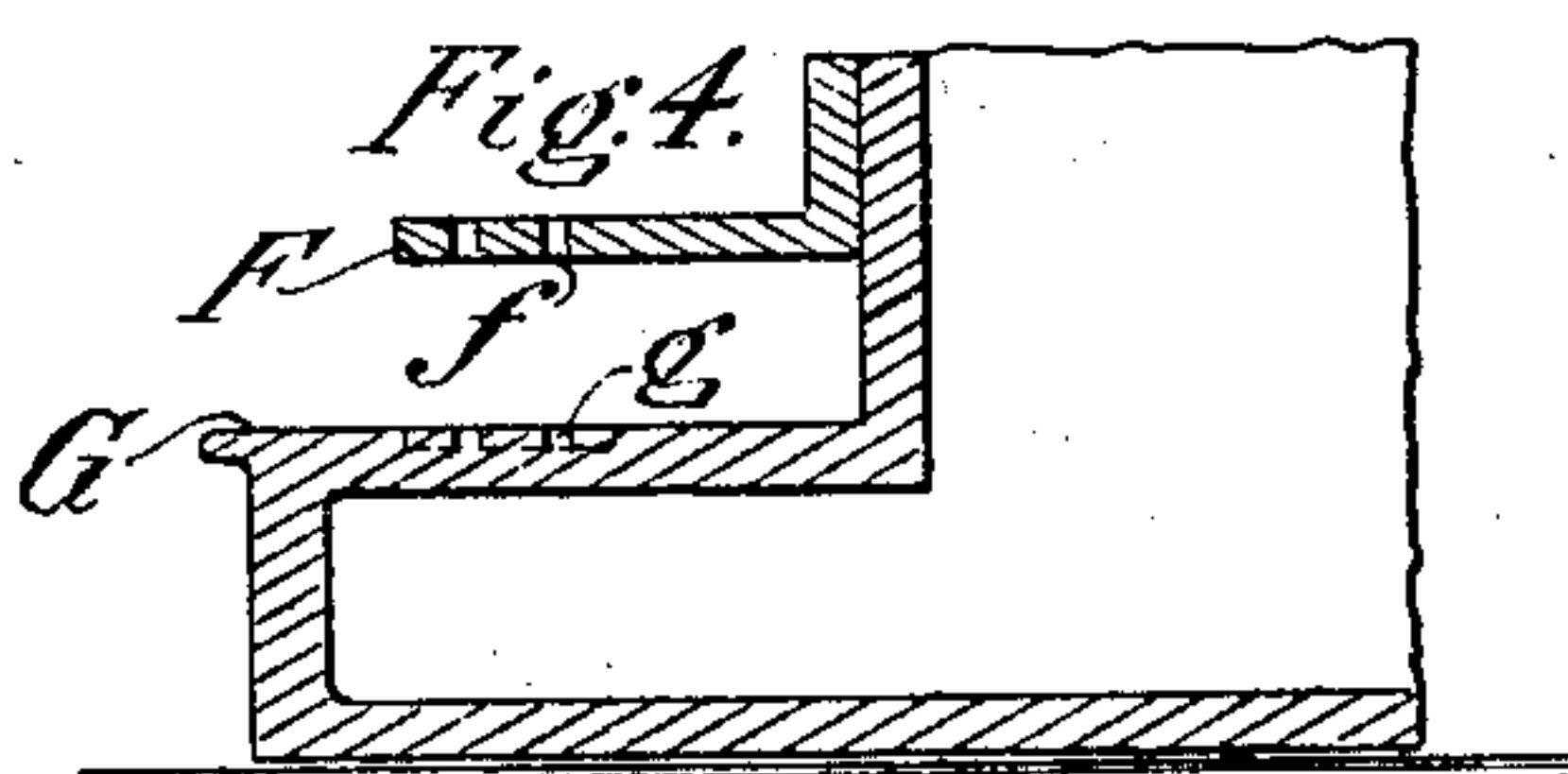
