

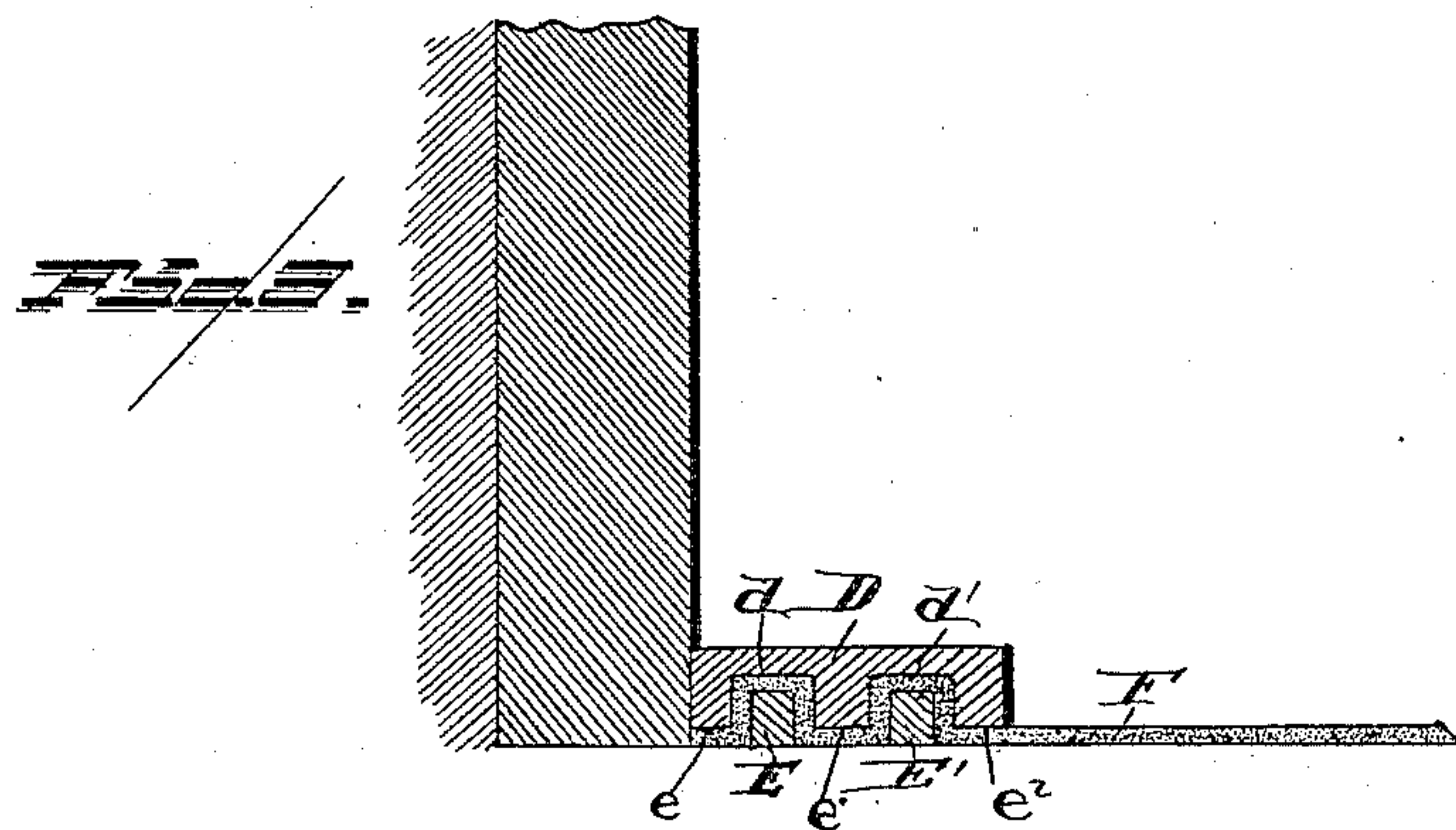
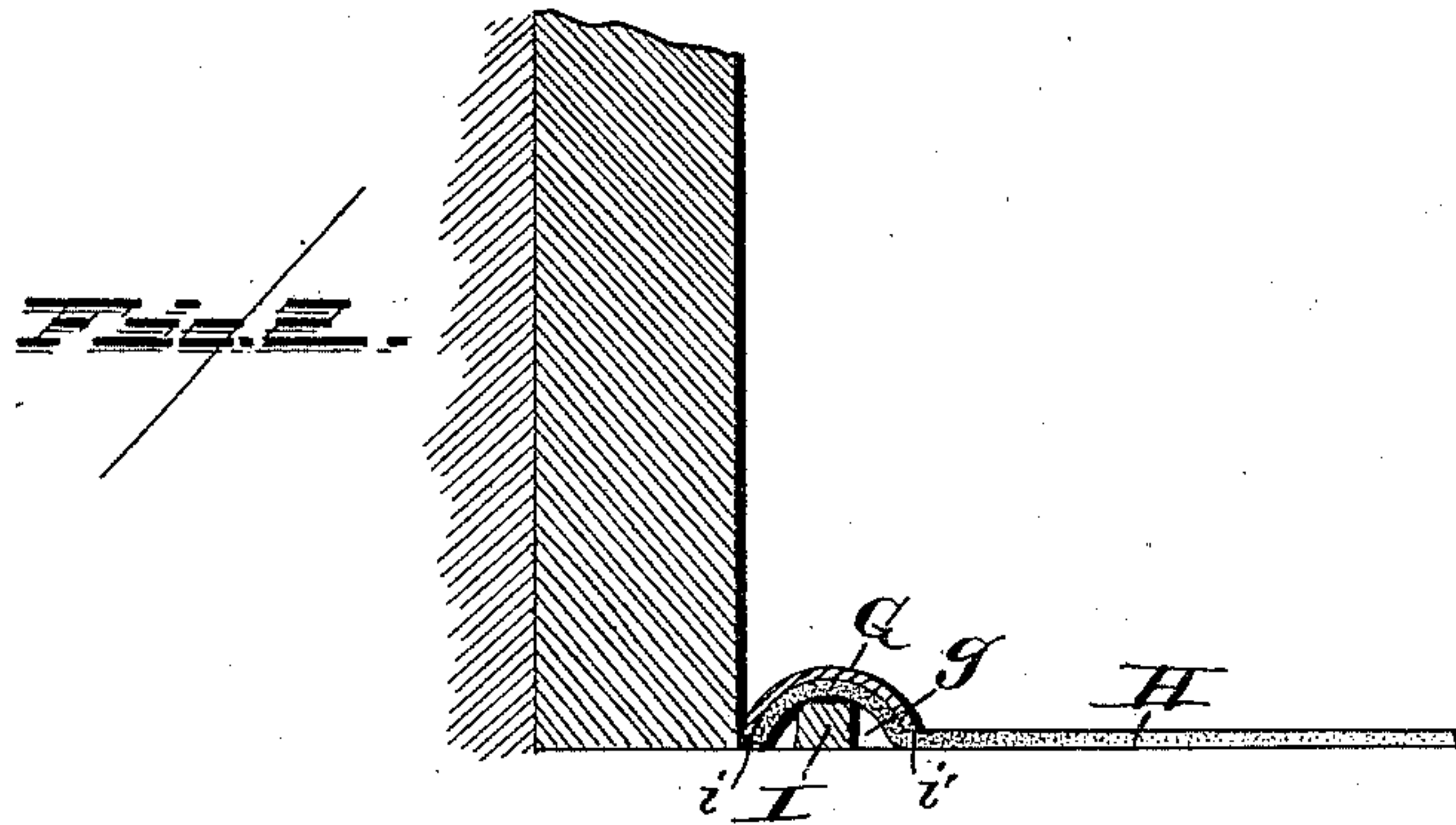
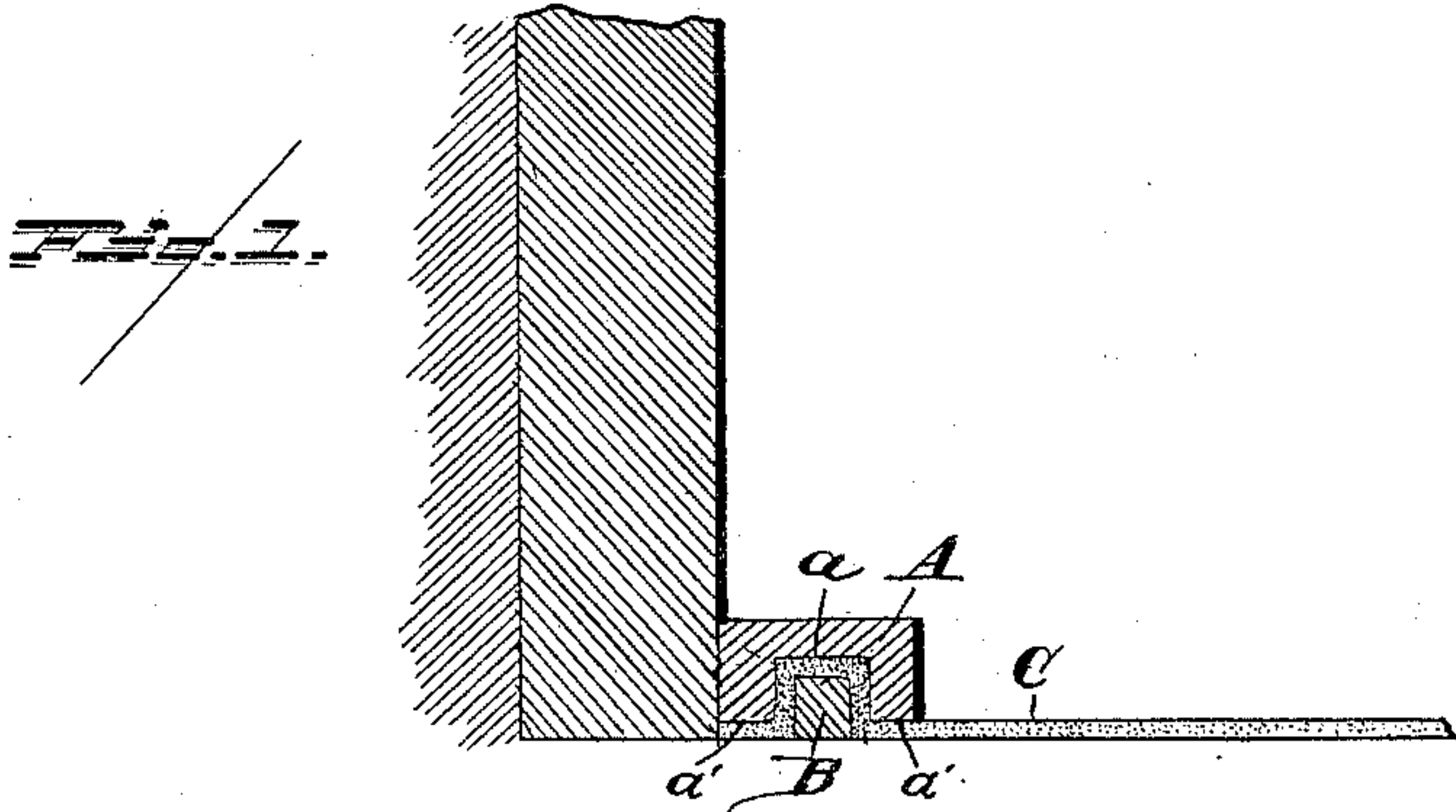
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## CARPET-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CARSON L. McCLEARY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jerusalem, in the county of Monroe and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Carpet Binders and Fasteners; and I do 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 the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

