

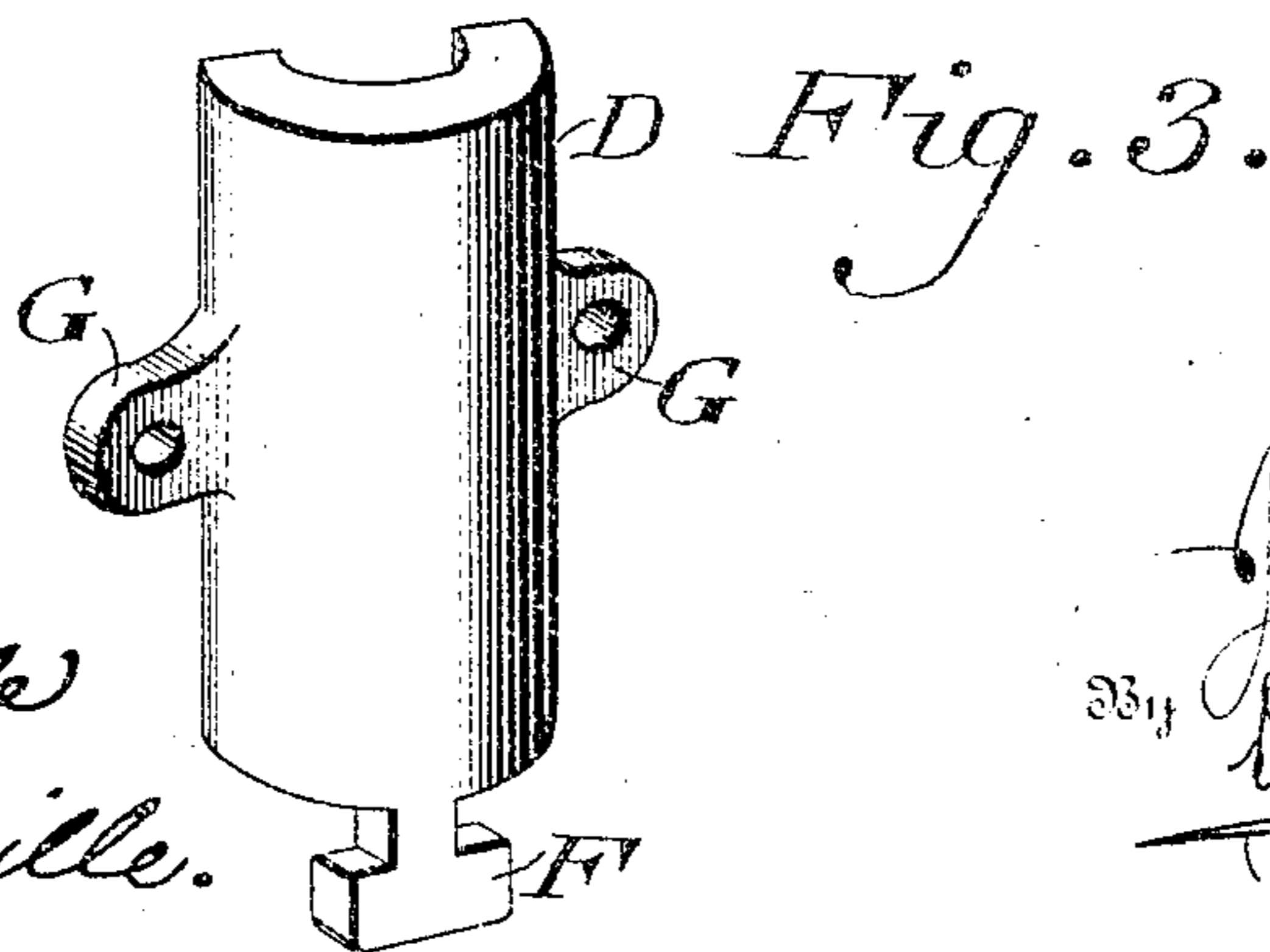
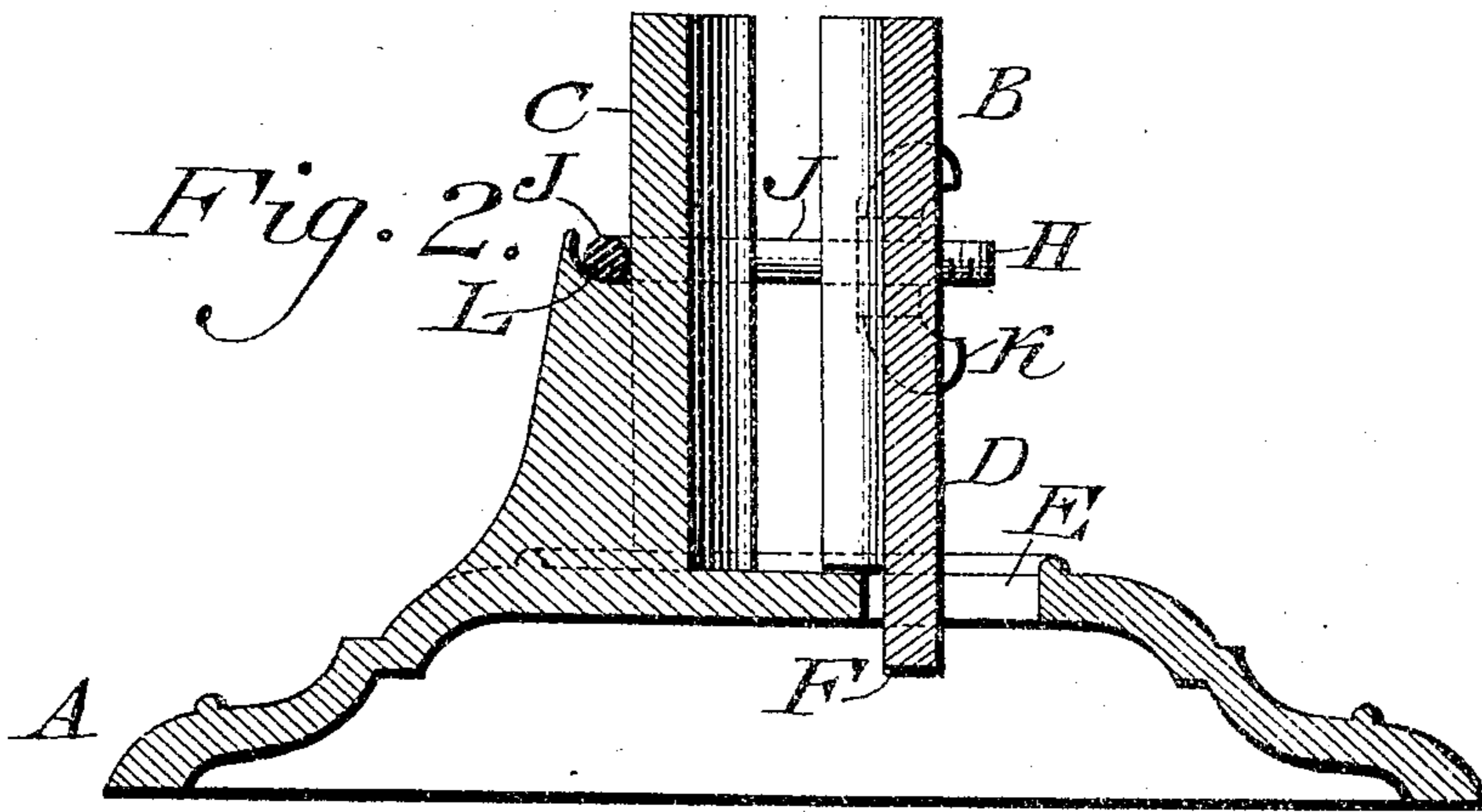
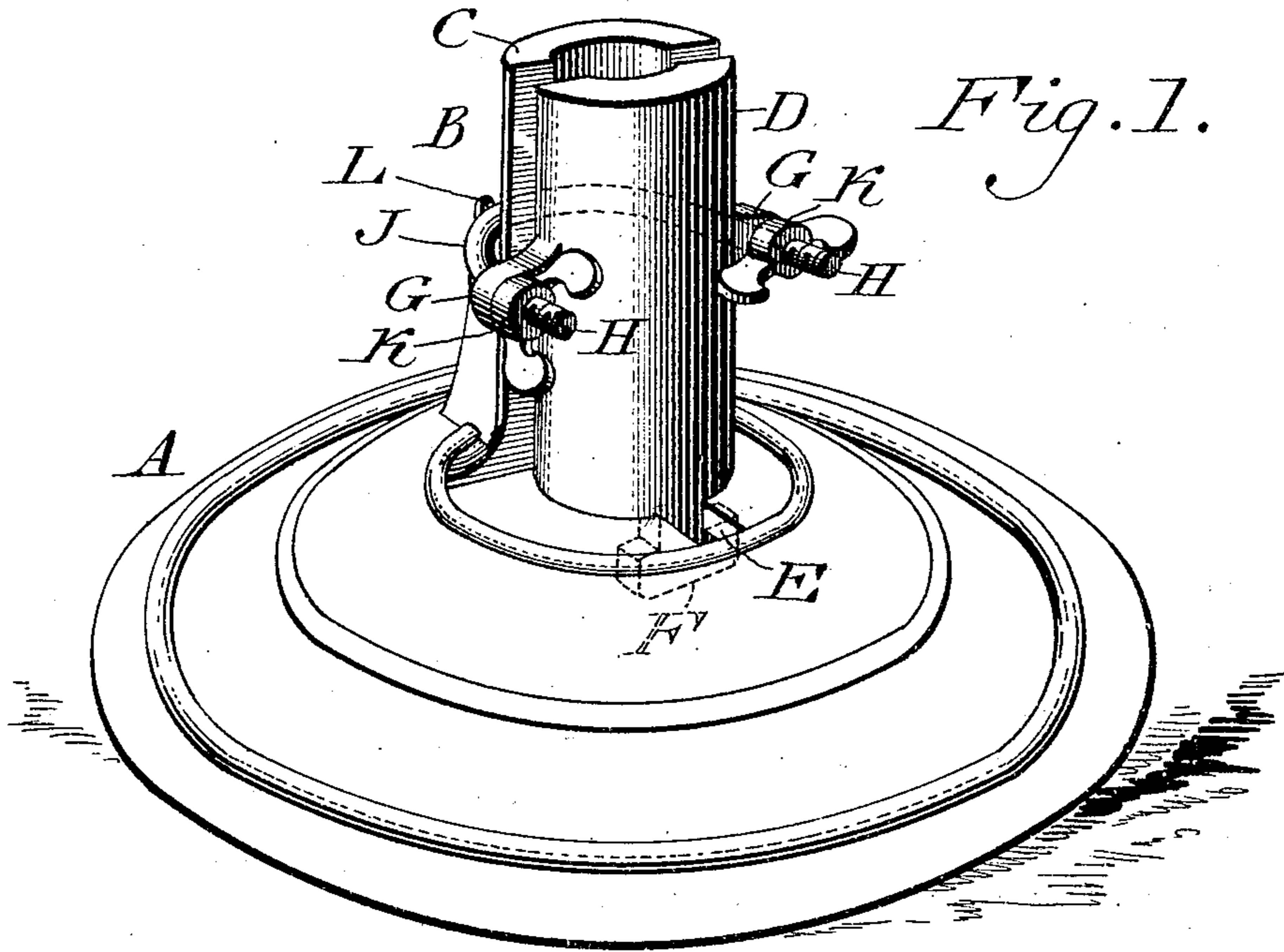
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## CHRISTMAS-TREE HOLDER AND DISPLAY-STAND.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JACOB A. ROMPEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Belleville, in the county of St. Clair, State of Illinois, have  
5 invented new and useful Improvements in Christmas-Tree Holders and Display-Stands, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a device for holding or sustaining a Christmas tree or the column, post, &c., of a display-stand or other object, the same embodying a base, an adjustable socket rising therefrom, and means for closing said socket and clamping the trunk of the Christmas tree, the column, post, &c.,  
10 within the same, the construction of parts being hereinafter described, and the novel feature pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a holder, stand, &c., embodying my invention.  
20 Fig. 2 represents a vertical section thereof. Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of a detached portion.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the base of the device, and B designates a socket rising therefrom, said socket consisting of the members C and D, the member C being integral with said base, and the member D being  
30 movable to and from said member C, so as to adjust the diameter of the bore of said socket to trunks of Christmas trees, columns, posts, &c., of different thicknesses, it being noticed that the upper portion of said base has a radial slot E therein, and the lower end of the member D has an inverted-T head F depending therefrom, the shank of said head occupying said slot and the cross-bar thereof being projected at a right angle to said slot and  
40 underlapping the side walls of said slot, so while said member D is permitted to be moved to and from the member C it is prevented from disconnection from the base.

