

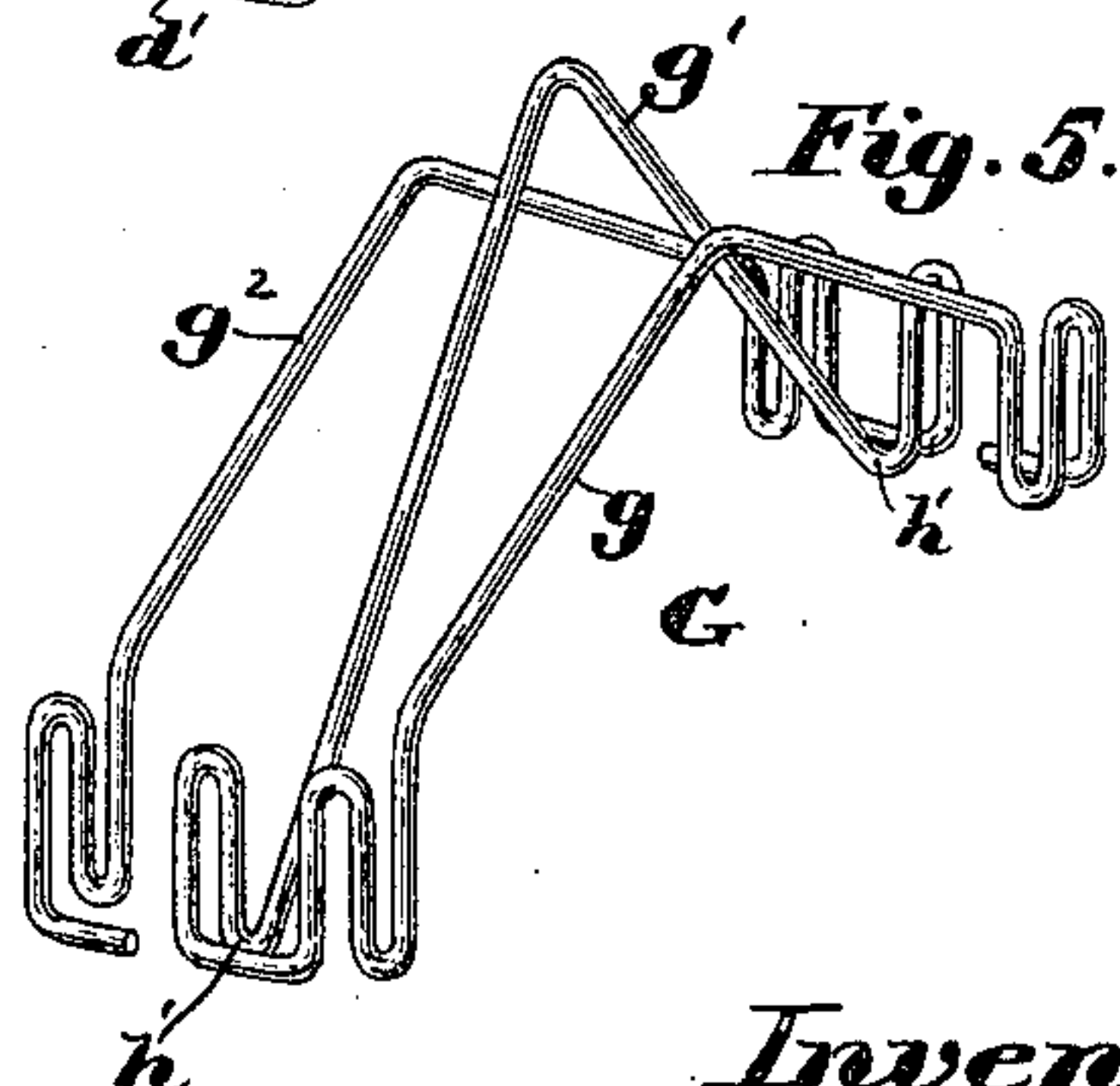
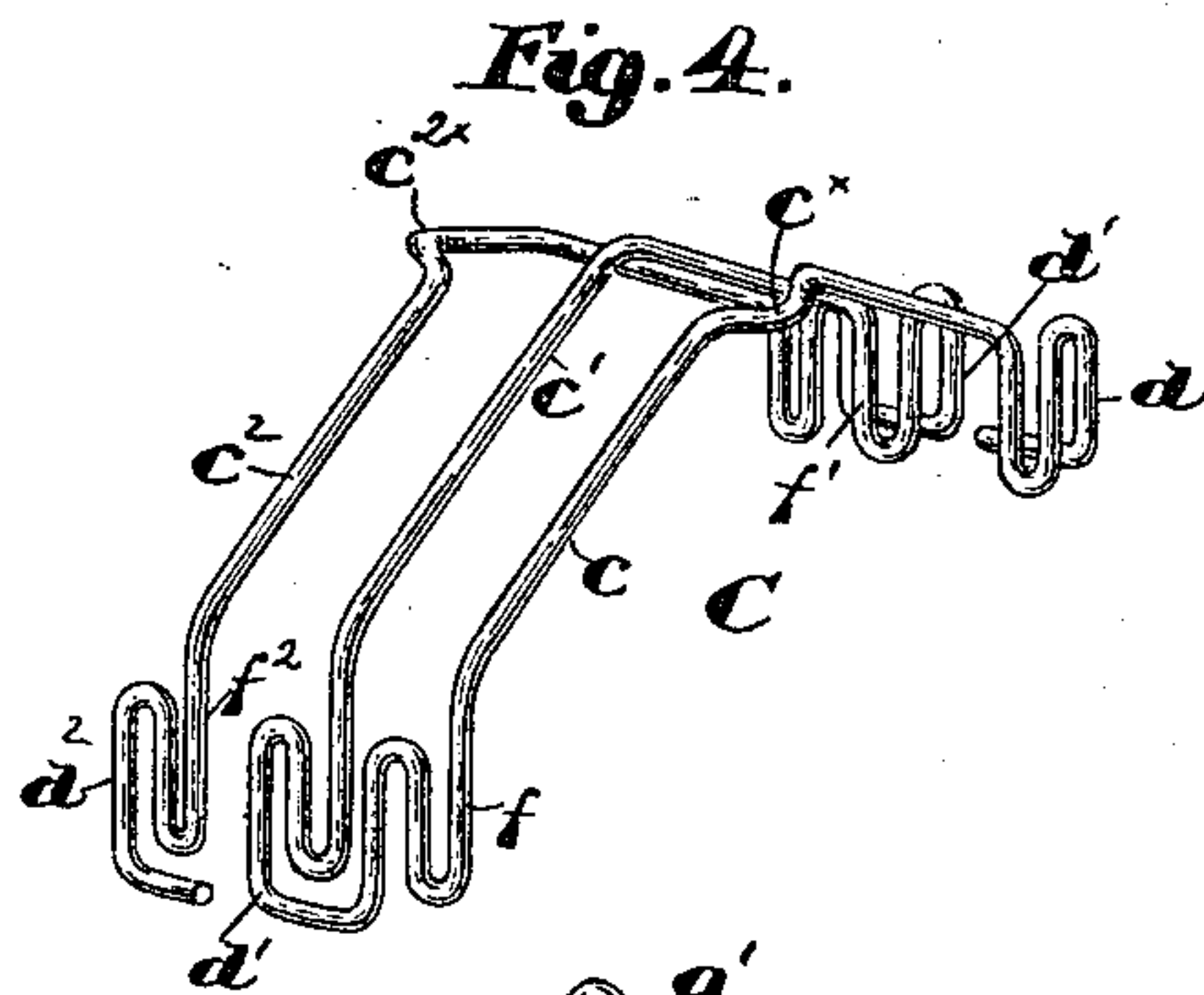
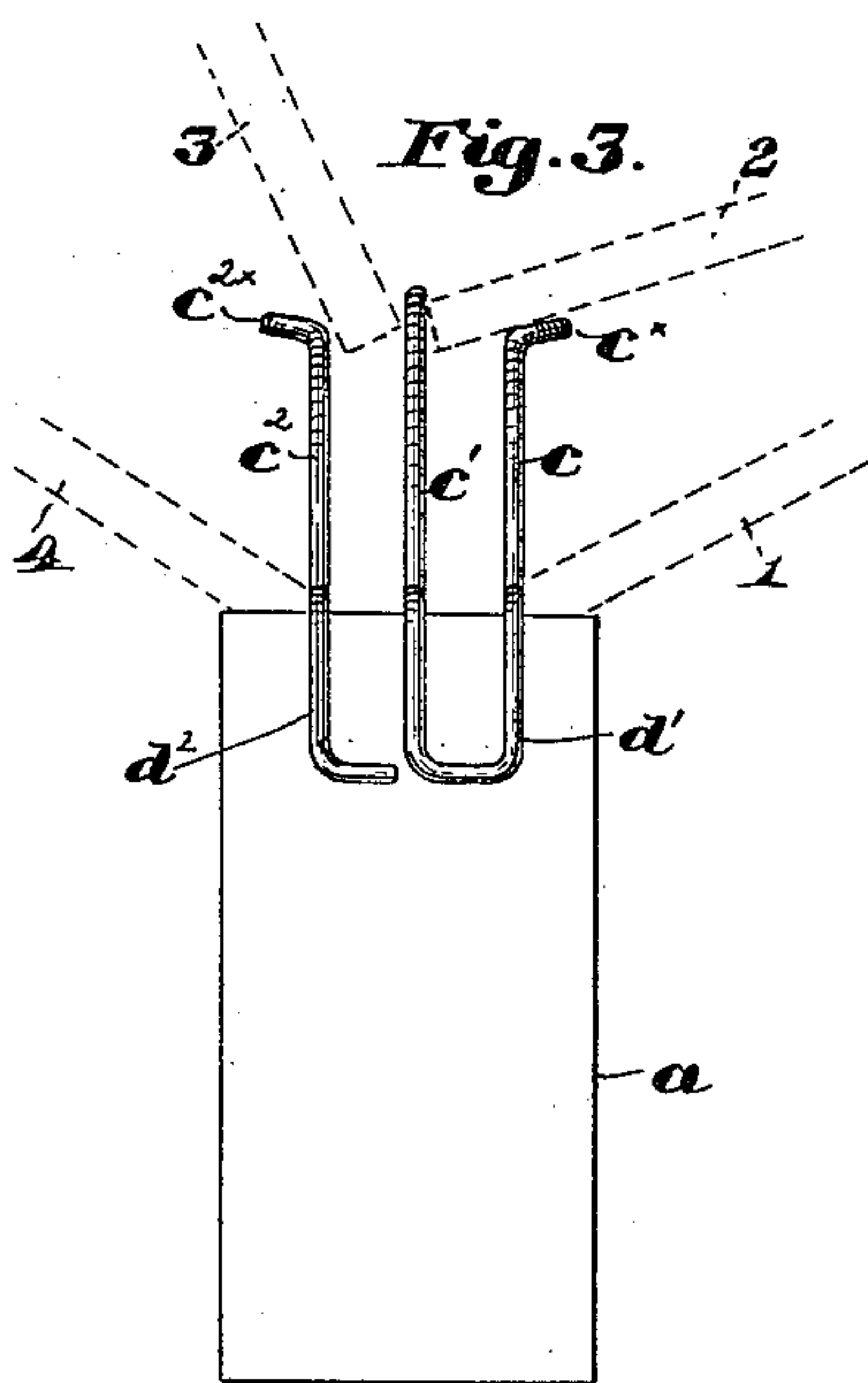
