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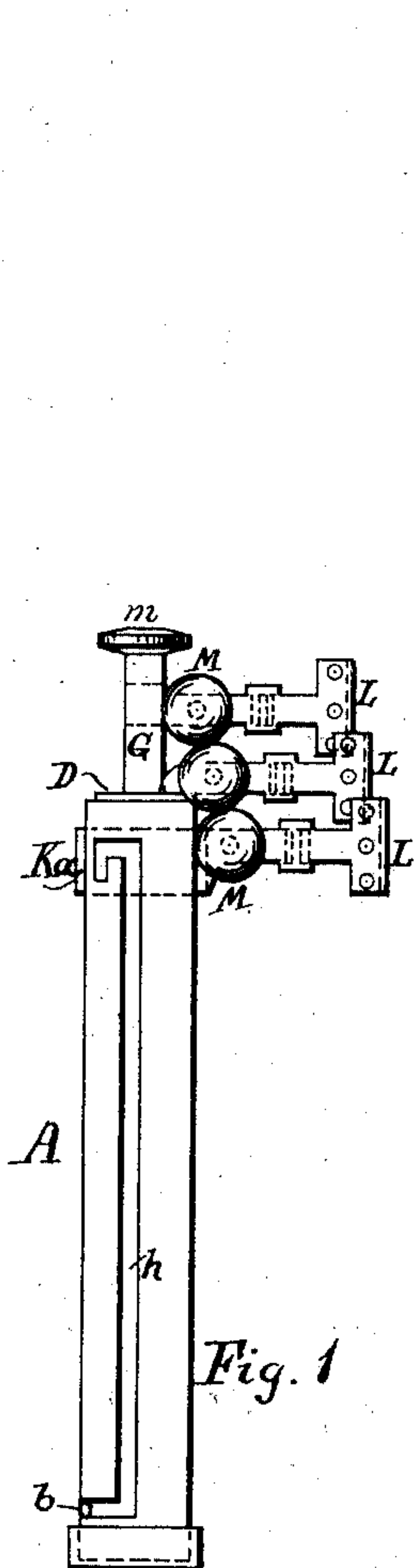


Fig. 1

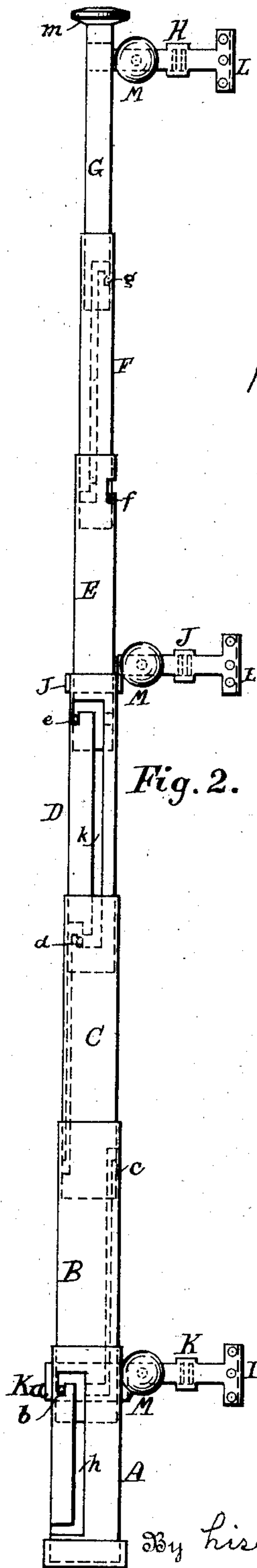


Fig. 2.