On the member D are the ears G, through  
45 which are passed the limbs H of a yoke J, the

crown of the latter freely encircling the stationary member C of the socket, said limbs being screw-threaded and engaged by the thumb-nuts K, which are adapted to bear  
50 against the ears G.

The operation is as follows: The nuts K are unscrewed and the member D is moved outwardly, thus opening the socket to the required extent, after which the trunk of the Christmas tree, a column, post, &c., is placed  
55 between the members C D, and the member D closed against said trunk, &c. The nuts are then rotated, whereby both members of the socket tightly embrace said trunk, &c., and firmly sustain the same in upright position. When the nuts are unscrewed, the member D may be withdrawn from the position it occupied, thus relieving the trunk, &c., and  
60 permitting removal of the latter.

In order to sustain the crown portion of the yoke and prevent dropping of the same and consequent jamming of the limbs H in the ears G, the member C is provided on its exterior with the shoulder or ledge L, on which said crown is seated and rested, the effect of which  
65 is evident.

It will be seen that the device is prevented from overturning, and as constructed is of a simple, inexpensive, and practical nature.

Various changes may be made in the details  
75 of construction shown without departing from the general spirit of my invention, and I do not, therefore, desire to be limited in each case to the same.

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

1. In a holder of the character stated, a base, an adjustable socket rising therefrom, a closing and clamping device for said socket, said  
85 socket consisting of a stationary member which is integral with said base and a movable member provided with ears freely receiving the limbs of said device and nuts engaging said limbs.  
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2. In a holder of the character stated, a base,  
an adjustable socket rising therefrom, a clos-  
ing and clamping device for said socket, said  
socket consisting of a stationary member  
5 which is integral with said base, a movable  
member provided with an ear freely receiving  
a limb of said device, a shoulder on said sta-  
tionary member back of said ear, the crown  
of said device being sustained on said shoul-  
der and means on said limb for tightening said 10  
device.

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