

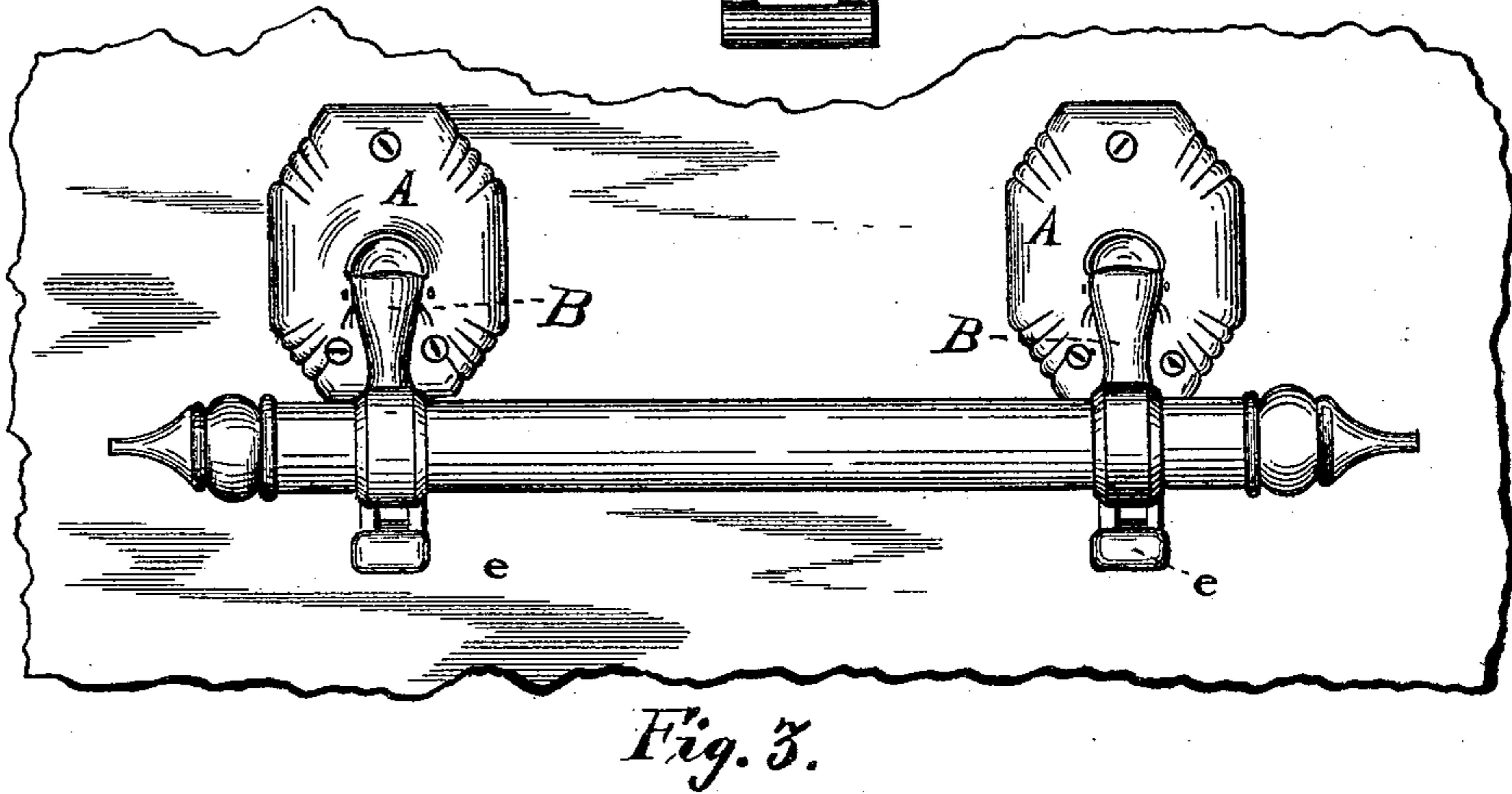
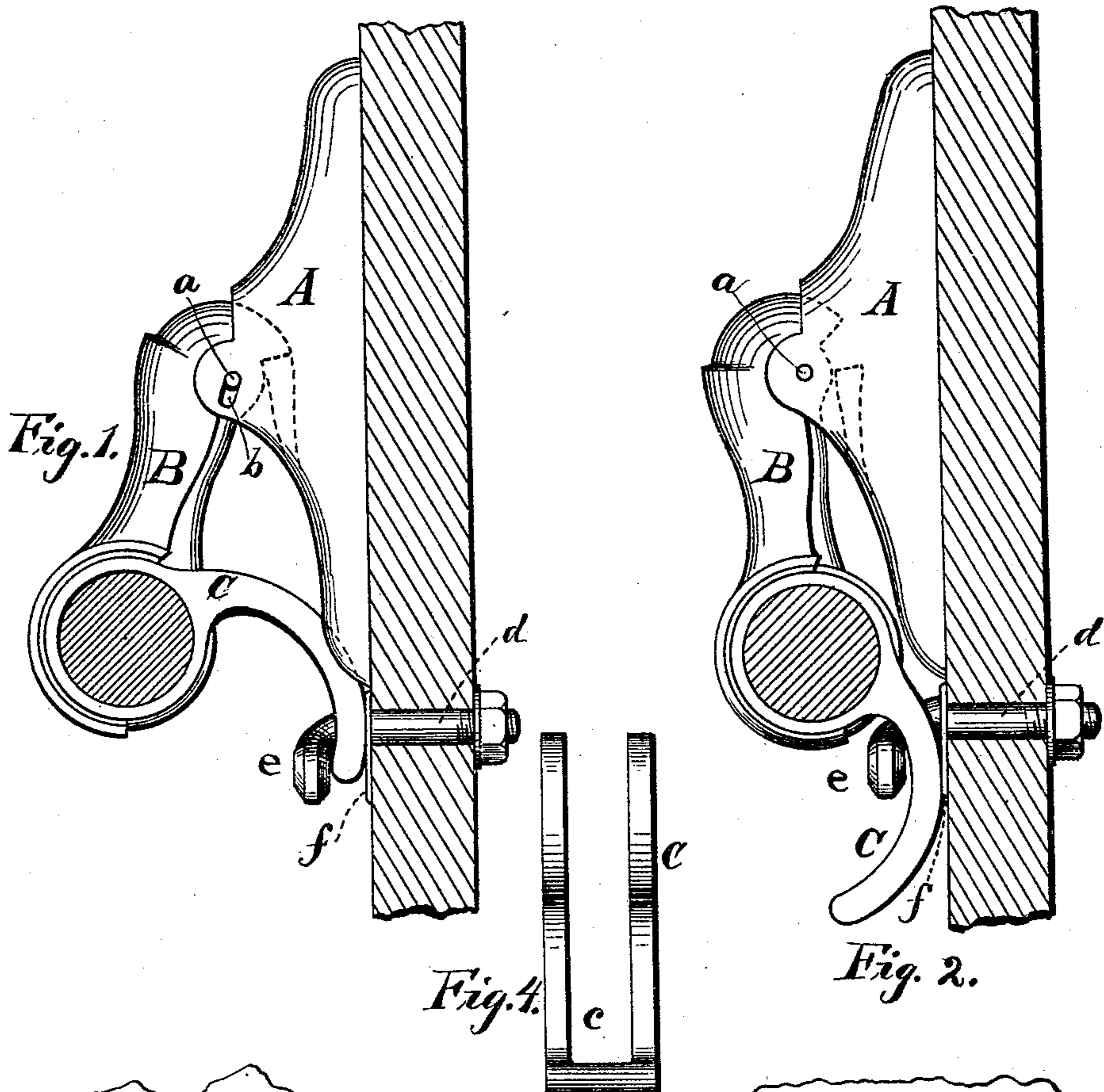