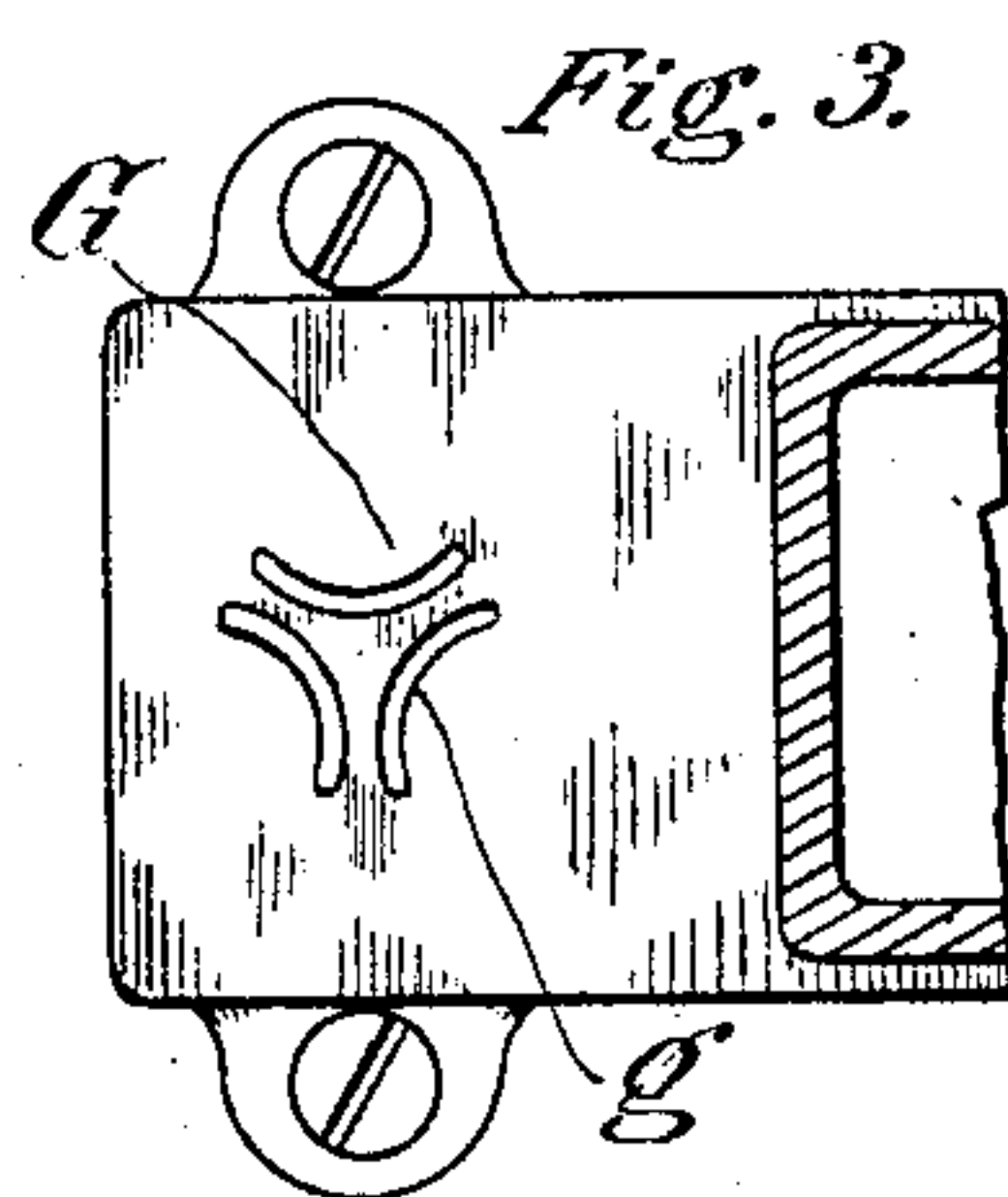
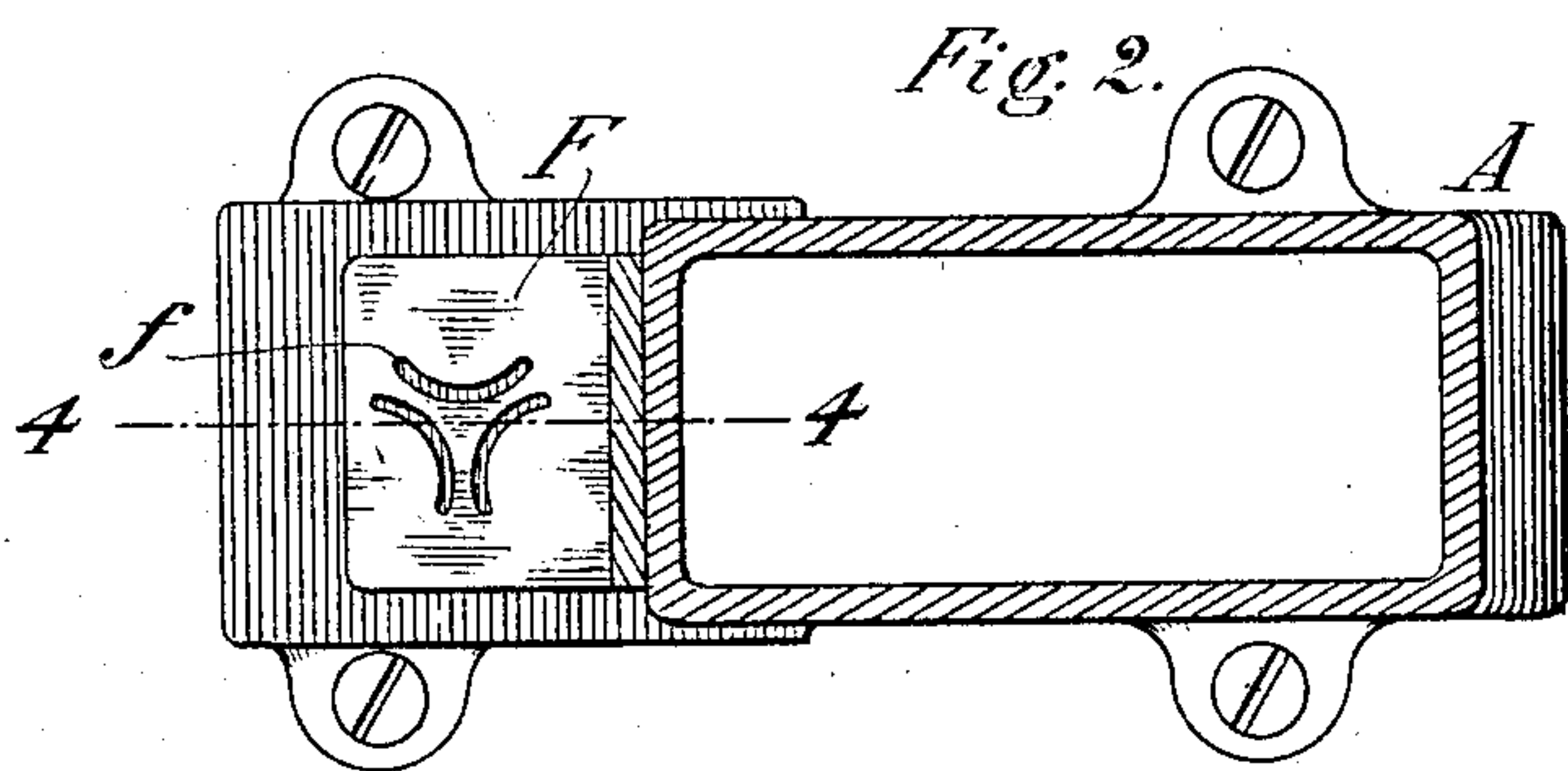
