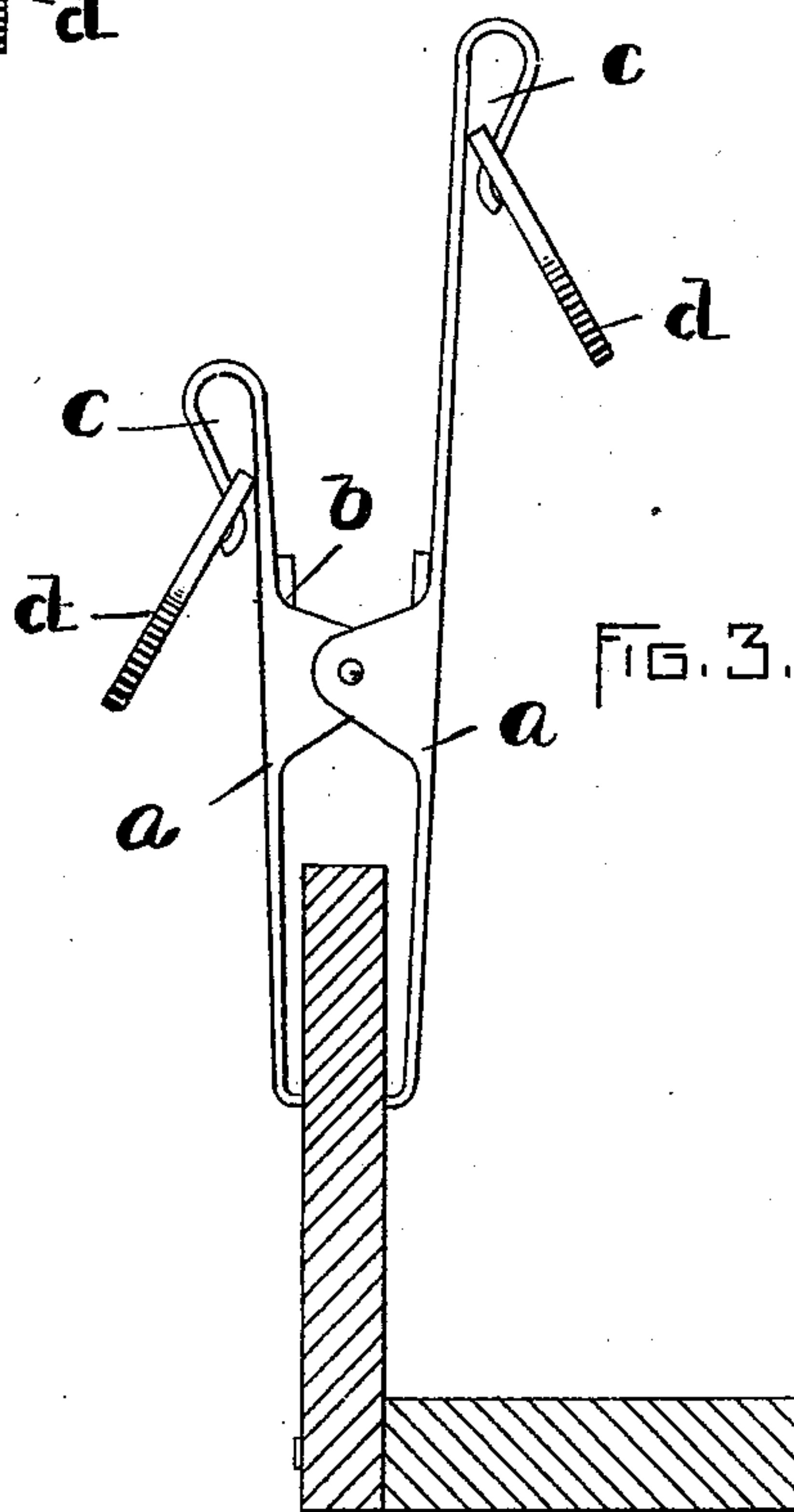
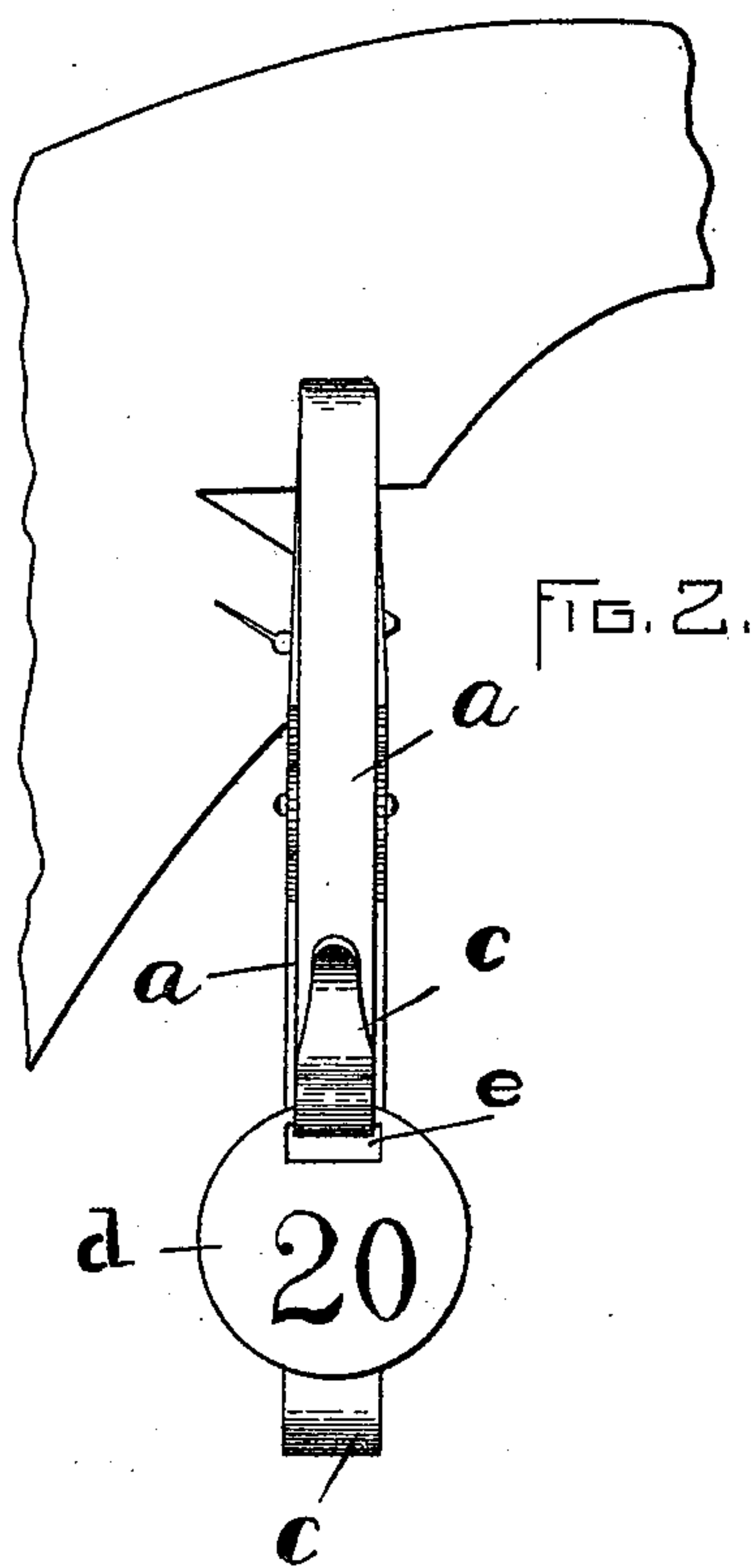
