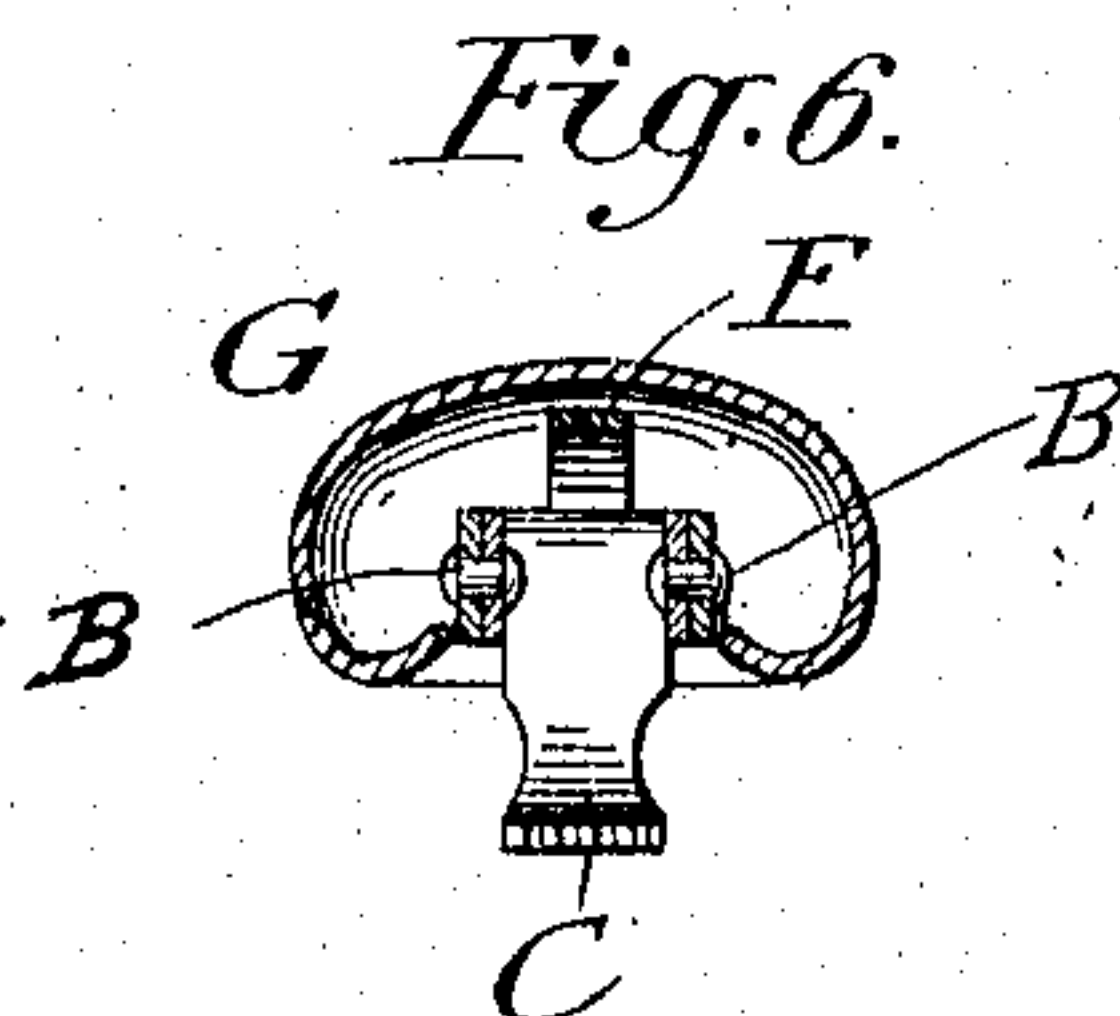
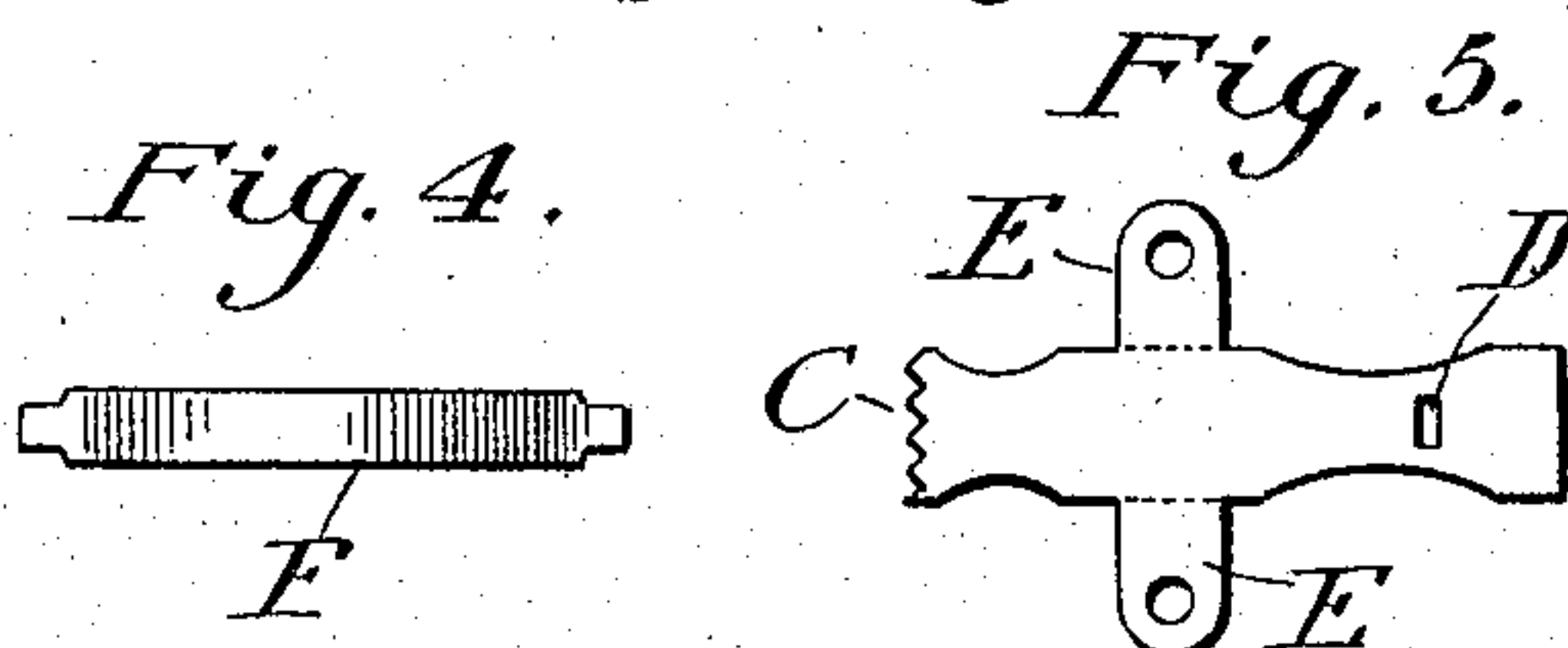
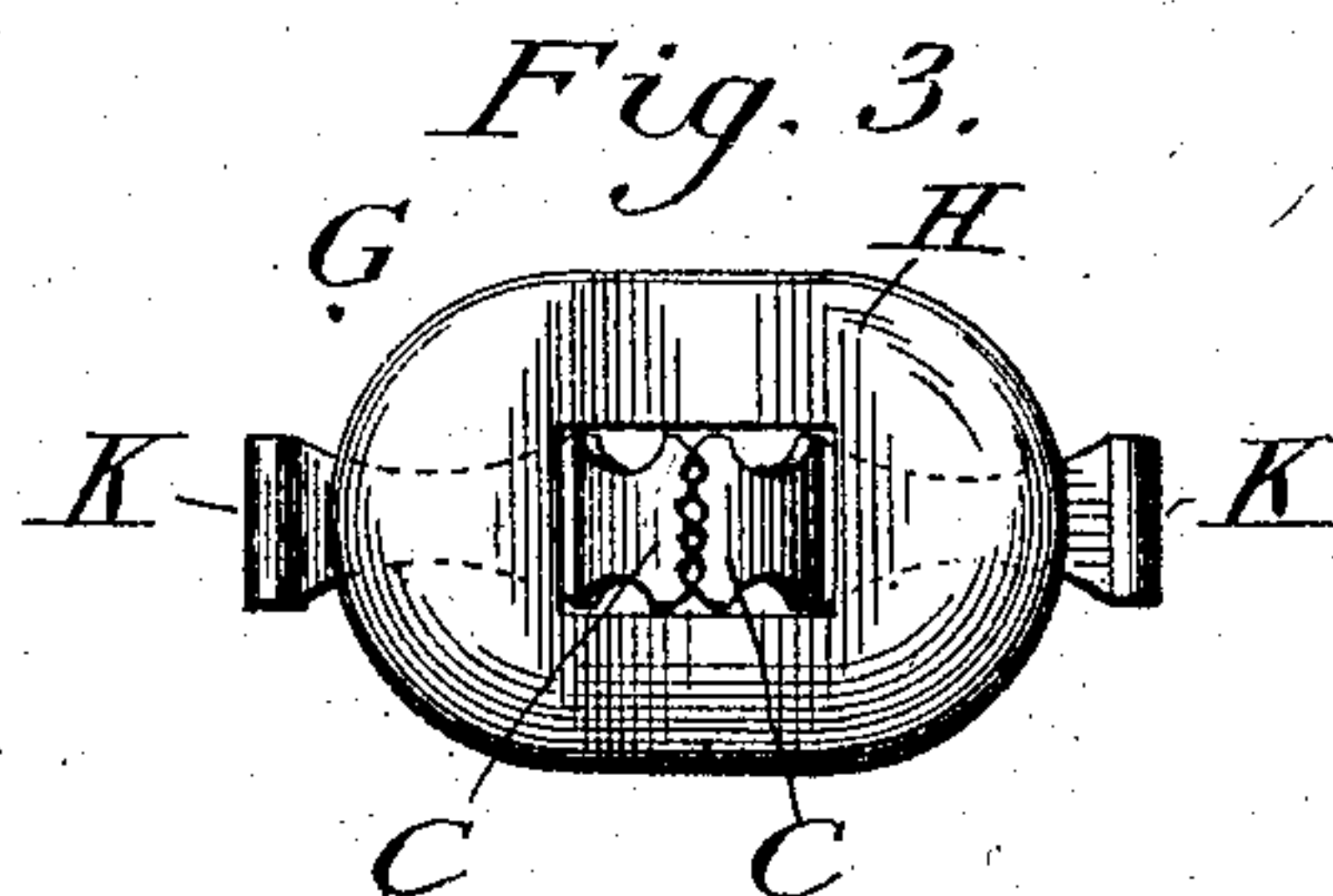
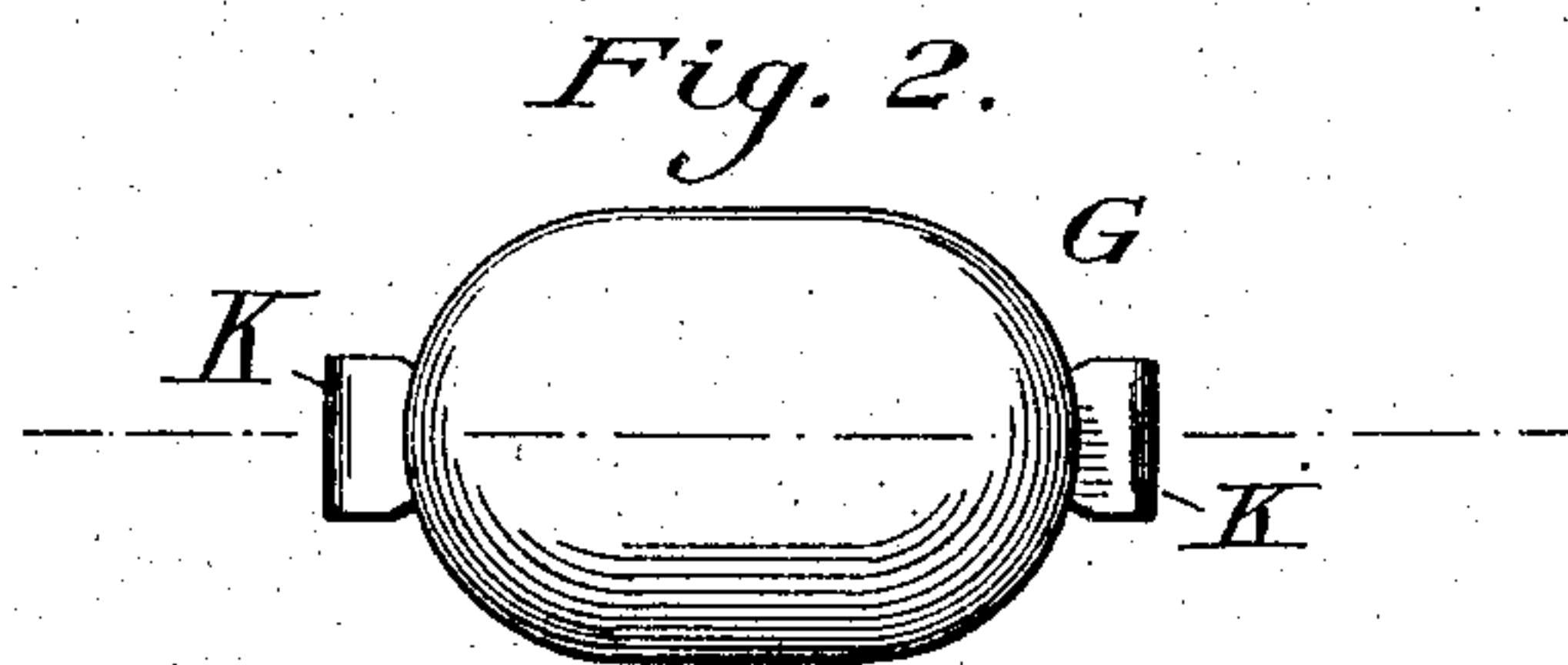
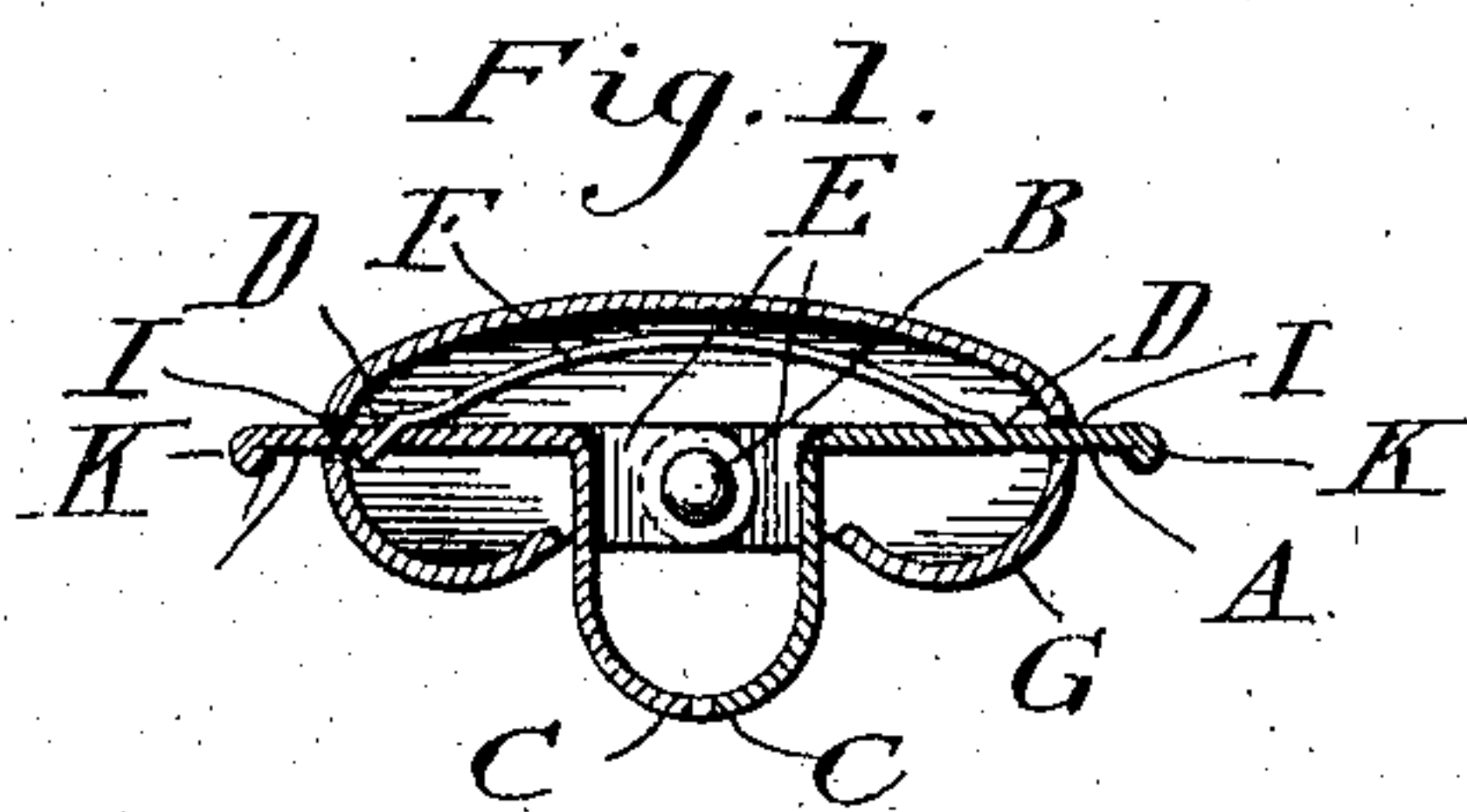


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS WRIGHT, a resident of Gloversville, Fulton county, New York, have invented a new and useful Garment-Clasp, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has for its object to provide a clasp adaptable for general use as a garment-fastener, one that can be easily and readily attached to the upper part of socks or stockings and by clasping