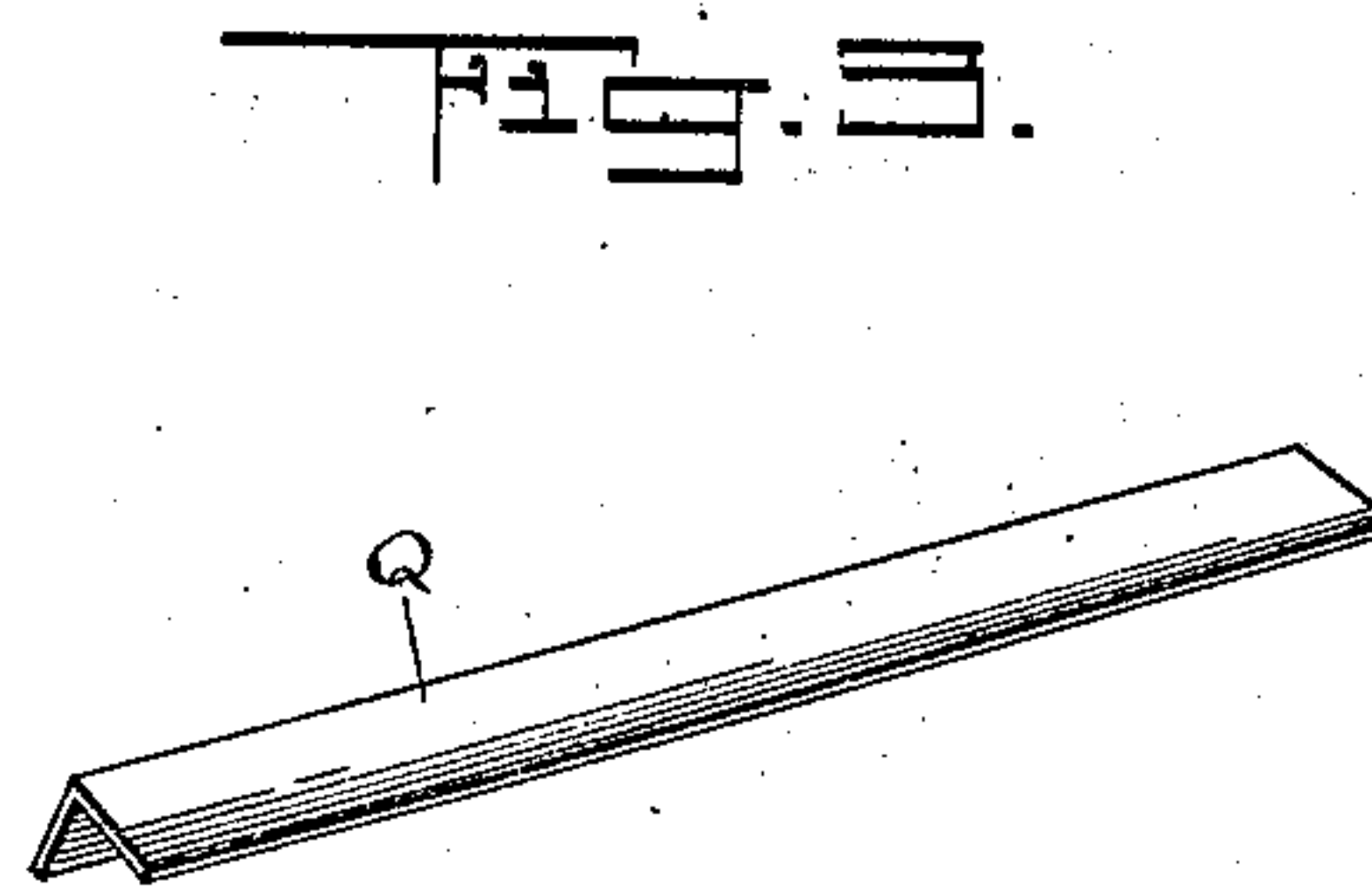
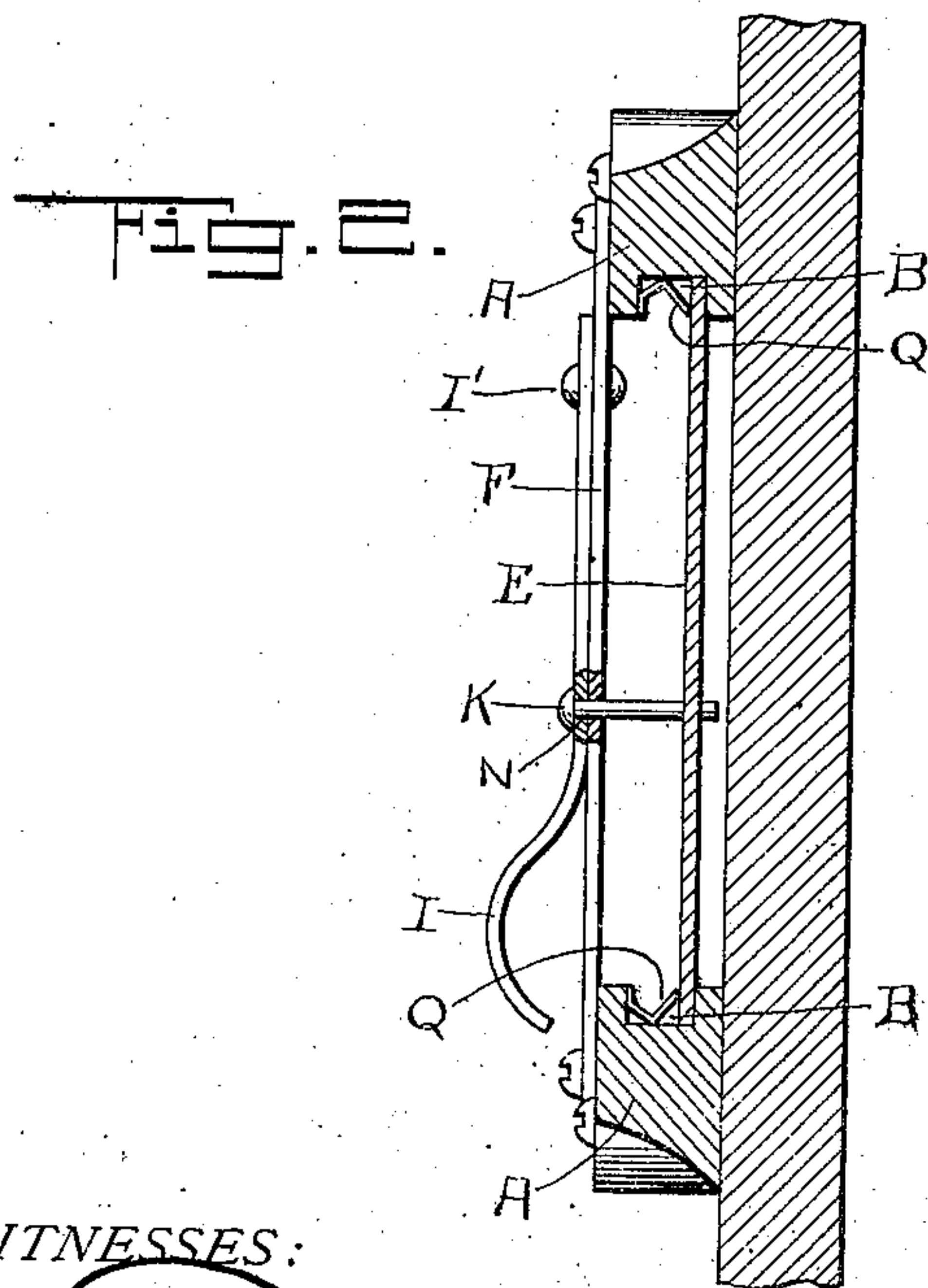
