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Fig. 1.

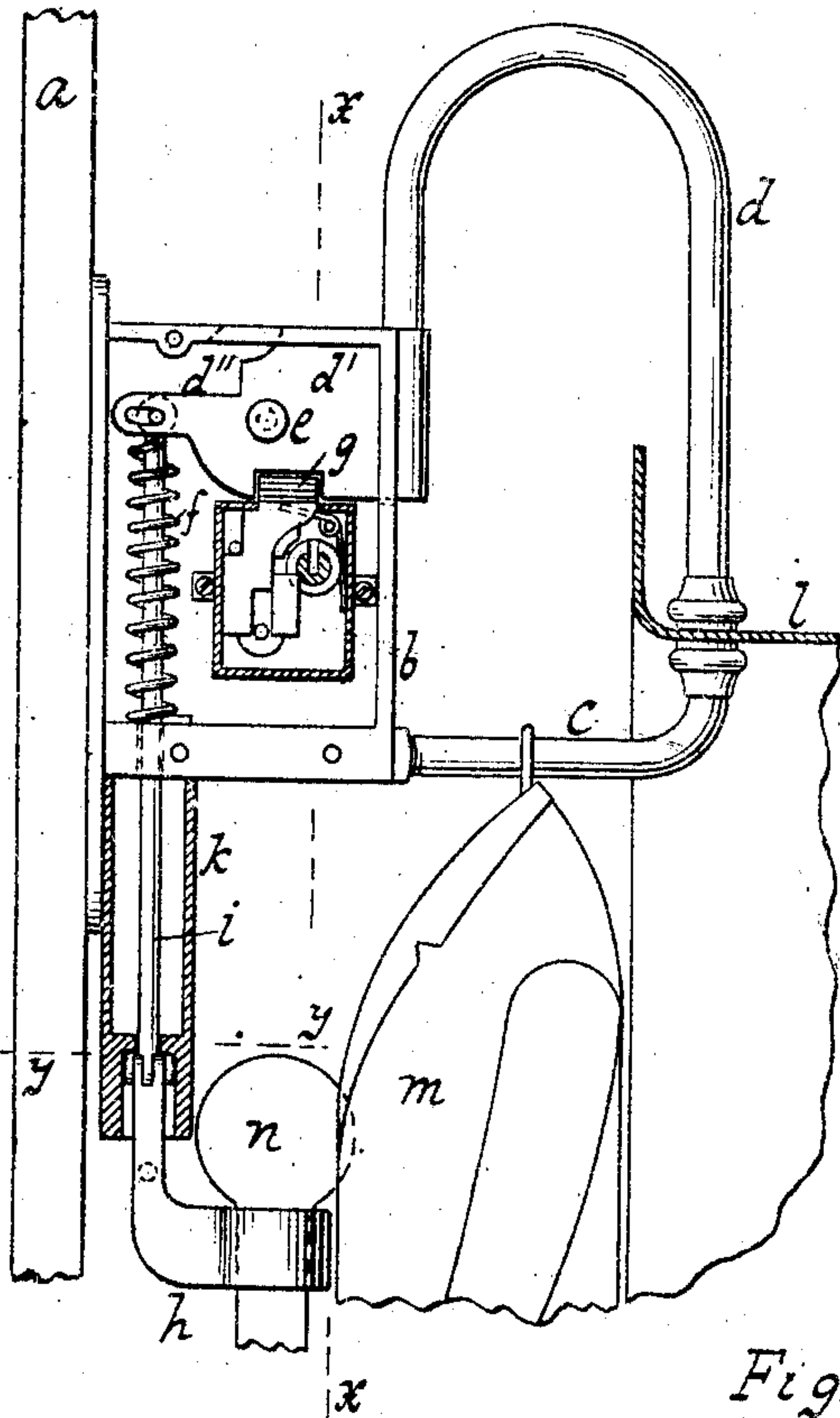


