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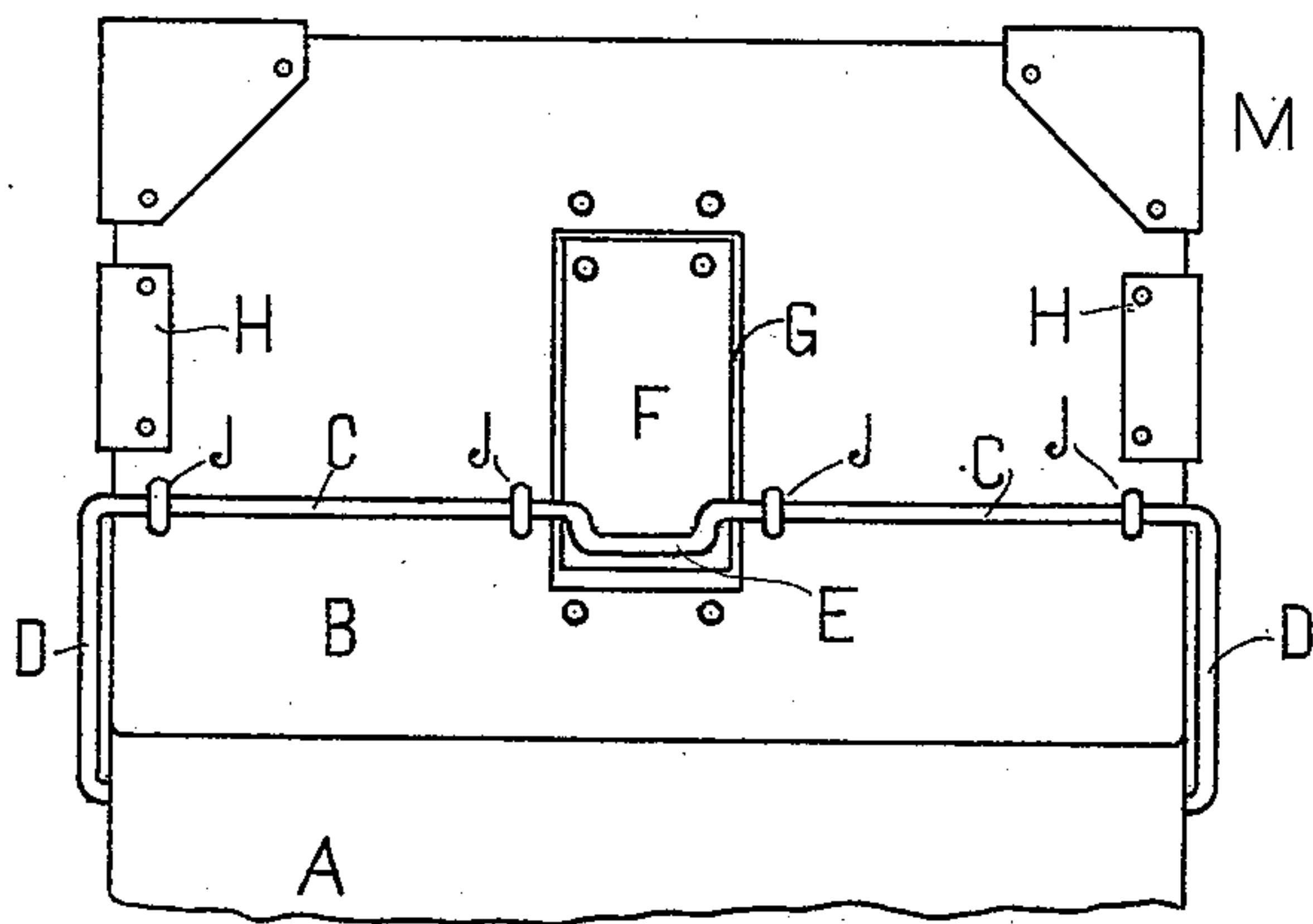


FIG. 1.

