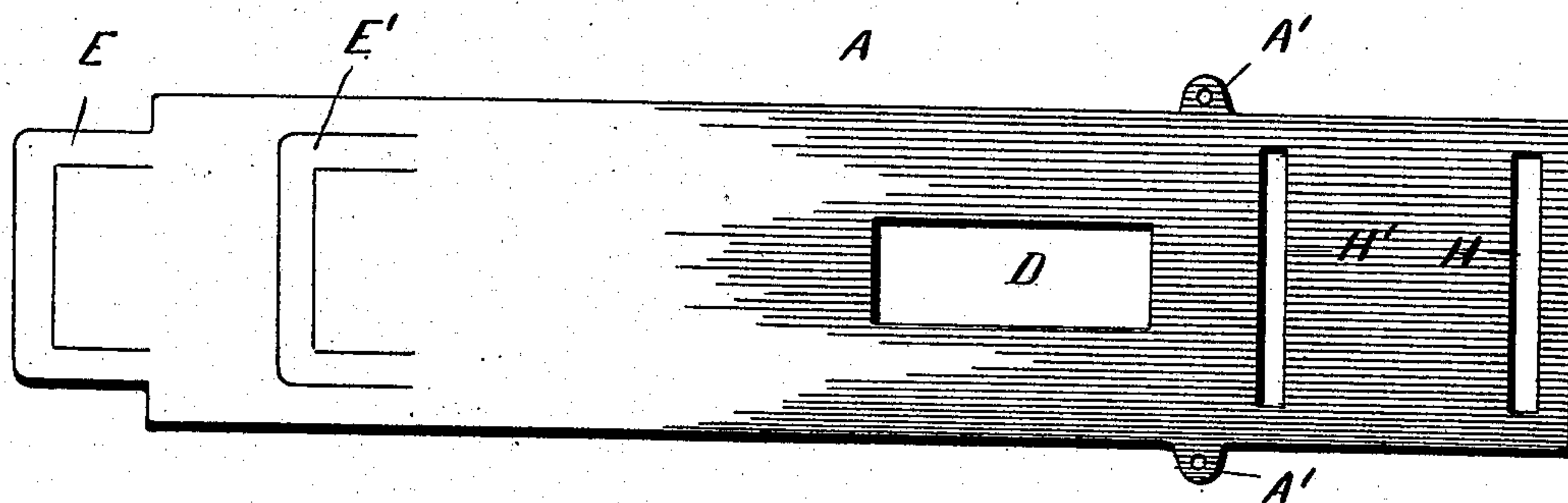
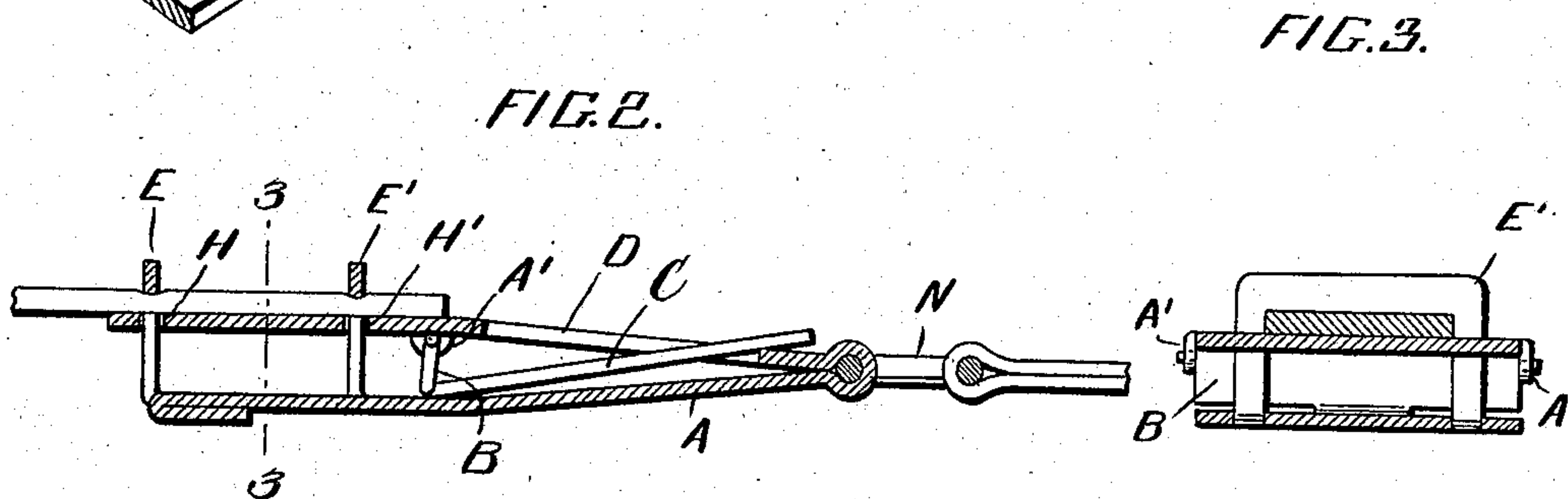
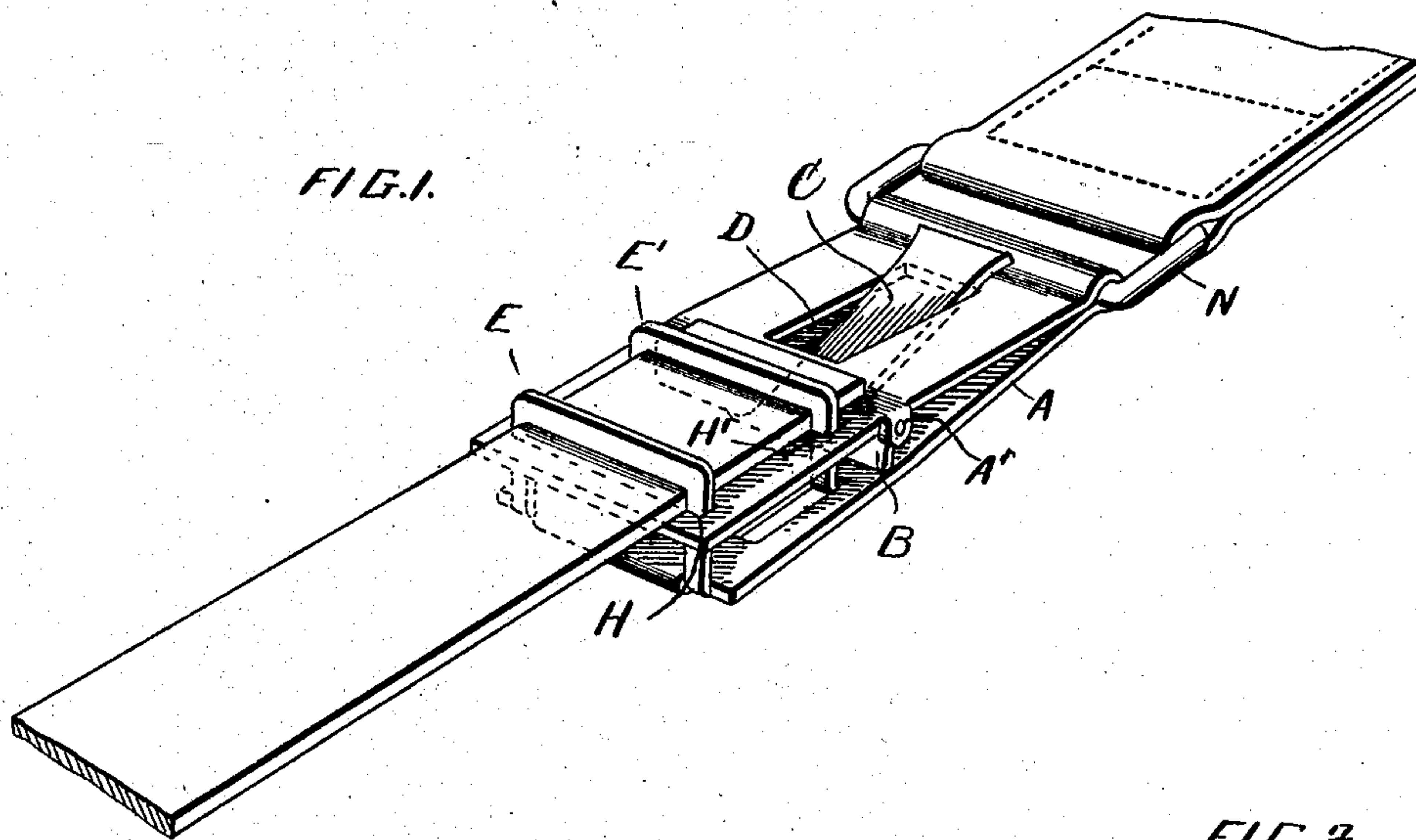


