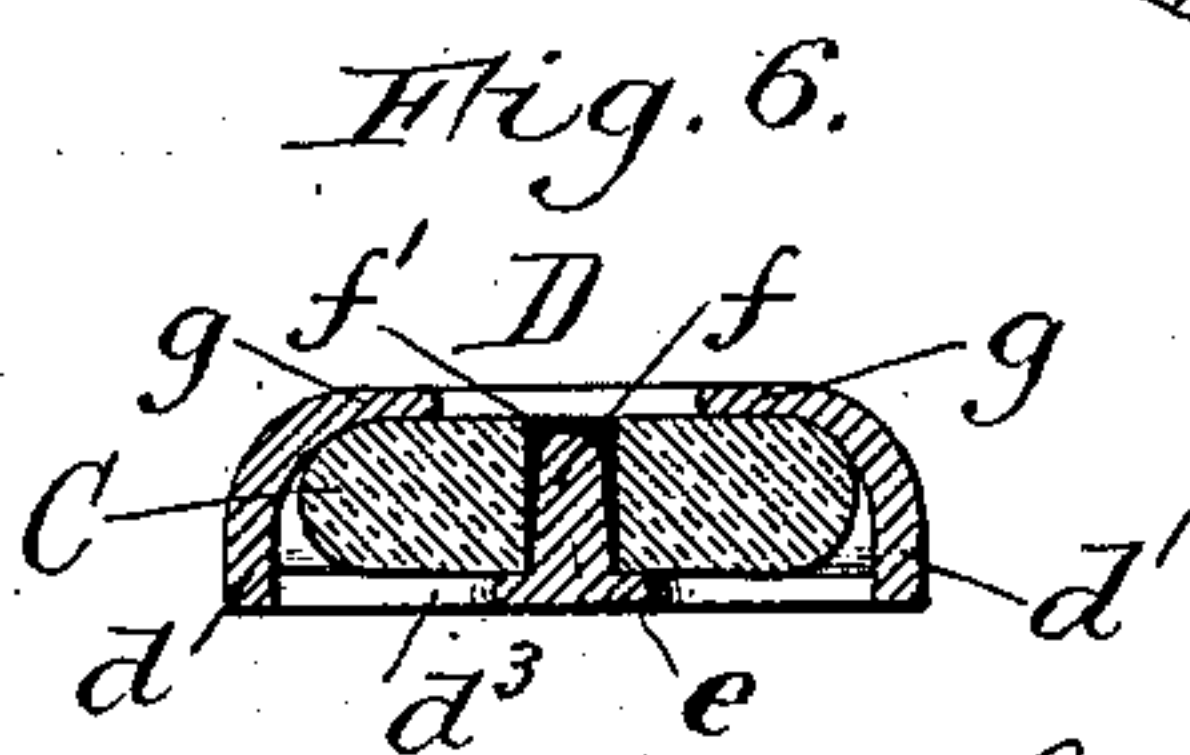
