

(90.) *Thomas L. Wright's Improvements in Transparencies and Advertising Lanterns*

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Fig. 1.

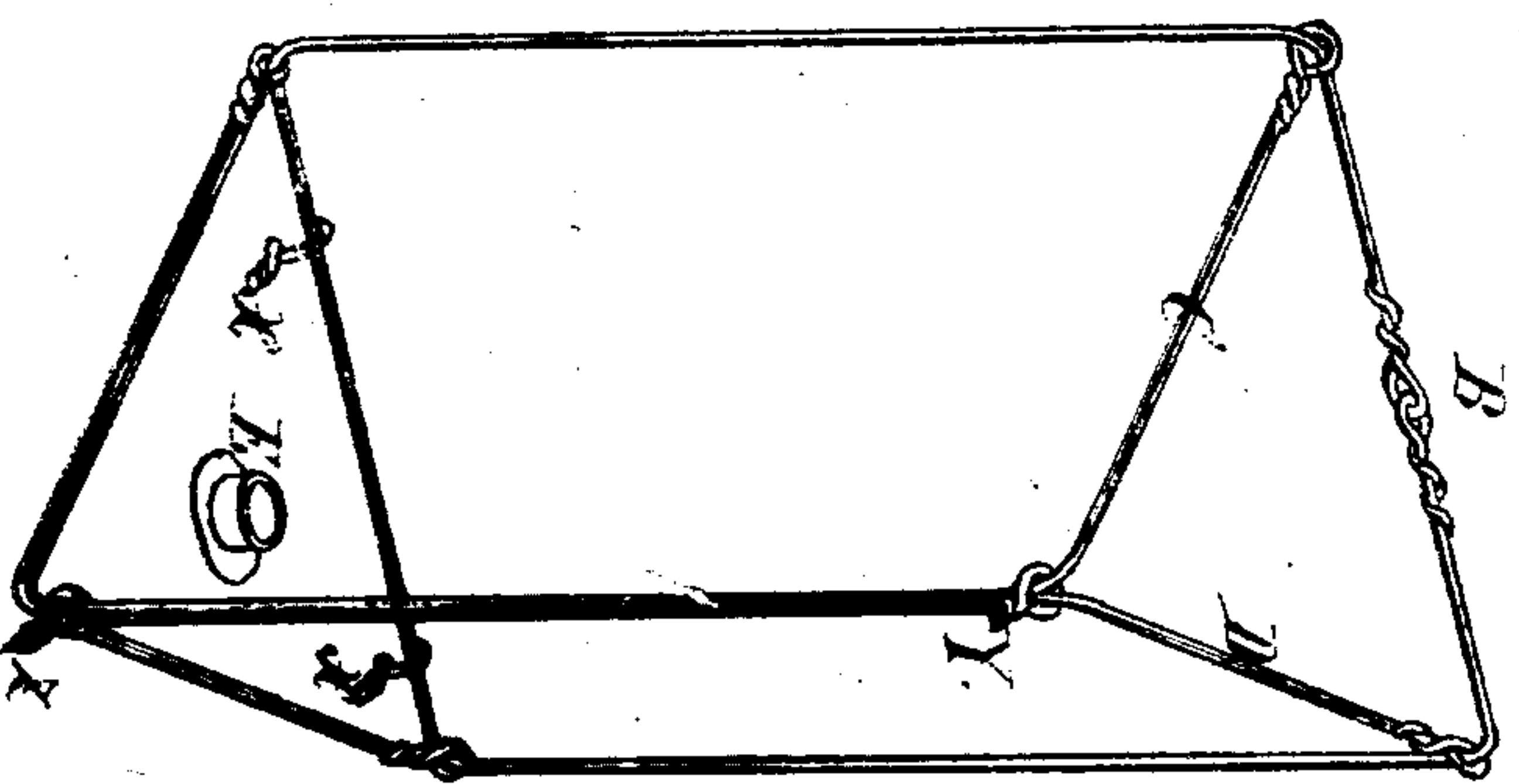


Fig. 2.

