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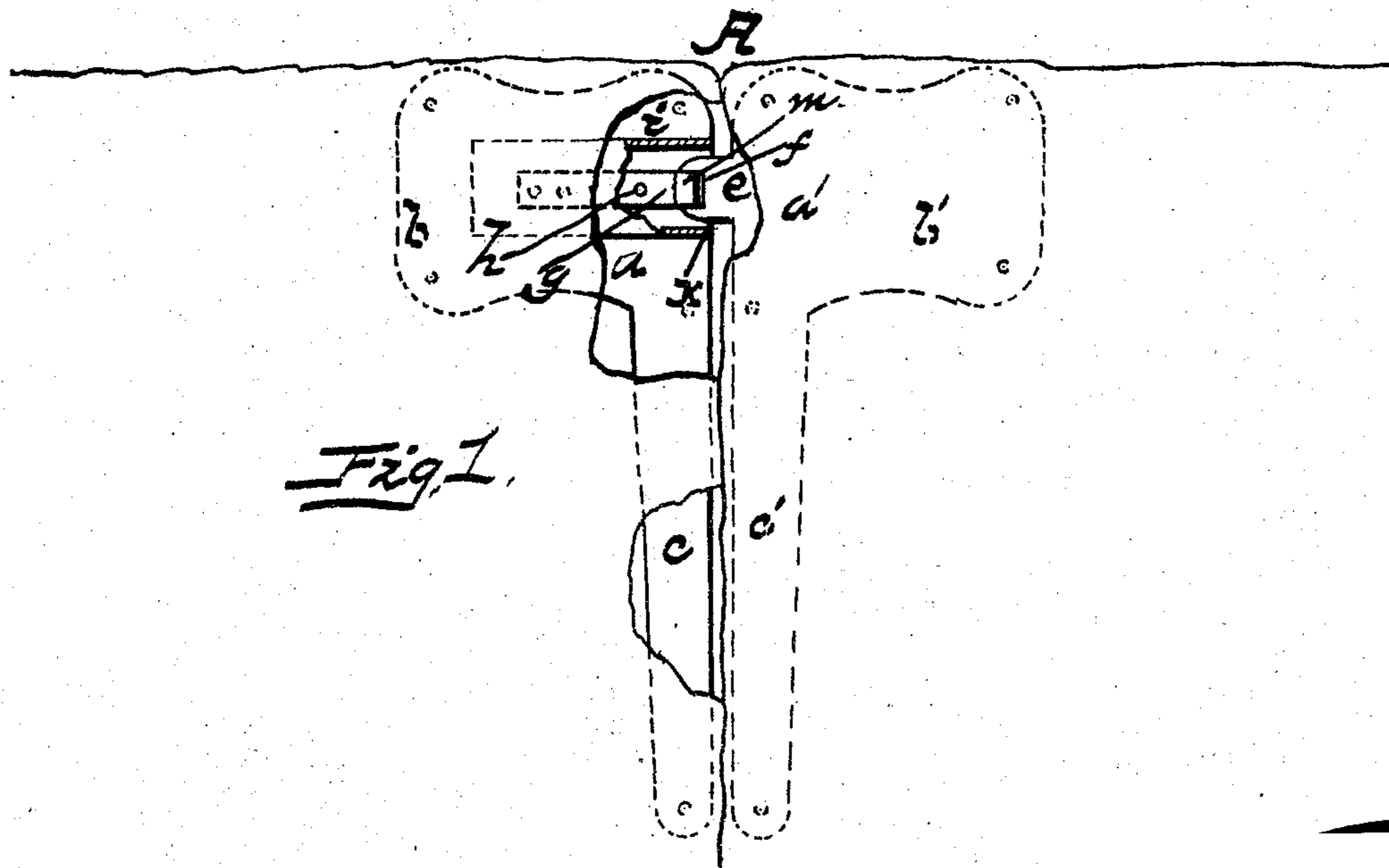


Fig. 1.

