

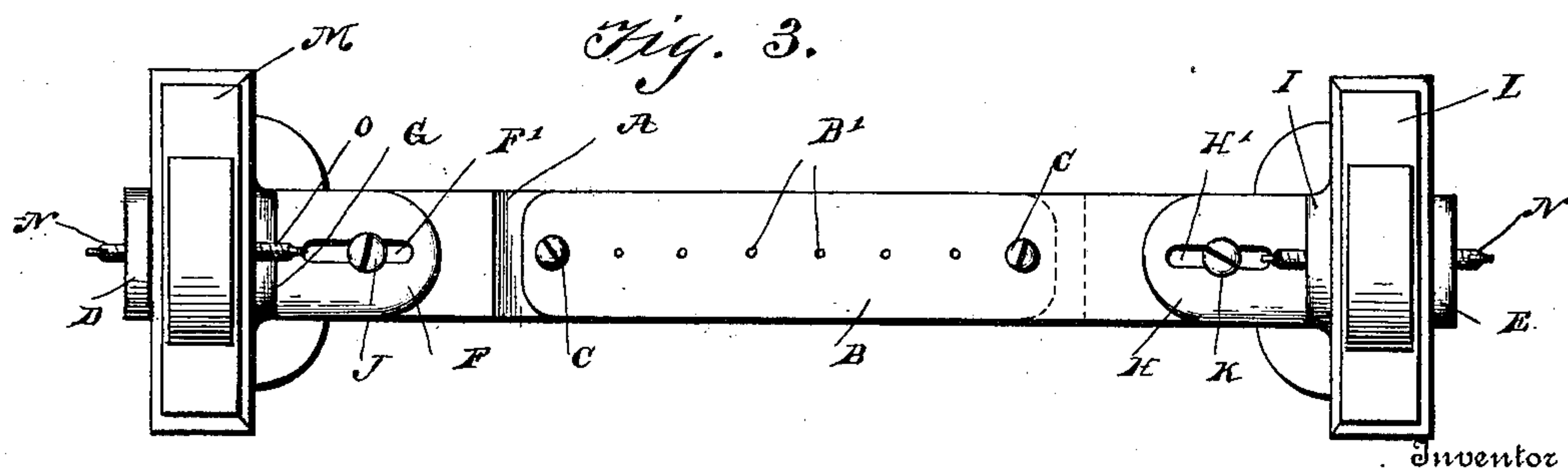
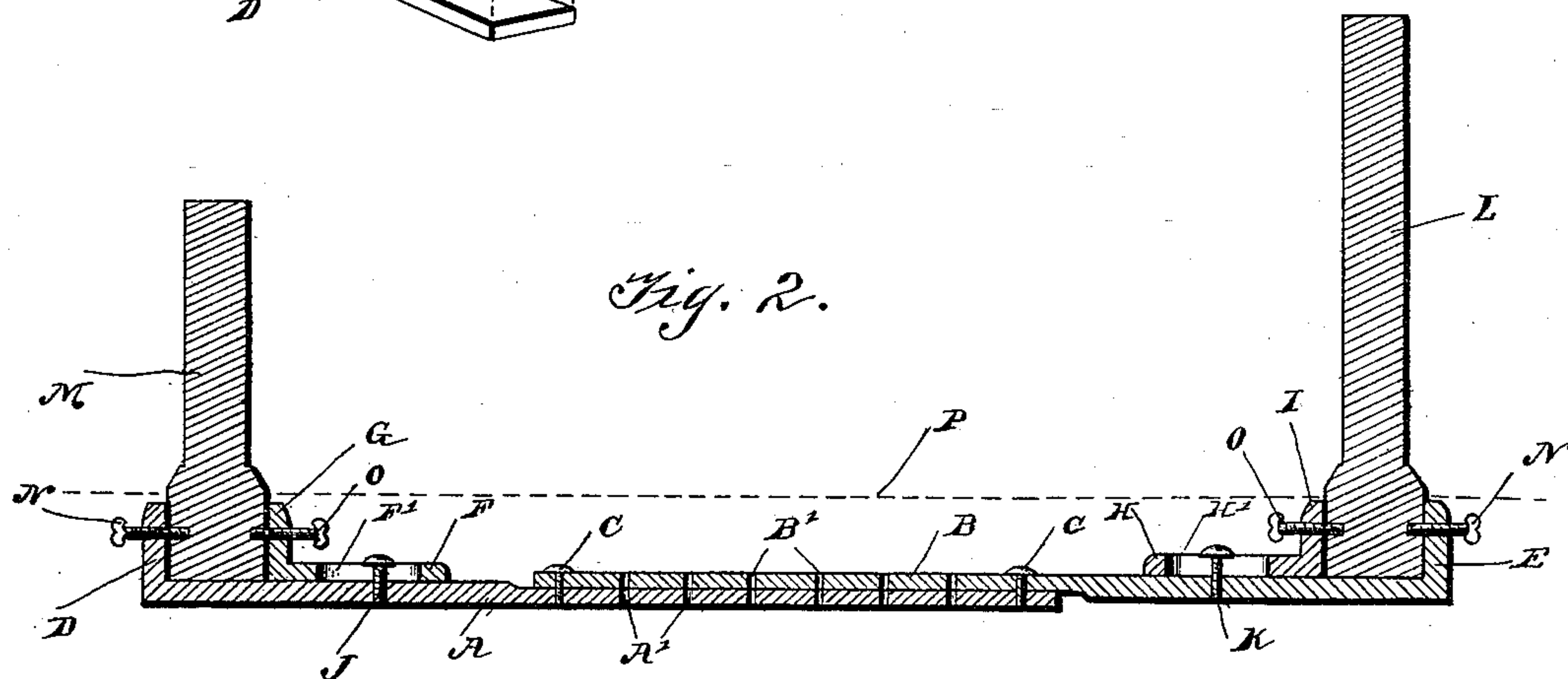
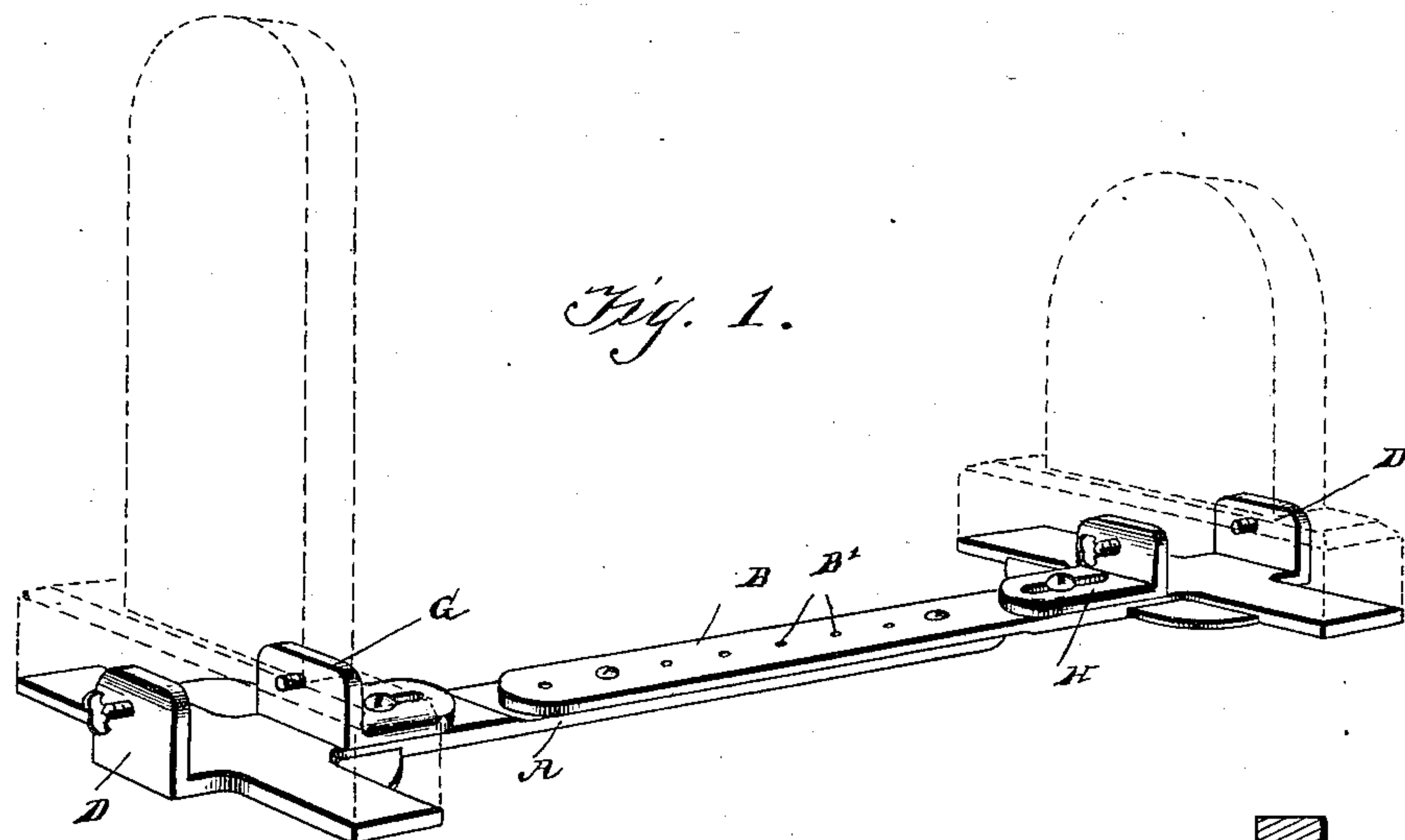
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WINFIELD C. GILBERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Union Bridge, in the county of Carroll and State of Maryland, have invented a new and useful Anchor for Tombstones, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices for anchoring tombstones in the earth.

