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Fig. 1.

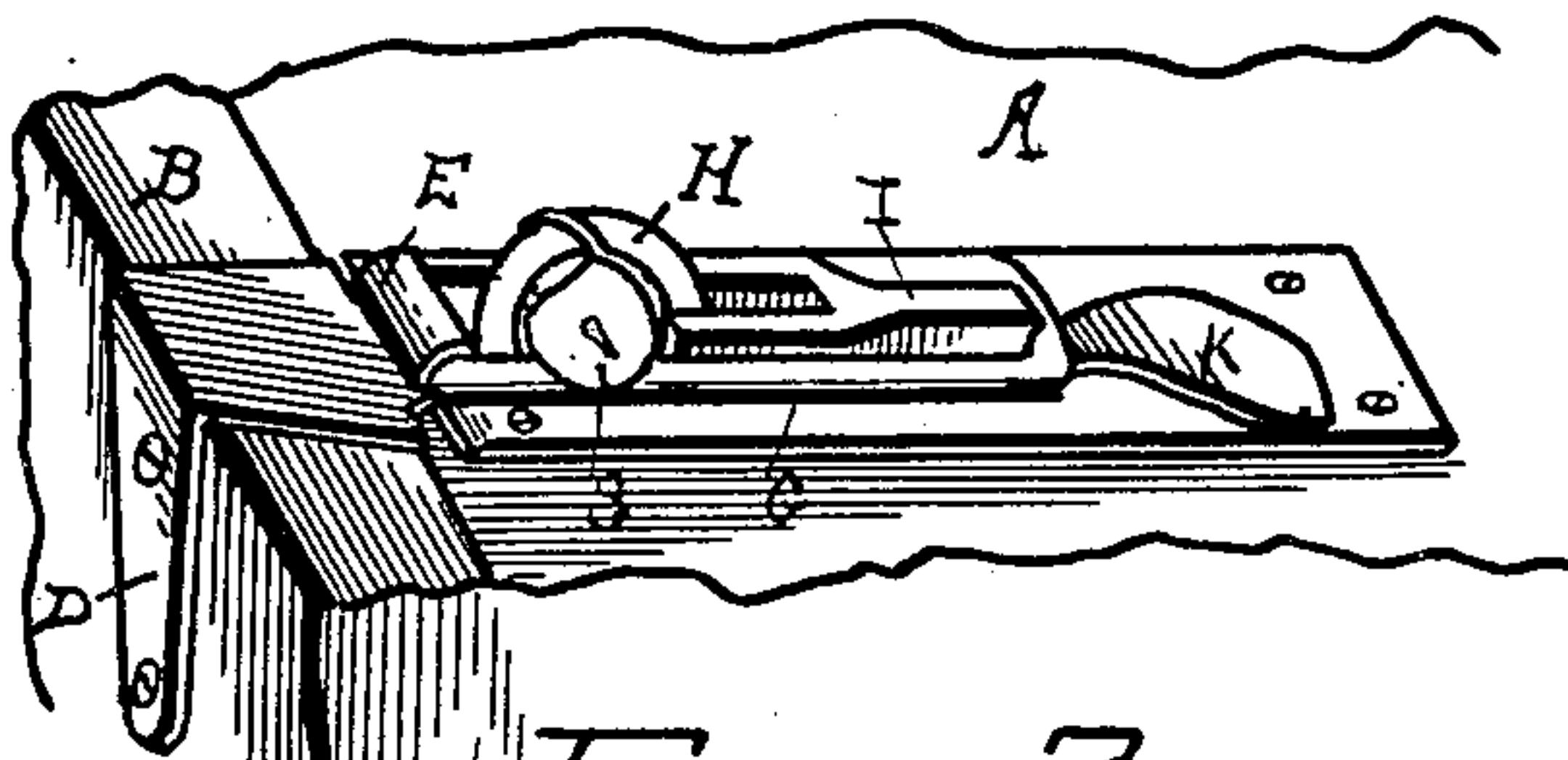


Fig. 2.

