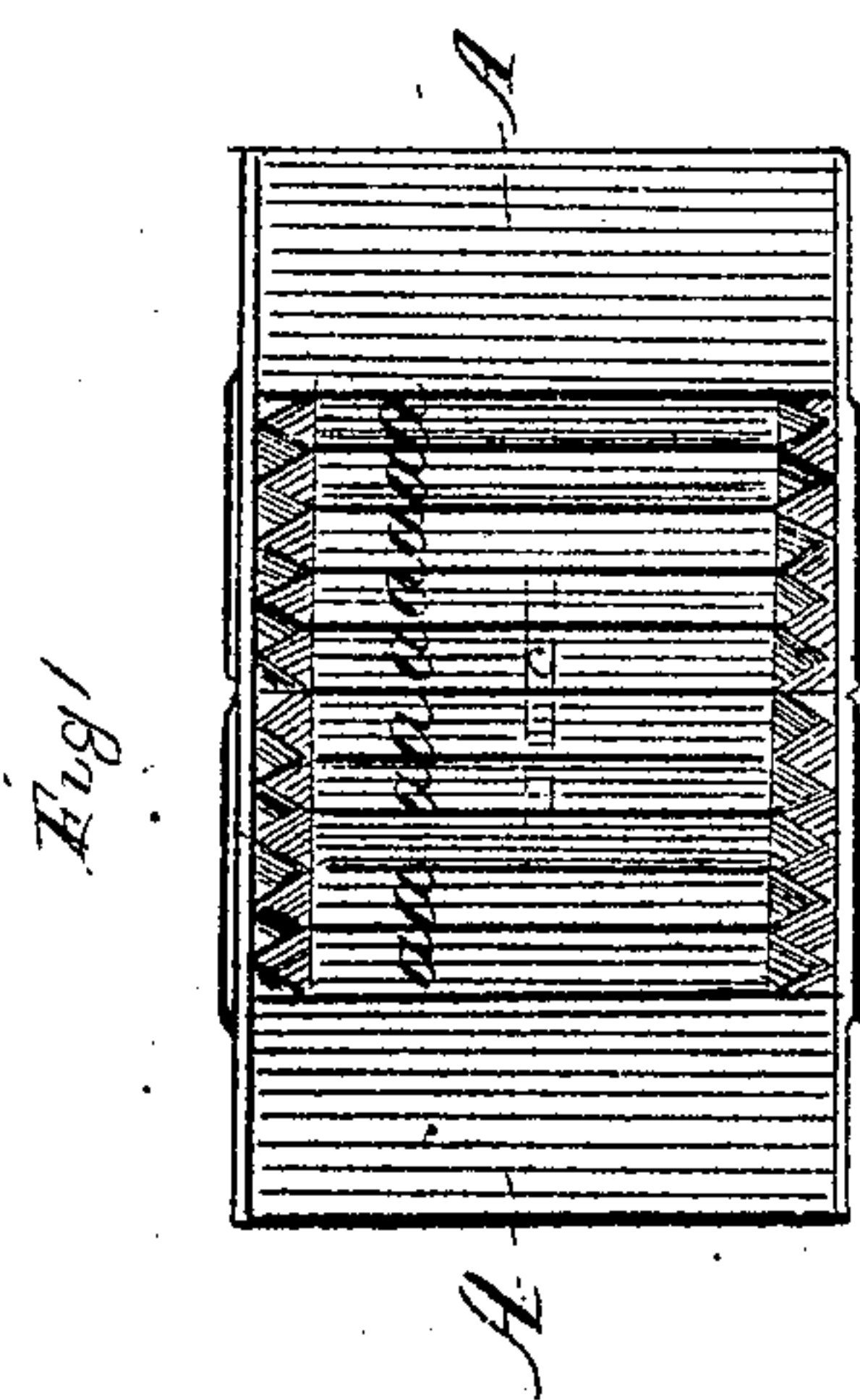
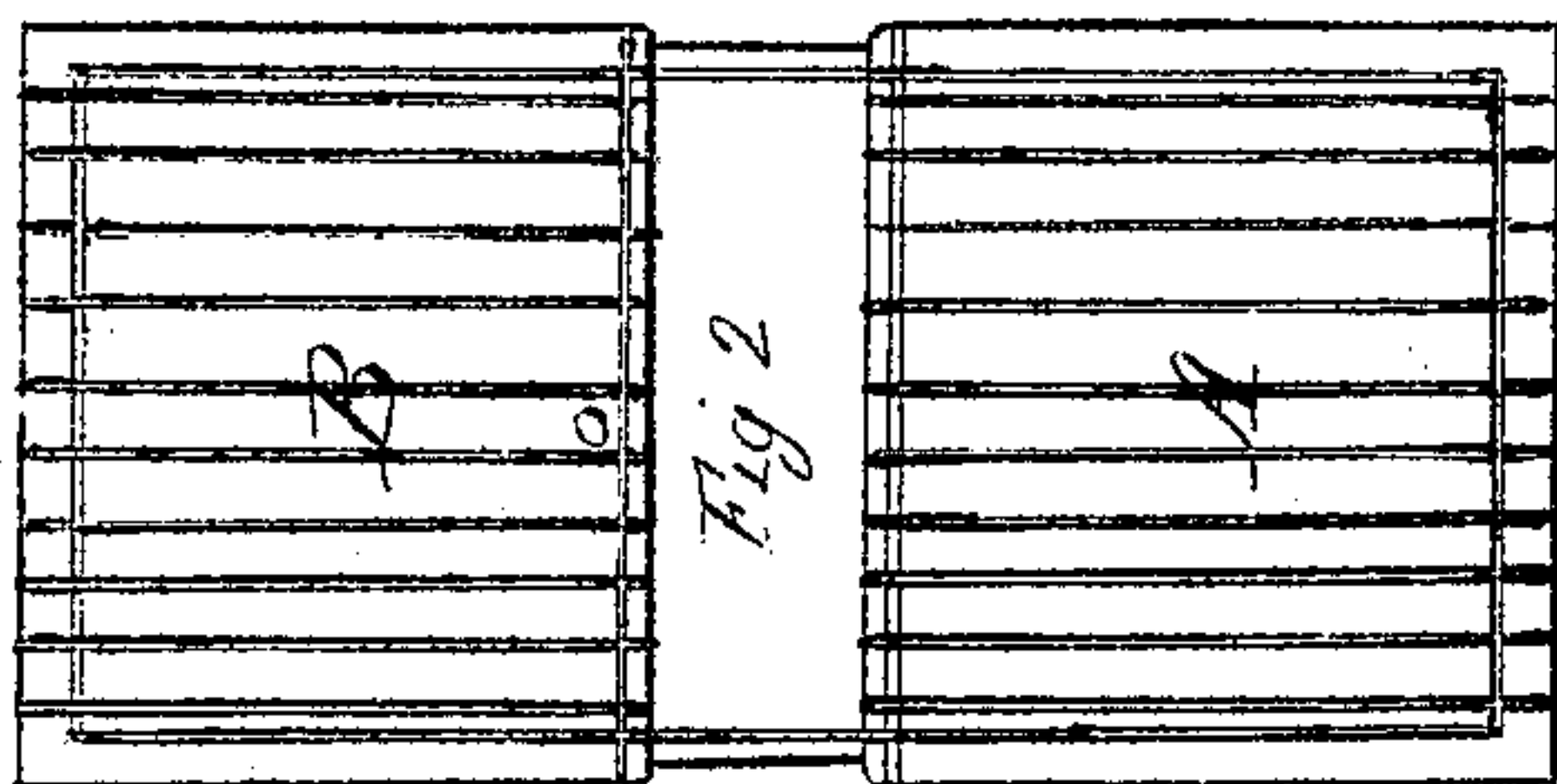