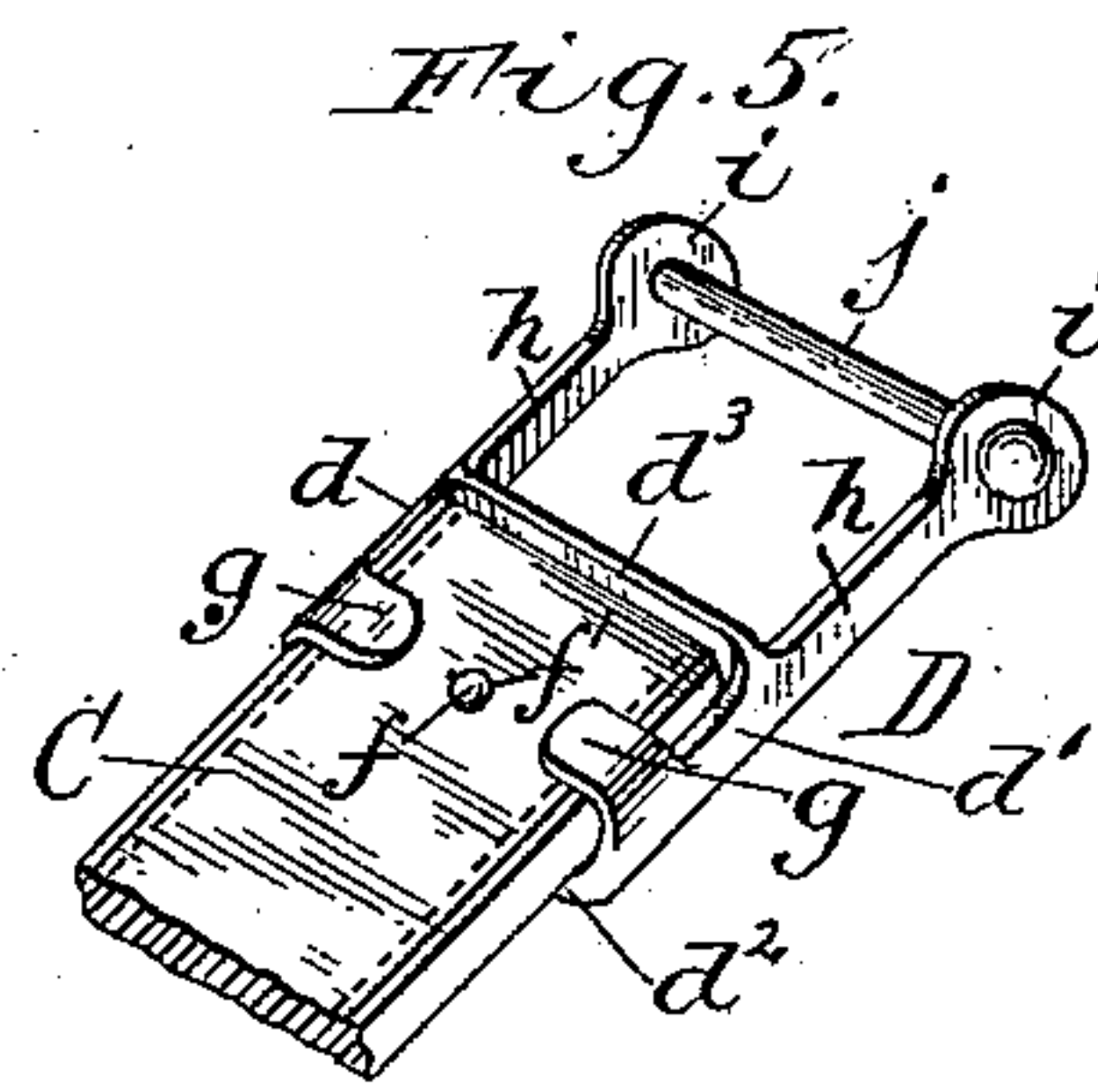