15 This invention relates to means for binding carpets and securing them to the floor.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple means for binding the edges of a carpet, and which will at the same time furnish a ready means for securing the carpet to the floor and a molding for the sub-base of the room.

The improvement consists in a strip or molding having one or more longitudinal grooves or channels in its side to receive the carpet, and having bearing-faces on each side of the said grooves or channels and corresponding binding-strips, which are adapted to be inserted in the said grooves or channels to clamp the carpet and come flush with the said grooved side of the strip, the carpet being held between the sides of the grooves and the sides of the binding-strip and between the floor and the bearing-faces.

35 The improvement consists of the novel features, which will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a section of one edge of a carpet, showing the application of my invention; Fig. 2, a modification, and Fig. 3 a still further modification.

In Fig. 1 the strip or molding A has but one groove or channel, *a*, in its side, in which the carpet C is fitted and held by a single binding-strip, B, which is forced in the said groove or channel to clamp the carpet between its

sides and the walls of the groove or channel. The bearing-faces *a'* on each side of the groove or channel *a* press upon and hold the carpet between them and the floor.

In Fig. 3 the strip or molding D has two grooves or channels, *d* and *d'*, and is provided with two binding-strips, E and E', which clamp the carpet F between them and the walls of the said grooves or channels. The bearing-faces are increased by this construction, there being three, *e*, *e'*, and *e''*.

Fig. 2 shows a strip of metal, G, having its middle portion deflected between its edges to form the channel *g*, the carpet H being clamped between the walls of the said channel *g* and the binding-strip I. The edges of the strip form bearing-faces *i* and *i'*, which rest upon and hold the carpet in place.

In binding the carpet with any of the above-described devices care should be taken to have them parallel with the woof or the weft threads of the carpet, because when the carpet is stretched it will be subject to an even tension and the patterns will not be distorted. The carpet is fastened to the floor by nailing the binding-strips thereto, as will be readily understood.

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

The herein-described binder and fastener for carpets, composed of a strip having a groove or channel in its under side and having bearing-faces on each side of the said groove or channel to rest upon and clamp the carpet between them and the floor, and a binding-strip adapted to be inserted in the said groove or channel and come flush with the said bearing-faces and clamp the carpet between it and the walls of the said groove or channel, substantially as described.

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

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