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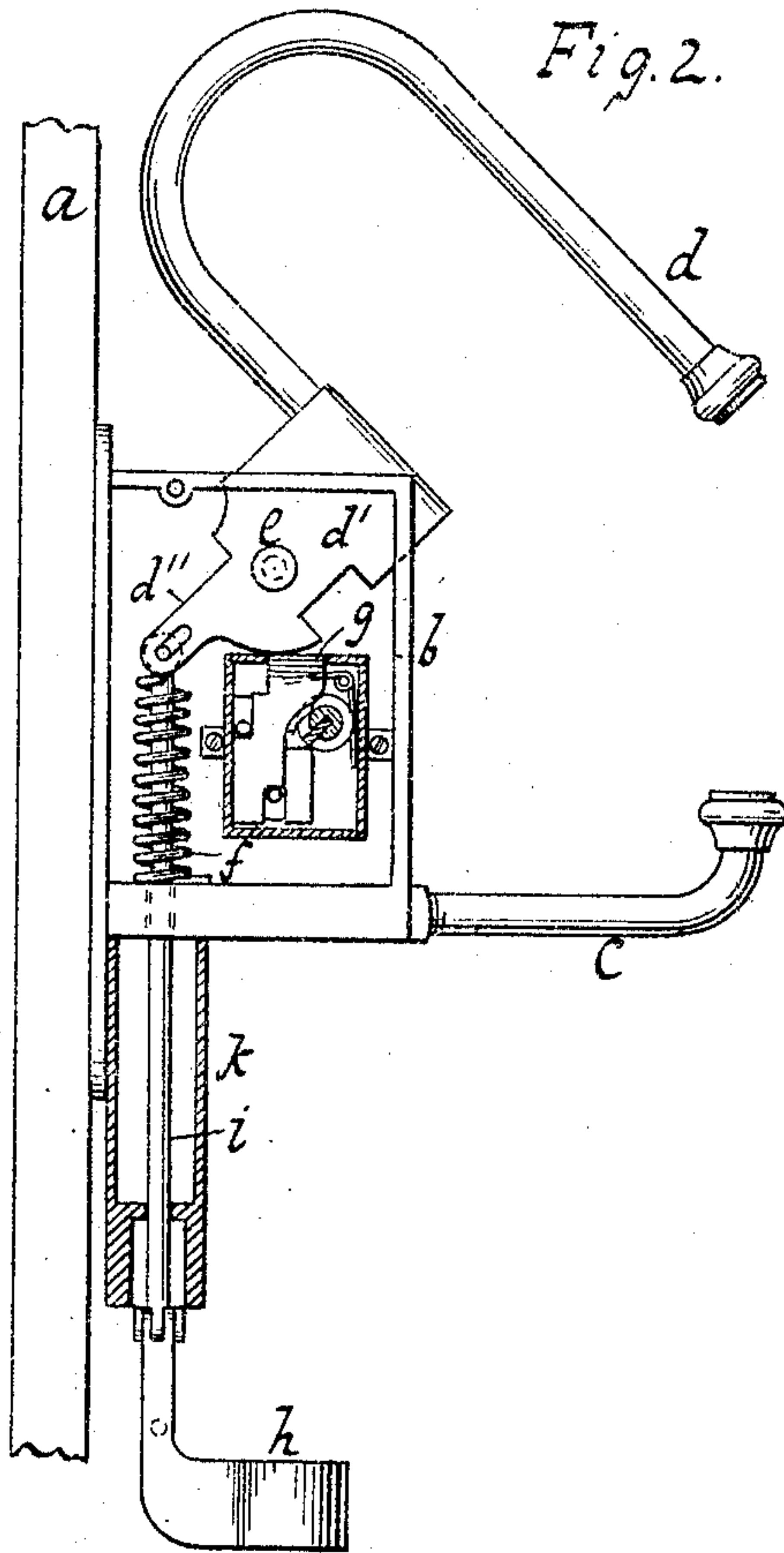


