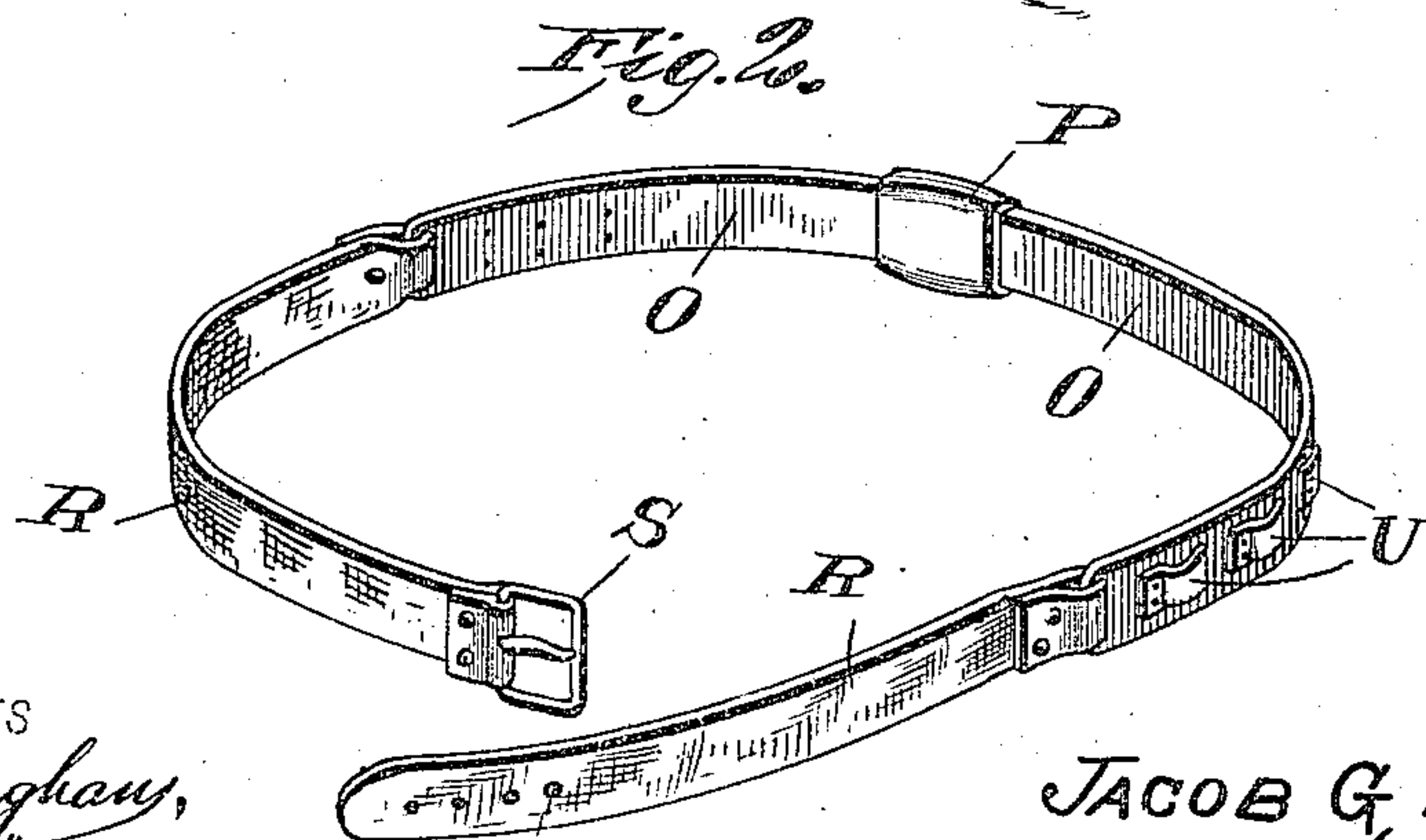
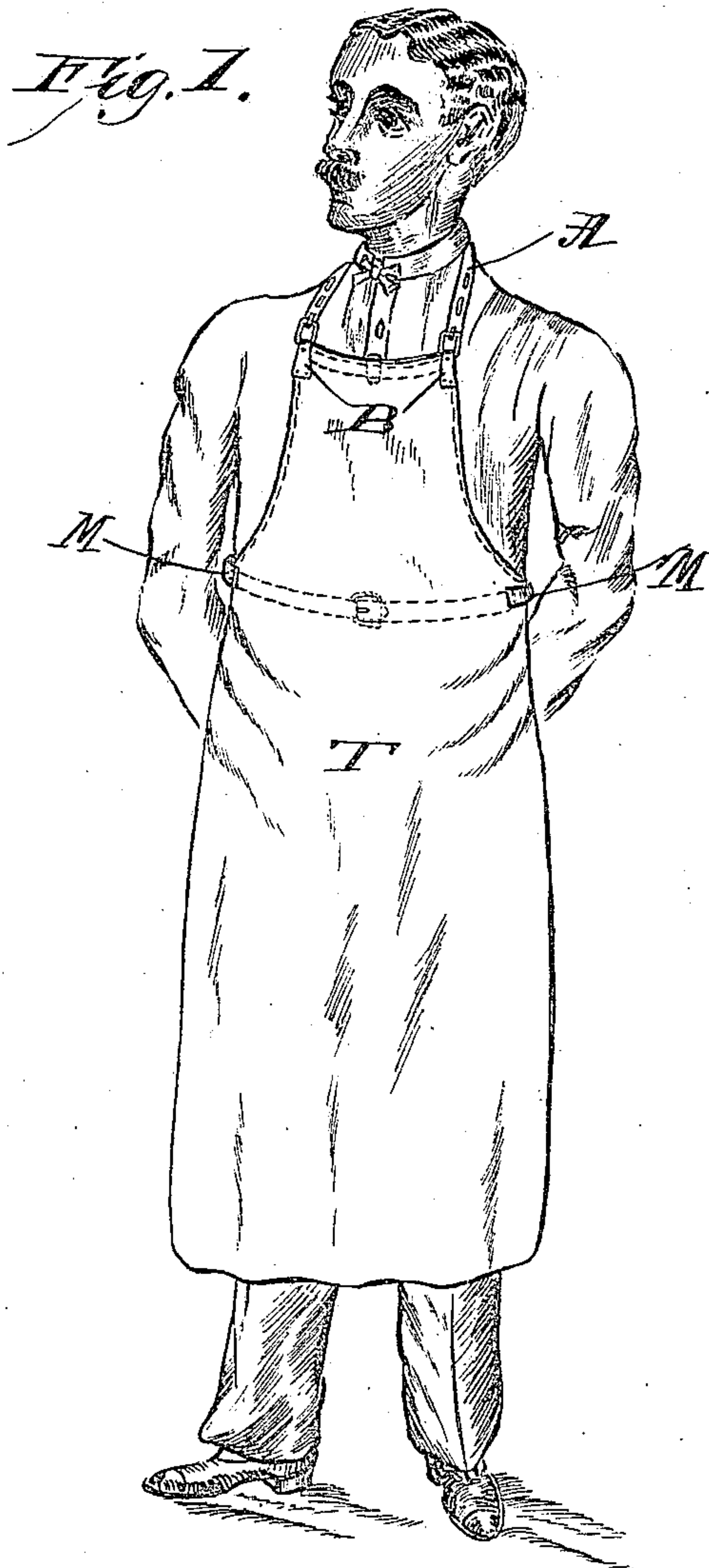