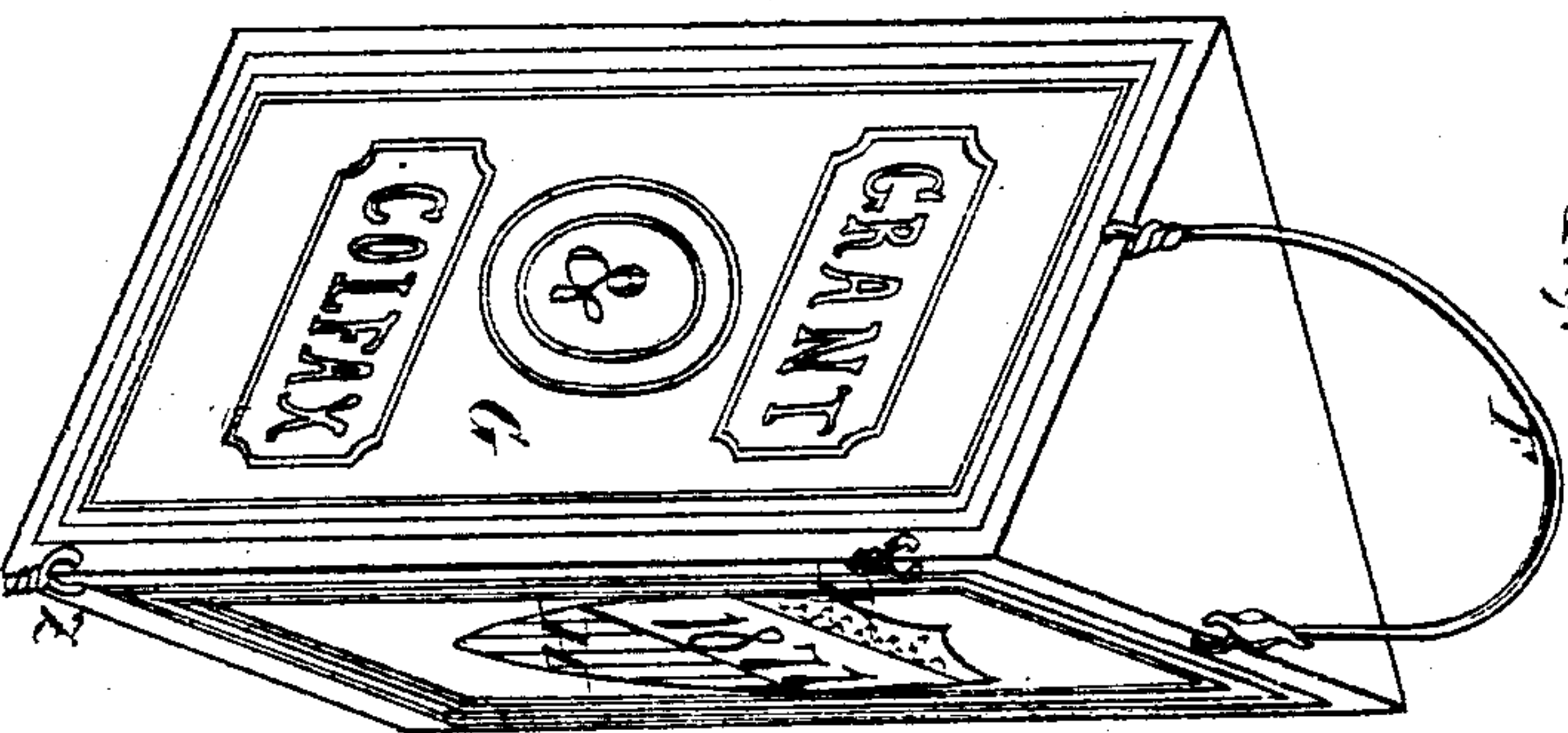
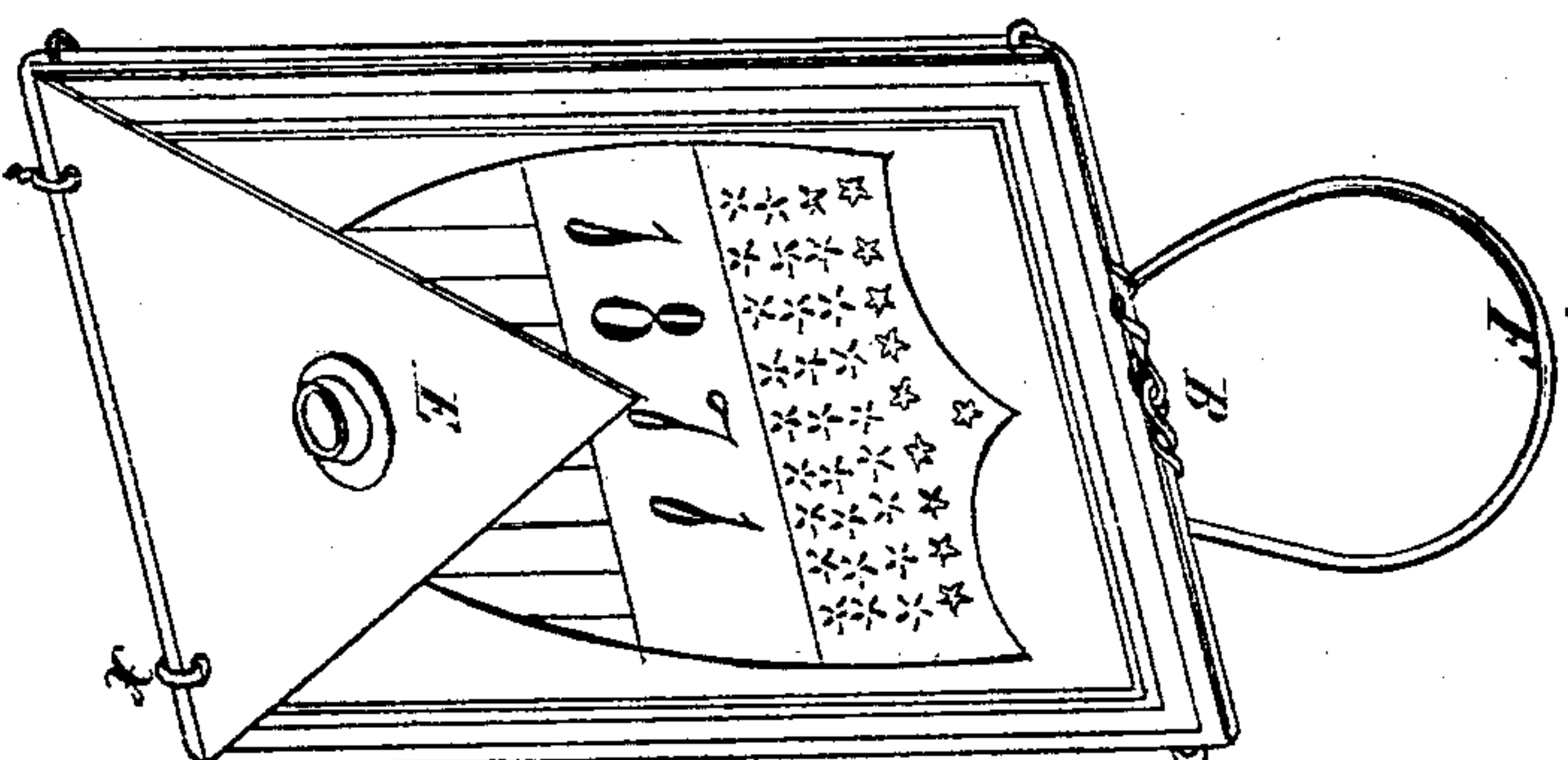


