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Fig. 1.

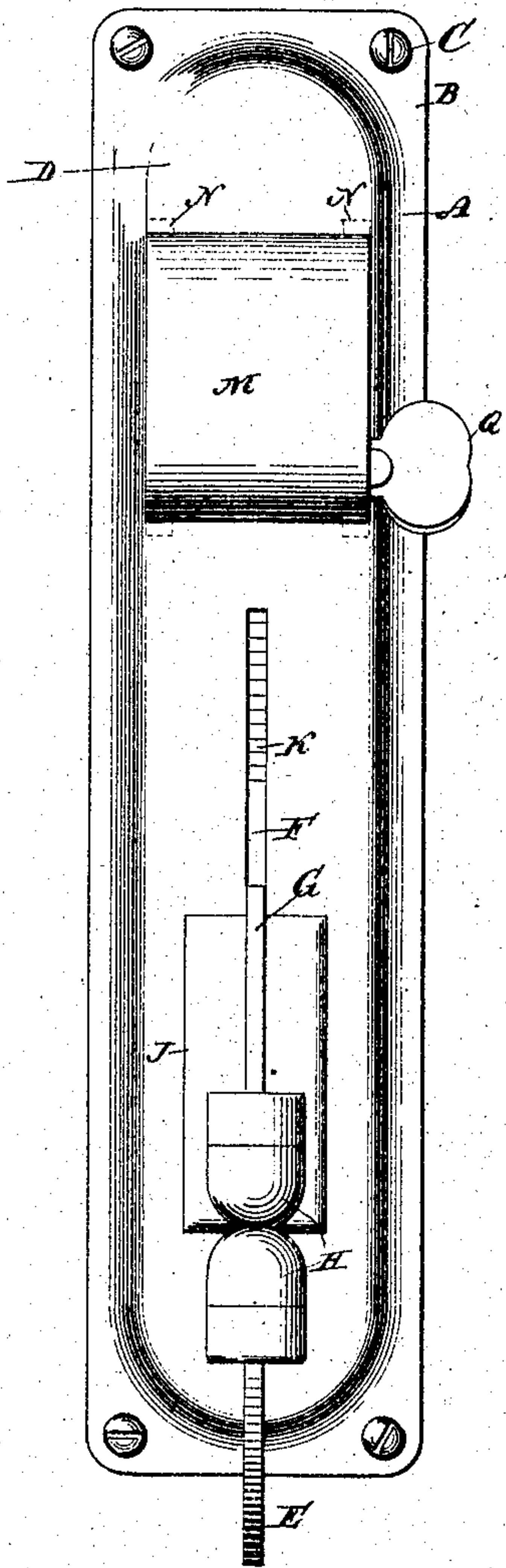
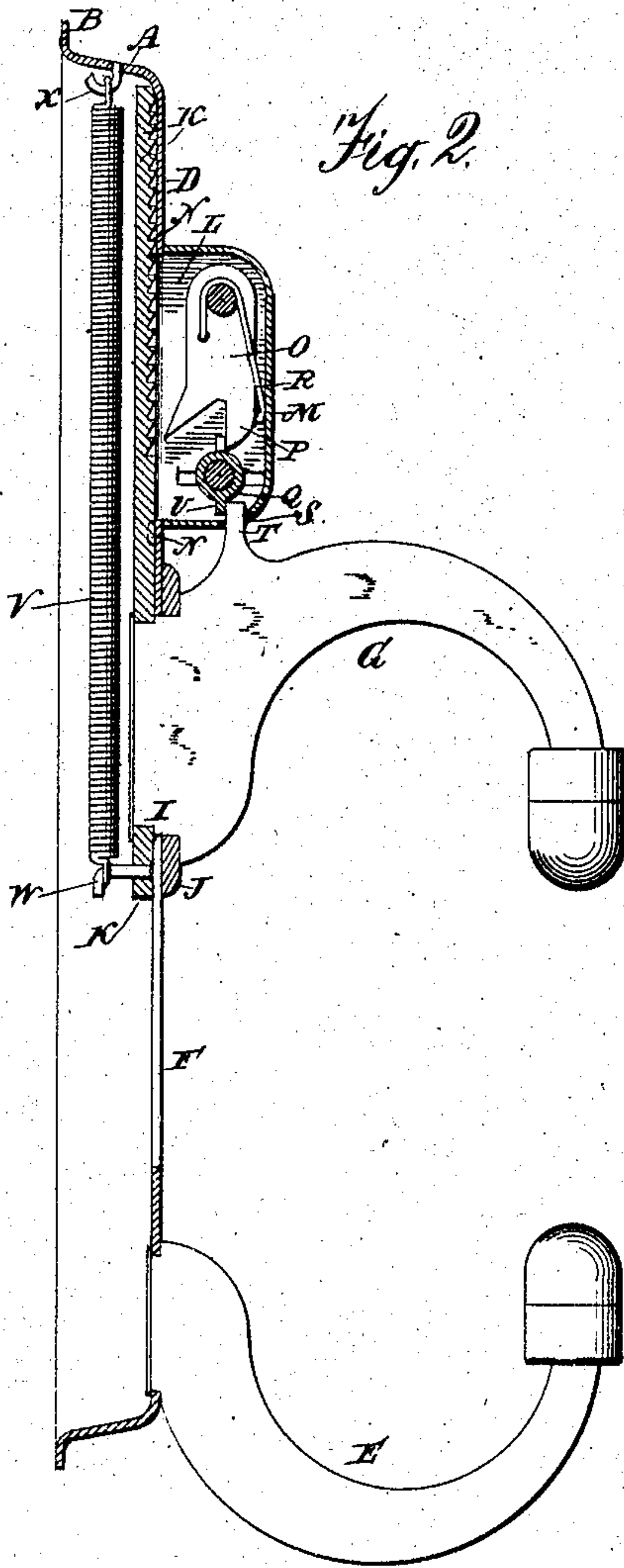