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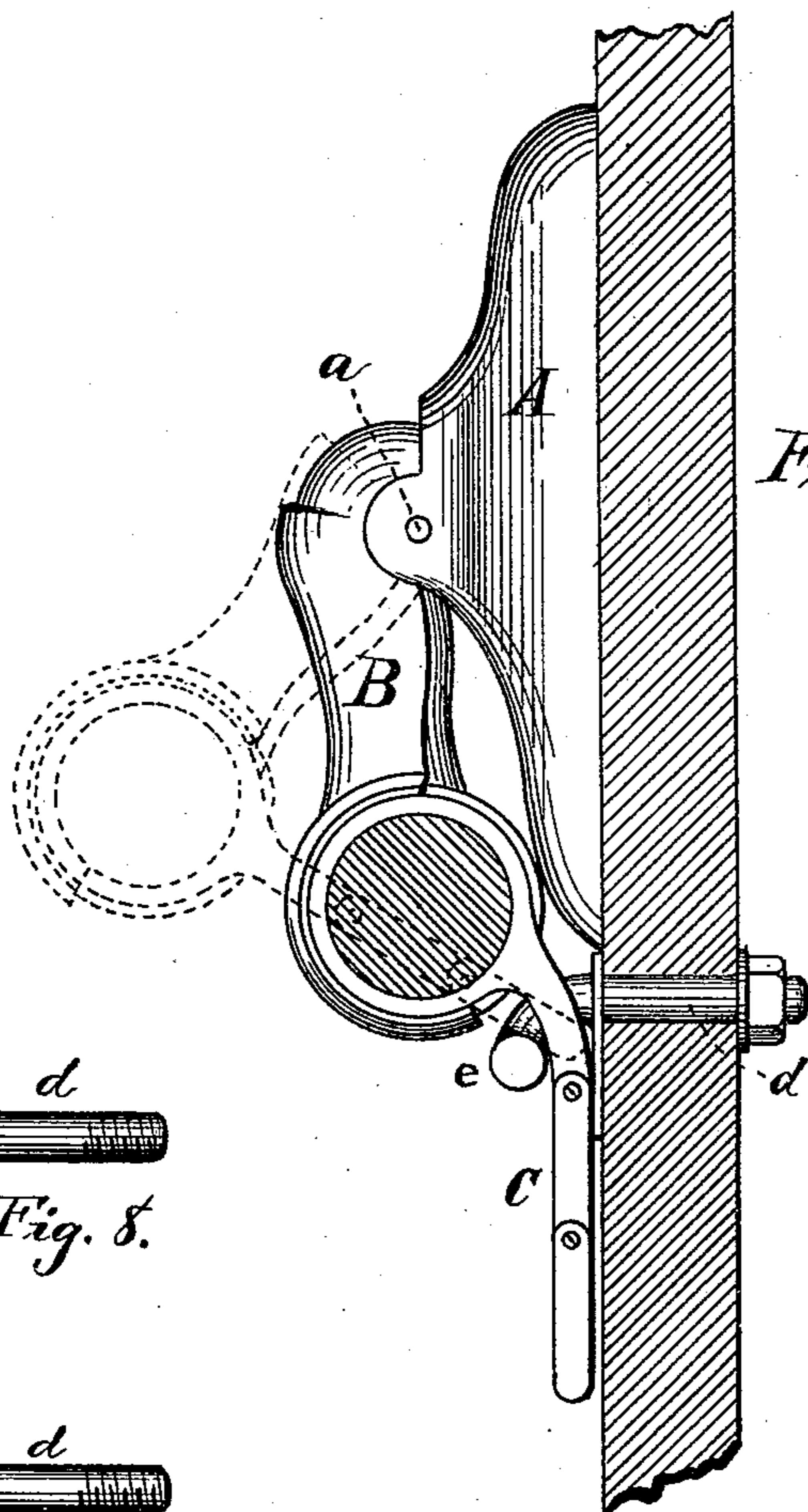


