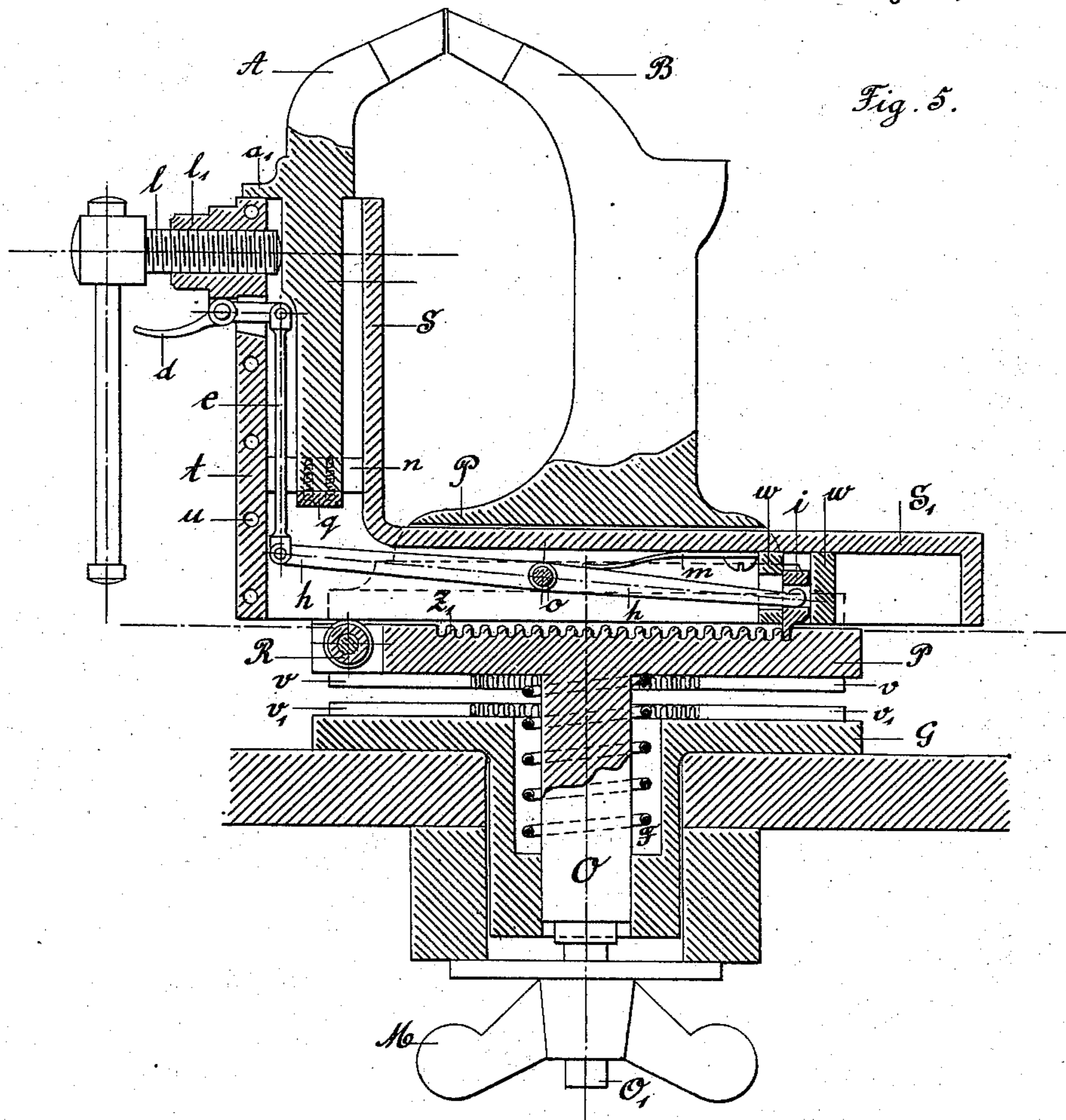
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Application filed December 7, 1886. Serial No. 220,883. (Model.) Patented in Germany November 11, 1886, No. 40,233; in Austria-Hungary November 13, 1886, No. 44,696 and No. 9,611; in France November 30, 1886, No. 169,508; in Belgium November 30, 1886, No. 75,440, and in England December 1, 1886, No. 15,684.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARL JOSEF HERMANN, a subject of the German Emperor, and a resident of Bielefeld, in Westphalia, Prussia, Germany, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Vises, (for which I have obtained Letters Patent in the German Empire, No. 40,233, dated November 11, 1886; in Great Britain, No. 15,684, dated December 1, 1886; in France, No. 169,508, dated November 30, 1886; in Belgium, No. 75,440, dated November 30, 1886, and in Austria-Hungary, No. 44,696 and No. 9,611, dated November 13, 1886,) of which the following is a specification.

15 This invention relates to vises; and its object is to provide a vise with large range of holding capacity and readily and rapidly adjustable. A further object is to enable the vise to be set at any angle in a horizontal plane.

