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*Fig. 1*

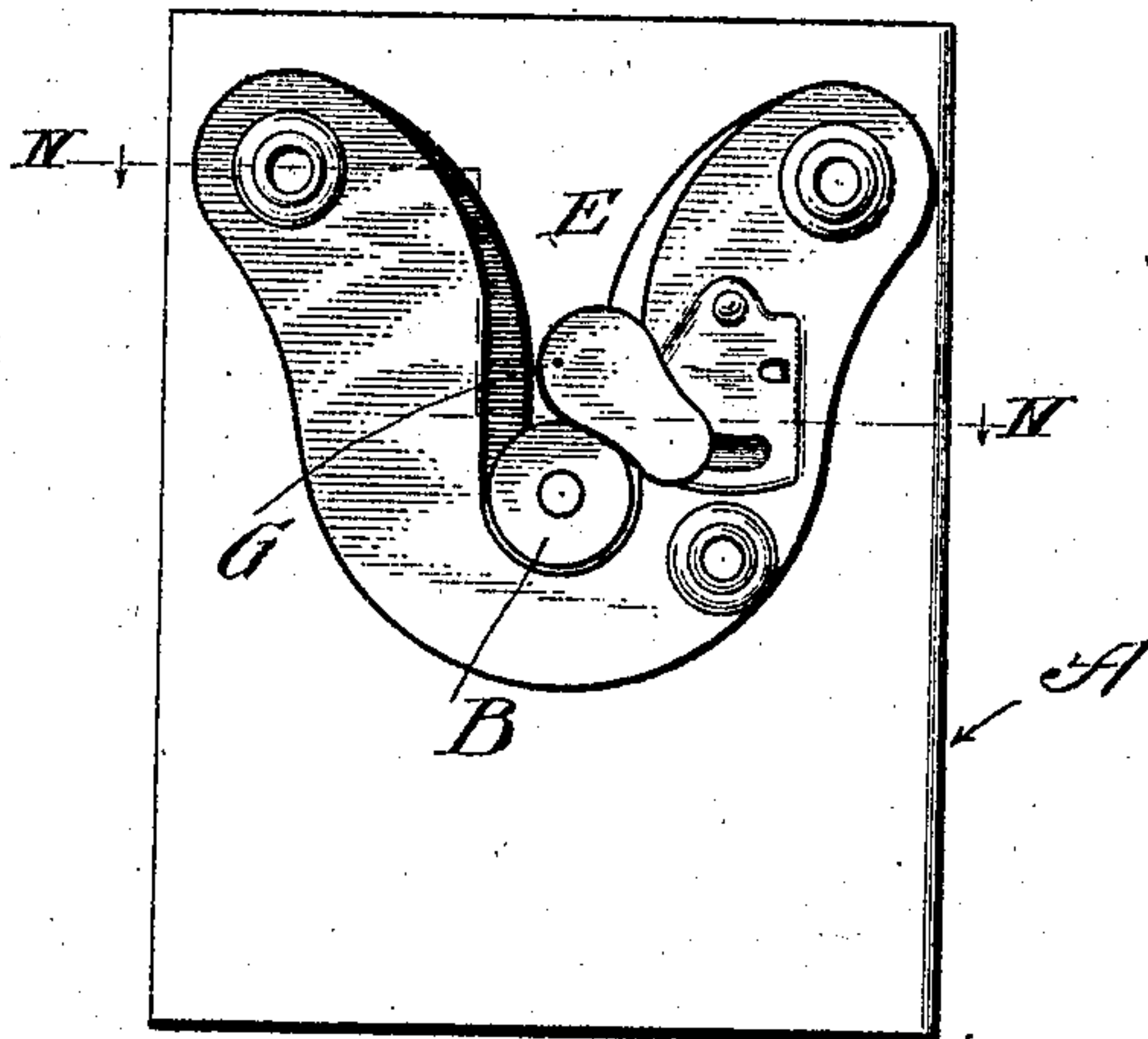


Fig. 2

