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Fig. 1.

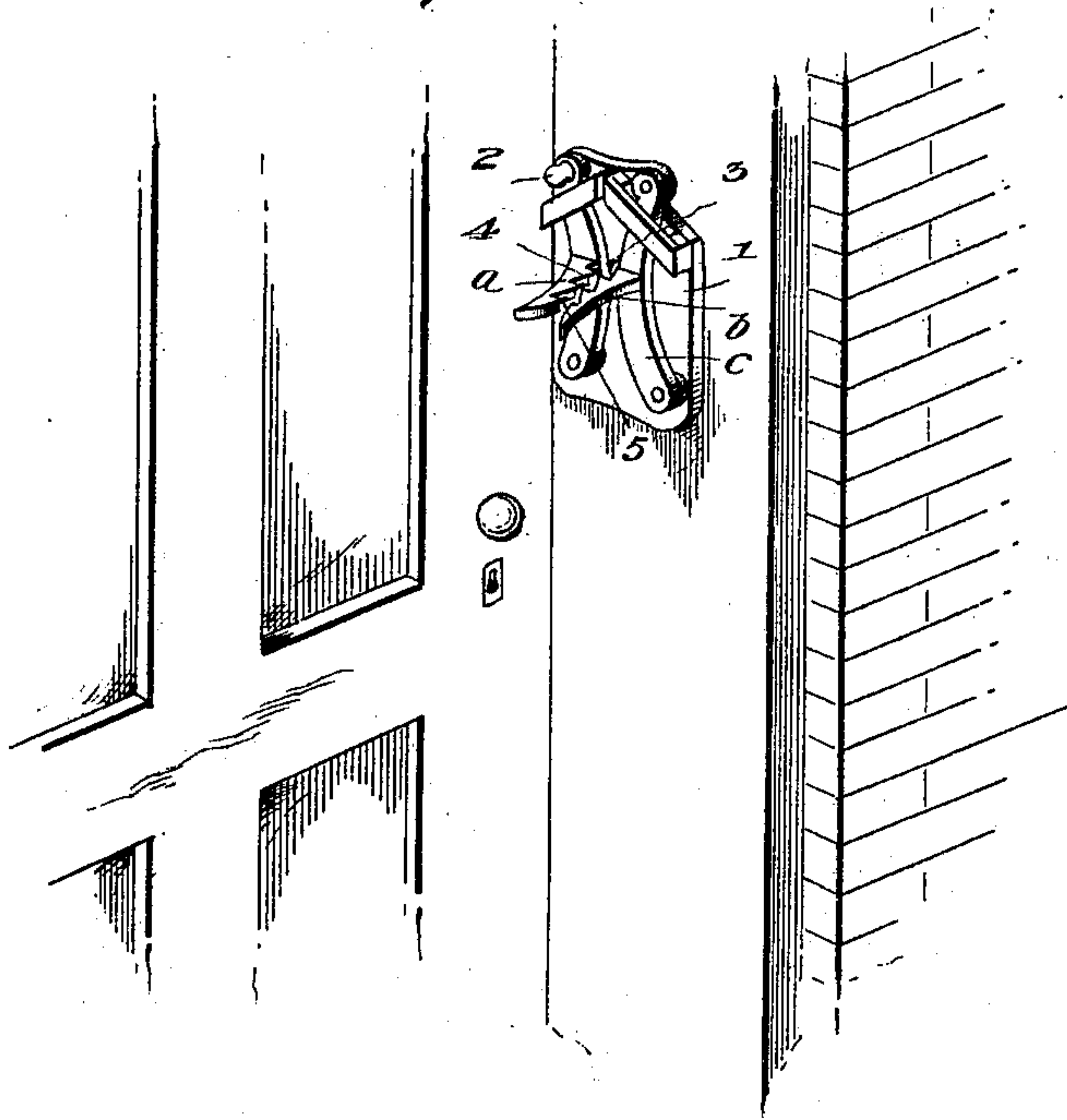


Fig. 2.

