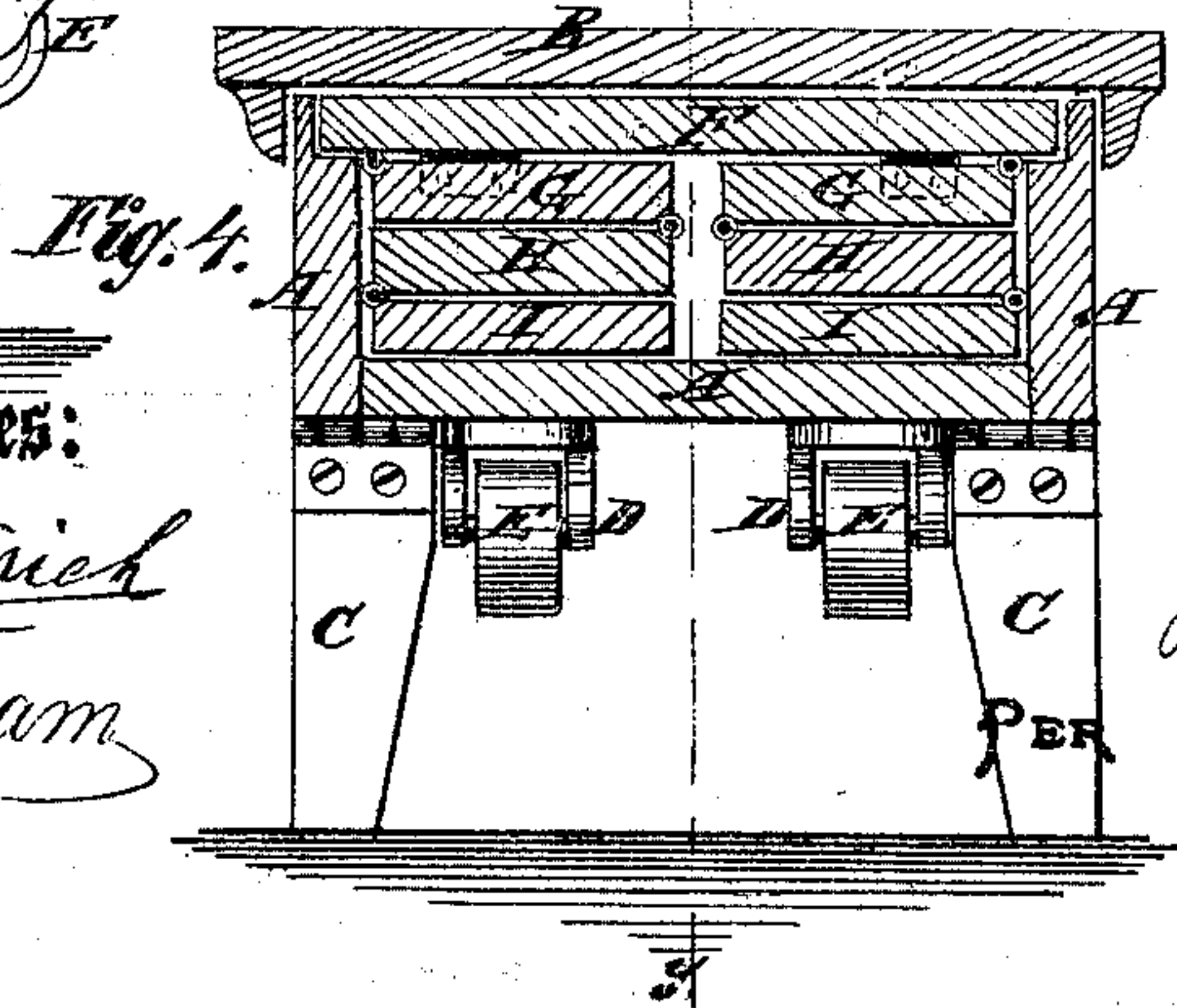
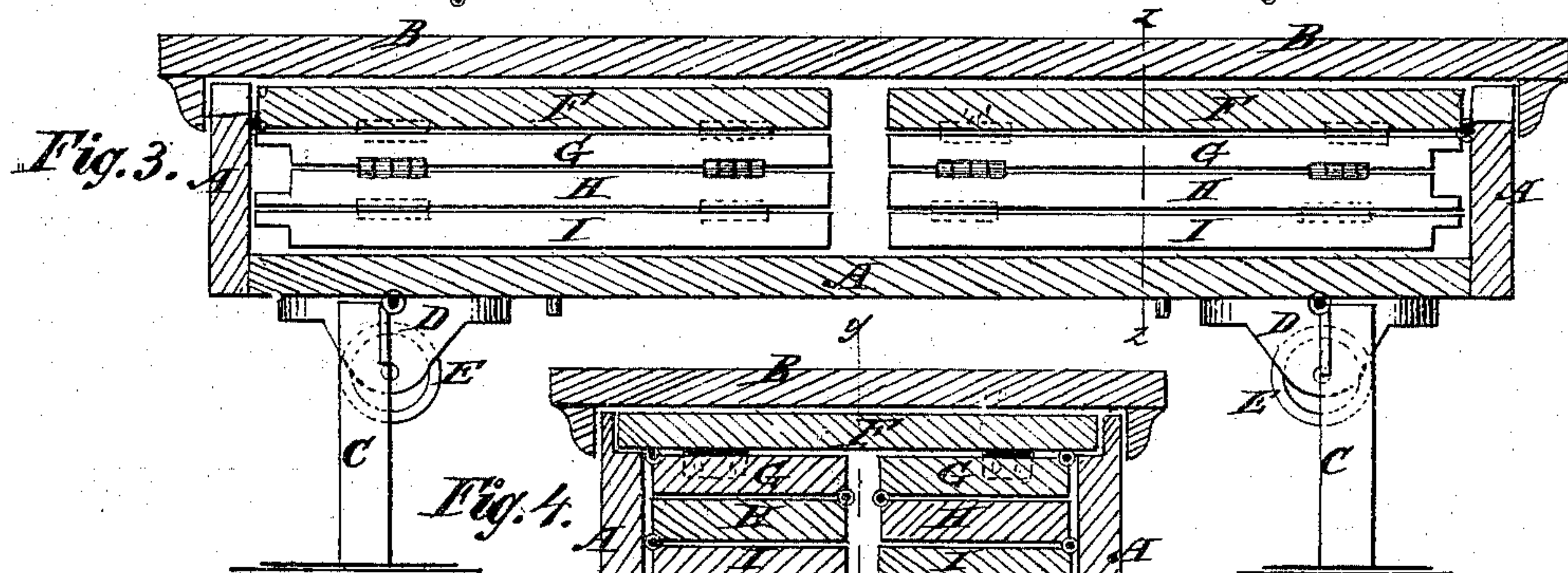
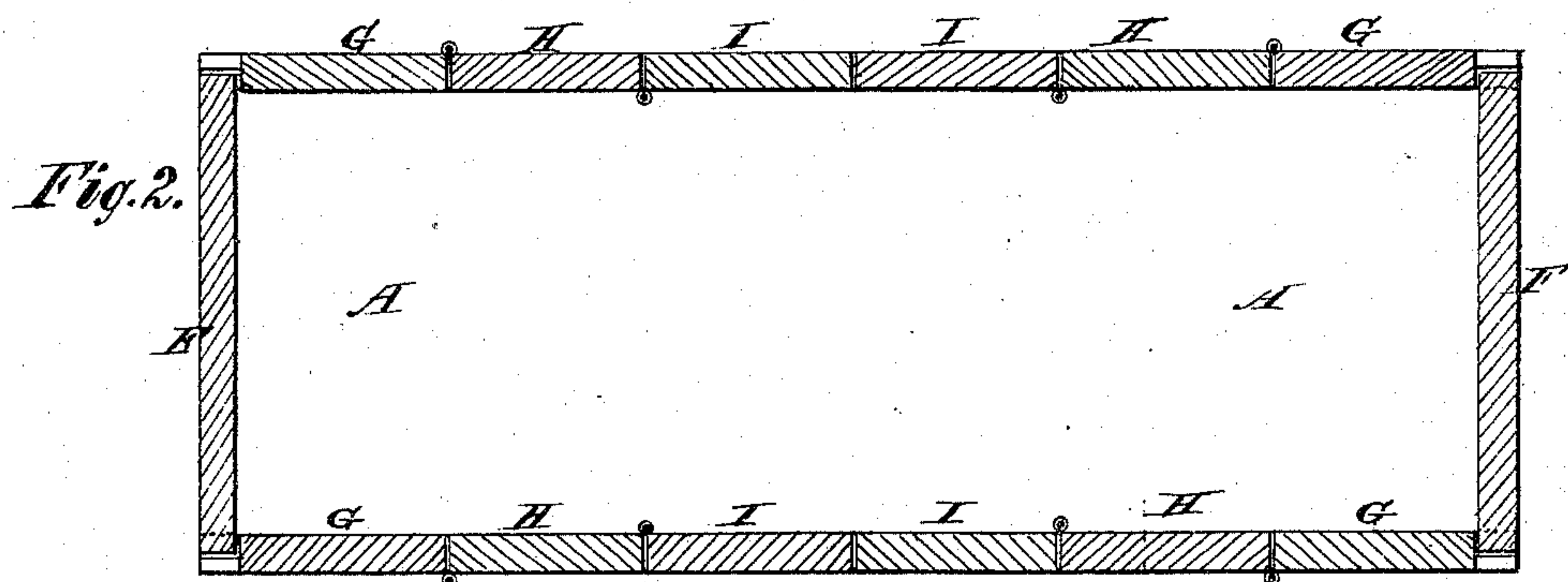
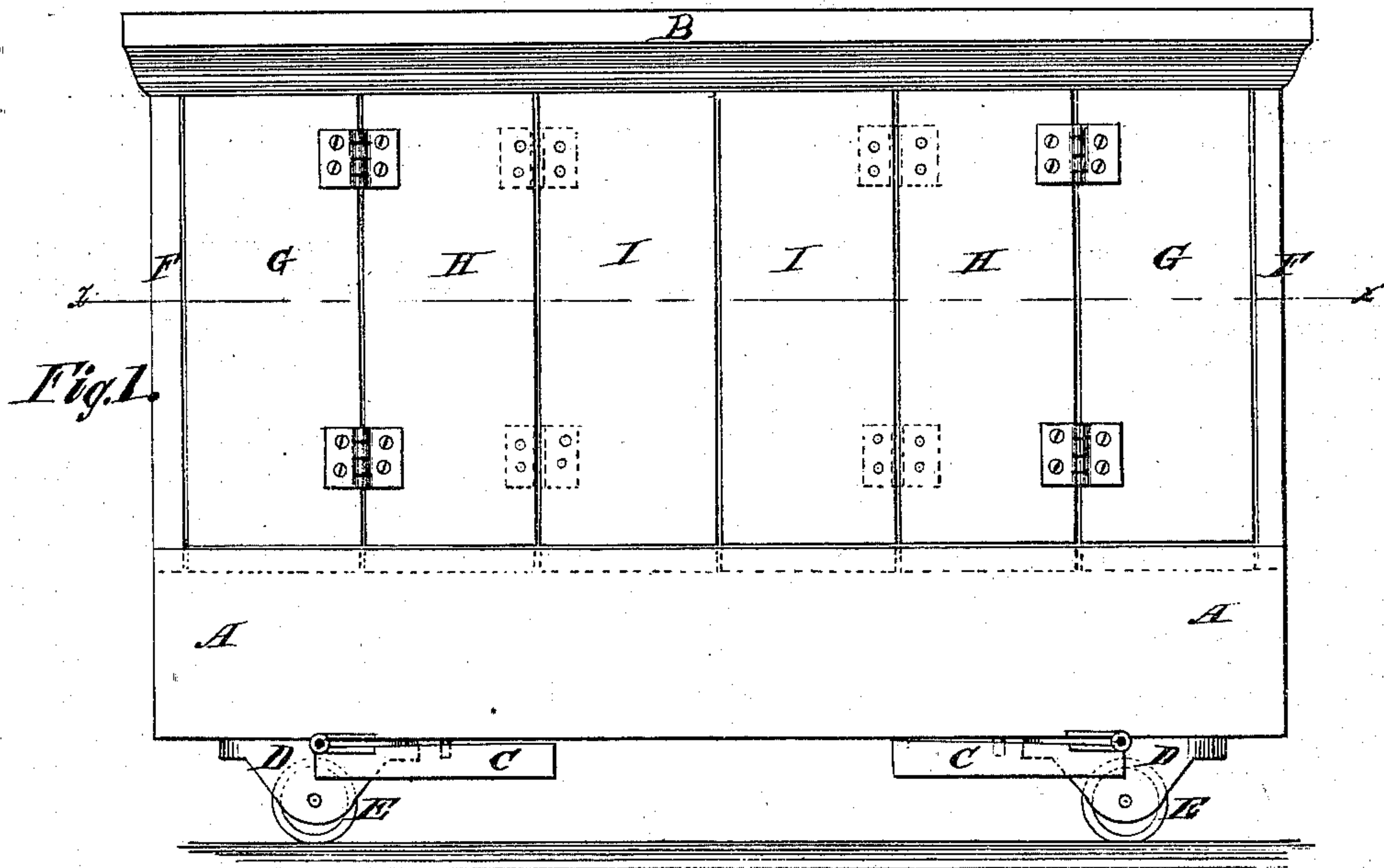


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Specification describing a new and useful Improvement in Portable Store-Counters, invented by JOSEPH H. DAVIS, of Danville, in the county of Boyle and State of Kentucky.

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved counter adjusted for transporting goods. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section of the same taken through line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal section of the same, folded, taken through the line *y y*, Fig. 4. Fig. 4 is a detail vertical cross-section of the same taken through the line *z z*, Fig. 3.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention has for its object to furnish an improved store-counter, which shall be so constructed that, while serving all the ordinary uses of a counter, it may be opened out to receive goods, to enable them to be