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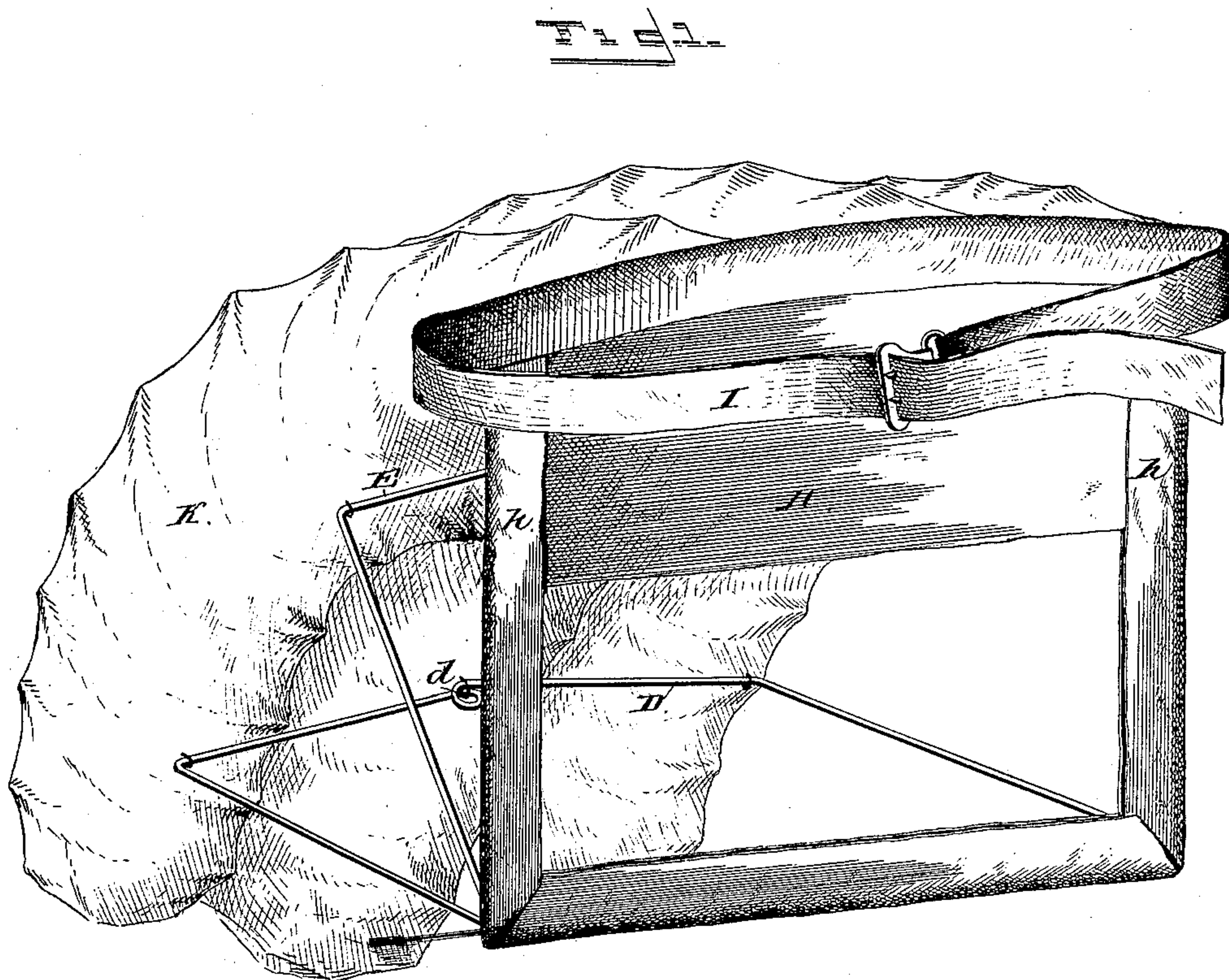
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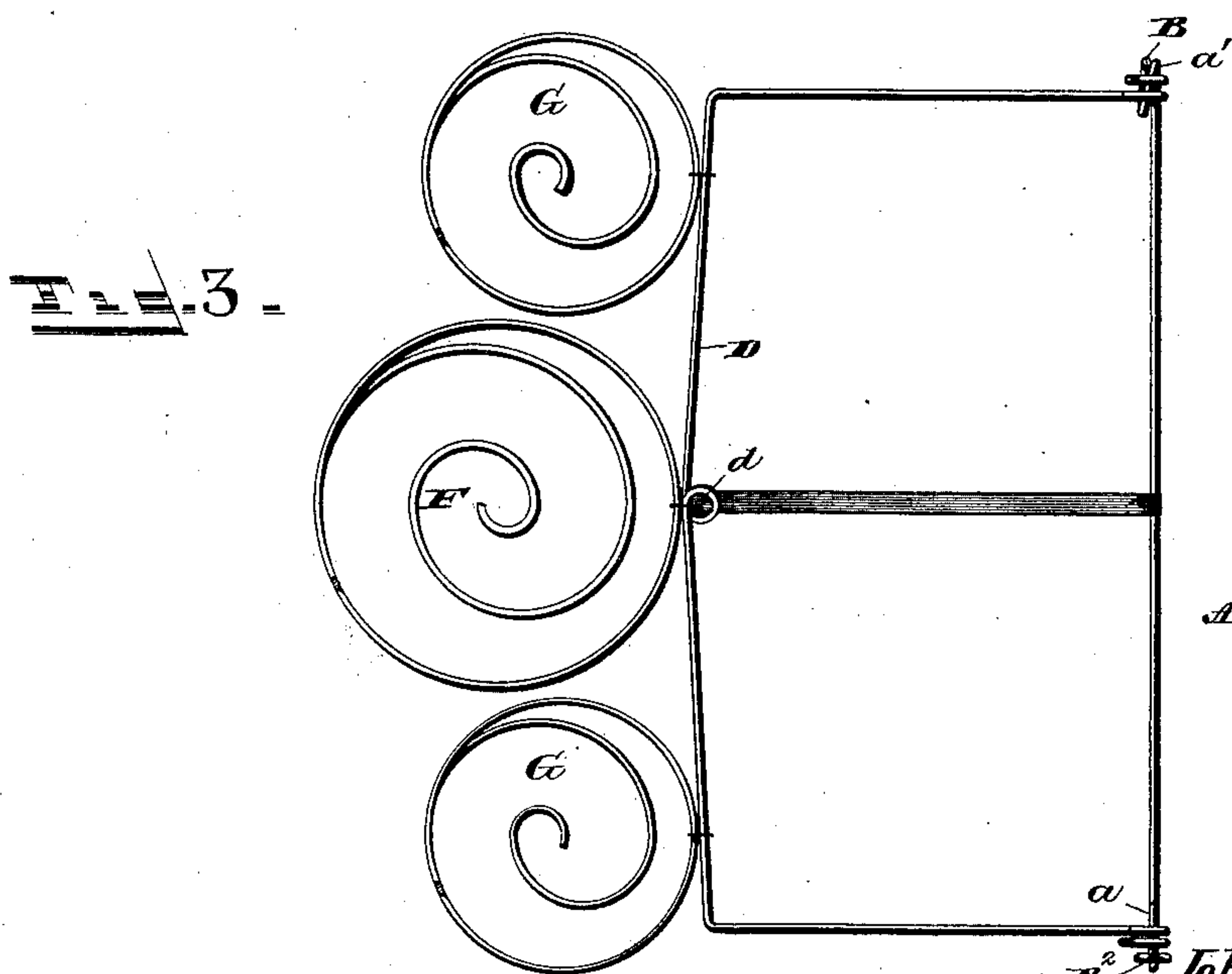
