

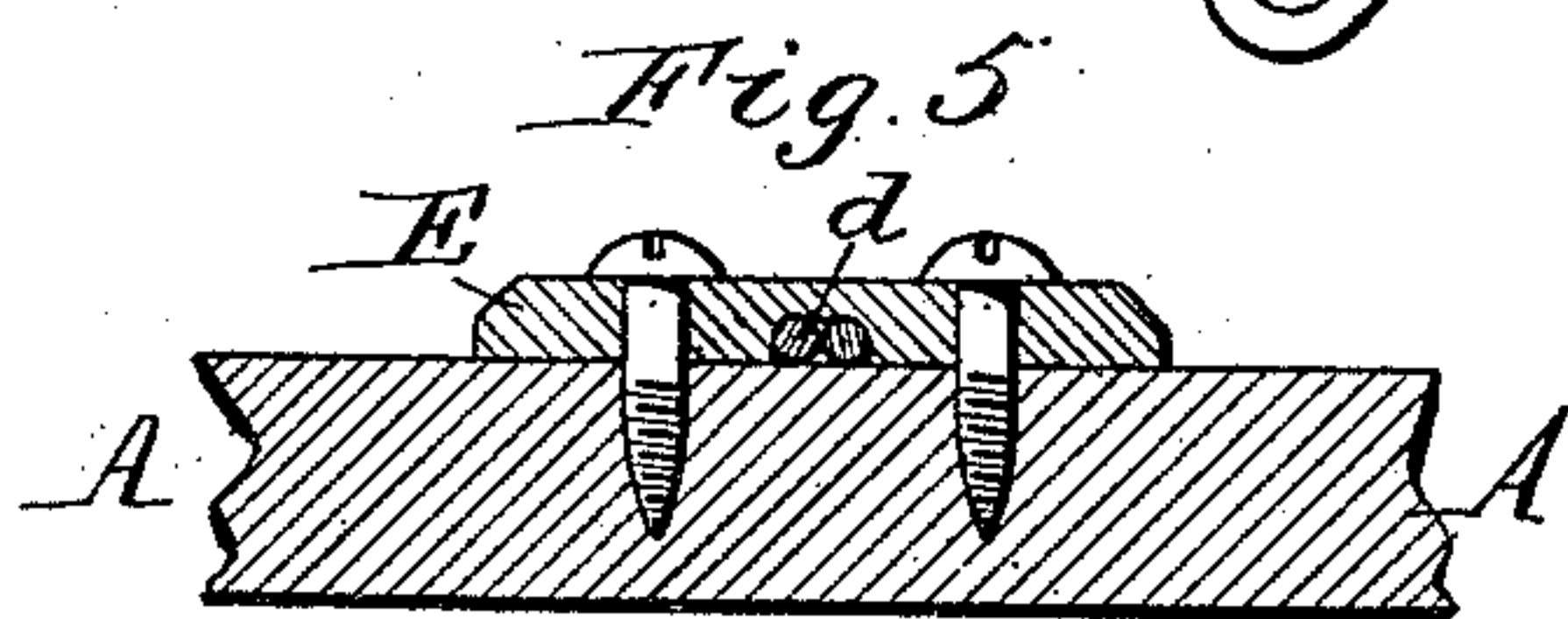
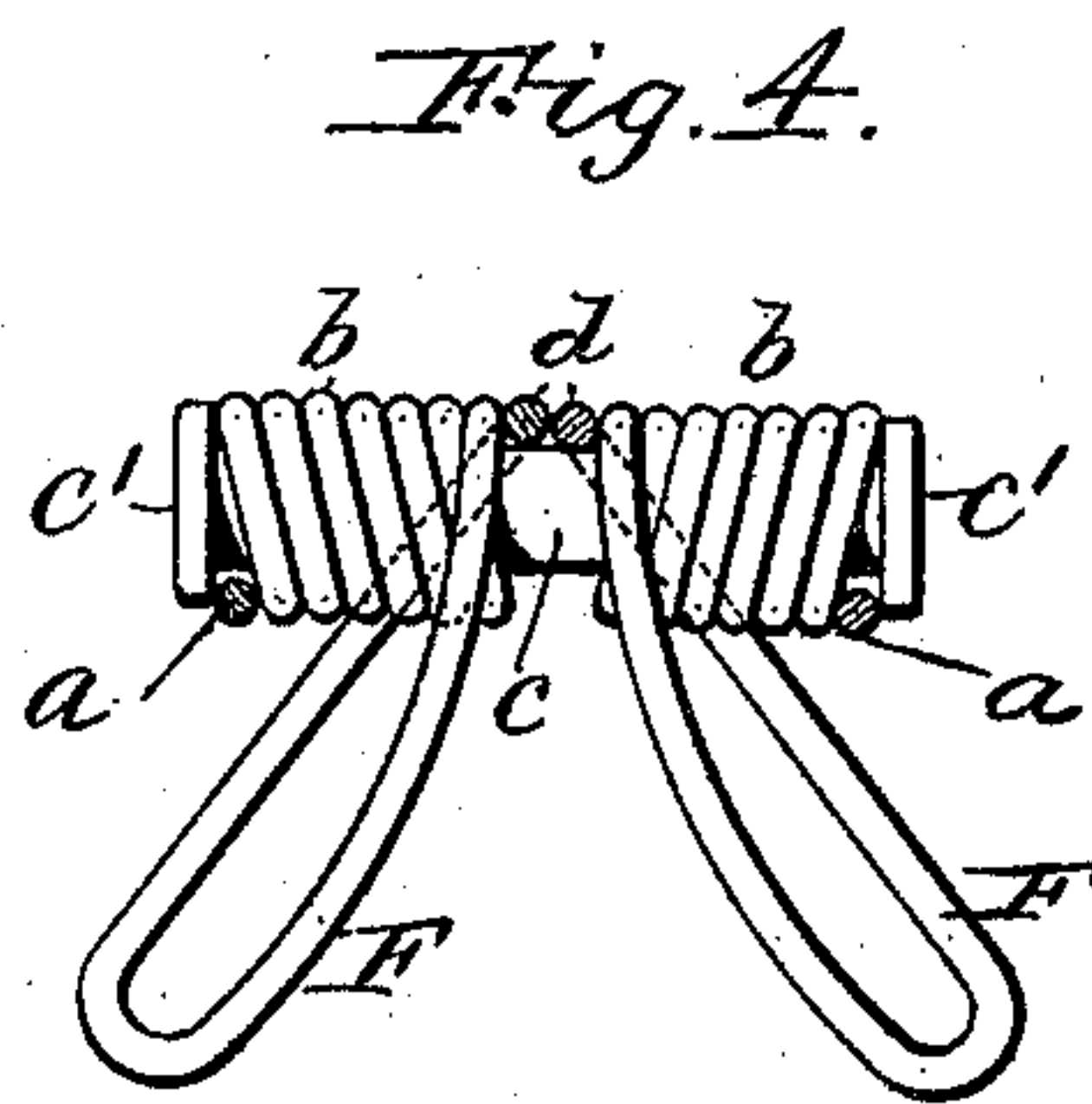
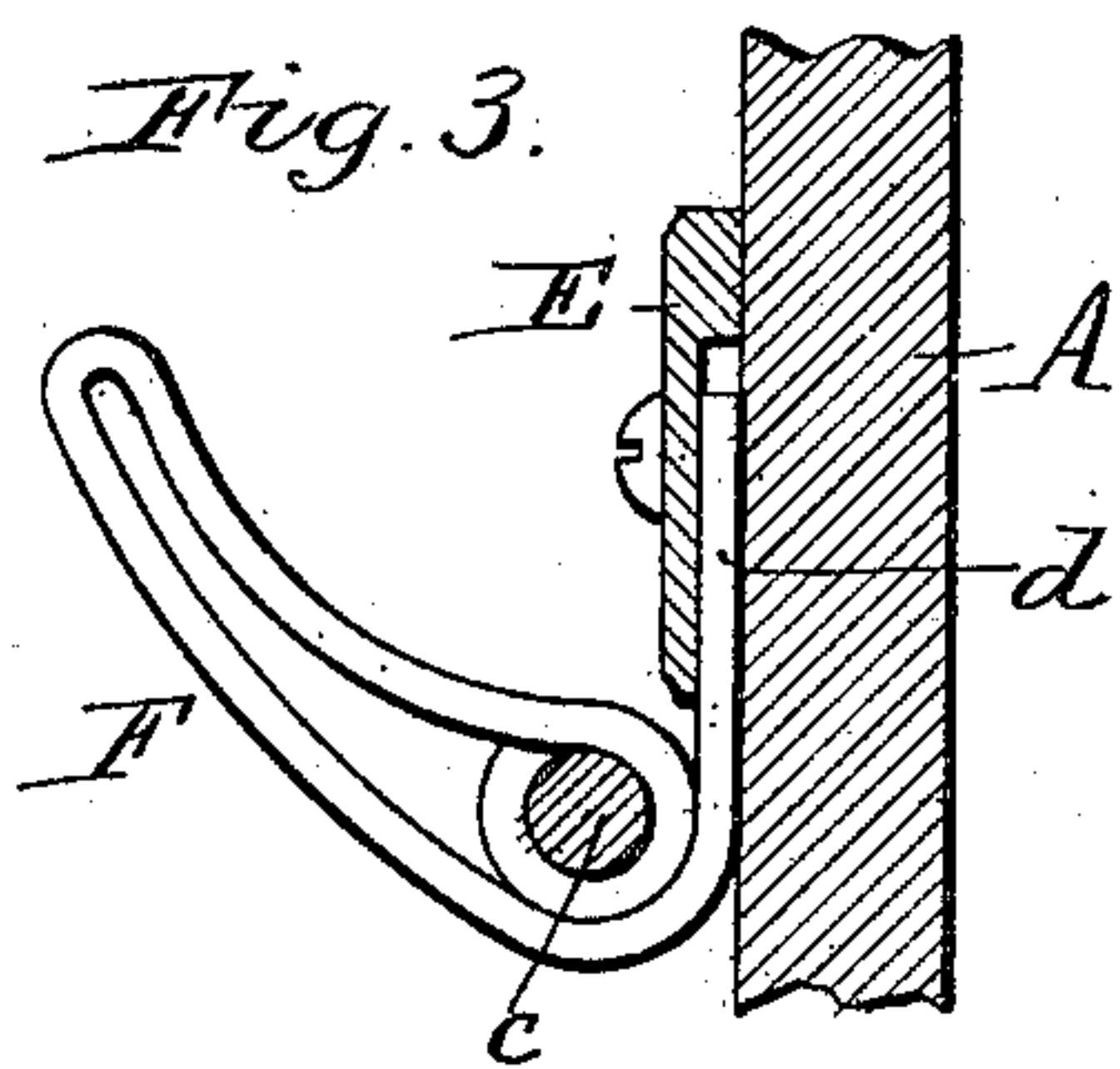
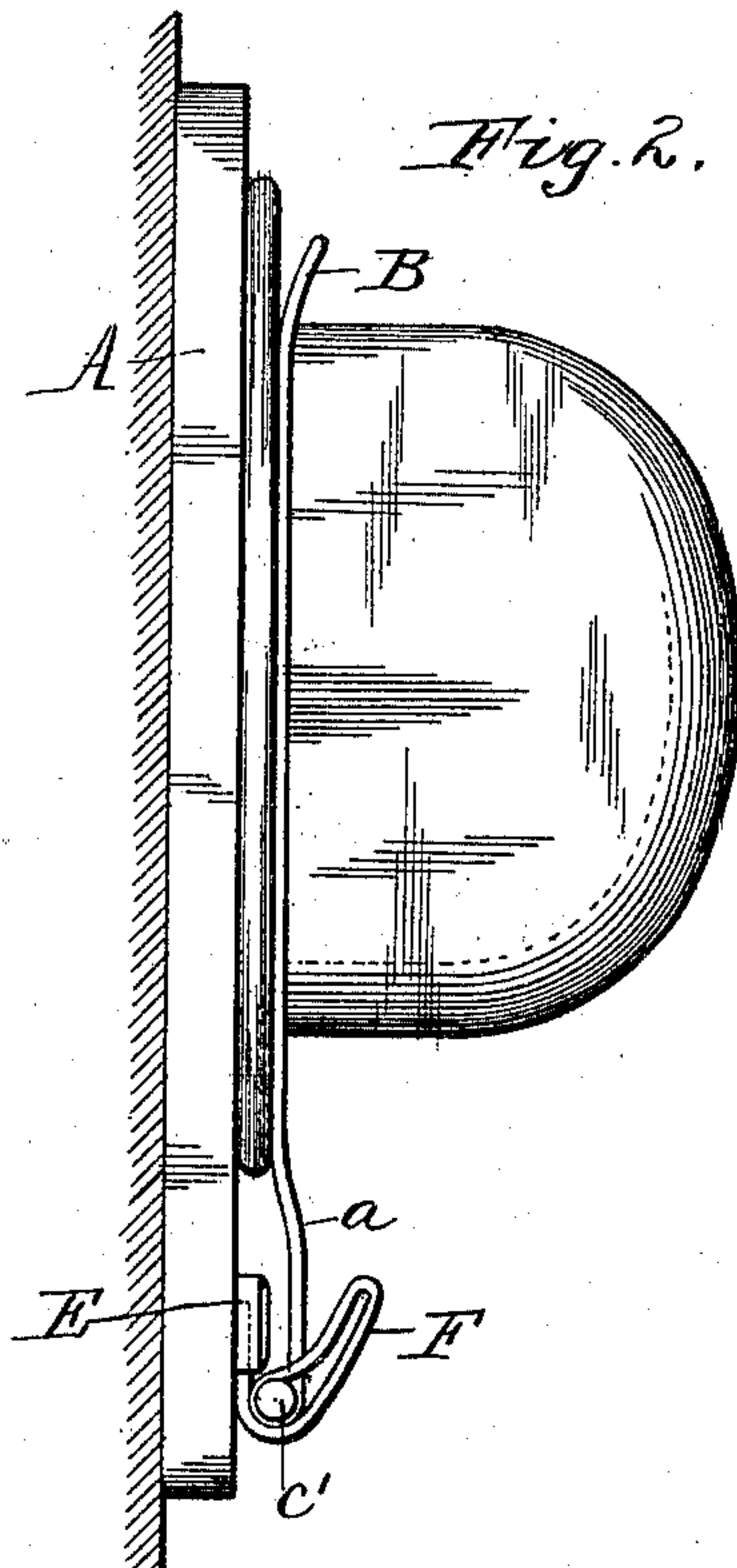
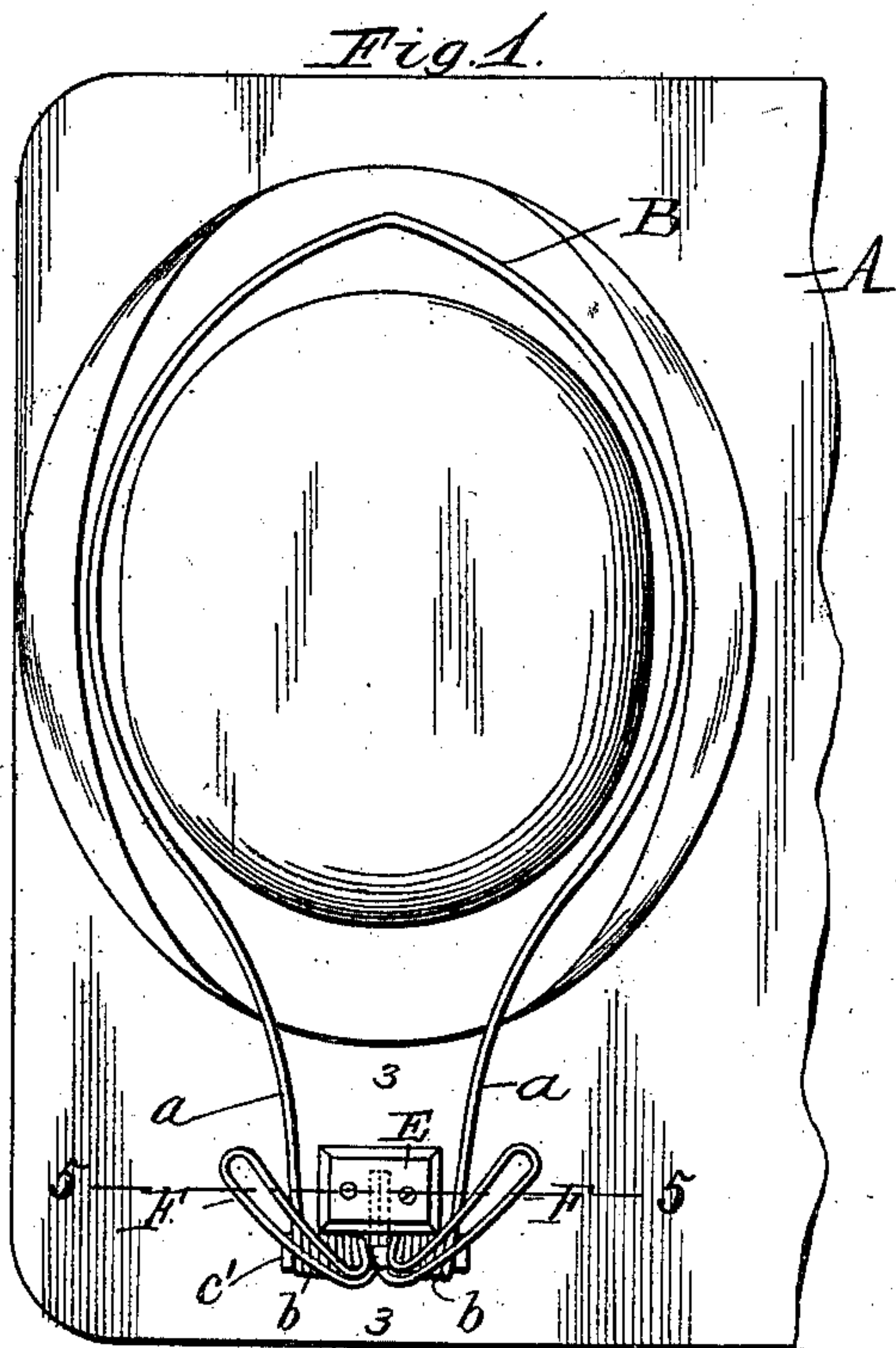
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## HAT AND COAT HOLDER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 646,991, dated April 10, 1900.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN HURLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Little Falls, in the county of Herkimer, in the State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hat and Coat Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to that class of hat and coat holders having a loop which encircles the crown or body of the hat and rests against the outer side of the brim, so as to hold the hat against the wall or other support to which the holder is applied.