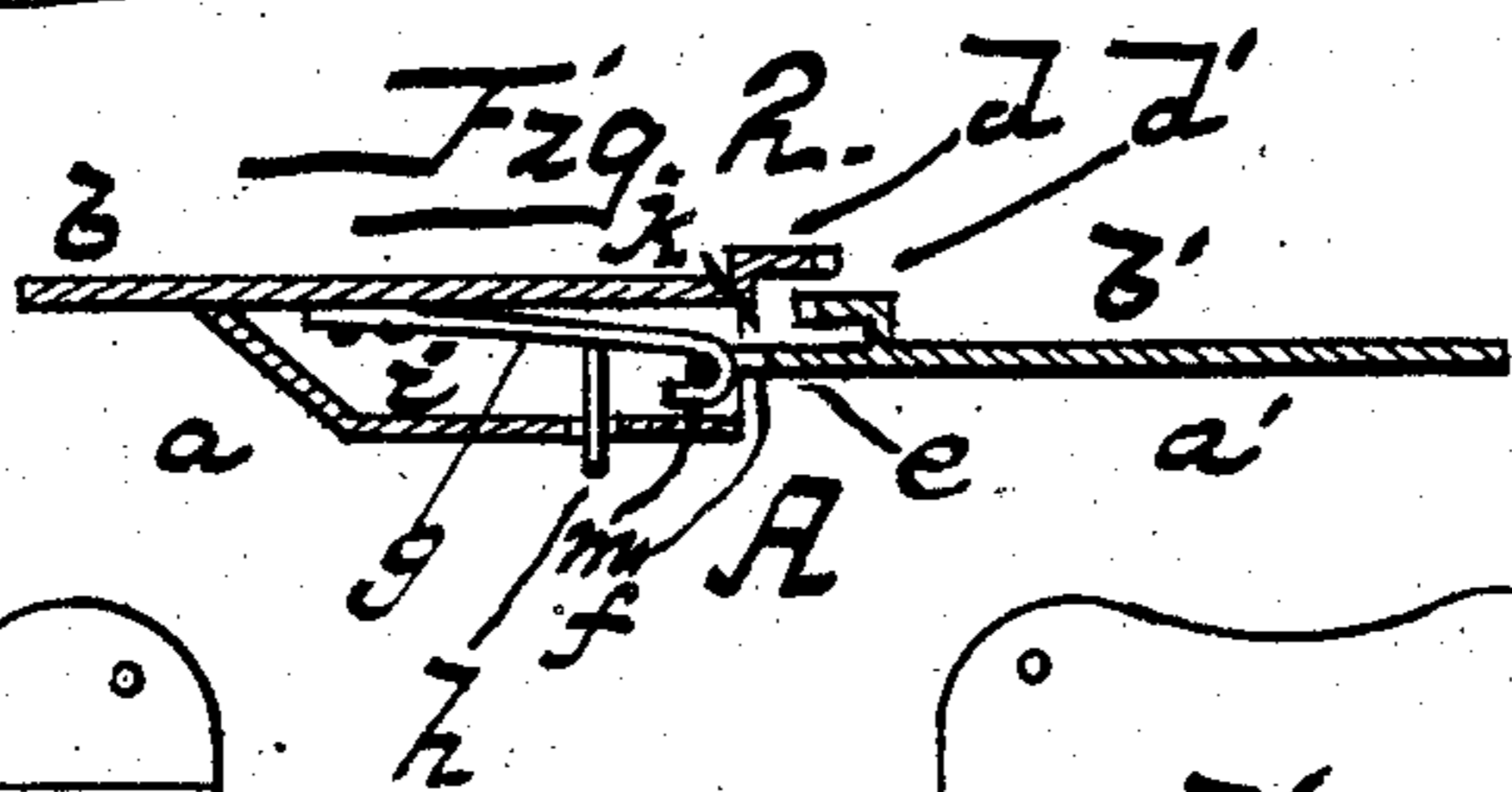


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