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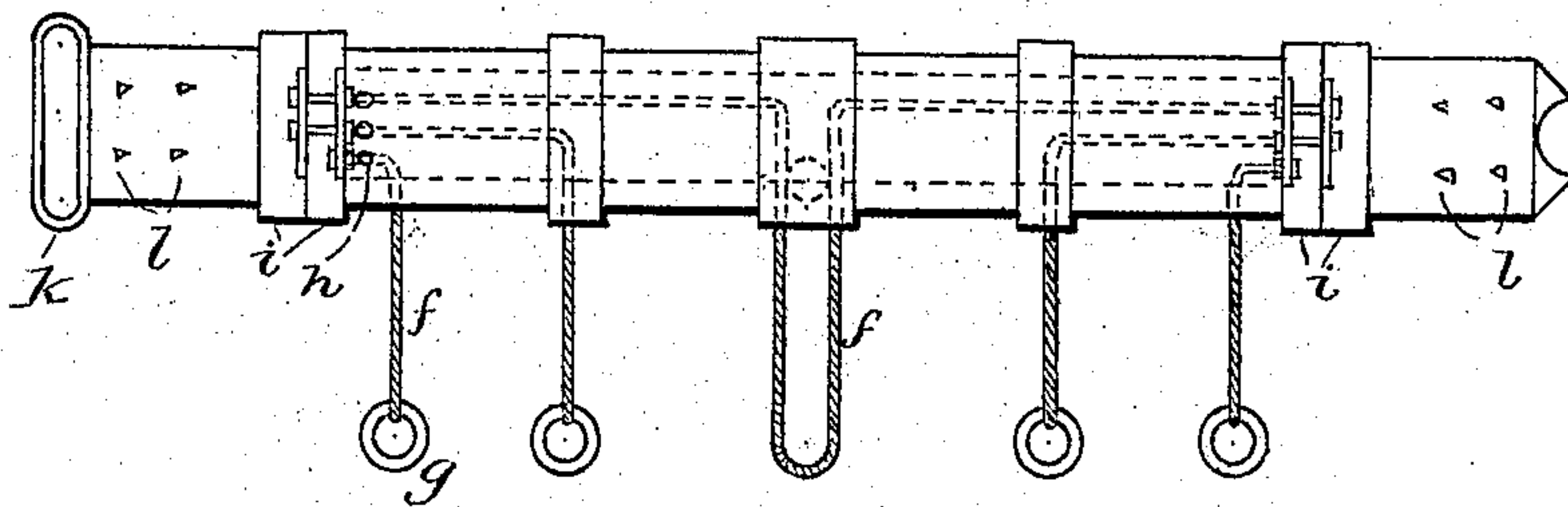


Fig. 1.