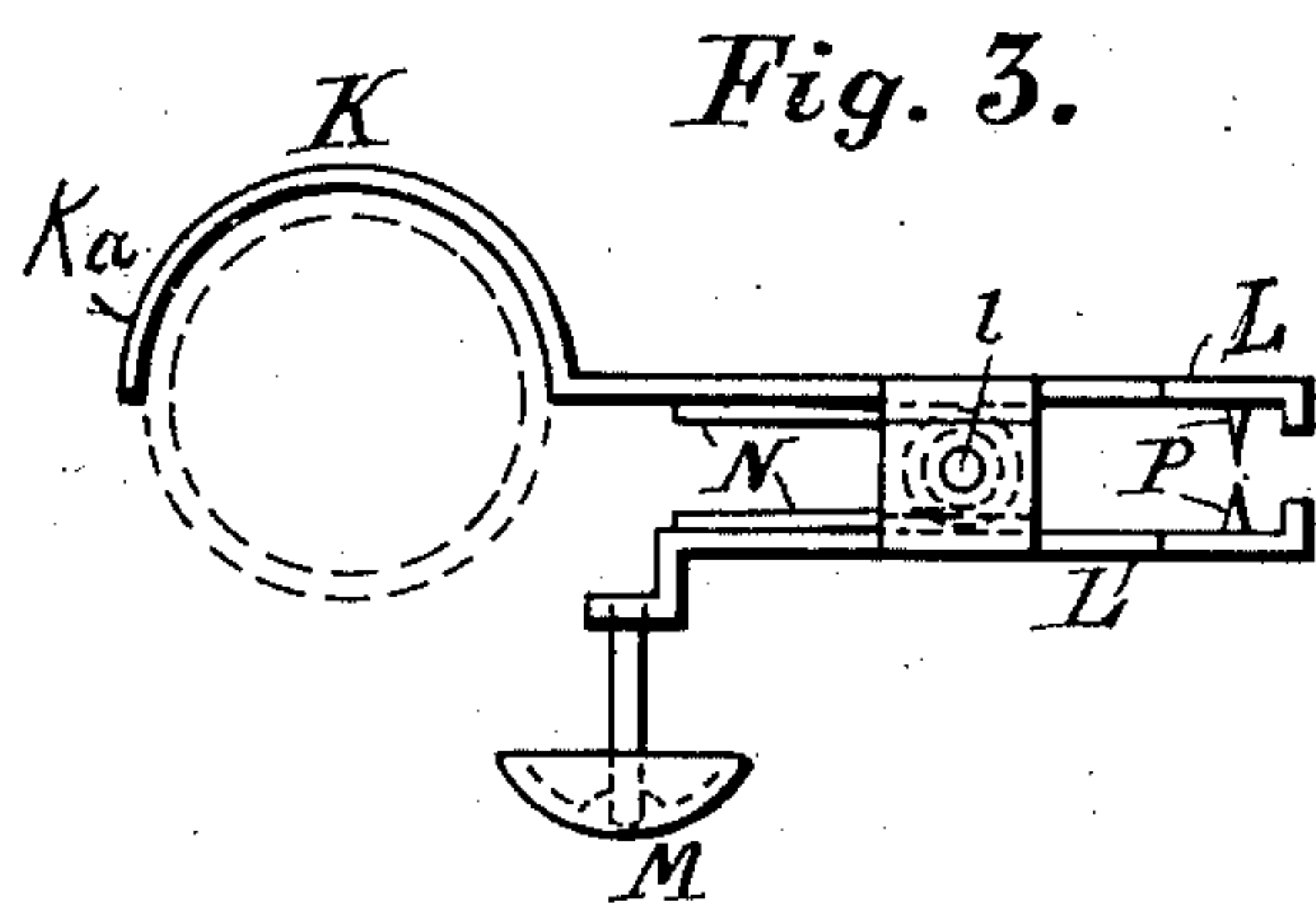


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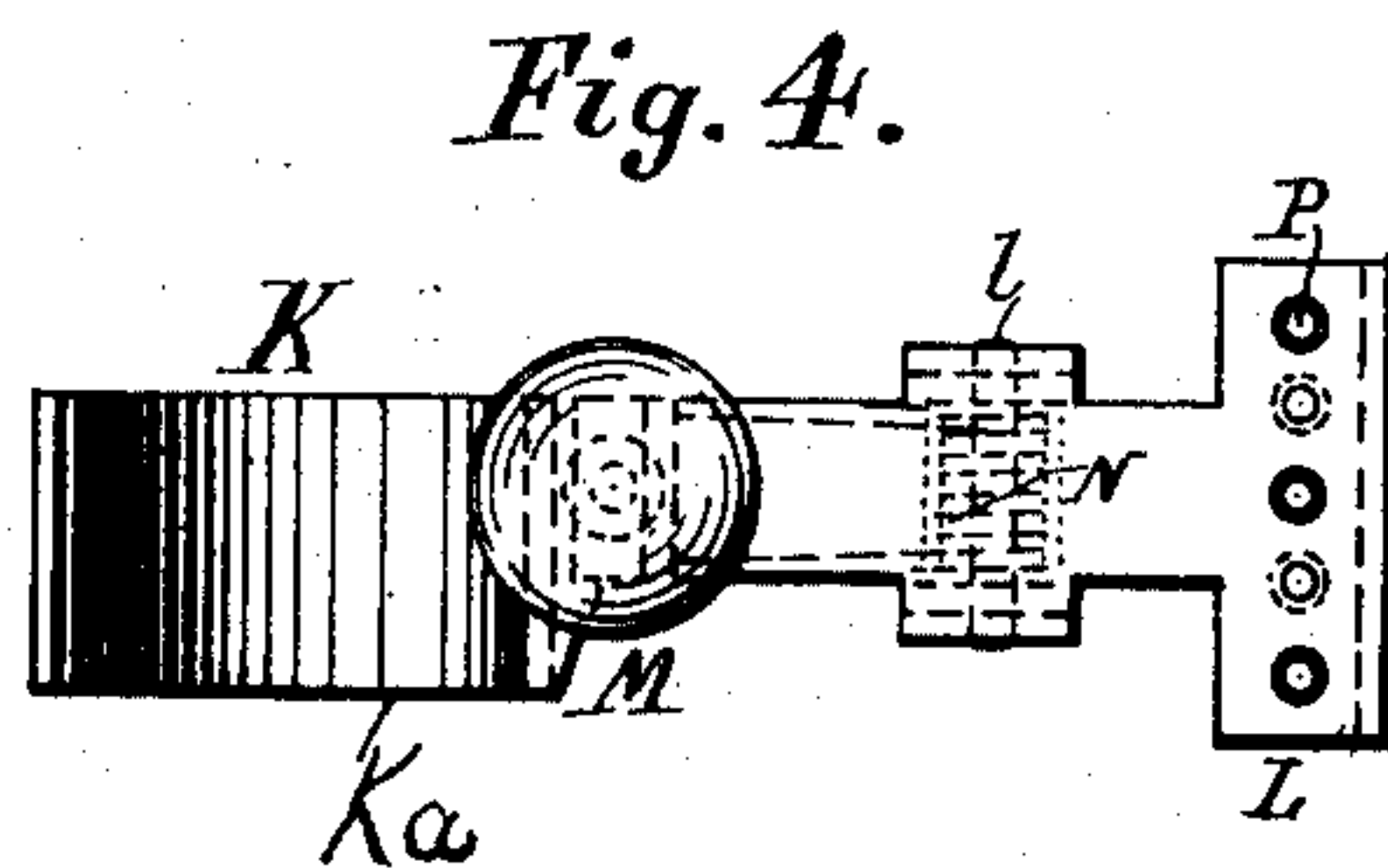


