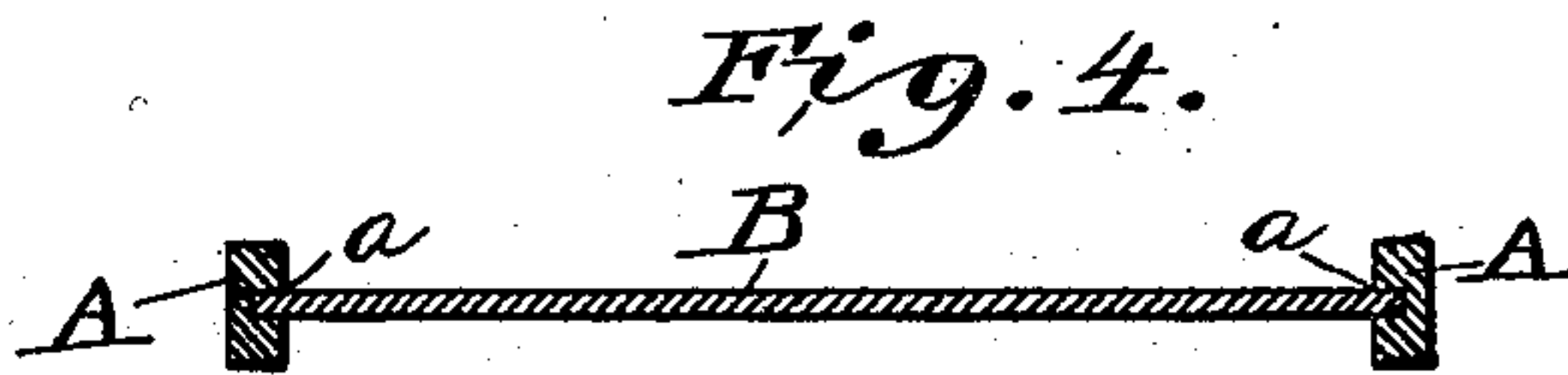
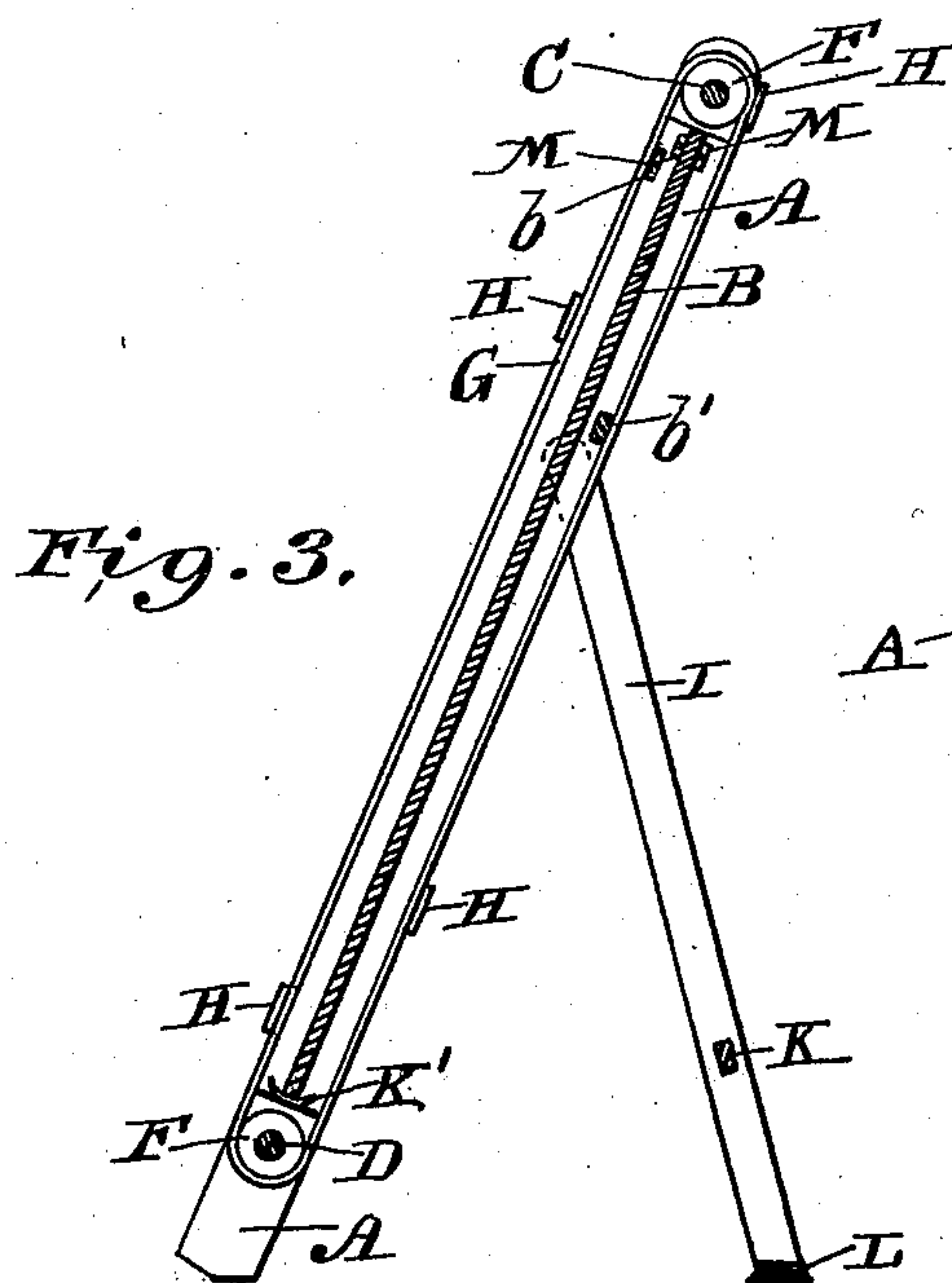
