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Fig. 1.

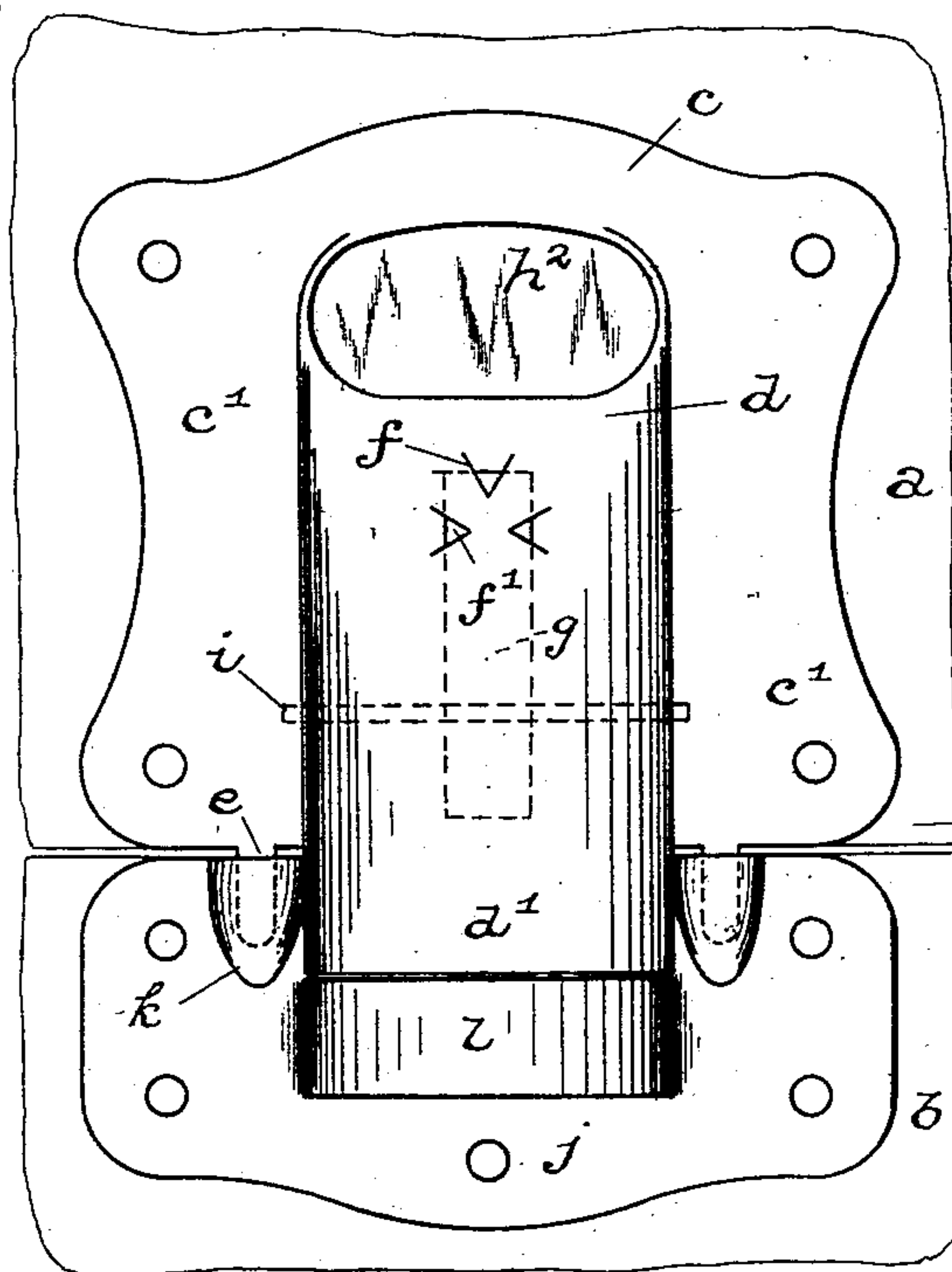


Fig. 2.