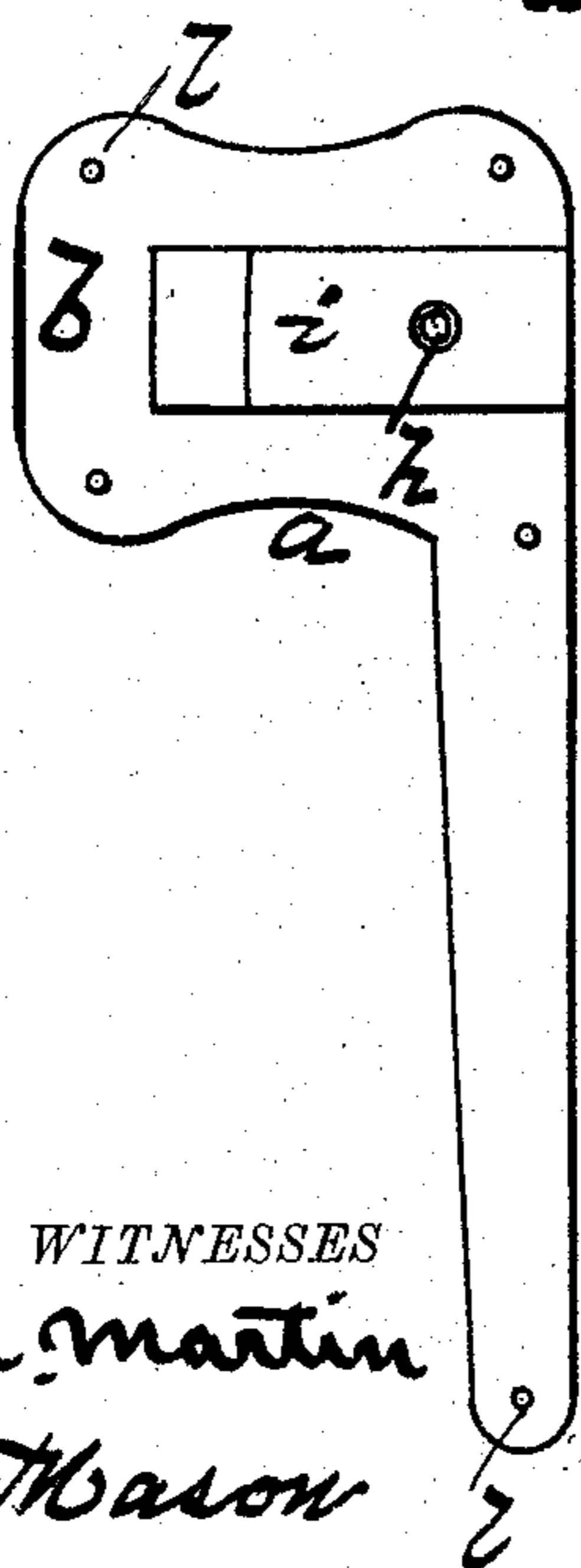


