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Fig. 1.

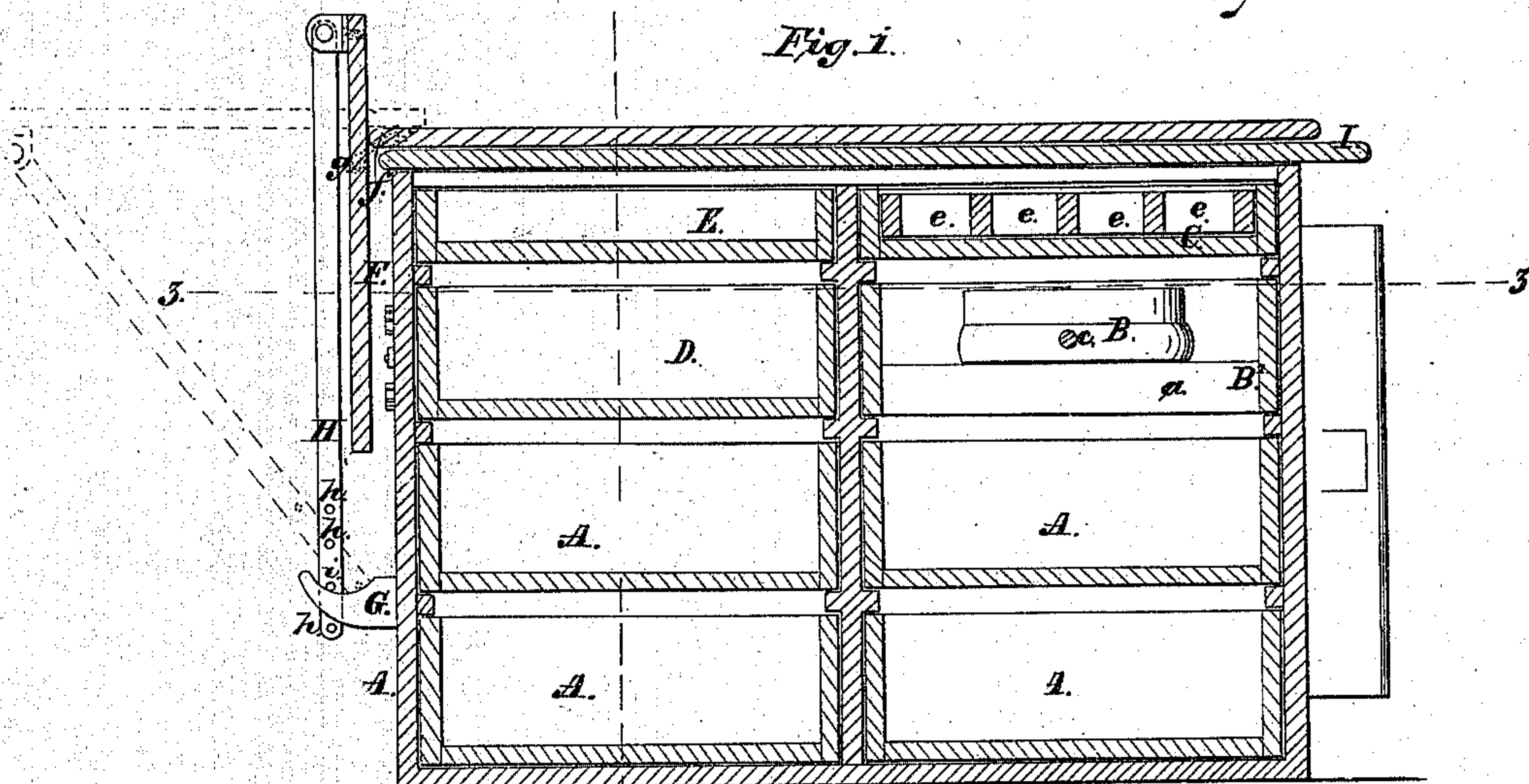


Fig. 3.