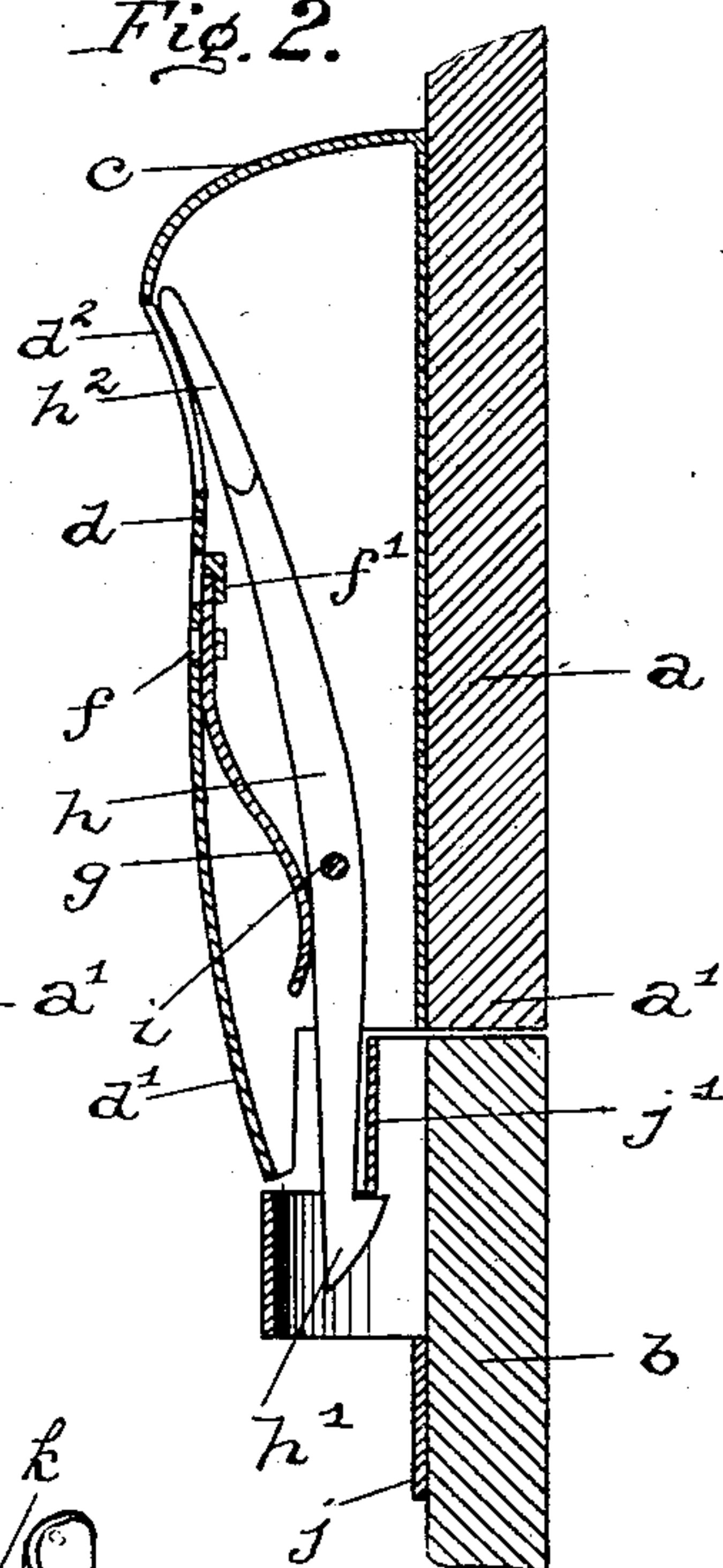


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