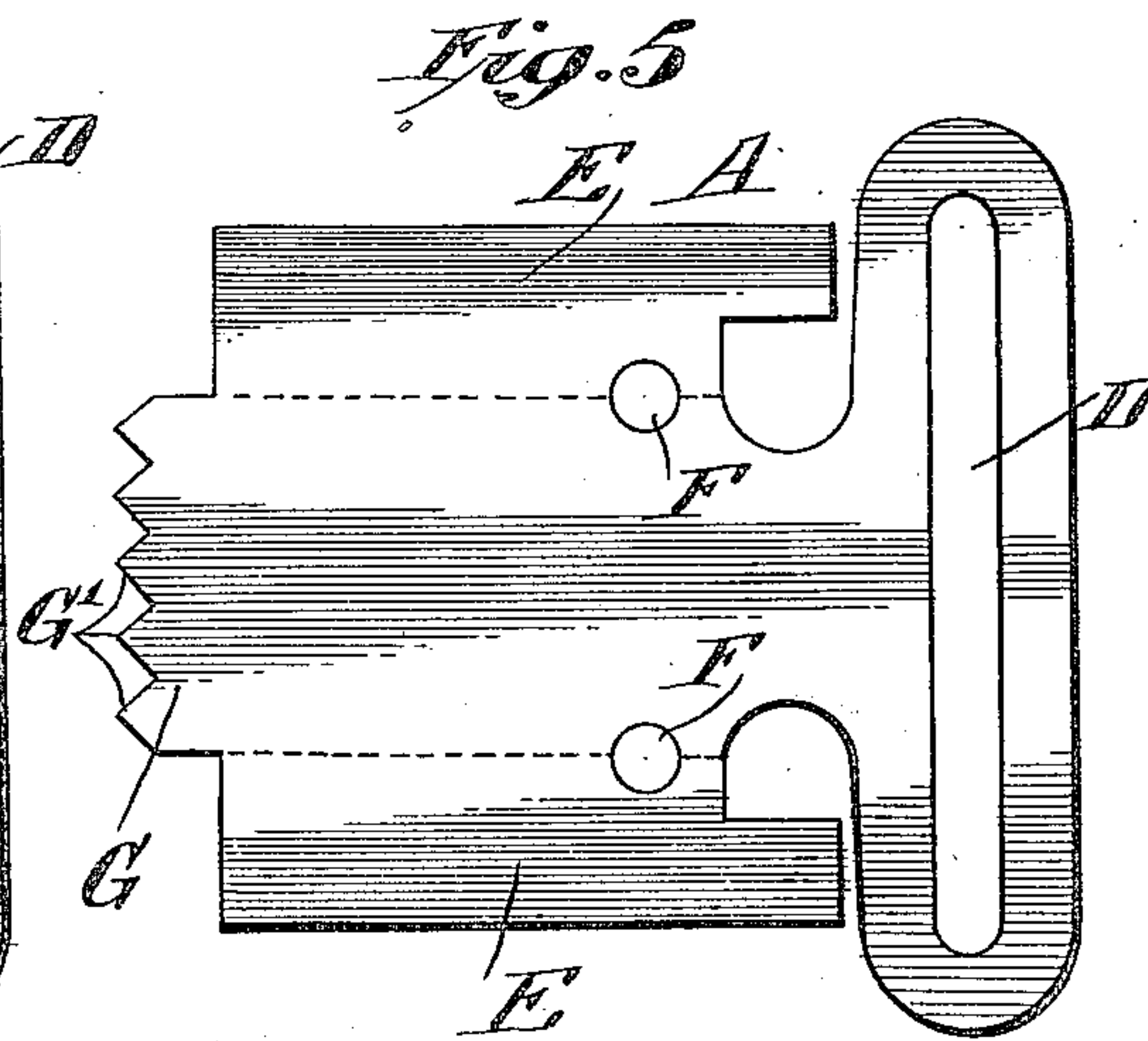