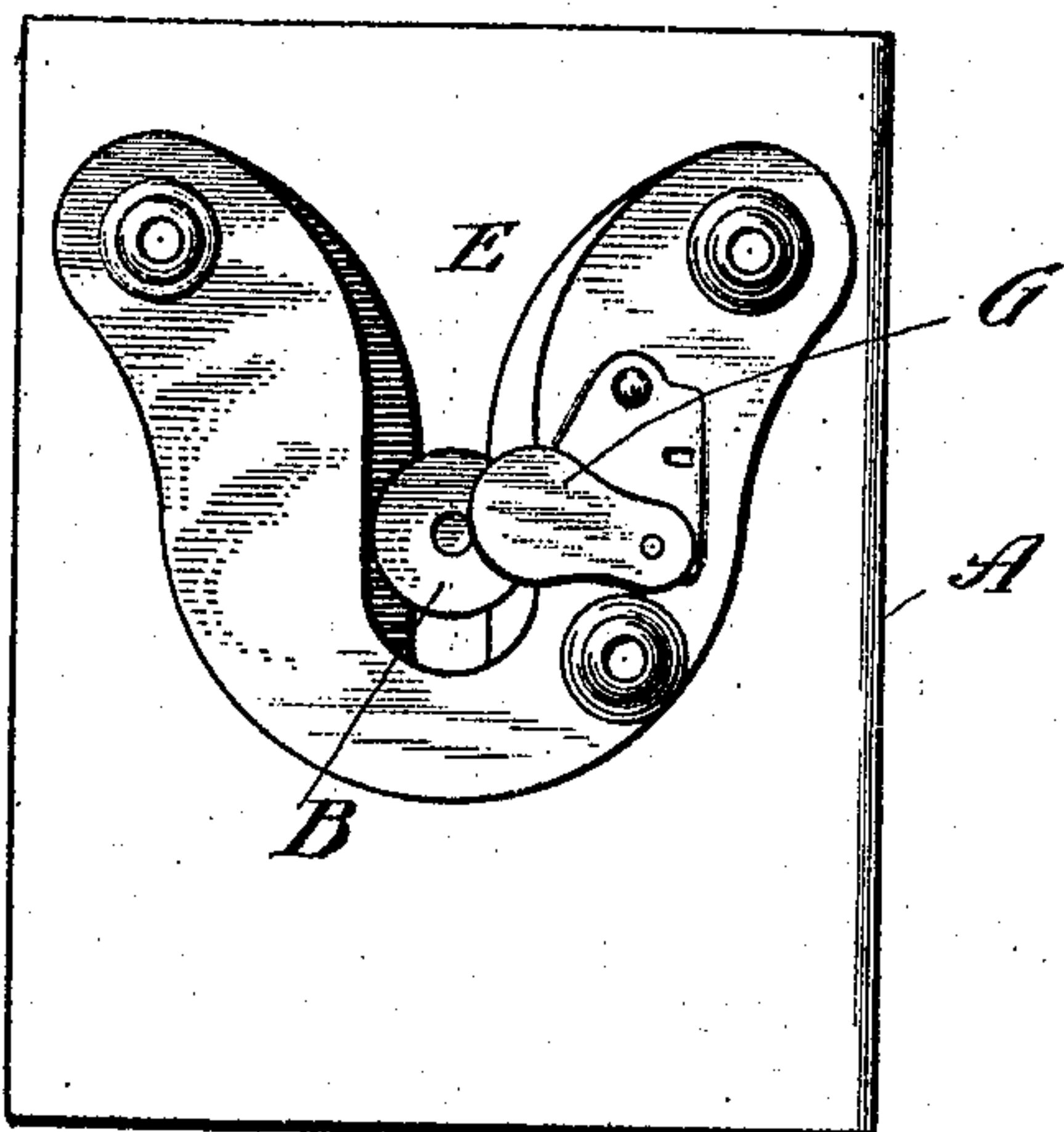


Fig. 3

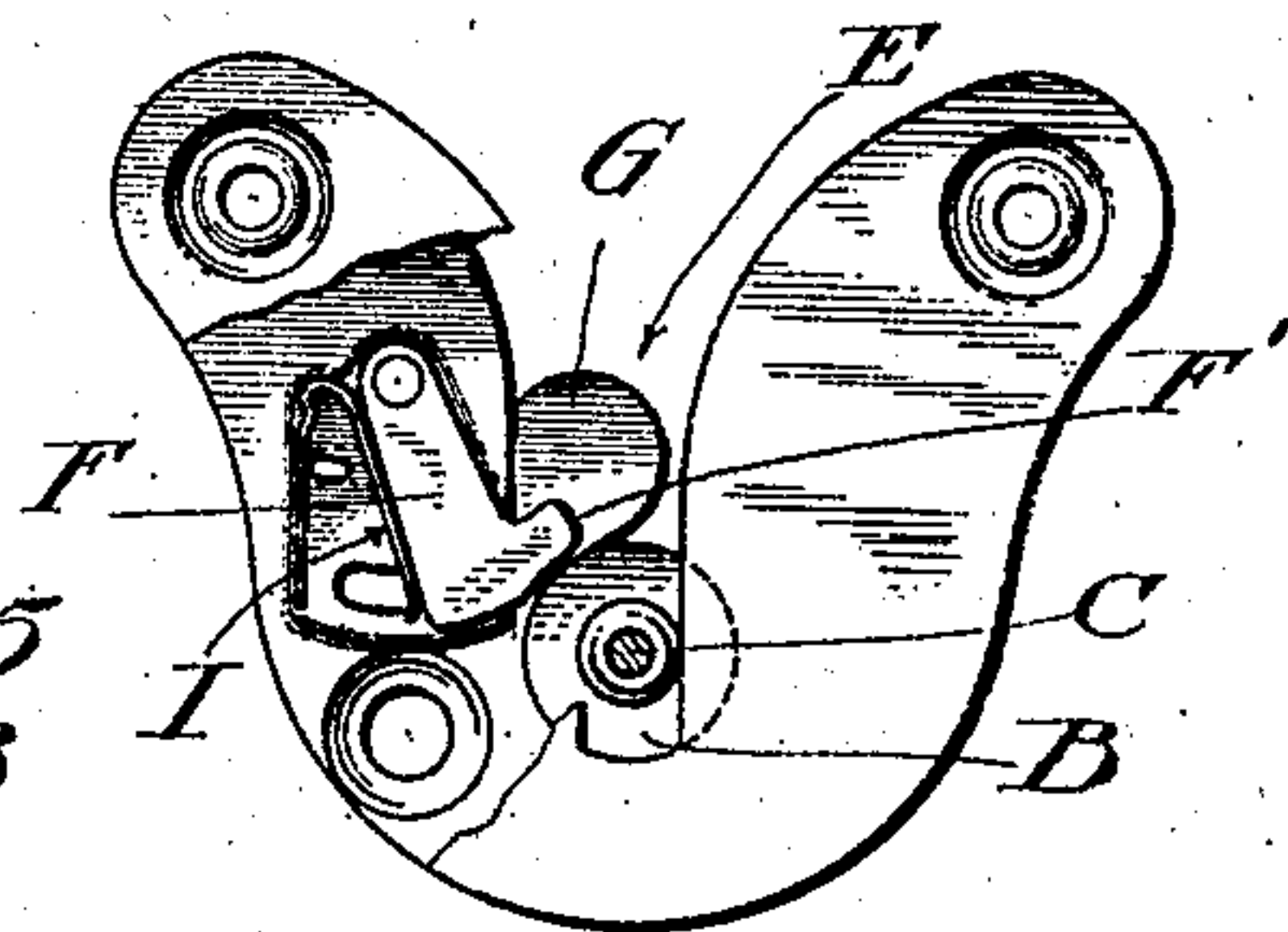