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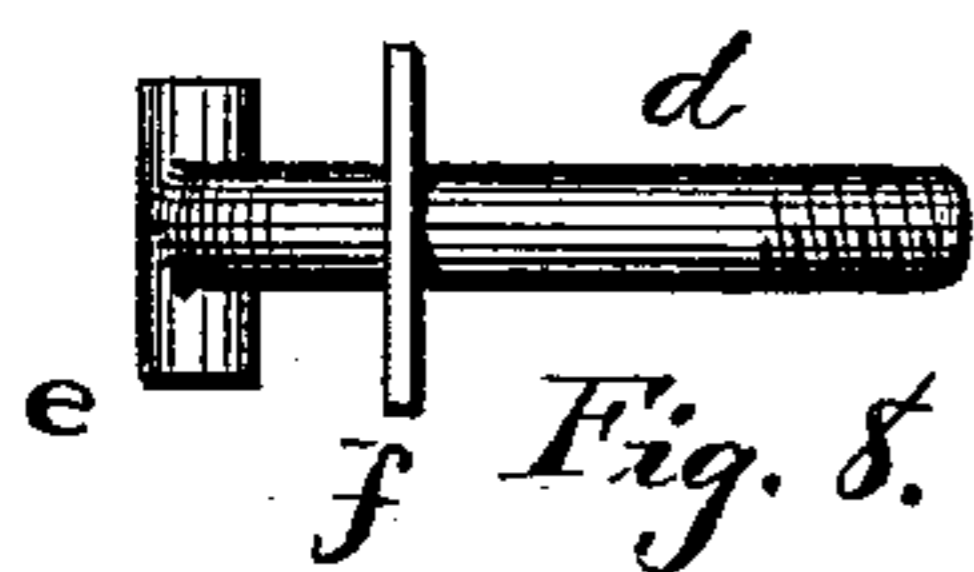


