

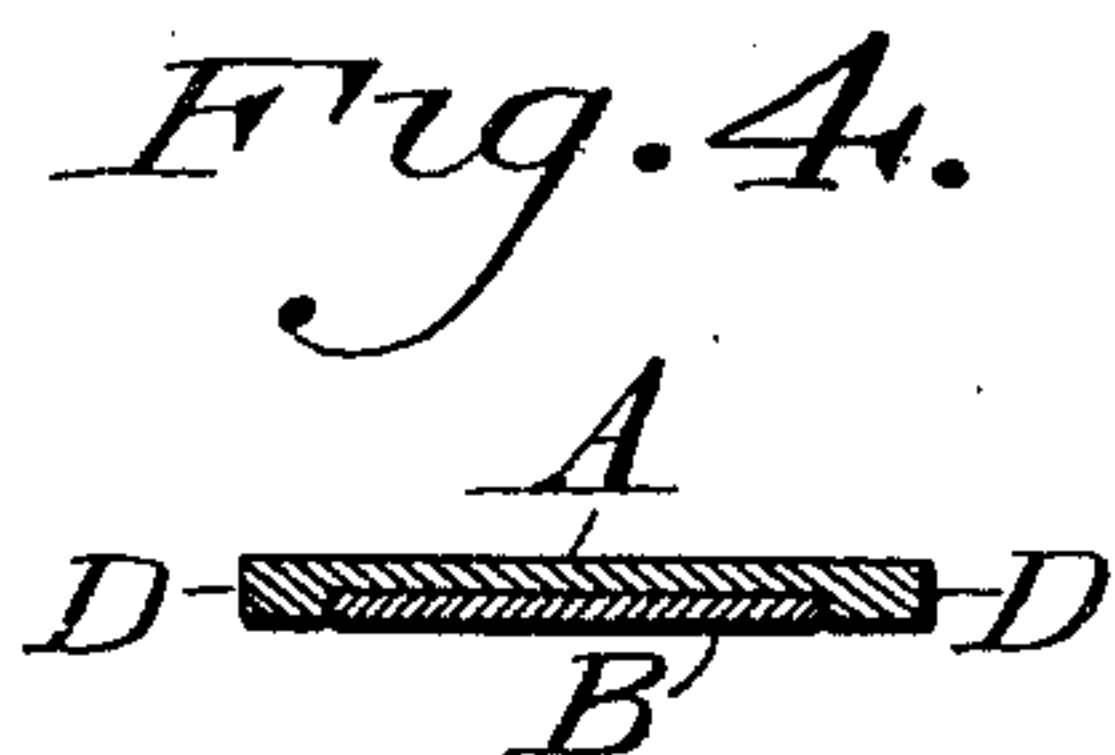
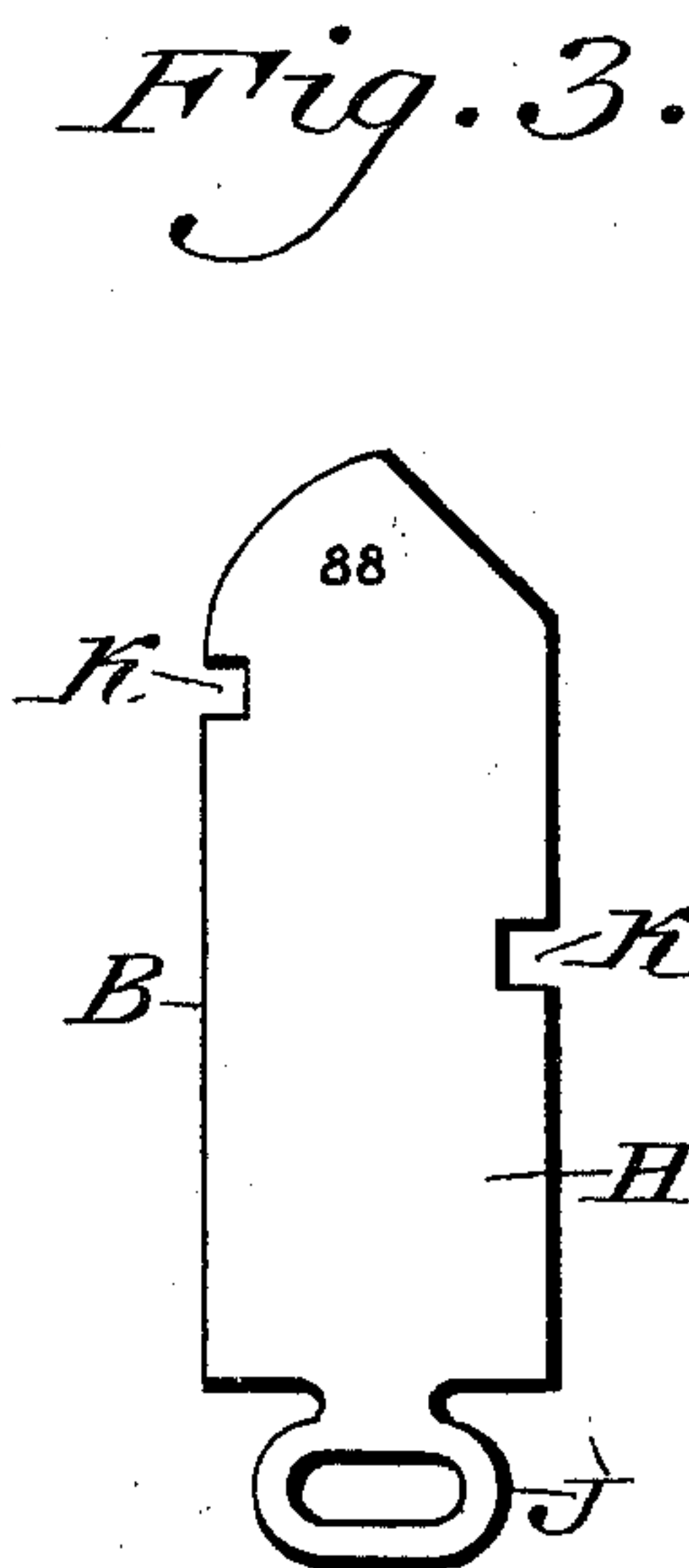
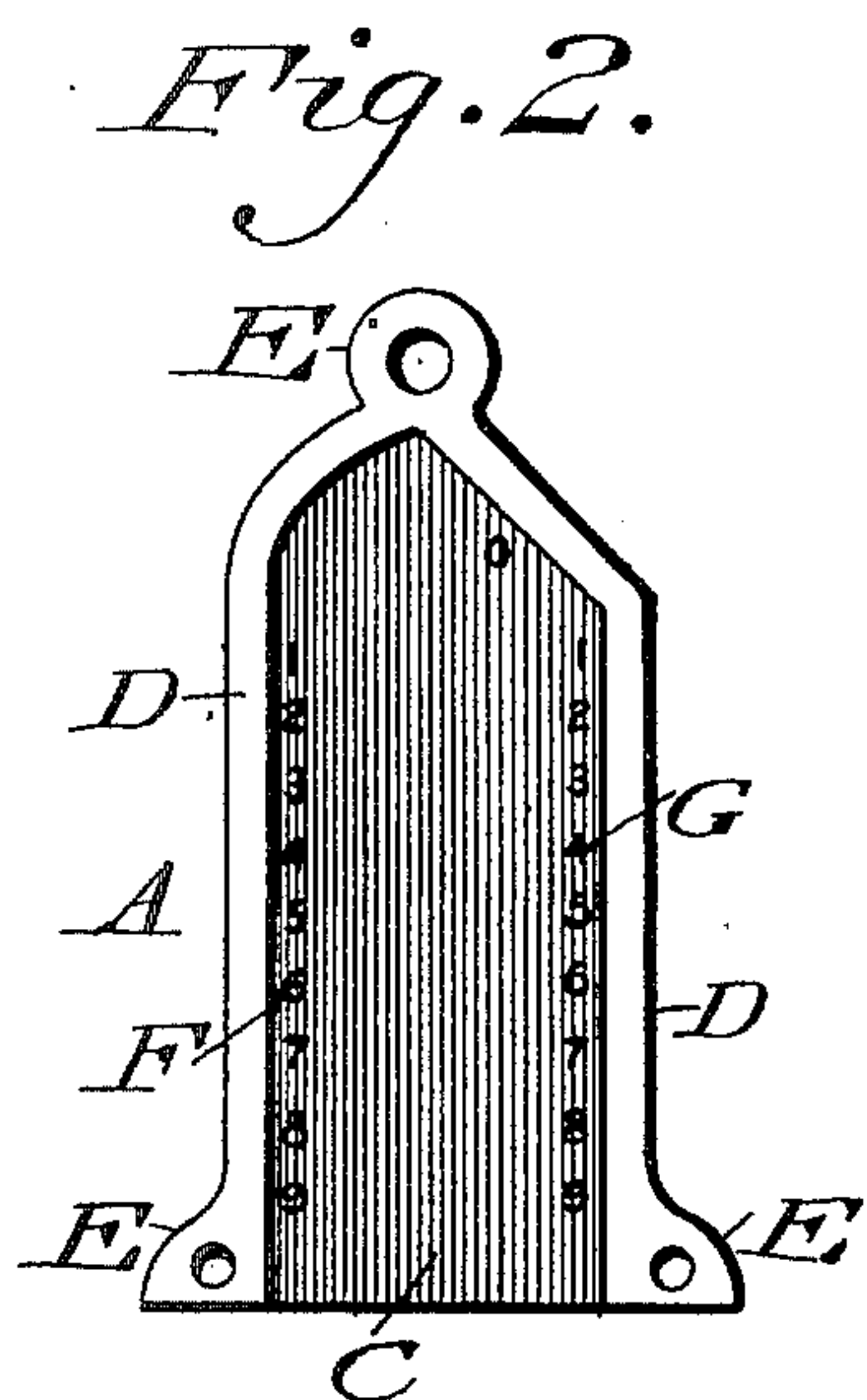
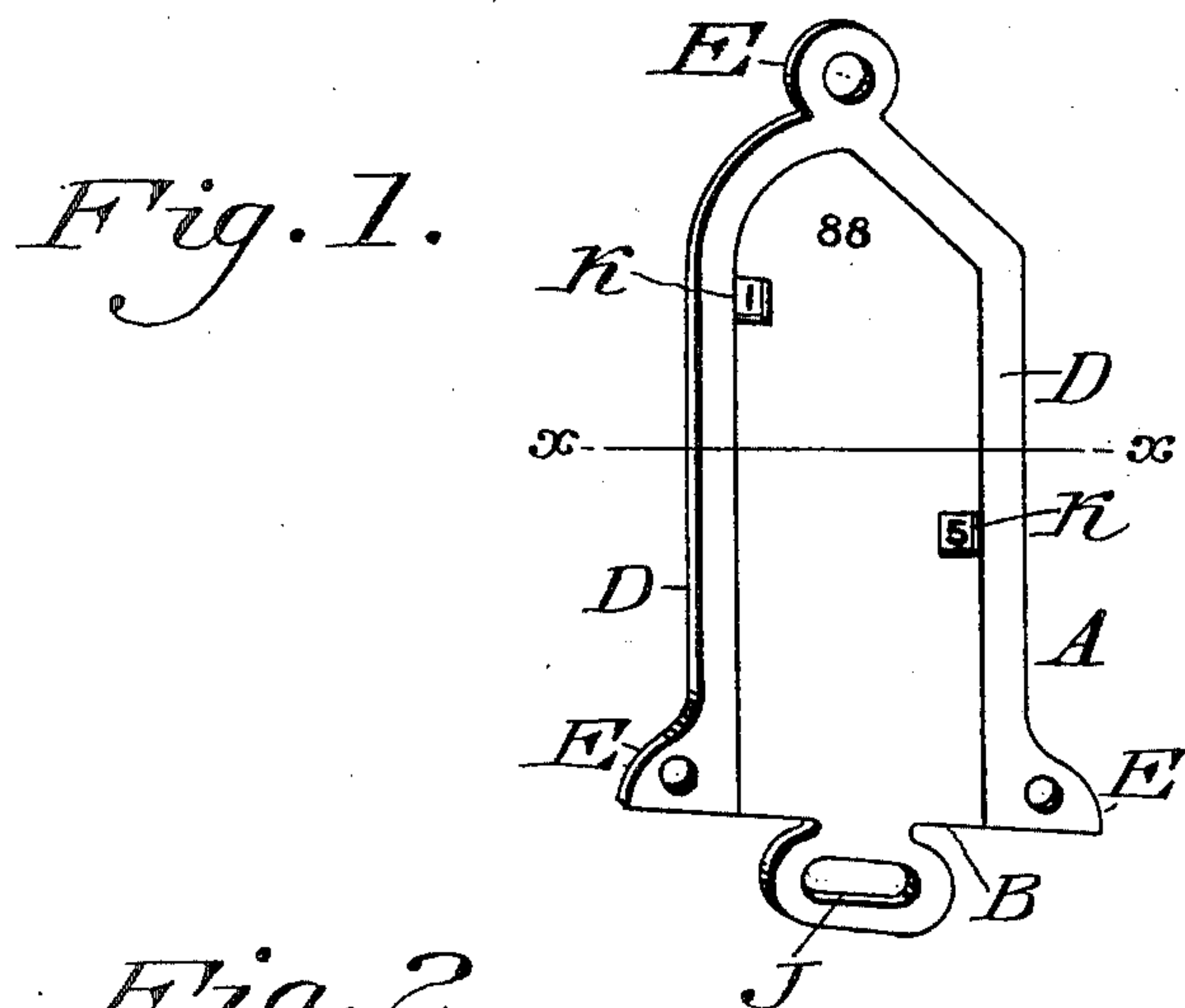
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. HYDE, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Identification Devices, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of an improvement in the class of identification devices as shown in the Letters Patent of the United States, No. 513,150, granted to Jacob Saudek on the 23d day of January, 1894, the object being to render the check employed to be more conveniently carried; handled, and applied and admit of a vast increase in the reference-numbers.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of an identification device embodying my invention. Figs. 2 and 3 represent face views of the members thereof. Fig. 4 represents a transverse section on line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a register, and B designates a key therefor. The register consists of the plate C, having the raised rim D around the margin thereof, the eyes E on the ends for fastening the register to a record-book kept by banks and others using the device, and the series of numbers F and G at the sides of the plate. The key consists of the plate H, having an eye J, whereby it may be hung from a watch-chain or other place, as desired, and recesses K, which are so disposed that when the key is applied to the register all of the numbers F and G will be covered excepting those back of said recesses, thus showing that the holder of the check No. 88 has his record on page 15 of the record-book. Consequently when a party presents himself at the bank with a check or draft and he is not known or in a position to be identified he presents the key to the teller, who then ascertains the number on the page of the record-book under which the data of the party holding check No. 88 is entered. The teller will then place the key on the register A, and if the No. 15 is produced there is evidence of identification sufficient to enable the teller to pay the check or draft to the party. Of course there may be other requirements, according to the entry in the book, whether or not a description furnished by the

