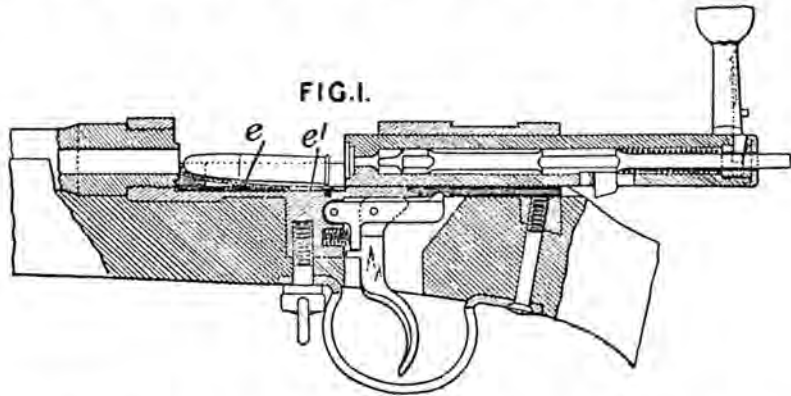


*Breech actions, sliding breech-block.* — Relates to detail improvements in bolt-action rifles of the type in which the bottom of the bolt raceway is in a lower plane than the chambered end of the barrel, the feature of the invention being a spring device to enable loading to be performed by simply dropping cartridges into the bottom of the raceway and then closing the bolt. The cartridges are directed into the barrel by means of a spring lead *e*, Fig. 1, dovetailed at the part *e'* and secured by a screw. In a modification, a block having an upper inclined surface replaces the spring tongue *e*,



the block being acted upon by a spiral or other spring.