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KEY-BOOK.

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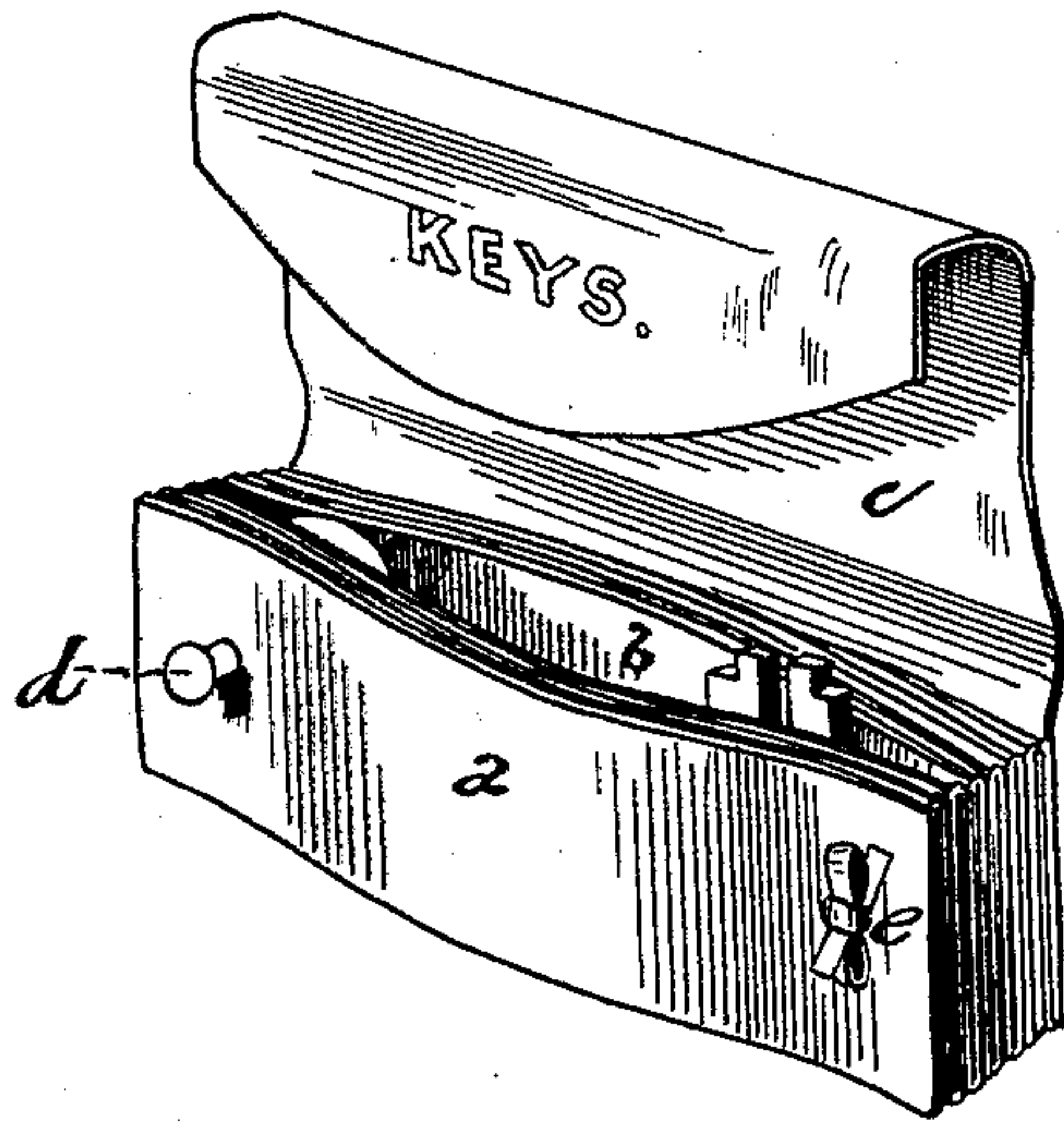