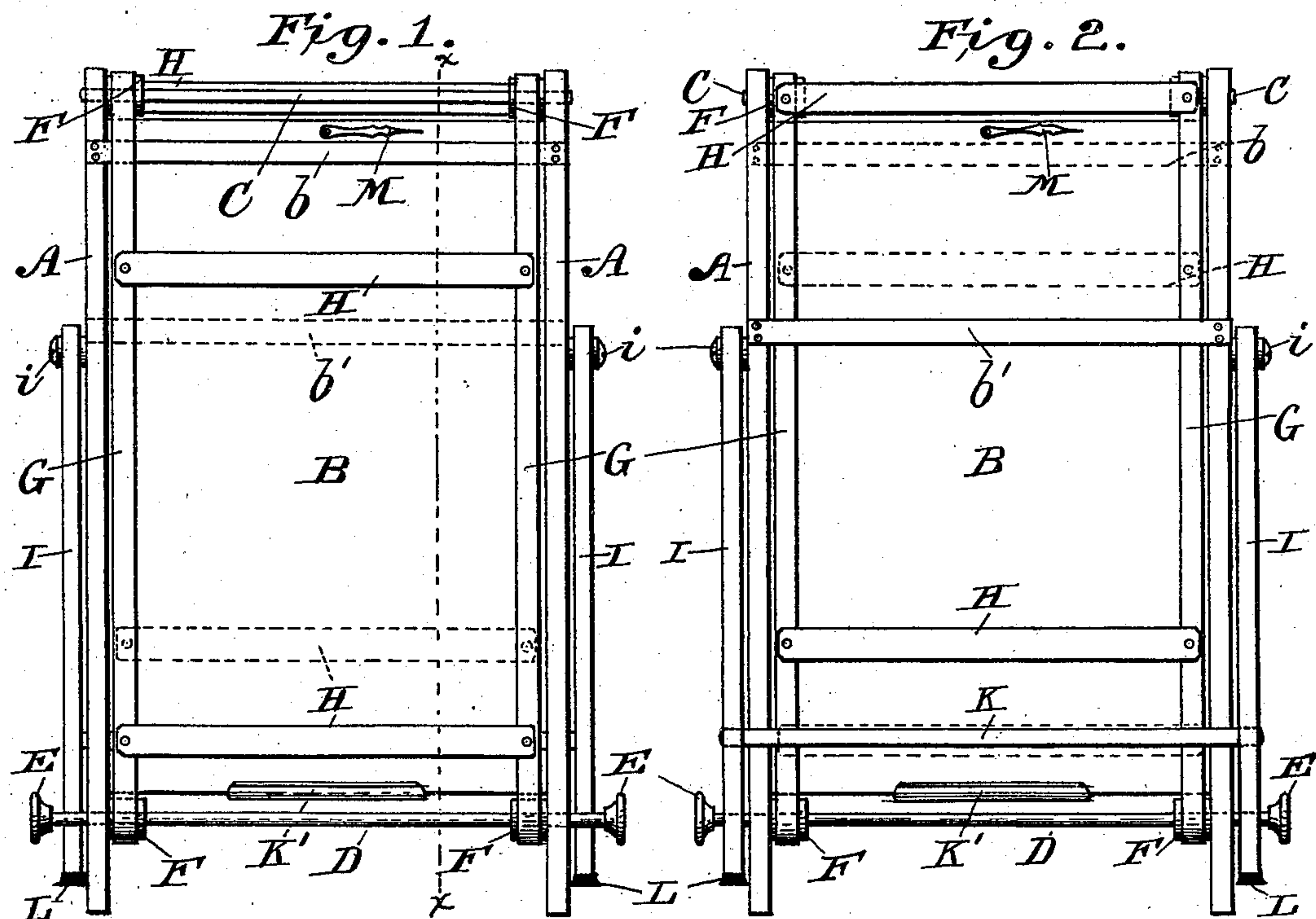


