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Fig. 1.

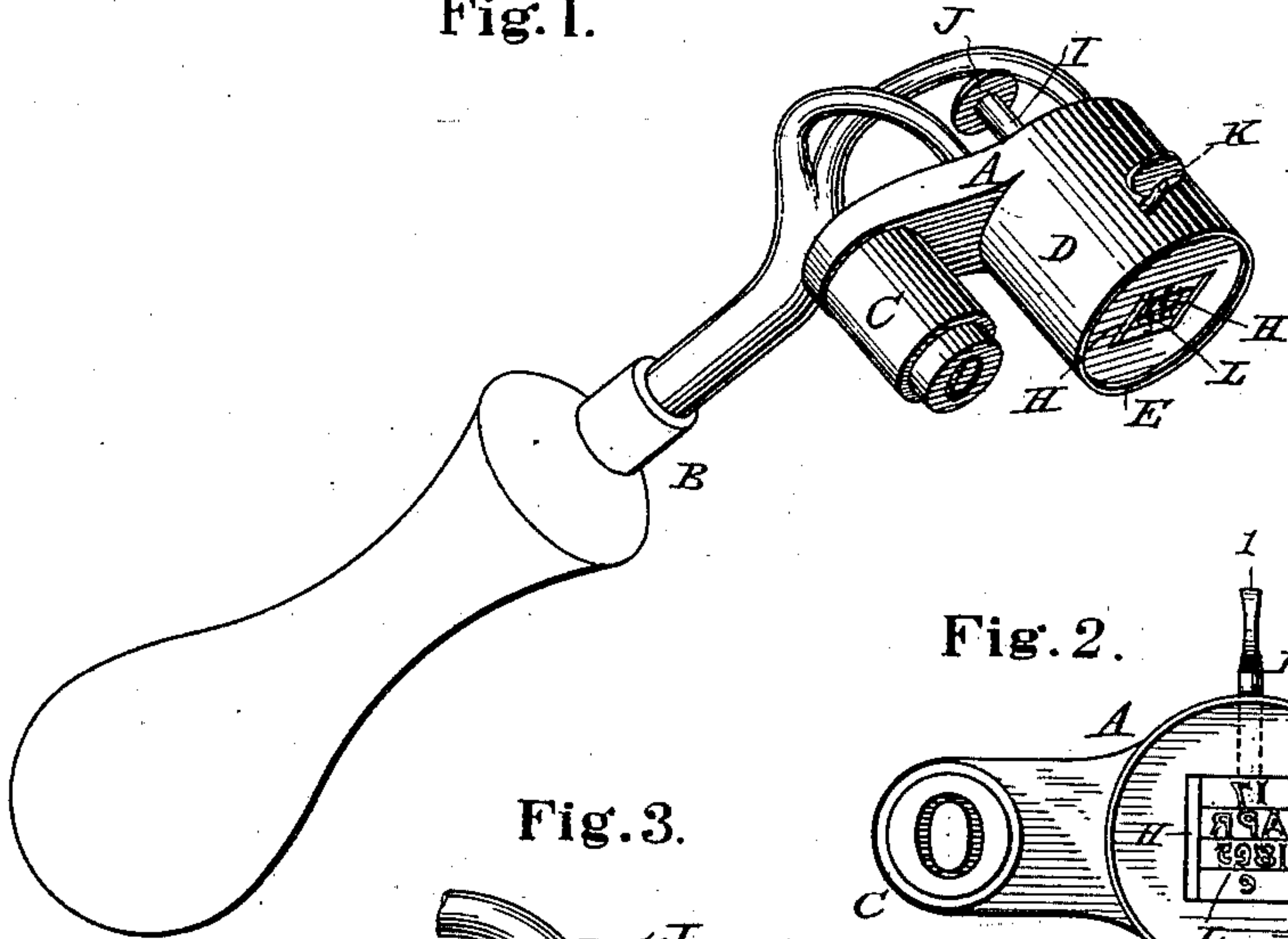