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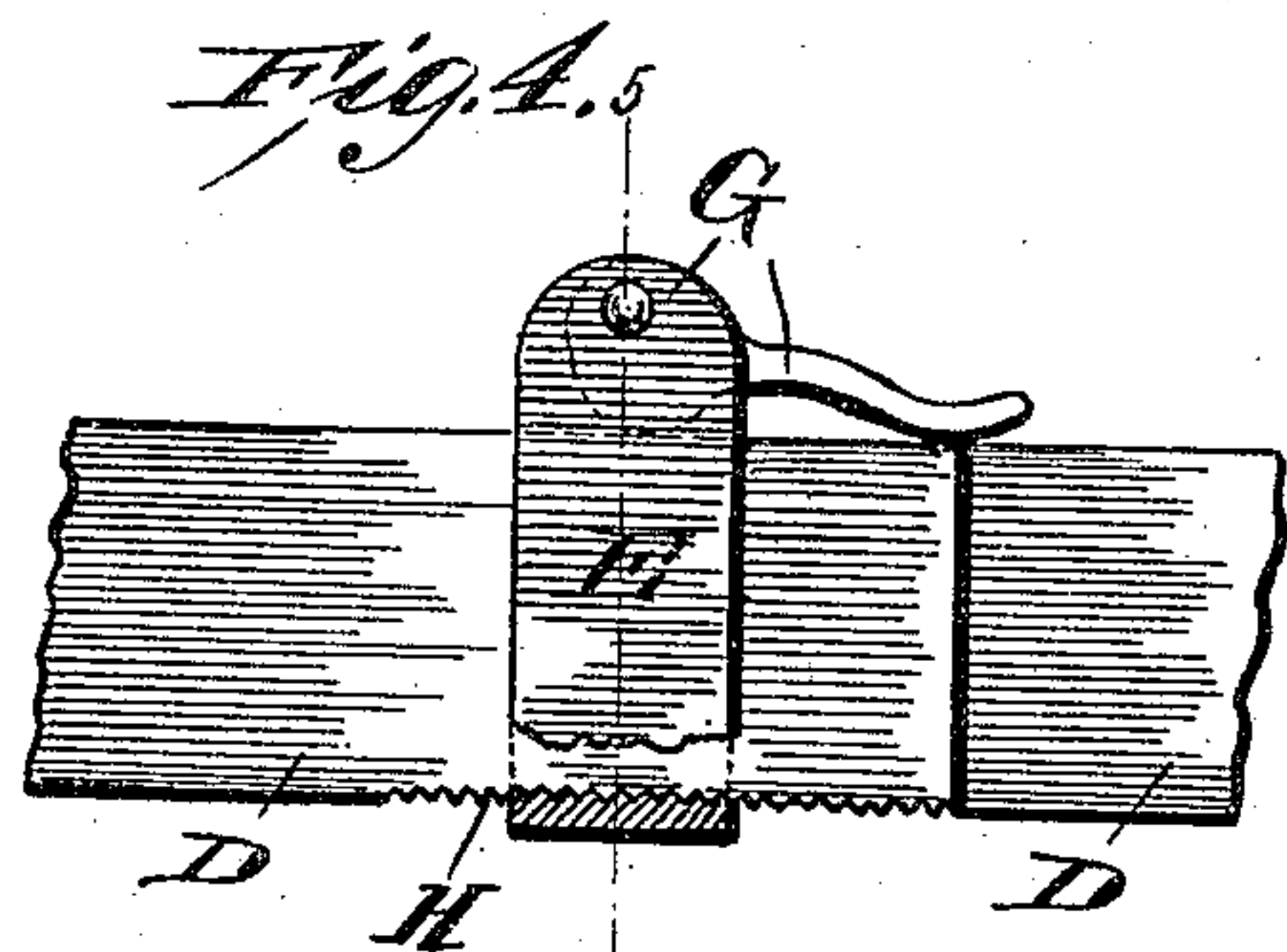
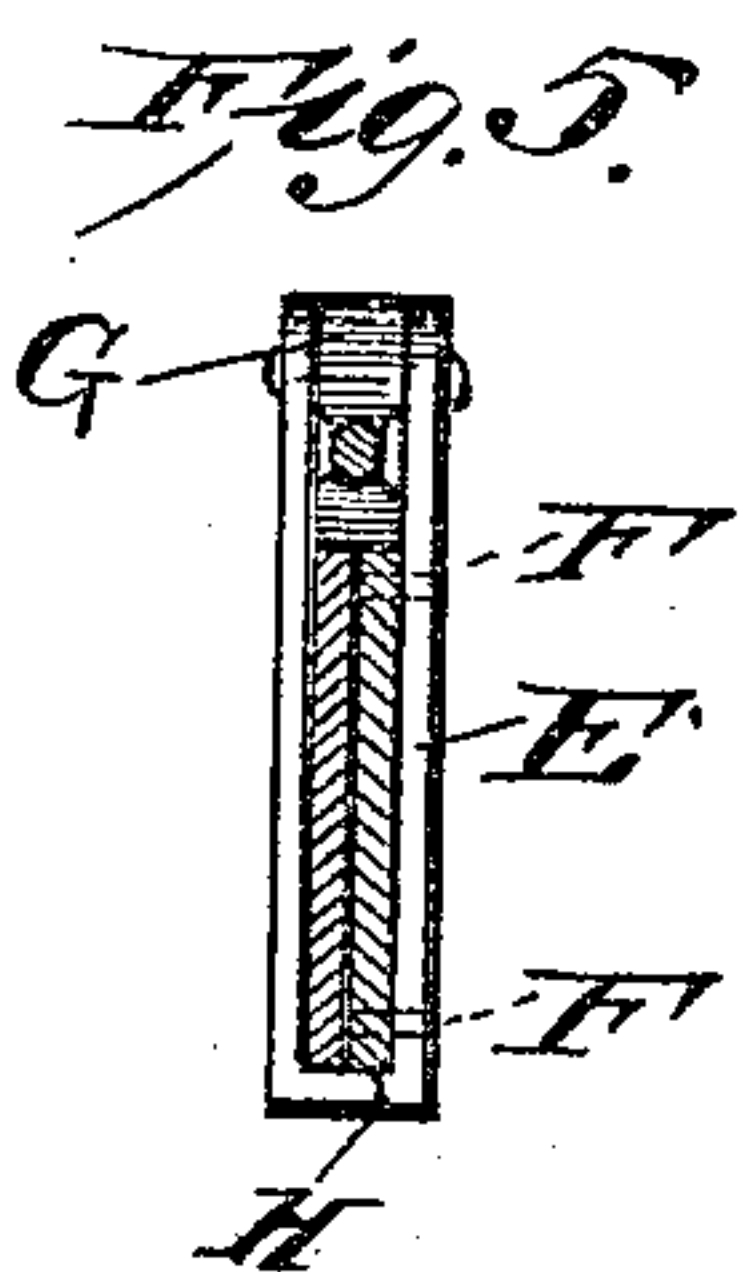
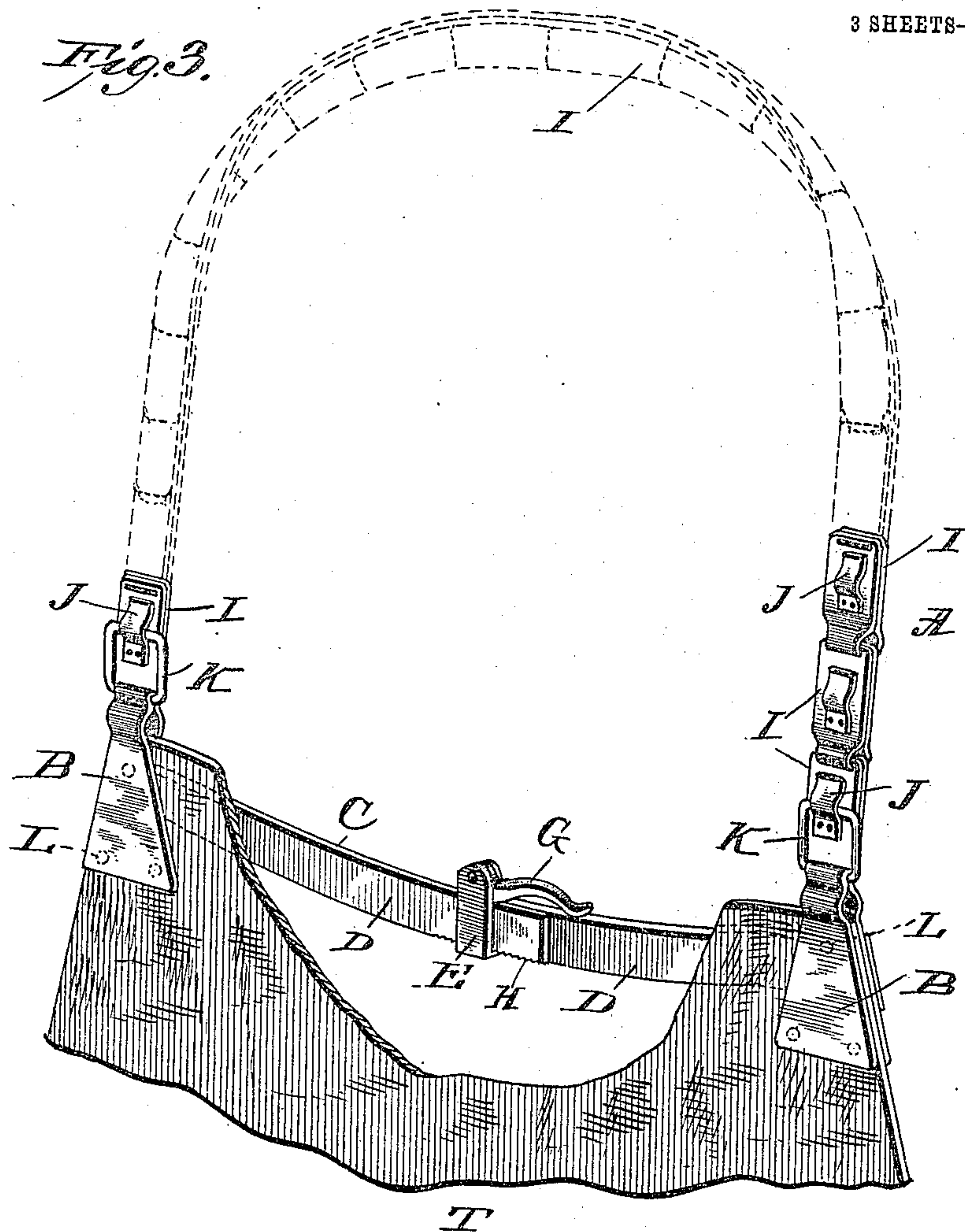
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