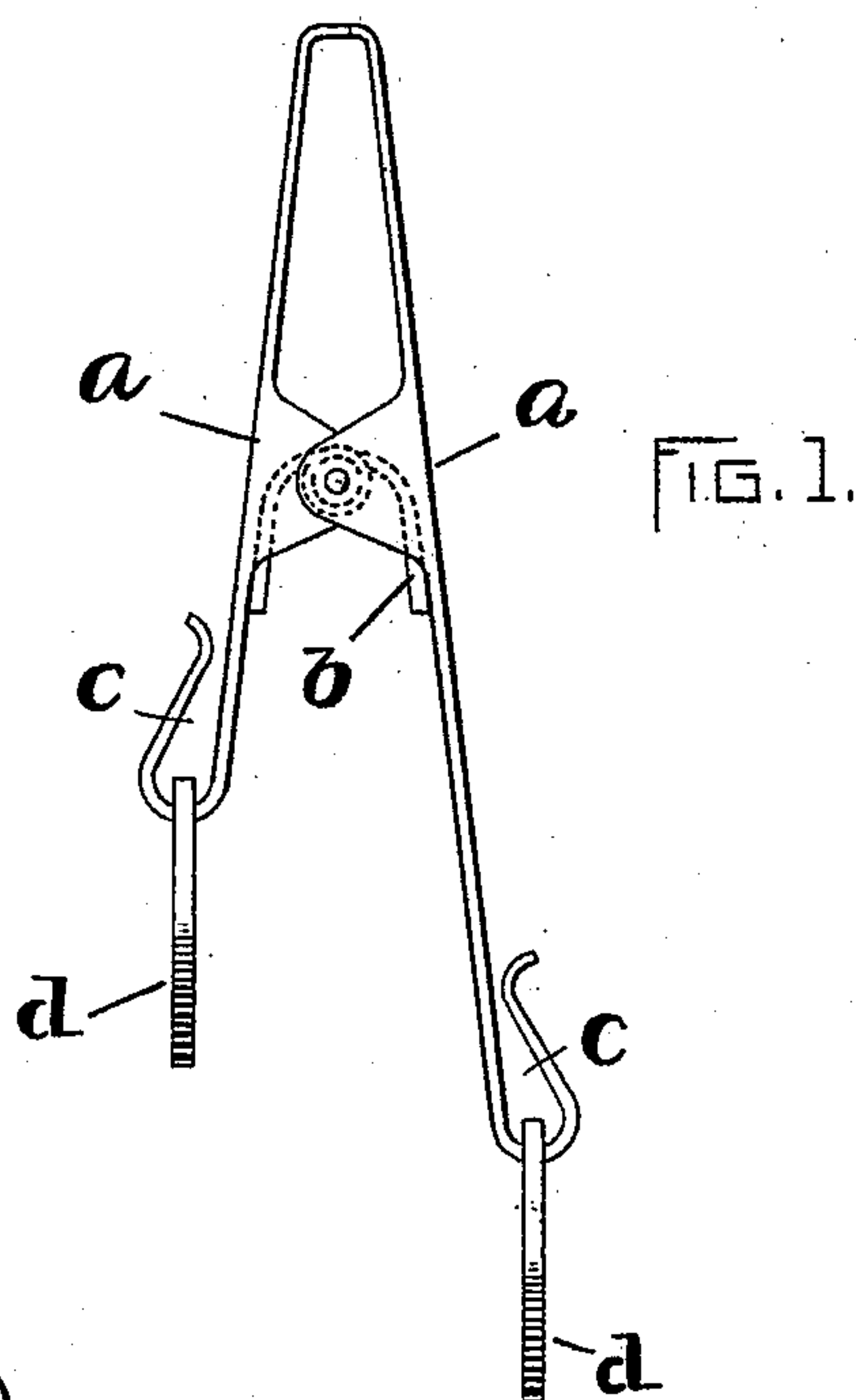


