

Letter-Boxes.

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Fig. 1.

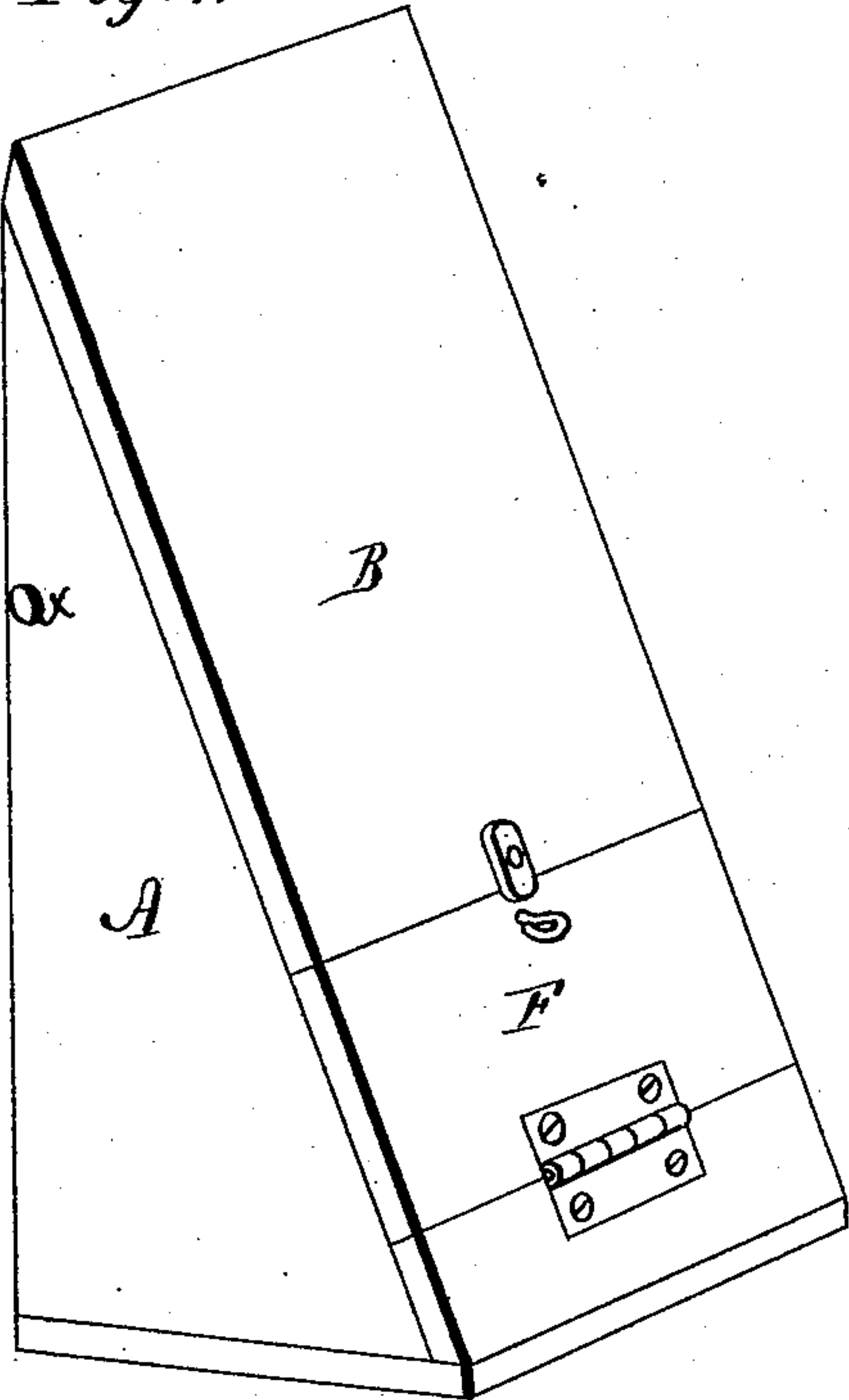
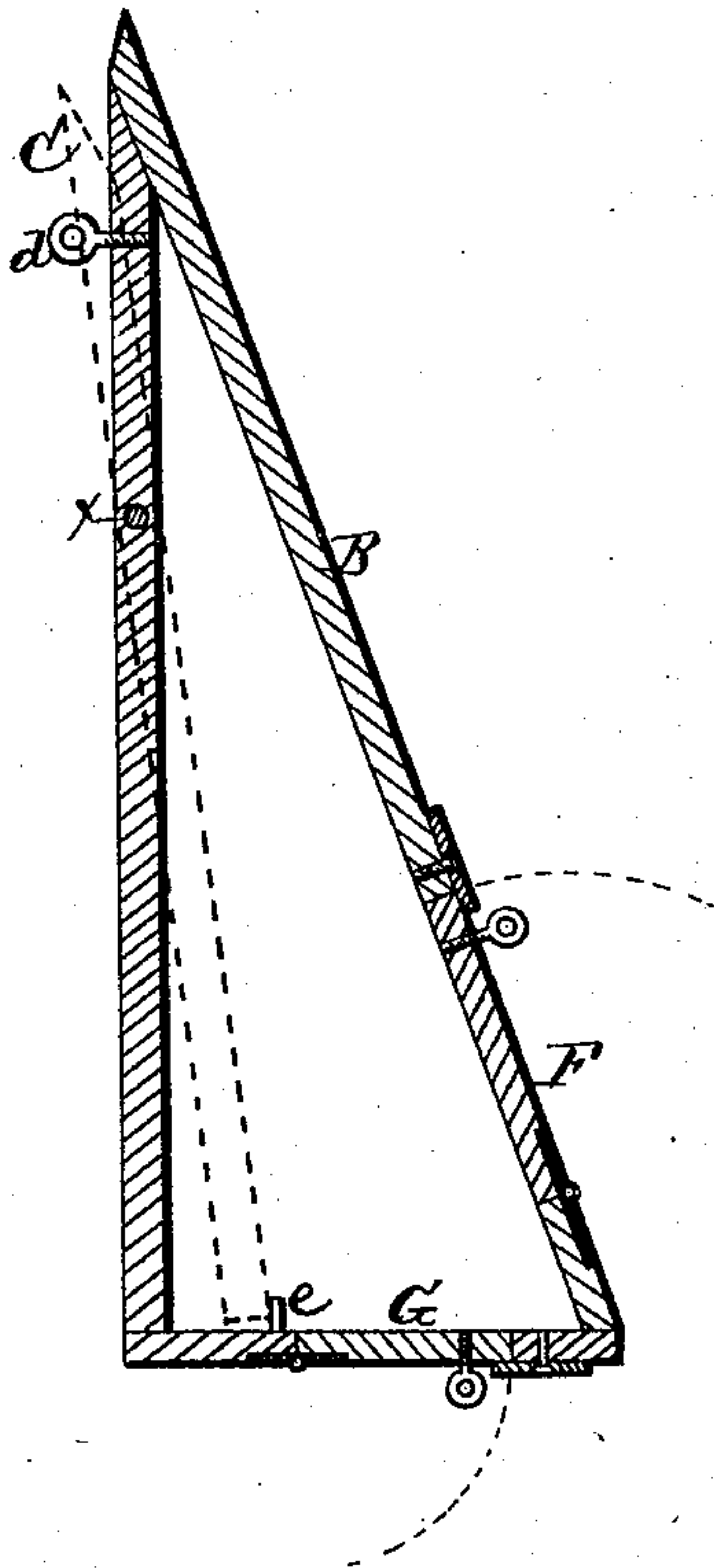


