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Fig. 1.

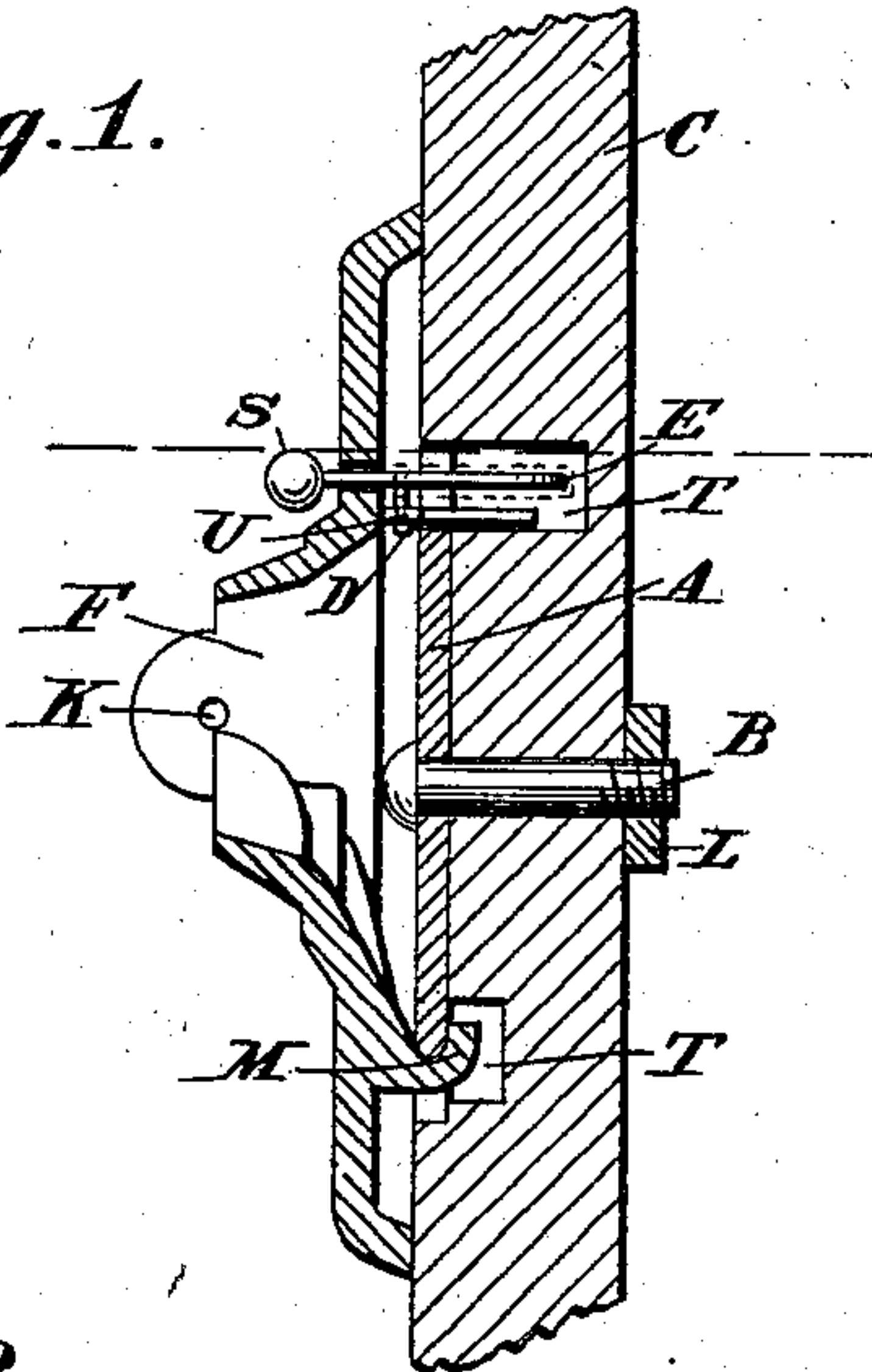


Fig. 2.

