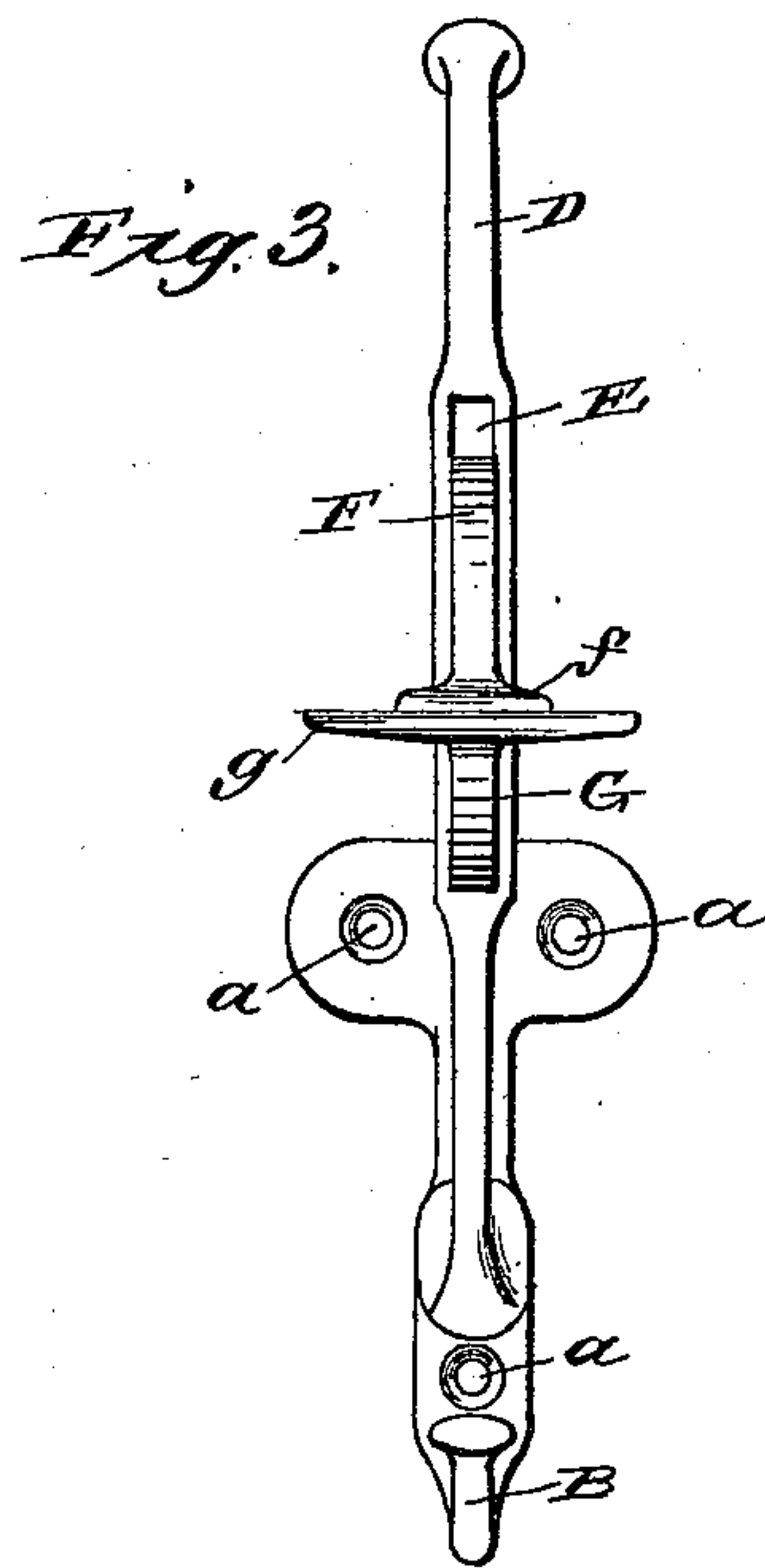
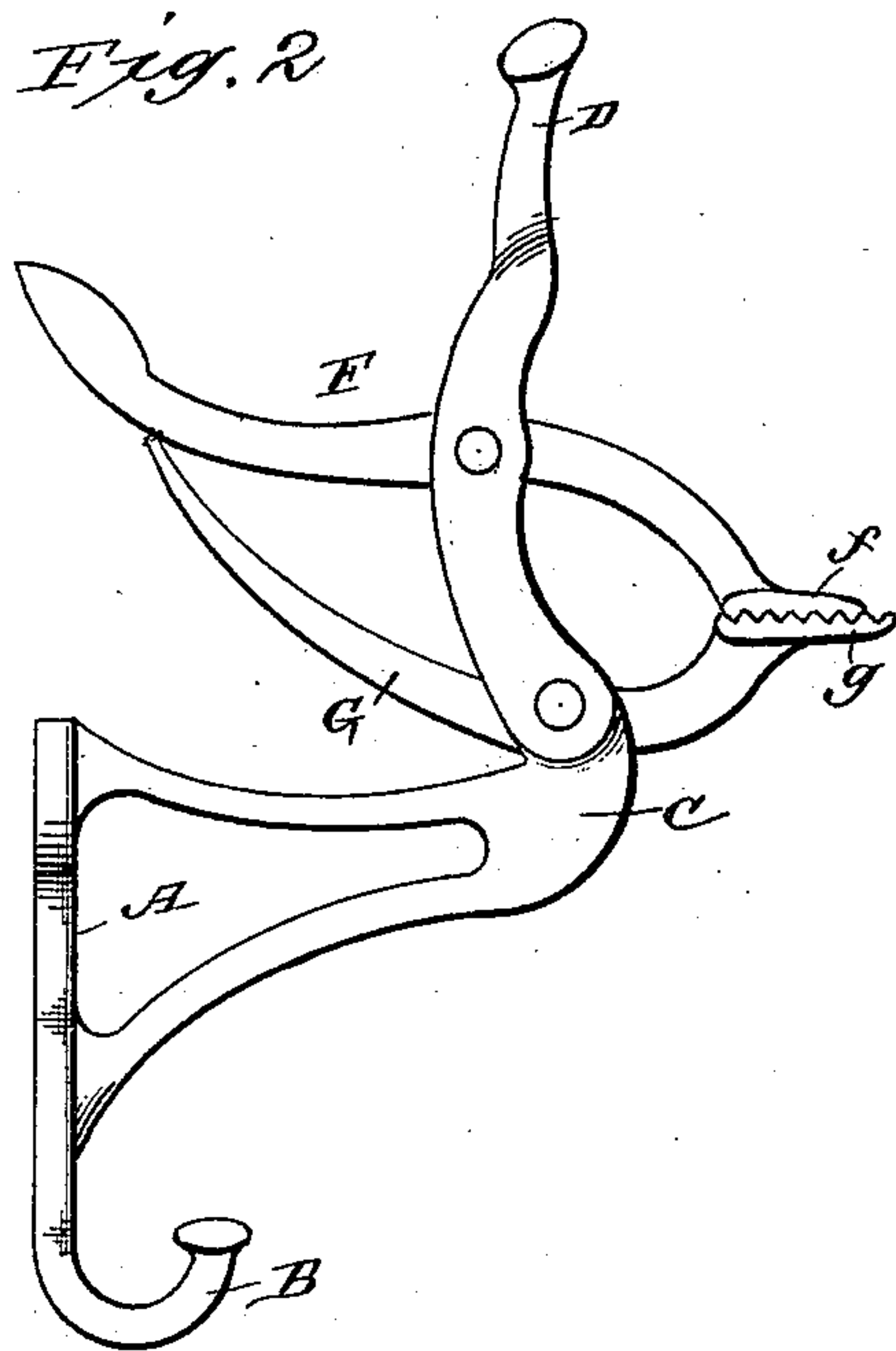
