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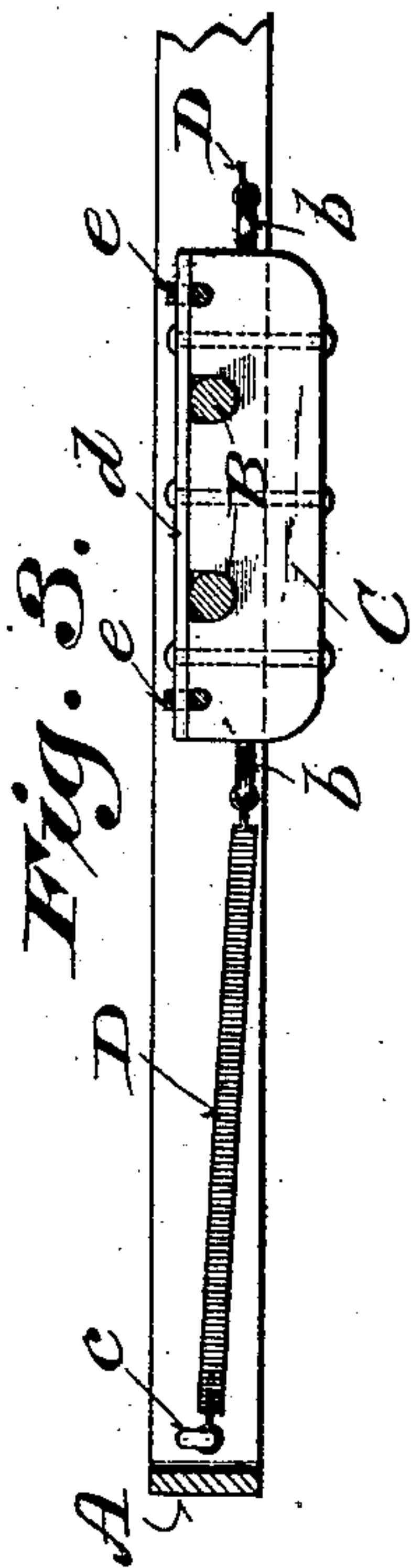
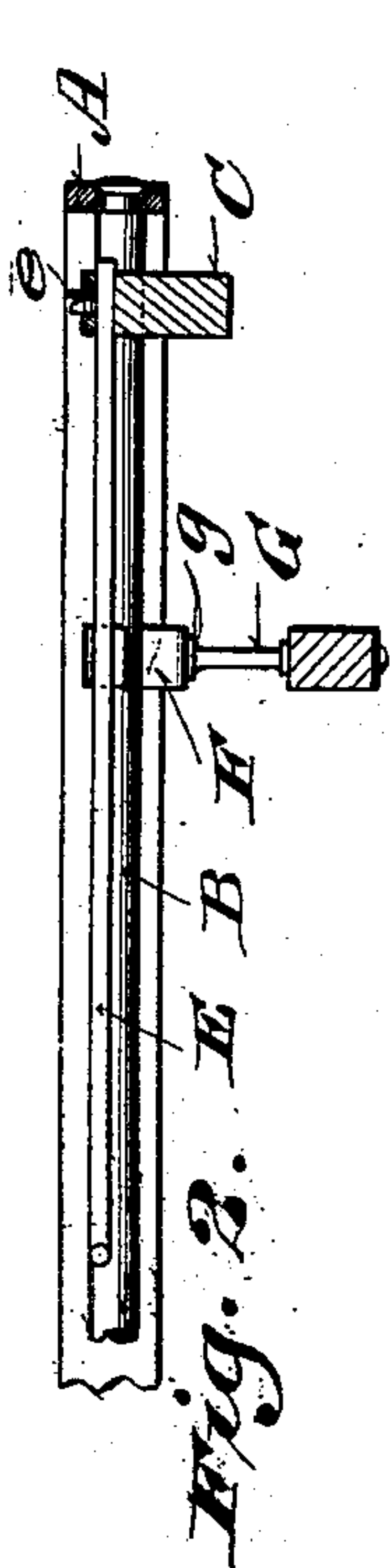


Fig. 4.