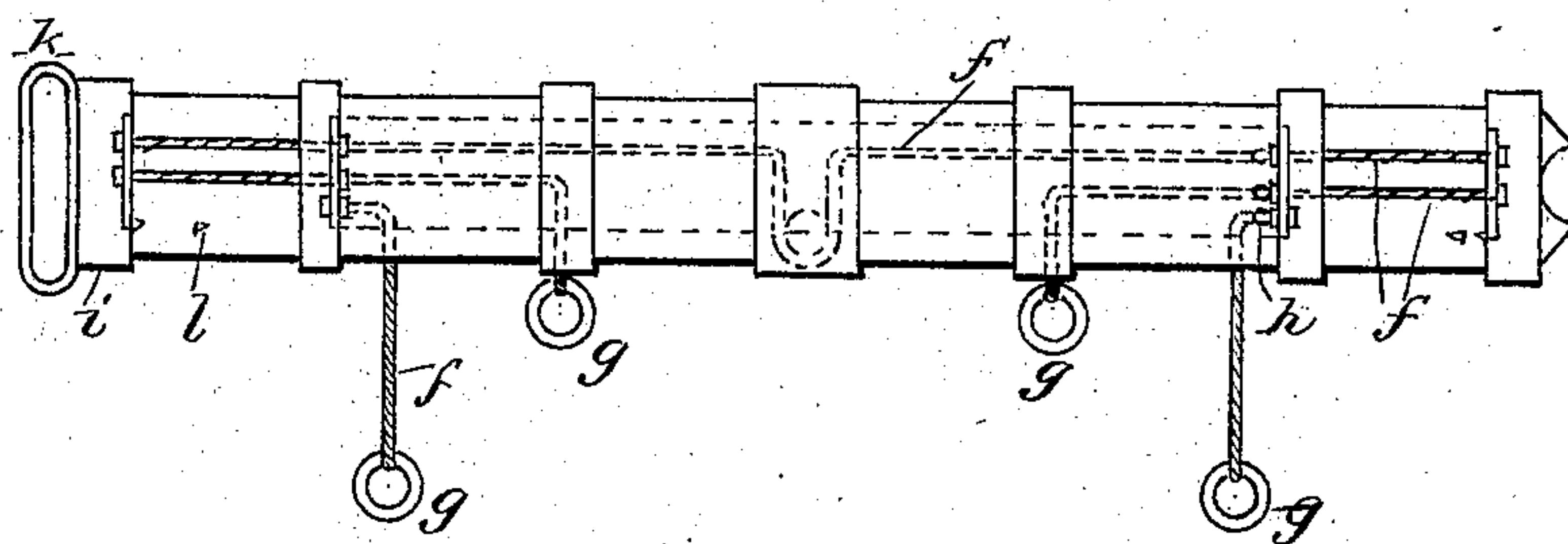


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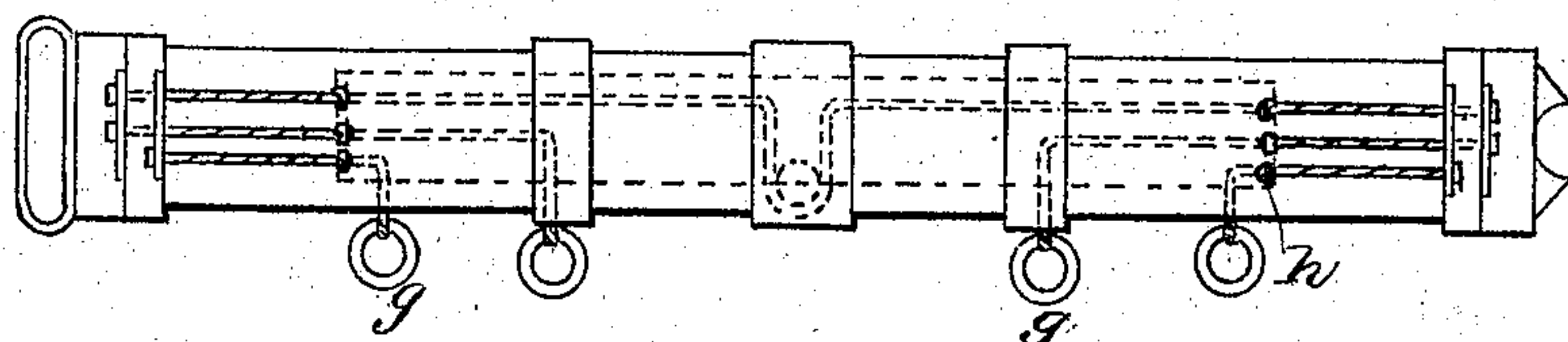