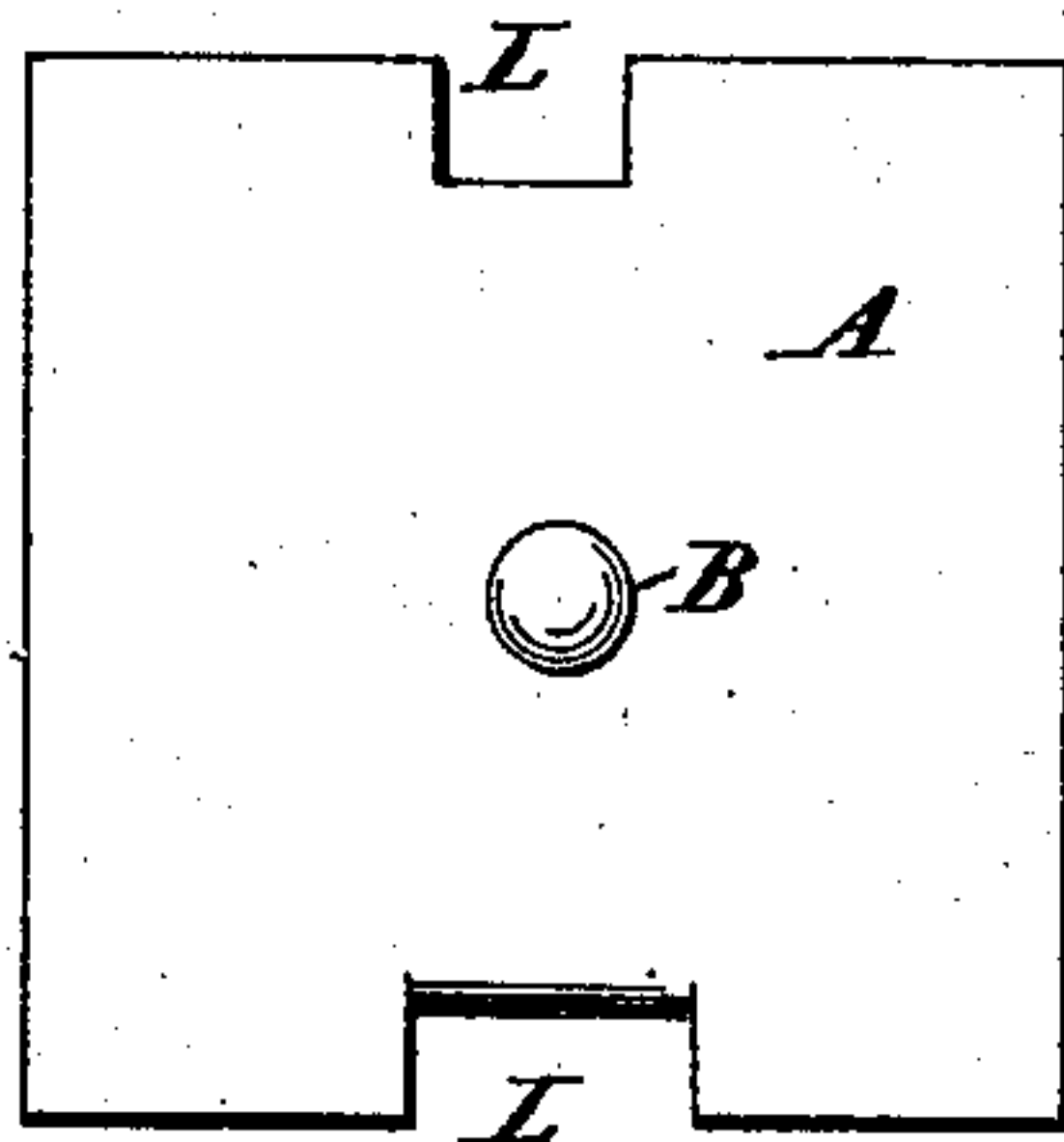
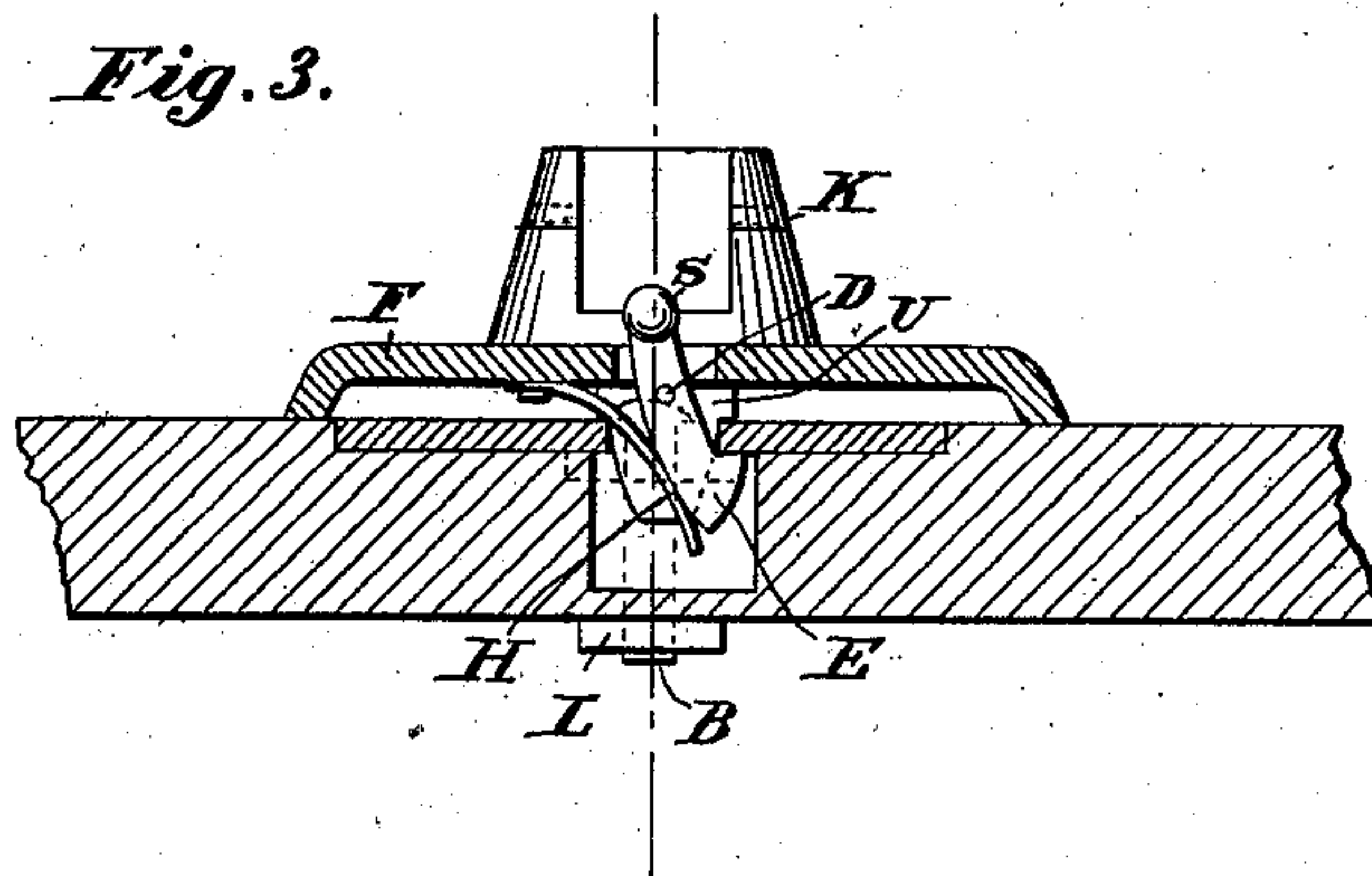