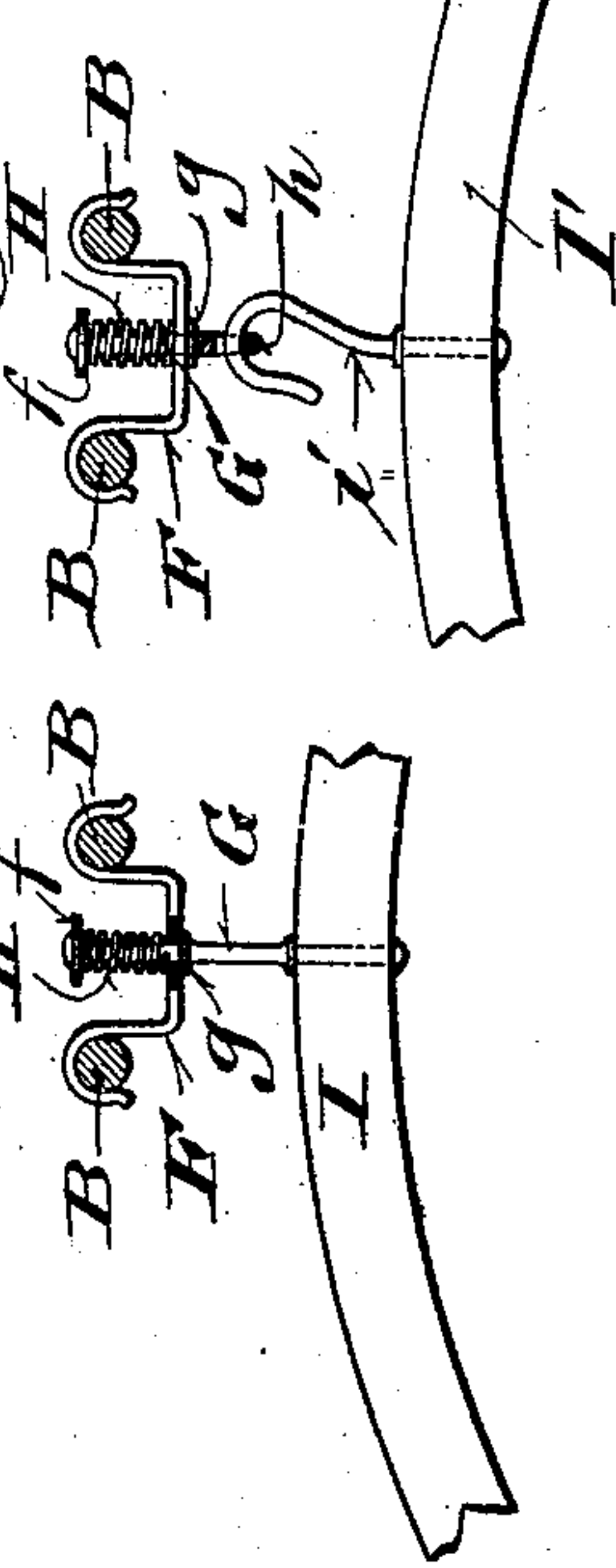
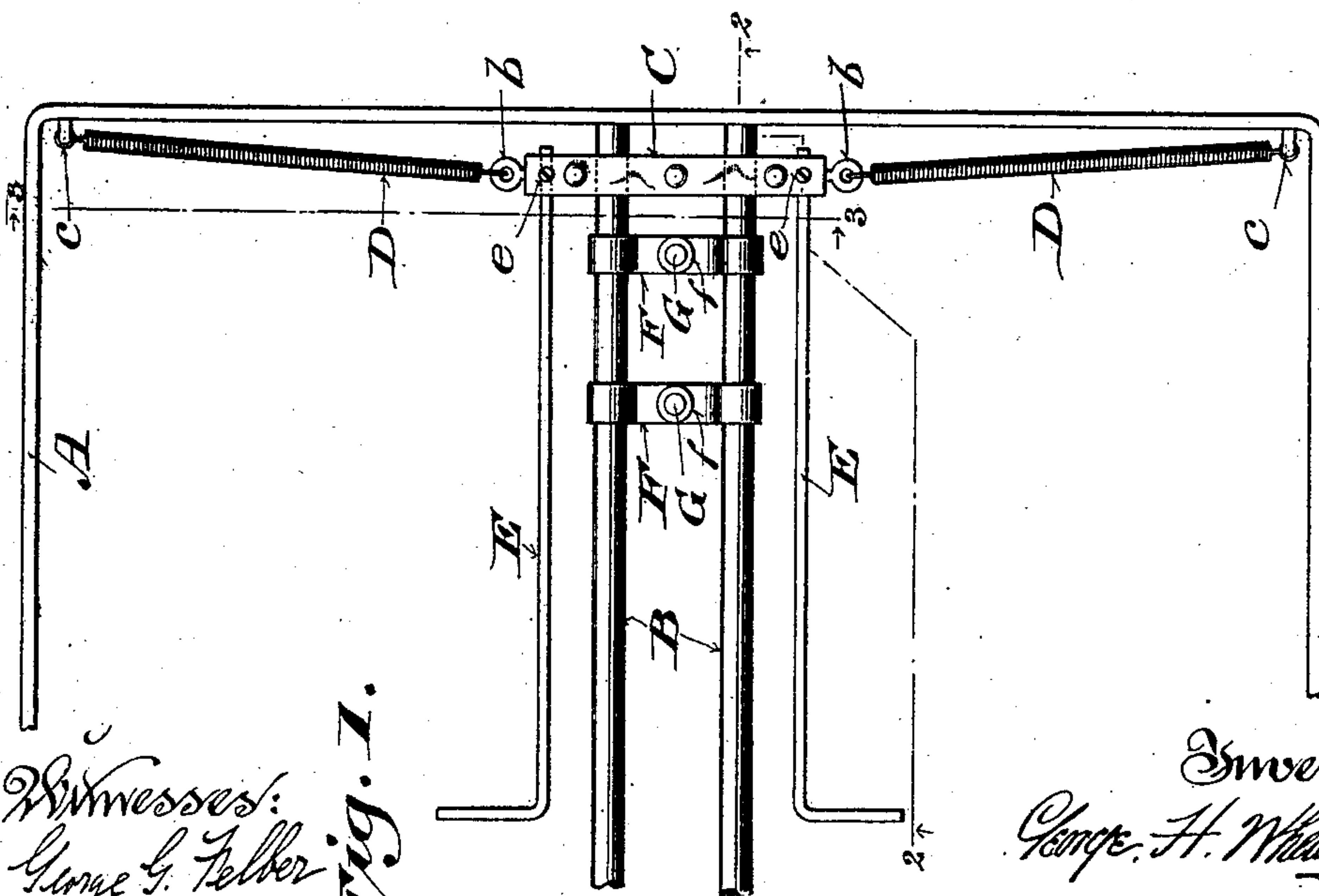