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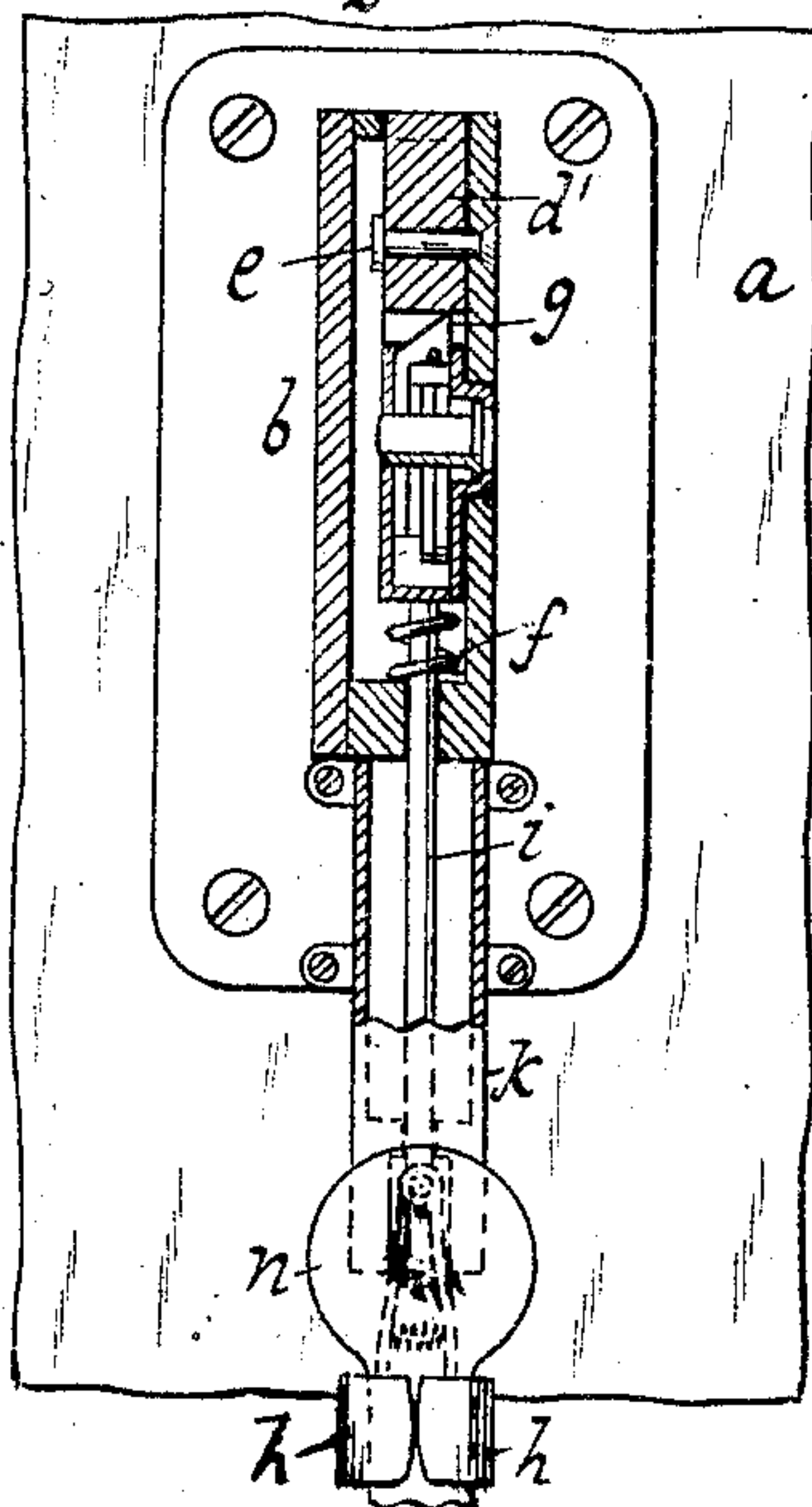


