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Fig. 3

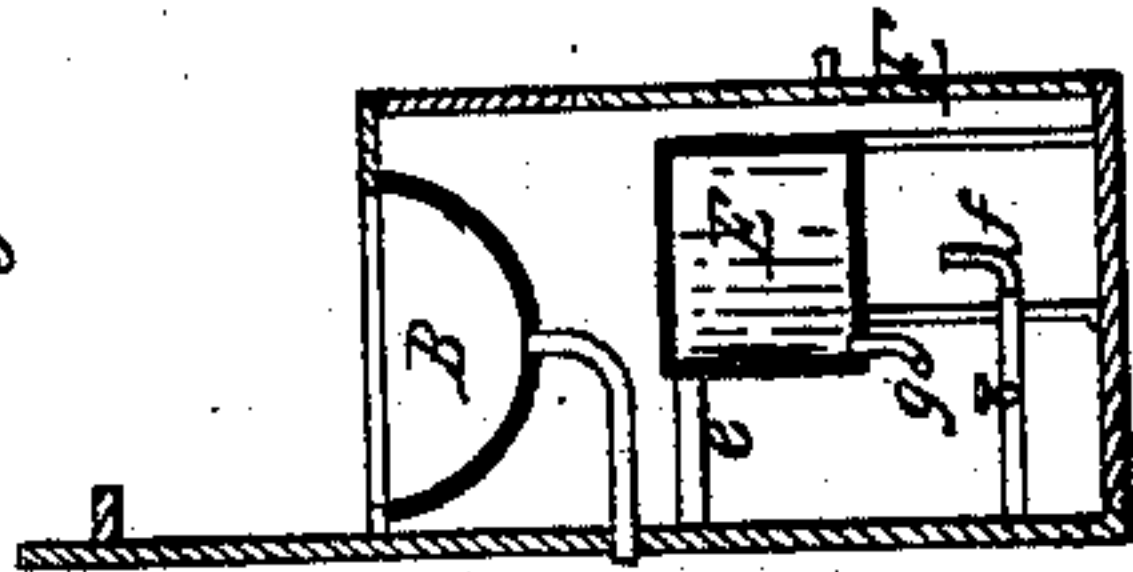