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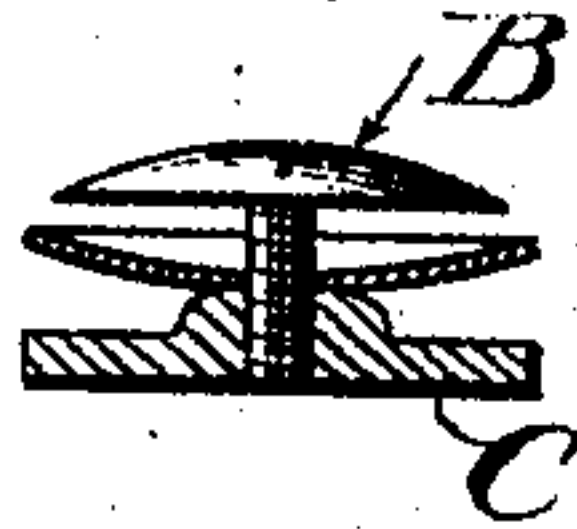
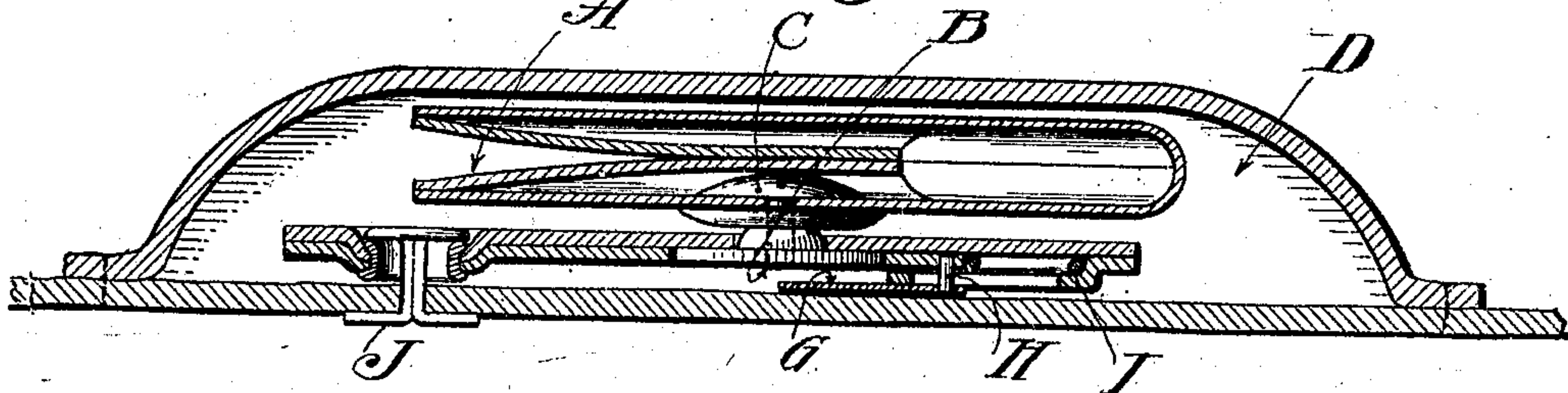