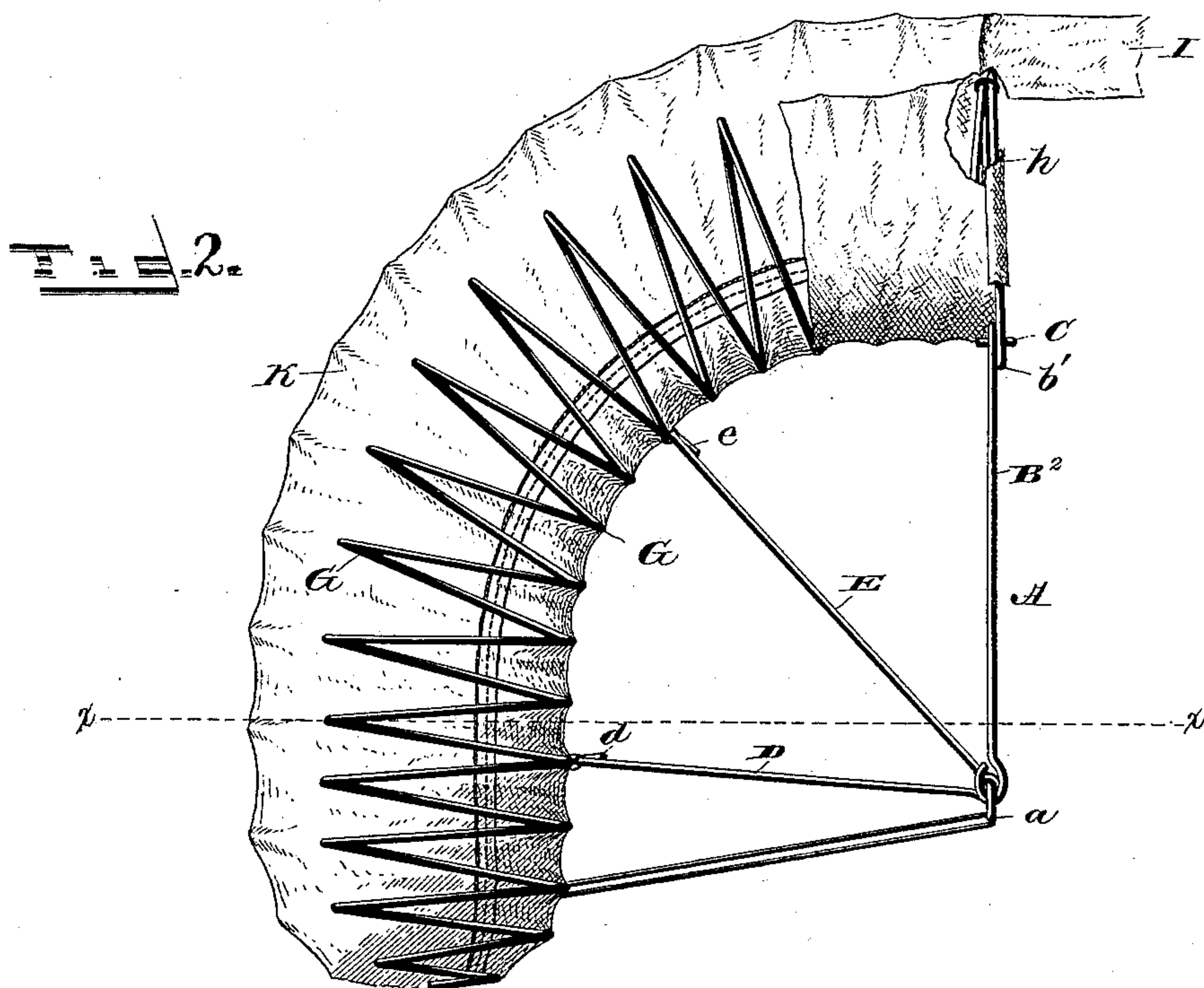
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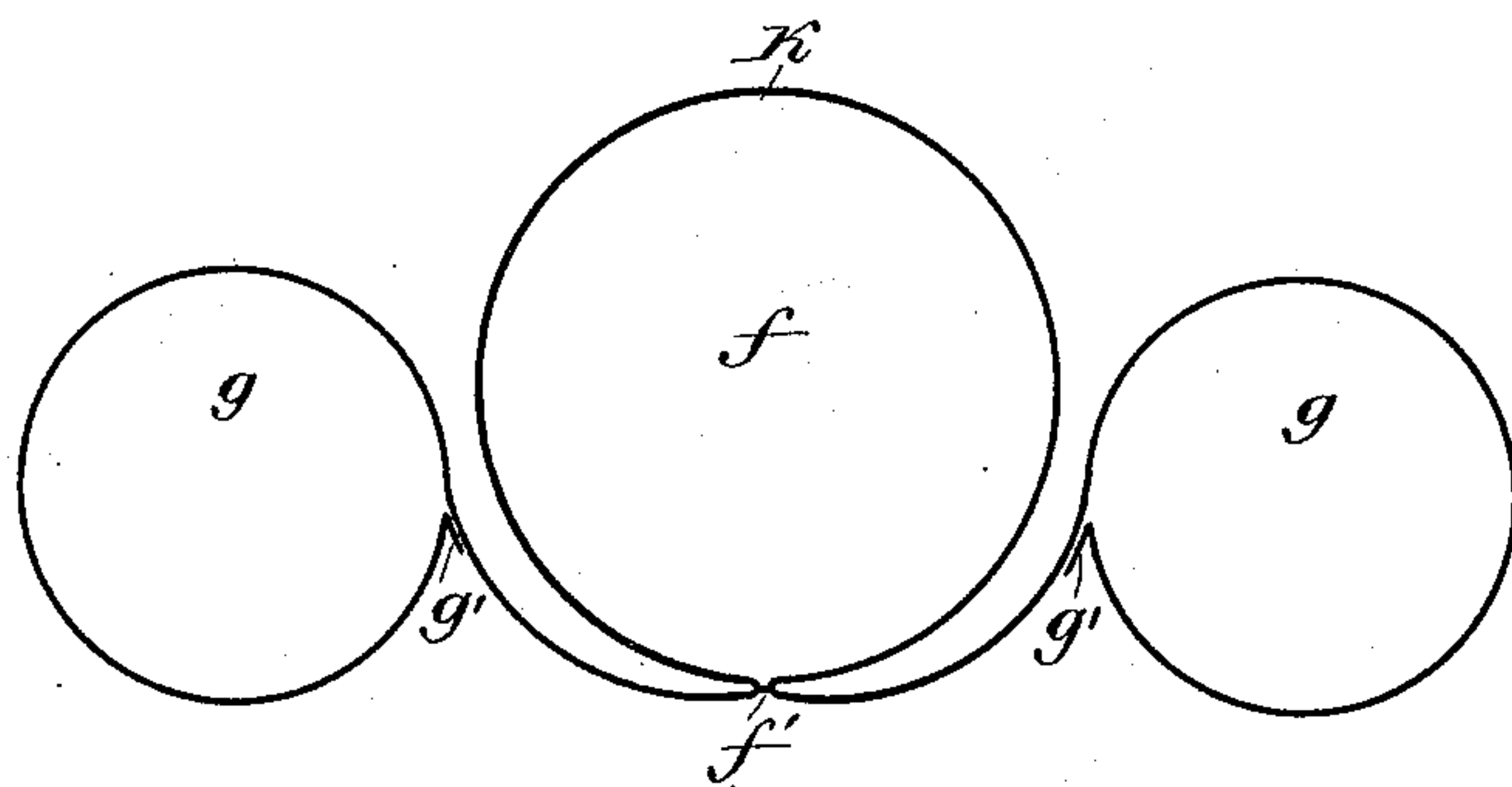
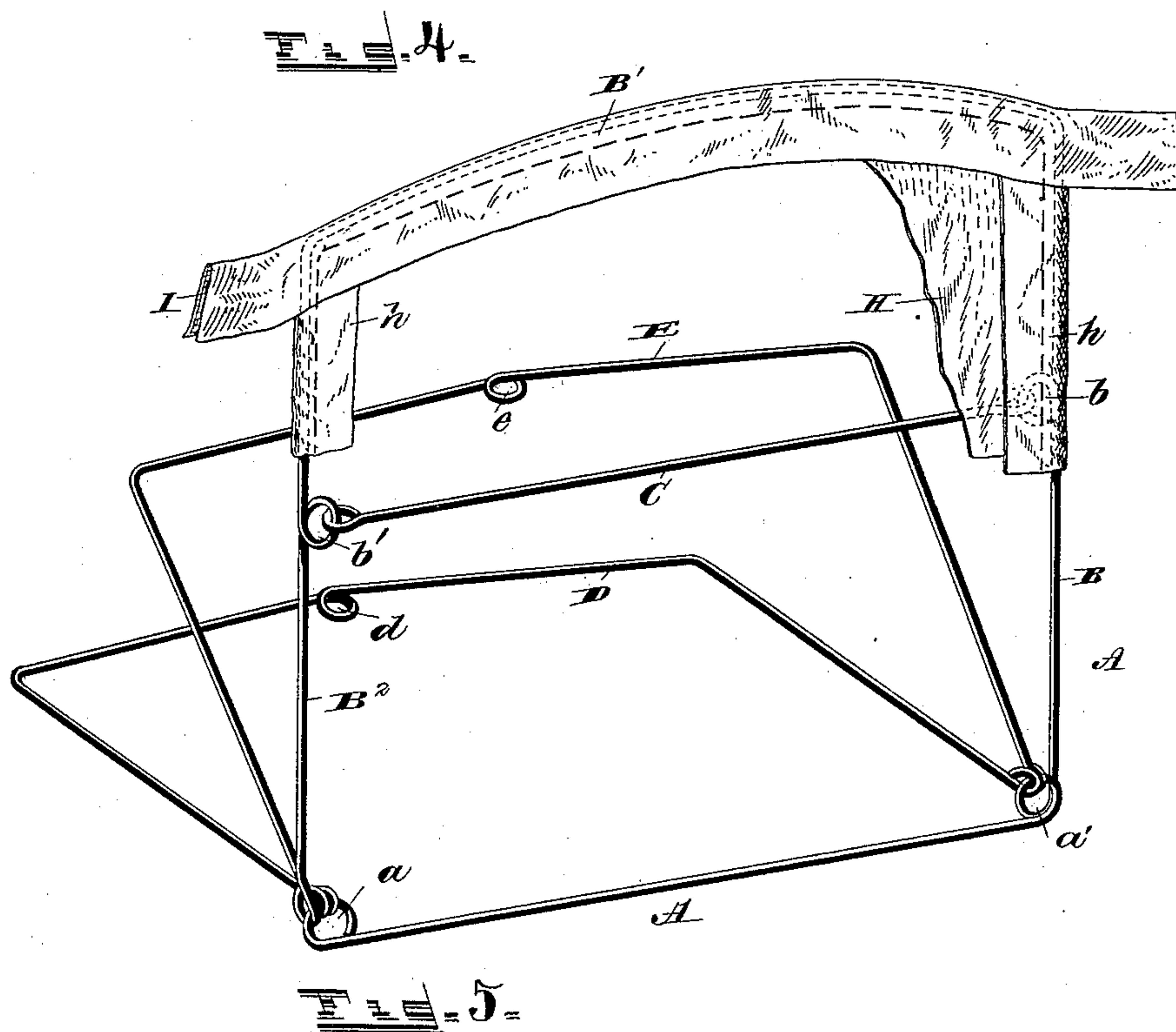
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. HOGSETT, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Dayton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bustles; and I do hereby 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.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in bustles, the object thereof being to provide a bustle or dress-support having a rigid frame, to which is attached pivoted bars to hold in position coiled or spiral springs, so that they will be held in proper shape and position and will be permitted to expand and close.

