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COMBINATION ARTICLE.

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Fig. 1.

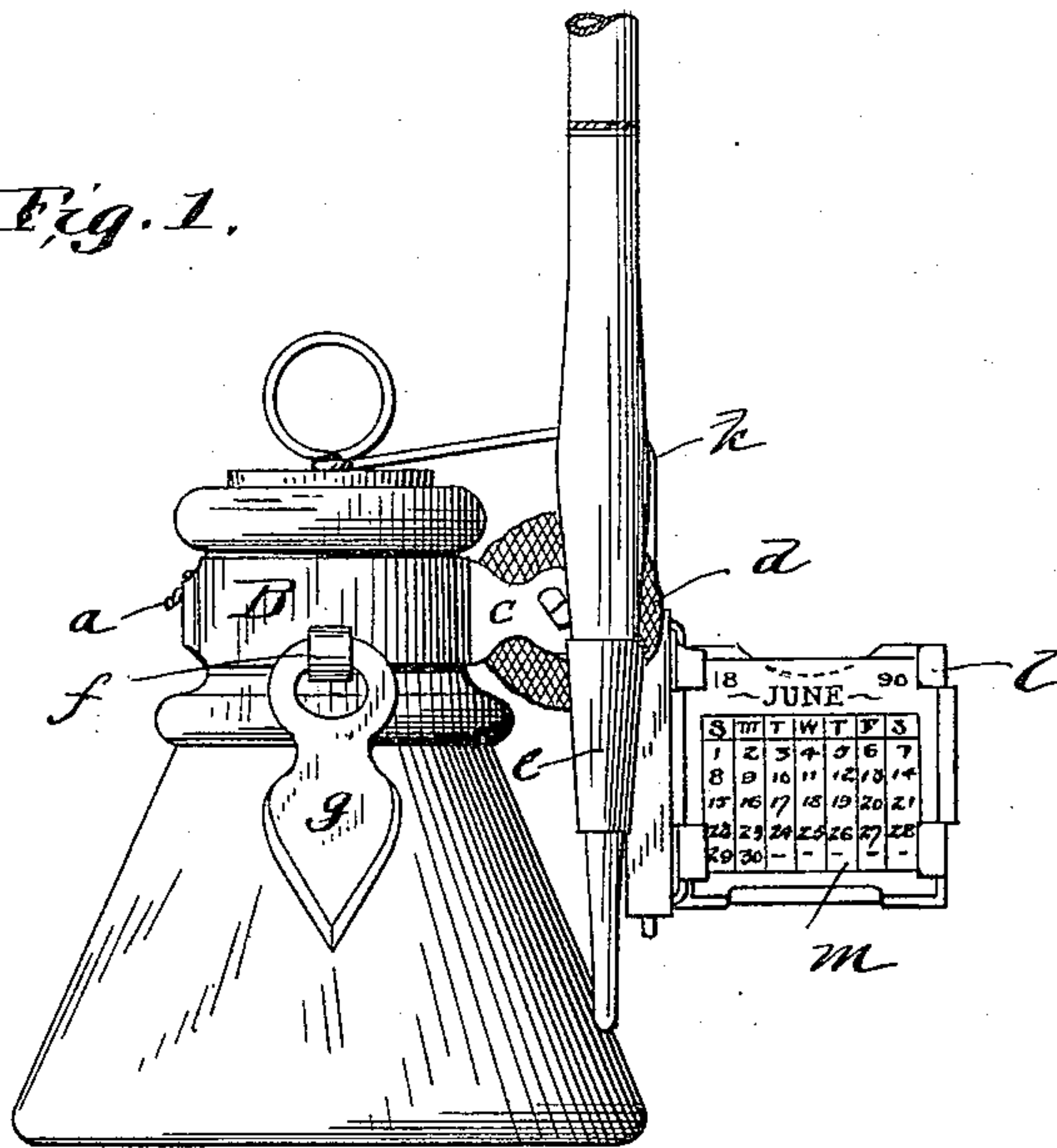


Fig. 2.