readily removed from the store in case of fire or for other purposes; and it consists in the construction and combination of the various parts of the counter, as hereinafter more fully described.

A is the base of the counter, which is a box about eight or ten feet long and from three to three and one-half feet wide. The base A is made with an open top, and with close bottoms, sides, and ends. B is the top of the counter, which is made with downwardly-projecting moldings around the edge of its lower side to fit upon the top of the base A and keep it in place upon said top. To the bottom of the base A are hinged legs C, of such a length as when extended to raise the counter to a suitable height. The legs C should be provided with fastenings to hold them in place when extended and when folded. To the bottom of the base A are also attached boxes D, in and to which are pivoted rollers E, upon which, when the legs C are folded, the counter may be supported and rolled from place to place. To the upper parts of the ends of the base A are hinged ends F, of such a breadth that they may be folded down into the said base A, of such a length that when folded down their ends may nearly meet in the center of the base A, and in such a way that when turned up into a vertical position their outer surfaces

may be flush with the outer surfaces of the ends of the said base A. To the side edges of each of the hinged ends F are hinged the side edges of the boards G, of a length equal to the height of the said ends F, of a width such that when folded against the ends F their inner edges may nearly meet in the center of the box A, and in such a way that when extended at right angles with the ends F they may extend along the sides of the said base A. To the edges of the boards G are hinged boards H, similar to the boards G, and having in turn similar boards, I, hinged to their side edges. The number of boards G H I used must depend upon the length of the counter. The side-boards of the base A, upon the inner side of their upper edges, and the hinged boards G H I, upon the outer side of their lower edges, are rabbeted, so that, while overlapping each other, all their outer surfaces may be flush with each other. By this arrangement the cover B will fit upon the upper edges of the ends F and side boards G H I with the same facility as upon the top of the base A. When in use as a counter, the ends F and boards G H I are folded down into the base A, the cover B is put on, and the hinged legs C are extended as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. When, in case of fire, or for other cause, the goods are to be removed, the end and side boards F and G H I are unfolded, thus forming a receptacle, in which the goods to be removed are packed, and are removed by rolling the counter away upon the rollers E.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The portable counter formed of the base-box A, cover B, rollers D E, hinged ends F, and sides G H I, said parts being constructed and arranged in connection with each other, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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