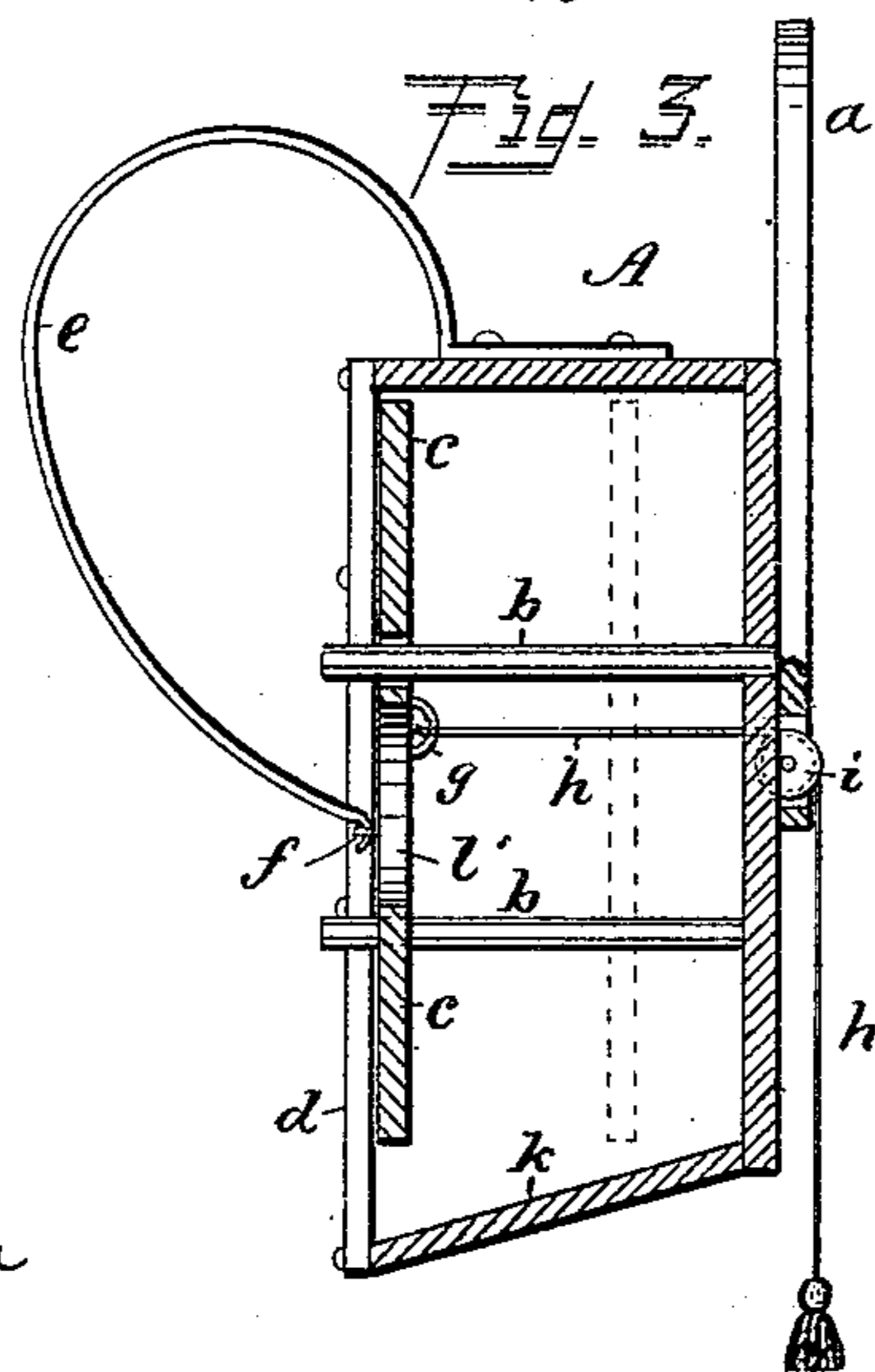
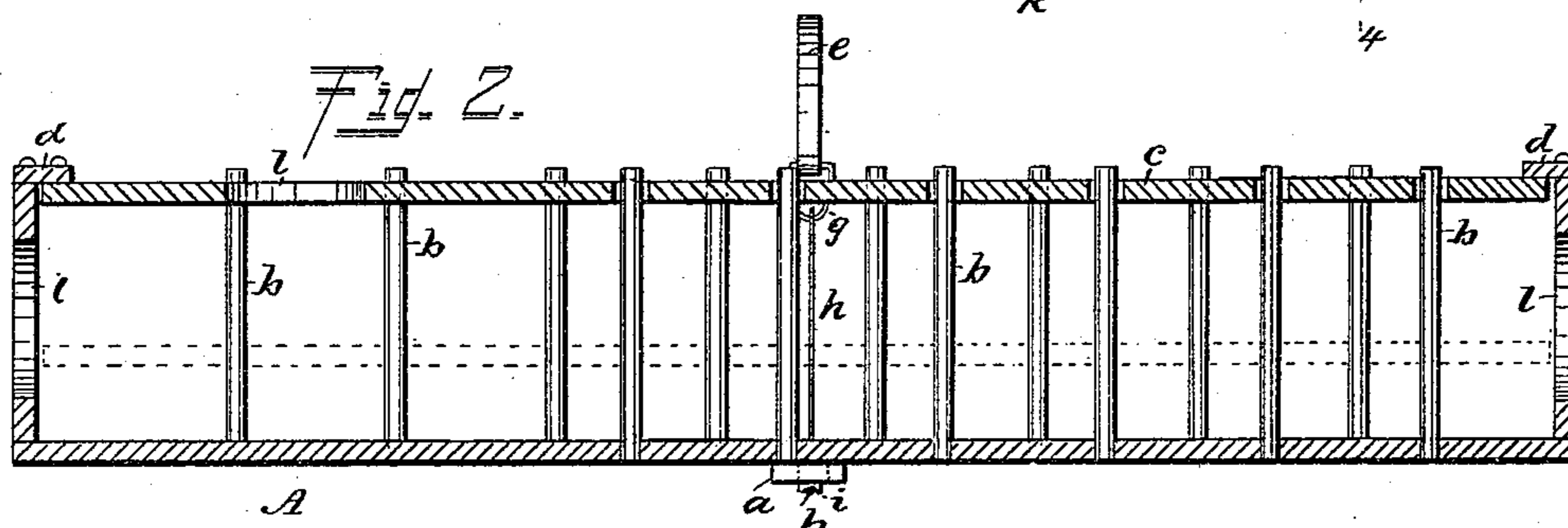