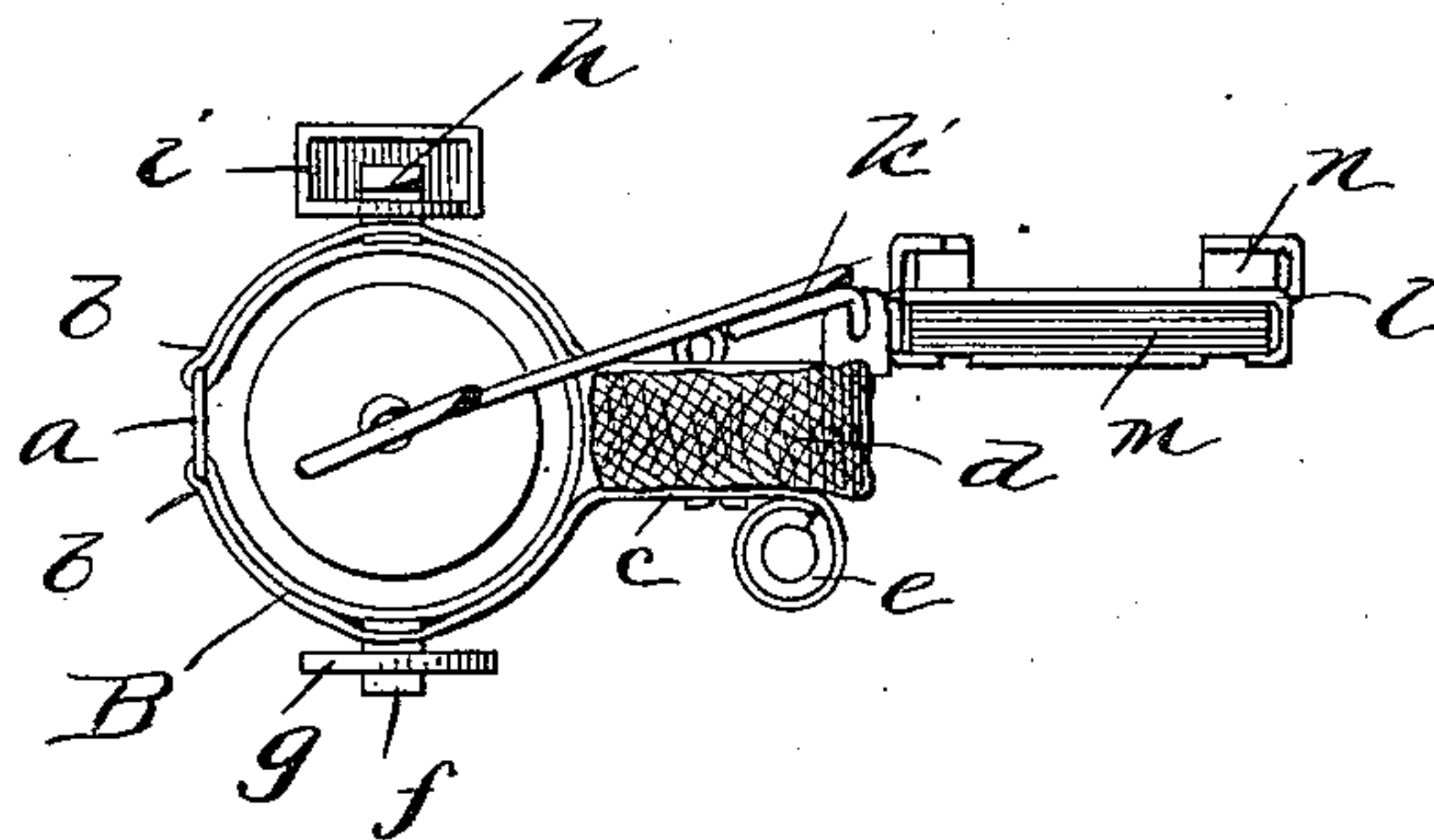