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN OHSOL, a subject of the Russian Empire, and resident of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Newspaper-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

At present, it is customary for people to read newspapers on the trains, boats, and other places, and to hold the unwieldly leaves directly in their hands. The object of my invention is to provide a device which will support the left hand edge of the newspaper effectively; and it is my intention that this device be held in one's hand, while the other hand may support the outer edge of the newspaper. In this manner, the paper may be managed more efficiently, than without the holder.

Without regard to the various scopes of the invention, which are attended to in the claims hereinafter annexed, the general nature of my conception consists of a telescopic tube, with paper fasteners at intervals along the length thereof, whereby the left hand edge of the paper may be clamped, and the edge held straight.

I can best describe the construction by reference to the accompanying drawings, which show all the details.

Figure 1, is an elevation of the device in its collapsed condition, for carrying in the pocket, or in a little box, like a box for holding a tobacco pipe. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the same device in an extended condition, ready for use. Dotted lines represent hidden parts. Fig. 3 is a plan of one of the paper fasteners, shown partly open. Fig. 4 is an elevation of the same paper fastener, that is shown in Fig. 3. The scale in Figs. 3 and 4 is larger than that in Figs. 1 and 2.

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, are short tubes, successively of smaller and smaller diameter, and sliding the one in the other along the length, so as to form either a short tube when all the tubes are pushed together, or so as to form a long tube after the manner of a telescope, when the tubes are pulled outwardly. In Fig. 1, all the tubes, except that of the larger diameter, are pushed into the said largest tube.

The tubes are provided with bayonet joints as identified at the letters *b, c, d, e, f,* and *g*, which are the pins of the said joints.

The tubes A, D and G are each provided with a paper fastener, respectively, K, J, and H. This consists essentially of the pivot pin (taking the fastener K as a sample), *l*, jaws L, with pin points P, for puncturing the paper, a spring N, for holding the jaws together, a finger piece M for pressing the fastener open, and an arc shaped extension Ka, for being fastened to the tube A, rigidly, as by solder.

At *m*, is the head of the tube G, serving as a finger piece for pushing the tubes together and for pulling them apart.

Each tube has a long slot along the length of the tube so that the pins may feed longitudinally of the tubes. One of these slots is shown at *k*, in tube D.

The mode of operation, consists simply in opening the jaws, after extending the device, and placing the left hand edge of the newspaper in the jaws, and holding the outer edge of the paper by one's right hand. The leaves may be turned from page to page like a book. When finished reading, the paper may be removed, and the device collapsed.

I claim as my invention:—

1. A paper holder consisting of the combination of tubes of successively smaller and smaller diameter, fitting into each other, bayonet joints holding the tubes together, and paper fasteners attached to some of the tubes.

2. A paper holder, consisting of the combination of a telescopic tube, an arc shaped piece fastened to said tube, jaws L, carried by said arc shaped piece, puncturing pin points P, on the jaws, a pivot pin *l*, for the jaws to turn upon, and a spring N, for holding the jaws together.

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

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