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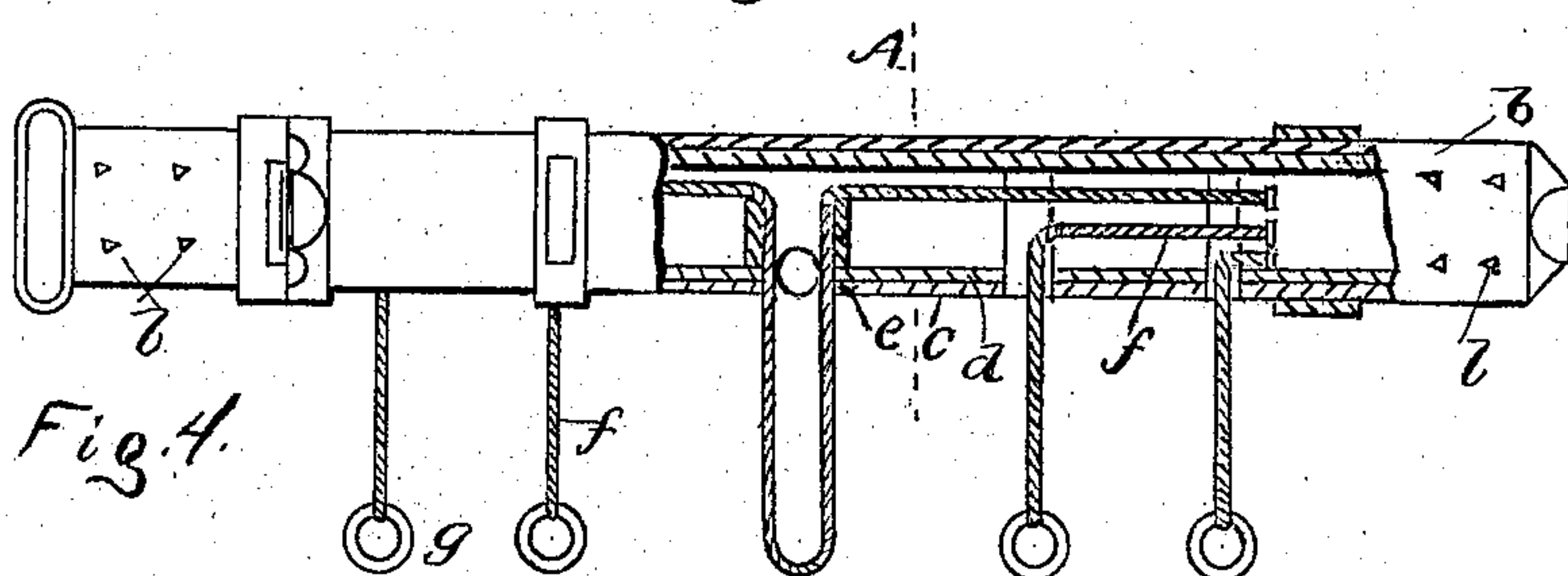


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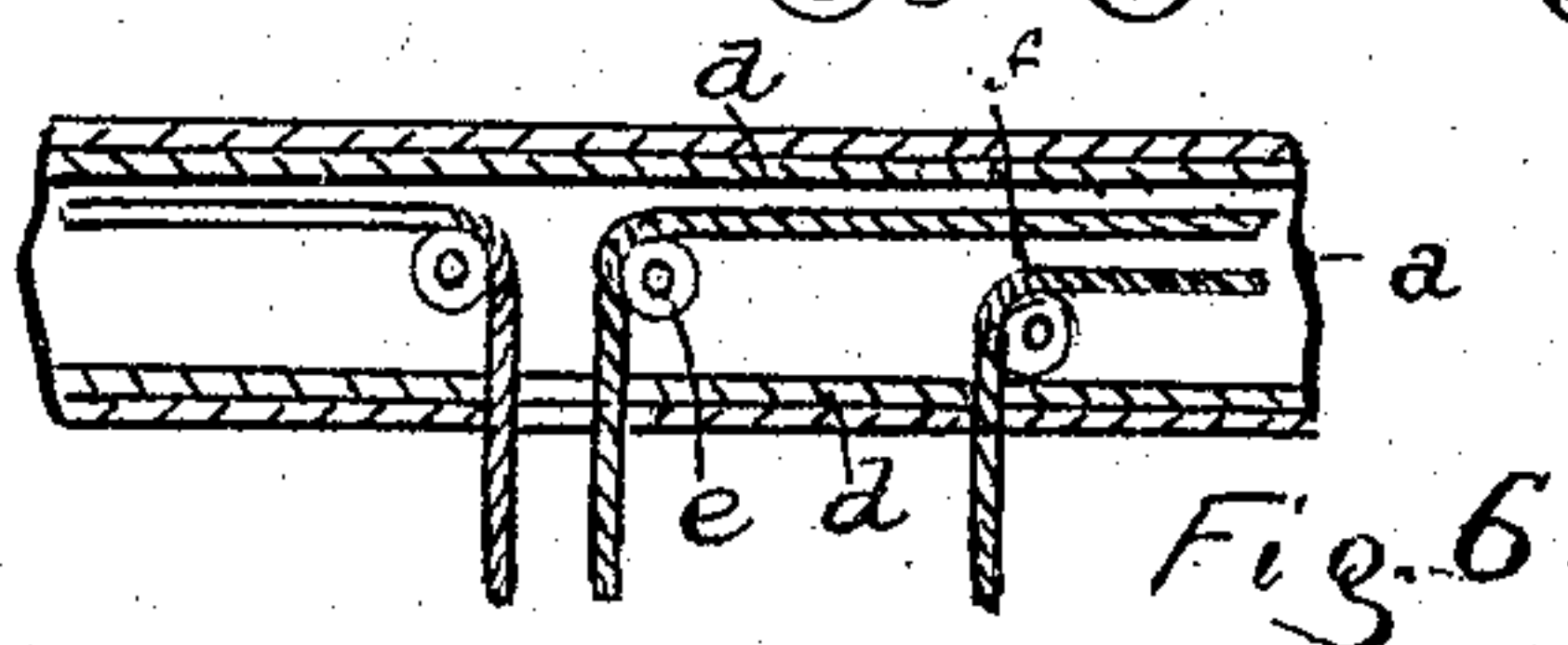