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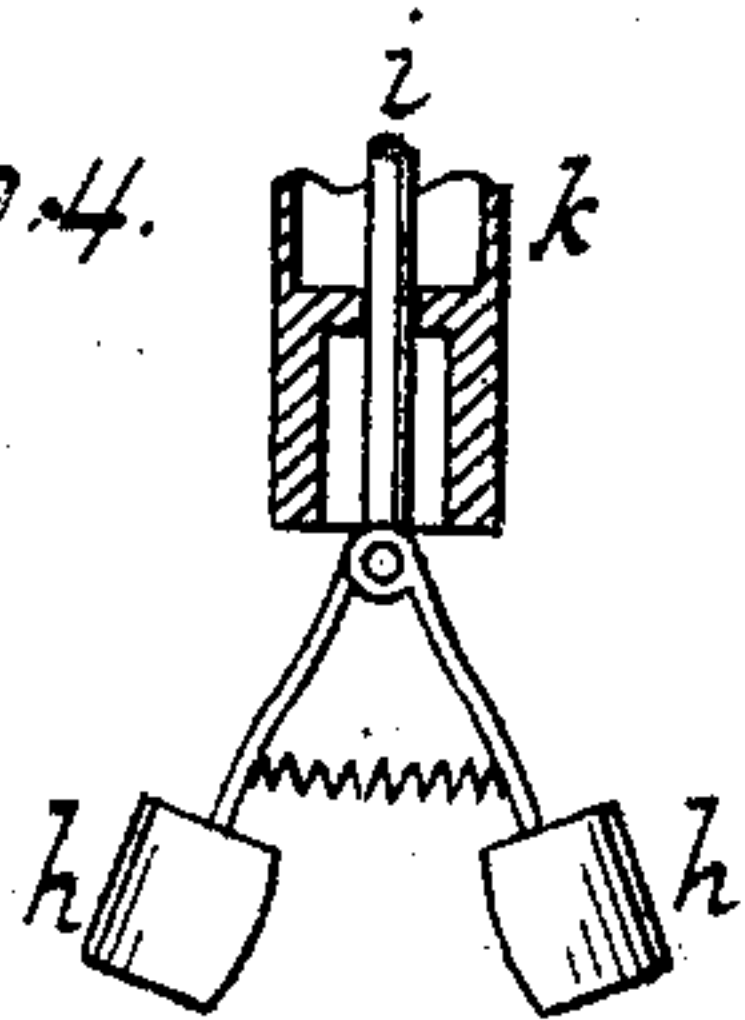
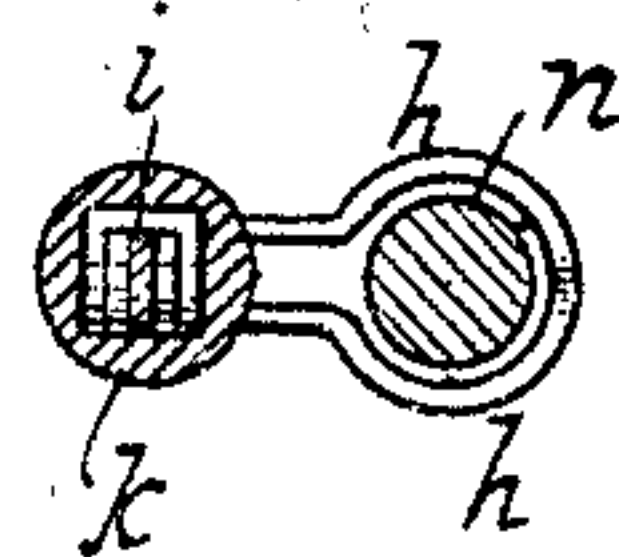


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## HOLDER FOR HATS, COATS, AND UMBRELLAS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PHILIP HUFELAND, a citizen of the United States, residing in Manhattan borough, New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Holders for Hats, Coats, and Umbrellas, of which the following is a specification.