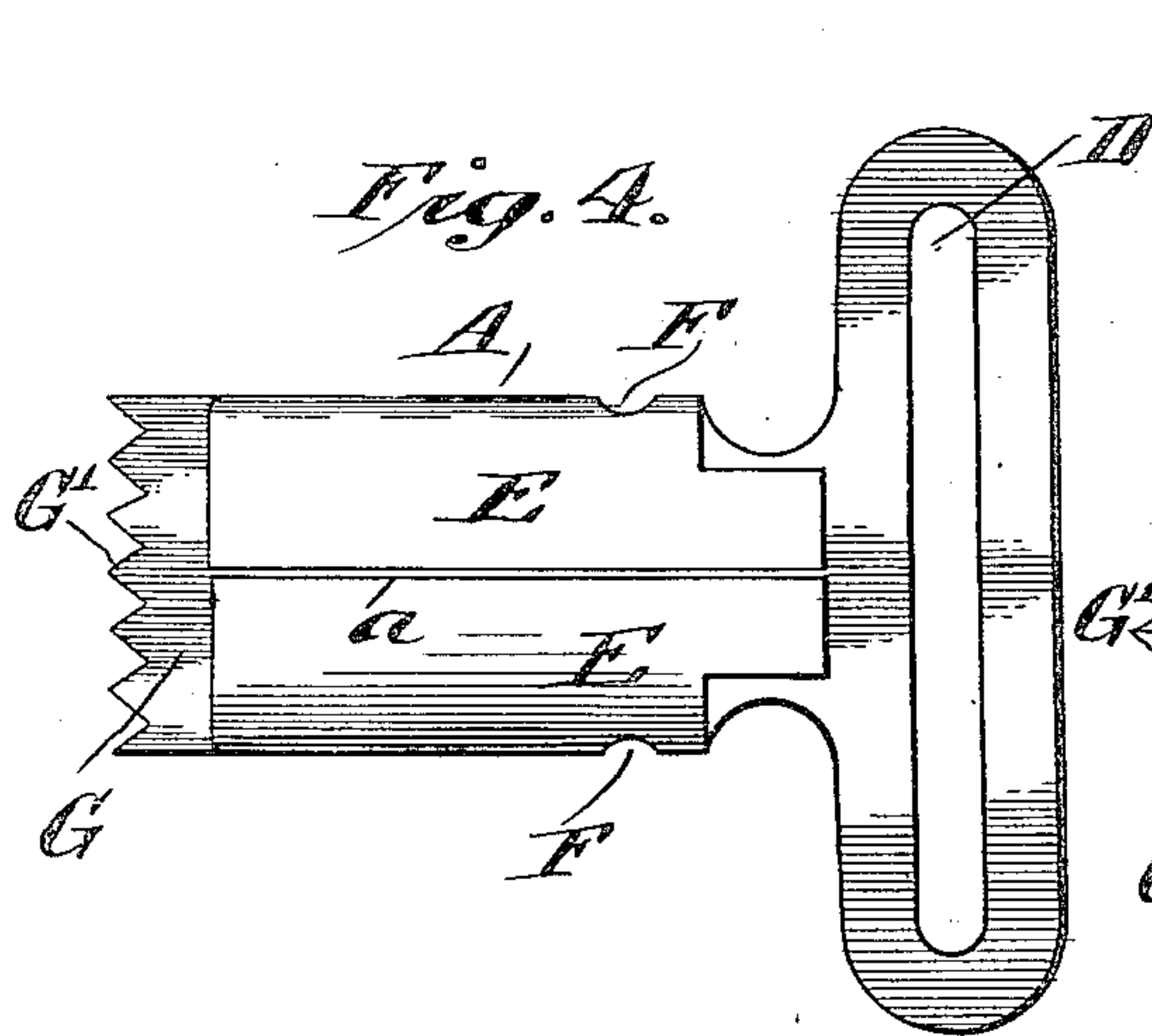
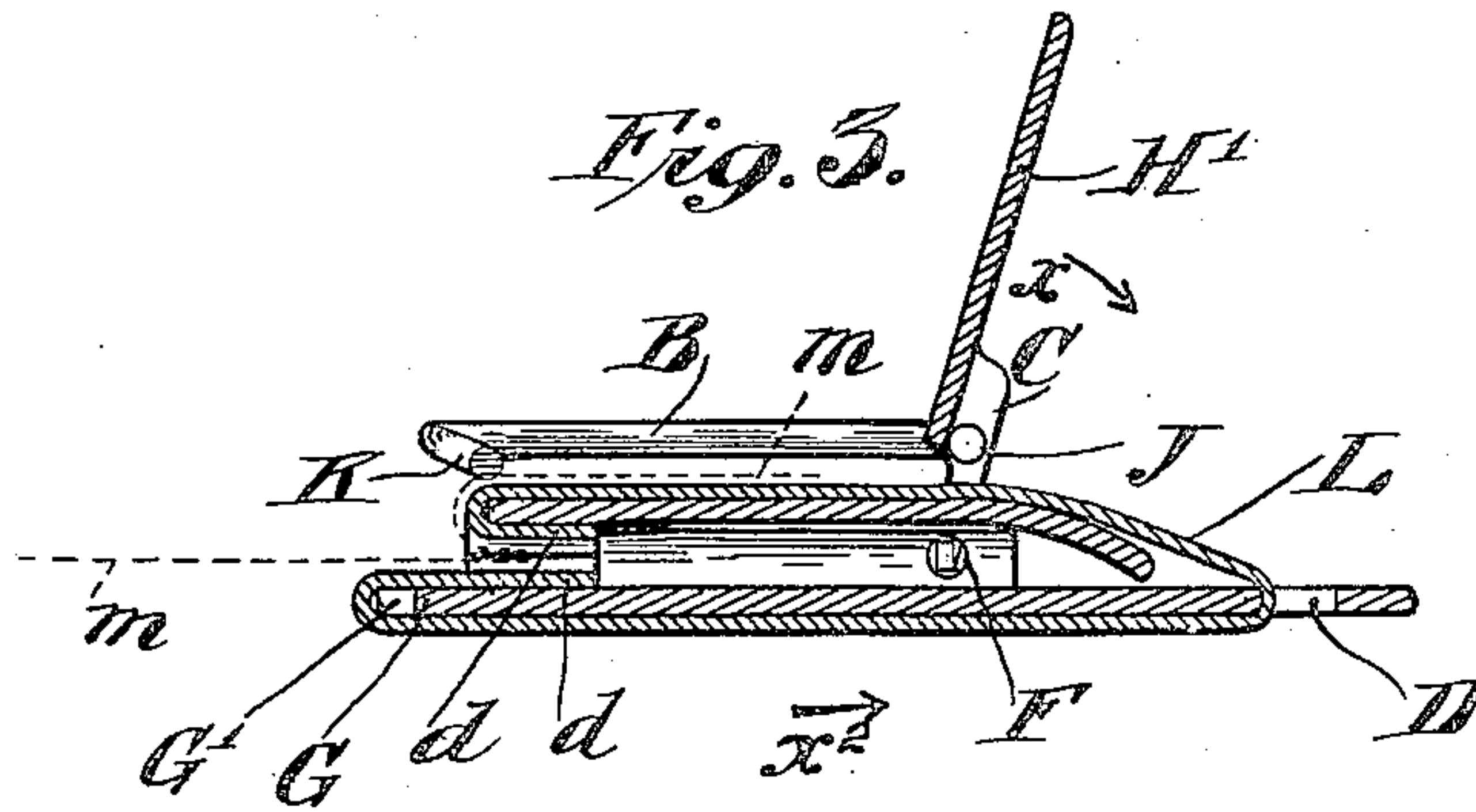