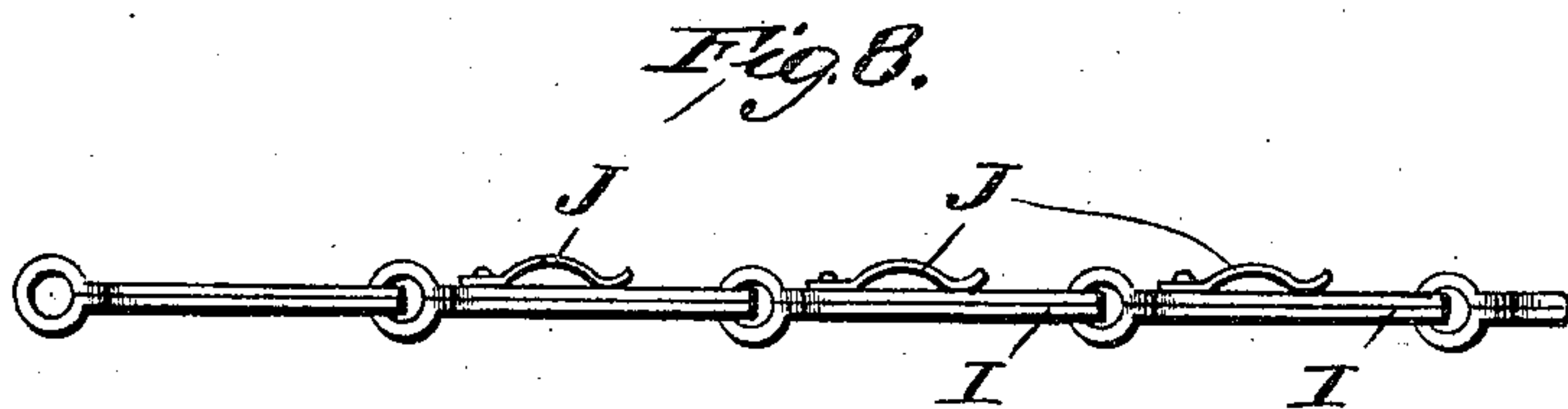
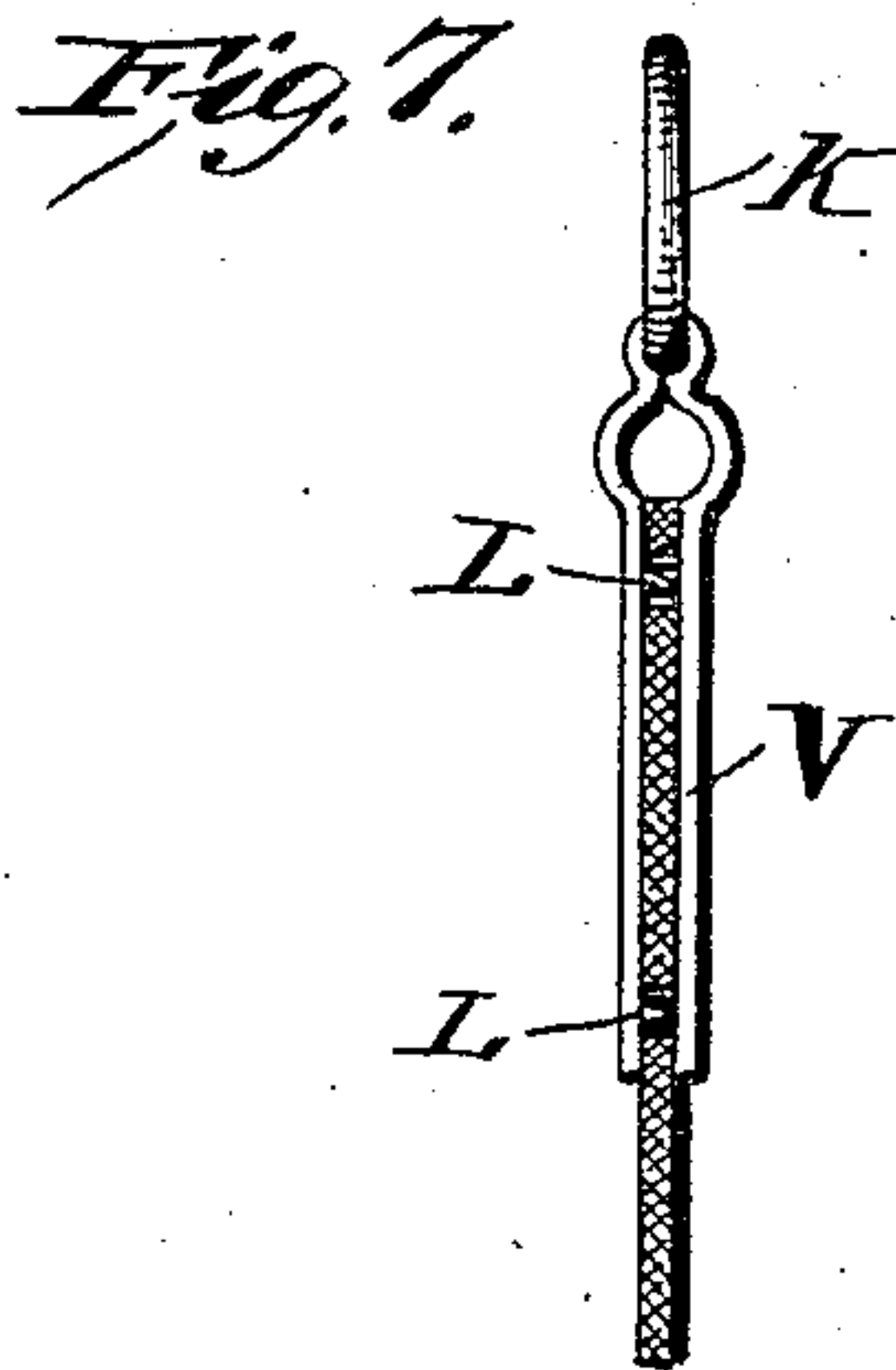
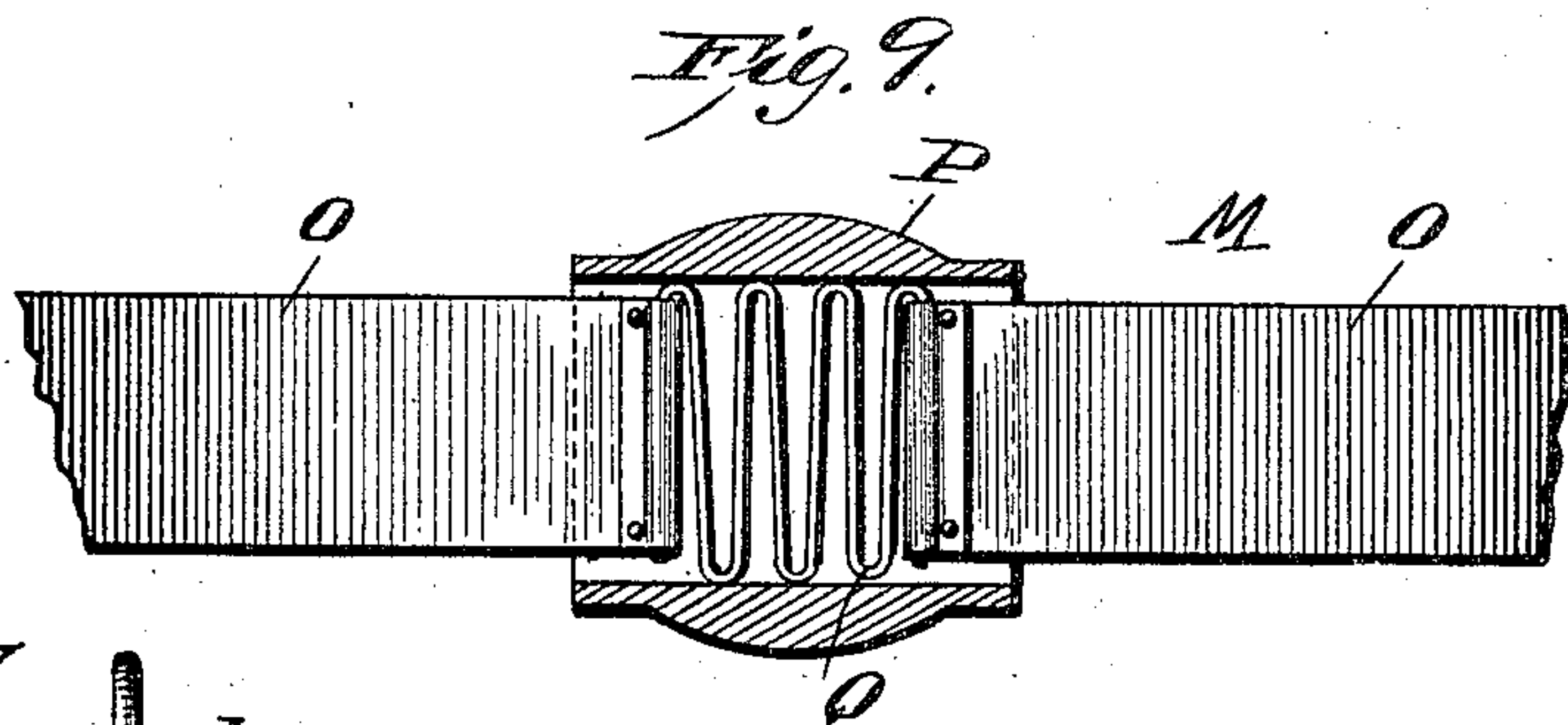
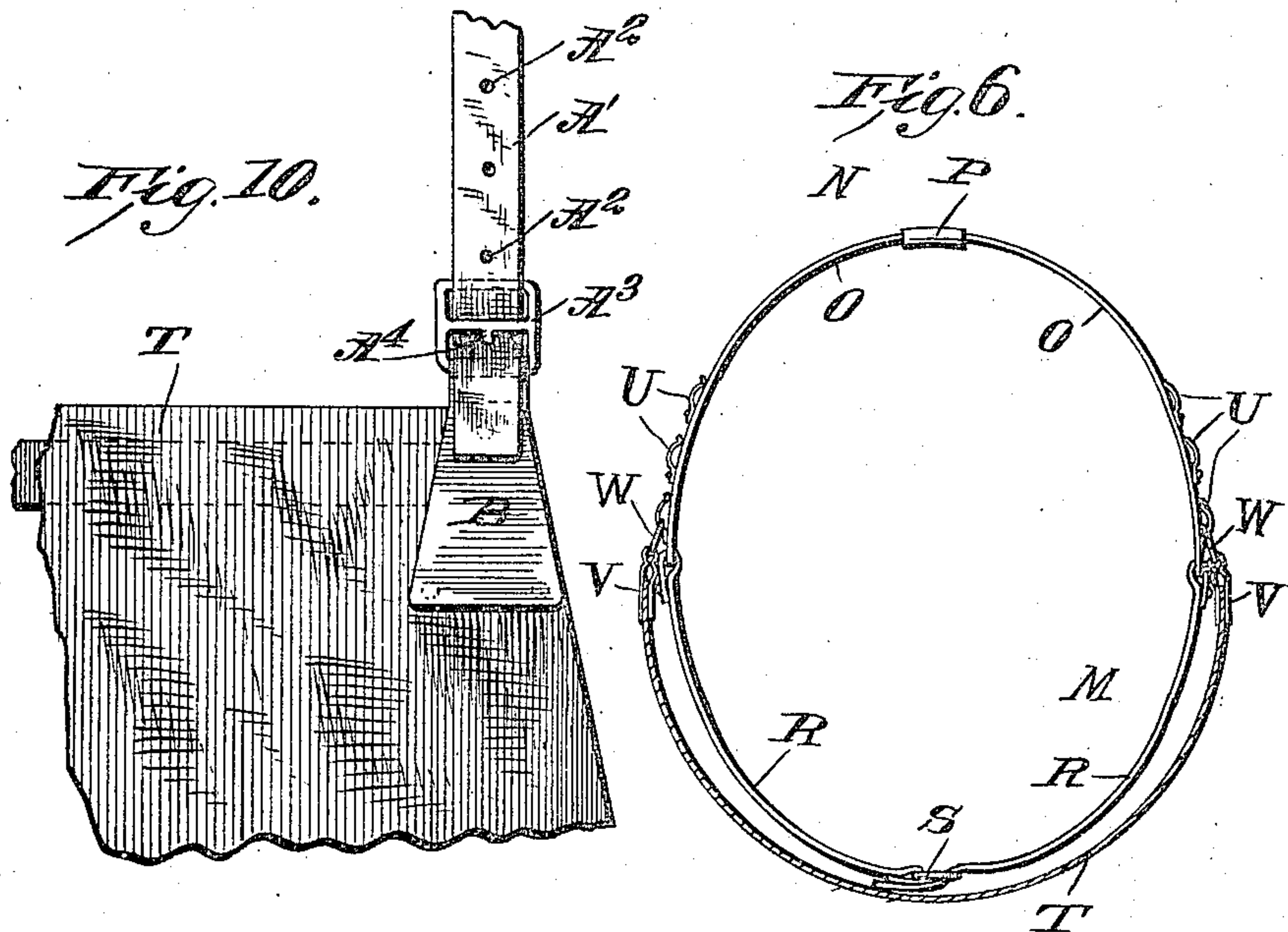
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB G. KOUNTZ, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Wellsville, in the county of Columbiana and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Apron-Supporter, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to means for supporting aprons worn by butlers, bakers, butchers, barbers, hotel-waiters, &c., and especially where the apron-support is removed in laundering, and has for its object peculiar novel, and improved supporting means not only adapted for effectively supporting an apron on the user of the article, but which shall be readily attachable and detachable, providing for interchange of aprons, as occasion may require.