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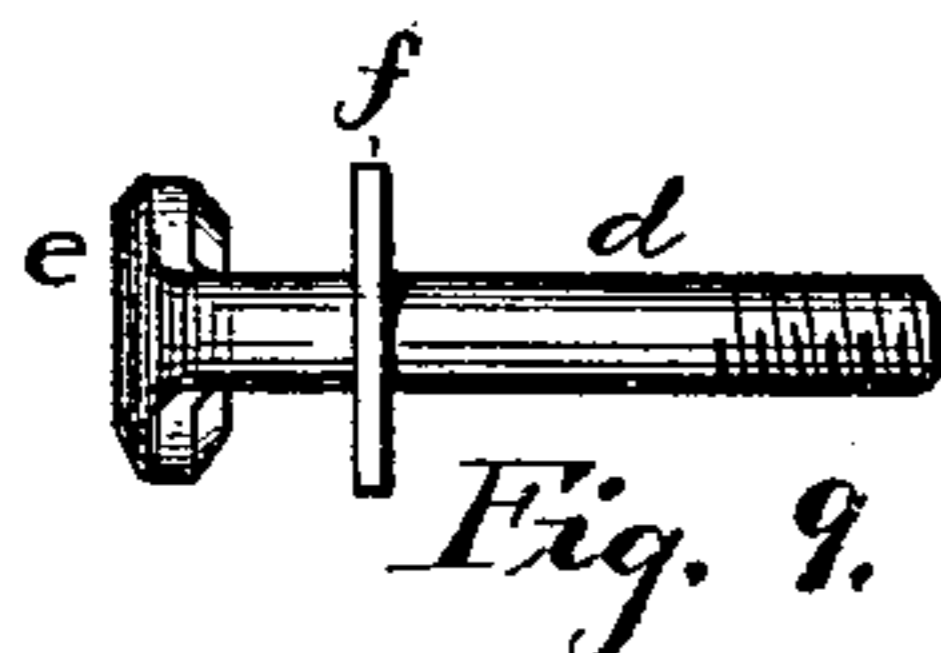


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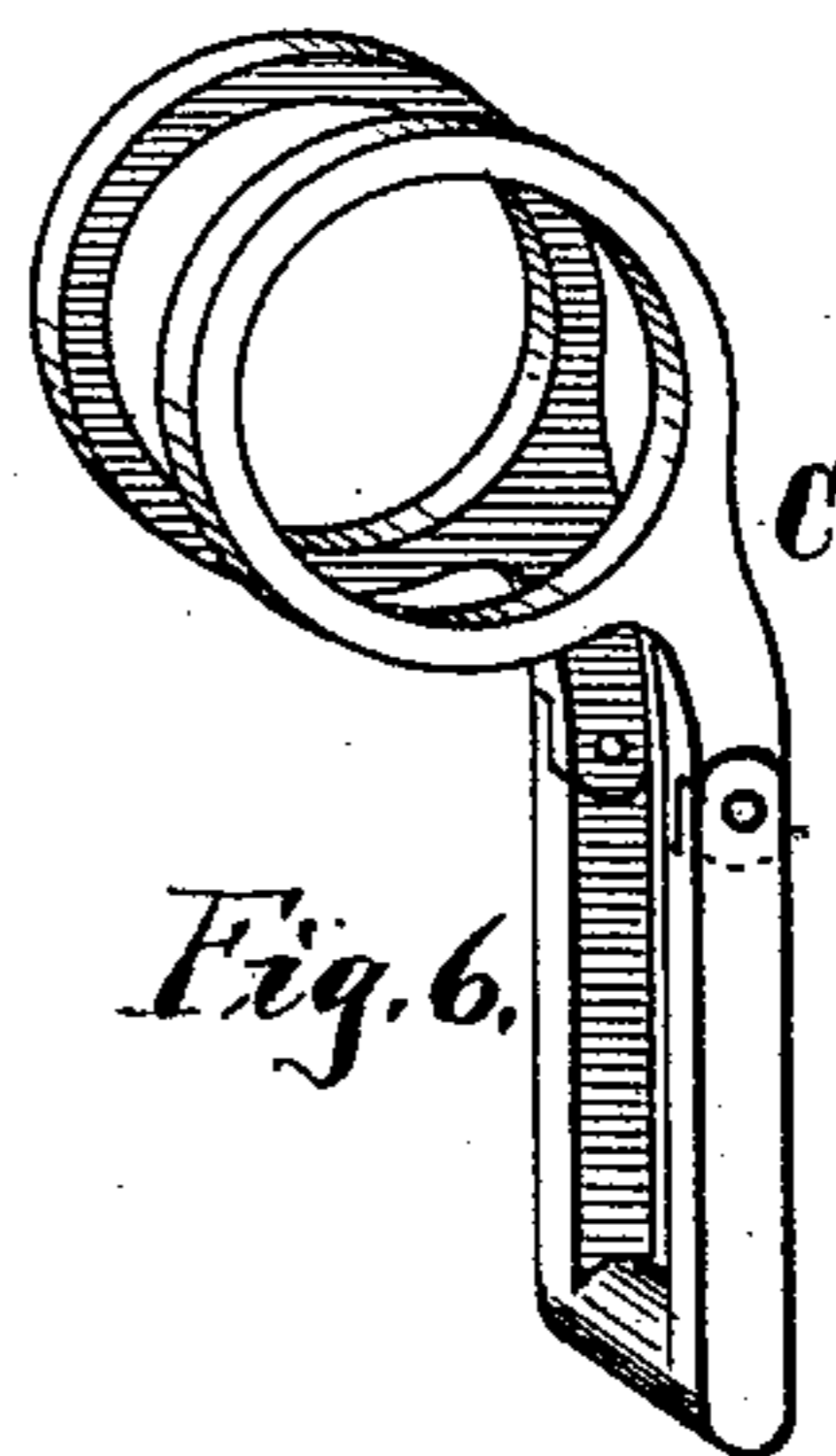