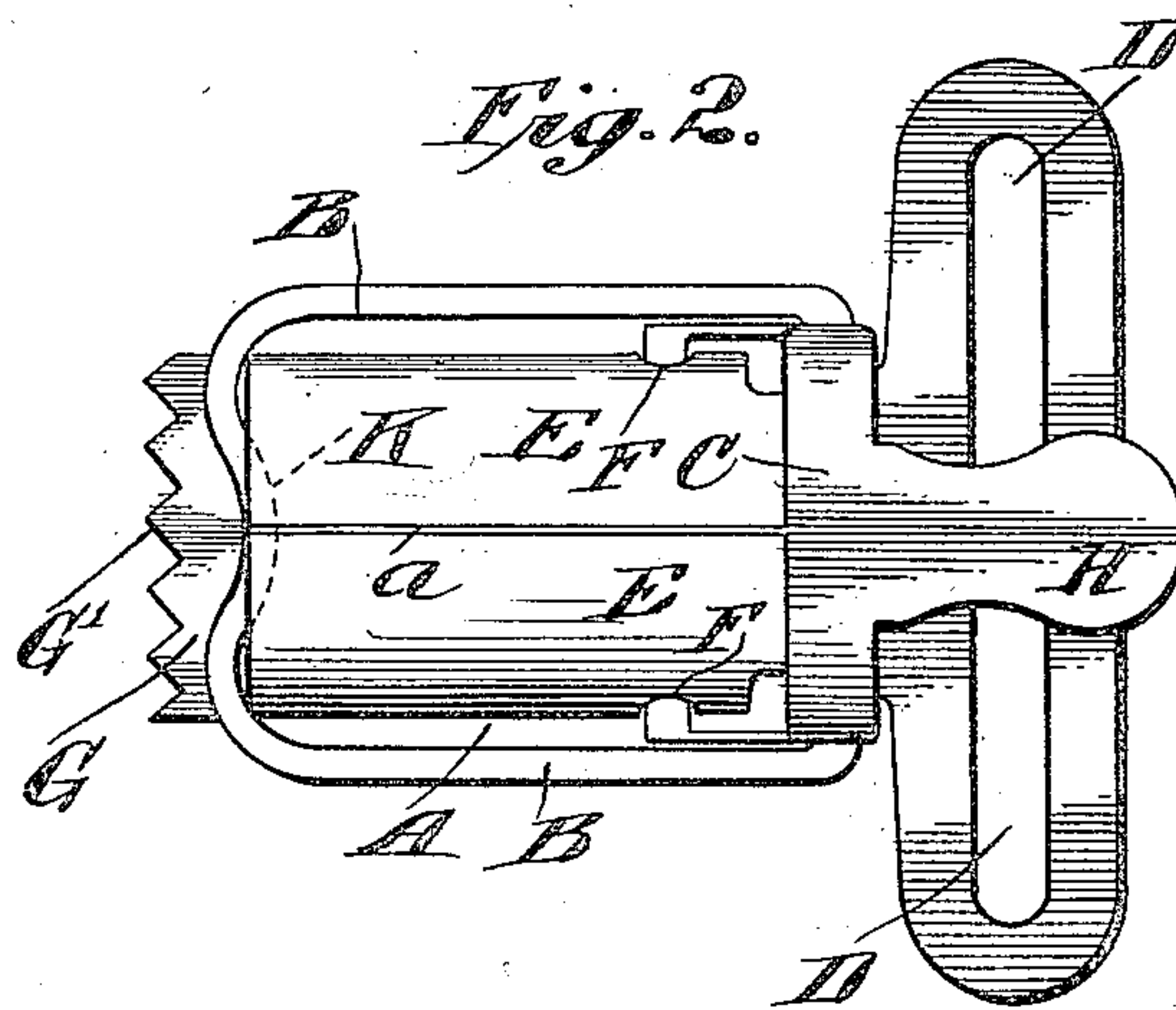