10 The object of the invention is to provide means whereby tombstones at the head and foot of a grave may be connected together by an anchor buried under the surface of the earth in such manner that their distance  
15 apart will be properly regulated and preserved and they will be held against leaning, falling, or being twisted out of alinement.

With this object in view my invention consists in a tombstone-anchor comprising two  
20 plates of metal provided with means for connecting them together in any desired longitudinal adjustment, provided at their outer ends with upright flanges to embrace the outer sides of the head and foot stones, and angular brackets adapted to be adjustably secured  
25 upon the upper faces of the metal plates, whereby their upright flanges may be forced into contact with the inner sides of the head and foot stones, screws being provided to  
30 pass through the upright flanges of the metal plates and brackets into the head and foot stones to rigidly secure them in position.

My invention further consists in the improved construction, arrangement, and combination of parts hereinafter fully described, and afterward specifically pointed out in the appended claim.

40 In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention most nearly appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

45 Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a tombstone-anchor constructed in accordance with my invention, the head and foot stones being illustrated in position in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section through the anchor and tombstones, the earth-level being indicated by a dotted line. Fig.  
50 3 is a top plan view of the anchor and tombstones connected together.

Like letters of reference mark the same parts wherever they occur in the different figures of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings by letters, A and B indicate two plates or bars of metal adapted to overlap each other at their inner ends, the overlapping ends being provided with registering perforations A' and B' to receive screws  
55 C to secure them rigidly together in any desired adjustment. At their outer ends the plates A and B are provided with upward-turned flanges D.

F and H indicate brackets longitudinally  
60 slotted, as at F' and H', and provided with upturned flanges G and I at their outer ends. Screws J and K, passing through the slots F' and H', serve to permit of the adjustment longitudinally of the brackets F and H and to  
65 secure the brackets in position to clamp the base of the head and foot stones L and M.

Screws N are passed through the end flanges D and E of the metal plates A and B into the outside of the base of the head and foot stones,  
70 while screws O pass through the upright flanges G and I of the brackets F and H into the inside of the base of the head and foot stones.

The construction of my invention will be  
80 readily understood from the foregoing description, and its operation may be described as follows: The grave having been filled nearly full, the plates A and B are laid on the top of the filling-earth and adjusted to the  
85 proper length by means of the registering perforations A' and B' and the screws C in a well-known manner. The brackets F and H are now adjusted sufficiently far inward to permit of the placing of the headstone and  
90 footstone on the top of the plates A and B in contact with the inner faces of the upright flanges D and E. The brackets F and H are now adjusted outward until their angular flanges G and I rest against the inner faces  
95 of the bases of the head and foot stones and secured in such adjusted position by means of the screws J and K. The screws N and O are now turned into the holes prepared to receive them in the bases of the tombstones,  
100 thus securely fastening the stones to the anchor. The filling of the tomb is now completed, the earth rising to about the level of the dotted line P in Fig. 2, leaving nothing



exposed above the surface of the earth except the tombstones, which will be rigidly held against displacement.

While I have illustrated and described what  
5 I now consider to be the best means for carrying out my invention, I do not wish to be understood as restricting myself to the exact details of construction shown and described, but hold that any slight changes or variations,  
10 such as might suggest themselves to the ordinary mechanic, would properly fall within the limit and scope of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by  
15 Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A tombstone-anchor consisting of two plates of metal connected at their inner ends for longitudinal adjustment and provided on their

outer ends with vertical flanges to embrace the outside of the head and foot stones, longitudinally-slotted brackets, one mounted 20 near the outer end upon each of the metallic plates, and each provided with a vertical flange at its outer end to bear against the inner side of the head and foot stones, screws 25 passing through the slots of the brackets into the metallic plates, and screws passing through the vertical flanges of the metallic plates and of the brackets and adapted to enter the bases of the head and foot stones, substantially as described. 30

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