

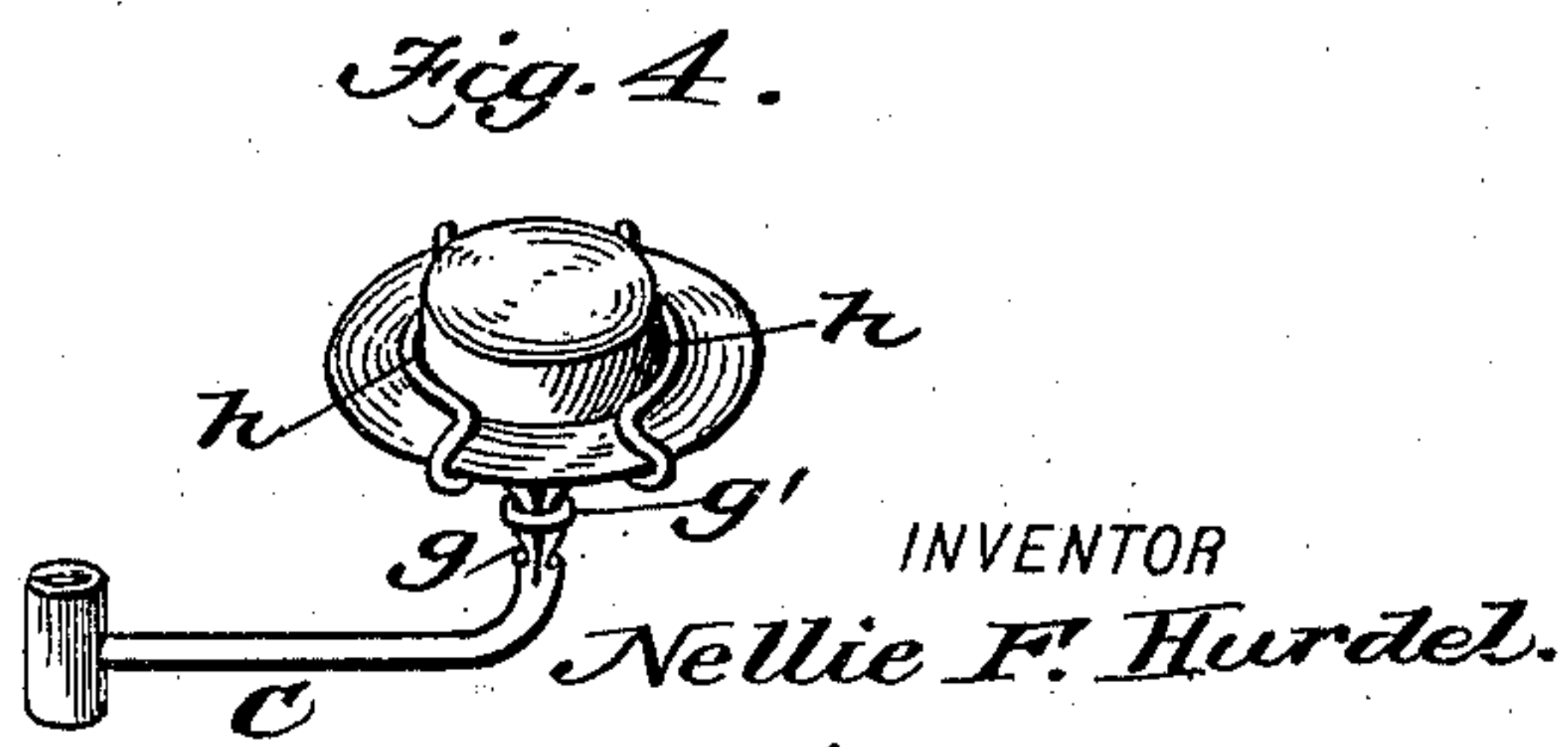
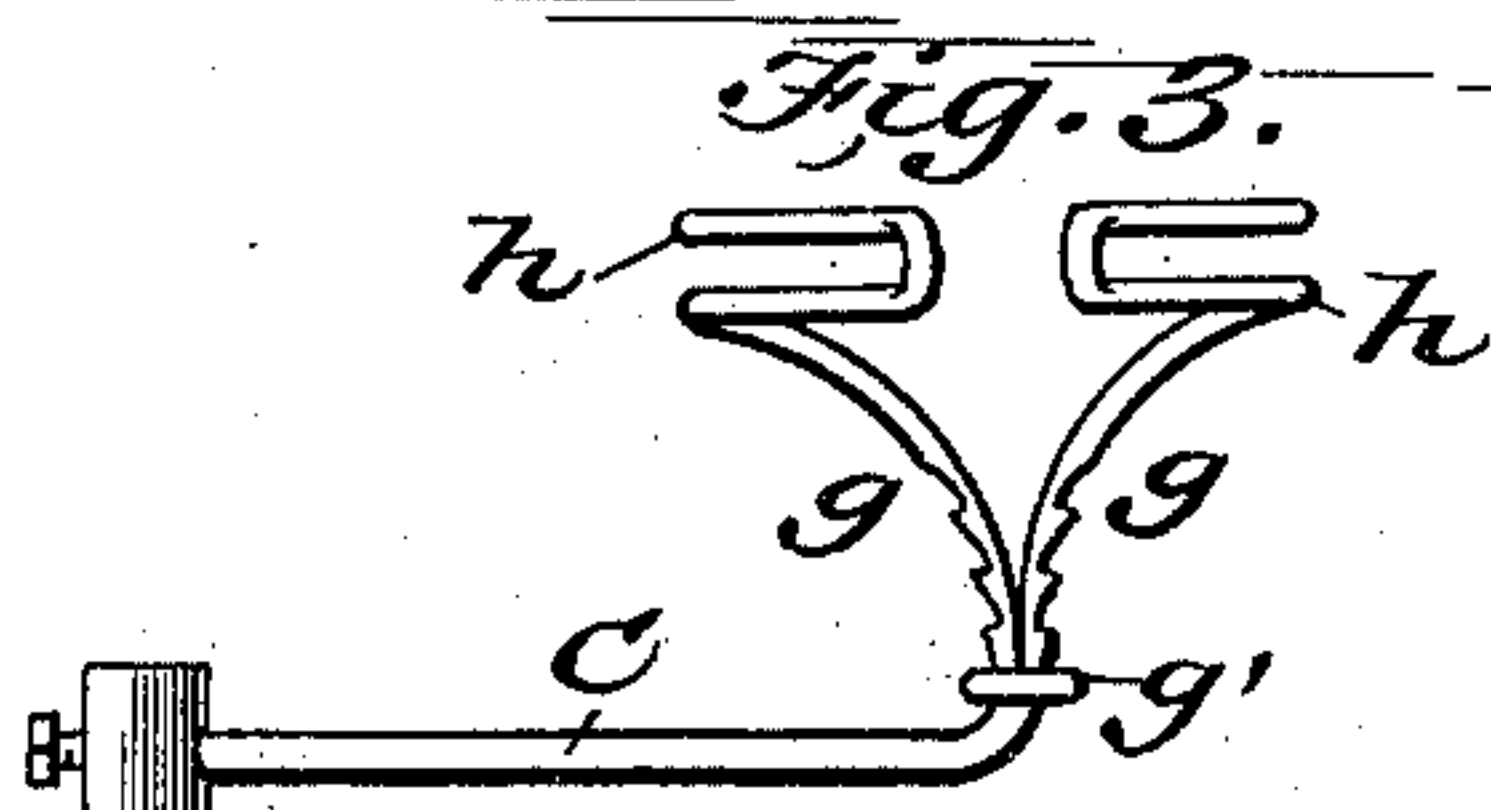
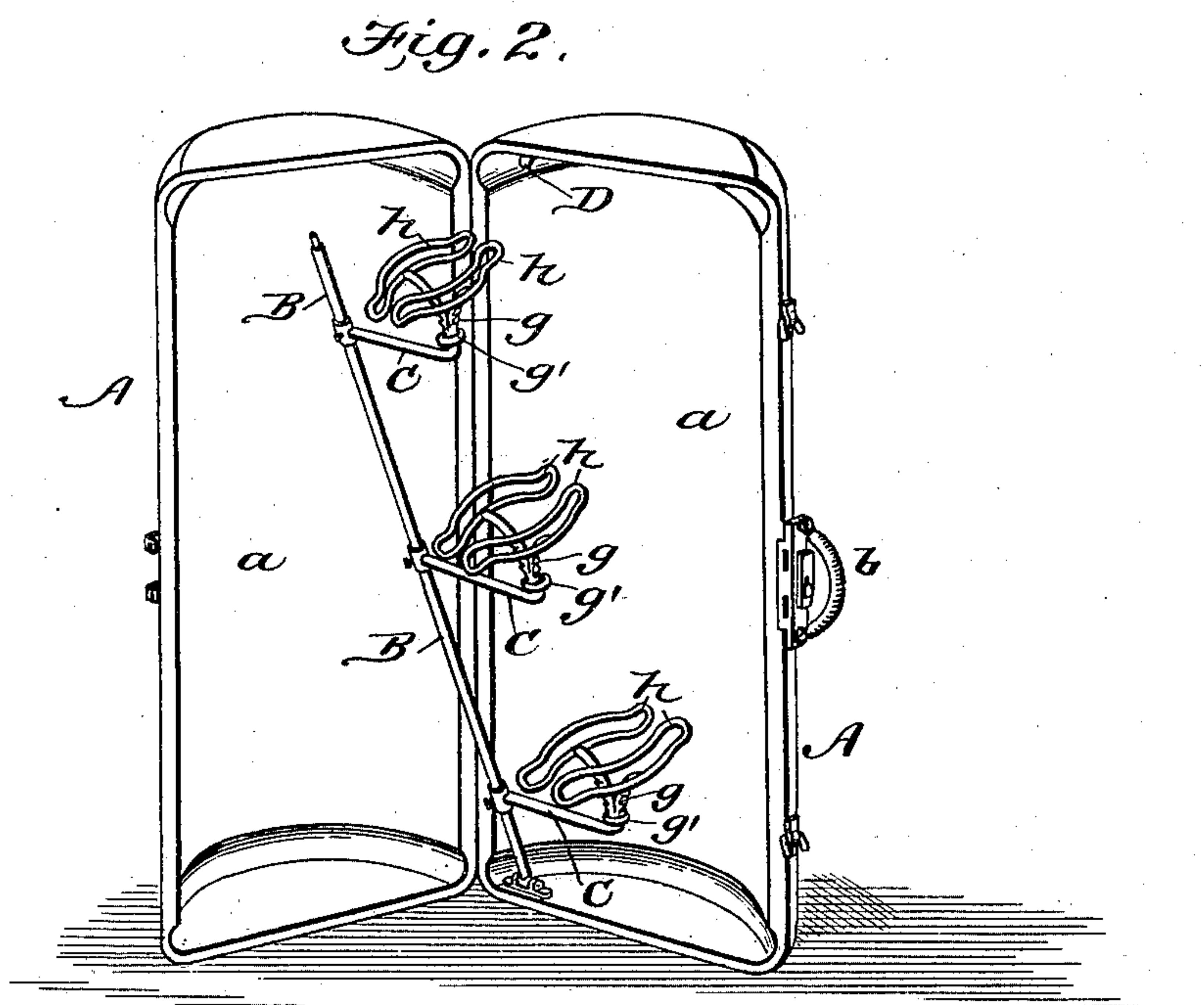
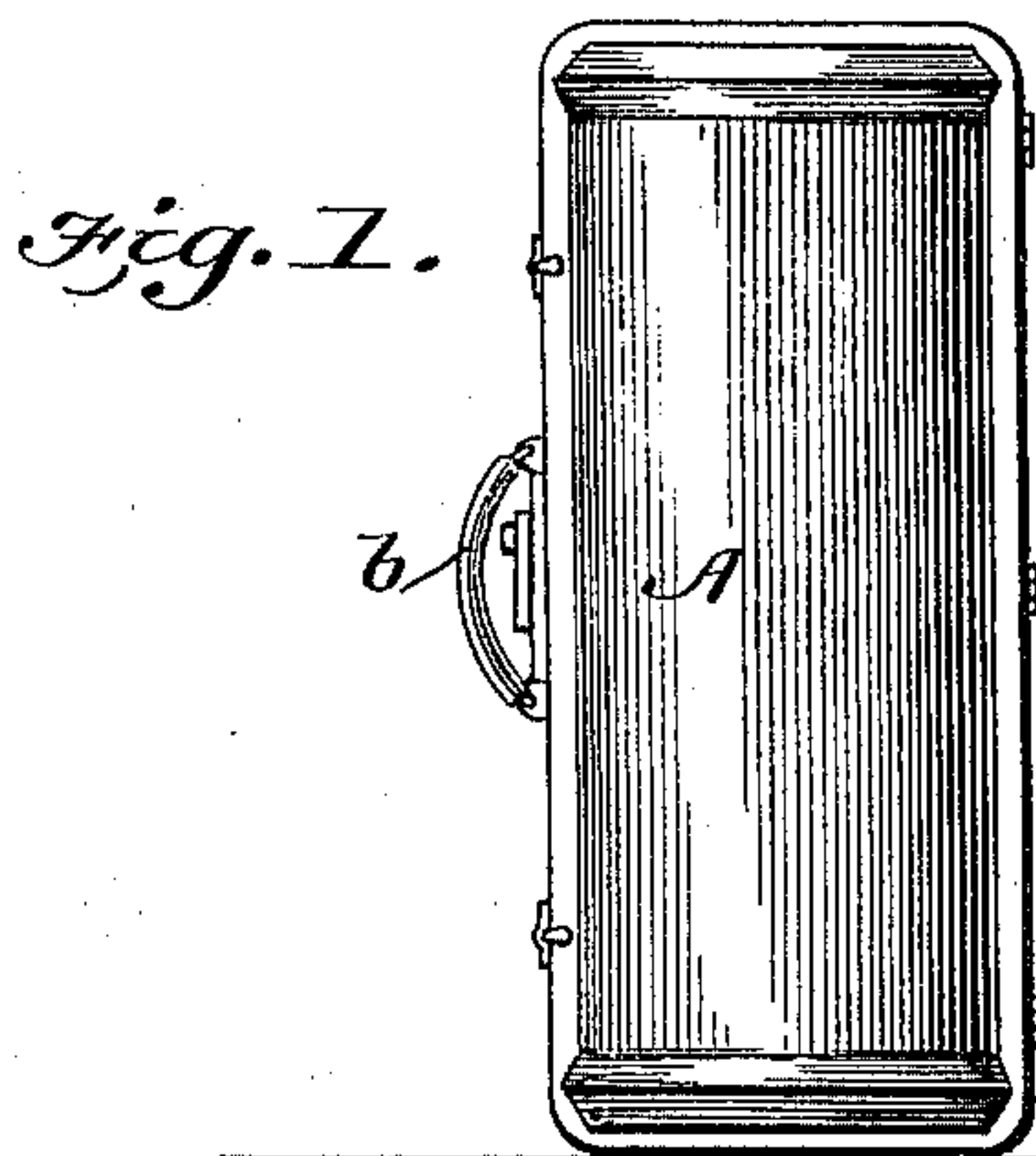
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HAT-VALISE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NELLIE FRANCES HURDEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Valises, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improvement upon the hat-valise shown and described in my allowed application Serial No. 717,645.