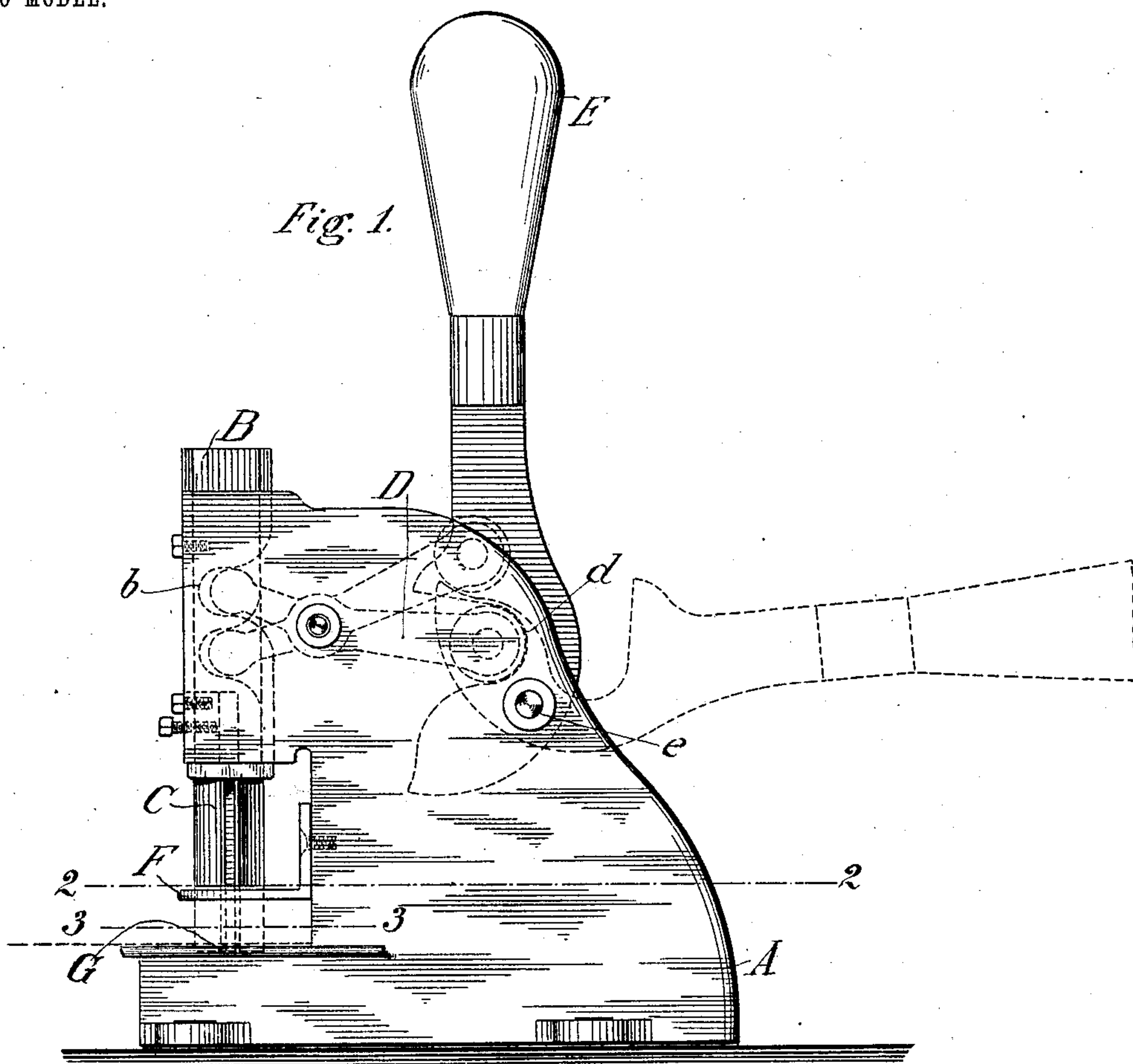