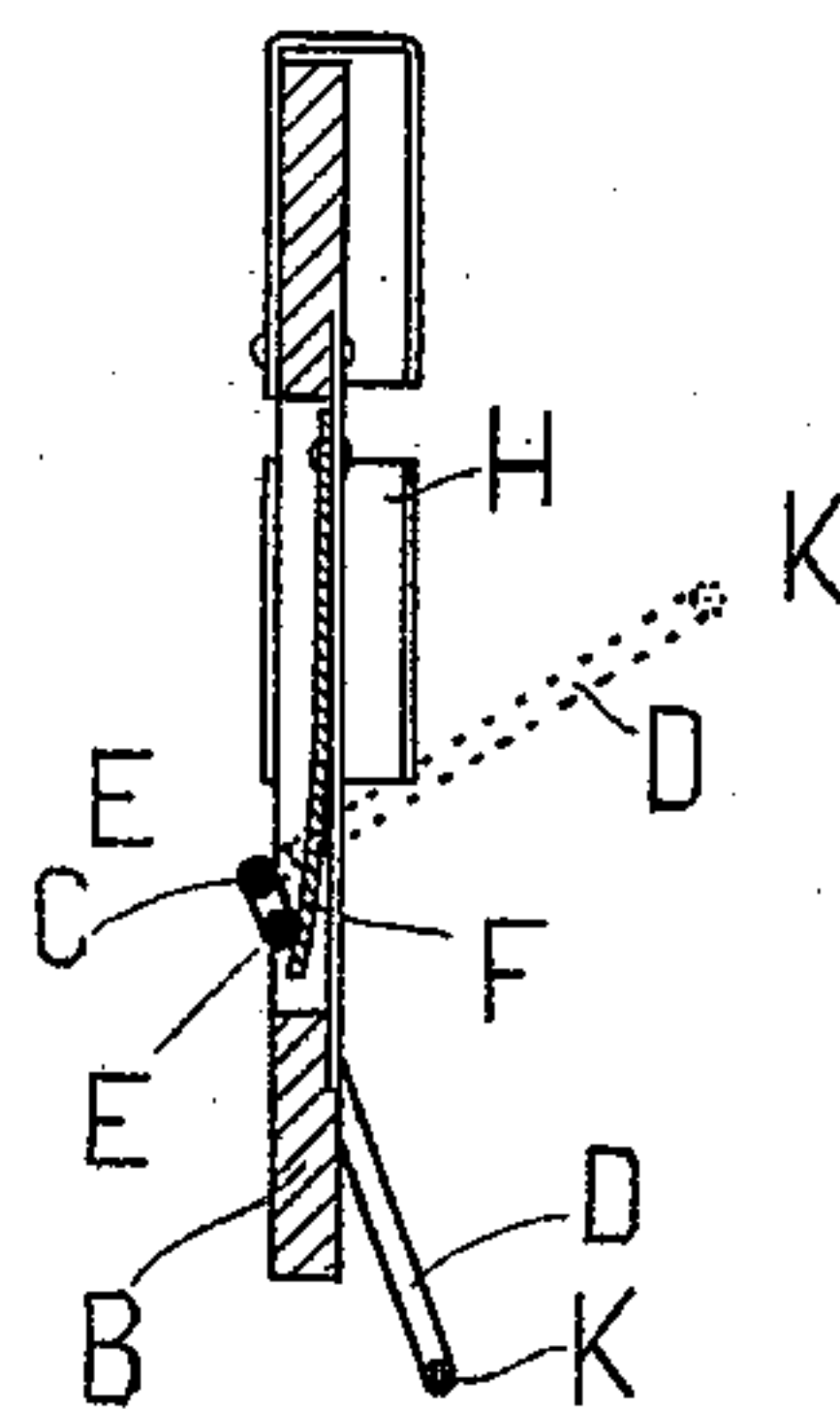


FIG. 2.