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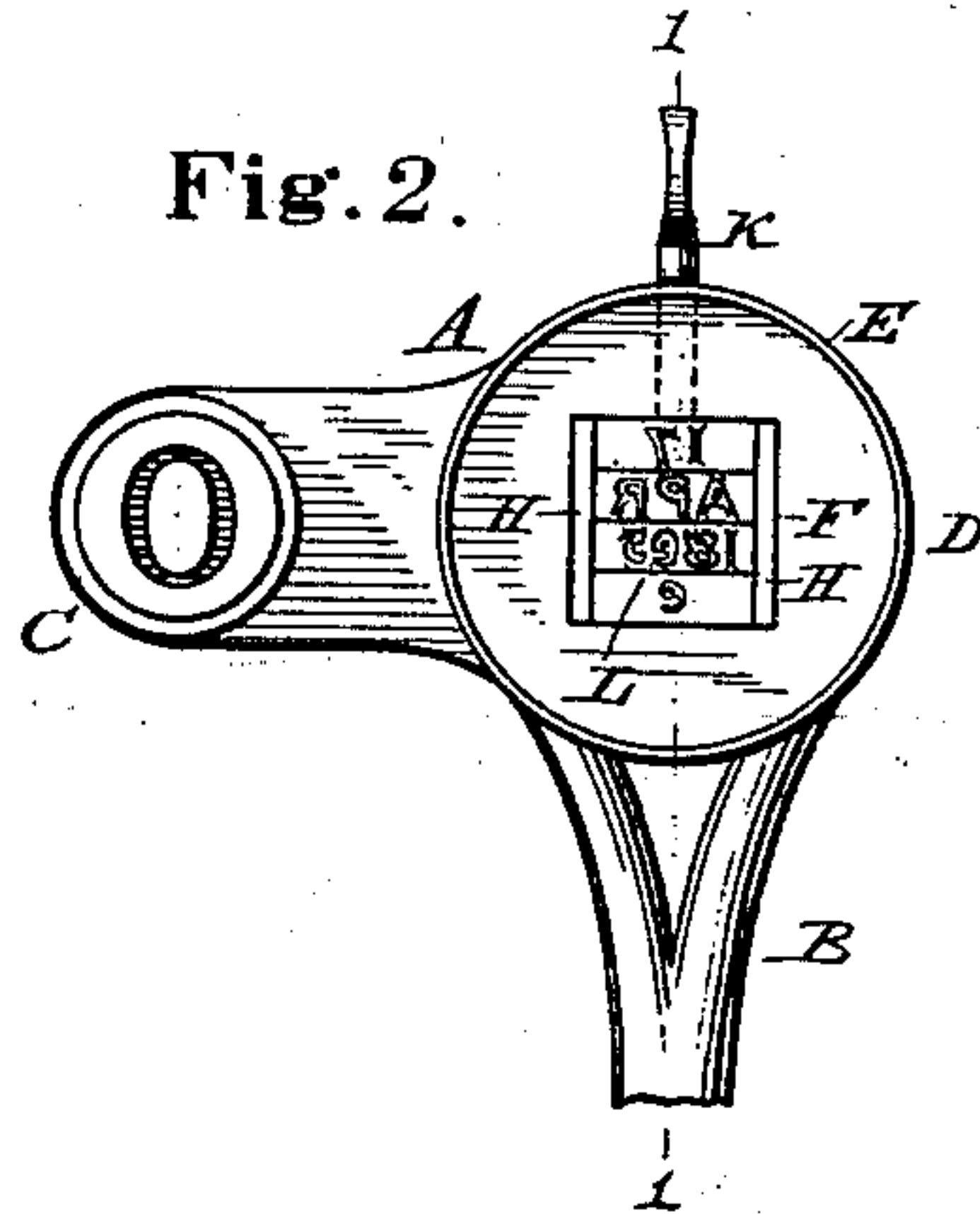