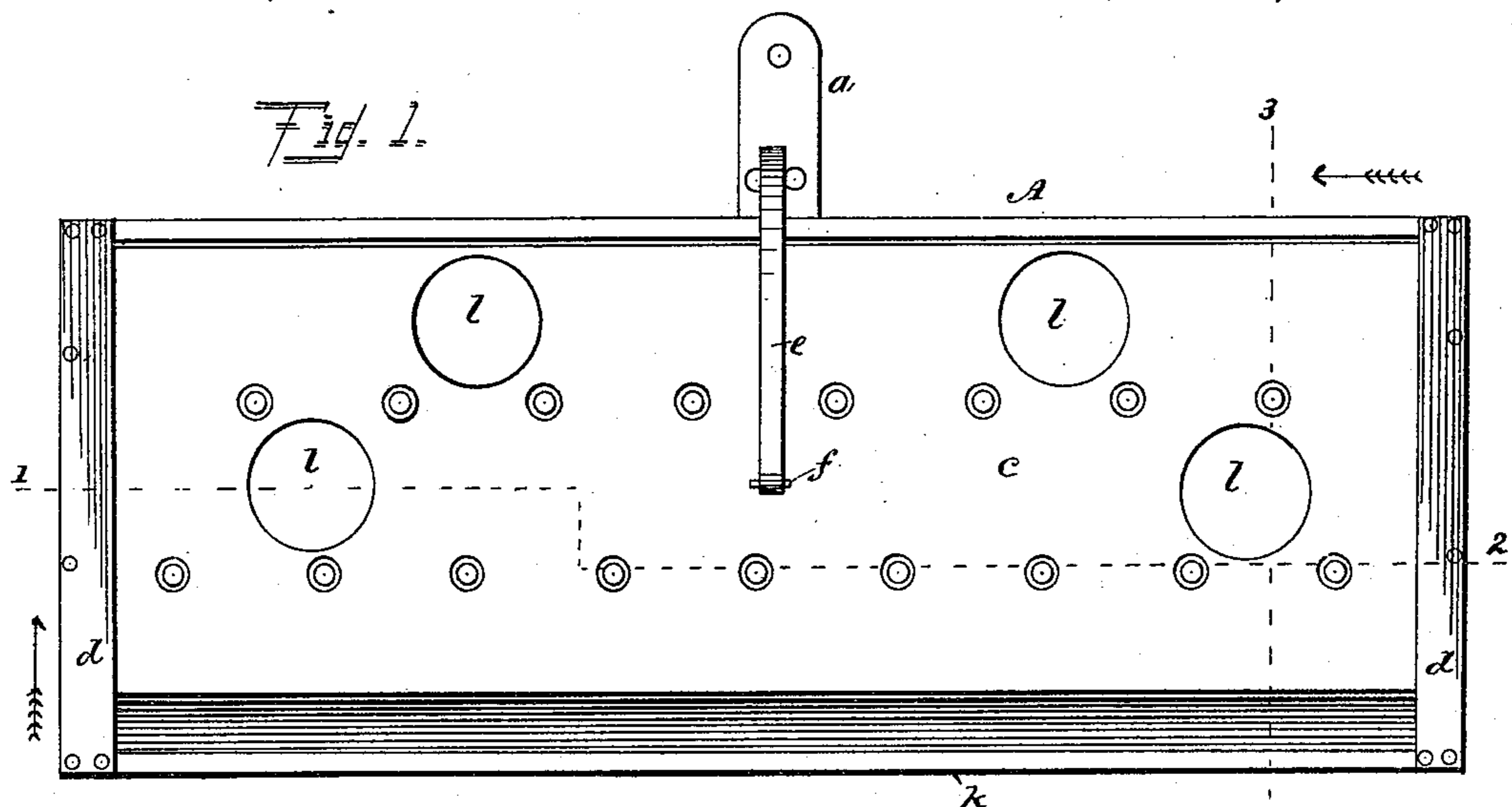