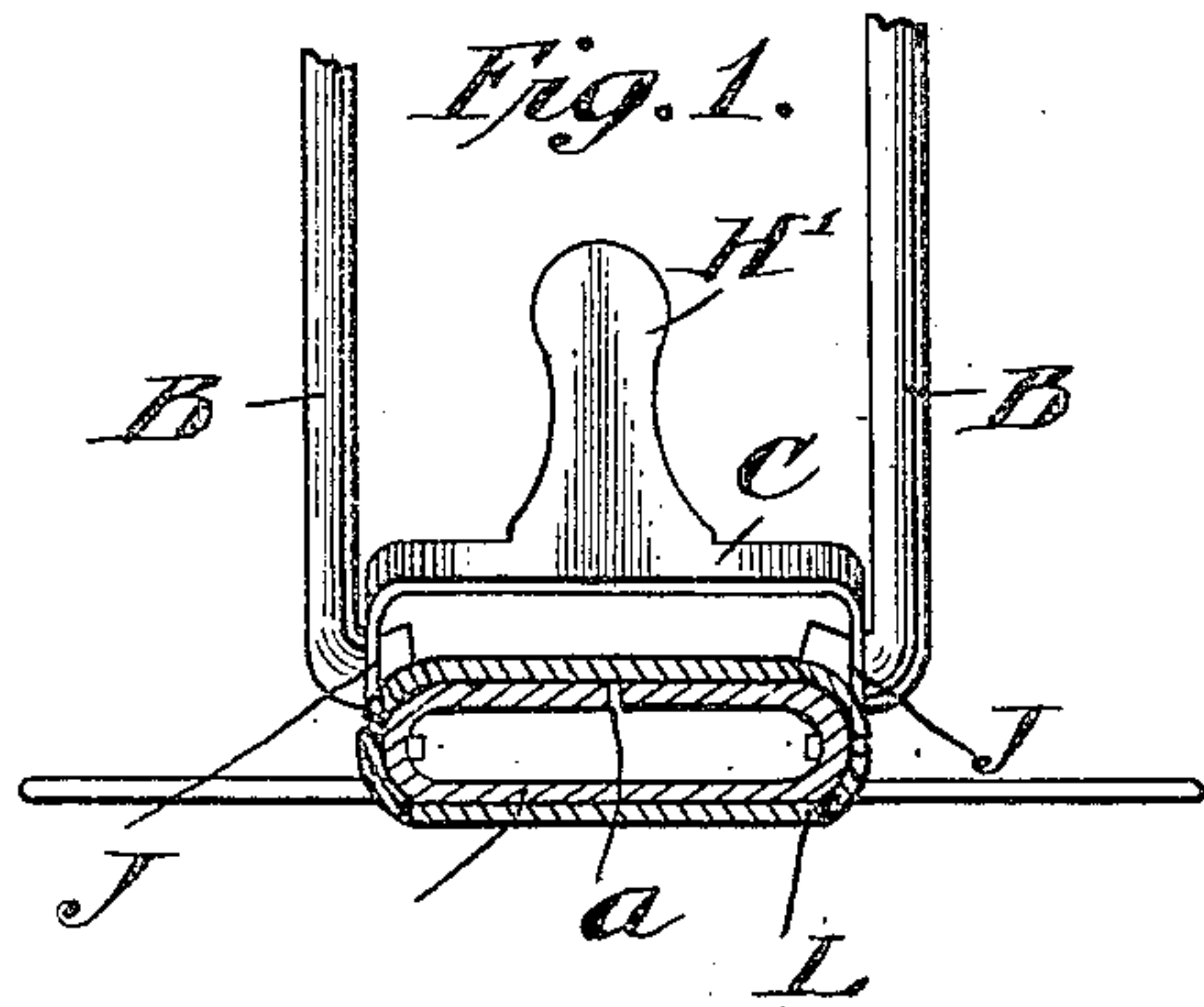