Fig. 2

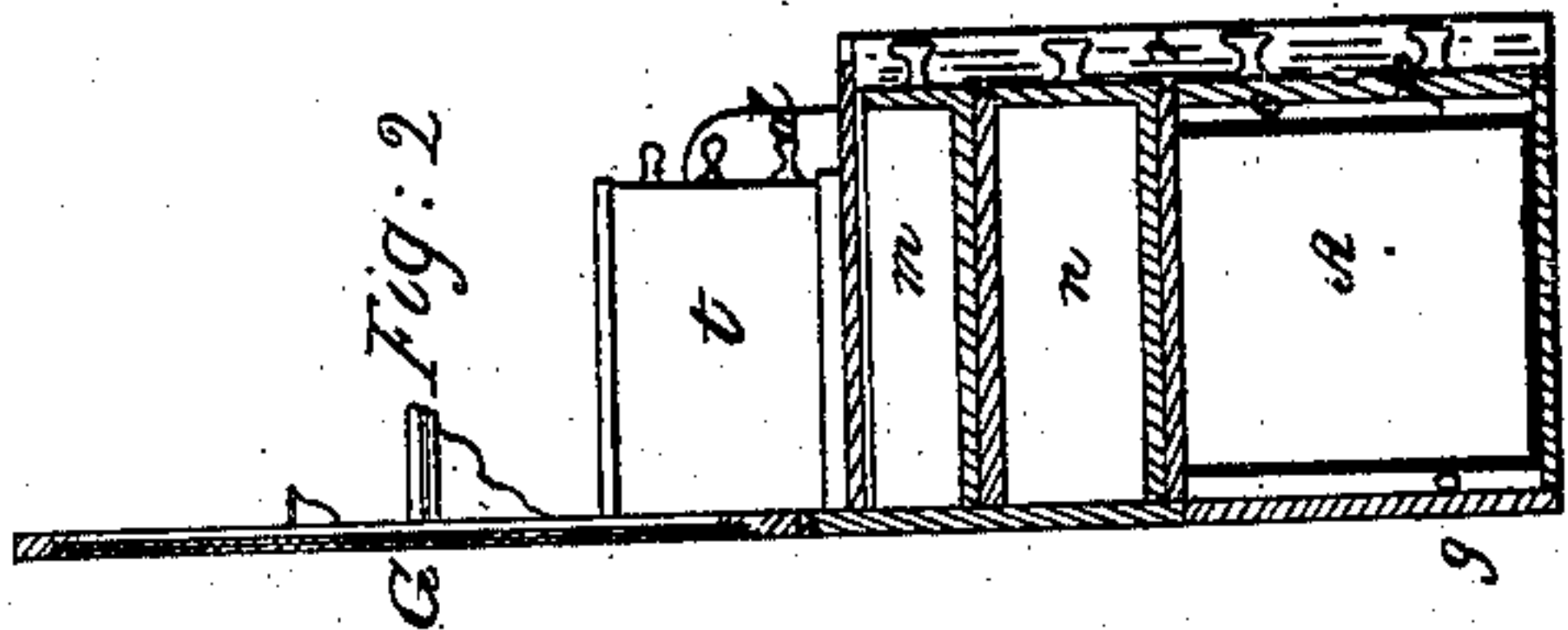


Fig. 1