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAURENS A. FORT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Raleigh, in the county of Wake and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bird-Traps, of which the following is a full and complete description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to traps for catching and killing birds; and it comprises a box provided with openings through which the birds may enter, with perches for the birds, and with a movable side adapted to be moved inward toward the opposite side to crush and kill the birds within the box, all as will be hereinafter fully described.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate my invention, Figure 1 represents a front elevation of the trap; Fig. 2, a horizontal section on the line 1 2 in Fig. 1, and Fig. 3, a vertical section on the line 3 4 in Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference designate the same parts in all the figures.

A designates a rectangular box provided at the back with a strip or cleat *a*, by which it is attached to a suitable support—as, for instance, to a post or against the side of a building. Interiorly the box A is provided with a number of perches *b*, which project horizontally from the back through openings in the front.

c designates the front of the box, which is movable back and forth, and is limited in its forward movement by strips *d d*, secured across the front of the box. The movable front is normally held in its forward position against the retaining-strips *d d* by a spring *e*, one end of which is attached to the body of the box and the other end connected with a loop or staple *f* on the outer face of the movable front.

Attached to a loop or staple *g* on the inner face of the movable front *c* is a cord *h*, which runs back through the box and out through an opening in the back thereof over a roller *i*, and hangs down far enough to be grasped with the hand. A pull upon the cord draws the movable front back into the box, as indicated in broken lines in Figs. 2 and 3, and

when so drawn back any birds that may be sitting on the perches *b* within the box will be crushed against the back of the latter and killed. On releasing the cord the spring *e* will return the front to its normal position against the strips *d d*.

In the ends of the box and in the movable front *c* are formed openings *l*, through which the birds enter the box.

The bottom *k* of the box is inclined or slants downward from the back, so that when the birds fall from the perches after being killed they will roll out and be discharged from the box, there being a sufficient space for this purpose between the front edge of the bottom and the lower edge of the movable front *c* when the latter is in its normal position.

Instead of the spring *e*, operating as described, I may use one or more spiral springs interposed between the back and front within the box, or I may use a weighted cord running over a suitable guide in front of the box, these being obvious equivalents of the spring shown in the drawings.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. The herein-described bird-trap, comprising a box provided interiorly with horizontal perches projecting from one side and having a movable side adapted to be moved bodily toward the opposite side, said movable side having openings through which the perches project when it is moved back, substantially as described.

2. A bird-trap comprising a box with a movable side, perches within the box projecting from the side opposite the movable side and toward the latter, means for limiting the movement of the movable side in the outward direction, and a spring for holding the movable side normally in and returning it to its outward position, said movable side having openings through which the perches project when it is moved back, substantially as shown and described.

3. In a bird-trap, the combination of a box provided with suitable openings in its side walls for the admission of birds and having one of its sides movable toward and from the opposite side, stops for limiting the outward

5 movement of said movable side, a spring for holding said movable side normally in its outer position, and a cord attached thereto and passing out through the back of the box for drawing the movable side into the box against the action of the spring, all substantially as shown and described.

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

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