The principal object of my invention is to produce a holder of this kind which reliably retains the hat in place and at the same time permits the same to be conveniently placed in the holder and removed therefrom.

A further object of the invention is to combine the hat-holder with a coat-hook in a simple and inexpensive manner.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my improved holder applied to a wall or other support and showing a hat in the holder. Fig. 2 is a side view of the holder with a hat in the same. Fig. 3 is an enlarged transverse section in line 3 3, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detached horizontal section of the holder, taken immediately above the spring-coils. Fig. 5 is an enlarged horizontal section in line 5 5, Fig. 1, looking upward.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts in the several figures.

A is a support to which the holder is attached and which may be a wall or the back of a chair or church-pew.

B is the loop of the holder, which is preferably constructed of wire and shaped to encircle and receive the crown or body of different-sized hats. This loop is arranged substantially parallel with its support, and its end portions *a* converge downwardly and are provided with transverse spring-coils *b*, which are attached to the support and which yieldingly hold the loop against the support. These coils are preferably formed integrally with the loop extensions *a* and are wound around a cylindrical core *c*, having heads or enlargements *c'*, which retain the coils in place.

Each of the extensions *a* is connected with

the outer end of its coil, and the two coils are wound in opposite directions and so as to have a tendency to force the loop toward the support, whereby the inserted hat is reliably held against the support.

*d* represents arms or extensions proceeding upwardly from the inner ends of the spring-coils and secured to the support A by a clip or plate E, which is screwed or otherwise fastened to the support, thereby securely attaching the holder to the support. This clip is provided in its inner side with a recess for receiving the attaching branches *d* of the holder, as shown in Fig. 5.

F F are upwardly and forwardly projecting coat-hooks which project outwardly from the adjacent inner ends of the coils *b* and which are preferably formed integrally therewith. In forming these hooks after bending the coil the length of wire left at the inner end of the same is extended forwardly, upwardly, and outwardly and doubled upon itself and bent to form the hook, and the return branch of this doubled portion is then bent upwardly around the under side of the coil to form the attaching-arm *d*, as shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4. The doubled hooks may be twisted to stiffen the same. If desired, the holder may be provided with but a single coat-hook.

In the normal position of the hat-holder the elastic loop rests against the face of the support A, and when it is desired to place a hat in the holder the loop is seized at its upper free portion and sprung away from the support a sufficient distance to permit the crown of the hat to be passed through the loop from the inner side thereof. The loop is then released, whereupon the spring-coils which have been strained by the outward movement of the loop react and cause the loop to bear against the hat-brim, thereby holding the hat against the wall and preventing the same from being knocked down.

By bending my improved hat-holder and coat-hooks from a single piece of wire, as hereinbefore described, a very simple construction is obtained which enables the device to be manufactured at a small cost.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a hat-holder, the combination of a



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 bow or loop adapted to encircle the crown of a hat and having downwardly-converging end portions which are formed at their lower ends into transverse spring-coils extending toward  
 5 each other from said end portions and provided at their inner ends with attaching-arms which are arranged side by side, and a fastening-plate which covers both attaching-arms, substantially as set forth.

10 2. A hat-holder bent of a single piece of spring-wire and comprising a bow or loop which is constructed to encircle the crown of a hat and which has downwardly-converging end portions, transverse spring-coils extend-  
 15 ing from said end portions toward each other, doubled branches which extend from the inner ends of said spring-coils forwardly and backwardly, and attaching-arms formed at

the inner ends of said doubled branches, substantially as set forth. 20

3. In a hat-holder, the combination with a wire bow or loop constructed to encircle the crown of a hat and having its downwardly-converging end portions formed at their lower ends into transverse spring-coils which terminate at the adjacent inner ends of the coils in attaching-arms, of a core arranged in both coils and provided at its ends with heads which confine the coils upon the core, substantially as set forth. 25 30

Witness my hand this 18th day of May, 1898.

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