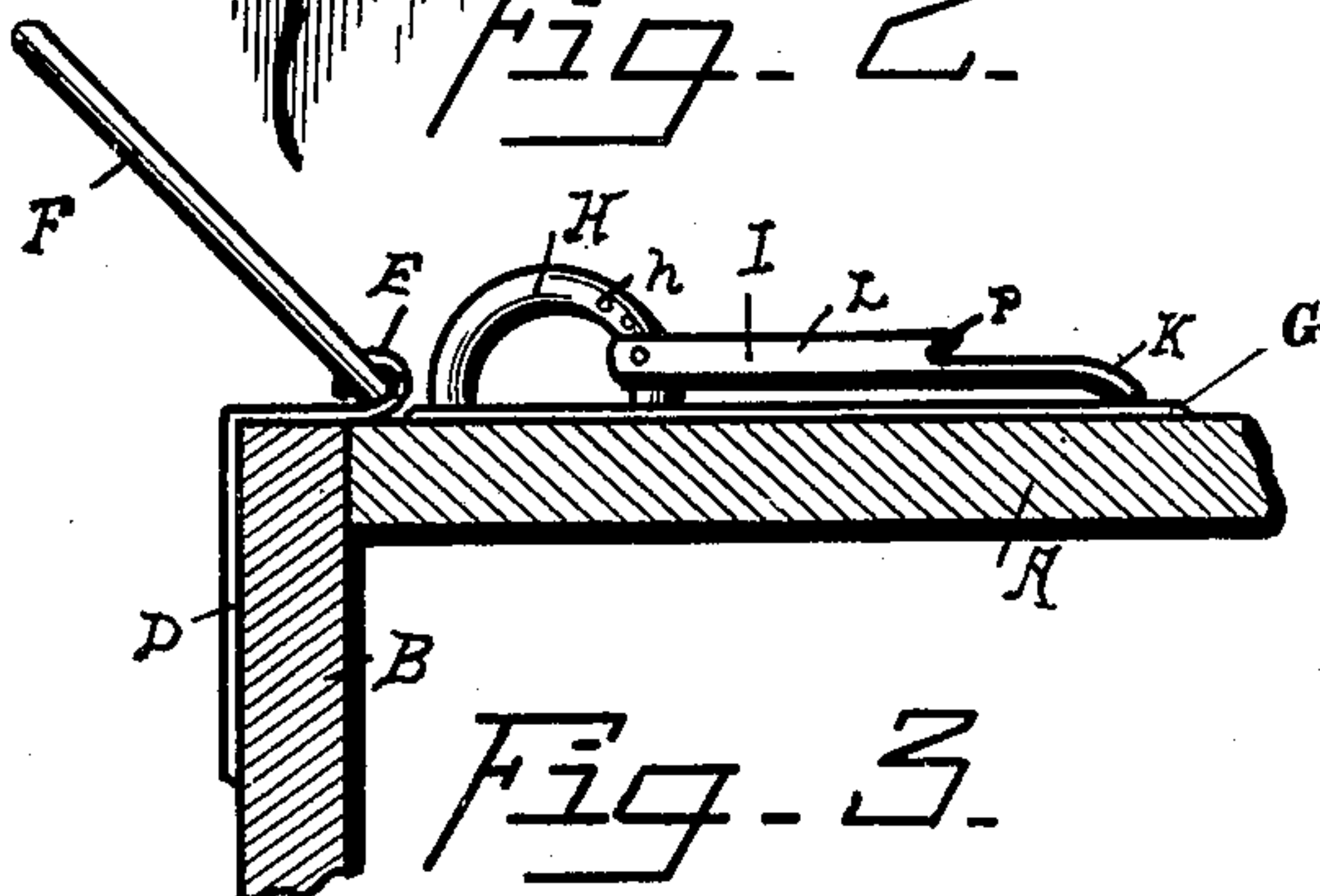


Fig. 3.