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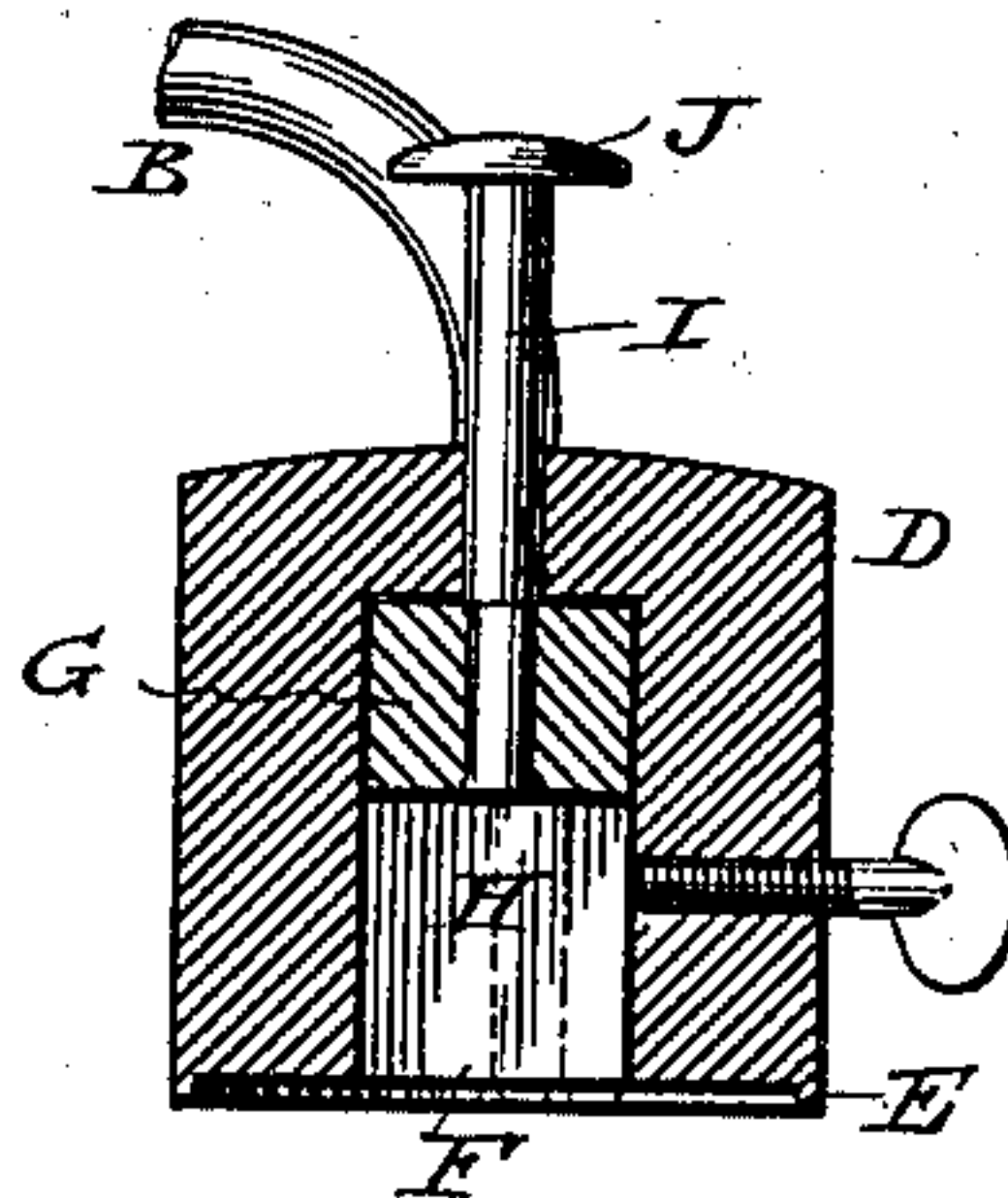


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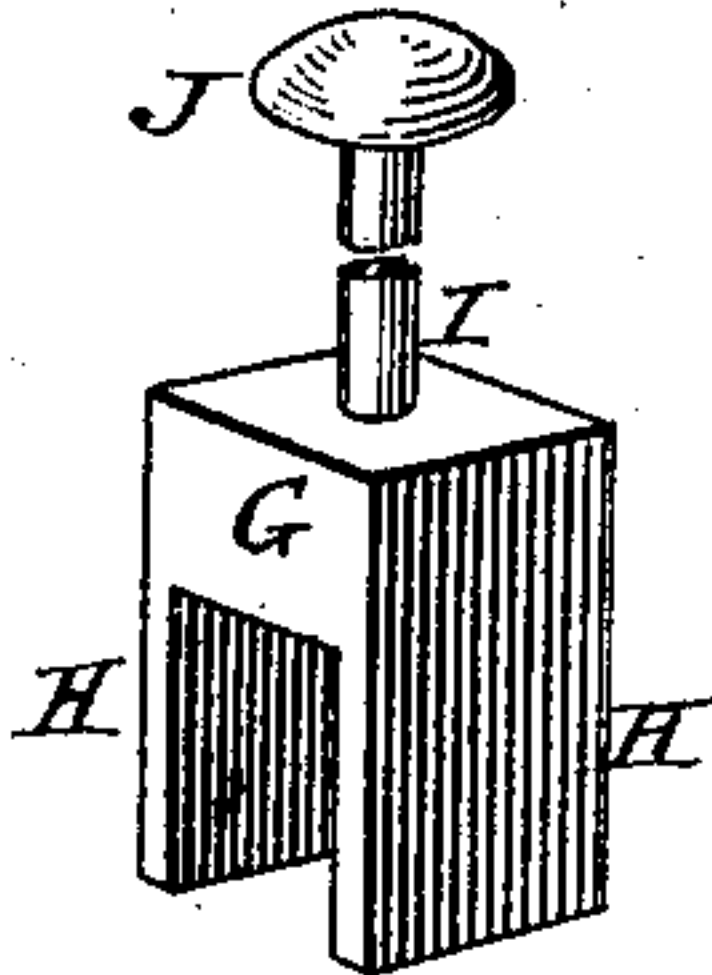