By means of this invention articles—as, for example, apparel or the like, hats, coats, umbrellas, and so on—can be secured against loss or theft. The article being suitably suspended or put in a designated place—as, for example, the coat-room of a hotel or dining-room—can be secured by the owner, to be retaken on his return.

This invention is set forth in the following specification and claims and illustrated in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a side elevation of the device closed. Fig. 2 shows the same open. Fig. 3 is a section along  $x x$ , Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the portion for holding a cane or umbrella. Fig. 5 is a section along  $y y$ , Fig. 1.

In the drawings is shown a support or base-plate  $a$ , which can be suitably secured to a wall or other locality and which carries a housing  $b$  and a hook  $c$ , onto which a hat and coat or the like can be hung. A lever  $d$  is made to coact with or be locked to the hook for securing the articles thereon. The lever is shown as being of approximately inverted-U form, thereby to give room for accommodating a hat-brim when securing the hat against removal from the hook. The lever can be formed integral with or secured to a fulcrum part or block  $d'$ , having a tailpiece  $d''$ . The fulcrum-pin  $e$  is mounted in housing  $b$ . The opening-spring  $f$ , hitched to hook or tail  $d''$ , tends to contract to pull or move the lever to releasing position away from hook  $c$ . When pressed to closing position, a spring-tongue of a latch  $g$  snaps into a recess of the fulcrum-block  $d'$  of the lever to hold the latter locked to the clothes-hook  $c$ . When the latch is unlocked, for which purpose a key is to be employed, the spring causes the lever to swing free from the hook. The key of course is kept in suitable custody, say, by the pro-

prietor of the articles when the latter are on the holding device.

A clasp  $h$  is adapted to secure an umbrella, and the latter can at the same be allowed to rest in or over a drip vessel; but such vessel forms no part of the invention.

A slide-rod  $i$  actuates the jaws. The latter normally open, and a spring can be suitably employed for this purpose to normally spread the jaws. Say the lever is closed. Then the slide-rod  $i$ , connected to tail  $d''$ , is drawn along guide-tube  $k$ , and the jaws  $h$  being drawn more or less into the tube are pressed shut to clasp or secure therebetween the handle of an umbrella or cane. In the lower part of tube  $k$  is shown a diaphragm serving to guide or steady the rod.

A hat, coat, and stick or handle of an umbrella or cane are indicated at  $l m n$ .

The device can be of the coin-actuated, self-paying, or slot machine class; but this is immaterial to the invention.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A hanger or holding device comprising a hook, a lever coöperative with the hook, a rod connected with the lever and having an ascending and descending movement as the lever is moved toward and from the hook, a pair of jaws connected with said rod and one of them being movable toward and from its companion, and a fixed device coöperative with the jaws and adapted to lock the same as they ascend with the movable rod with which they are connected.

2. A hanger or holding device comprising a hook, a lever coöperative with said hook, a rod connected with said lever and having an ascending and descending movement as the lever is moved toward and from the hook, a pair of pivoted jaws connected with said rod, fixed means for locking the jaws as the rod ascends, and independent means for automatically opening the jaws as the rod descends.

3. A hanger or holding device comprising a hook, a lever coöperative therewith having a notched fulcrum-block, a casing within which the fulcrum-block is mounted, a key-operated latch in the casing for entering the notch in

the fulcrum-block, a tube coöperative with the casing, a member incased by the tube and connected with said fulcrum-block for ascending and descending movement as the  
5 lever is moved toward and from the hook, and pivoted jaws connected with said ascending and descending member and adapted to be closed by entering the lower end of said tube.

4. A hanger or holding device comprising a  
10 hook, a lever, a lock and opening-spring for the lever, a slide actuated by the lever and

provided with jaws, and a tube in which the slide is guided and by which the jaws are closed.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set 15 my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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