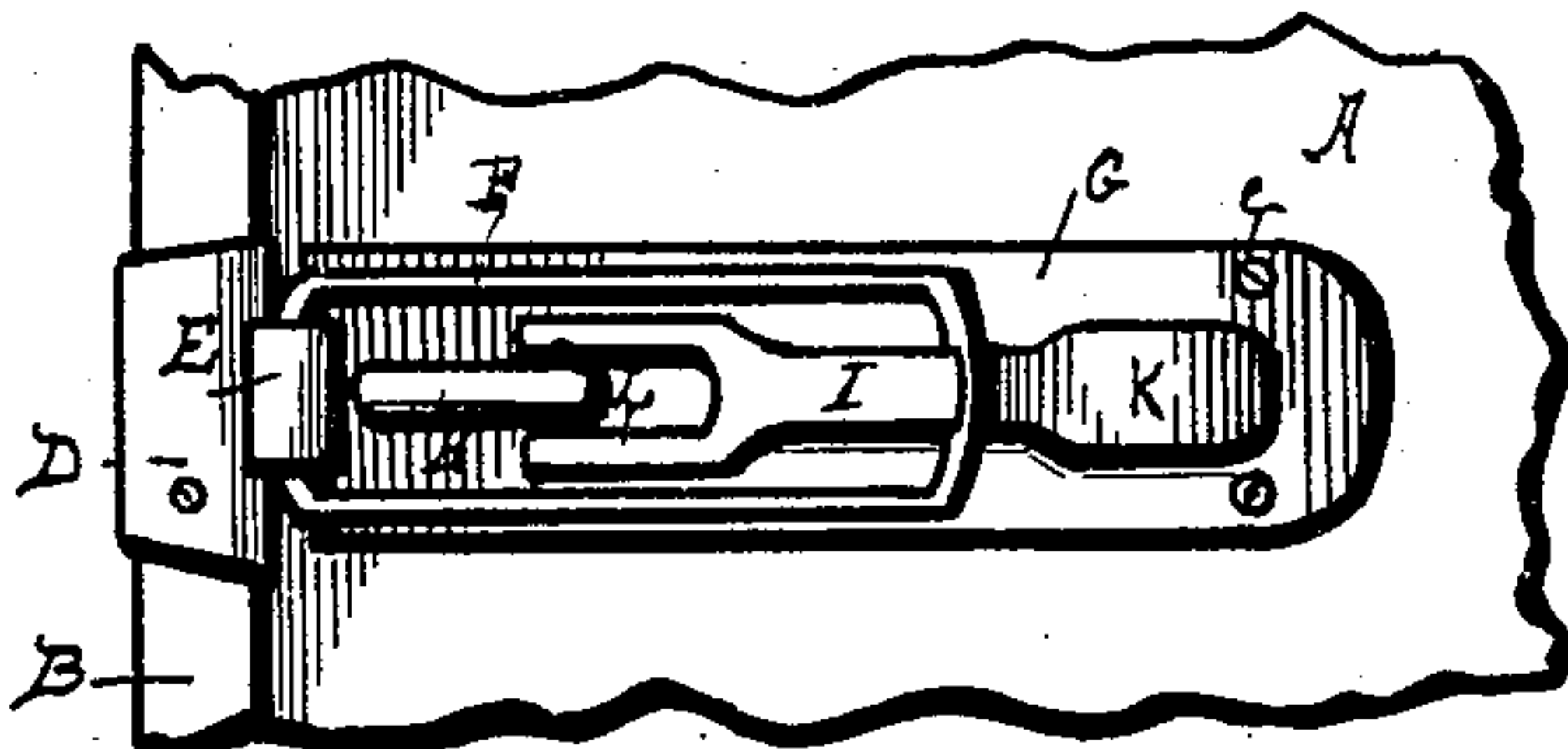
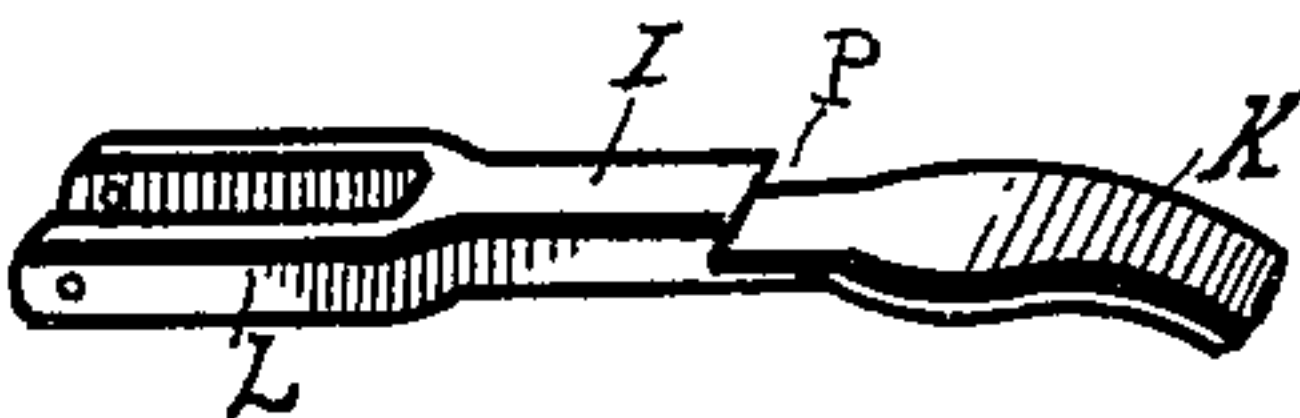