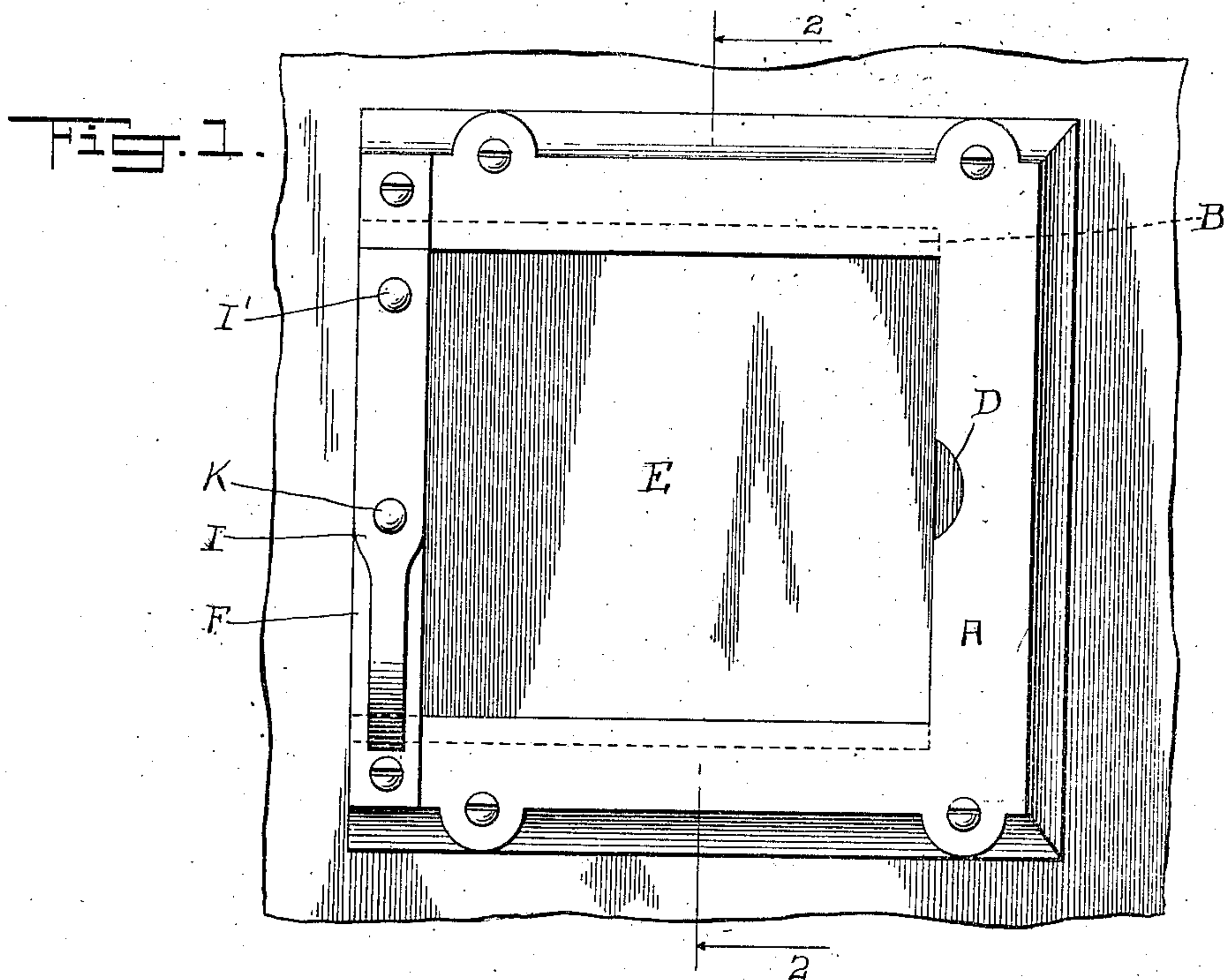