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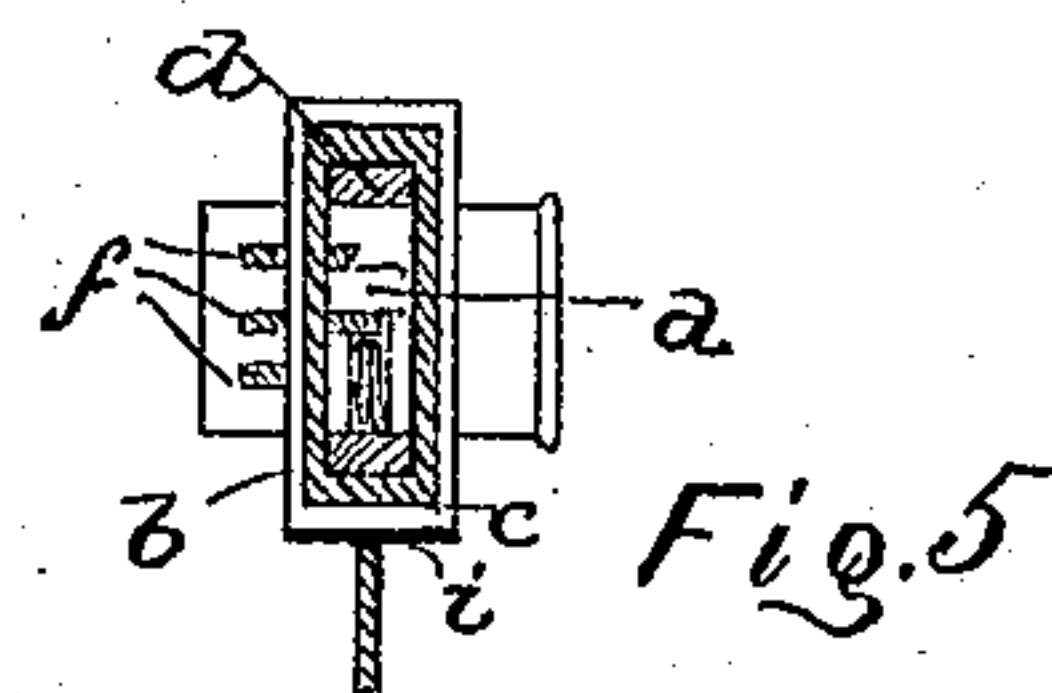


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS SCHÖLLHORN, a citizen of the German Empire, residing at 28 Fröbelstrasse, Neustadt-on-the-Hardt, Germany, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt Supports and Lifters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a belt which may be used as an ordinary waist-belt and if desired, employed at the same time as a girdle to hold up a woman's gown in walking.

From similar devices known my belt is marked by an arrangement of cords connecting the belt with the garment, the said cords being placed behind, and thus concealed by the latter. Moreover, it permits a tying up of the gown all around the body to any desired height or of the back portion of the garment only, as may be desired.

My invention is illustrated on the drawing herewith, in which—

Figure 1 shows the belt in extended position with cords depending all ready for use. Fig. 2 represents a belt in which some of the cords have been drawn up; Fig. 3, the same with all the cords drawn up. Fig. 4 is a view partially in full and partially in section with cords depending. Fig. 5 is a cross-section of the belt on the line A A of Fig. 4; and Fig. 6 is a longitudinal section of a modification of my improvement, showing a portion of a belt, where the position for the guides of the cords hereinafter referred to is somewhat different from that shown in the other figures.