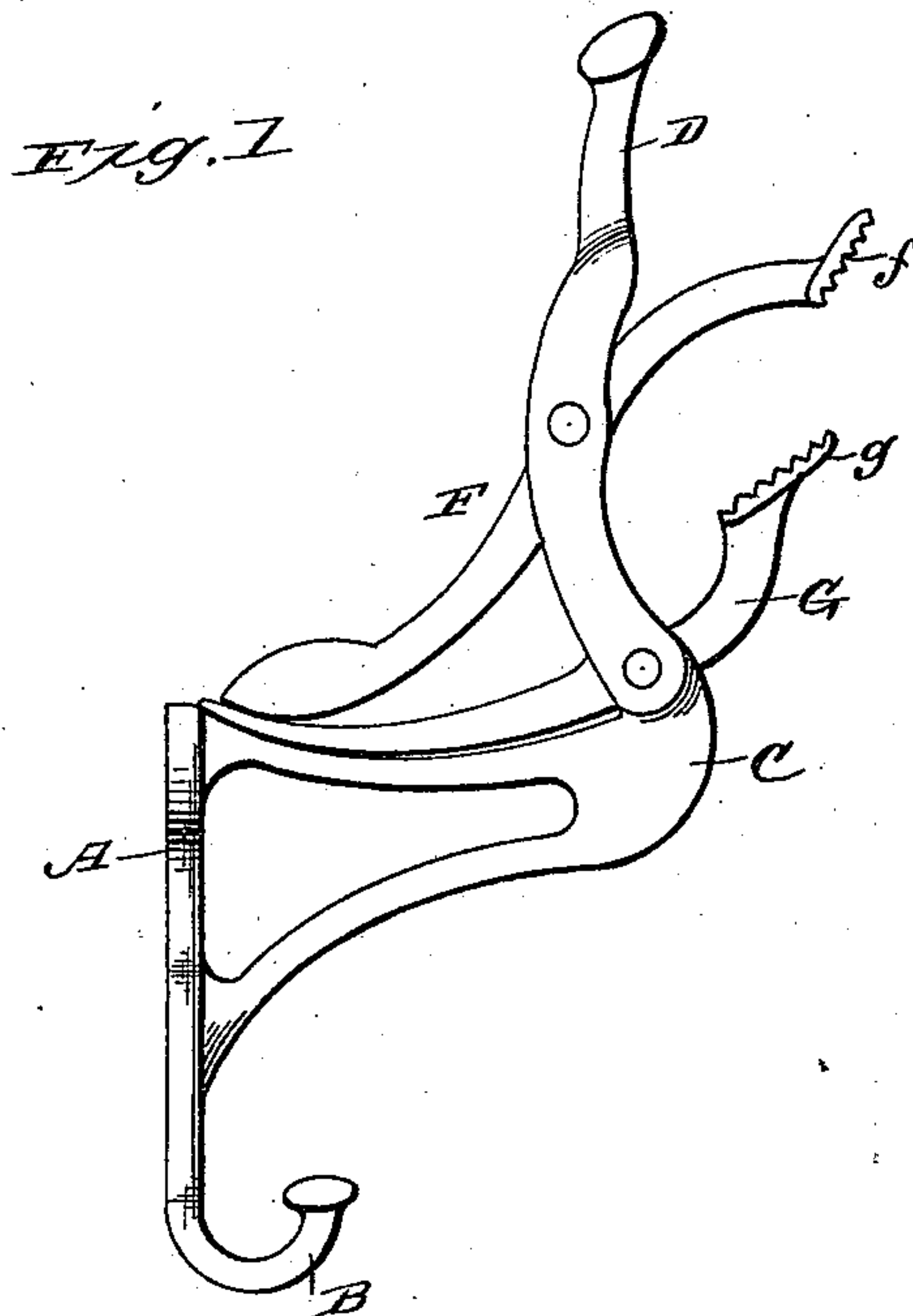