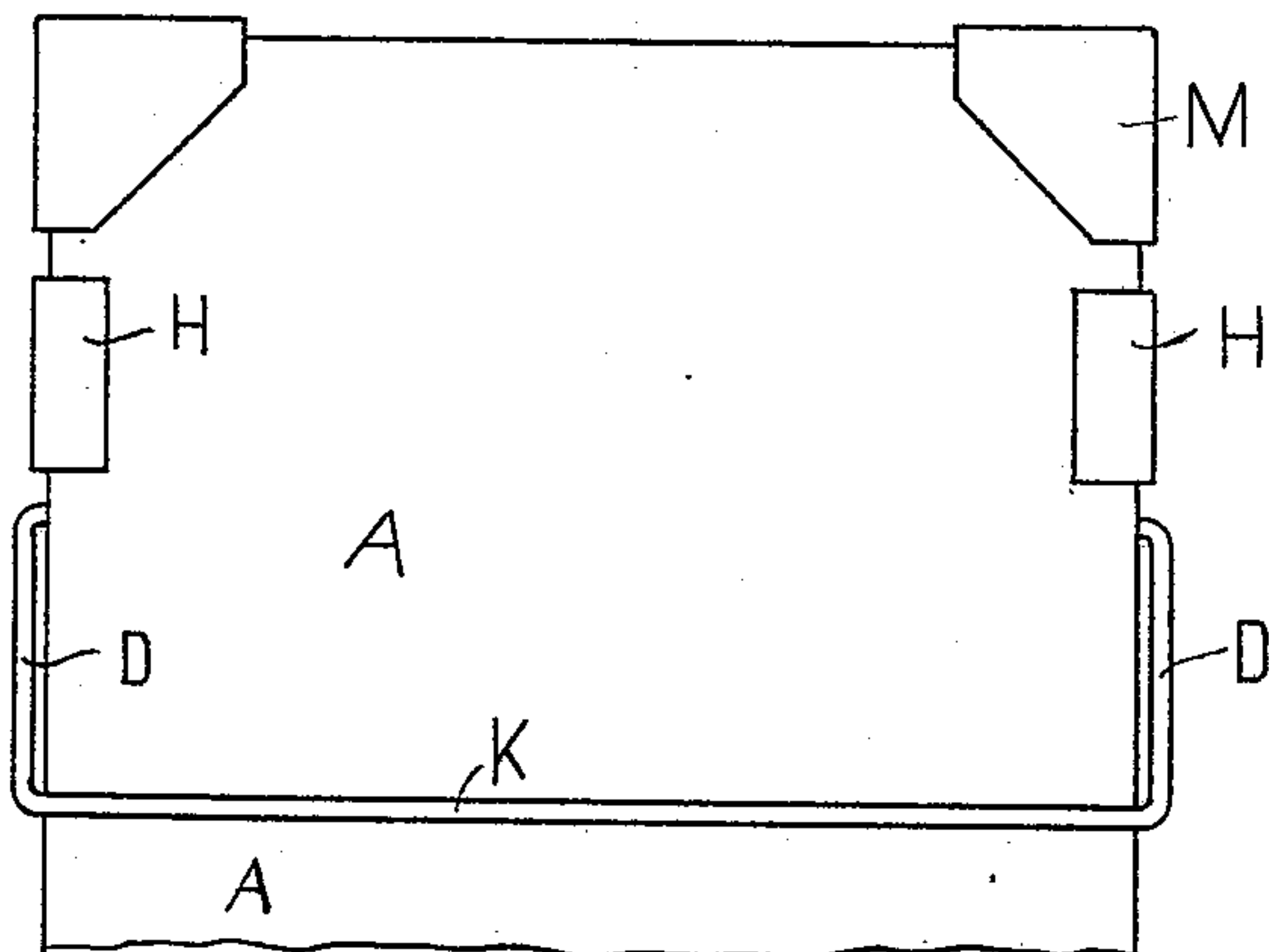


FIG. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. NOLAN, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Book-Clips, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to book-clips, such as are used on receipt and other books to hold the leaves at the proper place and make it easy to open the book when and where it is desired; and its object is to provide a cheap, convenient clip, and particularly one which can be used on different books. This object I accomplish by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my clip attached to the book. Fig. 2 is a cross-section through the same. Fig. 3 is a reverse view of the same, looking at the inside of the back of the book.

I have shown both corner and side fasteners, but both would not ordinarily be used together, as is hereinafter explained.

Like parts are indicated by the same letter in all the figures.

A is a book; B, the body of the clip; C, a wire clip-rod having the side portions, D D, the stirrup part E, and the transverse portion K. This rod is attached to and supported on the body of the staples J J J J.

F is a flat spring secured in the cavity G in the back of the body.

H H are side fastenings secured at any point along the sides of the body, and adapted to slide onto the back of the book, and thus secure the body in any convenient and desired position; and M M are corner-fastenings, which are similarly secured to the body, and are adapted to slip onto the corners of the back of the book, and thus to secure the clip to the book.

The use and operation of my invention are

as follows: Draymen and others who have to deliver goods and take receipts for the same usually have receipts in books, and they employ straps, rubber bands, and the like, to keep the book open at the right place. When one page has been exhausted, they turn the leaf, and the strap then holds the next page open until used. My device provided with the corner-fastenings is secured on the back of the book, the wire K being across the face of the back and within the book. The leaves are now inserted under the rod K by elevating the same, as indicated in Fig. 2. The force of the flat spring F against the stirrup E causes the rod K to descend on the leaves, when it is released, and thus hold the book in good position to readily open at the desired point. In some cases the clip should be placed at a position nearer the hinge of the book, and so I provide the side fastenings, H H, which spring onto the sides of the back of the book, and may be moved therealong to vary the distance of the clip from the hinge of the book.

In the drawings I have shown the two fastenings together, because in some cases it is desirable to thus use them, because they serve together to more securely and firmly attach the body to the back of the book.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

In a book-clip, the combination of a body, B, with the fastening devices M H, a wire clip composed of the portions K, D D, C C, and E, the same being journaled on the back of the body, and the spring F, which bears against the portion E and thus keeps the other side of the wire-clip depressed upon the leaves of the book.

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