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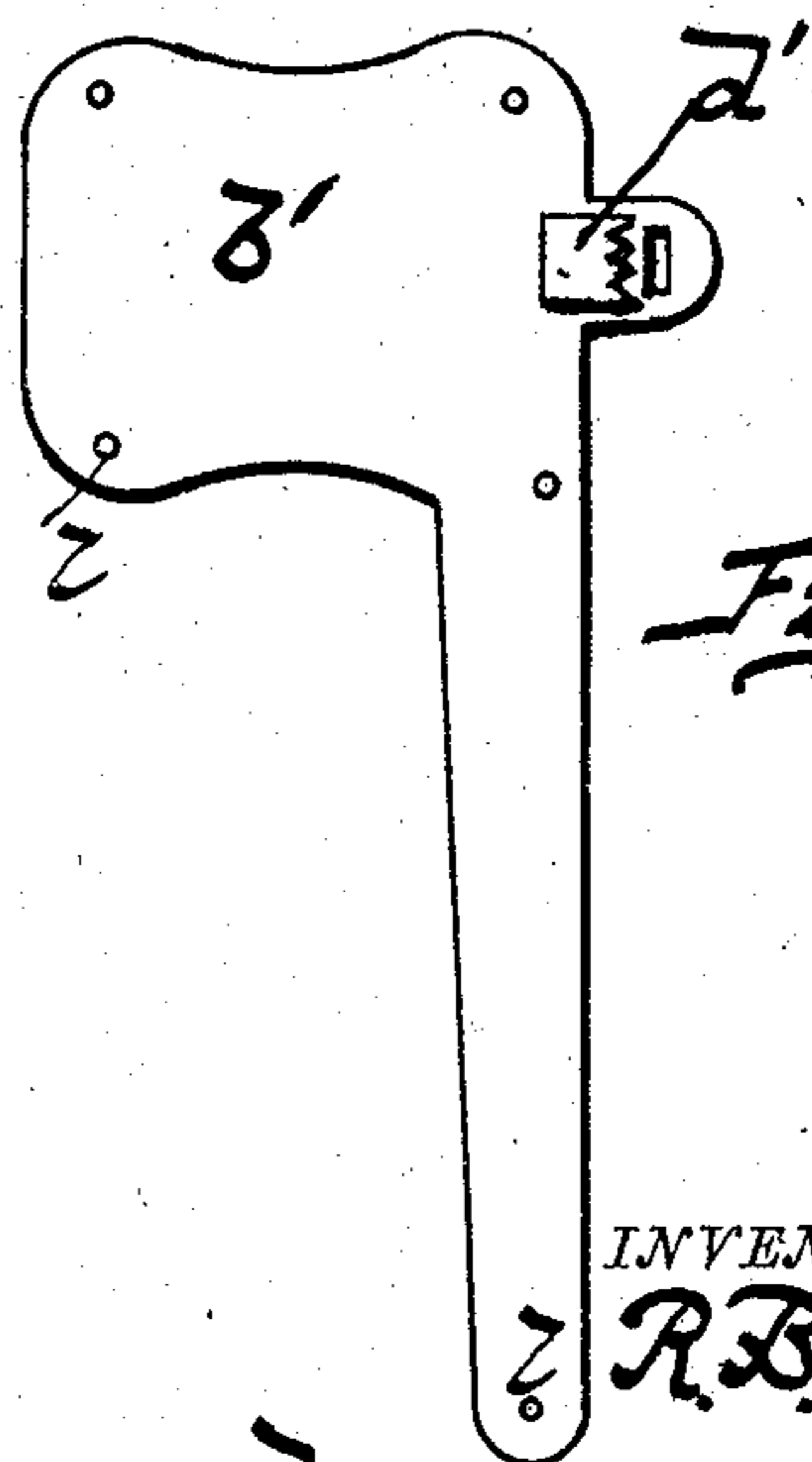


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## PLACKET-CLOSURE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RICHARD B. NORWOOD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Plainfield, in the county of Union and State of New Jersey, have invented new and useful Improvements in Placket-Closures, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to improvements in devices for fastening the slit in the skirt of female wearing-apparel and known as "placket-closures;" and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of the same, all as will be hereinafter more fully explained, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

The annexed drawings, to which reference is made, fully illustrate my invention, in which—

Figure 1 represents a face view of my placket-closure. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a face view of one of the plates, and Fig. 4 is a rear view of the plate.

Referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, A designates the skirt-fastener, which comprises twin plates *a a'*, each being provided with a broad upper portion, as at *b b'*, and an extension or arm *c c'*, as well as angular gripping-plates *d d'*, arranged on the rear face of the broad plates aforesaid. The plate *a'* is provided with a projection *e*, having a slot *f*, that engages a spring-catch *g*, having a push-pin *h*, said spring being arranged within a housing *i* on the plate *a* and provided at one end with an opening *k* for the insertion of the slotted tongue or projection on the opposite plate when the two plates are brought together for fastening a skirt upon the wearer.

Having thus described the various parts of which my placket-closure is composed, I will

now explain its operation. The twin plates are set in the binding of a skirt and hidden from view, the same being stitched thereto through the small perforations *l* in the broad portion and extension, the latter extending down beside the placket-opening, and when the twin plates are brought together the spring engages the slot by its hooked point *m*, thus retaining the placket in a closed position at all times and under any conditions in which the dress may be held. At the same time the angular gripping-plates grasp the lower portion of the waist between the teeth thereof, and said waist is firmly held in position upon the person. In releasing the twin plates from one another the operator simply pushes the button or pin, thus releasing the slotted tongue from the hooked spring, when the two parts will readily separate. At the same time the toothed angular plates simultaneously release their grasp from the wearer's waist, and a device as herein described is simple in construction, easily and quickly operated, inexpensive to manufacture, not liable to become accidentally displaced, as well as being durable.

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

The within-described placket-closure, comprising twin sections, one section provided with a housing, spring-catch and angular toothed plate, and the other section having a slotted tongue and angular toothed plate, for the purposes described.

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

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