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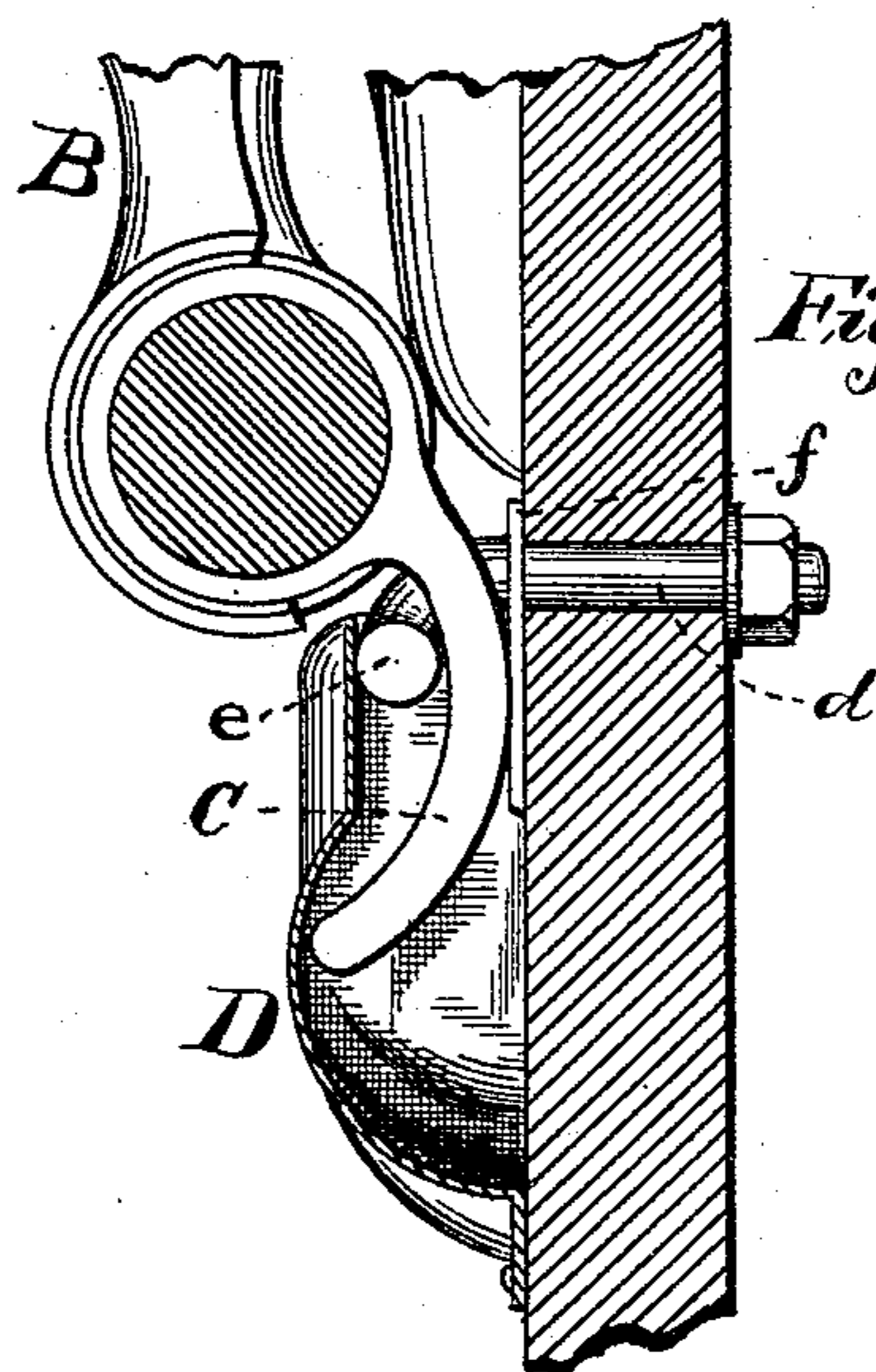


