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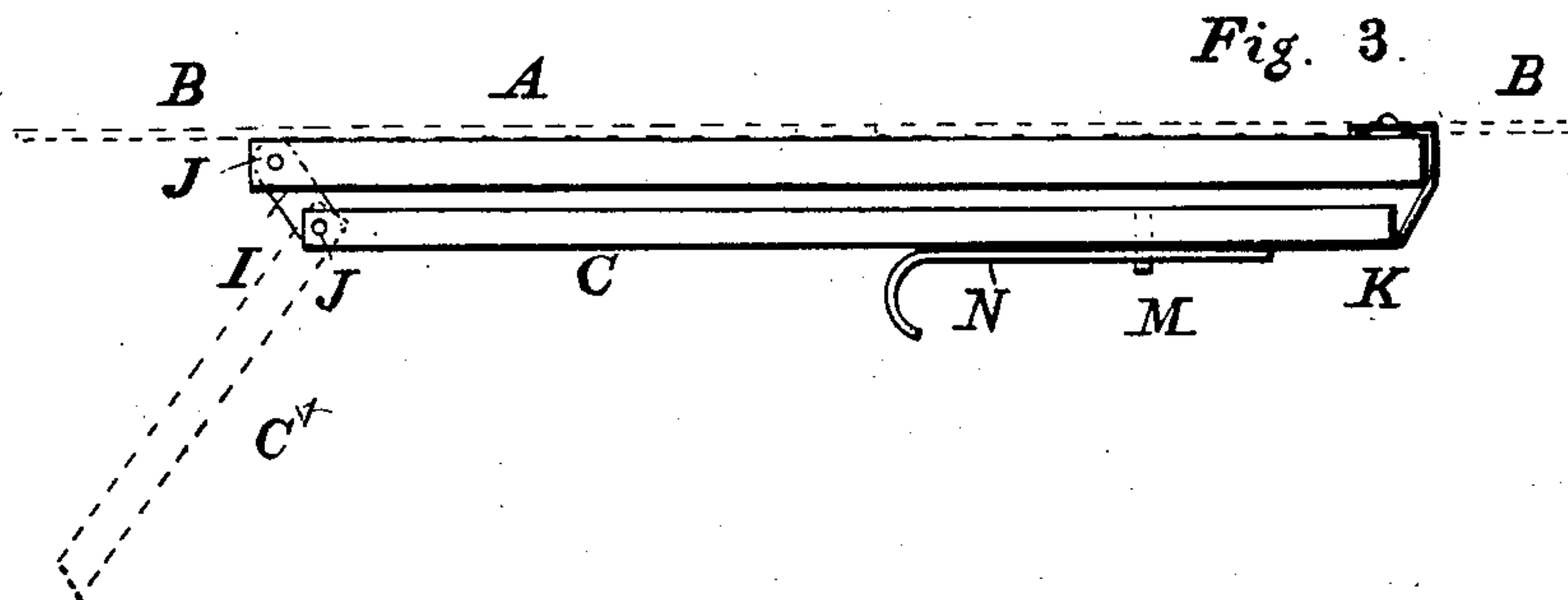
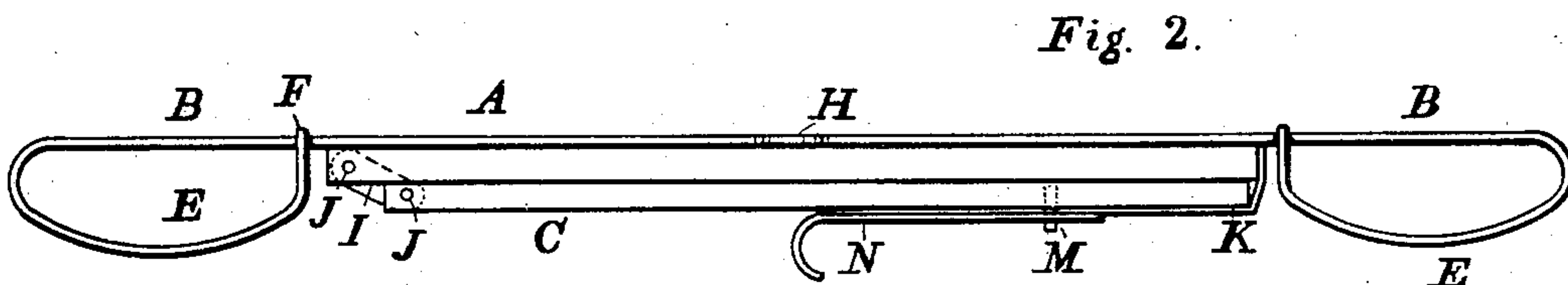
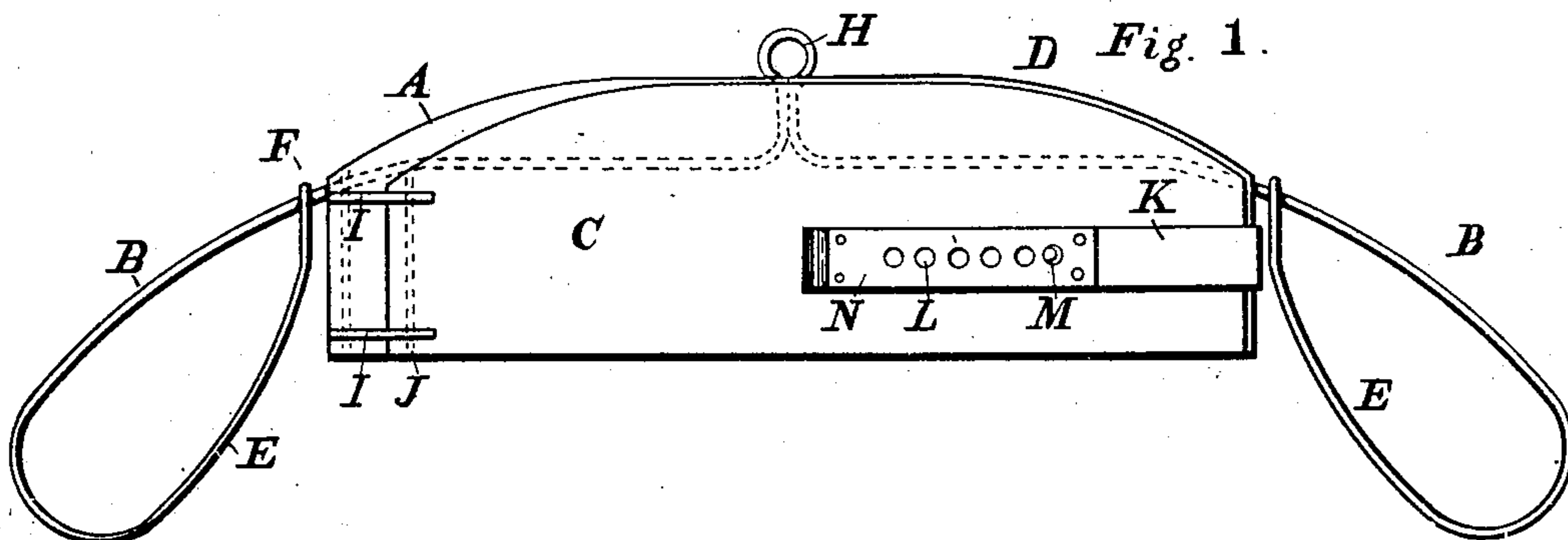
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## SUIT-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES S. BARROWS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rochester, in the county of Monroe, in the State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Suit-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to certain improvements in the construction of suit-holders designed to afford support to various articles of apparel—such as coats, vests, trousers, skirts, waists, &c.—while hung up.