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK A. GOODYKOONTZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sapulpa, in the county of Creek and State of Oklahoma, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Buckles; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in buckles or clasps for various uses and comprises certain details of construction, combinations and arrangements of parts which will be hereinafter fully described and then specifically defined in the appended claims.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved buckle or clasp. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view. Fig. 3 is a cross sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a detail view showing the blank from which the clasp is constructed.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates a blank of metal having ears A' upon each edge thereof which are apertured to form bearings for a pivotal lever B which is preferably angular and has a handle C extending through an elongated slot D formed in said plate.

E and E' designate hooks or loops which are struck up from the plate A near one end and are adapted to be bent at right angles to the length of the plate as shown in the drawings. Near the opposite end of the plate are two transverse slots H and H' designed, when the plate is bent in the form shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, to receive the two loops or hooks E and E'. Said plate is made preferably of a resilient material and, when bent upon itself, is adapted to form two jaws which are spread apart by the tilting of the lever to hold a strap or other article intermediate the outer face of the wings of the plate

and said hooks or loops. A loop N is held by the portion of the plate where it is bent upon itself and affords means whereby a strap or other article may be connected to the buckle.

In operation, the strap or other article to be held by the buckle is first inserted through the loops or hooks E and E' and the lever turned upon its pivot so that its free end will bear against the inner face of one of the wings of the plate, thereby causing the plates to separate and the strap or other article passing through the loops or hooks to be drawn tightly by the latter against the outer face of the wing of the plate in which said slots are formed.

By the provision of a buckle or clasp made as shown and described, a simple and efficient device is afforded for various uses and forms a secure holding device for straps, lacings of shoes, belts, harnesses, etc.

What I claim to be new is:—

1. A buckle comprising a plate of metal bent upon itself to form two resilient jaws, loops struck up from one of said jaws, the opposite jaw having slots to receive said loops, and means for holding a strap passed through said loops against the outer face of one of the jaws, as set forth.

2. A buckle comprising a plate of metal bent upon itself to form two resilient jaws, loops struck up from one of said jaws, the opposite jaw having slots to receive said loops, an angled lever pivoted upon one of said jaws and adapted to bear against the other to move the jaws from each other, as set forth.

3. A buckle comprising a plate of metal bent upon itself to form two resilient jaws, loops struck up from one of said jaws, the other of said jaws having opposite said loops elongated slots therein, ears projecting from the slotted jaw, an angled lever pivoted in said ears and having a handle extending through said slot, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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