With the above ends in view my invention consists in the construction and combination of the parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved bustle. Fig. 2 is a side view of a bustle constructed in accordance with my improvements, the covering being partly removed from one of the springs. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken through the line *x x* of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the frame, and Fig. 5 is a view of the textile covering.

In the accompanying drawings, A refers to the main frame, which is made of a single piece of wire of sufficient rigidity for the purpose intended. One end of this wire is formed into an eye, *a*, from which it extends horizontally, and at a proper point, which determines the width of the frame, is bent upon itself to form an eye, *a'*, after which it is bent upwardly to form one of the side members, B, which has formed centrally an eye, *b*. The upper horizontal or transverse portion, B', of the frame A is slightly curved upwardly and outwardly, the outward curve being to fit the curve of the body of the wearer. The side wire, B², of the frame A has an eye, *b'*, and its end is looped to engage with the eye *a*. With a main frame thus constructed the upper portion may be of a greater width than the lower, and the side

members, B and B², may diverge from the lower cross-bar of the frame upwardly.

The side members, B and B², are connected to each other centrally by a cross-wire, C, the ends thereof being looped to engage with the eyes *b* and *b'*.

To the eyes *a a'* of the main frame are looped or pivoted bails D E, each of which is provided with central eyes, *d e*. The side members of the bail D are of less length than the corresponding members of the bail E above the same, so they can fold within each other.

F refers to a central coil or spiral spring of greater diameter than the side springs, G G, being secured, as will be hereinafter described, to the central portion of the upper cross-wire, B', of the frame A and to the cross-wire C, and at proper points the coil passes through the eyes *e* and *d* of the bails. One of the lower coils of this spring F is connected by tape or cord to the central portion of the lower cross-wire of the frame A in such a manner as to be adjusted by tightening or loosening the tape or cord, the tendency of the spring being to spring away from the frame.

The side springs, G G, are of less diameter than the central spring, being secured to the top cross-wire, B', and bails E and D, the securing means being either loops of cords or stitches, which may also assist in holding in place the covering of textile fabric.

The bails E and D may have eyes formed therein for the attachment thereto of the springs G G in the same manner as spring F.

The frame A is covered by a strip of textile fabric, *h*, which also covers the edges of three sides of a piece of flexible material, H, which extends below the cross-wire C. This covering prevents the metal from coming in contact with the wearer's wearing-apparel. A belt, I, is securely stitched to the upper portion of the frame.

The springs F G G are inclosed by a single piece of fabric, K, which is folded and stitched to form pockets *f g g*, the pocket *f* being formed by stitching the central portion of the fabric, as shown at *f'* in Fig. 4, the edges, after being turned, secured by lines of stitches *g' g'*. At suitable points threads or cords are passed through the fabric, around the coils of the springs, and over the frame or bails thereof, so as to secure the springs and bails to each

other. The central spring is secured to the eyes *c* and *d*. The upper end of the fabric is turned over upon the ends of the upper coils of the springs F G G and secured, while the lower ends of the pockets, especially of the outer springs, are closed.

The bustle hereinbefore described will readily close when the wearer sits down, and is sufficiently rigid to properly support the dress. The ends of the wire are all covered, so as not to tear or rub the garments. The fabric cover K not only limits the movement of the bails and protects the springs, but also prevents the side springs separating laterally.

What I claim as new is—

The combination, in a bustle, of the rectangular frame A, having a cross-wire, C, and eyes

a a', bails E and D, having central eyes, the ends of said bails being pivotally secured to the eyes *a a'*, longitudinal springs secured to the upper portion of the frame A and to the cross-wire C, and an adjusting strap or loop connected to the lower cross-wire of the frame and to the central longitudinal spring below the lower bail, and a covering for the springs and frame, substantially as shown, and for the purpose set forth.

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

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