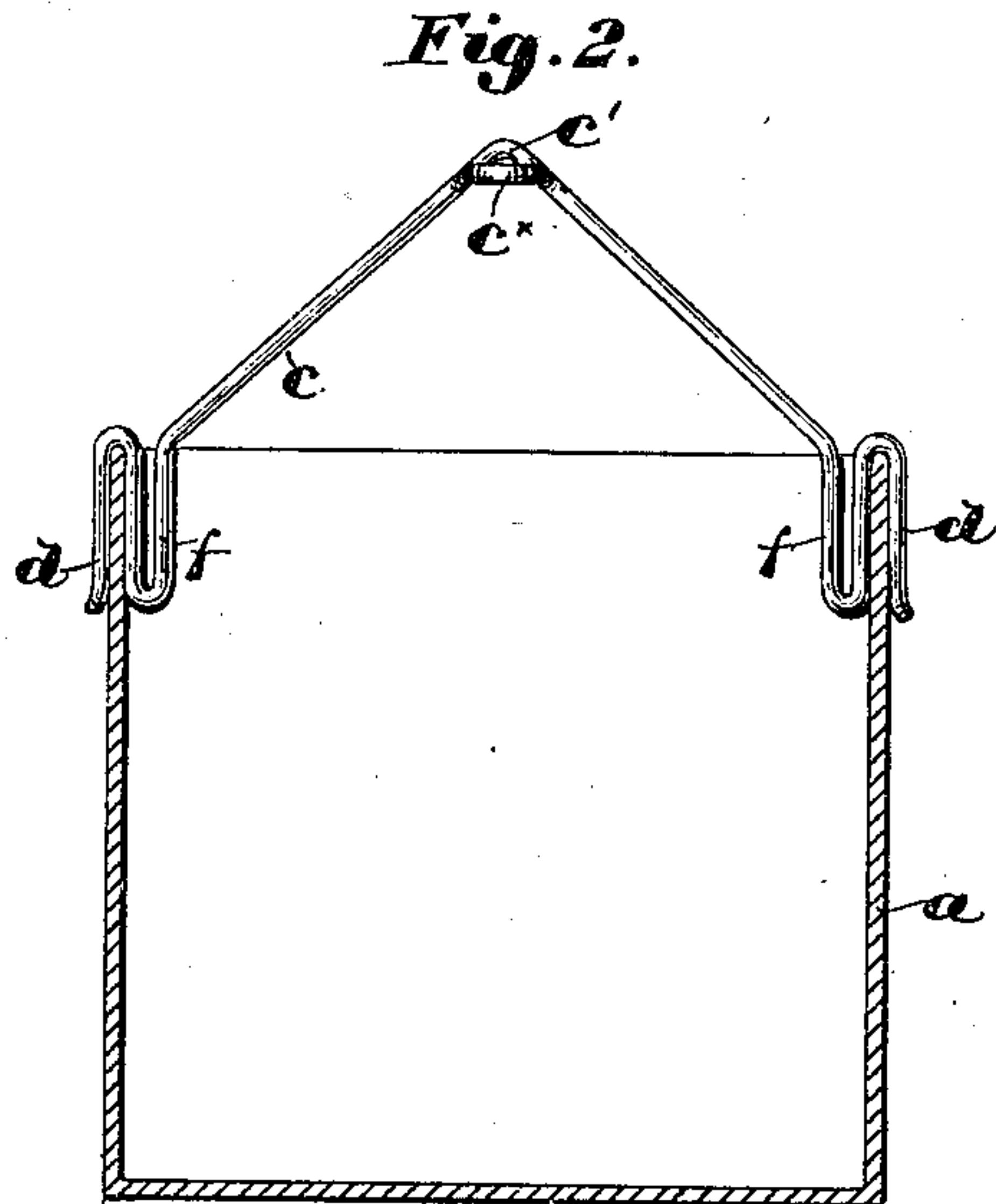
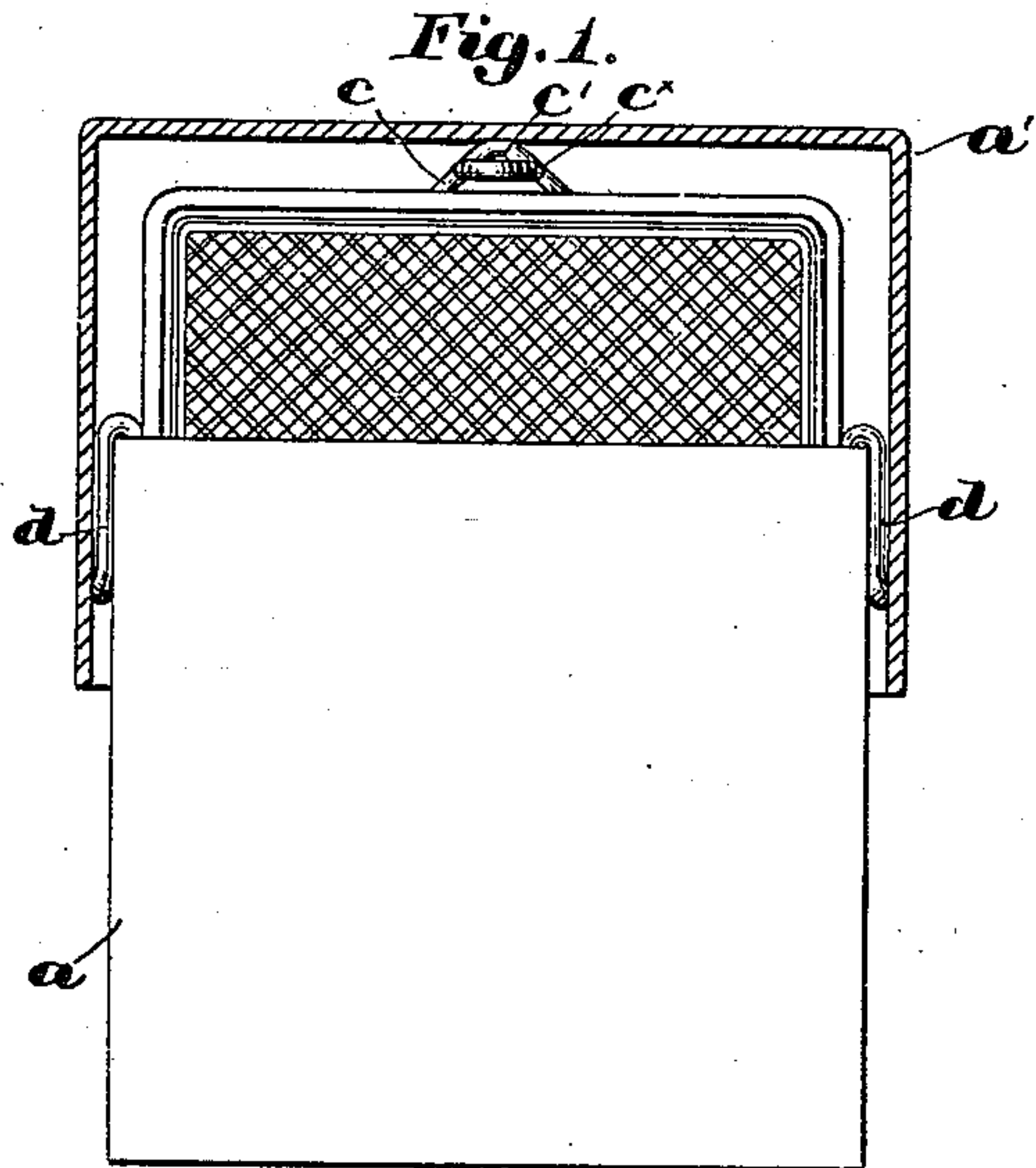
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## CARD-HOLDER FOR DUPLICATE WHIST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM P. ORDWAY, of Boston, county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Card-Holders for Duplicate Whist, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