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY RIEGEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pontiac, in the county of Livingston and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Detachable Casket-Handles, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

10 This invention relates to the class of handles which are detachably connected to the casket or coffin, and particularly to the means for attaching said handle to the casket without the use of screws, nails, or the like in such attachment and to enable the handle to be quickly and securely attached without the loss of time or labor.

15 This invention consists of a new construction and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more particularly explained, and set forth in the claim.

20 In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side sectional view showing a portion of the side of the casket, the plate bolted to the side of the casket, and the lug of the handle attached ready for use. Fig. 2 is a view of the metal plate, which is secured to the side of the casket by a bolt, showing the openings, one at top and one at bottom of said plate. Fig. 3 is a top sectional view showing a portion of the casket with the plate bolted thereon and the manner of attaching and detaching the handle.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

35 C is a portion of the side of the casket.

a (or A) is a metal plate having two openings, one at the top and one at the bottom and is secured to the side of the casket by a bolt B.

F is the lug of the handle.

40 K is that part of the lug where the arm of the handle is hinged to the lug.

M is a hook-shaped portion of the inner side of lug F, extending downward from point K and is to receive the carrying-weight.

45 U is a metal plate and is to be part of the inner side of lug F, connected to the lug just above where the arm of the handle is hinged to the lug and extends inward.

50 Part of plate U nearest the lug is to be wider than the top opening in plate A, the extreme inner end of plate U to snugly fit opening and pass through, so that when hook

M is placed in the lower opening of plate A the extreme inner end of plate U will pass through the top opening in plate A, and thus prevent the handle from dropping or slipping to either side. That part of plate U which is nearest the lug being wider than the top opening in plate A, the outer edges of plate U will therefore rest upon each side of the opening and will receive the top pressure from the carrying-weight.

E is a catch loosely riveted to the top side of plate U and held securely in place by spring H (which spring is to be tightly riveted to the top side of plate U with a square rivet) and to be arranged so that when hook M is placed in the lower opening of plate A the inner end of plate U will pass through the top opening of plate A, and as the outer edges of plate U rest upon each side of the opening that spring H will lock catch E on the inner side of plate A, as in Fig. 3, and thus hold the lug firmly in place.

75 The side of the casket underneath the top and lower openings in plate A is to be hollowed sufficient to permit the parts of hook M and catch E to pass underneath. Catch E passes from the point where it is riveted to plate U outward through a slot in the lug made for that purpose and ornamented with a thumb-button S, either as a thumb-button or so arranged as to form part of an ornament on the outer side of the lug, but large enough to cover said slot.

85 To detach the handle, give the thumb-button a side pressure, which will unlock catch E from the inner side of plate A, and thus permit it to be withdrawn through the opening.

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

The casket-handle attachment comprising the plate A, with opening at bottom to admit hook M; with opening at top to admit part of plate U, and catch E, to hold lug in place, and with spring H, to secure catch E.

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

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