My improvements are fully described and illustrated in the following specification and the accompanying drawings, the novel features thereof being specified in the claims annexed to the said specification.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view. Fig. 2 is a plan view. Fig. 3 is a partial plan view showing the front in the position it occupies when a garment is held between it and the back.

A represents the back, B B the shoulder-forms, and C the movable front. The upper edge D of the front is given a suitable curve adapted to support a coat or other garment in a smooth condition without wrinkles.

The shoulder-forms B are conveniently made of wire bent outward and downward in shape to correspond substantially with that of the upper edge of the back and recurved inward and forward, as indicated at E, so as to form suitable supports for the garment placed on them. The ends of the wire are bent and clasped over the forms B, as shown at F. The form may be made of a single length of wire extending behind the back, as indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 1, and bent so as to form a loop at H above the center, by which the holder is itself suspended on any suitable bar or other support.

The front is adjustably attached to the back by a hinge connection at one end and a strap and pin at the other. The hinge consists of the two metallic straps I I, placed at one end near the upper and lower edges of the front and pivoted in slots in the back and front, respectively, on the pins J J. At the other end the flexible strap K is attached to the back and extends forward around the end of

the front, being provided with a series of holes L, in which the pin M engages to hold the front with a suitable pressure against any article placed between it and the back. The front C is somewhat shorter than the back, so that the hinges I I stand at an inclination inward when the front is closed on the back, as indicated in Fig. 2, and their front ends swing outward when the front is separated. The pin and strap are located on the middle line between the hinges, so that the front is drawn backward equally toward the back by the strap, which may be made of leather, webbing, or other suitable material. The openings in the strap may be provided with eyelets, or to its end is attached a hook or catch N, preferably of metal, which hook may extend along the strap and be provided with the holes L in it. By making or facing that part of the strap which engages with the pin M with metal I secure increased durability. The angular positions of the hinges and strap when a garment is placed between the back and the front (see Fig. 3) secure a practically equal pressure of the front at the ends.

I claim—

1. In a suit-holder, the combination with the back portion provided with the arm-forms at each end, of the movable front pivoted to the back by a swinging hinge at one end, a pin in the other end of said front portion, and a strap secured to the back portion, a metallic facing on the end of said strap having holes to receive said pin, substantially as described.

2. In a suit-holder, the combination with a stationary back portion, a bent wire of one piece secured to said back portion, having loops at each end forming arm-forms, and a loop in its center for supporting the device, a front portion, a pair of single links connecting said front and back portions, a flexible strap secured to said back portion, a pin on the front portion, a metallic facing on said strap having holes to engage said pin, and a hook on said facing, substantially as described.

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