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Newspaper Files.

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Fig. 1.

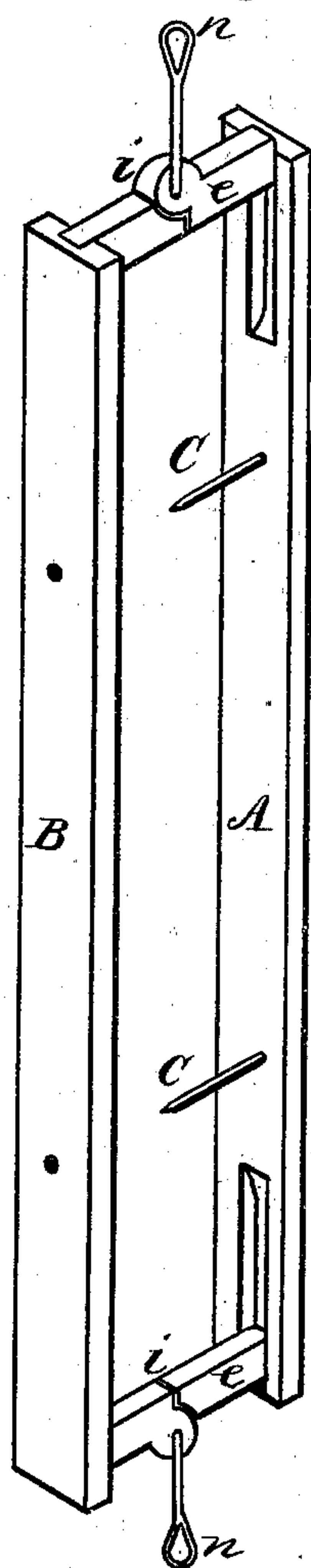
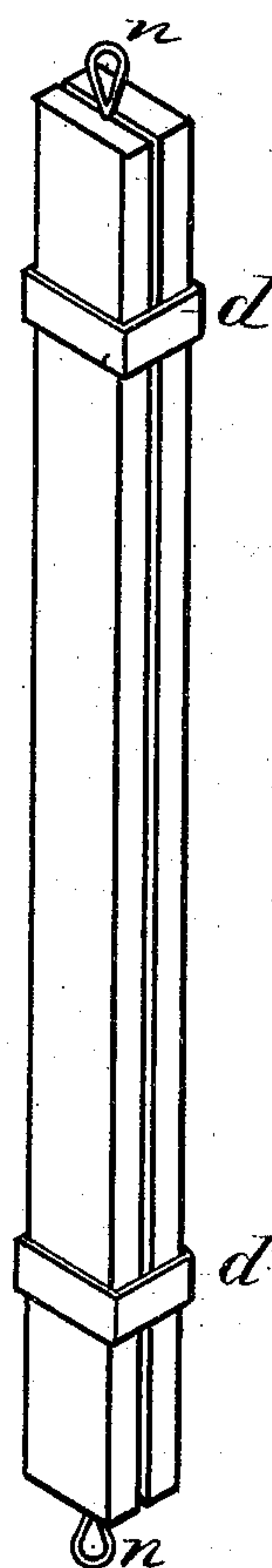


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN NEWSPAPER-FILES.

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### CASE C.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANKLIN B. ALDERSON, of San José, Santa Clara county, State of California, have invented a Newspaper-File; and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawings are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains to make and use my said invention without further invention or experiment.

My invention relates to certain improvements in paper files or holders, such as are employed for temporarily retaining newspapers; and it consists in the employment of two parallel bars, which are connected by standards having rule-joints in the center. Springs at each end of the two bars draw them together when the joints are bent, and the standards will hold the bars apart for the introduction of papers when they are straight, but will shut up and lie concealed when the bars are closed together.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention, A B are two parallel bars, between which the papers are to be held. Pointed pins *c c* project upward from the bar A, and holes or slots are made through the bar B, opposite to these pins, to allow them to enter when the bars are closed together, and, if desired, protecting-caps may be secured to the bar B, just over these pins. These bars A B are drawn forcibly together by means of elastic springs *d d*, and thus serve to retain the papers after they are placed in position. In or-

der to hold the bars apart, and make it convenient to insert or remove the papers, I employ the double levers or standards *e e*. These standards have each a rule-joint, *i*, in their center, and their outer ends are pinned through the bars A B at points directly opposite each other, as shown. An arm, *n*, may be hinged to the side of the joint *i*, and this arm serves as a sort of handle for the same purpose.

The operation will be as follows: The bars A B are drawn apart, and one of the standards *e e* being straightened up, will retain the bars separated at that end until the paper can be introduced or removed at that end. It will then only be necessary to bend the joint *i*, when the spring *d* will draw the bars together, and cause the pin *c* to pierce the paper along its fold. The same operation will take place at the opposite end, and the paper will then be firmly held between the bars. Slots are made in the bars, within which the standards *e e* will be concealed when the bars are closed together.

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

The rule-jointed stop *e* and arms *n*, in combination with the bars A B of a temporary binder, said bars being recessed to receive said stops or standards, as described.

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