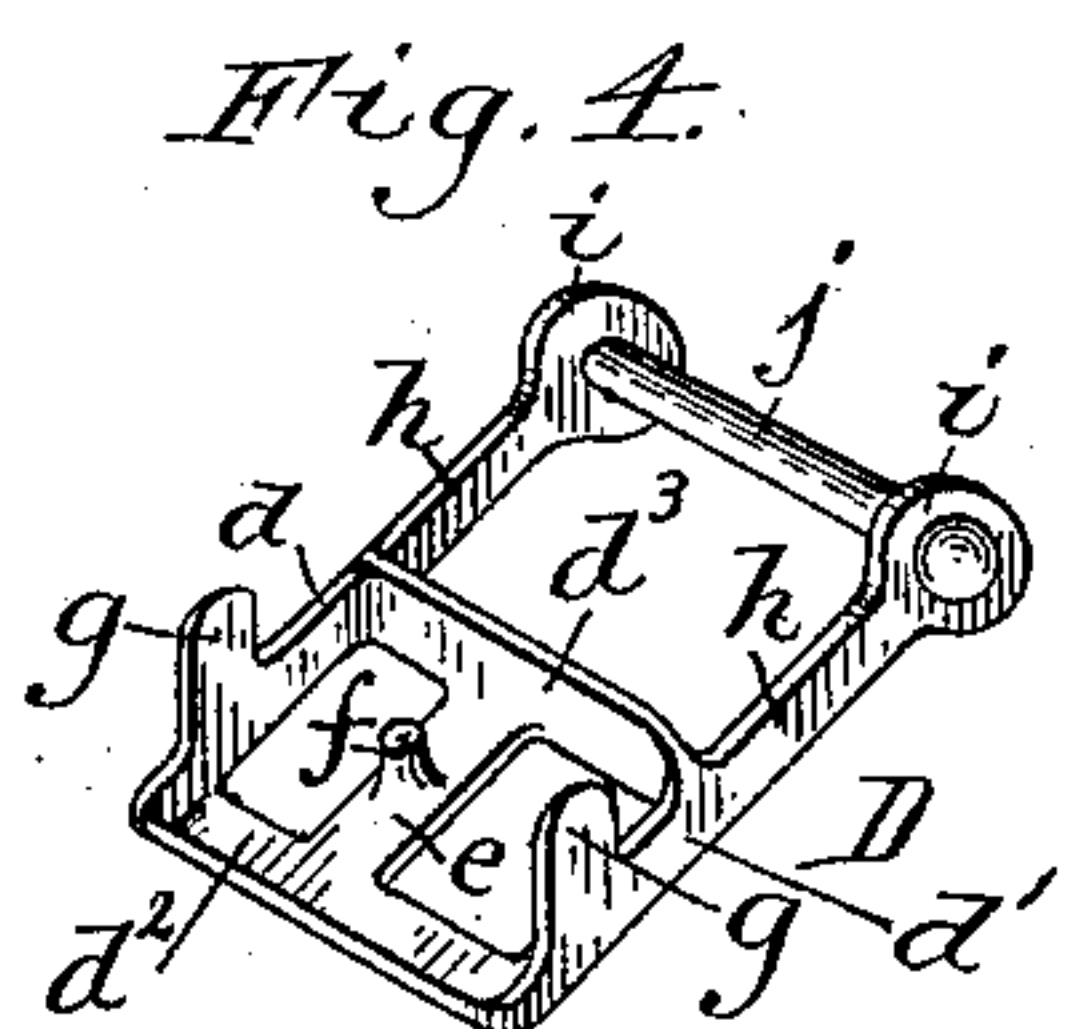
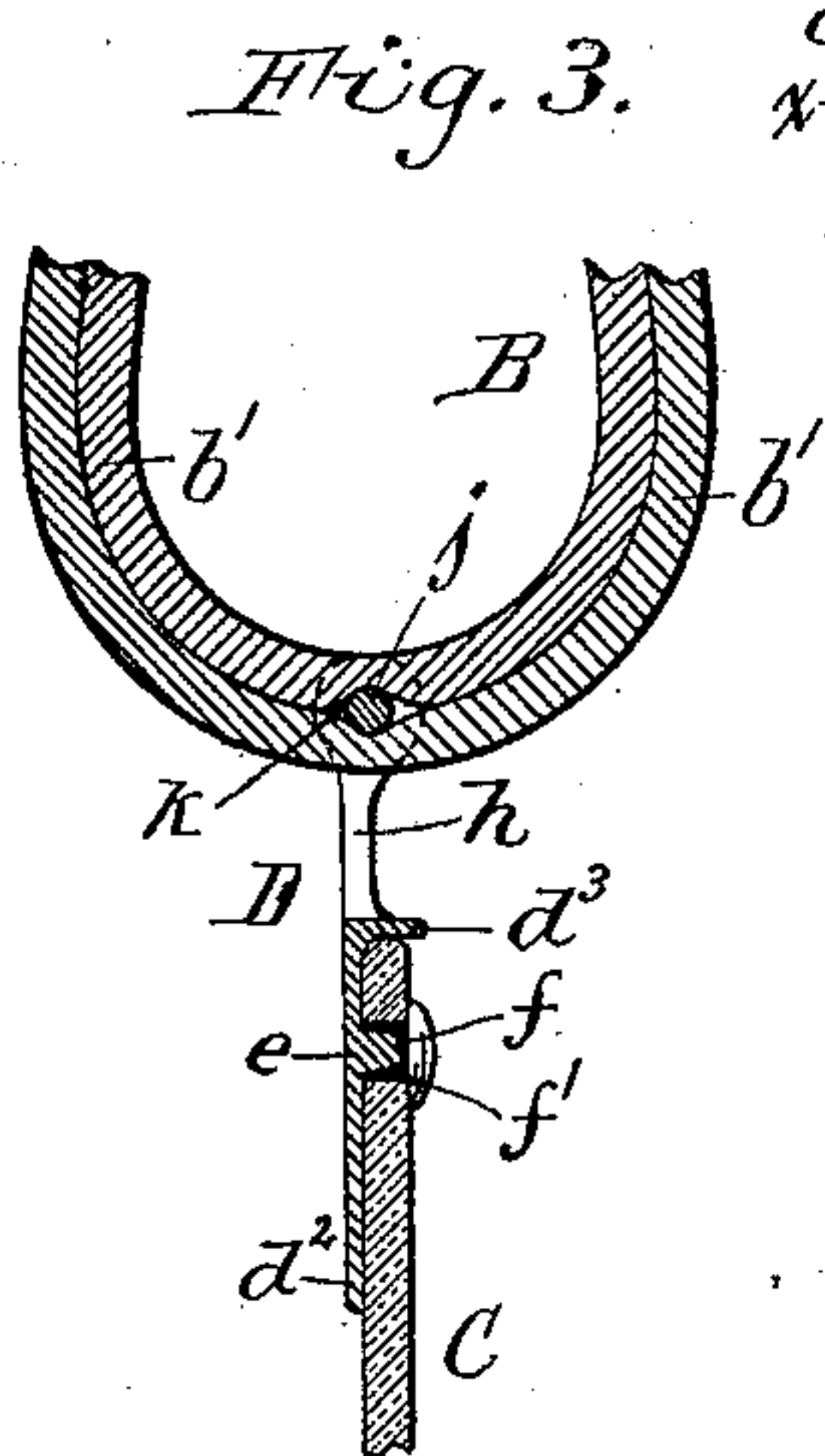