Fig. 4.



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PACKAGE-FASTENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES F. McEVOY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dubuque, in the county of Dubuque and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Package-Fasteners; and I do hereby 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 package-fasteners, more especially to those used upon packages for shipping butter and the like.

One object is to provide a fastener which can instantly be locked or unlocked and which will not be liable to become unlocked by rough handling or shipping the package on which it is placed.

Another object is to supply the same fastener with means whereby the package on which this fastener is used may also be additionally locked, so as not to be opened without the aid of a key.

My invention consists in a plate attached to the cover of the package, a hasp or link loosely attached to said plate, a plate secured to the package combined with a staple, and a locking-lever adjustably attached to the staple and adjusted to engage with the hasp, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

Figure 1 is a perspective of the fastener attached to the box when locked and a padlock in the staple therein. Fig. 2 is a side view of the fastener with the package unlocked. Fig. 3 shows a front view of the fastener attached to the package and locked without the padlock. Fig. 4 is a perspective of the lever removed.

Like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in all of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the package, and B the cover. To the cover is fastened the strap D, which extends along the top of the cover and down in front and terminates in a loop E, within which loop E is pivoted a link or hasp F.

To the front side of the package and beneath the plate D is secured the plate G by

the screws c. To or through this plate is secured a staple H, which is provided with holes h. In one of the holes h is pivoted a lever L. (Shown in Fig. 4.) This lever L consists of the body I and the handle K. The outer end of the body I terminates in a notch or hook P, with which the hasp F engages when the package is locked. In the staple H, over the hasp F, may be inserted a padlock when it is desired to permanently lock the package.

The manner of operating my device will be readily understood and is substantially as follows: The lever L is raised until the hasp F can engage with the hook P. Then by pressure upon the handle K of the lever L the lever is brought down until the handle touches the plate G. It will be seen that the hasp F being pivoted close to the box and the hook P being somewhat out from the face of the box the tendency will be to draw the lever L against the box and hold it always securely locked. To unlock it, simply raise the lever L and the hasp F will immediately fly out of engagement with the hook P.

It will be observed that the higher up on the staple H in the holes h the lever L is pivoted the more closely the cover will be held upon the top of the box and the more effective will be the locking.

If it is desired to more securely lock the package, then it is locked as before and a padlock S is inserted in the staple H over the hasp F, when it cannot be unlocked except by removal of the padlock.

It will be seen that there will be little or no danger of the package unlocking of itself in handling, though such handling be rough and without care, even when there is no padlock thereon.

What I claim is—

1. In a fastener for packages, a staple secured to the package and provided with a series of holes, a lever pivoted in one of said holes and having a shoulder near its outer end, combined with a hasp fastened to the cover and which closes down over both the staple and the lever, and engages with the shoulder on the lever, substantially as shown.

2. A package-fastener consisting of a plate
attached to a package, a staple, a lever ad-
justably pivoted to the staple, a strap secured
to the cover, a hasp loosely attached to said
5 strap and adapted to engage said lever by
means of a shoulder formed on the lever, sub-
stantially as described.

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

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