Fig. 1

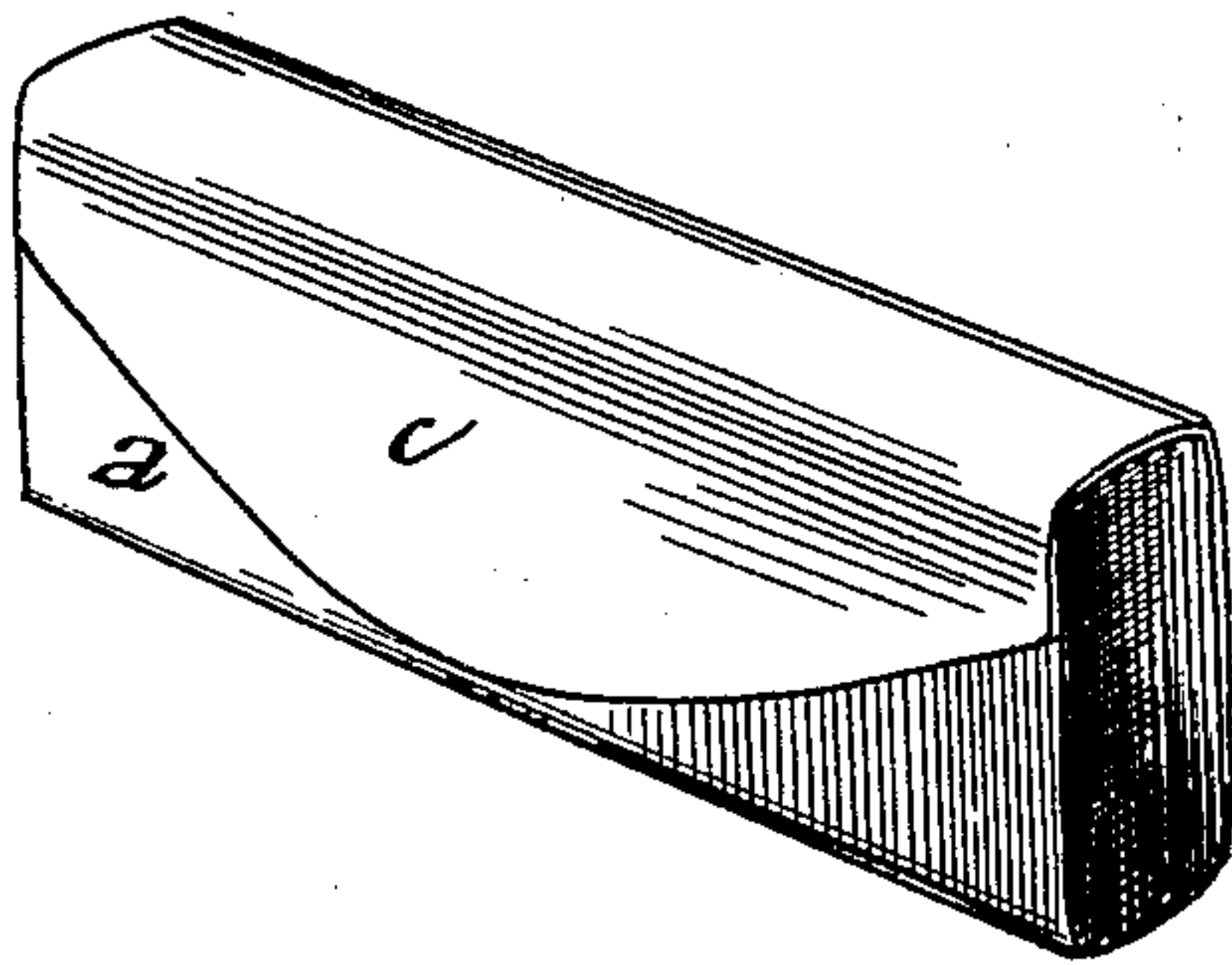


Fig. 2

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IMPROVEMENT IN KEY-BOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIAN H. GATES, of Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Key-Book, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, where—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the key-book open with a single key inserted. Fig. 2 is a view of the key-book closed.

Almost every man has need to carry in his pocket a bunch of keys. They are generally strung upon a ring, and, as tossed about in the pocket, they wear and mar other articles, and unnecessarily wear the pocket.

My invention is a device for clothing the keys in a kind of book, so as to prevent their wear, one upon another; also, their contact with other articles in the pocket, and their wear upon the pocket itself.

The body of the book *a* has pockets *b* for as many keys as desired, and preferably the flap *c*. Transversely through all the pockets, near one end, runs the pin, or chain, or strap *d*, which is removable. This pin runs through the hole in the handle of the keys, each key lying in a pocket. The pin *d*, shown in the drawing, is headed, and has upon the other end, just inside the body of the book, a nut; but I do not restrict myself to a pin, chain, strap, or cord, for all these, and other analogous things, may be used for the same purpose.

I prefer the book to be made of leather; but the material is not essential, as cloth, or felt, or rubber, or other suitable material, may be used.

I prefer that the ends of the flaps or partitions which separate the pockets be connected by an elastic cord, *e*, so as to allow them to dilate sufficiently, and yet snugly embrace the keys; but these ends can be left open, or tightly connected in the common method of a pocket-book, if desired. Such a book may have but a single pocket for a single key, or for a number of keys; but I prefer as hereinbefore described.

I am aware that pocket-books have heretofore been made having an elastic gusset running from leaf to leaf, and forming a permanent part of the book, and that memorandum-books have been made, having arrangements of spring hooks and needles for holding the leaves in the book; and neither of them do I claim as my invention.

My device differs from these, among other things, in that its pin is removable at pleasure to take on and put off keys; that it in no sense serves to hold the leaves in place, but is itself held in place by them; that it is in nowise attached to the covers; and that it is located near one end of the book, and raised or removed from the hinge or back, so as to be in a convenient place for holding keys; and

I claim as my invention—

A key-book, having pocket *b* and removable key-pin *d*, located as herein set forth, all substantially as described.

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