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LABORATORY-TABLE.

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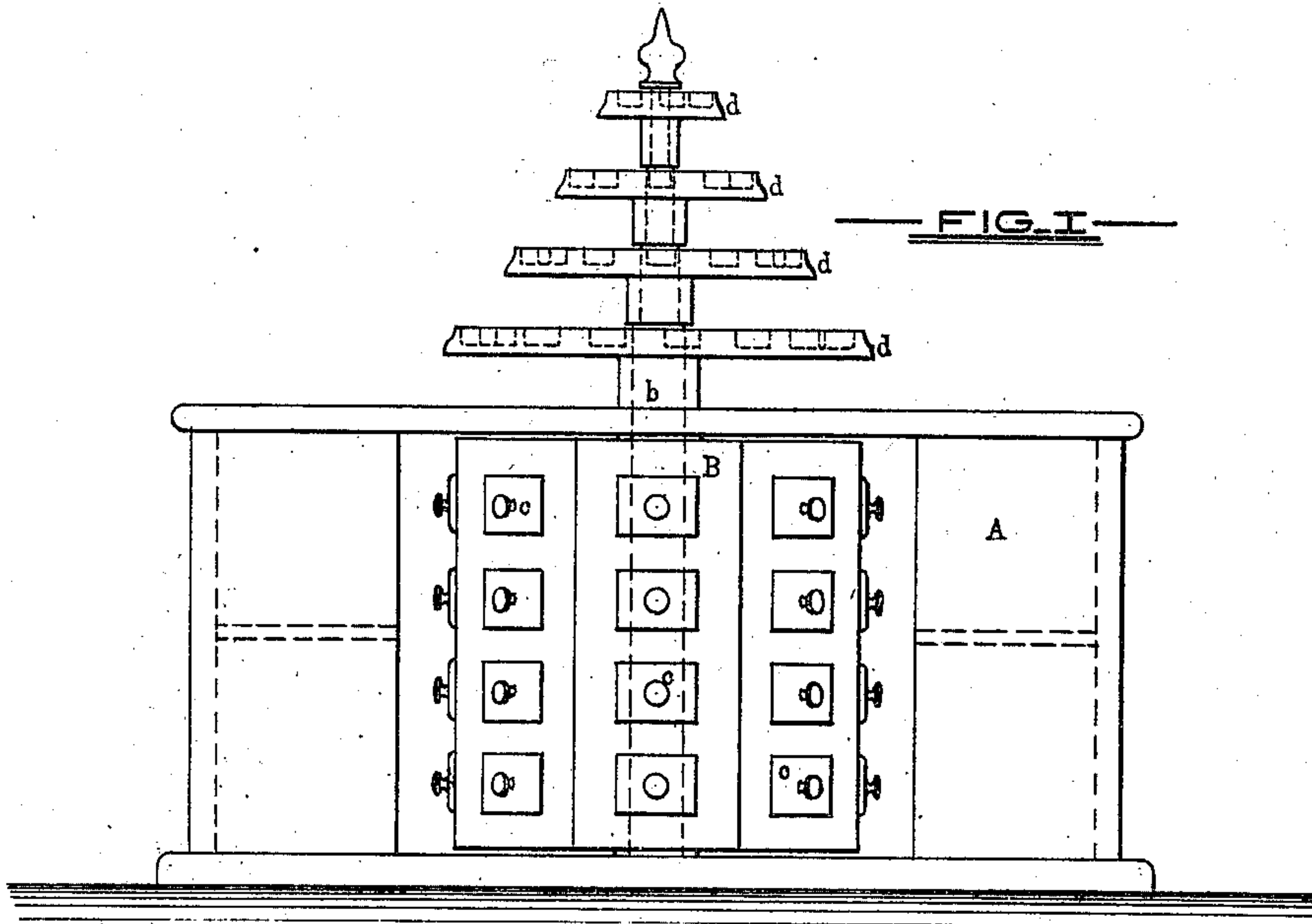