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## CASKET-HANDLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN MCCARTHY, of Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Casket-Handles, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to the construction of handles for caskets or analogous receptacles, upon which it is desired to shut or fold the handles down out of the way when not in use, and which are provided with means for relieving the handle or the handle arm of a part of its strain or weight.

My object is to provide an improved handle adapted to be folded against the side of the casket, and provided with means for relieving the handle or the handle arm of a portion of its weight, and to that end my invention consists, first, in providing the handle arms with auxiliary supports; second, with means for engaging said supports with a sliding connection; third, means for concealing said auxiliary supports, and in the several other novel features of construction and operation hereinafter described and which are specifically set forth in the claims hereto annexed. It is constructed as follows, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1, is a side view of my improved handle, showing the auxiliary supports extended. Fig. 2, is a similar view showing the handle folded against the side of the case. Fig. 3, is a front view of the handle complete, mounted and provided with supports. Fig. 4, is a front view of one of the supports detached. Fig. 5, is a view of one end of the handle, showing a flexible support. Fig. 6, is a view of one of the flexible supports, detached. Fig. 7, is a side view showing the casing inclosing the supports. Figs. 8 and 9, are views of the plates provided with heads, which limit the sliding connection of the supports.

A—, is the body plate to which are hinged or loosely secured the arms —B— in any ordinary way; or the pintle —a— may be mounted in an elongated slotway —b— for the purpose of allowing the arm of the han-

dle to drop down when the handle is folded against the side of the casket, for the purposes hereinafter set forth.

C—, is a relief bar provided with means for being secured to the handle or to the handle arm, and having a slotway —c— in its lower end adapted to engage with the pin or bolt —d— secured to the body or the body plate, and having upon its outer end a head or lug —e— or other means to limit the upward movement of the supports.

I do not limit myself to this form of support, as it will be evident that many other forms of support may be used, which will perform the same functions and be limited in their sliding movement by any other mechanism.

The pin or bolt —d— is provided with a plate or shoulder —f— which fits up against the body of the casket for the purpose of preventing the supports from marring, or otherwise disfiguring the body.

In Figs. 5 and 6 I show flexible supports, adapted to hang down close to the body, when the handle is folded.

In Fig. 7 I show the lower part of the casing —D— detached from the upper part to which the handle arms are connected, and serving to inclose, cover or conceal the auxiliary supports.

It will be observed by mounting the pintle —a— in the elongated slotway —b— in the plate —A—, thereby allowing the handle arm to drop down when the handle is folded down against the side of the casket, that I am enabled to use an auxiliary support with a shorter curve.

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

1. The combination with a handle, the arms carrying it, and the body plate to which said arm is loosely secured, of a relief support connected at its upper end to said arm or handle, and engaging at its lower end with a pin having a head upon its outer end and a shoulder or plate sitting near or against the side of the casket, as set forth.

2. The combination with a handle, its arms and the body plate to which they are con-

5 nected, of a longitudinally slotted relief support connected to said arm or handle, and a stop inserted through said slot and secured upon the casket, with which said support engages when the handle is extended and upon which it traverses when the handle is moved.

3. The combination with the handle and arms carrying it, and the body plate to which said arms are loosely secured, of the relief support connected at its upper end to said

arm or handle and engaging at its lower end with means for limiting its upward travel, when the handle is raised, and a casing enclosing the relief support, as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of March, 1892.

JOHN MCCARTHY.

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