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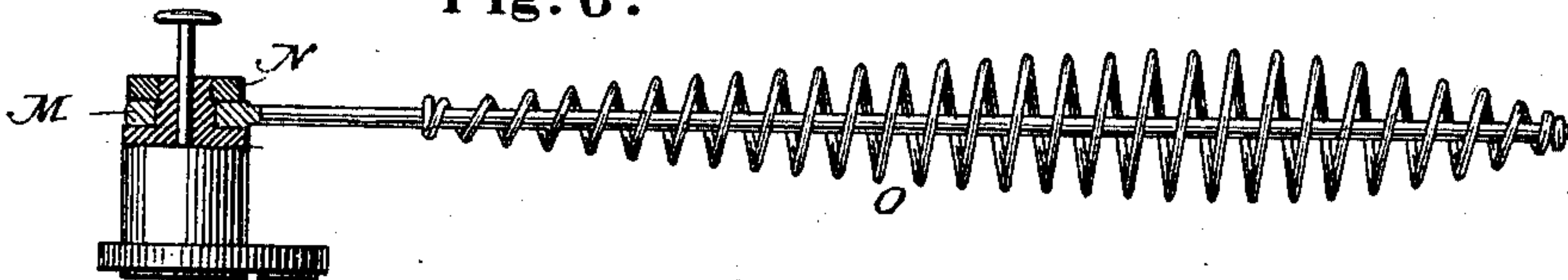