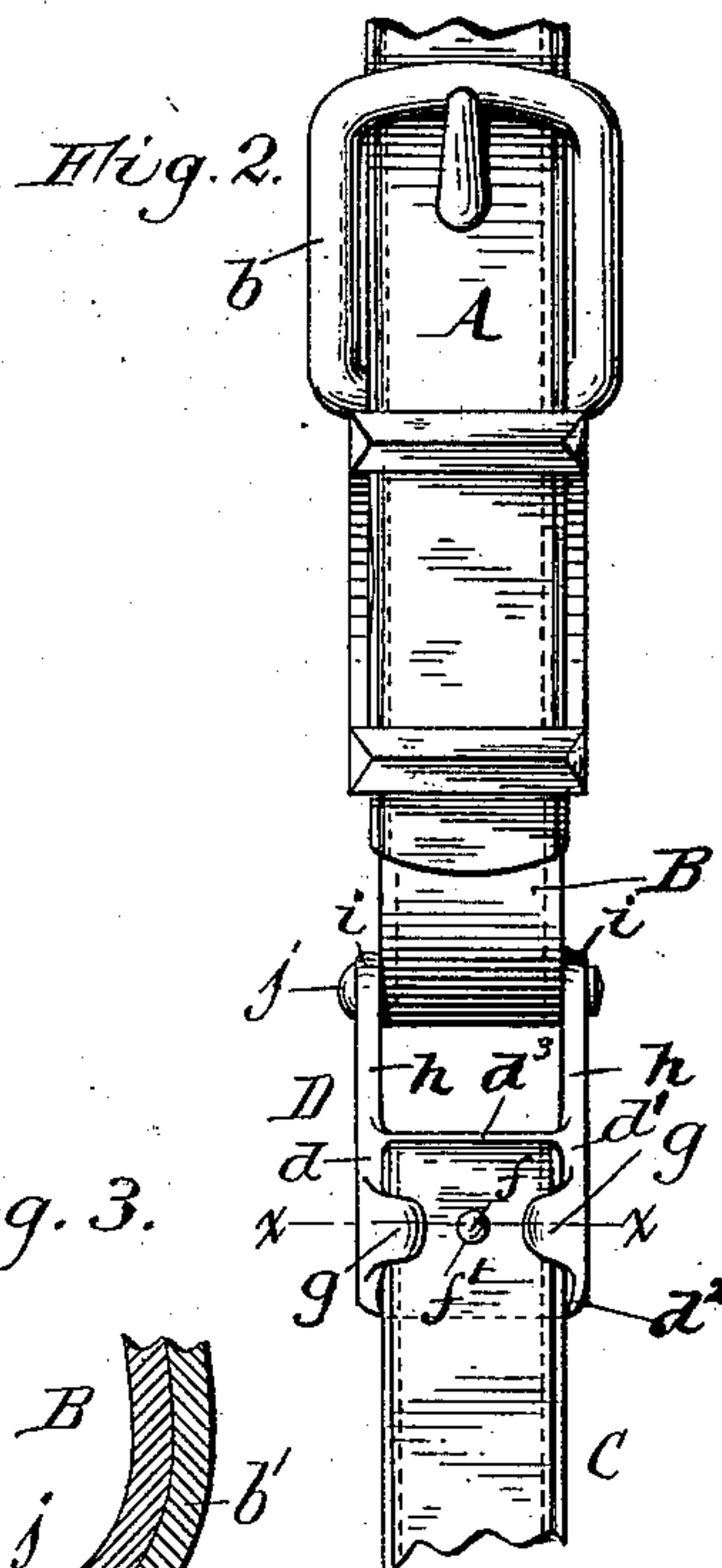