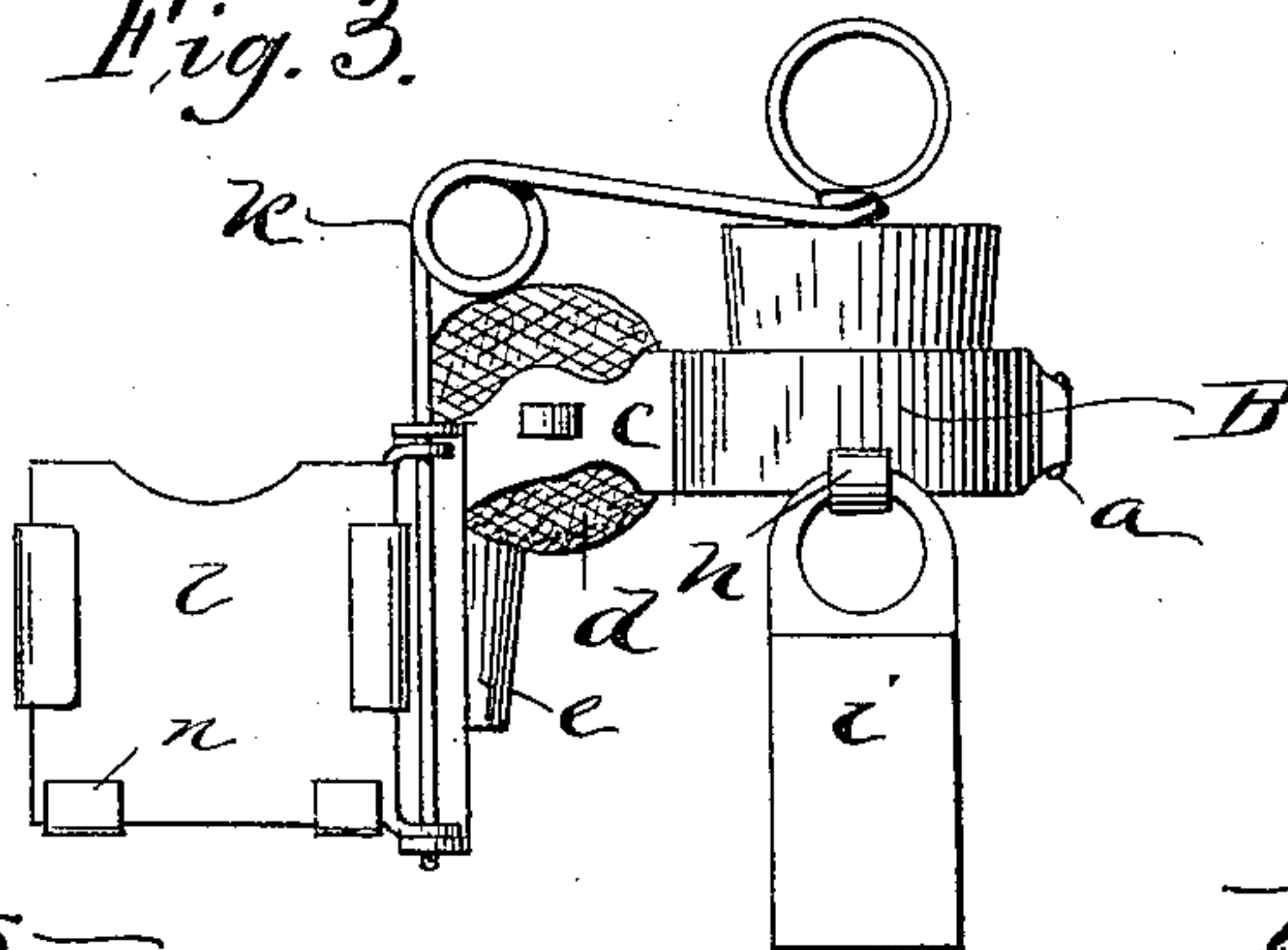