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN S. DUDLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Marion, in the county of Marion and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Copy-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to copy-holders, and more particularly to copy-holders either face of which may be used and in which the copy is secured to a base board or plate and liners or guides are moved over the copy continuously, and has for one of its objects to provide a double-faced holder, to which the copy may be readily secured or removed therefrom.

Another object of my invention is to provide a copy-holder having rapid and accurate means of indicating the point on the copy at which the writer is engaged as his work progresses.

Another object is to provide a double-faced copy-holder which will hold bulky or unwieldy matter, such as stenographers' books and legal or other manuscripts bound or riveted together, and permit the guide or indicator to pass continuously over the face thereof.

Another object is to provide a copy-holder with two faces, duplicates of each other, either of which may be used to hold copy at the same time and used by the writer by turning the face toward him that holds the copy he desires to follow.

Another object of my invention is to provide simple means for adjusting and supporting a double-faced copy-holder at any desired angle suitable for the operator.

Another object of my invention is to provide a copy-holder fulfilling the foregoing requirements and which is simple of construction and may be cheaply manufactured.

These objects I accomplish in the manner and by the means hereinafter described in detail, reference being made to the drawings accompanying this specification, in which the same letters refer to like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved copy-holder. Fig. 2 is a similar rear view; Fig. 3, a sectional view on the line *xx*, Fig. 1; and Fig. 4, a cross-section of base-board, showing how it is inserted in standards.

In carrying out my invention I provide side

standards A A, which may be rectangular in cross-section. In one of the sides of each standard, midway of the edges thereof, is formed a longitudinal groove *a* to receive the edges of the base-board B. This base-board may be made of strong thick cardboard, straw-board, or wood. The standards are held securely in place by japanned sheet-iron strips or tie-bars *b b'*, one being attached at each of its ends to the edge of the standard on opposite sides of the base-board, one near the top of the standards, and the other about midway of the top and the middle thereof.

In the standards A A, at the top thereof, a shaft C is journaled at each of its ends, and near the bottom of the standards is journaled another shaft D, with each of its ends projecting a distance from the standards and having secured on the ends thereof buttons or knobs E E for rotating the shaft D. Mounted on each shaft C D adjacent to the inner sides of the standards are broad-faced pulleys F, that carry belts G G, to which are secured the ends of guides or liners H H at each of their ends. The liners may be attached to the belts with rivets or they may be provided with loops and the belts passed therethrough. Pivotaly attached at their upper ends on the outer side of each of the standards are legs I I, joined near their lower ends by the cross-tie K. Rubber plates L L are attached to the ends of the legs I I to prevent them from slipping on the surface on which they stand when in use. The legs I I are secured to the sides of the standards by headed bolts *i i*, passing through the standards from the inner to the outer side and through the legs and having nuts fitted to the outer ends and washers interposed between the nuts and the sides of the legs and between the legs and standards. Other means may, however, be employed to pivotaly secure the legs to the standards.