In the game of duplicate whist the hands previously dealt for distribution have to be retained separately in some suitable device; and the object of my present invention is to produce a simple and effective holder which can be very conveniently carried in the pocket, if desired, as it is exceedingly compact.

In accordance with my invention I apply to the open end of a suitable case or box a separator having partition-walls constructed and arranged to aid in introducing the hands, as well as to retain them separated in the holder. The partitions extend above the case, and each acts in succession to receive against it one end of the hand to be inserted in the case. After the ends of the cards forming the hand are stopped by a partition they have only to be turned up vertically, when they will drop into the proper division of the holder, and I prefer to make the shape of the partitions such that a corner of each hand is always presented in such manner that it may be easily grasped and withdrawn by the player.

Figure 1, in elevation, shows one form of my card-holder in condition for transportation, with the cover in section. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof, with the front of the case or box omitted. Fig. 3 is an end view, the dotted lines showing the hands presented to be entered in the case in proper place. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the separator detached, and Fig. 5 is a like view of a modified form of separator to be described.

The case or box  $a$  and its cover  $b$  may be of any usual or suitable material.

To the open end of the case I apply a separator  $C$ , composed, as herein shown, of three parallel partitions  $c$   $c'$   $c^2$ , the sides thereof converging and having like angularity, the apices  $c^x$  and  $c^{2x}$  of the outer partitions being shown as bent over outward. This leaves the central partition  $c'$  projecting somewhat above or beyond the outer partitions, as very

clearly illustrated in Fig. 3. The separator is herein shown as composed of a single piece of wire bent into the shape shown in Fig. 4 to present at the ends of the separator three loop members  $d$   $d'$   $d^2$ , which are in planes substantially at right angles to the inner members  $f$   $f'$   $f^2$  at the bases of the substantially A-shaped partitions. The end walls of the case  $a$  enter between the loop members  $d$   $d'$   $d^2$  and  $f$   $f'$   $f^2$ , and said members are preferably made spring-acting to prop the walls and hold the separator firmly in position.

I have shown the holder adapted to receive and hold four dealt hands 1, 2, 3, and 4, Fig. 3, and in inserting them the ends of the cards forming hand 1 will be rested on the top of the case and abutted against the partition  $c$ , as in dotted lines, Fig. 3, after which they will be turned up to the left to enter the case between the wall thereof and the loop members  $d$ . The hand 2 will be laid on the overturned apex  $c^x$  of partition  $c$ , the projecting part of partition  $c'$  acting as a stop for the ends of the cards and also to guide them into the case when turned into upright position, the cards readily entering the space between the two partitions  $c$  and  $c'$ . The hands 3 and 4 will be introduced at the opposite side of the case in the manner hereinbefore described. The overturned apices  $c^x$  and  $c^{2x}$  tend to retain the outermost hands 1 and 4 in place in the holder, so that they will not readily slip out.