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN ADVERTISING-LANTERNS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS L. WRIGHT, of the city, county, and State of New York, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Advertising-Lanterns and Transparencies; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the frame with the bottom attached of my improved lantern. Fig. 2 is a similar view, exhibiting the lantern complete ready for use. Fig. 3 is a similar view, showing the lantern when folded ready for transportation.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

The object of my invention is to construct transparency-lanterns that are more durable, more attractive in form and appearance; and that will exhibit the advertisements thereon more distinctly; and also that can be compactly prepared for transportation by folding; and can be manufactured at a less expense than those heretofore known or used.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my improvement, I will proceed to describe its construction and use.

I make my lantern of triangular, square, or six-sided, or other polygonal form, but always with straight parallelogram-shaped sides; the triangular angular shape, as shown, being the least costly to produce, and therefore more salable. In manufacturing the lantern I first form a wire frame, A, which describes a parallelogram of the dimensions of one of the sides of the lantern. After the wire is bent I unite its ends, as shown at B.

I then form two wire frames, C and D, each made of one single wire, describing the three sides of one side of the lantern, and form small loops on the ends which I encircle the vertical sides of the frame A with, and in this manner form a hinge. I now take the paper or cloth designed for the purpose, and which is already printed with the desired advertisement, and I cover the sides of the frame with it and secure it by lapping it together and inclosing the wire. I then produce a pasteboard bottom and provide it with a central candle-holder of tin, E, and I fasten the same with fine wire, as shown at X, to the lower end of the wire frame A. I make also a wire-frame handle, F, which is secured to the top of the lantern to hang or hold it by. If required to transport the lantern I fold it in the manner shown in Fig. 3, laying one side over the other, in which form it is very compact.

Whenever the lantern is required for use, I unfold it, bring the ends of the side G to the end of the side H, and adjust the bottom to its place, and with the fine wire Z the lower ends of the sides are secured. Finally, I take a fine wire, Y, and secure the upper ends of the sides, whereafter the lantern is complete and ready for use.

Having fully described my improvements, what I claim therein, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The transparency or lantern, as a new article of manufacture, of polygonal form, and constructed, of the wire frame, to fold, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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