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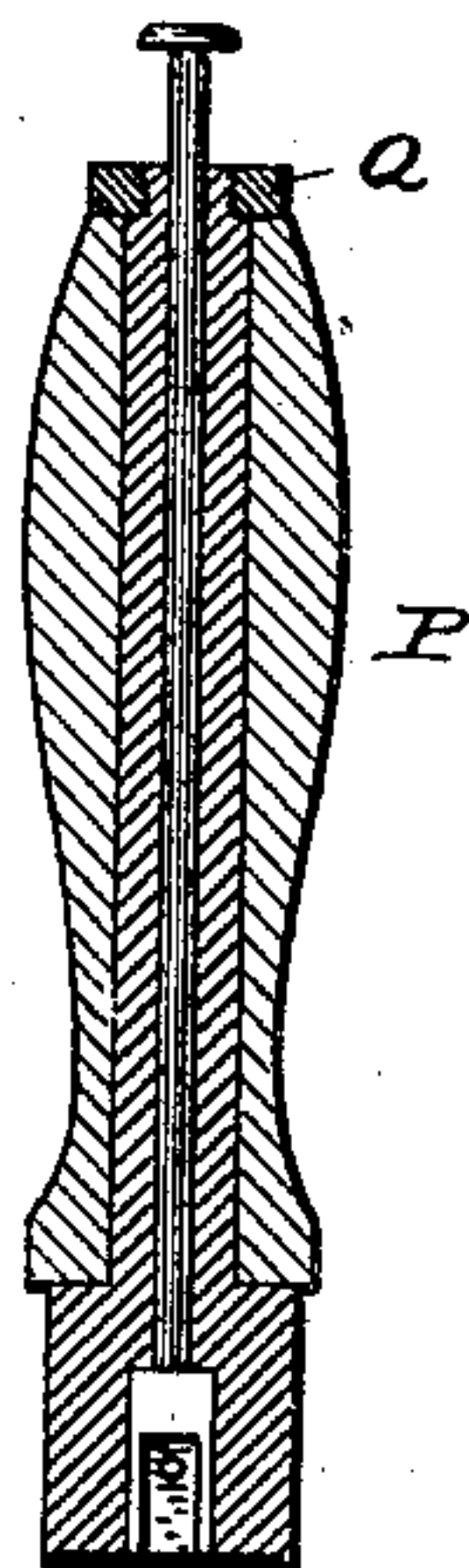
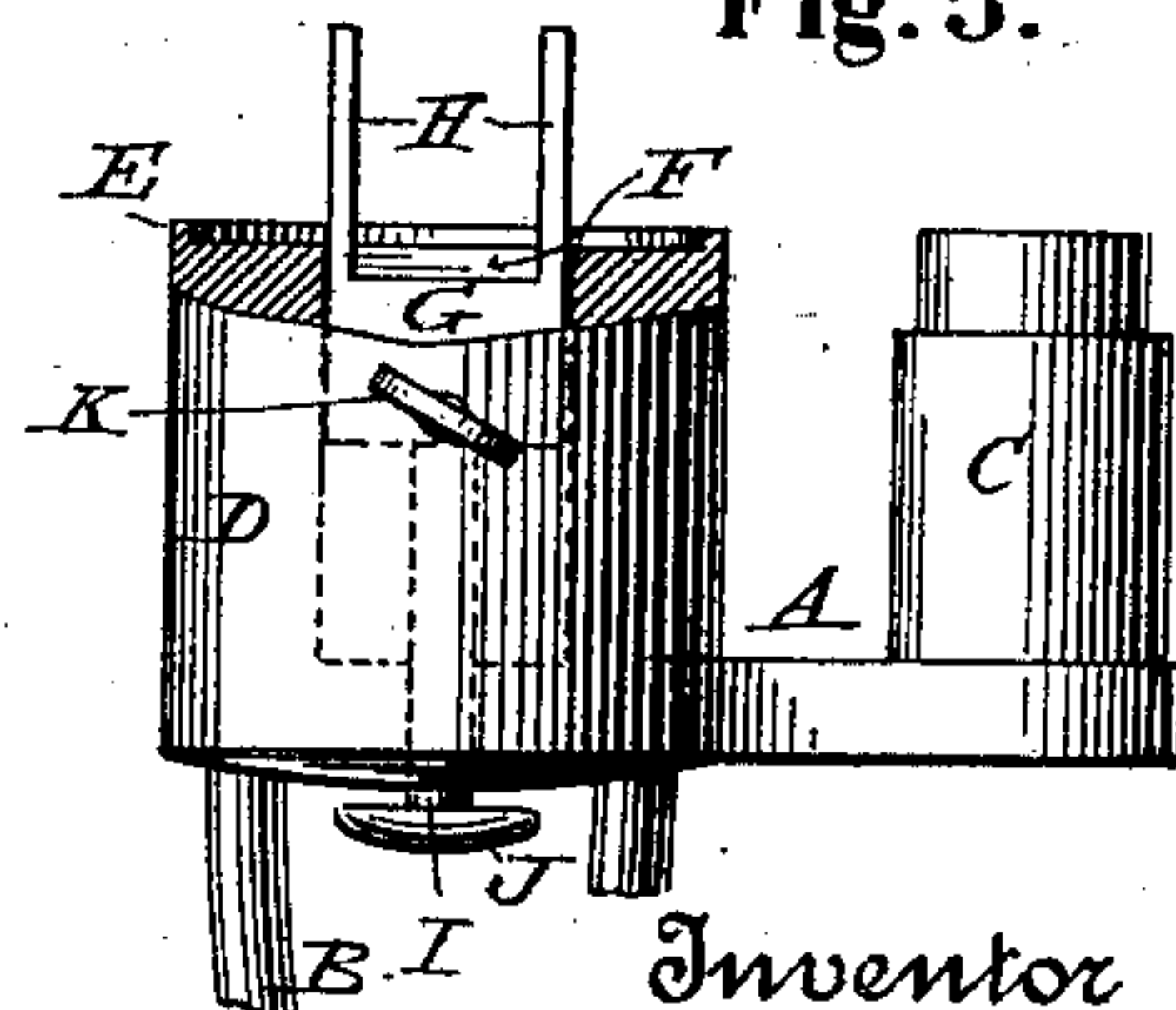


Fig. 5.