By reason of the inclined sides of the partitions the upper corners of the cards are exposed outside the partitions ready to be easily grasped by the player when a hand is to be taken out of the box.

In the modification shown in Fig. 5 the central partition  $g'$  of the separator  $G$  is longer than the outer partitions  $g$  and  $g^2$ , and it also springs from the lower portion of the central attaching-loops  $h'$ , so that the angularity of the middle partition differs from that of the outer partitions.

The extended portion of the central partition in this invention also forms a stop and guide, as described, for the hands when inserted in the holder.

In the preferred form the inner members  $f$   $f'$   $f^2$  of the loops serve to separate the hands within the case  $a$ .



While I prefer to make the separator of wire and in a single piece, to thus secure not only suitable rigidity of one partition relative to another, but also for the sake of cheapness, yet my invention is not restricted to making the separator of wire, as it might be made of any other suitable material and be secured to the open end of the case or box.

My invention is applicable to other games of a similar character—such, for instance, as duplicate cribbage—and it will also be obvious from the foregoing that I can use a plurality of the separators on a box or case of a suitable size or designed to hold a plurality of packs of cards.

While I have herein shown the separator as provided with three partition members, a greater number may be employed, if desired.

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

1. In a card-holder for duplicate whist, a case, and a separator mounted on the open end thereof and extended upwardly therefrom and crossing said case from side to side, the separator having middle and outer partitions of different height located substantially as described relative one to the other, to form stops for the ends of the separate hands being inserted into the case, the longitudinal edges of the inserted cards being freely exposed at their upper ends beyond the open end of the case and between the partitions.

2. In a card-holder for duplicate whist, a case, and a separator mounted on the open end thereof, having three parallel partitions with upwardly-converging sides, the apex of the middle partition extending beyond the ends of the outer partitions, to form a stop for the ends of the separate hands inserted at each side of said middle partition.

3. In a card-holder for duplicate whist, a case, and a separator mounted on the open end thereof, having three parallel partitions with upwardly-converging sides, the apex of the middle partition extending beyond the ends of the outer partitions, to form a stop for the ends of the separate hands inserted at each side of said middle partitions, the apices of the outer partitions being bent outwardly to project over the upper ends of and retain the outermost hands in place.

4. In a card-holder for duplicate whist, a case having an open end, a separator mounted thereon composed of wire bent to present a series of connected partitions with upwardly-converging sides, the apices of the middle and outer partitions being at different heights, the

bases of the partitions continuing downward within the case.

5. In a card-holder for duplicate whist, a case having an open end, a separator mounted thereon composed of wire bent to present a series of connected partitions with upwardly-converging sides, the apices of the middle and outer partitions being at different heights, the wire at the bases of the partitions presenting retaining-loops to engage the walls of the case.

6. A separator for duplicate-whist card-holders, composed of a single piece of wire bent to present parallel partitions having inclined, converging sides, and attaching-loops at their bases, the outer members of said loops being substantially at right angles to the inner members thereof, said latter members projecting inward in the planes of the partitions.

7. A separator for duplicate-whist card-holders, composed of wire bent to present three substantially A-shaped partitions, the apex of the middle partition extending beyond the apices of the outer partitions, the latter being bent over laterally, and attaching-spring-bends at the bases of the partitions.

8. A separator for duplicate-whist card-holders, composed of wire bent to present three substantially A-shaped partitions, having their inclined sides of equal inclination, the apex of the middle partition extending beyond the ends of the outer partitions, to form stops for and to guide the ends of the separate hands inserted at each side of said middle partition.

9. A duplicate-whist card-holder, consisting of a case having a connected separator composed of wire bent to present a series of partitions of different height, said wire presenting at the ends of the partitions loops to engage the open end walls of the case.

10. In a card-holder for duplicate whist, a case, and a separator at the open end thereof, said separator comprising three parallel partitions, the top of the middle partition extending beyond the tops of the outer partitions to form a stop for the ends of the separate hands inserted at each side thereof, the tops of the outer partitions being bent outwardly to project over the upper ends of and retain the outermost hands in place in the case.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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