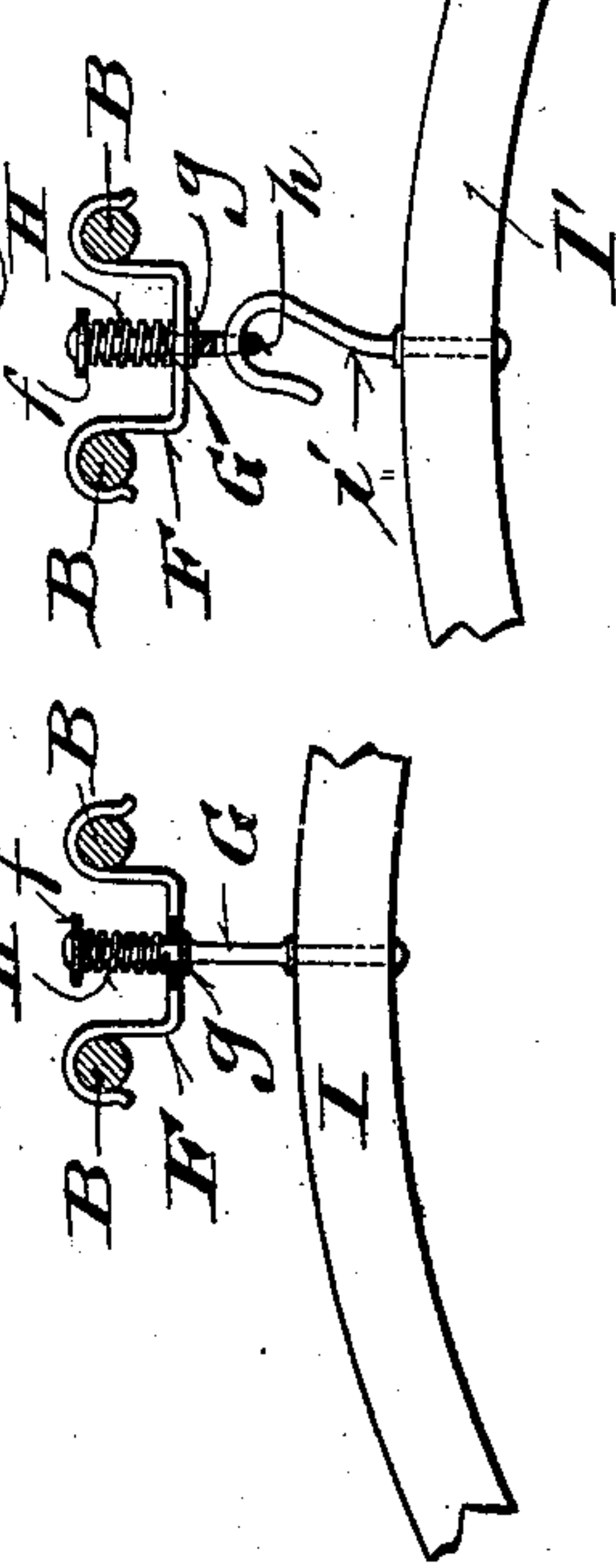