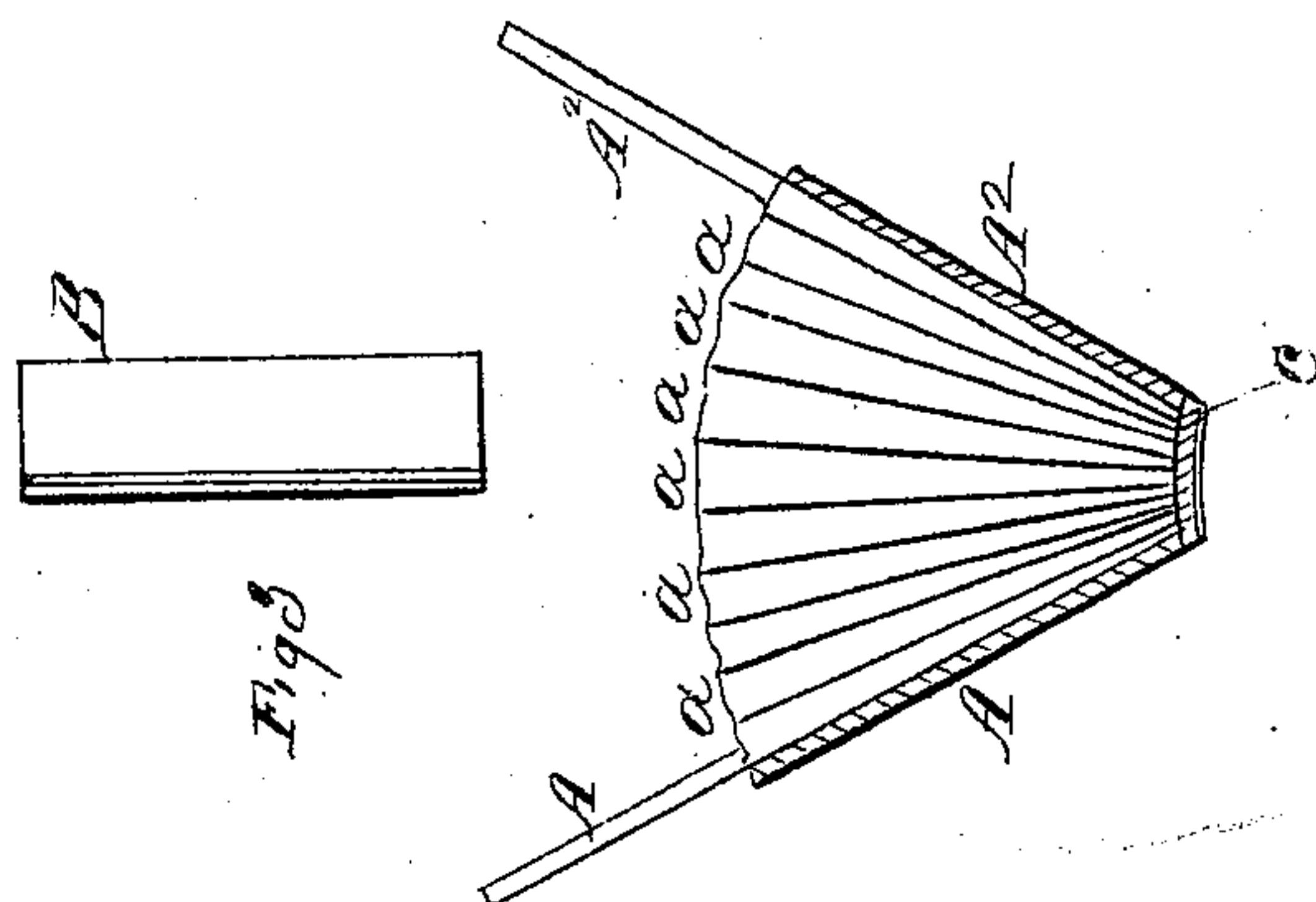