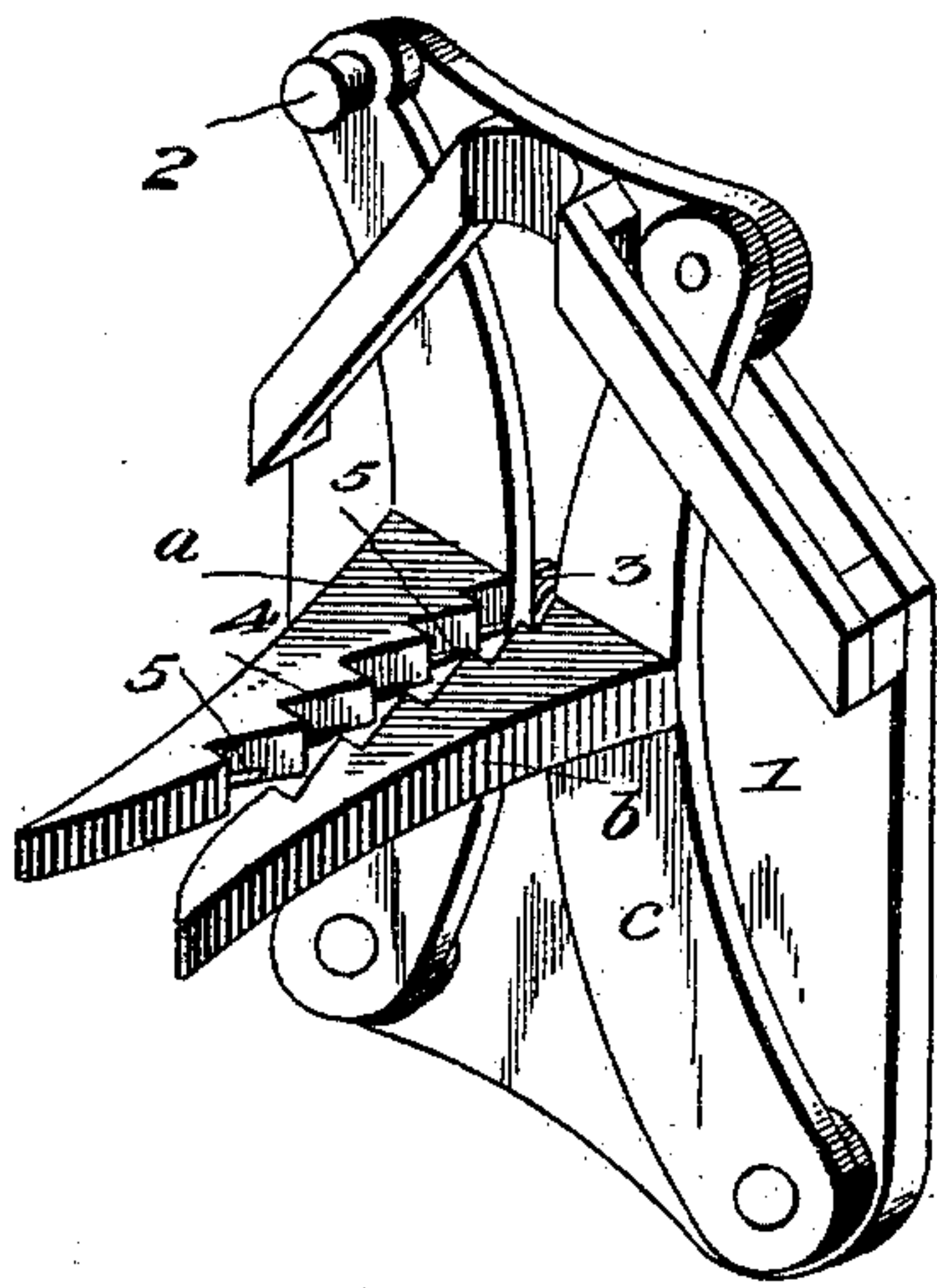
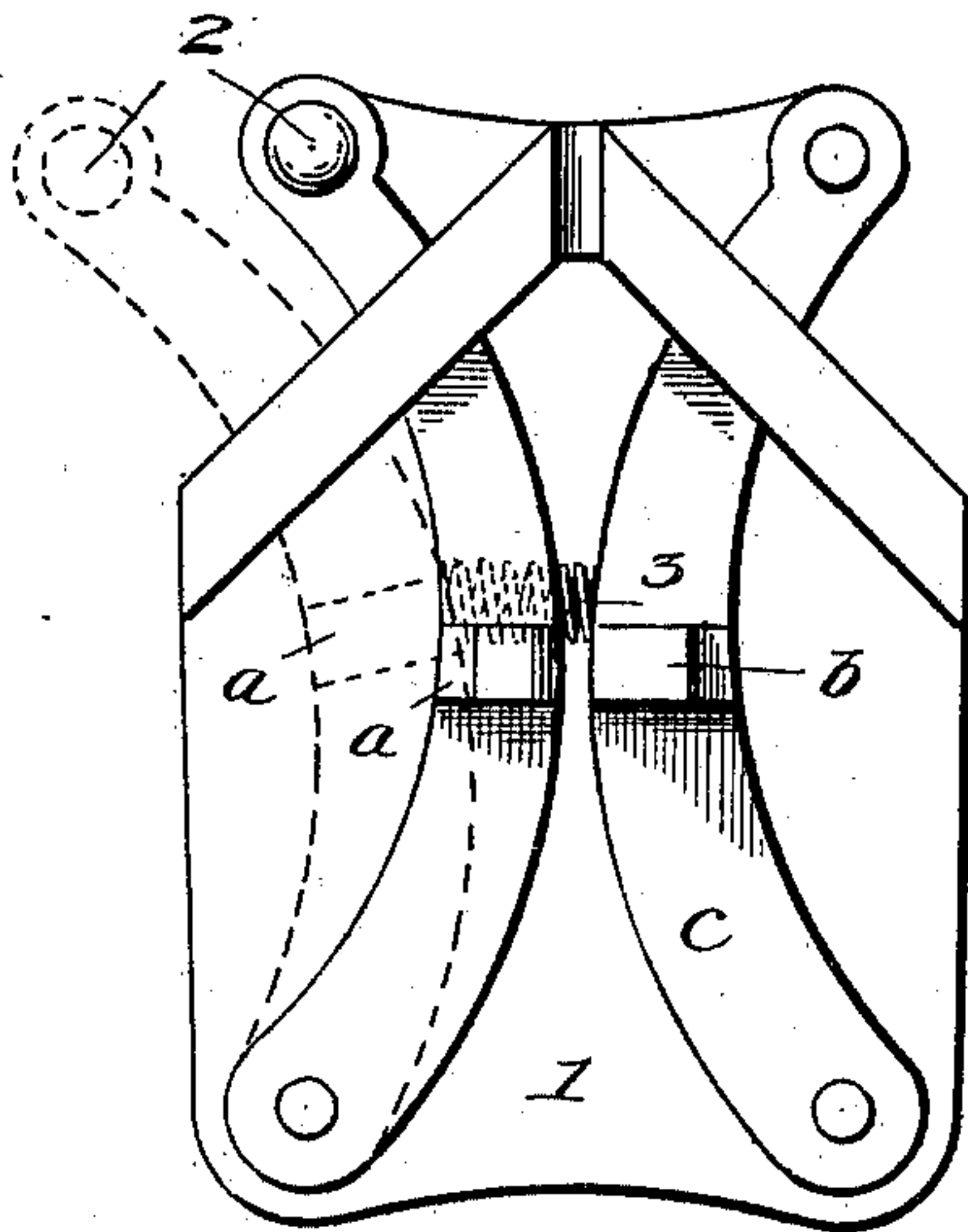