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD LACOURSE, of St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coat-Adjusters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The present invention relates to that class of coat-adjusters adapted to hold the coat in position to be put on or to grasp the sleeves to assist in its removal—such, for instance, as is shown and described in Patent No. 384,769, issued to Octavo Lacourse and myself June 19, 1888.

The object of the invention is to provide a more efficient and convenient device than those heretofore produced, and at the same time of greater simplicity and strength with the employment of the minimum amount of metal and at the minimum cost.

With these ends in view the invention consists in certain novel details of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts, to be hereinafter described, and pointed out particularly in the claim at the end of this specification.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a device constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the arms depressed. Fig. 3 is a front elevation.

Like letters refer to the same parts in all the figures.

The main or supporting frame in the present device is made in the form of a hanger adapted to receive a hat and coat or other article in addition to that held by the arms, the base A, which is adapted to be secured to the wall or other upright by means of screws passed through apertures *a*, being for this purpose provided with a lower hook B and an upper outwardly-extending projection C, terminating in a substantially-vertical standard or upright D. This upright D extends up some distance, and is slightly enlarged at the end to form a hat-holder, and at the lower end is provided with a slot E, in which the arms F G are pivoted. The lower arm G, it

will be seen, is pivoted very near the bottom of the slot, and at its forward end is provided with the relatively-broad gripping-jaw *g*, preferably corrugated or roughened on top, as shown, while the rear end is curved and approximately conforms to the shape of the upper portion of the projection C, in order to present a graceful appearance, as well as to form a more compact and stronger structure. The upper arm F is pivoted near the upper end of the slot, and has a relatively smaller gripping-jaw *f*, formed on the forward end, which, when both arms are depressed, will rest squarely on the plate *g*. As the forward end of this arm is necessarily somewhat longer than the lower one, and as it is not desirable to lengthen the rear end, which would render the device unsightly and prevent its use on flat walls, said rear end is provided with a counter-weight *i*, which at once returns the same to normal position with the plates or jaws *f g*, separated as shown in Fig. 1.

In securing the device in position care should be taken that it is located at about the height of a person's shoulder, so as to be in convenient position to assist in either putting on or taking off a coat.

In order to remove a coat with the assistance of my improved device, the sleeve is slipped in between the jaws and a slight downward pressure given to bring them together, after which the pull on the sleeve will hold them tightly closed, owing to the fact that the greater the weight on the lower jaw the greater the pressure exerted by the rear end tending to throw the upper jaw down.

When it is desired to employ the device as an assistance in putting a coat on, the collar is placed between the jaws and the coat permitted to hang in the most convenient position for the wearer to insert his arms, during which operation the pressure is of course downward; but as soon as the coat is drawn well up around the neck and the wearer straightens up the pressure on the jaws is relieved, and they at once open and free the collar.

It will be observed that the arms and standard are curved, and while this gives the article a graceful appearance it also enables a

space to be formed between the jaws and standard for the reception of a heavy coat-collar or to enable the sleeve to be passed well back between the jaws without employing long or heavy arms, as has been found necessary heretofore.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a coat-adjuster having the base adapted to be secured to the wall or upright, provided with the forwardly-extending projection C, the

pivoted arms F G, the standard D, in which said arms are pivoted, extending above the arms and constituting a hat-support, and the hook B below the projection C, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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