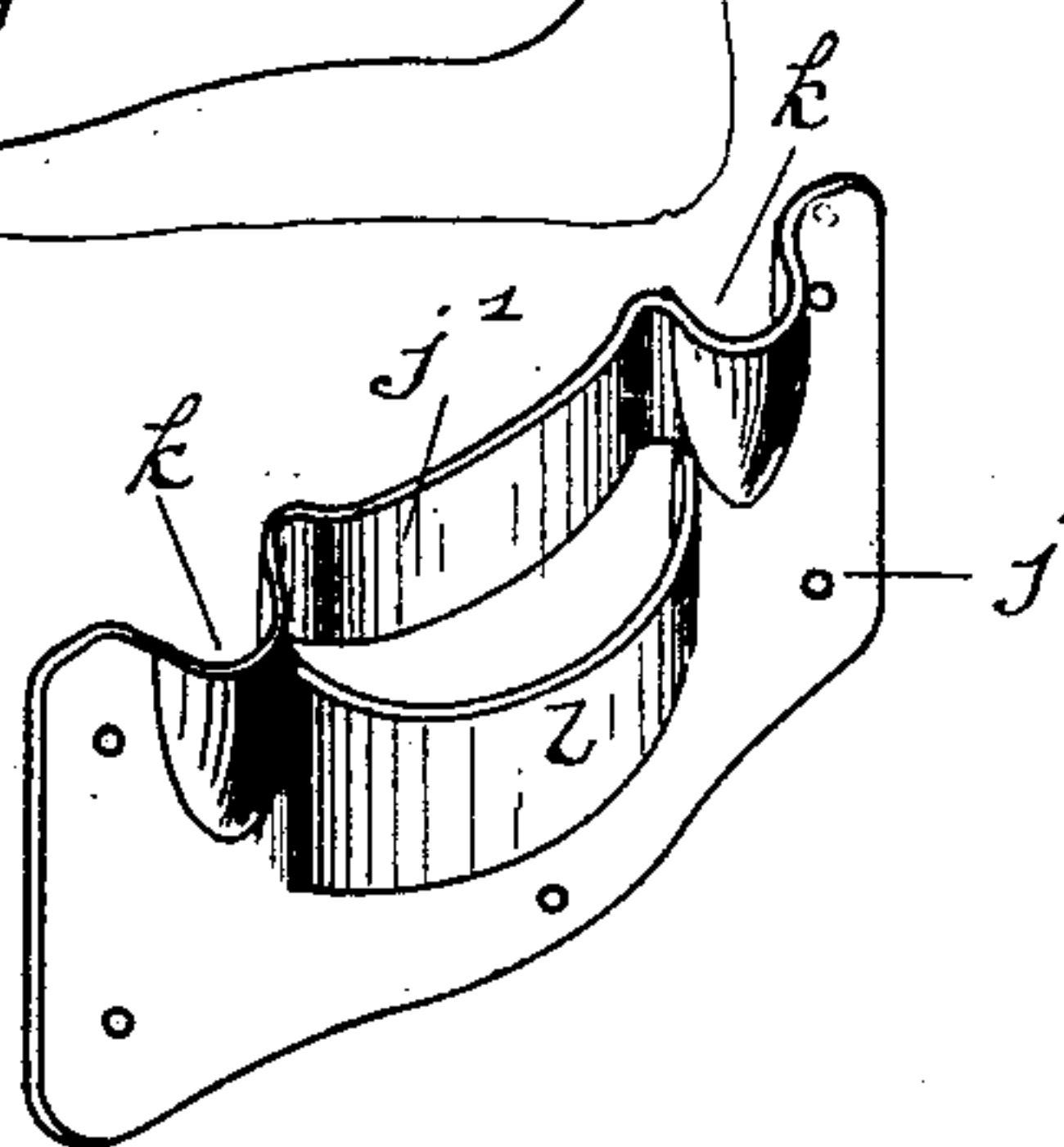
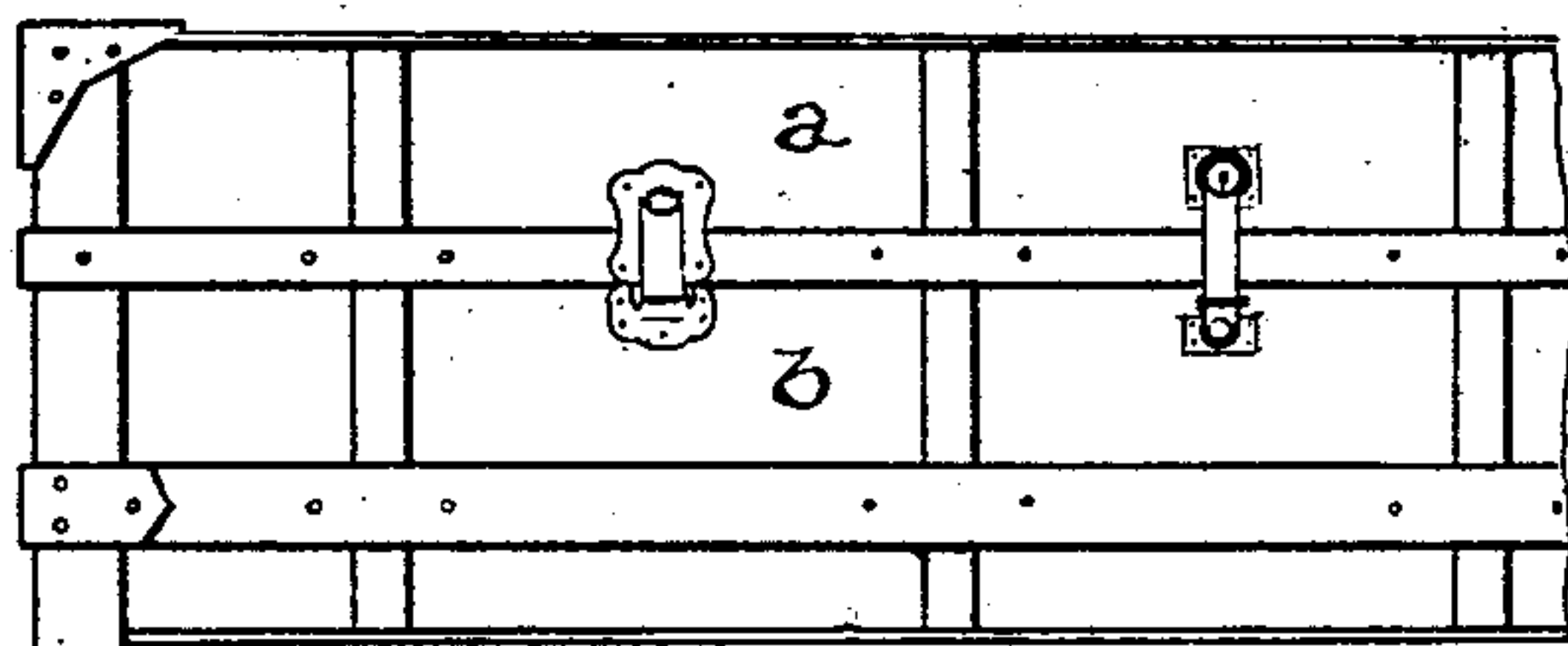


Fig. 4.