them to the undergarment prevent them from slipping downward. This clasp can be used also as a garment-supporter in various ways too numerous to specify.

This clasp consists of three pieces of any suitable material and a covering or case that can be made in one or more pieces.

Figure 1 shows a longitudinal central section. Fig. 2 shows an upper plan view. Fig. 3 shows a bottom plan view. Fig. 4 shows the spring. Fig. 5 shows one of the gripping-levers. Fig. 6 shows a transverse central section.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The clasp consists, mainly, of two gripping-levers A A, each bent near its center at a right angle and the two gripping-levers being provided with perforated ears E E near the bent portions of the levers and bent at right angles to the vertical parts. These ears are pivoted together by pivots B. The vertical portions of the bent levers are curved at the lower ends to form gripping-jaws C C. The horizontal portions of the gripping-levers are perforated at D D to receive the reduced ends of a spring F, which holds the gripping-levers

normally in their gripping position. A cap G, which may be made ornamental, incloses the main parts of the clasp; but as shown in Fig. 6 the pivots B B are free of the cap. The gripping-jaws extend through an opening in the lower face of the cap H, and the ends K K of the horizontal portions of the gripping-levers project through slots I I in the ends of the cap.

In order to open the jaws of the clasp, it is only necessary to press on the ends K K of the gripping-levers. As the jaws open they drop slightly, and when the ends K K are again released the jaws are again brought into their operative positions by the action of the spring F.

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

The combination with a clasp consisting of a pair of gripping-levers, pivoted together intermediate their ends, and each bent so as to provide a gripping-jaw, and a horizontal portion, of a spring connected with said levers and tending to hold them normally in their gripping positions, and a cap inclosing the main part of the clasp; the gripping-jaws extending through an opening in the lower face of the cap and the horizontal operating ends of the levers extending through perforations in the ends of the cap, the pivots of the levers being free of the cap, substantially as described.

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