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IMPROVEMENT IN CARD-CASES.

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

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that the undersigned, GEORGE HENRY JAMES and JOSIAH JAMES, both of No. 11 Newgate street, in the city of London, pocket-book manufacturers, have invented, made, and applied to use a new and useful Card-Case or Case for the Reception of Cards; and we do declare the following to be a full, clear, and correct description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the card-case when open.

Figure 2 is a view of the card-case when closed.

Figure 3 is a transverse section of the card-case when fully open.

In the drawings like parts of the invention are designated by the same letters of reference.

The nature of the present invention consists in the construction, as more fully hereinafter set forth, of an improved card-case or case for the reception of visiting or business-cards; the object of the invention being the production of a card-case which shall be provided with a series of receptacles, each capable of receiving and holding a card, and which, as the cover is removed from the case, shall readily and easily be opened by the expansion of a spring placed between and connecting the two sides of the case.

To enable those skilled in the art to make and use the invention, the following description will be found sufficient.

The portion of the case intended to receive the cards instead of being made, as is usually the case, in one entire piece, is in the present instance composed of the sides or halves A A², united at their back by a strip of leather, or some equivalent material, in the same way that books are united in bookbinding after the leaves forming the book have been stitched together.

Between the halves A A², and attached firmly to the interior of the same, is placed the series of recep-

tacles *a a*, to receive and retain within them the cards. These consist of a series of leaves, so to speak, the upper and lower portions of which are attached and held within a folded binding, formed of ribbon, or any suitable material, so that when the case is closed, the receptacle for the cards may be compressed into a small space.

Directly behind the receptacle, and between it and the back connecting the two halves A A², is placed a bow-spring, C, having its ends attached the sides or halves A A². The object of this spring is to throw open the sides or halves A A² when the cover B of the case is removed therefrom, the spring being contracted when the halves are closed or brought together, and relaxed when the cover is removed.

Such being the construction, the operation is as follows:

The cover B may be removed from the case, composed of the halves A A², and the spring C, expanding, the case flies open.

The cards may then be placed in the receptacles *a a*, and the halves A A² are closed, contracting the spring C, and allowing the cover to be placed over the case.

The cover being removed, the operation already described may be repeated, and the card or cards may be drawn from within the receptacles *a*.

Thus it will be seen that the cards are readily reached from being placed separately within the receptacle *a*, and their delivery expedited.

What is claimed as new, is—

The halves A A², combined, as shown, with the receptacles *a a*, spring C, and cover B, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

London, April 5, 1869.

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