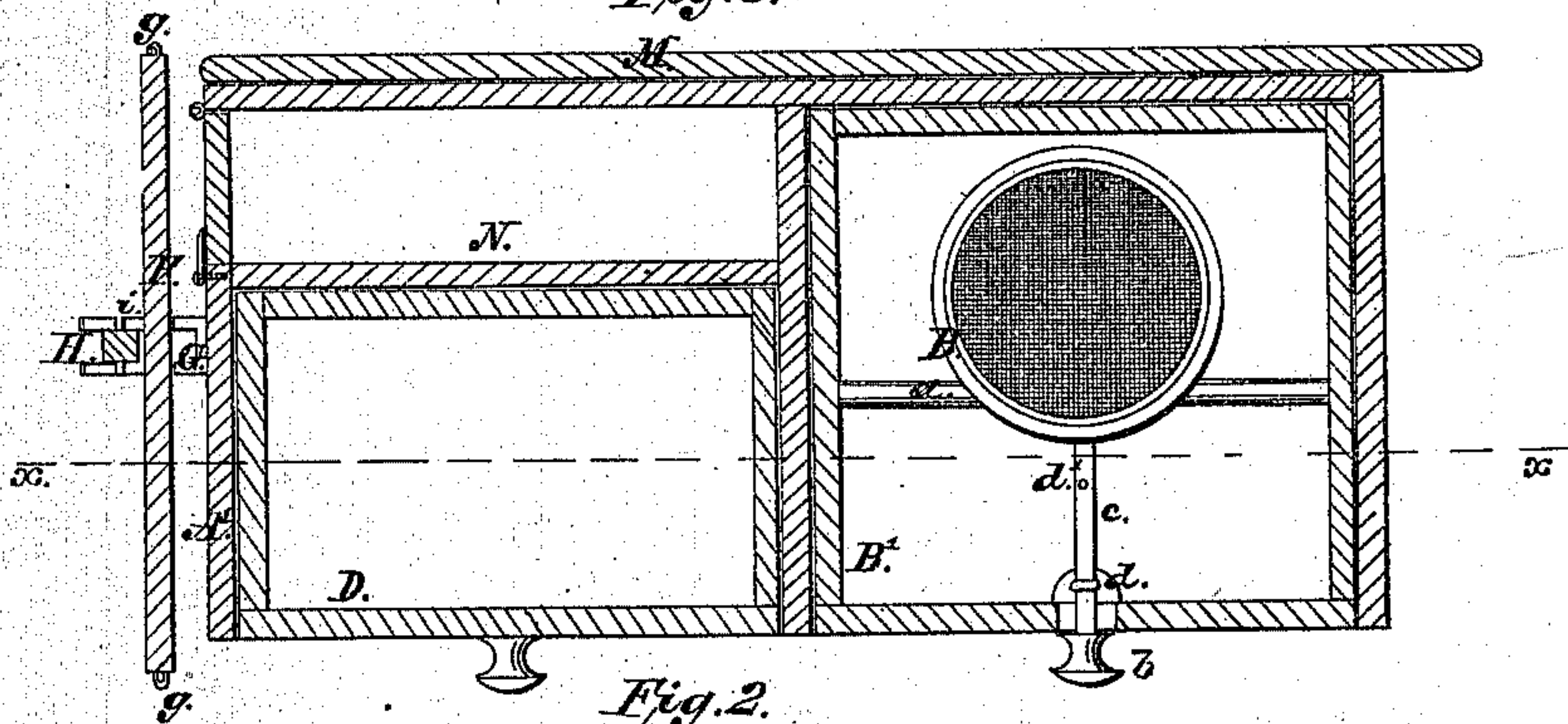
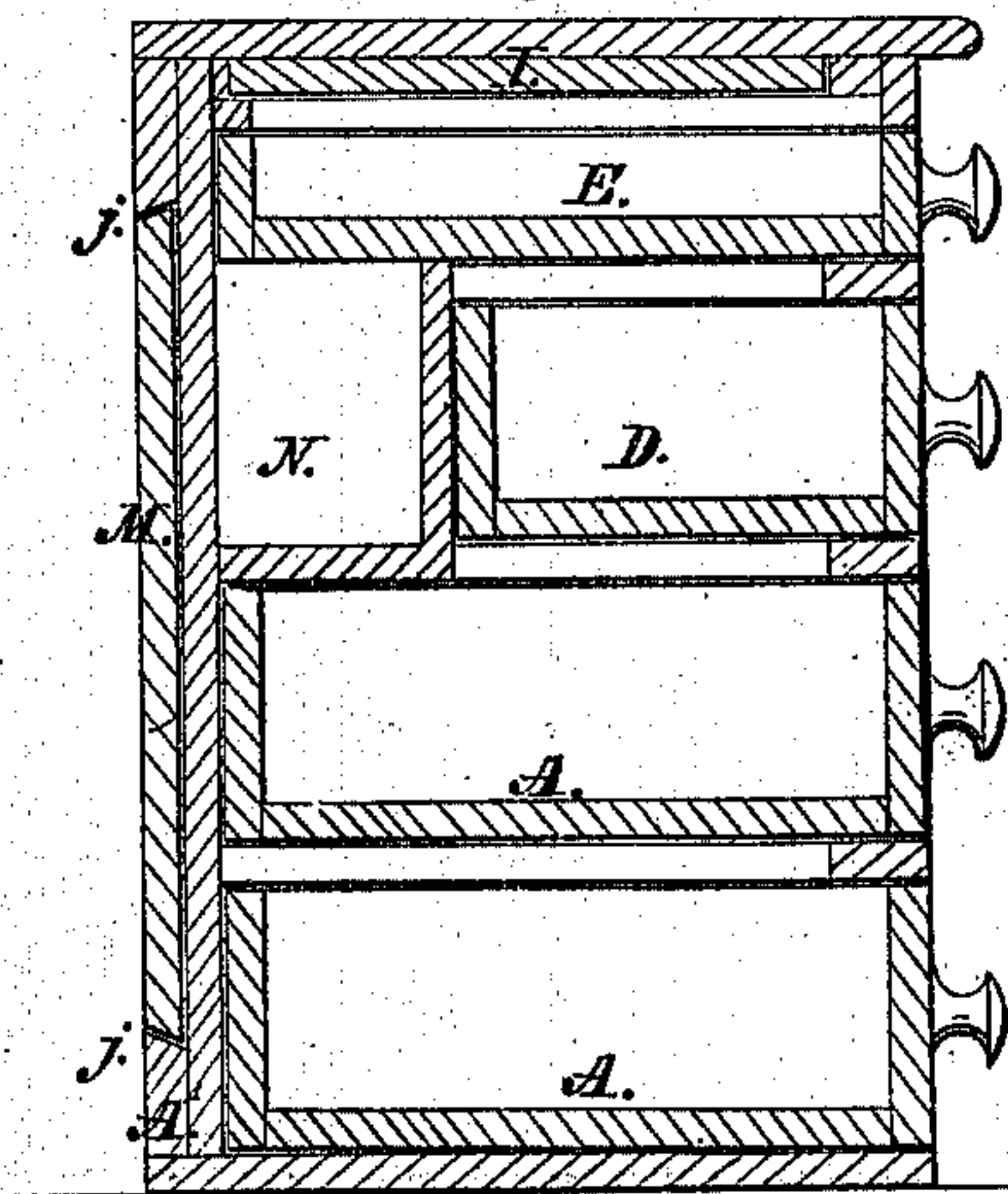


