

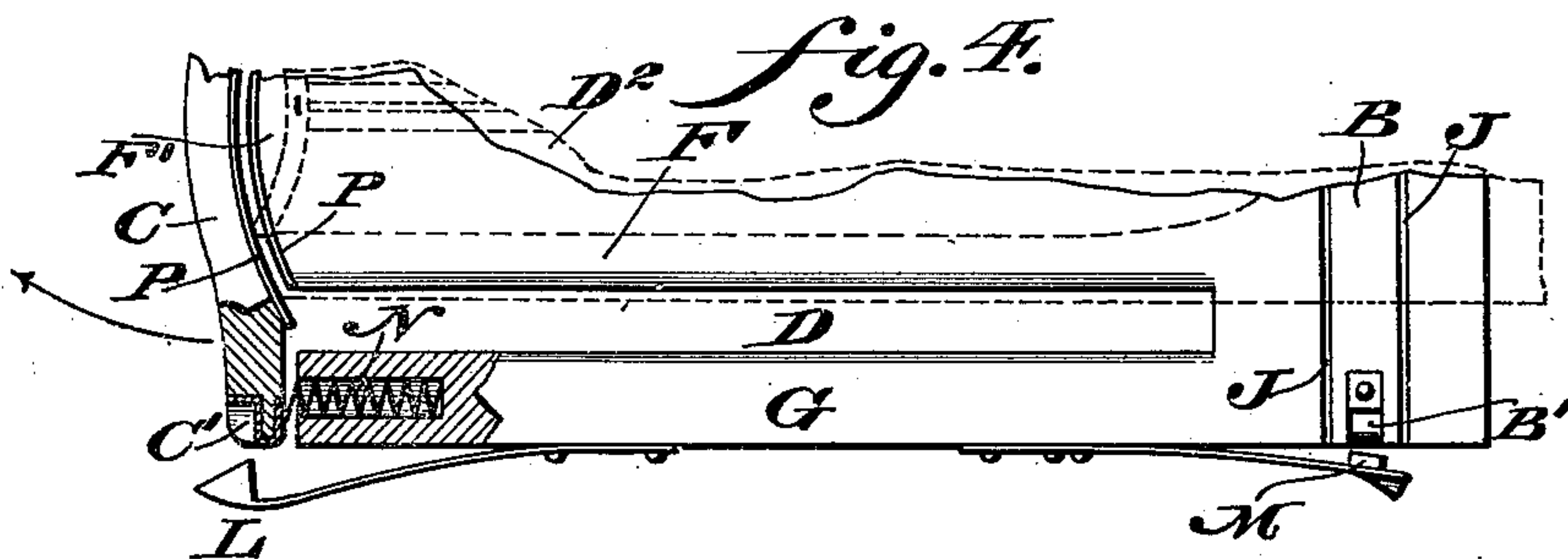
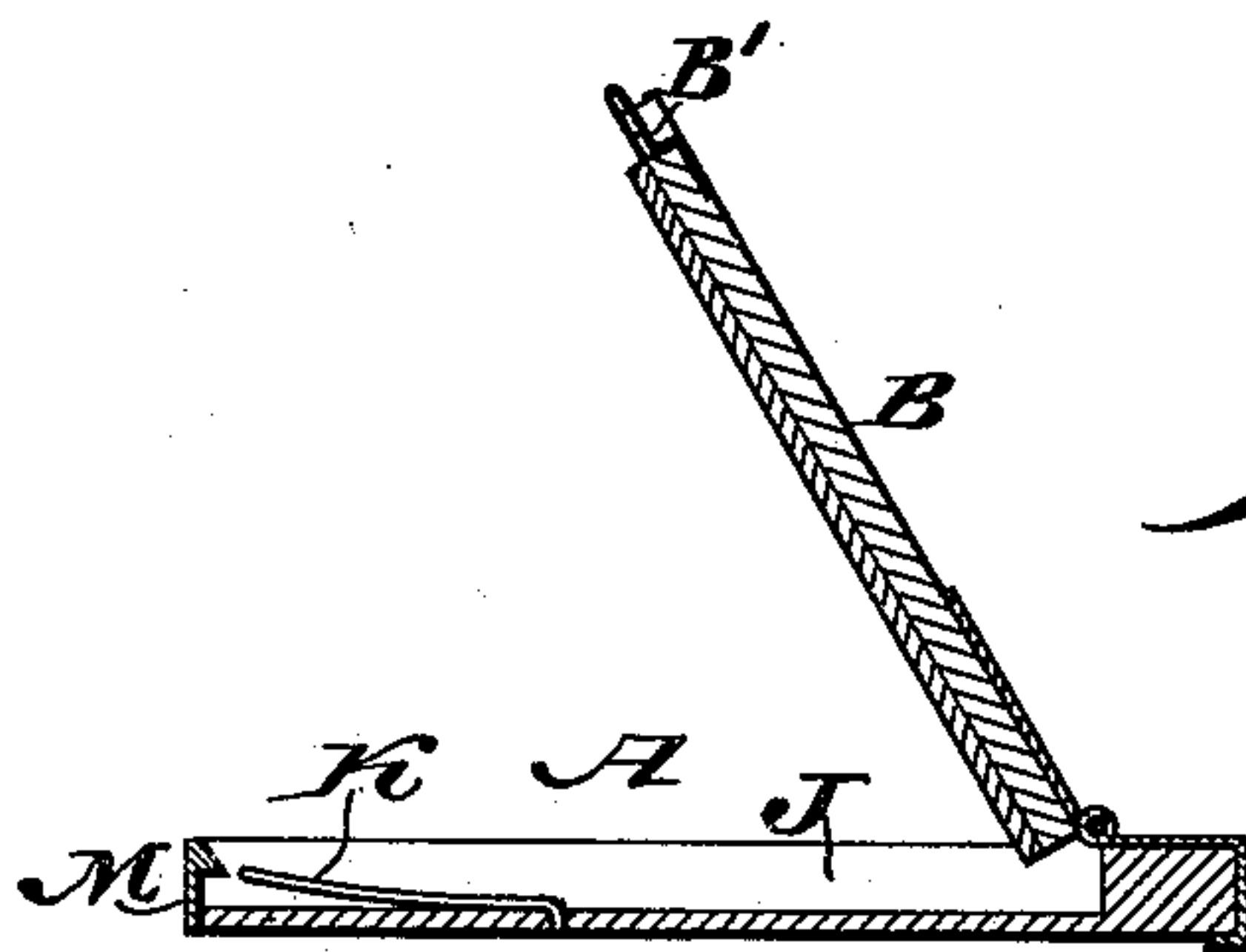
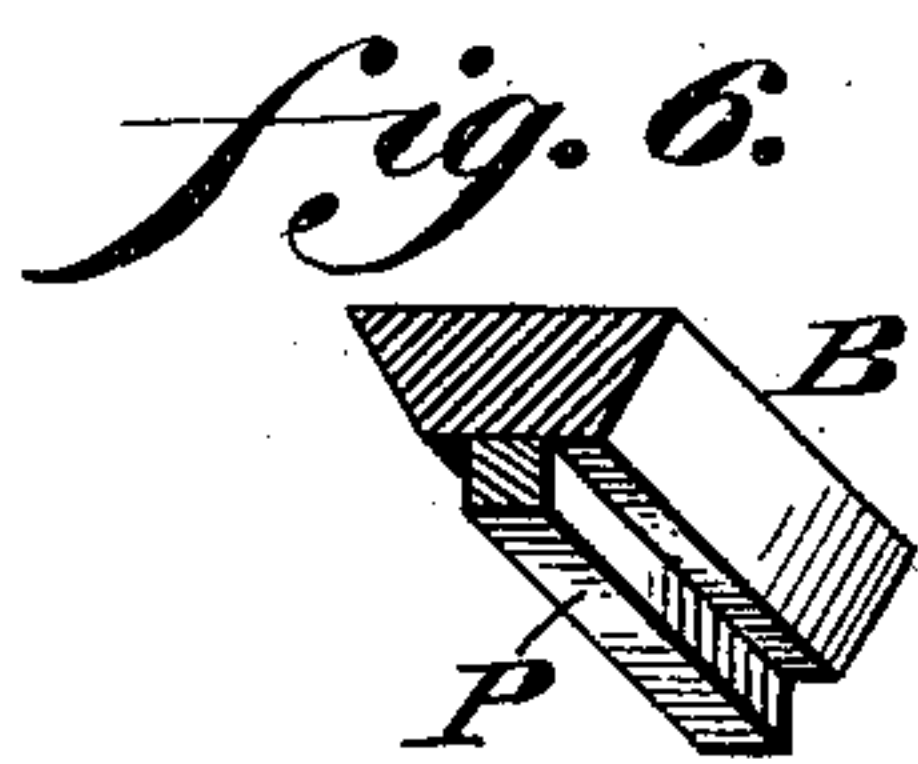
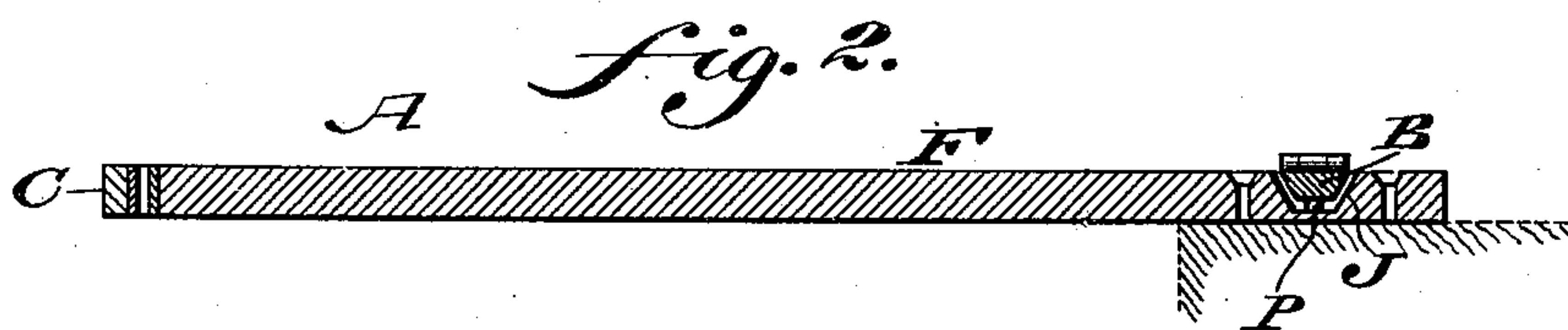
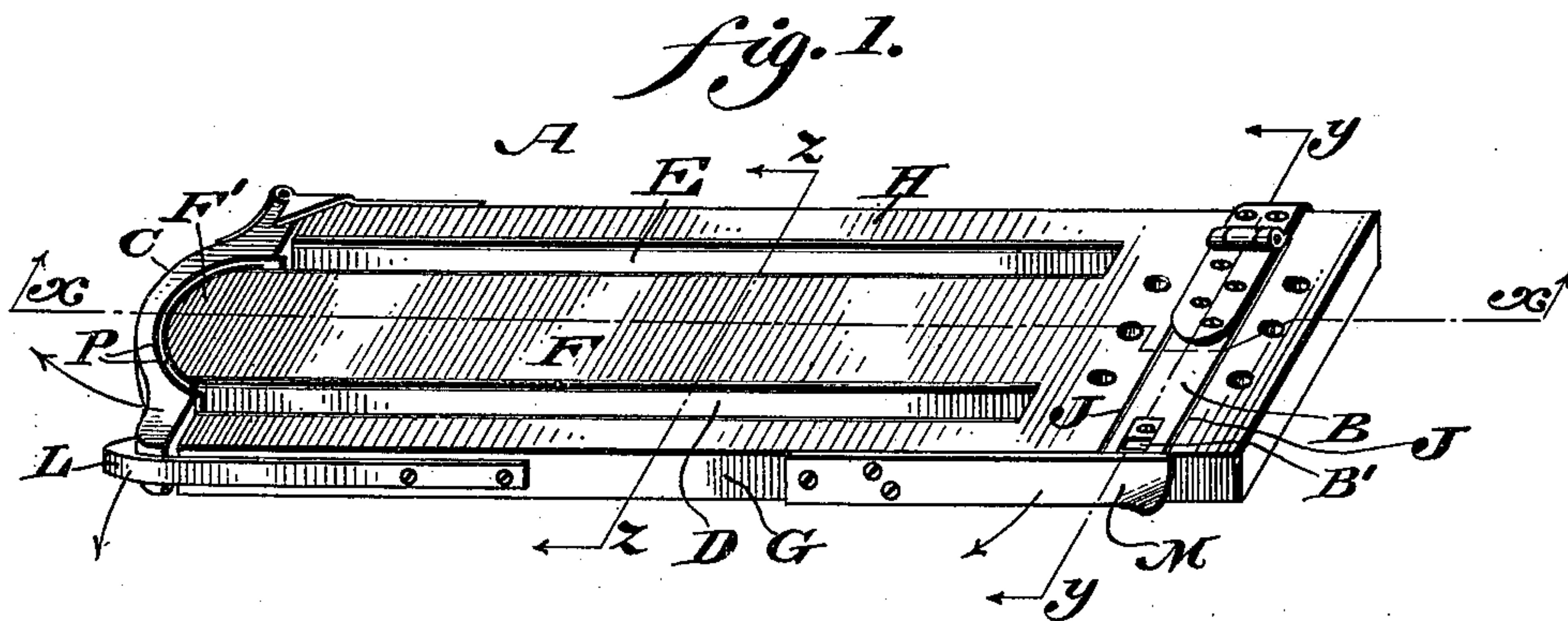