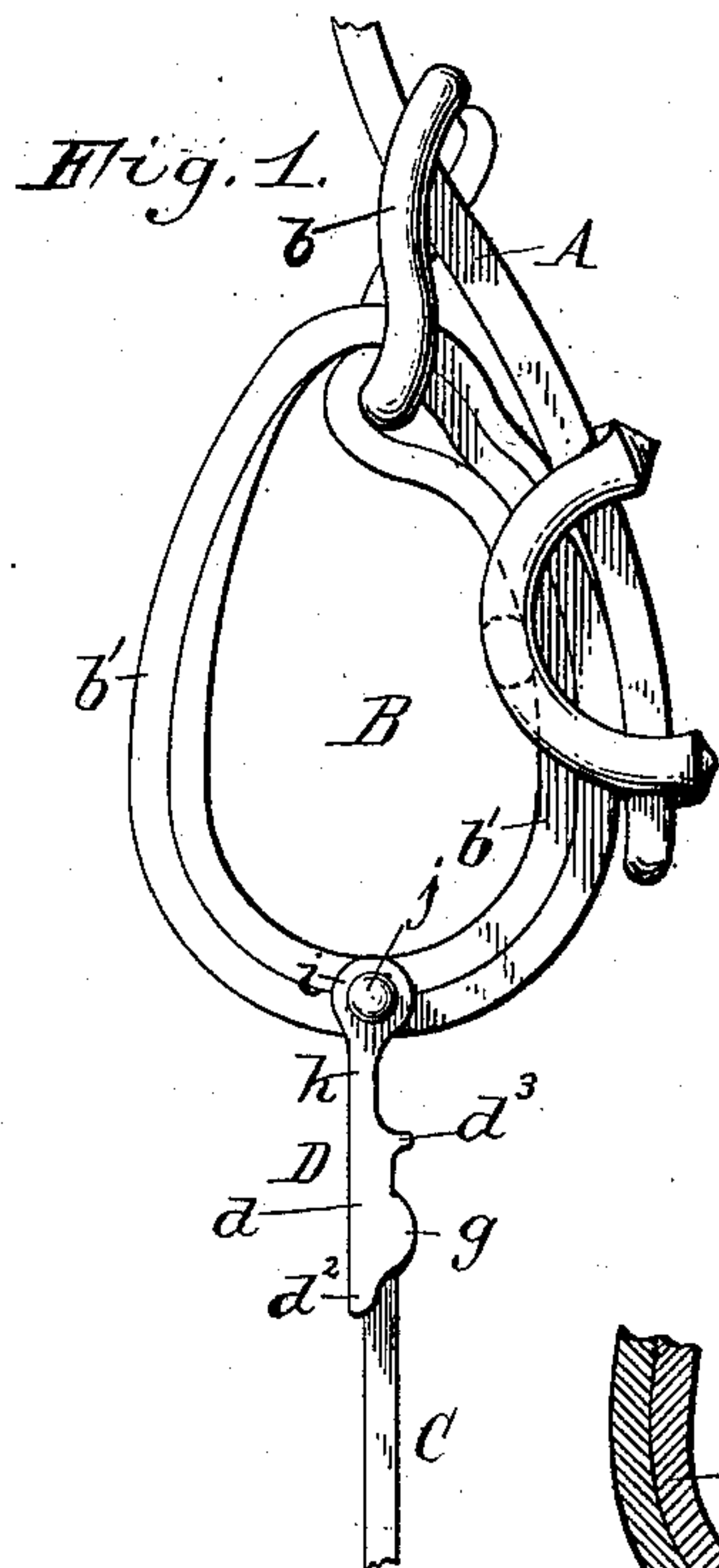