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAX RUBIN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Clasps, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in garment-clasps; and the object of my invention is to provide a new and improved clasp which is simple in construction, holds the goods firmly and securely, lies flat on the garment or body, and can be easily opened or closed.

In the accompanying drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate like parts in all the figures, Figure 1 is a transverse sectional view of my improved garment-clasp. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same with the parts in the position they have when partially closed. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same with the fabric covering. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the socket member. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the blank for making the socket member.

My improved clasp is composed of a socket member A in the form of a flattened tube, a clamping member B in the shape of a bail, and a locking-lever C, pivoted to the socket member A and to the clamping member B. The socket member A, as stated, is preferably made as a flattened tube. For the purpose of simplifying the construction and increasing strength and durability and reducing the cost I make this socket member A from a single piece of sheet metal, which is punched out in the form of a blank, as shown in Fig. 5, provided at one end with an elongated eye D, through which the suspending tape, band, or strap can be passed. This blank is provided with two side wings E, which are folded over the upper surface of the blank and toward each other, so that their edges abut along the line *a*, Figs. 1 and 4, thus forming the flattened tube portion of the socket member. Holes F are punched out of the blank along the line at which the wings are folded for a purpose that will appear hereinafter.

The body portion of the blank is extended beyond the ends of the wings E, as shown at G, so that this portion G or lip projects beyond the open end of the flattened tube, forming the socket member, and the outer edge of this projection or lip G is serrated, as shown at G', or provided with projections

in a similar manner. A toggle-lever C, which is substantially U-shaped and has a handle end H', is pivoted to the socket member A by having the ends of the shanks of this toggle-lever C inserted in the holes F F, which appear in the sides of the socket member A when the blank is folded from the position shown in Fig. 5 into the position shown in Fig. 4, thereby permitting this toggle-lever to swing on that end of the socket member opposite the one provided with the lip G.