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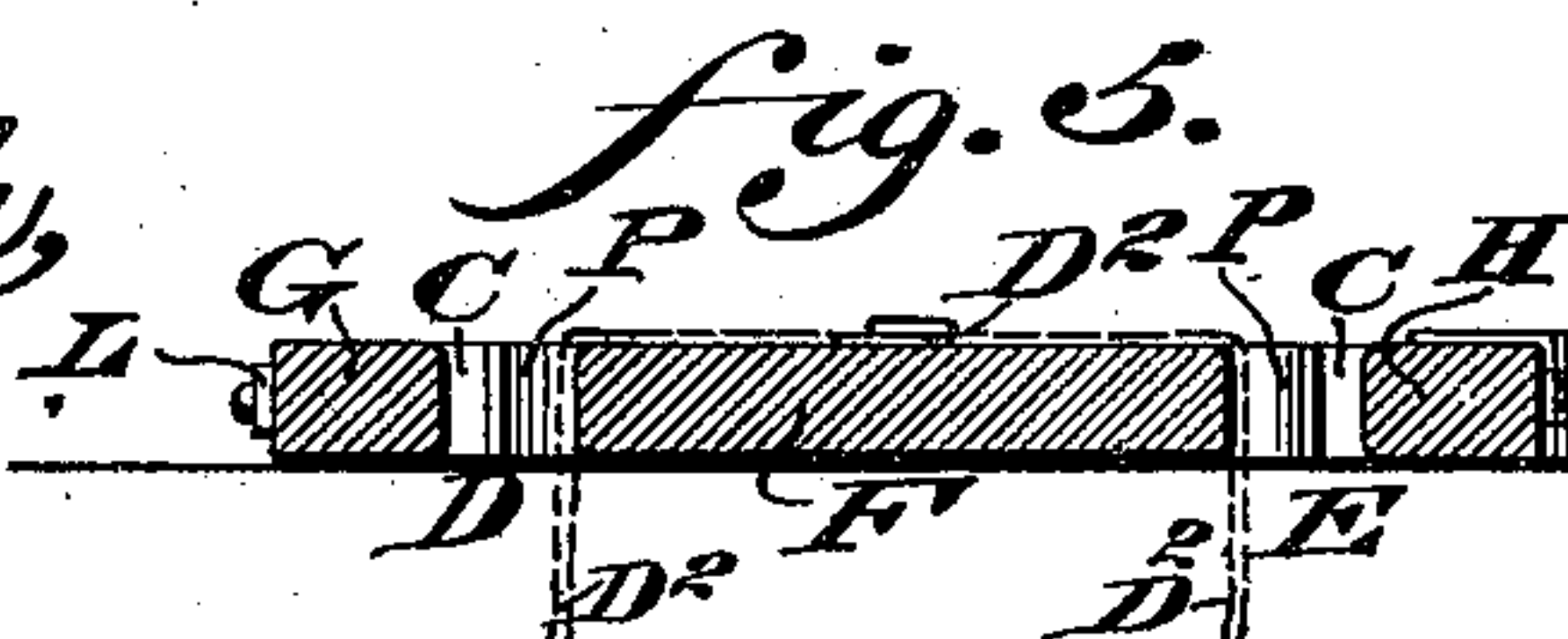
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## IRONING-BOARD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIS R. VIDLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cramer's Hill, county of Camden, State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ironing-Boards, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to boards for ironing shirts, whereby the same may be quickly and easily placed in position and firmly held thereon.