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS BRUHNS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, (Bridesburg,) in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Newspaper-Holders; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has relation to a newspaper-holder.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of this character adapted to be secured to the door-frame on the outside to receive newspapers and to render fruitless the design of street-gamins and other suspicious persons surreptitiously removing the paper for the purpose of sale.

It is a well-known fact that papers left in the yards and upon the porches of residences by carriers are very often stolen or during a storm they may be blown away or may be soaked with rain. My invention is designed for the purpose of allowing the carrier to secure the paper in the holder in such manner that should a person attempt to remove the paper without first opening the door the paper will be torn or mutilated to such an extent as to defeat all chances of its sale, and its position in the doorway will shield it from the rain.

My invention consists in certain features of construction and combination of parts, which will be hereinafter fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved newspaper-holder, showing it applied to a door-frame with the door closed to prevent the removal of the paper. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail perspective view of the holder removed, and Fig. 3 is a top plan view.

In said drawings, 1 denotes the base or supporting plate, which is adapted to be secured to the side of a door-frame. Secured to this plate are two jaws *a* and *b*, one jaw being fixed immovably with reference to the plate and the other jaw having a swinging motion toward and away from the first-named jaw.

The jaw *b* is preferably secured to the plate by a curved arm *c*, which is bolted or otherwise connected with the plate, while the jaw *a* is secured to a similar curved arm, the lower end of which is pivoted to the plate and the upper end of which is adapted to be swung out laterally beyond the edge of the plate and is preferably provided with a finger-button 2. The jaw *a* is held normally in close relation with the jaw *b* by a coiled spring 3. Each jaw is provided with laterally and inwardly projecting holding-serrations 4 and with inwardly and laterally projecting mutilating devices 5, which in the present instance are shown in the form of pointed prongs that project slightly beyond the serrations.

In use the holder is secured to the door-frame with the upper end of the pivoted arm in relation to the door when closed, the space between the upper end and the door being equal to the thickness of a newspaper. When the carrier inserts the paper between the jaws, the upper end of the pivoted arm will be forced laterally into engagement with the door. Now should any person attempt to surreptitiously remove the paper the act of drawing it from between the two jaws would cause the paper to be torn and mutilated by the mutilating devices. The opening of the door by an occupant of the house will permit the pivoted arm to be moved laterally, disengaging the holding-serrations from the paper and allowing its removal without mutilation.

Although I have specifically described the relative arrangement and construction of the several elements of my invention, I do not desire to be confined to the same, as such changes or modifications may be made as clearly fall within the scope of my invention without departing from the spirit thereof.

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

1. The combination with the jamb of a door and a door, of a newspaper-holder comprising a fixed and an opposing pivoted jaw, provided with holding devices, said jaws fastened to the jamb, and the pivoted jaw being ar-

ranged adjacent to the door and held in close relation to the fixed jaw by the door, when the same is closed, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination with the jamb of a door
5 and a door, of a newspaper-holder comprising a fixed and an opposing pivoted jaw provided with mutilating devices, said jaws fastened to the jamb, the pivoted jaw being arranged adjacent to the door and held in close

relation to the fixed jaw by the door when the same is closed, substantially as described.

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

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