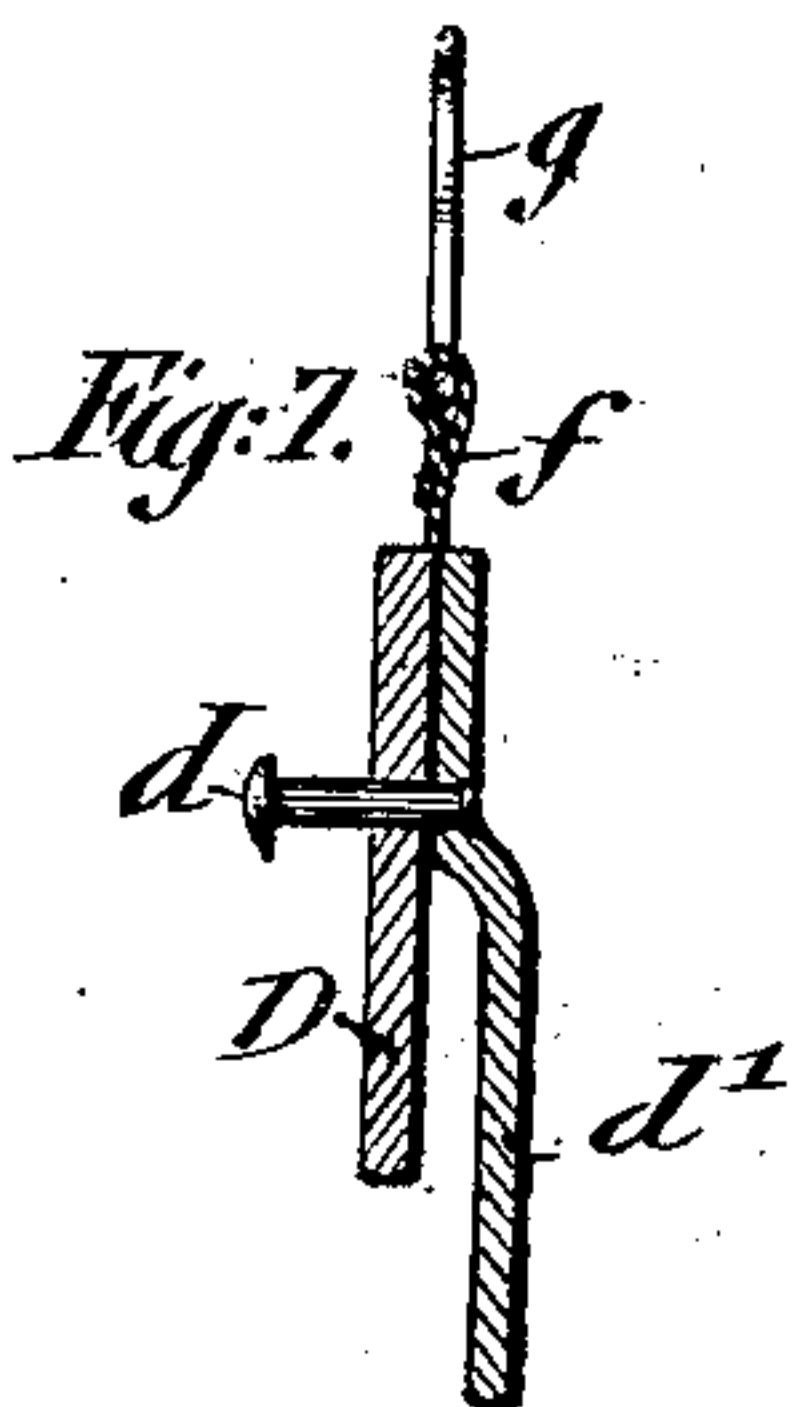
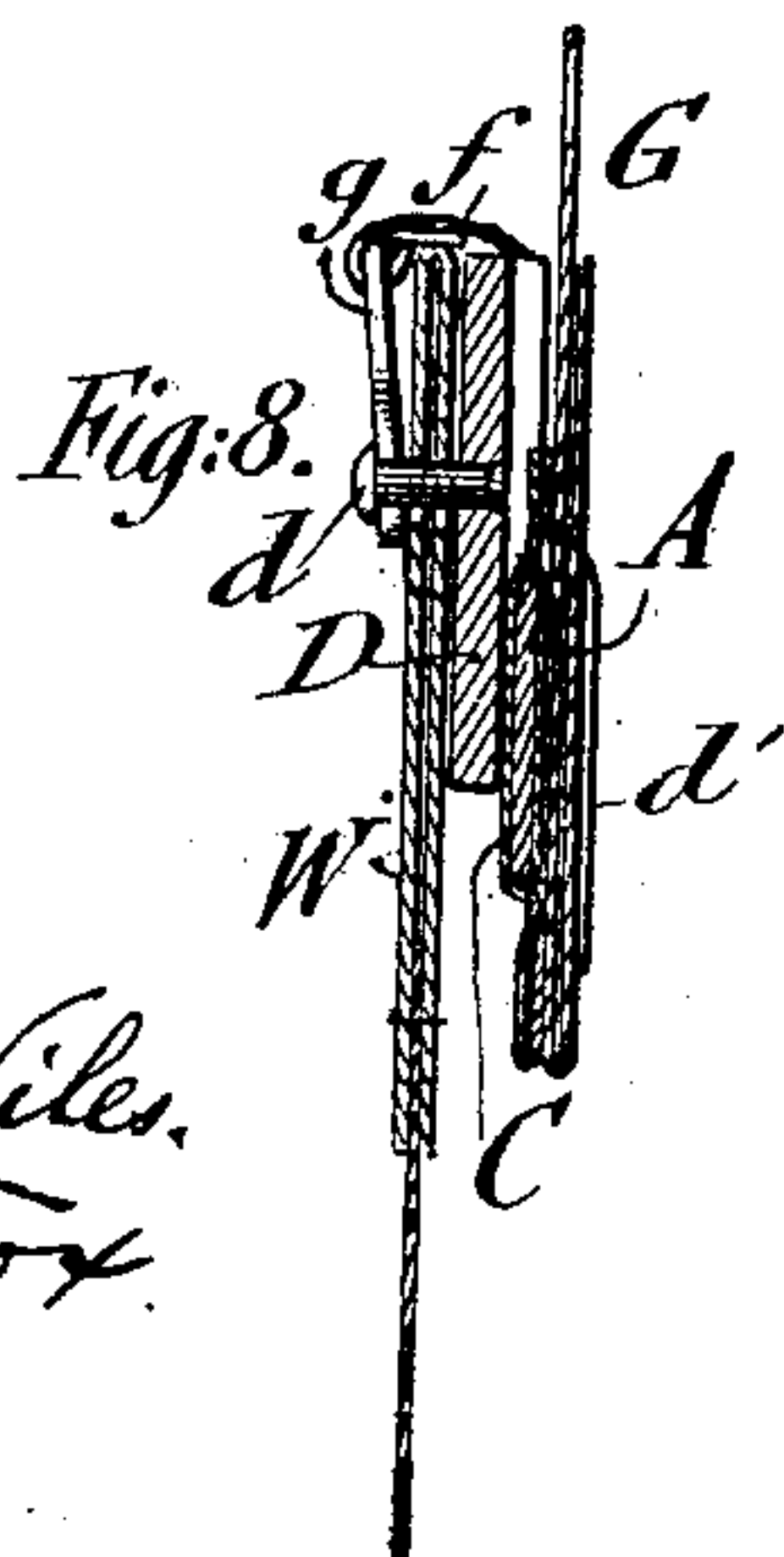
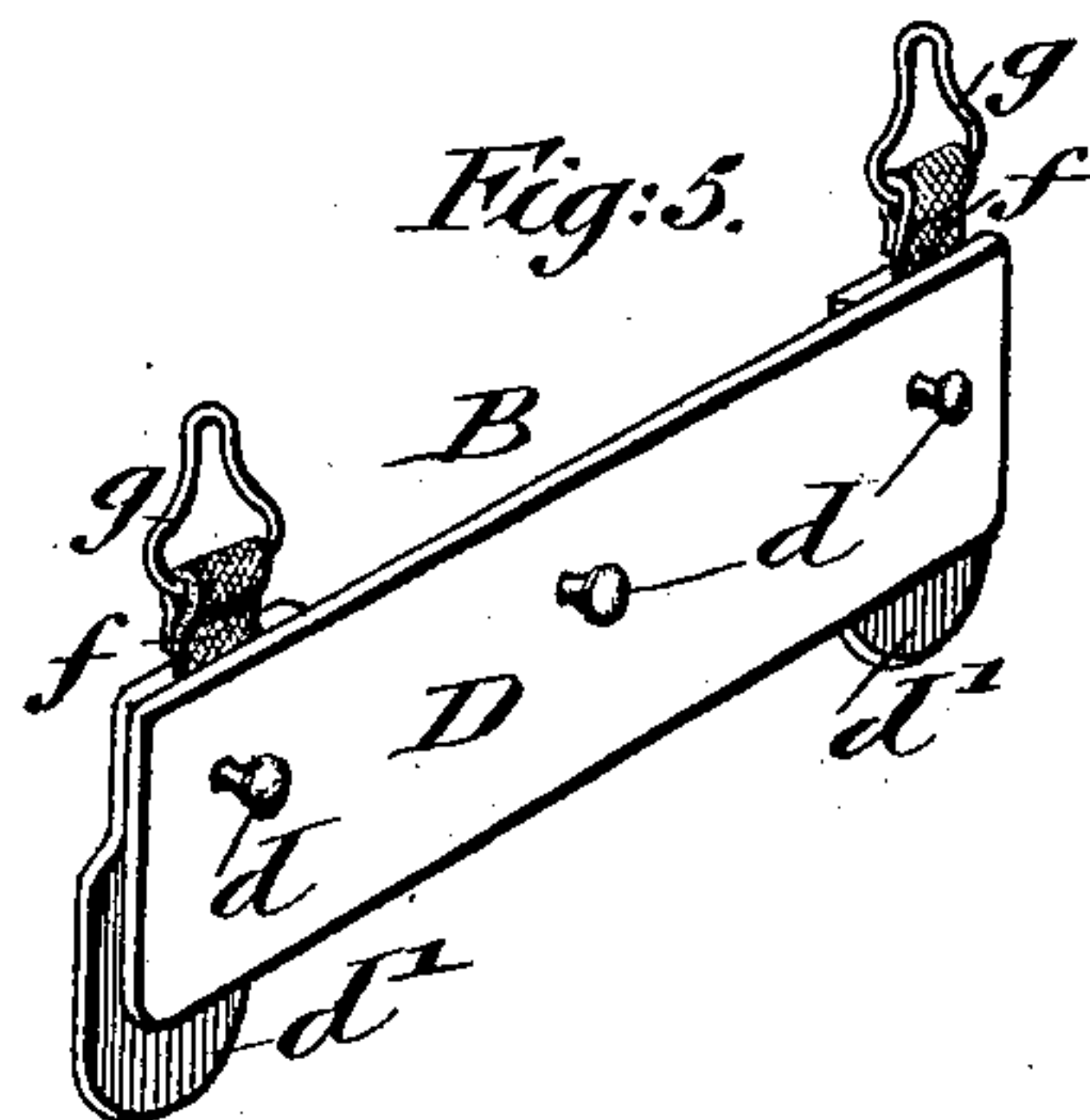
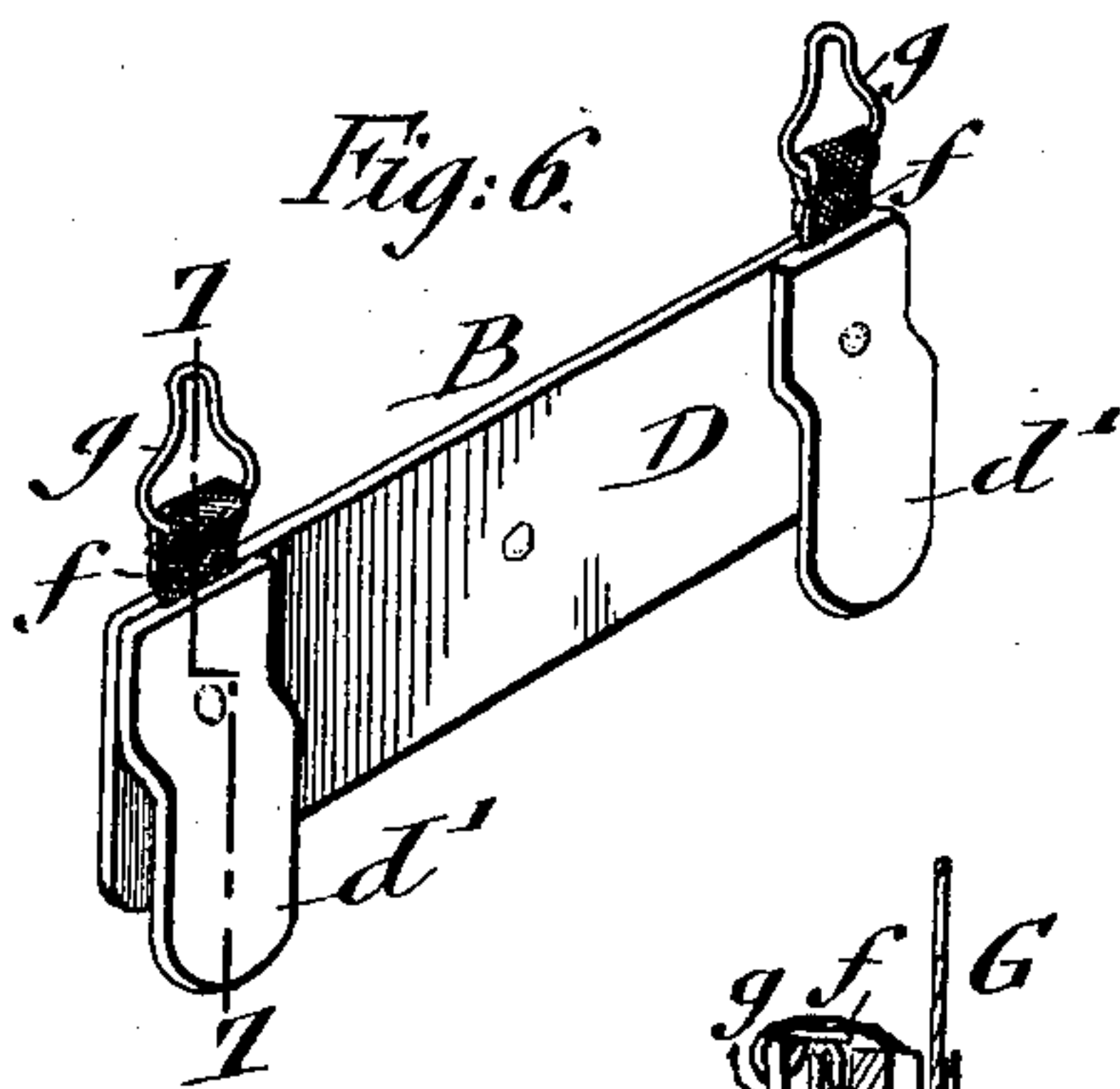
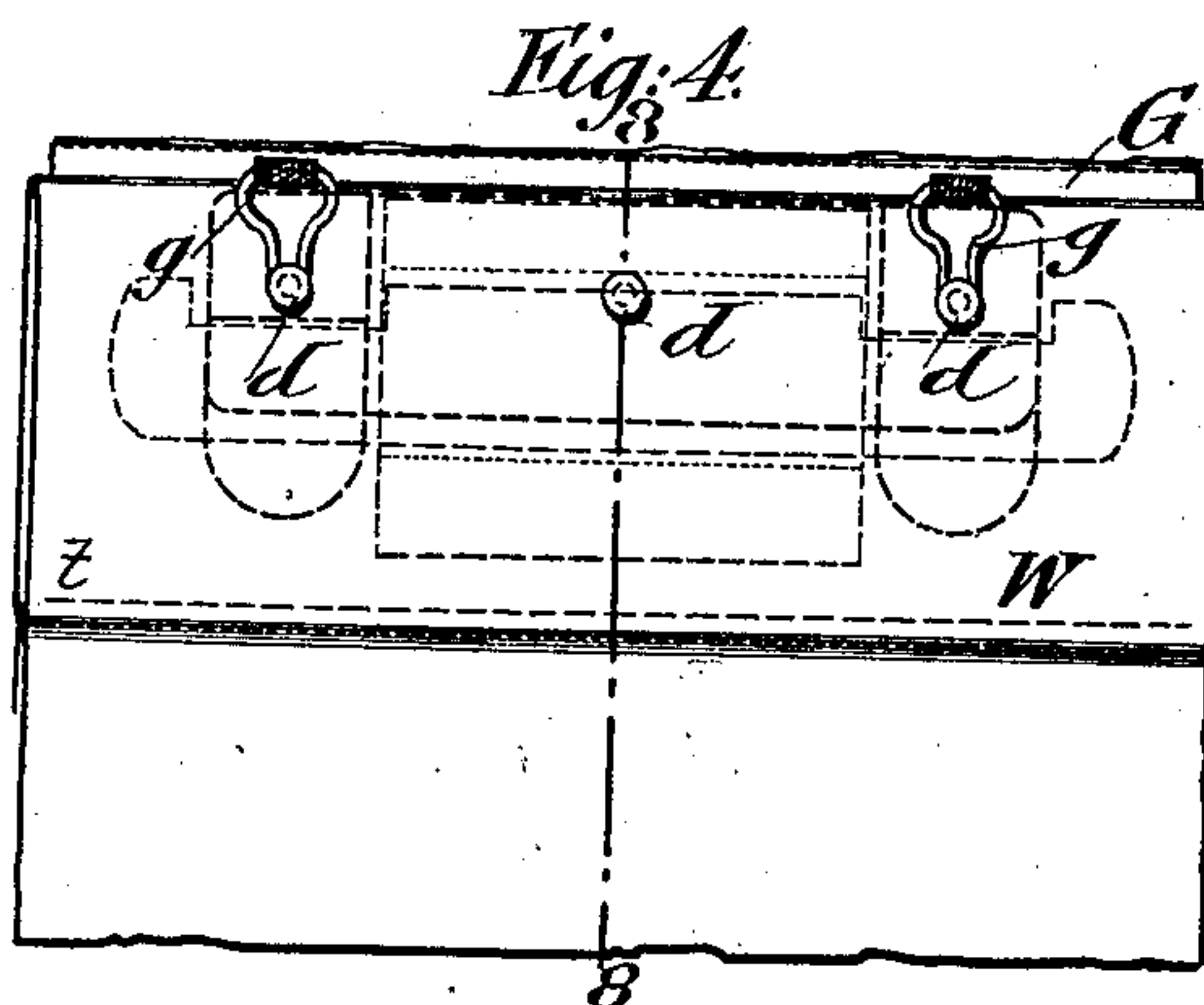
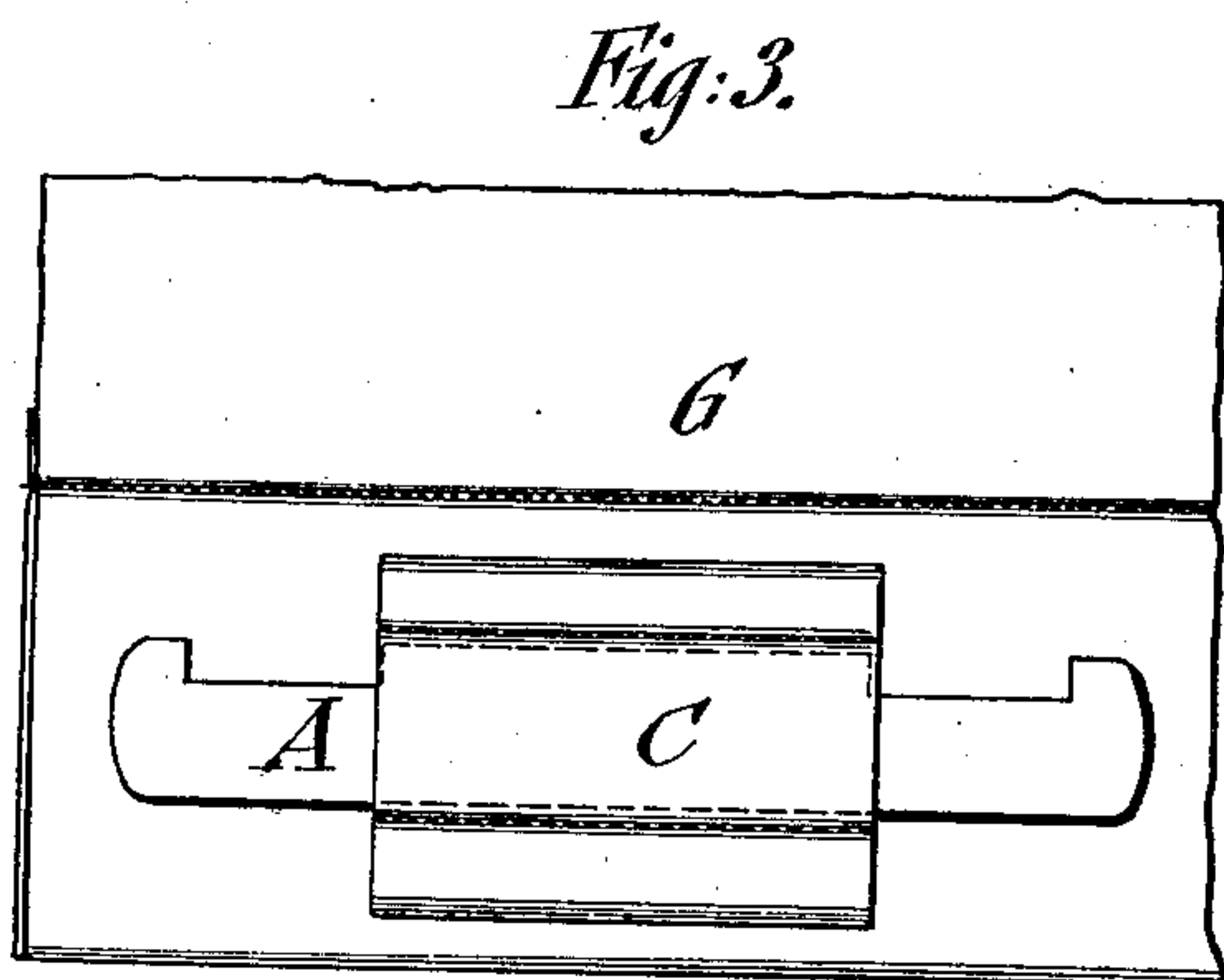
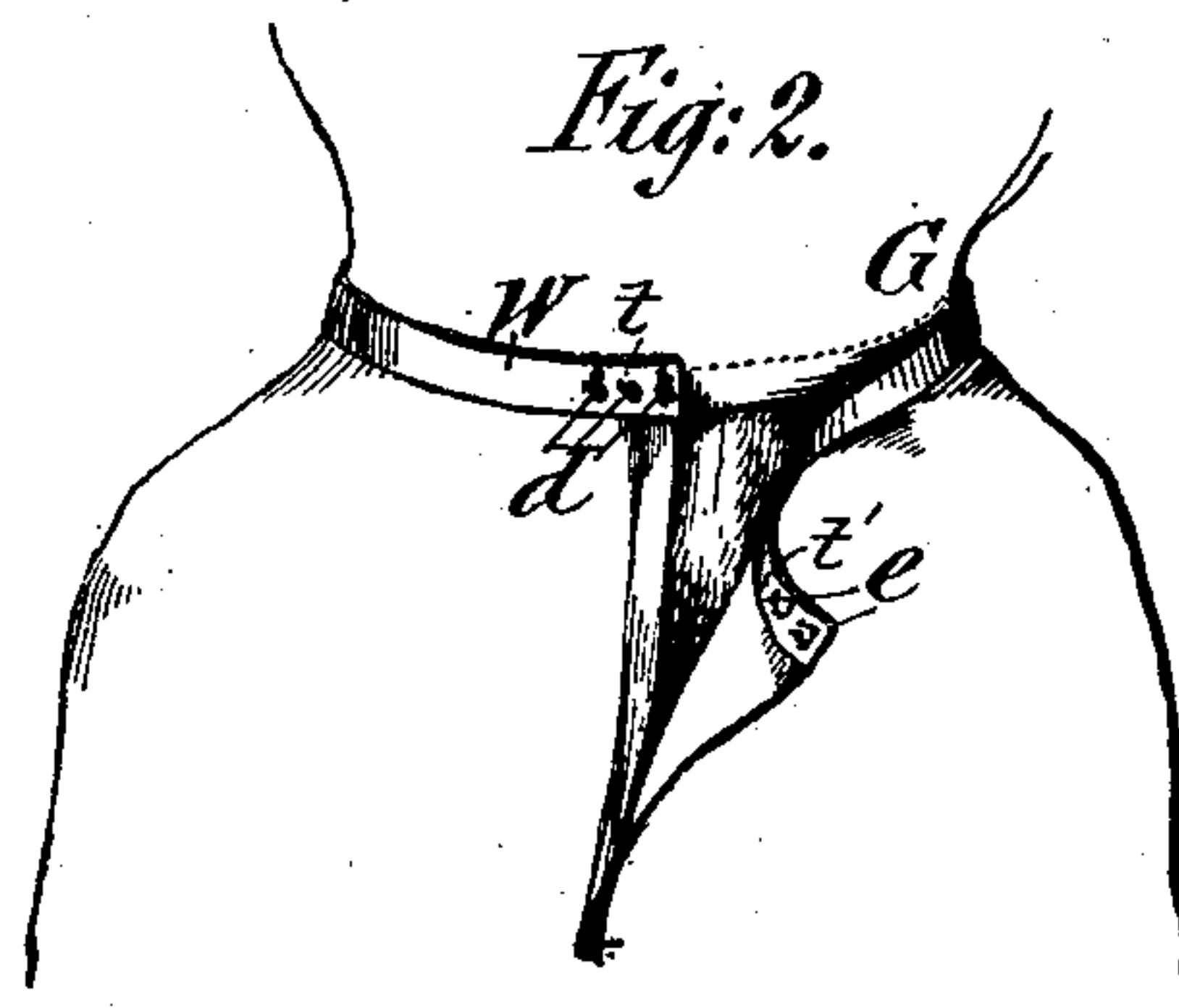
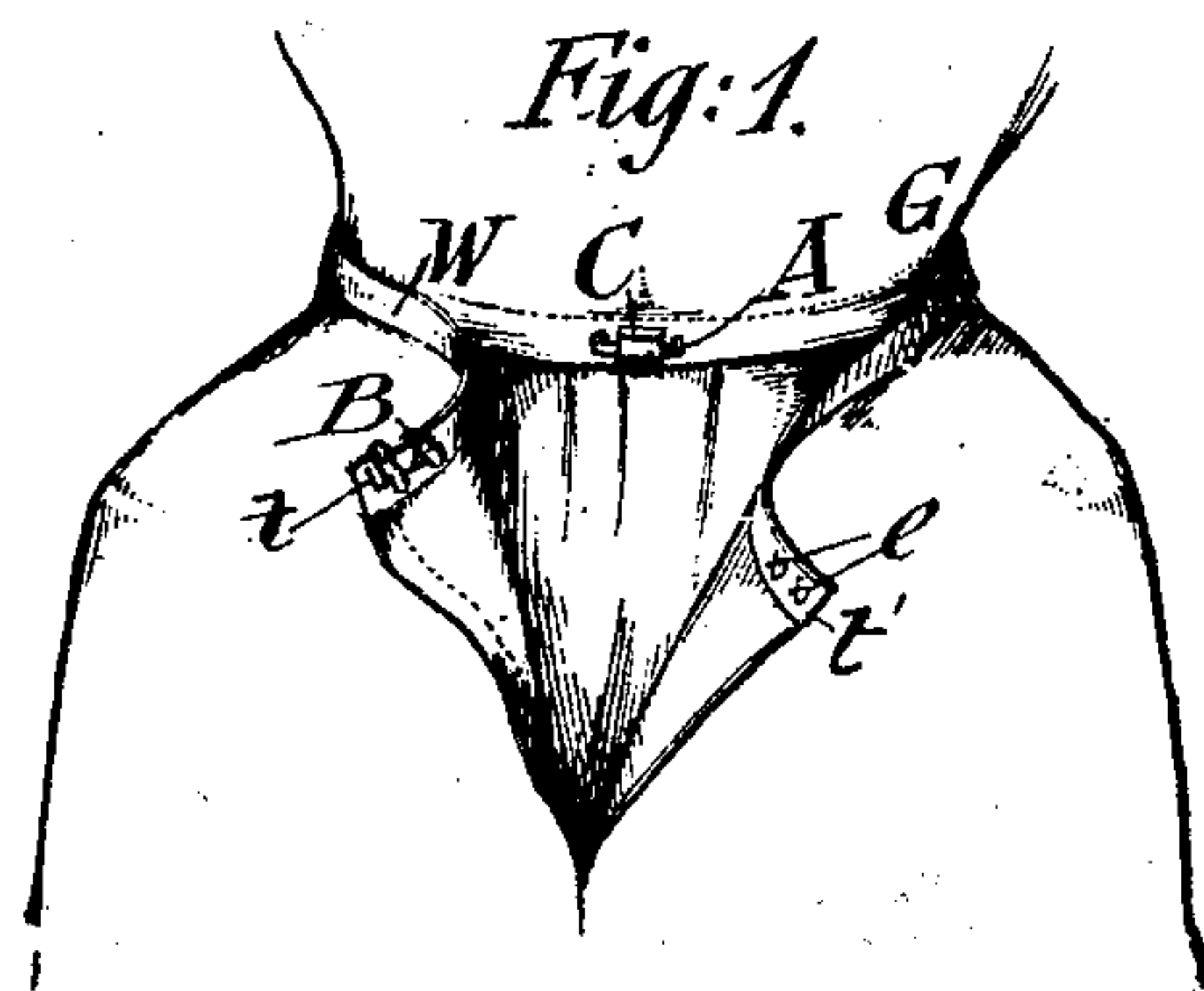


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, KATHARINE E. AECKERSBERG, a citizen of the United States, residing in New York, borough of Manhattan, in