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## CHECK-CANCELING PRESS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ARTHUR DIETZE, a citizen of the United States, residing in New York, borough of Brooklyn, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Check-Canceling Presses, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a check-canceling press of that class which is used by business houses for perforating checks at the places where the numbers indicating the amount of the check are located, so that an easily-operated and very effective check-canceling device is obtained.

The invention consists of a check-canceling press which comprises a vertically-reciprocating set of punching-cutters, the shank of which is reciprocated by a fulcrumed link, the outer end of which is engaged by the U-shaped end of a fulcrumed hand-lever, a clearer-plate provided with slots corresponding in form to the cross-section of the punching-cutters, and a die-plate below the punching-cutters provided with recesses in line with the cutters and slots of the clearer-plate and corresponding with the same in form and position, as will be fully described hereinafter and finally pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a side elevation of my improved check-canceling press. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section on line 2 2, Fig. 1, showing the clearer-plate. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section on line 3 3, Fig. 1, showing a top view of the die-plate; and Fig. 4 is a vertical longitudinal section on line 4 4, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

In the drawings, A represents the stand of my improved check-canceling press. In the upper part of the stand A is guided the shank B of the punching-cutters C, of which preferably three are arranged. The cutters C are made of steel, concaved and arranged in triangular position relatively to each other, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The punching-cutters C are attached to the lower end of the supporting-shank B by clamping-screws, so as to be removable from time to time for the