The clamping member B, substantially in the shape of a bail, is pivoted to the locking-lever or toggle-lever C by having its ends passed through apertures in said toggle-lever or locking-lever C, as shown at J, so that the bail or clamping member B can swing on said locking-lever or toggle-lever C and can also be moved by means of said toggle-lever or locking-lever C in a direction lengthwise of the socket member A. The cross-piece at the front closed end of this bail-shaped clamping member B is of such width as to embrace the socket member A at the sides thereof, and the cross-piece is provided with a tongue or extension K, extending in the direction toward the pivoted end of the clamping member or bail and formed between the sides of said clamping member or bail. This tongue K is preferably formed by bending the closed swinging end of this bail or clamping member in the direction toward the pivoted end of the bail and at a point between the sides of the bail and is slightly inclined downward and in the direction toward the pivoted end of the bail, as shown in Fig. 3.

A piece or strip of fabric L is passed through the slot D, and its two ends are passed over the outer surfaces of the top and bottom of the socket member A, and the free ends of this piece of fabric are then inserted into the open end or mouth of the socket member at that end opposite the one provided with the eye D, as shown at *d d* in Fig. 3. This fabric L is engaged by the teeth or serrations G', which hold it in place. To clamp or hold a piece of fabric—for example, a stocking—this is placed upon the upper face of the socket member A, as shown by the dotted line *m m* in Fig. 3. Then the bail B is swung down so that its free closed end rests upon the stocking *m m* and upon the lip G, whereupon the toggle-lever or locking-lever C is swung down in the direction of the arrow *x*, until it rests flat upon the eye D, whereby the closed end of the bail or clamp-

ing member B is moved in the direction of the arrow x^2 , Fig. 3, and its tongue K forces part of the fabric of the stocking $m m$ into the open end of the socket, and at the same time
 5 parts of the bail or clamping member B press the fabric $m m$ of the stocking against the sides of the socket member at the ends thereof—that is to say, against the fabric L at the sides of the socket member whereby this
 10 stocking fabric $m m$ is clamped firmly and securely—and the fabric is of such width that the ends of the sides of the socket member are also covered by this fabric.

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

1. In a garment-clasp, the combination of a socket member in the shape of a flattened tube, of a locking-lever pivoted to said
 20 socket member and a bail-shaped clamping member pivoted to said locking-lever, whereby said bail-shaped clamping member can be moved in the direction of the length of the socket member, substantially as set forth.

25 2. In a garment-clasp, the combination with a socket member in the shape of a flattened tube and having a lip formed on its bottom and extending beyond one end of the flattened tube-shaped part, of a locking-lever
 30 pivoted to said socket member and a bail-shaped clamping member pivoted to the locking-lever, substantially as set forth.

3. In a garment-clasp, the combination with a socket member having the shape of a
 35 flattened tube and provided at one end of its bottom with a lip extending beyond the flattened tube-shaped part, the outer edge of which lip is serrated, a locking-lever pivoted to the socket member and a bail-shaped
 40 clamping member pivoted to the locking member, substantially as set forth.

4. In a garment-clasp, the combination with a socket member in the shape of a flattened tube, of a locking-lever pivoted to the
 45 socket member, a bail-shaped clamping-lever pivoted to the locking-lever and provided at

its swinging end with a tongue between the sides of the clamping member and extending in the direction toward the pivoted end of the clamping member, substantially as set forth. 50

5. In a garment-clasp, the combination with a socket member in the shape of a flattened tube, of a locking-lever pivoted to the socket member, a bail-shaped clamping-lever pivoted to the locking-lever and provided at
 55 its swinging end with a tongue between the sides of the clamping member and extending in the direction toward the pivoted end of the clamping member and also inclined downward in relation to the plane of the clamping
 60 member, substantially as set forth.

6. In a garment-clasp, the combination with a socket member in the shape of a flattened tube, of a locking-lever pivoted to the socket member, a bail-shaped clamping-lever
 65 pivoted to the locking-lever and a fabric covering extending over the outer face of the top and bottom of the socket member and having its ends inserted in the ends of the socket member, substantially as set forth. 70

7. In a garment-clasp, a socket member in the shape of a flattened tube made of a single piece of sheet metal, having an eye D, two wings E, E, and a lip G projecting beyond the wings, and two holes F, F, substantially as
 75 set forth.

8. In a garment-clasp, the combination with a socket member in the shape of a flattened tube, of a clamping member and means for operating said clamping member and a
 80 covering of yielding material on the mouth of the socket at which the clamping member clasps the fabric to be held, substantially as set forth.

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