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. McGRADY, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and
5 useful Improvements in Checking Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved checking device for use in cloak-rooms and other places where belongings are checked.

10 The object of the invention is to provide a device which may be readily attached to and detached from various articles, and will hold one check permanently and the other in such a way that it may be easily removed and re-
15 placed but will not become accidentally detached from the holder.

The invention is illustrated by the accompanying drawings in which—

20 Figure 1 shows an edge view of the device. Fig. 2 shows it attached to a garment. Fig. 3 shows it attached to a rigid support such as the side of a box.

The device comprises a pair of arms, *a*, formed of suitable sheet metal and having
25 ears by which they are pivoted together intermediate of their ends. A spring, *b*, presses the arms together on one side of the pivot, and they are provided with interlocking teeth at their ends. These ends of the arms thus
30 constitute clasping jaws. The said arms diverge on the opposite side of the pivot and each is formed into a hook, *c*, by bending back the metal of the arm and bringing the end in close proximity to the arm, whereby the hook
35 is closed. The resiliency of the metal will allow the outer side of the hook to yield sufficiently to allow passage into the hook of a check. The hooks are to receive duplicate checks, *d*, each of which has a slot, *e*, near the
40 top edge. One arm, *a*, is made longer than the other in order to facilitate the handling of the two checks in detaching them.

The clasp may be readily attached to a garment or to a package, bundle, box, or other article. One of the checks will of course be
45 detached and given to the owner.

Such a device will be found very useful in cloak-rooms and other places. A person may carry his own private check device of this kind if preferred. One of the checks will re-
50 main permanently connected with the clasp and one only will be detached.

The device may be used for attaching price tags to articles of merchandise, and when so used one check may face outwardly and the
55 other inwardly, so that when the article is displayed in a window, one check will be read by an observer outside the window, and the other by an observer within the store.

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

A checking device, comprising a pair of spring-actuated arms, forming gripping jaws at one end, and each having a closed resilient
65 hook at the opposite end; and duplicate checks, one of which is permanently attached, and the other slotted whereby it may be engaged with or disengaged from the hook, the material of said check between the slot and the
70 outside edge being of sufficient width to spring open the hook, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of
75 two subscribing witnesses, this 25th day of January, A. D. 1893.

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