Fig. 4



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## POCKET-BOOK LOCK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANDREW J. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented new and useful improvements in means to removably fasten a pocket-book in the pocket of a coat, vest, or other garment to prevent it from accidentally falling out and to prevent the pocket-book from being surreptitiously removed from the pocket, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a handy and convenient device for placement in the pocket or other receptacle adapted to receive a pocket-book which will prevent the accidental or surreptitious removal of the pocket-book from the pocket or receptacle. I accomplish this object by means of the device described herein and shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a pocket-book in place in the locking device, the locking device being in its normal position. Fig. 2 is an elevation of pocket-book in the locking device, the locking device being in the position which it will assume after the lock has been opened and the pocket-book is being removed. Fig. 3 is an elevation of the locking device, partly broken away. The reverse side of the device is shown in this figure to that shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Fig. 4 is a transverse section of a pocket having my locking device secured therein, the sectional line through the pocket-book and device being taken on line 4 4 of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a detail of the catch portion of the device adapted for placement on the pocket-book.

In the drawings, A represents the pocket-book, to which is secured the button B in any convenient manner. In Fig. 5 I have shown it screwed into a vent C on the inside of the pocket-book, which has a screw-threaded opening therein for the reception of the screw-threaded shank on the button. By this means the button is easily attached to or removed from the pocket-book without injury to the pocket-book. When the locking-button B is secured to the pocket-book and the locking device is secured in the pocket D, the pocket-book is placed in the pocket and the locking-button B guided into the V-shaped opening or depression E in the locking device, and it passes down and beyond the lock-

ing-lug F' on the locking-dog F and will be held securely against removal unless the locking-dog is thrown backward out of the way, which is accomplished by the pressure of the finger on the finger-piece G. This finger-piece is rigidly secured on one end of the pivot H, and the other end of the pivot is rigidly secured to the dog F. By the pressure downwardly on the finger-piece G the dog F will swing on the pivot H and carry the lug F' out of the way of the locking-button B and permit the removal of the pocket-book from the pocket.

We will now assume for illustration that the pocket-book is locked in place in the pocket and the engaging lug is in the position shown in Figs. 1 and 3. The pocket-book can be easily removed from the pocket by passing the hand down into the pocket, part of the fingers of the hand passing downwardly on the outside of the pocket-book, the other fingers passing downwardly between the pocket-book and the pocket of the garment and engaging the finger-piece G and pressing downwardly thereon, thereby releasing the button. This will swing the locking-lug F' out of the way, as shown in Fig. 2, permitting the easy removal of the pocket-book from the pocket. The spring I will hold the locking-dog normally in its closed position, as shown in Fig. 3, except when a downward pressure is put on the finger-piece. The locking-button will operate to throw the locking-lug F' out of its path as it passes downwardly into the V-shaped opening in the locking device.

When the button has passed below the locking-lug, the tension on the spring will throw the locking-lug outwardly into the path of the button and prevent the button from passing upwardly and out of the V-shaped opening E unless the finger-piece G is pressed downwardly.

Now it will be manifest that I have provided handy means whereby the pocket-book can be placed in the pocket in the usual manner and will be securely held therein unless the finger-piece G is depressed. This finger-piece is easily depressed by the finger in passing the same down into the pocket in grasping the pocket-book when it is desired to remove the same, and the pocket-book therefore cannot be removed from the pocket unless this finger-piece is depressed without



tearing the pocket-book or the inside of the pocket to which the locking device is secured. I have shown in the drawings means by which the locking device is secured to the fabric comprising the pocket—viz., by rivets J. However, the locking device can be securely affixed to the fabric comprising the pocket-book in any other convenient manner. Therefore a pocket-book in place in the pocket cannot be removed therefrom without the knowledge of the party wearing the garment in which the pocket-book is placed.

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

A pocket-book lock comprising a button

adapted to be secured to the pocket-book, and a pair of U-shaped plates secured together and to the pocket-book thus having an open slot through the center of each plate adapted to receive the button and a pivoted spring-actuated latch which normally rests across the slots, it being interposed between the two plates, and means whereby the latch is withdrawn.

In witness that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto subscribed my name this 31st day of March, 1905.

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