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Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. WHEARY, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Racine, in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Attachments for Garment-Receptacles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention consists in what is hereinafter particularly set forth with reference to the accompanying drawings and pointed out in claims of this specification, its object being to provide garment-supporter attachments (applicable to wardrobe-trunks, closets and other receptacles) with automatic recoil slide-bars by which garment-hangers and garments therewith are moved forward from normal position, a further object of said invention being to provide for yielding support of said hangers having sliding suspension on the guides for said automatic-recoil slide-bars.

Figure 1 of the drawings represents a plan view of a fragment of one of my improved garment-supporter attachments for wardrobe-trunks and other receptacles; Figs. 2 and 3 sectional views of the same respectively indicated by lines 2—2 and 3—3 in Fig. 1; Fig. 4, a partly sectional view illustrating a yielding garment-hanger having sliding suspension on guides for the automatic recoil slide-bars of the supporter, and Fig. 5, a similar view of another form of the hanger likewise suspended.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A indicates a fragment of a rectangular frame intended to be fastened in a wardrobe trunk or other receptacle, said frame being stiff or jointed according to the requirements of the trade, both forms of frame being old in the art. Central of the frame and extending in one direction of the same is a pair of parallel rods B constituting guides for a slide-bar C provided at its ends with eyes *b* in connection with spiral-springs D that have their other ends in connection with eyes *c* with which an end of said frame is provided, the springs being under tension. As a matter of detail, the bar is preferably notched to engage its several guides, transversely of the same, the engagement being made permanent by means of a plate *d* riveted on said bar over said guides. Fastened by set-screws

e in notches of the slide-bar under the plate *d*, with which the screws engage, are stiff wire handles E for said bar.

In sliding engagement with the guides B, forward of the bar C, are the opposite eye or hook ends of clips F and guided in a central aperture of each clip is a vertical stem G having a head *f* between which and said clip a spiral spring H is arranged under tension. The stem is also provided with a stop-shoulder *g* that abuts the underside of the clip in normal position.

In Fig 4, the spring-controlled stem G is shown as having its shouldered lower portion made fast in a stiff-bar I to therewith constitute a garment-hanger, while in Fig. 5, said stem is shown as having its lower end in the form of an eye *h* for the engagement of a center suspending hook *i* fast in a bar I' similar to the bar I aforesaid. The spring G is ordinarily strong enough to support the load that comes upon the garment-hanger bar, but in case of sudden downward movement of said load, there is yield of said spring to compensate for the strain that would otherwise have a tendency to fracture said hanger-bar or to straighten out a suspending hook of same.

The clips F being run back on their guides B, said clips and their loads are brought forward by pull upon the handles E of the slide-bar C, this operation resulting in an expansion of the springs D to increase their tension, and upon release of said handles there is automatic recoil of said bar to normal position due to contraction of said spring. The clips and their loads are pushed back to normal position by hand, but in the meantime the slide-bar and its handles have been automatically returned out of the way and no manipulation of the same is necessary at any time except to move the same in a forward direction, this being an advantageous feature of my invention.

I claim:

1. An attachment for a garment-receptacle comprising a rectangular frame for rigid connection with the receptacle inside the same, guides in the frame, and an automatic-recoil slide-bar engaging the several guides transversely of the same.

2. An attachment for a garment-receptacle comprising a rectangular frame for rigid connection with the receptacle inside the

same, guides in the frame, a slide-bar on the guides, springs connecting the bar and frame, and handles extending from said bar.

3. An attachment for a garment-receptacle comprising a rectangular frame for rigid connection with the receptacle inside the same, guides in the frame, a clip in sliding engagement with the guides, a spring-controlled stem having sliding engagement with the clip, and a garment-hanger bar suspended in connection with the stem.

4. An attachment for a garment-receptacle, comprising a rectangular frame for rigid connection with the receptacle inside the same, guides in the frame, a clip in sliding engagement with the guides, a stem depending through the clip, a spring under tension supporting the stem above said clip, and a garment-hanger bar suspended in connection with the depending portion of said stem.

5. An attachment for a garment-receptacle comprising a rectangular frame for rigid connection with the receptacle inside the same, guides in the frame, a clip in sliding

engagement with the guides, a headed stem depending through the clip and provided with a stop-shoulder under said clip, a spring under tension between the stem-head and clip, and a garment-hanger bar suspended in connection with the depending portion of said stem.

6. An attachment for a garment-receptacle comprising a rectangular frame for rigid connection with the receptacle inside the same, guides in the frame, an automatic-recoil slide-bar on the guides, a clip in sliding engagement with said guides forward of said bar, and a garment-hanger bar in spring-controlled suspension from the clip.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Racine, in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin in the presence of two witnesses.

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