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HAND-STAMP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES J. NESBITT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand-Stamps, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention pertains to improvements in hand-stamps, designed more particularly to be used for the dating of letters and the cancellation of stamps thereon.

The invention will be best understood upon reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the stamp as a whole; Fig. 2, a bottom plan view thereof, the handle being broken away; Fig. 3, a vertical section through the head of the stamp on the line 1 1 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4, a perspective view of the type holder or carrier; Fig. 5, a side elevation showing the head turned over and the type holder or carrier in an elevated position; Fig. 6, a side elevation, partly in section, showing a modified form of construction; and Fig. 7, a sectional view showing a still further modified form.

Hand-stamps as now constructed and used are open to the objection that to remove the type it is necessary to loosen up certain portions of the type-retaining devices, which are usually covered with ink, so that in removing the type the hands of necessity become more or less soiled. In large post-offices it is necessary to frequently change the type to show the hour at which mail is sent out or received.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and efficient means whereby the direct handling or loosening of a part of the stamp which is liable to become covered with ink may be avoided and a ready means afforded for removing the type without directly handling the same or those portions which are covered with ink.

Referring to the drawings, and more particularly to Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, A represents the main body of the stamp, from which extends a handle B.

C is the ordinary stamp-canceling member, and D the head which carries the type for the dating-stamp. The head D is by preference

provided with a downwardly-projecting rim or ring E, with an opening F formed centrally therein, the opening, however, not extending entirely through the upper end or head of the body A. By preference this opening or socket will be rectangular in form, and in it is mounted a type carrier or holder, comprising a cross-head G and two downwardly-extending arms or wings H, the arms fitting against the corresponding side walls of the socket or opening F. An opening extends from the socket up through the body A, and through this opening passes a post or plunger I, provided with a rounded head J. A set-screw K is mounted in the head D, and its inner end may be projected into the socket.

The type (represented by the letter L, Fig. 2) may be readily placed in the type holder or carrier either when the holder is in position in the head or when in an elevated position, as shown in Fig. 5. When the type are in position and the type carrier or holder is drawn back to place in the head, set-screw K is turned up, so as to force the type against each other and against the opposite wall of the socket or recess F, thus securely holding the type in place. When it is desired to remove the type, all that it is necessary to do is to loosen the set-screw and elevate or protrude the type carrier or holder by pressing on the head J. The type may then be thrown to one side without handling at all or are in a position where they may be readily taken hold of without fear of soiling the fingers, or they may be handled with a pair of pincers. From this it will be seen that the operator does not have to handle any part which is subjected to ink, for although the face of the type may be inky, the body thereof is clean and when elevated may be readily taken hold of without soiling the fingers.

In Fig. 6 is shown a modified form of construction, wherein instead of the handle being made integral with the body the body is provided with an upstanding projection or lug, over which the handle M is passed and secured in position by a nut N. The handle in this form is of spring metal and provided with a coil O to afford a ready grasp.

In Fig. 7 the head is shown as provided with a long hollow stem or post extending up there-

from and about which a handle P is passed and secured in position by a nut Q. The operating stem or plunger for the type-carrier is in this instance elongated to correspond
5 with the construction of the handle.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a hand-stamp, the combination of a suitable head having a socket or recess formed
10 therein; a type-carrier longitudinally movable in said socket or recess; and means for securing the type in said head after being placed in said type-carrier and drawn back into the socket or recess.

15 2. In a hand-stamp, the combination of a head having a socket or recess formed therein, a type-carrier mounted in said socket or recess; a plunger or handle extending out through said head and connected to said type-
20 carrier; and a screw extending through the head in line with the socket or recess formed therein.

3. In a hand-stamp, the combination of a suitable head having a rectangular socket or

recess formed therein, a type-carrier mounted
25 in said socket or recess, said carrier comprising a cross-head G with downwardly-extending arms or wings H; a plunger or handle I extending out through said head and connected to the cross-head of the type-carrier;
30 and a screw mounted in the head extending into the socket or recess formed therein.

4. In a hand-stamp, the combination of a suitable head provided with a downwardly-extending ring or rim E and also having a
35 socket or recess formed centrally therein; a type-carrier mounted in said socket; means for moving said type-carrier into and out of the socket; and means for securing the type carried by said socket when the socket is
40 drawn back into the head.

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

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