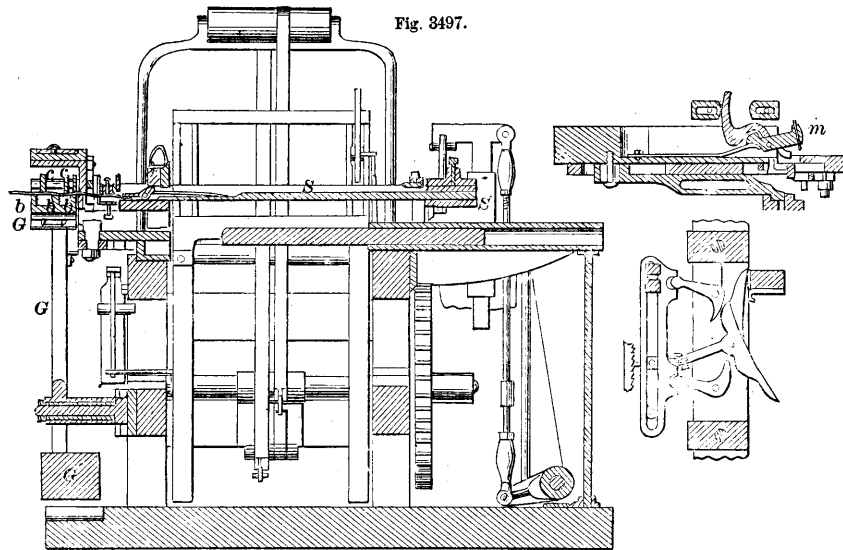


Palm-leaf Loom. Strips of palm-leaf of proper width and length for the weft of the desired fabric are placed side by side between fingers *b c* at the top of a vibrating holder *G* at the side of the loom-frame. The ends of the strips next the selvedge are cut off evenly by a knife, and a weight *G'* at the bottom of the holder keeps the holder pressed in one direction

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Palm-Leaf Loom.

with sufficient force to keep the edge of the strip to be selected against a gage about in line with the selector. A feeding-arm *m* catches the end of one strip at a time and presents it to the selector *S*, which has at one end a pair of pinchers, and the selector draws the strip between the warps. The weaving mechanism is as usual.