It further consists of novel details of construction, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of an ironing-board embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a vertical sectional view thereof on the line  $xx$ , Fig. 1. Fig. 3 represents a vertical sectional view on line  $yy$ , Fig. 1, showing the rear arm or clamp in raised position. Fig. 4 represents a partial plan view and partial sectional view of said board. Fig. 5 represents a vertical sectional view on line  $zz$ , Fig. 1. Fig. 6 represents a perspective view of a portion of the rear arm or clamp.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates an ironing-board having hinged or otherwise fastened thereto the clamps or arms B and C, provided, respectively, with notches or recesses B' and C', the object of said clamps being to hold a shirt D<sup>2</sup> during ironing on said board, the latter being preferably provided with the longitudinally-extending slots D and E, thereby forming the intermediate portion F, having, preferably, a rounded or convex end F', said board having also the portions G and H, the object of said slots being to permit only the bosom of the shirt to be exposed to the ironing device.

J designates a groove which is adapted to receive the clamp B, which latter retains the skirt of the shirt during ironing; but said groove may be omitted without departing from the spirit of my invention.

M and L designate spring latches or catches,

the noses of which are adapted to engage the notches B' and C', respectively, on the clamps B and C, said clamps holding a shirt to be ironed firmly in contact with the board. If desired, a spring K, located in the groove J, and a spring N, located in a recess in the board A, may be used to throw the respective clamps out of contact with the board or shirt when said clamps are released by the proper manipulation of their respective latches. The inner face of each clamp and the portion of the board adjacent to the clamp C are preferably provided with strips of suitable resilient material P, such as rubber or cloth, whereby the clamps are prevented from injuring the shirt and the latter is prevented from slipping or shifting during the act of ironing.

The operation is as follows: The latches L and M are first disengaged from their recesses, and the clamps C and B held thereby can then be readily opened. The shirt D<sup>2</sup> is then placed in the position seen in Figs. 4 and 5, the clamp B engaging the neck or shoulder of the shirt and the clamp D holding the skirt thereof, the shirt now appearing in substantially the position seen in dotted lines in Fig. 4, leaving the bosom only exposed to the ironing device, while the clamps prevent slipping or shifting of the shirt during the act of ironing.

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

In a shirt-ironing board, a suitable body portion having longitudinally-extending slots in the sides thereof, a portion intermediate said slots projecting beyond the side portions of the board, a clamp pivotally attached to said board, the opposing faces of said clamp and board being faced with suitable resilient material, a transverse groove located at the opposite end of said board and having a clamp adapted to seat therein, said last-mentioned clamp being adapted to hold the skirt of the shirt in position, and locking devices for said clamps.

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