the State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved skirt-supporter by which a strong and reliable support for the skirt from the waist is provided, so that a good fit and set of the skirt are obtained; and the invention consists of a skirt-supporter comprising a suspension member adapted to be supplied to the waist and a skirt member composed of a bar, hooks at the inner side of said bar, headed studs at the other side of the same, and tapes secured to said bar and overlapping the top of the same and provided with means for engaging said studs at their outer ends; and the invention consists, further, of certain other combinations of parts, which will be fully referred to hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my improved skirt-supporter attached for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing one side of the skirt secured in position. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the suspension member, illustrating its mode of attachment to the waist. Fig. 4 is a front view of a portion of the underlapping part of the skirt and the waist with the visible parts of the skirt-supporter shown in position. Figs. 5 and 6 are perspective views of the skirt member respectively from the front and rear; and Figs. 7 and 8 are vertical transverse sections, respectively, on lines 7-7, Fig. 6, and 8-8, Fig. 4.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A indicates the suspension member, which when the skirt-supporter is applied for use is secured to the band of the shirt-waist or other waist garment. The member A consists of a flat bar, of steel or other suitable material, having recesses at one side near its ends. The skirt member B consists of a flat bar D, of steel or other suitable material, in which are seated the inner ends or shanks of preferably three

headed studs *d*, which may be located, as shown, one at each end and one at the middle of the bar D and which project from one side of the bar, while from the other side of the said bar at each end projects a downturned hook *d'*. The hooks *d'* may be made of sheet metal in the form shown and are preferably attached to the bar D by means of two of the studs *d*, which for this purpose are extended through the shanks of the hooks *d'*, which are offset from the outer portion of said hooks, as shown in Fig. 7. The hooks are located at such distance from each other as to engage the recesses of the suspension member A. To the bar D is secured at each end in line with the studs *d* a tape *f*, preferably elastic, which carries at its outer end an eye *g*, adapted to engage the stud opposite which it is located. Each tape is preferably secured to the bar D between said bar and the hook *d'* by means of the shank of the corresponding stud, as shown in Fig. 7, and each tape is of such length as when bent over the top of the bar D to engage the stud *d*, as shown in Fig. 8.