party presenting the key corresponds to that contained in said book; but said requirements constitute no part of the present invention, this consisting in the construction of the members of the device whereby the key thereof may be more conveniently carried, handled, and applied and the reference-numbers on the register may be vastly increased, owing to the utilization of the sides of the plate C for the occupation of said numbers.

Owing to the rim D, the key may be nicely rested on the plate C between the rim D and so controlled by the latter as to be prevented from improper displacement. The rim may be made in a variety of forms to present curves or right lines, or both, especially at the head of the plate C, it being noticed that the contiguous portions of the head of the key B are correspondingly shaped, thus adding to the certainty of the fact that the rightful party has presented the key.

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

1. An identification device consisting of a plate having a series of numbers on the face thereof, and a key adapted to be placed on said plate and contained within said rim and provided with a plurality of recesses to uncover a plurality of numbers of said series.

2. In an identification device, a plate having a series of numbers on the face thereof, and a key provided with a plurality of recesses adapted to uncover a plurality of numbers of said series and having a carrying-eye.

3. An identification device, consisting of a plate having a raised rim on the margin thereof, and a series of numbers on the face of said plate, and a key adapted to be placed on said plate and contained within said rim and to uncover one or more numbers of said series.

4. An identification device consisting of a plate having a raised rim and a series of numbers on the face, and a key adapted to be placed on said plate within said rim, having a plurality of recesses adapted to uncover a plurality of numbers of said series, and provided with a carrying-eye.

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