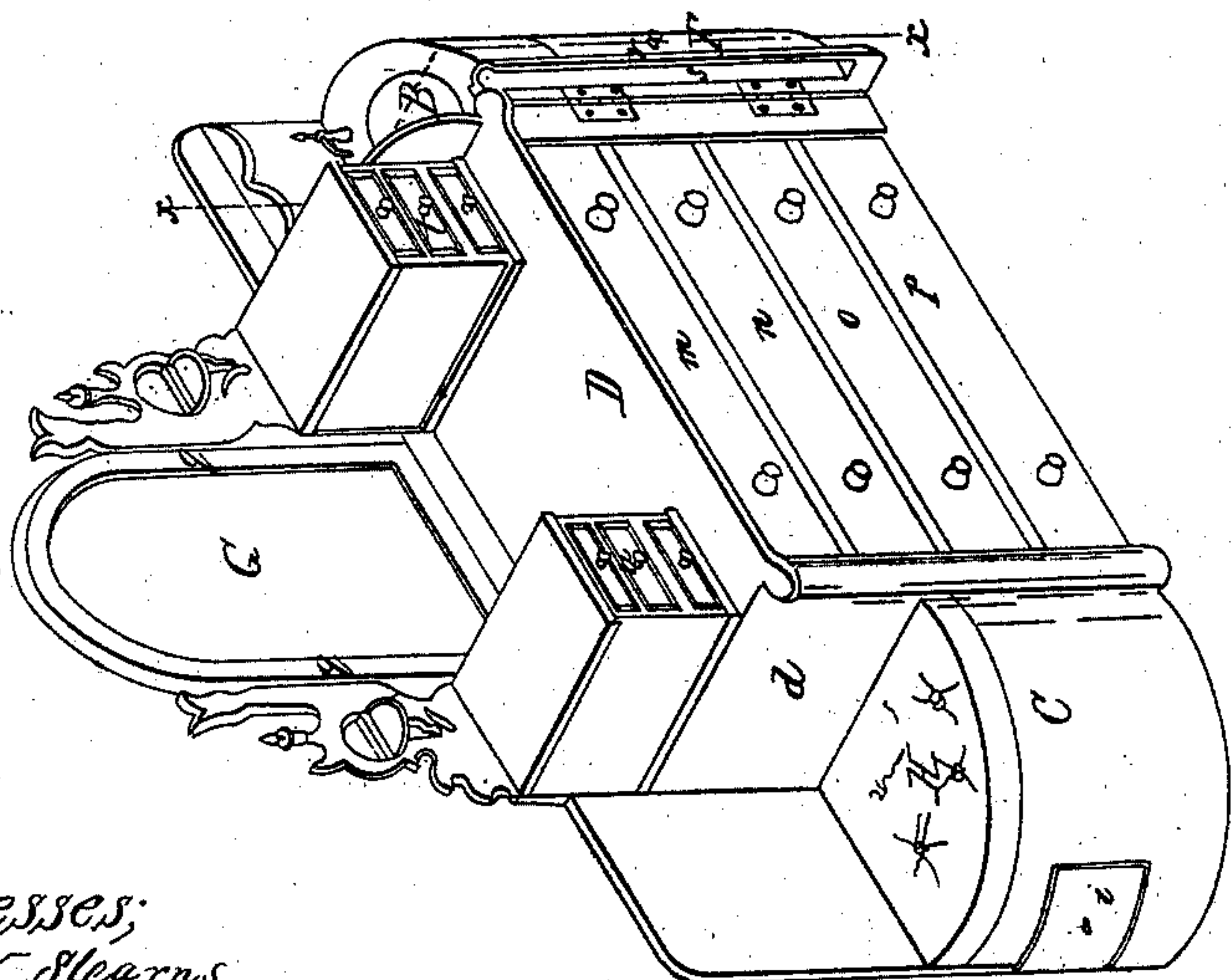
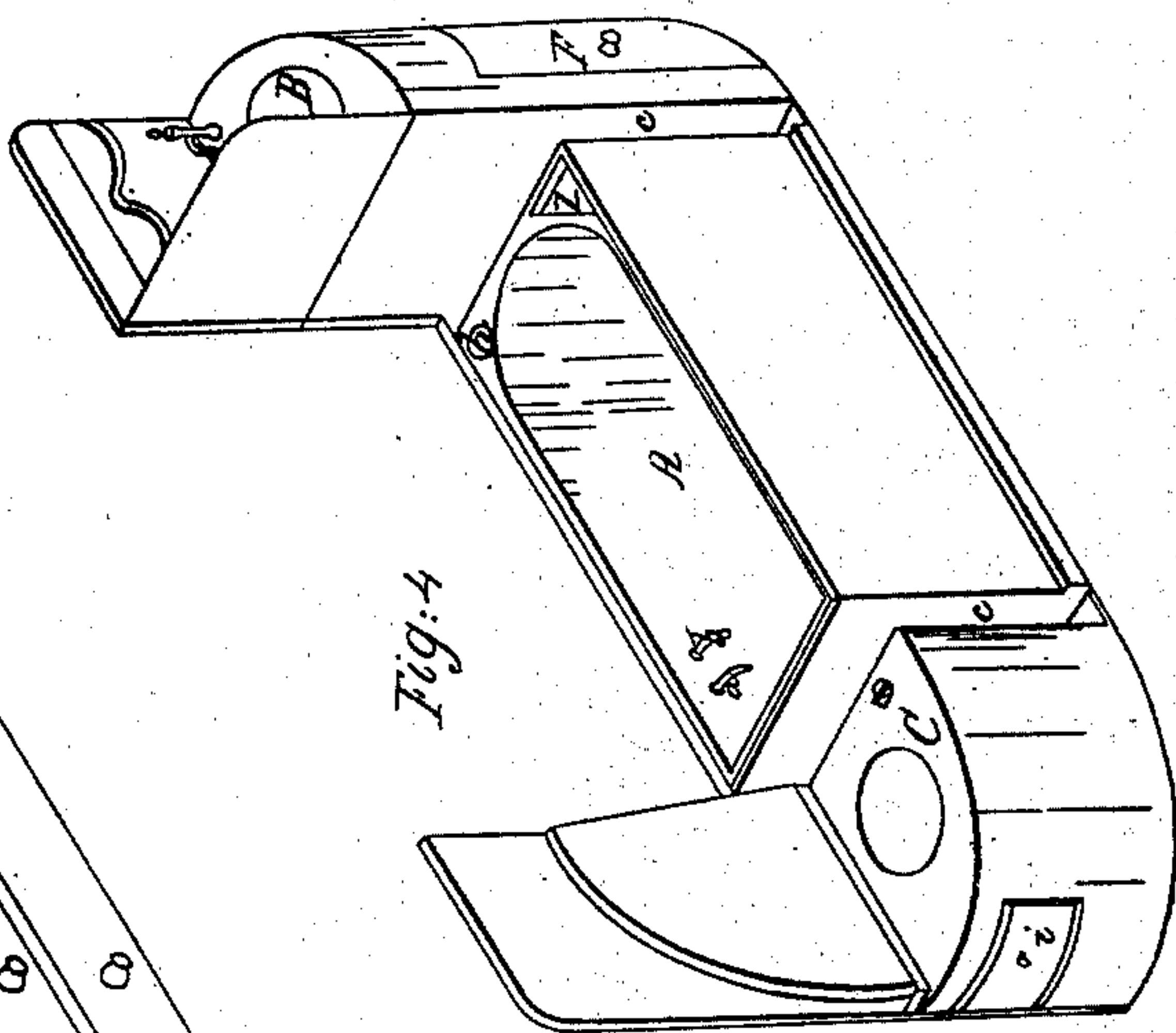