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TRUNK-FASTENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN WEBER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Trunk-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to fastening devices for trunks.

10 The object of the invention is to provide an improved device of this character which shall be simple in construction, cheap to manufacture, and easily operated.

15 The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

20 Figure 1 illustrates a front view of the device; Fig. 2, a vertical section of same; Fig. 3, a perspective view of the keeper, and Fig. 4 a front elevation of a portion of a trunk provided with my improved fastener.

25 Referring to the drawings by letter, *a* designates the front vertical wall of the top or lid of a trunk or the like, and *b* the front wall of the main box or body of the same.

A housing or casing *c* is provided with a laterally-projecting flange *c'*, by means of which
30 the same is secured to the front wall *a* of the top of the trunk, and said housing comprises a central longitudinal raised portion *d*, the lower end *d'* of which latter projects downward below the side flanges and also below the
35 lower edge *a'* of said top front wall. The top of said housing is closed, and near the top said housing is provided with an elongated opening *d''*, into which the fingers of a person's hand may be inserted when raising the top or
40 lid of the trunk. Projecting below the side flange *c'* and at opposite sides of the central raised portion *d* are two lugs *e*, which project down in front of the wall *b* of the main box or body of the trunk. The front surface of
45 said central housing is provided with a plurality of V-shaped slits *f*, which form tangs *f'*, that are bent inwardly toward the wall *a* of the trunk, and a leaf-spring *g* has one end secured between said tangs, so that the lower

free end of said spring will project downwardly toward the projecting end *d'* of the housing. A tongue *h* is pivoted within the housing *d* and at its lower end is provided with an inturned hook *h'*. Said tongue extends
50 in a direction from top to bottom parallel with the walls of the housing and at its upper end is provided with a head *h''*, which has position in front of or registers with the said opening *d''*. The free end of the spring *g* presses
55 against the tongue *h* below its pivot *i* and serves to keep the hook end *h'* pressed inward.

A keeper *j* is secured to the front wall *b* of the main box or body of the trunk, and said keeper is provided with a horizontally-extending cross-bar *j'*, which has position along the
60 top edge of the said wall *b*. Adjoining each end of said cross-bar the keeper is also provided with pockets *k*, which project outwardly beyond said cross-bar *j'* and form a shoulder
65 at each end of said cross-bar which serves a purpose to be presently described. Below the cross-bar *j'* the keeper is also provided with a horizontally-extending and outwardly-curved guard *l*.
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When the lid *a* of the trunk is lowered on top of the main box portion *b* of same, the projecting end *d'* of the housing takes between the two shoulders formed by the pockets *k*, while the lugs *e* take in said pockets. The
75 hook end *h'* of the tongue engages the bottom edge of the cross-bar *j'* and locks the lid of the trunk down on the main box portion of the trunk. The guard *l* takes over the hook end *h'* of the tongue and covers and protects same.
80 It will thus be seen that the projecting end *d'* of the tongue-housing by taking between the two pockets and the lugs *e* entering said pockets a strong resistance is provided against lateral movement of lid with respect to the
85 main box portion of the trunk. It will also be seen that the projecting end of the housing and the top surface of the guard *l* are flush and confront each other and serve to completely inclose the tongue.
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In order to release the hook *h'* from engagement with the keeper, the fingers of the hand are inserted in the opening *d''* and against the

head h^2 of the tongue, which operation pushes the head end of said tongue inward and releases the hook end, and then the same fingers may lift against the top of the housing.

5 While the invention is herein described and shown as applied to a trunk, it is to be understood that the same is applicable to any kind of a case having a hinged lid and is not restricted to trunks.

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

15 In a trunk-lid lifter and fastener the combination with the lid of the trunk; a central vertical housing having a laterally-projecting flange for attachment to said lid and also having an opening at each end; a tongue pivoted to said housing between said two end openings

and having a hook at its lower free end which protrudes through the lower open end of the housing; a keeper for attachment to the trunk-box and having a cross-bar, j' , over which the lower open end of the housing takes and with which the lower hook end of the tongue engages, said keeper also having two outwardly-projecting shoulders, k , between which the said lower open end of the housing projects and also having a guard, l , which takes over the lower free end of the projecting tongue.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 30 in the presence of two witnesses.

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