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED CHEST OF DRAWERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, C. H. WALKER, of Warren, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Household Article, which I denominate "Housewife's Friend;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a longitudinal vertical section of my invention, taken in the plane indicated by the line *x x*, Fig. 3. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section of the same, the plane of section being indicated by the line *y y*, Fig. 1, and looking in the direction of the arrow marked opposite to that line. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of the same, taken in the plane indicated by the line *z z*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference in the three views indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to produce a receptacle capable of holding all the articles generally needed by housewives in transacting their household duties, in a compact form and with a handsome exterior.

To enable those skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation with reference to the drawings.

The four drawers A, which occupy the lower portion of the box or chest A', are all made of the same size, and they are intended to contain flour and the different kinds of meal. The drawer B' contains the sieve B, which is supported by the cross-bar *a* and operated by the handle *b*, connecting with it by a rod, *c*. This rod is fastened by a pivot, *d*, in a lug projecting from the inside of the drawer, as clearly shown in Fig. 3, and the sieve is so put in that by unscrewing the handle and removing the pivot *d* it can be taken out to clear it of bran or such other matter as may adhere to it. When not in use, the handle *b* presents the same appearance as all the other handles.

When the sieve is to be used, the pivot *d* is put into the second hole *d'* in the rod, and also, if desired, into a second hole in the lug, and it can now be vibrated with the greatest ease.

The drawer C above the sieve is furnished

with a series of small compartments, *e*, to contain the different kinds of spice.

The drawers D and E are to contain the baking-tins, towels, and such other articles as it may be necessary to use in cooking, with the exception of the rolling-pin, which is put inside of the sieve.

The molding-board F is fastened to the chest A' by means of bracket G, brace H, and hooks *f* on the ends of chest, catching in staples *g*, fastened on the edges of the board in such a manner that it may be put entirely on the chest or as far off as may be convenient to the party using it, different holes, *h*, being made in the brace with a small pin, *i*, to pass through them to accommodate the length of the brace to the amount of board upon the chest, as clearly shown in red outlines in Fig. 1. When not in use, the board turns down at the end of chest in the manner shown in black outlines in Figs. 1 and 3.

The board I, which slides in at the top of the chest, is for an extension, when such may be desirable, and it is also very convenient to put anything hot upon it, so as not to injure the varnish on the top of the chest.

In order to render the chest capable of being used as a common work-table, and to furnish some conveniences for ironing, a board, M, is fitted into the back of the chest sliding in V-shaped ways *j*, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. This board is placed on top of chest while ironing to preserve the varnish. The flat-irons and the clothes used in ironing are kept in the closet N. By this combination and arrangement I have produced one of the most useful articles of household furniture, which will be used with advantage and convenience by every housekeeper.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent as a new article of manufacture, is—

A chest, A', provided with drawers A, sieve B, drawers C D E, adjustable molding-board F, extension I, slide M, and closet N, all arranged in the manner and for the purpose described.

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