Fig. 4



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IMPROVED DRESSING-CASE AND BATH-TUB.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, CAROLINE A. STAPLES, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a combined Dressing-Case, Bath-Tub, etc., of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my dressing-case, bath-tub, etc., combined.

Figure 2 is a transverse vertical section through the centre of the same.

Figure 3 is a transverse section on the line *x x* of fig. 1.

Figure 4 is a perspective view, representing the bath-tub uncovered.

My invention consists in the employment of a dressing-case, in connection with a bathing-tub, water-closet, and wash-bowl, to be used in hotels and dwelling-houses of the first class, the combined arrangement being applied to the suites of rooms of each occupant to avoid the inconvenience of going outside to another part of the house to the place or places ordinarily occupied by the bath-tub, closet, and bowl, the dressing-case being provided with casters to allow of its being drawn forward to serve as a screen when the bath-tub is in use, and sliding over so as to enclose it, in which position it is of convenient access, and answers the purpose of an ordinary dressing-case.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the said drawings *A* represents a bath-tub, into which hot or cold water may be conducted through the pipes *a b* in a well-known manner. At opposite ends of the bath-tub are placed a wash-bowl, *B*, and water-closet, *C*, a narrow space or opening, *c*, intervening, in which slide the upright sides *d* of a bureau or dressing-case, *D*, (see fig. 1.) The water-closet and wash-bowl are of common construction, with the addition of a small boiler, *E*, placed under the latter, the water being supplied by the pipe *e*, and being heated by gas from the pipe *f*, and discharged through the pipe *g* into the bath-tub, when in summer there is no fire in the range or heater below. The pipes *a*, *b*, and *g* enter the bath-tub at the back corner so that they will not be in the way when stepping into the tub. The inside of the door *F* is provided with hooks upon which to hang towels. *i* is a drawer at one side of the pan of the water-closet. At one end of the bath-tub are formed recesses, *k l*, which serve as receptacles for soap and towels. The dressing-case rolls on casters, and is provided with two large drawers, *m n*, above, and two imitation drawers, *o p*, below, to admit of its enclosing the bath-tub. *G* is a looking-glass pivoted at *g* to standards rising from the top of the dressing-case, and may be swung over so as to front the bath-tub when in use, the dressing-case being drawn out from it and serving as a screen. To each of the front posts of the case is hinged a strip, *r*, (see fig. 1,) provided with a recess, *s*, for the reception of umbrellas, canes, etc. On opposite sides of the looking-glass are placed a series of toilet-drawers, *t*, and a deep drawer, *u*, provided with a shelf perforated with circular holes to allow of bottles, etc., being kept in an upright position. When the lid of the water-closet is closed it may be covered by a cushion, *H*, of corresponding form, (see fig. 1.)

The above-described arrangement is very convenient in hotels or elsewhere, when parties wish to have every accommodation at hand within the room or rooms they occupy, and is especially useful in apartments occupied by invalids. It is evident that the wash-bowl or water closet, or both, may be omitted, and the dressing-case and bath-tub only be used together, without departing from the spirit of my invention, but I much prefer to combine them all.

A perforated cap may be screwed to a short branch leading from either the hot or cold-water pipes, when a shower-bath is required.

Claim.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A dressing-case and bath-tub combined, constructed substantially as set forth.

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