20 To this end my invention consists in the combination of parts, as hereinafter described, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a side elevation of my improved vise fixed to the edge of a bench. Fig. 1^a is a vertical section thereof, showing interior mechanism; Fig. 2, a plan view, and Fig. 3 a front elevation thereof. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section on line *a b*, Fig. 1. Fig. 5 shows, partly in section, a modification in which the vise is made adjustable. Fig. 6 is a horizontal section on line *x y*, Fig. 5.

Like letters refer to like parts throughout the figures.

35 The vise consists, essentially, of a fixed jaw, B, and a movable jaw, A. The fixed jaw B carries a foundation-plate, *p*, by means of which it can be firmly bolted to the upper surface of the bench. To or with the said fixed jaw B is fixed or formed in a position vertically below said jaw a bracket, C, extending horizontally forward from the front of the bench, and preferably bolted thereto. Within the bracket C, and supported partly on a roller, R, journaled in the fore or outer end thereof, slides the U-shaped casing S, holding in its forward arm the movable jaw A, and also containing mechanism, hereinafter described, for fixing the position of the said jaw. The casing S carries,

also, on the upper end of its rearward arm a horizontally and backwardly extending bar, *g*, sliding in a sleeve fixed to or forming part with the foundation-plate *p* of the fixed jaw B. In the bracket C, below the casing S, is arranged a rack, *z*, into the teeth of which projects the catch *i*, supported between guiding-blocks *w w* in the casing S and operated from the finger-lever *d* through the connecting-rod *e* and balance-lever *h*, pivoted at *o*. The pin *i* is normally held in the teeth *z* by the action of a spring, such as *m*. On pressing up the lever *d* the catch *i* will be disengaged from the rack *z* and the casing S will be free to move horizontally. The movable jaw A is fitted loosely into the forearm of the casing S in such a manner that it has a free play in the direction of the opposite jaw for an amount equal at least to the pitch of the teeth of the rack *z*. The jaw A is supported partly by the collar *a'*, formed thereon, resting on the upper end of the casing S and partly on rails *n*, arranged at its lower end and fixed to the sides of the casing S. The lower end of the jaw A is adapted in shape to the rails *n*, as shown in Fig. 3, and to it is screwed the plate *q*, catching under the rails *n*, so that when another jaw is to be substituted for the jaw A the latter can be removed from the casing by first removing the plate *q*.

The jaw A is adjusted in the casing S by the spindle *l*, operated in the usual manner.

The operation of this vise is as follows: The hand is placed round the spindle *l*, the lever *d* lifted, and the casing S pulled out to a sufficient extent to admit the article to be held between the jaws. The casing S is pushed back as far as possible and the lever *d* released. The catch *i* will then fall into one of the recesses in the rack *z* and hold the casing S firmly. The spindle is then turned until the article is held sufficiently firmly between the jaws.

In the modification shown in Fig. 5 the casing S is L-shaped and the bar *g* is dispensed with. The horizontal arm of the casing S is adapted to slide in the base of the fixed jaw, the rack *z* and the roller R being placed thereunder, as shown. In Figs. 5 and 6 are further shown the means for setting the vise at any

angle in a horizontal plane. To the bench is fixed a disk, G, having in its center a cavity, in which is adapted to slide the bolt O, fixed vertically to the under surface of the frame P of the vise. The upper surface of the disk G and the under surface of the plate P are provided with corresponding equidistant radial ridges, v' and v , respectively, said ridges being adapted to lock together when the plates P and G are held together. The bolt carries a screw-spindle, O', with thumb-nut M, and is also surrounded by the helical spring F, tending to force the plates P and G apart.

In setting the vise at any angle the thumb-nut M is partly unscrewed, allowing the spring F to lift the plate P out of engagement with the plate G. The vise can now be turned to the necessary angle and the screw M screwed up. The plate P will then engage the plate G in the desired position.

What I claim is—

1. The combination of a jaw, B, having a socket in the frame thereof and a rack, z , in said socket, with an arm, S, having an extension guided in said socket, a tooth in said extension adapted to gear with said rack, lever mechanism for lifting said tooth, and a jaw, A, adjustable in said arm in a direction to and from said jaw B, for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, of a jaw, B, having a socket in the frame thereof and a rack, z , in said socket, with an arm, S, having an extension guided in said socket, a tooth in said extension adapted to gear with said rack, a spring for holding said tooth in engagement, bell-crank lever h , rod e , and lever d , for raising said tooth, a removable jaw, A, adjustable in said arm S in a direction to and from said jaw B, and screw-spindle l , for adjustment of said jaw A, in the manner set forth.

3. The combination of a jaw, B, a base, P, integral therewith, a socket in said base, an arm, S, having an extension movable in said socket, a jaw, A, in said arm, and means for relative adjustment of jaws A and B, with a spindle, O, on said base P, ribs v on said base, plate G, ribs v' on said plate, spring F, and nut M, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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