In the following detail description of my invention reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

In the several figures and sheets of drawings like characters of reference denote corresponding parts of the invention as a whole.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view illustrating my invention. Fig. 2 is a detached perspective view of a peculiar body-belt employed by me. Fig. 3 is an enlarged perspective view of a peculiar neck-loop shown applied to a fragmentary portion of an apron-bib. Fig. 4 is a detail plan view of broken-away portions of a stretcher used with the loop shown by Fig. 3 and also a special clamp used therewith. Fig. 5 is a transverse sectional view taken on line 5 5 of Fig. 4. Fig. 6 is a plan view of the belt illustrated in Fig. 2, its ends being shown buckled together when worn, and an apron, in section, illustrated applied thereto. Fig. 7 is an edge view of one of the apron-clamps employed with the belt. Fig. 8 is a detail edge view of a portion of the neck-loop. Fig. 9 is a sectional detail view of an elastic rear portion of the body-belt; and Fig. 10 is a detail view in illustration of a portion of another or comprehended form of the neck-loop.

In the practice of my invention I employ a peculiar loop adapted for ready attachment to the upper edge or bib portion of an apron, the loop being designed to be arranged around the apron-wearer's neck and a peculiar belt for arrangement around the body of the apron-wearer, the belt being adapted for ready attachment to the side edges of the apron.