When it is desired to use the side of the copy-holder out of view of the writer, the holder is turned around and the legs are turned on their pivotal point over the top of the holder and down at the desired angle on the opposite side thereof.

A bracket K' is secured to the lower edge of the base-board B and projects from each side of the base-board to form a support for

the copy, the end of which stands thereon. At the top of the base-board B and on each side thereof clips M M are fastened at one of their ends by a rivet, which passes through both of the clips at the ends thereof and through the base-board. These clips are used to hold the copy against the base-board.

The copy is placed against the face of the base-board and under the tie-bars, connecting with the edges of the standards, with its end resting on the bracket K'. If the copy is such that either from the lightness of the paper or on account of folds it will not stand on the bracket, it may be hung over the tie bar or strip. The device being adjusted at the proper angle and the copy in place, the guide or liner is made to follow and indicate the place and progress of the writer or compositor by turning the lower shaft by means of one of the knobs or buttons thereon and moving the liner down the face of the copy. A number of liners may be attached to the endless belt carried by the shafts, if desired.

If two liners are used and at a proper distance from each other, when one liner has reached the bottom of the copy one or two turns of the knob on the shaft will bring the other liner in position at the top of the base-board. When the holder is in use and it is desired to write from other copy before the copy on the holder is completed, the clip at the top of the copy may be turned down thereon, the legs reversed, and new copy placed in position on the opposite side of the holder.

The position of the cross-tie *b'* especially adapts it for use in holding stenographers' books or other matter of great bulk.

The advantages of my improved copy-holder are that the copy is always in sight in the same relative position. If it is desired to refer to any portion of the page, the copy does not have to be turned back, as is necessary when rollers are used and the part of the page it is desired to refer to has been passed there-through. The device furnishes two copy-holders in one. It may be used to copy manuscript of great thickness which could not be made to pass through rollers. Two movable liners or guides may be placed in position on the endless belts so that the space between them may be limited to a single line, a feature of great value when copying lines of figures, thus avoiding confusion and errors as the result of the close proximity of other figures.

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

1. A copy-holder provided with means for supporting copy thereon and having endless belts carried on shafts and provided with transverse liners secured at each of their ends to said belts, and means for rotating said shafts to move the liners continuously over the faces of the copy-holder, substantially as shown and described.

2. A copy-holder consisting of a base-board supported between standards having legs pivotally secured at their upper ends to the sides of said standards, each face of said base-board provided with means for holding copy thereon, and means for carrying transverse guides or liners over the faces of said base-board, substantially as shown and described.

3. A copy-holder supported by standards and legs, said legs pivotally secured to the side of each standard, said standards supporting a base-board provided with a bracket for supporting copy, endless belts carried on pulleys fixed on shafts journaled in said standards near the top and bottom of said standards and carrying transverse liners passing over each face of said base-board, and means for rotating said shafts and moving said liners over the face of the copy, substantially as shown and described.

4. A copy-holder consisting of a base-board secured between standards, transverse ties secured at each of their ends to said standards and passing over the faces of said base-board out of contact therewith, a bracket secured to said base-board at the bottom thereof, transverse guides or liners carried over the faces of said base-board by endless belts carried on pulleys fixed on shafts journaled in said standards near the top and bottom of said standards and means for rotating one of said shafts, substantially as shown and described.

5. A copy-holder consisting of a base-board, standards supporting said base-board, transverse shafts journaled in said standards near the top and bottom of said standards, pulleys near the ends of each of said shafts, endless belts passing over said pulleys, transverse liners secured at their ends to said belts, legs pivotally secured at their upper ends to the outer sides of said standards and adjustable on the side of either face of said base-board, and means for rotating one of said shafts, substantially as shown and described.

6. A copy-holder consisting of the standards A, A, having the base-board B secured therein, the cross-ties *b*, *b'* attached at their ends to said standards, the legs I, I pivotally secured to the sides of said standards, the shafts C and D journaled in said standards having the pulleys F thereon carrying the endless belts G, G, the transverse guides or liners secured at each of their ends to said belts, the shaft D provided with the knobs E, E, the bracket K' secured to the lower end of the base-board B, and the clips M, M, secured to each face of said base-board, substantially as shown and described.

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

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