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN LETTER-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARCUS P. NICHOLS, of St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey and in the State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Letter-Boxes; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of the several parts of a letter-box, in the manner hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings making part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective, and Fig. 2 a vertical section, of my box.

In the figures, A represents a box, which is made either of wood or metal and in triangular shape, as seen, the acute angle B being upward. The back of this box is pivoted in, the pivot being not far from the upper end, so that the gravity of the lower end will keep said back in place when the box is, with its bottom, in a horizontal position. *x* represents the pivot. A small stop, *e*, on the bottom of the box regulates the distance said back shall move. *d* represents a set-screw at the top of the pivoted back C, which acts as a handle to open the back. Whenever it is desired to hold

the back open the set-screw can be screwed into the beam against the part B. The letters are placed in the top of the box. When the top of the back C is moved outward, as seen in dotted line, a small opening is left, through which letters are inserted in the box. F and G represent two doors, one in the side, and one in the bottom, of the box, either of which can be used for removing the mail matter from the box. One edge of this box may be secured to a door or post, or any convenient place, at such an angle that the back will always remain closed, except when opened by design.

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

A letter-box having a pivoted back, whose upper end forms, in conjunction with an inclined front, the induction-orifice, the size of which being governed by a stop in the bottom of the box, against which the lower end of the back strikes, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of September, 1874.

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