As means for applying the suspension member to the waist a sleeve C, of fabric, is preferably employed, which sleeve is stitched to the waistband of the shirt-waist, said sleeve being of the same size as that portion of the suspension member between its recesses, as shown in Fig. 3. As means for applying the skirt member to the skirt the underlapping portion *t* of the skirt-band is provided with a plurality of perforations corresponding in number and size to the studs *d*, and the overlapping portion *t'* of the skirt-band is provided at its inner side with a number of fastening-eyes corresponding in position to studs *d*, but not necessarily of the full number of said studs, two being shown in Fig. 1, so located as to engage the outermost of the studs *d*. The suspension member having been secured to the waistband and the skirt member to the skirt-band, the hooks *d'* are hooked over the suspension member into the recesses of the same, one at each side of the fabric sleeve C. They thus prevent the detachment of the suspension member from the waistband should the same be loose in the sleeve, and when the sleeve is of the full



width between the hooks  $d'$ , as shown, no sliding of the suspension member in the sleeve can take place. In the position now described the underlapping portion  $t$  of the skirt-band is supported from the suspension member. To secure said portion upon the studs, however, in a more reliable manner than merely by the heads of the studs, the eyes  $g$  are now hooked over the studs, the whole being then in the position indicated in Figs. 2 and 8. For securing the outer or overlapping portion of the skirt-band the same is now brought up into position and the eyes  $e$  hooked over the corresponding studs  $d$ . Thus both portions of the skirt-band are supported. For disconnecting the skirt-band the operation described is reversed. The eyes  $e$  serve not only for securing the overlapping portion of the skirt-band in position, but they also serve for preventing the detachment of the eyes  $g$  from the studs, and they also conceal the same from view.

None of the parts of my improved skirt-supporter are permanently secured to either the waist or the skirt and may readily be detached therefrom whenever desired. The entire supporter is quickly and easily applied for use, is of comparatively simple but very substantial and durable construction, and furnishes an effective and reliable means between the waist and the skirt.

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

1. A skirt-supporter, consisting of a suspension member adapted to be applied to the waist, and a skirt member, composed of a bar, hooks at the inner side of the bar, headed studs at the outer side of the same, and tapes secured to said bar and overlapping the top of the same, and provided at their outer ends

with means for engaging said studs, substantially as set forth.

2. A skirt-supporter, consisting of a suspension member adapted to be applied to the waist, and provided with recessed ends, and a skirt member composed of a bar, hooks at the inner side of said bar adapted to engage the recesses of the suspension member, headed studs at the outer side of said bar, and tapes secured to said bar and overlapping the top of the same, and provided at their outer end with eyes for engaging said studs, substantially as set forth.

3. A skirt-supporter, consisting of a suspension member having recessed ends, a fabric sleeve applied to the middle, non-recessed portion of said member, and a skirt member composed of a bar, flat hooks at the inner side of the same, headed studs at the outer side, and means for attaching said studs to the waistband of the skirt, substantially as set forth.

4. A skirt-supporter, consisting of a suspension member adapted to be applied to the waist, a skirt member composed of a bar, hooks at the inner side of said bar adapted to engage the suspension member, headed studs at the outer side of said bar, tapes secured to said bar and overlapping the top of the same, and provided at their outer ends with means for engaging the said studs, and eyes adapted to be attached to the overlapping end of the skirt-band, and to engage said studs, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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