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES P. RALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Williamsport, in the county of Lycoming and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sign-Holding Apparatus; 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 sign holding apparatus and especially in the provision of a rack or frame which is grooved for the reception of a sign and in the provision of resilient angle pieces mounted in the grooves and adapted to bear between the same and the edge of the sign for holding the latter securely in place.

I illustrate my invention in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a face or plan view in elevation of my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view vertically on line 2—2 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a detail view of the device for holding the sign from rattling.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by characters, A designates the frame of a rack, preferably of metal and adapted to be fastened to the side of a car or other object and is provided with parallel grooves B in the inner marginal edges of two of the sides of the rack and the third side of the rack has a recess D whereby the finger of an operator may be conveniently inserted therein for the purpose of moving the sign E held in the rack. One end of the rack is open, thus allowing the sign to be inserted or removed. A bar F bridges over

the rack at one end thereof and is fastened at its ends to the latter, and I is a spring fastened at I' to said bar and provided with a pin K which projects therefrom and extends through an aperture N in said bar and is adapted to form means for holding the sign within the rack. One end of said spring is free and is bent outwardly to form a handle whereby it may be conveniently gripped when it is desired to cause the pin to be withdrawn from the path of the sign which moves within said groove. In order to hold the signs in place, I provide the resilient pieces Q of metal which are U-shaped in cross section and held one in each of said grooves by the friction intermediate said members Q and the face of the sign.

By the provision of a device as shown and described, it will be noted that a simple and efficient means is afforded whereby signs indicating the contents of the car to which the rack is fastened or other objects may be readily indicated, the signs being capable of ready removal and replacement when desired.

What I claim to be new is:—

In combination with a rack adapted to be fastened to the side of a car or other object, said frame having an open end and its opposite inner edges grooved and adapted to receive a sign, resilient angled metal pieces mounted one in each of said grooves, one edge of said pieces adapted to bear against one of the walls of the grooves and its other edge against a sign to hold the latter against the opposite wall of the groove.

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

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