FIG. II

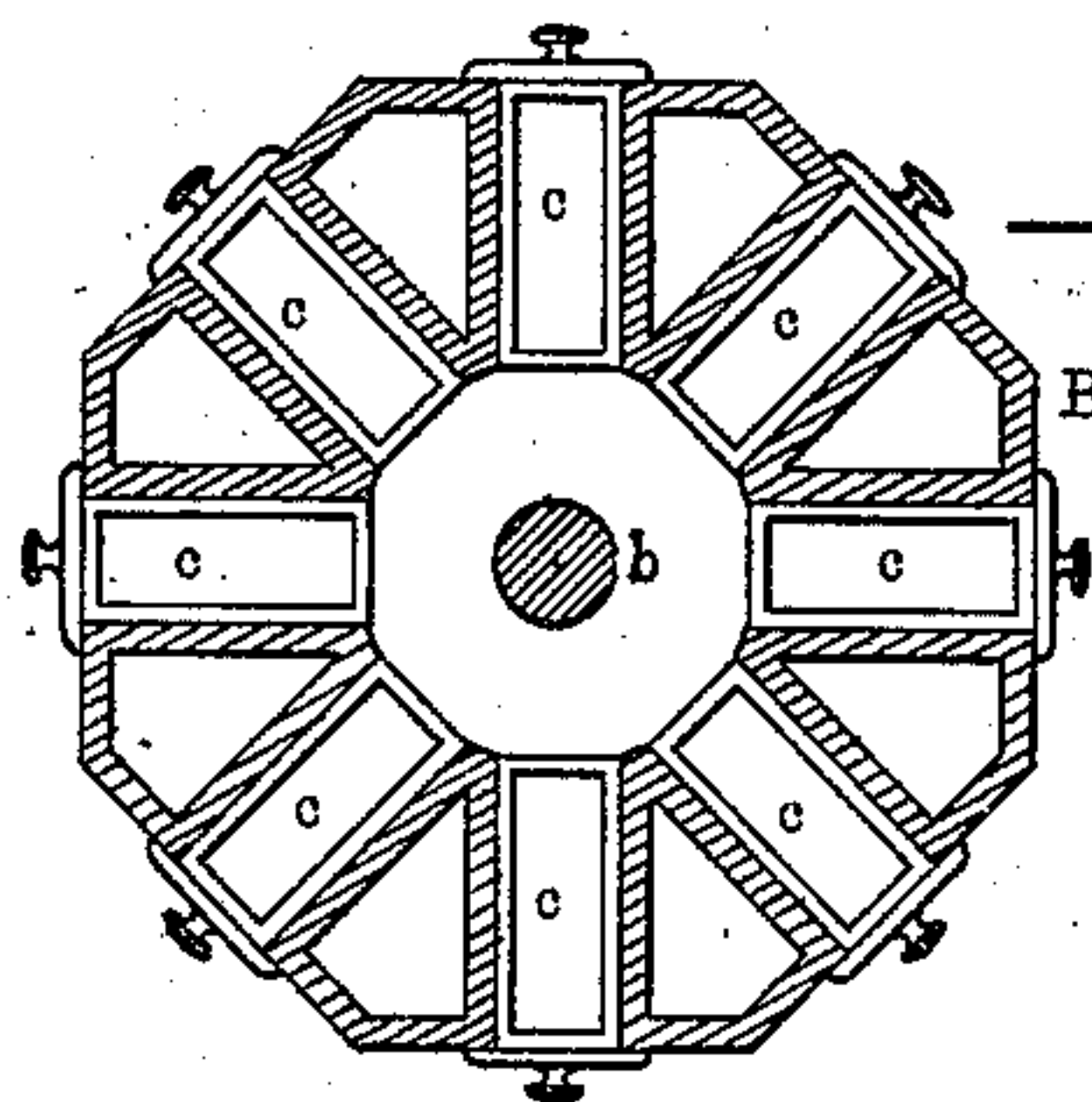
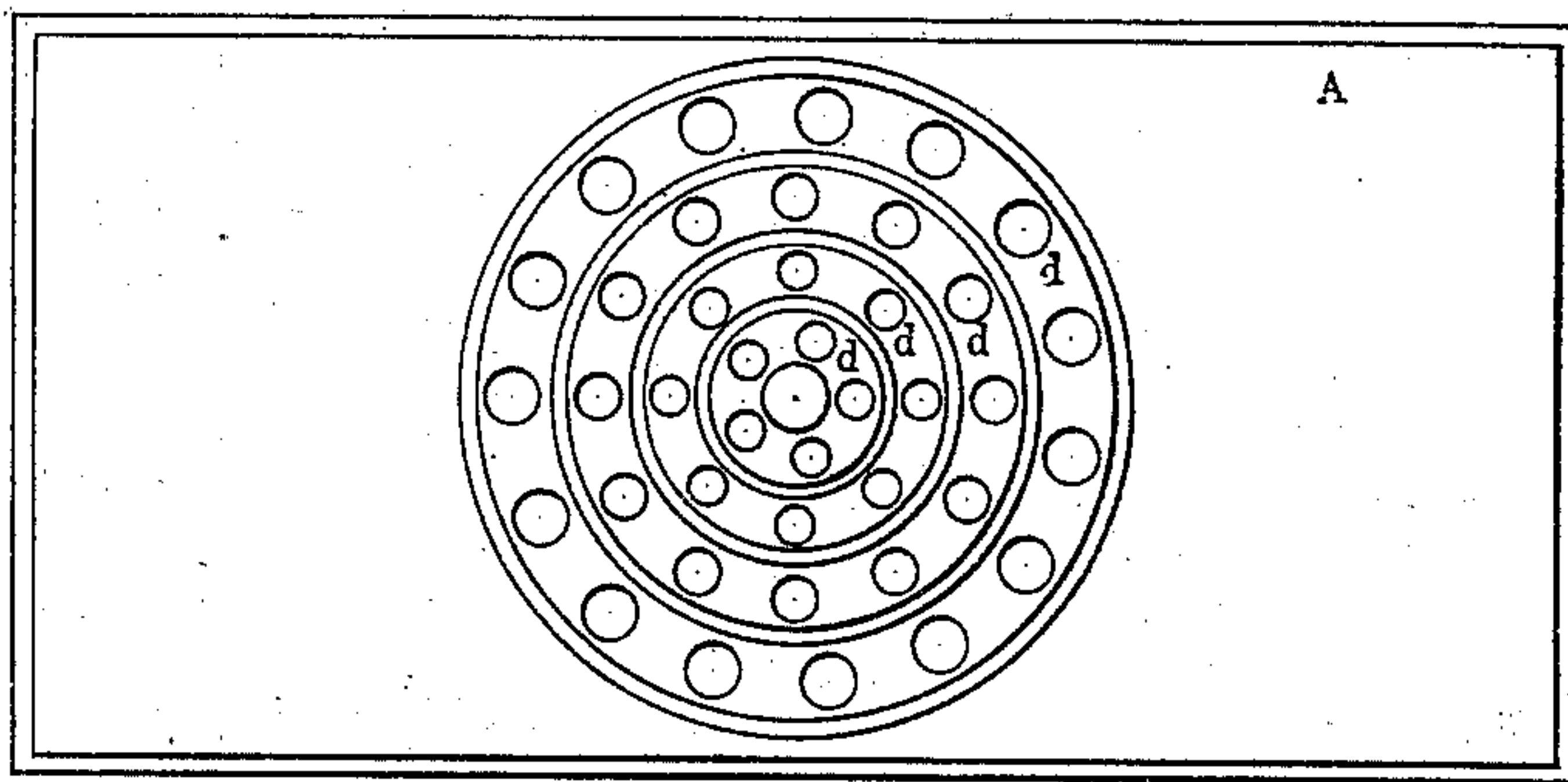