The loop and belt, constructed as will hereinafter be fully described with reference to the several figures of the drawings, are designed for use with an apron having an upper bib portion, though the belt alone is necessary for use with a bibless apron.

Referring now to the figures of drawing, A denotes the neck-loop, B spring-clamps at the loop ends, and C a peculiar spreader device or brace secured to the clamps B and designed for holding the loop ends apart, whereby with the clamps in engagement with the apron-bib (see Figs. 1 and 3) the latter is held smoothly.

The brace C is constructed into two members D, on the end of one of which I arrange a loop E and secure it by rivets F, substantially as shown by Fig. 5. The loop E is preferably made U shape, adapted to receive the ends of both brace members D, and is provided with a locking device consisting of a cam having pivotal support between the ends of the loop, as will be understood upon reference to Figs. 4 and 5. The lower edge of the brace member D, having adjustment in the loop E, is provided with teeth H, adapted for engagement with similar teeth or notches on the adjacent portion of the loop, whereby when the cam G is adjusted to clamping position against the upper edge of the brace members through action of the cam and engagement of the teeth H of the loop and the adjustable brace member the free ends of the neck-loop are secured apart, and thereby the bib portion of the apron held smoothly on the apron-wearer.

The brace C is preferably curved outwardly, conforming to the curve of a person's body, and it will be noticed upon reference to Fig. 3 that it is located in rear of the upper edge of the apron-bib when the latter is arranged in the clamps B.

It is designed to form the neck-loop A of a series of connected metal links I, (see Figs. 3 and 8,) fashioned into any desired design, though the said loop A may consist of a simple leather or other material strap A'. (See Fig. 10.) When the neck-loop is formed of a series of links I, a suitable number of the links at the loop ends are provided with hooks J, adapted for suspending engagement of open links K, attached to the clamps B. It is further designed to provide the inner sides of the jaws of the spring-clamps B with teeth L, (see Figs. 3 and 7,) adapted to enter suitable eyelets in the apron, and thereby,

through clamping tension of the clamp-jaws, provide secure support for aprons formed of heavy or light weight material.

When constructing the neck-loop of a simple strap A', (see Fig. 10,) its ends are provided with a series of openings A², and with such form of neck-loop I employ buckles A³ on the clamps B, having engaging pins A⁴ adapted for arrangement in the strap-openings, as will be understood.

My apron-supporter as a whole involves a novel form of belt M. (See Figs. 1, 2, 6, and 9.) The belt is intended for arrangement around the apron-wearer's body and designed for attachment to the side edges of the apron, thereby holding it drawn in addition to assisting in its support. The belt M is constructed with a rear section N, formed of a two-part metallic band O O, the adjacent or rear ends of the parts being connected by a suitable spring Q. (See Fig. 9.) The spring or yielding portion of the rear section N of the belt is covered by a casing or sleeve P. (See Figs. 2 and 9.)

R R denote straps secured to the front or free ends of the two-part band O O. One strap end is provided with a suitable buckle S and the other with holes adapting the belt to be secured around the apron-wearer's body.

In the several views of my drawings, T denotes an apron having a bib portion. For some purposes a bibless apron would answer for the purpose of necessary protection of its wearer, and in such instance the neck-loop A is not used, as the belt alone would provide sufficient support.

In further carrying out my invention I provide the metallic sections O O of the belt with hooks U on its outer side, adapted for attachment of spring-clamps V, constructed similar to the clamps B and illustrated by Figs. 3 and 7, the clamps V being provided with loops W, similar to the loops K, employed with the clamps B. (See Fig. 3.)

The construction and use of my improved apron-supporter will be understood from the above description, taken in connection with the several figures of the accompanying drawings.

I claim—

1. An apron-supporter constructed with a flexible loop adapted for arrangement around the apron-wearer's neck, means adapted for attachment of the apron to said loop, a rigid brace adapted for spacedly holding the attached ends of the loop, and a belt with means for attachment to the side edges of the apron.

2. An apron-supporter comprising a flexible neck-loop, supporting-hooks on the neck-loop, a rigid brace adapted for spacedly holding the loop ends, means adapted to be attached to an apron, the apron attachment means being adapted for holding engagement with the hooks on the neck-loop, and a belt with means adapting its attachment to the apron.

3. An apron-supporter comprising a flexible neck-loop constructed of a series of links, supporting-hooks on end links of the loop, a rigid brace adapted for spacedly holding the loop ends, means adapted to be attached to an apron, the apron attachment means being adapted for holding engagement with the hooks on the neck-loop, and a belt with means adapting its attachment to an apron.

4. An apron-supporter constructed with a neck-loop, means adapted for attachment of the apron to said loop, a brace adapted for spacedly holding the attached ends of the loop, the brace being constructed and adapted for lengthwise adjustment, and a belt with means for attachment to the side edges of an apron.

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