My belt may be made of any suitable material—such as leather, silk, cloth, or any fabric—and has inside a passage *a*, Figs. 5 and 6, the sides *b c* being kept apart by strips *d* of felt, leather, or other material. Within the said passage *a* of the belt there are provided guides *e*, of metal, whalebone, horn, or other suitable material, over which the several drawing-cords are guided. They may be small rollers or rivets or plugs or of any other suitable shape. The drawing-cords *f*, which may be provided in any number, five having been selected in the examples illustrated by the drawings herewith, are passed by one end each outward through corresponding perforations in the belt. These free ends are looped or provided with hooks, eyes, press-buttons, or other suitable fastening devices *g*, by which they may be fastened to corresponding buttons, hooks, eyes, or other devices, provided in suitable places beneath the

garment. For this purpose those outside portions may be passed farther through small apertures or eyes provided in suitable places in the gown, preferably in the waistband of the same, before they are joined to the aforesaid fastening devices. Also the other ends of the cords may be passed outward through suitable holes *h* and connected with clamps, plates, or buckles *i*, adapted to slide upon the said belt. On being made to slide toward the ends of the belt, or, better, toward the end fixtures or joints *k*, they take the cords *f* along, and when the ends are fastened to the gown they are drawn toward the belt, or shortened, and thus the gown is drawn up. The sliding buckles may also be provided in such way that when they move toward the ends of the belt they unite with the joints *k*, as if they would form coherent parts with the latter. On the belt there may be provided small elevations or springs *l*, upon which the slide-buckles are moved and are by them retained in the desired position.

The free ends of the cords having been passed through the apertures provided in the gown, the girdle is laid around the waist and fastened by means of the joints *k*. The eyes or other fastening devices *g*, provided on the said suspending free ends, are connected with the corresponding contrivances secured to the inside of the gown, and the latter may now be lifted, though the girdle serves still as an ordinary waist-belt as long as the said cords *f* are not pulled by means of the aforesaid sliding buckles *i*. If it is desired to lift the garments, those two of the sliding pieces *i* which are nearest to the ends of the belt are moved toward their joints *k*, and thereby those of the cords which are connected with the back and side portions of the gown are pulled (see Fig. 2) and the back or train of the garment is raised and retained in the raised position until the aforesaid sliding buckles *i* are moved back. By moving the rest of the sliding buckles as described, changing their position as shown in Fig. 2 to that represented in Fig. 3, the remaining cords *f*, shown in Fig. 2 as depending from the belt, are pulled upwardly to the position shown in Fig. 3, and thereby the front of the garment is also drawn up, the gown being now all around equally and evenly sustained in elevated position so far as may be desired and without exhibiting the cords or their connection with the gown. All or a number of the said cords may be operated at one time or each may be moved

separately and independent from the others, in which case there would have to be provided a special sliding buckle for each cord, while in the former case it is preferable to
5 connect each buckle with a number of such cords.

The inconvenient and even injurious clips used in other devices for holding up gowns are in my construction entirely dispensed
10 with.

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

1. The combination of a dress-belt with a device for lifting and holding up a woman's
15 gown, the said belt being provided with a passage in which there are passed cords over devices permitting their gliding over the same, one end of the said cords being secured to a clamp or buckle sliding on the said belt, both
20 the cord and the sliding piece moving with each other, while the other ends of the said cords are suspended from the belt behind the gown and are provided with means to fasten them to corresponding contrivances secured
25 to the garment, substantially as described.

2. The combination of a dress-belt with a device for raising and holding up a woman's gown, the said belt being provided with a
30 passage in which there are passed cords over devices permitting their gliding over the same, one end of each cord being secured to a sliding clamp or buckle permitting a movement of each cord with each buckle independent from the other cords and buckles,
35 while the other ends of the said cords are suspended from the belt behind the gown and are provided with means to fasten them to

corresponding contrivances secured to the garment, substantially as described.

3. The combination of a dress-belt with a
40 device for raising and holding up a woman's gown, the said belt being provided with a passage in which there are passed cords over devices permitting their gliding over the
45 same, one end of the said cords being secured to a clamp or buckle sliding on the said belt, both the cords and the sliding pieces moving with each other, a common sliding buckle being provided for each group of such cords per-
50 mitting a simultaneous movement and pull ing of each group, while the other ends of the said cords are suspending from the belt behind the gown and are provided with means
55 to fasten them to corresponding contrivances secured to the garment, substantially as described.

4. The combination of a dress-belt with a device for raising and holding up a woman's gown as hereinabove described and comprising a plurality of cords having attaching de-
60 vices on one end and buckles at the other end, the outside of the said belt being provided with elevations upon which the afore-
said sliding buckles will rest in their move-
65 ment and be retained, by the resistance of the said elevations, in a desired position, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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