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. ARBINGAST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cedar Rapids, in the county of Linn and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat and Coat Lockers, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to produce a simple, strong, neat-looking, and easily-manufactured locker for hats, coats, and other garments.

The nature of the invention will fully appear from the description and claims following, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the locker embodying my invention in closed position. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section of the same open.

In the drawings, A is a base pressed out of light steel, with a marginal flange B to rest against the wall, to which it is to be attached by screws C, for which suitable holes are provided at the corners. The middle struck-up portion D serves as a support for the hook E, on which the garment is hung. This is securely riveted to the base, as shown. A little above this hook the base is slotted at F, and in this slot runs a keeper G, similar in the main to the hook, but preferably made wider at its inner end, so as to have a good stable bearing against the sides of the slot. The outer ends of both the hook and the keeper are provided with rubber tips H to hold a garment tightly, but without damage. On the neck I of the keeper is tightly secured, as by driving, a flange-plate J, forming a broad flat bearing on the upper face of the base. On the same neck, but separated from this plate by the thickness of the base, is a longer plate K, which for some distance from one end is serrated, as shown. Over this part of the plate and covering an opening therein of practically the full width of the base-crown is the lock-case. The sides of this case L are pressed out of the same stock as the base and turned up at right angles thereto. Over these fits a cap M, secured in place by tangs N, bent

up on the under side of the base-crown, as partly shown in Fig. 2 and partly indicated by dotted lines in both figures. Inside the case is a pawl O to engage the serrations of the plate K and having a finger P to engage a ward of a key Q. A spring R presses the pawl into engagement when released by the key. In the lower side of the lock-case is a hole S to take a finger T, formed on the upper side of the keeper. When in open position, this finger lies against another ward, U, of the key and locks the key in the lock, as will be seen by reference to Fig. 2. The keeper is forced down by hand to pinch a garment hung on the hook and is locked automatically by the spring-pressed pawl. On the release of the pawl by the key the keeper is instantly drawn up by a spring V, hooked at one end to a stud or hook W and at the other end to the upper end of the case, which is provided with a suitable hook X therefor.

In practice the entire device excepting the tips and the key are made of steel, which insures them against being broken either accidentally or intentionally. The parts are quickly stamped from sheet-steel and easily and quickly assembled.

As will be seen, the locker has a neat and attractive appearance and when given a fine finish is suitable for any place where garments need be hung and locked for security in the absence of the owner.

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

1. In a garment-locker, the combination of a sheet-metal base struck up or crowned, substantially as shown, a hook secured thereto, a slot in the base above said hook, a keeper having a flat wide neck to run in said slot, a flange-plate attached to the keeper on one side of the base-crown, a serrated plate attached to the keeper on the opposite side of said crown, a lock-case opposite said serrations, and a key-operated pawl therein to engage the same.

2. In a garment-locker, the combination of a base, a hook secured thereto, a keeper mount-

ed to slide on the base, a lock just above the
keeper when in open position having a hole
therein on the side next to said keeper, a fin-
ger formed on the keeper to pass into said
5 hole and lock the key in the lock, when in
open position, and a key having a lateral
shoulder to engage said finger.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in
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