FIG. III

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## IMPROVEMENT IN LABORATORY-TABLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH M. WORTHINGTON, of the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Laboratory-Tables, of which the following is a specification; and I do hereby declare that in the same is contained a full, clear, and exact description of my said invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention relates to a table or counter, having in combination therewith a revoluble polygonal chest or case, containing drawers and a series of revoluble shelves, adapted to rotate independently of the chest or case, and above the top of the table, as and for purposes hereinafter described.

In the description of my invention which follows due reference must be had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved table; Fig. 2, a plan of the same, and Fig. 3 a sectional plan of a portion of the invention.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts of the invention in all the views.

A is the table proper, and B a polygonal chest containing a series of drawers, adapted to revolve upon or with a shaft, *b*. The drawers, which are represented by *c*, are adapted, when the table is to be used by a dispensing-chemist, or one engaged in the compounding of prescriptions, to contain articles constantly in demand, such as pill-boxes, labels, &c., and may be marked to indicate their contents. The shaft *b* extends above the top of the table, and is fitted to receive shelves *d*, either circular or polygonal in shape, and adapted to revolve conjointly or separately.

The shelves are preferably arranged so as to decrease in size toward the top of the shaft, and are provided with depressions of various sizes to suit the bottles placed thereon.

My invention, as described, is specially applicable to laboratories or pharmaceutical establishments where two or more persons are at the same time engaged in the preparation of chemical compounds, or the compounding of physicians' prescriptions. Persons using the table at either side thereof have access to any of the drawers, or to any of the vials or other articles on the shelves, without leaving their places, by revolving the chest or shelves until the desired drawer or vial is reached.

In the use of my improved table, the danger of using wrong ingredients in the preparation of medicines is materially lessened, as a single vial, containing a certain drug, may be used by several persons, each person replacing it after use. It also economizes space, and prevents the confusion necessarily entailed where two or more persons have to be continually leaving their stations in search of vials and other necessary articles.

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

A laboratory-table, consisting of a fixed counter or table, A, a vertical central shaft, and a revoluble chest of drawers, B *c*, with the shelves *d* revolving concentrically with said chest, substantially as herein specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 17th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1875.

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