purpose of sharpening the lower ends of the same. The shank B is guided in the upper portion of the stand A by means of headed guide-screws and is reciprocated by means of a link D and hand-lever E. The link D is fulcrumed to the upper part of the stand, one end engaging a recess *b* in the shank B, while the opposite end is provided with an antifriction-roller *d*, that is engaged by the V-shaped end of the hand-lever E, fulcrumed at *e* to the upper part of the stand. The downward motion of the hand-lever E produces by the intermediate link the descent of the canceling-cutters, while the upward motion of the hand-lever returns the cutters into raised or normal position.

The lower ends of the punching-cutters are guided in a horizontal clearer-plate F, which is attached to a recess in the stand A, as shown in Fig. 1. The clearer-plate is provided with slots *f*, corresponding to the size and curvature of the punching-cutters, said clearer-plate serving to retain the check after it is punched and prevent it from following the direction of the punching-cutters. Below the clearer-plate and vertically in line with the cutters is arranged a die-plate G, which is supported on the lower front part of the recession of the stand A. The die-plate is provided with recesses *g* vertically in line with the punching-cutters and the slots in the clearer-plate, so that when the check is placed in position on the die-plate with the number of the amount for which the check is drawn vertically above the recesses of the die-plate G the descending cutters will punch the check at the number, making a non-erasable indication of the amount of the check, preventing thereby the alteration of the figures in any manner.

When the hand-lever is returned to its normally raised position, the fulcrumed lever D is returned, with the punching-cutters, into its former position, the check being stripped off the cutters by the clearer-plate, all the parts being then returned into the position shown in Fig. 1, while the second position of the press is indicated by the dotted lines passing through the fulcra of the links D and die-

plate G. The stand is preferably attached by perforated ears to a bed-plate or permanently attached to a desk or other support.

5 My improved check-canceling press is operated with great facility and quickness to produce the reliable non-erasable and convenient canceling of checks at the number-marks of the same.

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

15 A check-canceling press, consisting of a supporting-stand provided with a front recess, a vertically-guided shank provided with a recess at its rear edge and longitudinally-concaved punching-cutters arranged in triangular form at the lower end of the said shank, a fulcrumed link engaging the recess in said shank, a fulcrumed hand-lever provided with

a V-shaped portion engaging the opposite end of the fulcrumed link, a stationary clearer-plate arranged below the punching-cutters in the face-recess of the supporting-frame, and provided with slots corresponding in shape and position with the said punching-cutters and alined therewith, and a stationary die-plate below the clearer-plate, said die-plate being provided with recesses corresponding and in line with the punching-cutters and slots of the clearer-plate, substantially as set forth. 20 25

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses. 30

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