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. MITCHELL, of Portland, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Combination Articles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My present invention is a combination article adapted especially for household purposes and the general trade, being designed to supply in one article all the necessary materials for writing, such as ink, pen-holder and pen, a pen-wiper, an eraser, a calendar, a holder for postage-stamps, and a support for the stopper of the ink-bottle, so as to prevent the evaporation of the ink.

It is well known that much annoyance is often caused by the omission to replace the stopper of the ink-bottle after use, and the failure to find the pen-holder and eraser, a postage-stamp, or to remember the date, and in the combination article I have sought to obviate these difficulties by so connecting the devices enumerated to the ink-bottle that when the bottle itself is found the articles will be found with it.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents the combination article complete in side elevation. Fig. 2 represents a detached view of the sheet-metal band or collar which encircles the neck of the ink-bottle and serves as a support for the articles connected thereto. Fig. 3 represents details of construction.

I have shown, for convenience, a well-known form of ink-bottle; but I do not of course limit myself in this connection.

The collar or band shown at B is cheaply made by being struck up out of sheet metal, and is connected to the neck or body of the bottle by means of wire staples *a*, the ends of which are twisted around each other, and these staples are of sufficient length to allow the collar to be attached to bottles of different sizes. The collar is turned back upon itself upon each side at the points *b b*, leaving a loop for holding the wire staples, and the turned-back portions are brought together at *c* in rear of the ink-well, and between the ex-

treme ends of the turned-back portions is secured a pen-wiper *d*, which may be made of any suitable material and of a convenient size.

Instead of two wire staples being used to connect the looped ends of the collar, a single piece of wire may connect the ends in an obvious manner.

To one side of the pen-wiper a holder *e* is provided, preferably formed tapering, this being adapted to receive the end of the pen and to support the same with its holder in an upright position, as shown in Fig. 1. A hook *f* projects from the lower edge of the collar upon one side to support the blade of an eraser *g*, which has an eye or loop formed in one end adapted to engage with the said hook, while upon the other side a similar hook *h* is provided, which is adapted to receive a receptacle *i*, which in turn is useful for holding an extra pen or pens.

From the lower edge of one of the supports of the pen-wiper a bracket depends, and this bracket receives a vertical spindle, which has its upper end coiled to form a spring and then bent at right angles, the opposite end being connected with the stopper of the ink-bottle, so that while in place the spring-coil keeps the stopper pressed tightly to its seat, and when the stopper is removed supports it in proximity to the ink-well, so that it cannot be lost or misplaced.

I pivot to the spindle, which constitutes a part of the support to the stopper, a receptacle *l*, which is adapted to receive the calendar *m*, and in rear of the calendar I provide a holder *n* for postage-stamps.

While I have shown the collar made in one piece, and while I prefer this method of making it on account of cheapness, still I do not limit myself in this connection, as it may be found desirable to make the pen-holder and the holder for the pen-wiper separate and attach them to the collar, and this may be done without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In combination with an ink-bottle, a collar or band encircling the neck or body there-

of, and a pen-wiper, a holder for the pen, a receptacle adapted to contain a calendar and postage-stamps, and a stopper, all supported by the collar or band, substantially as described. 5

2. In combination with an ink-bottle, a collar or band encircling the neck or body thereof, and a pen-wiper clamped between the ends of the collar, substantially as described.

10 3. In combination with an ink-bottle, a collar connected thereto, a stopper, and a spring supporting-arm for said stopper, also connected to the collar, substantially as described.

15 4. In combination with an ink-bottle, a collar for the same, a stopper, a supporting-arm for the stopper, a bracket on the collar for receiving the spindle of the stopper-supporting

arm, and a receptacle pivoted on the spindle, substantially as described. 20

5. The described combination article, consisting of an ink-bottle, a collar secured thereto, a pen-wiper attached to the collar, a pen-holder, also connected with the collar, a stopper and a supporting-arm therefor, a calendar 25 and stamp receptacle having pivoted connection with the collar, a hook for supporting an eraser, and a hook for supporting a pen-receptacle, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses. 30

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