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LESLIE HEWITT, of Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Harness-Couplings, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a harness-coupling which is more particularly designed for connecting the ends of the belly-band to the thill-loops, which are supported by the side straps attached to the saddle.

The object of my invention is to produce a simple and inexpensive coupling which can be attached to the belly-band and thill-loop without sewing; and the invention consists of the improvements which will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a thill-loop provided with my improved coupling. Fig. 2 is a front view thereof. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of a coupling and a portion of the thill-loop and belly-band billet. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the coupling detached. Fig. 5 is a similar view with the belly-band billet attached to the coupling. Fig. 6 is a cross-section of the coupling in line *x x*, Fig. 2, on an enlarged scale.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts in the several figures.

A represents the strap attached to the saddle, and B is the thill-loop, which is attached to the lower portion of the strap A by a buckle, *b*, or in any other suitable manner. The thill-loop B is constructed of two or more layers of leather, *b'*, in the usual manner.

C represents the belly-band billet, and D is the coupling whereby the billet C is attached to the thill-loop B. The coupling D consists of a rectangular frame composed of side bars, *d d'*, and connecting-bars *d<sup>2</sup> d<sup>3</sup>*.

*e* represents a cross-bar connecting the bars *d<sup>2</sup> d<sup>3</sup>* and arranged midway between the side bars, *d d'*.

*f* is a projecting stud or tongue formed on or secured to the front side of the cross-bar *e* and adapted to enter a hole, *f'*, formed near the end of the billet C. The side bars, *d d'*, and bar *d<sup>3</sup>* are raised above the end bar, *d<sup>2</sup>*, and the intermediate cross-bar, *e*, so as to form a rectangular depressed seat, in which the end

of the billet is confined, as represented in Figs. 4 and 5.

*g g* represent inwardly-projecting lips or ears formed on the side bars, *d d'*, about in line with the tongue *f* and overlapping the lateral or longitudinal edges of the billet, so as to confine the latter in its seat and prevent the same from becoming disengaged from the tongue *f*.

The lips or ears *g g* are cast upon the side bars, *d d'*, in an upright position, or nearly so, as shown in Fig. 4. The belly-band billet is attached to the coupling by engaging its opening over the tongue *f* and then bending or clinching the lips *g g* inwardly against the outer face of the billet, as clearly shown in Figs. 2, 5, and 6.

The opening *f'* in the billet C is so arranged that the end of the billet will abut against the intermediate bar, *d<sup>3</sup>*, when the billet is attached to the coupling.

*h h* represent two parallel arms or extensions formed with the side bars, *d d'*, and forming continuations of the latter. The extensions *h h* are provided at their upper ends with perforated ears or enlargements *i i*, through which passes a transverse pin or rivet, *j*, which latter is inserted into the space or opening *k* between the layers of leather constituting the thill-loop. In attaching the coupling to the thill-loop the rivet *j* is removed from the coupling, and the arms or extensions *h h* are placed on opposite sides of the lower portion of the thill-loop with their perforations in line with the opening between the layers of the loop. The rivet *j* is then passed through the perforated ears of the arms *h h*, and the opening between the layers of the loop and the rivet is headed, so as to hold the same in place in the coupling. In this manner the coupling is readily attached to the thill-loop and belly-band without sewing. This construction permits the thill-loop to be made complete before attaching the coupling thereto, and thus avoids the inconvenience experienced by employing an ordinary coupling-loop formed in one piece, and which must be attached to the thill-loop before the leather layers of the latter are sewed together.

It is obvious that the cross-bar *e*, which car-



ries the tongue *f*, may be constructed in the form of a base-plate, which closes the entire bottom of the rectangular frame of the coupling.

5 I claim as my invention—

1. A harness-coupling consisting of a rectangular frame composed of end bars and side bars having inwardly-projecting lips *g*, a base-plate or cross-bar, *e*, a stud or tongue, *f*,  
10 arranged on said base-plate or cross-bar, and arms *h*, *h*, connected by a pin or cross-bar, substantially as set forth.

2. A harness-coupling consisting of a rectangular frame having raised side bars, *d* *d'*,  
15 provided with inwardly-projecting lips *g*, a depressed end bar, *d*<sup>2</sup>, and a raised intermediate bar, *d*<sup>3</sup>, a depressed cross-bar, *e*, a projecting stud or tongue, *f*, formed on said cross-bar, arms or extensions *h*, having perforated  
20 enlargements *i*, and a transverse pin or rivet passing through said perforated enlargements, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, with a thill-loop and belly-band billet, of a coupling composed of a rectangular frame having end bars and side  
25 bars provided with inwardly-projecting lips *g*, overlapping the edges of the billet, a base plate or bar, *e*, having a projecting tongue, *f*, entering an opening formed in the billet, arms or extensions *h*, formed in said side bars  
30 and provided with perforations, and a transverse pin or rivet passing through said perforations and arranged between the layers of leather forming the thill-loop, substantially as set forth.

Witness my hand this 30th day of April, 35  
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