The invention is embodied in the construction and combination of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of my hat-valise closed. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the valise open and the hat-holder inclined forward. Fig. 3 is a side view of one of the hat-holders proper. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a hat-holder proper with a hat clamped therein.

The case or body A of the valise has a cylindrical form and is divided lengthwise and centrally, the two like parts *a a* being hinged together and one of them provided with a handle *b*.

Within one of the parts or halves *a* of the case A is arranged a shaft B, the same being permanently hinged at the lower end and its upper end adapted to enter a hole in a spring D. The hinge allows the shaft B to swing out or forward, as shown in Fig. 2. Upon said shaft B is arranged a series of arms C, that project at right angles thereto and are held thereon removably and adjustably by means of clamp-screws.

The vertical or upwardly-bent portion of each arm C is divided or bifurcated, the branches *g* diverging laterally upon curved lines. The branches *g* are provided with right-

angle notches on their outer sides. A flat ring *g'* encircles and is adapted to slide upon the branches *g* and engage the shoulders of the notches, whereby the branches are drawn together and the ring prevented from being accidentally displaced by sudden jars or jolts. Each branch *g* terminates in a hat clamp or holder proper, *h*, which is formed of spring-wires looped and bent to embrace a hat rim and crown, as shown in Fig. 4.

By the construction and combination of parts shown I provide a hat-valise which is adapted to hold hats immovably and securely and without injury under all the exigencies of transportation.

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

In a valise for hats, the combination of two similar parts hinged together having secured in the side thereof, a longitudinal cylindrical, hollow, perforated tube or shaft, adapted to swing outward and inward upon a hinge in the bottom end of the valise and adapted to engage with a catch or lug at the vertex of the valise, and a series of vertically and horizontally adjustable hat-supporting arms upon the longitudinal shaft arranged one above the other, said arms being bifurcated, and their branches *g* diverging from each other, and provided with notches on their outer sides, and a band adapted to slide on such branches and engage the shoulders of said notches as shown and described.

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