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Fig: 1.

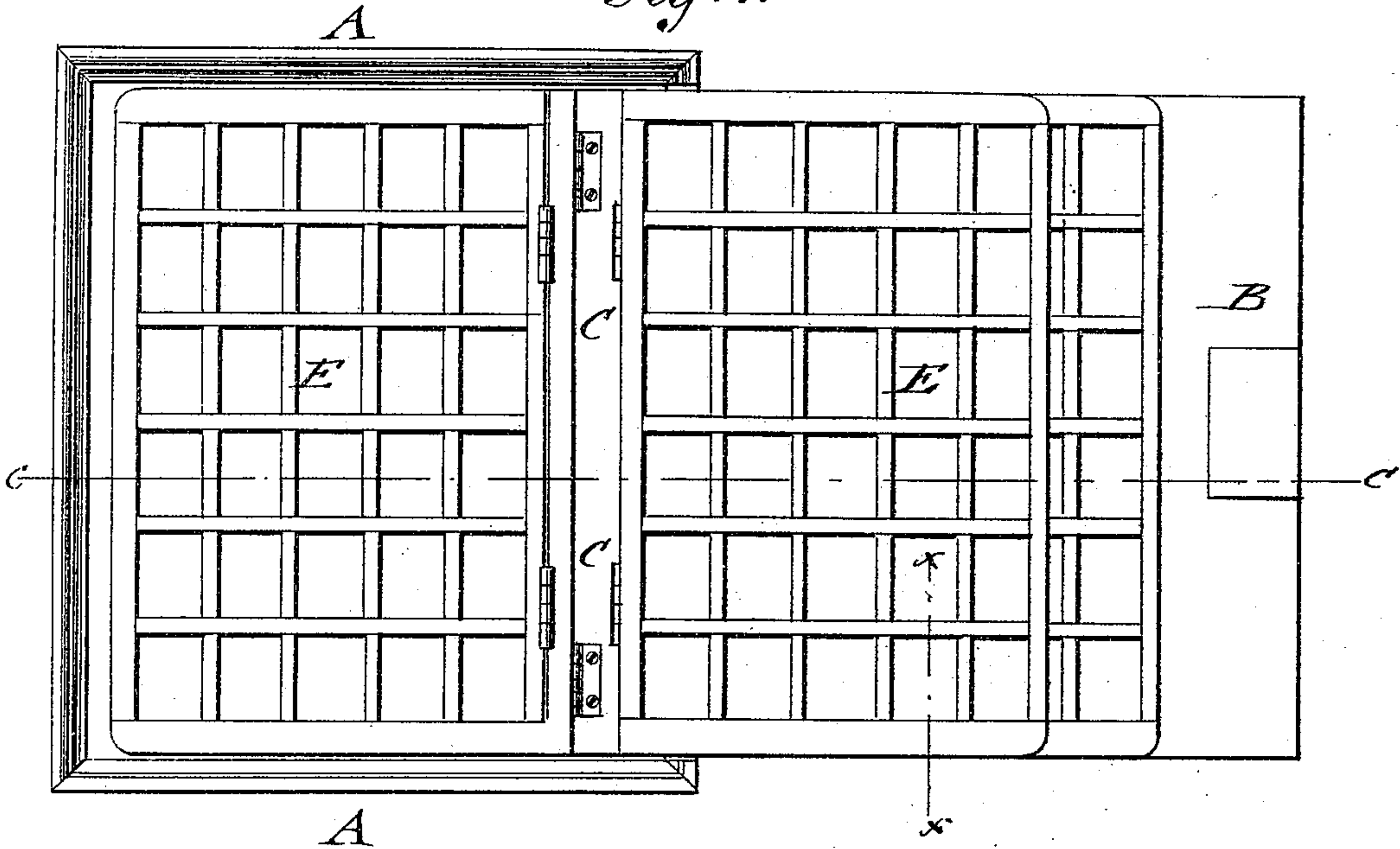


Fig: 2.

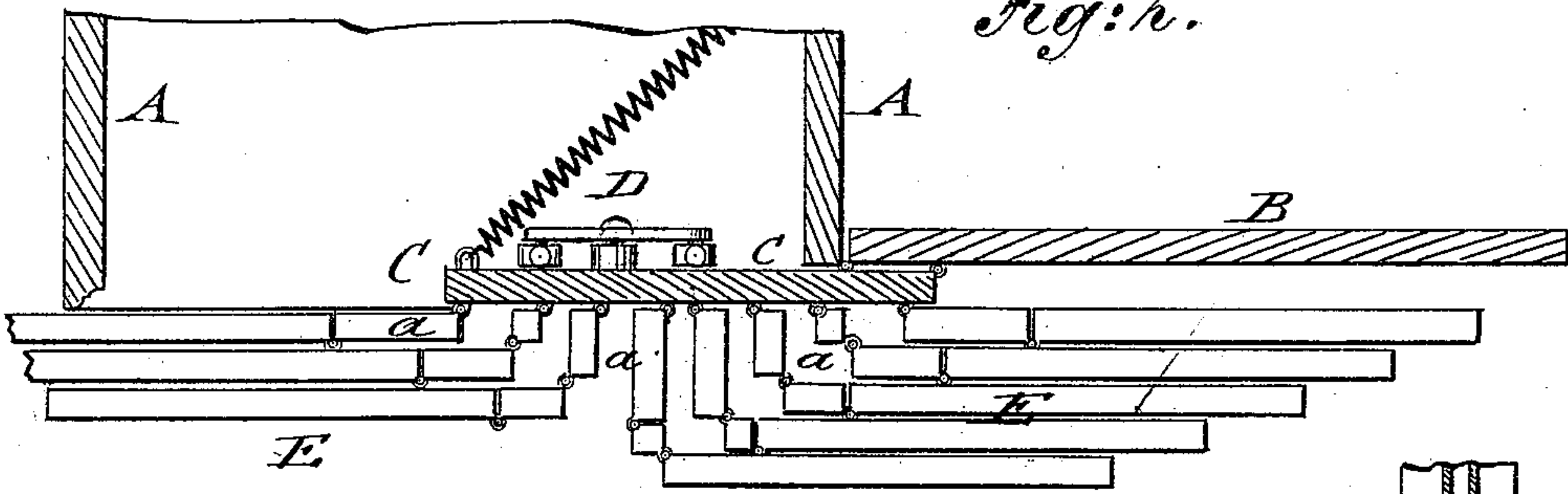


Fig: 3.

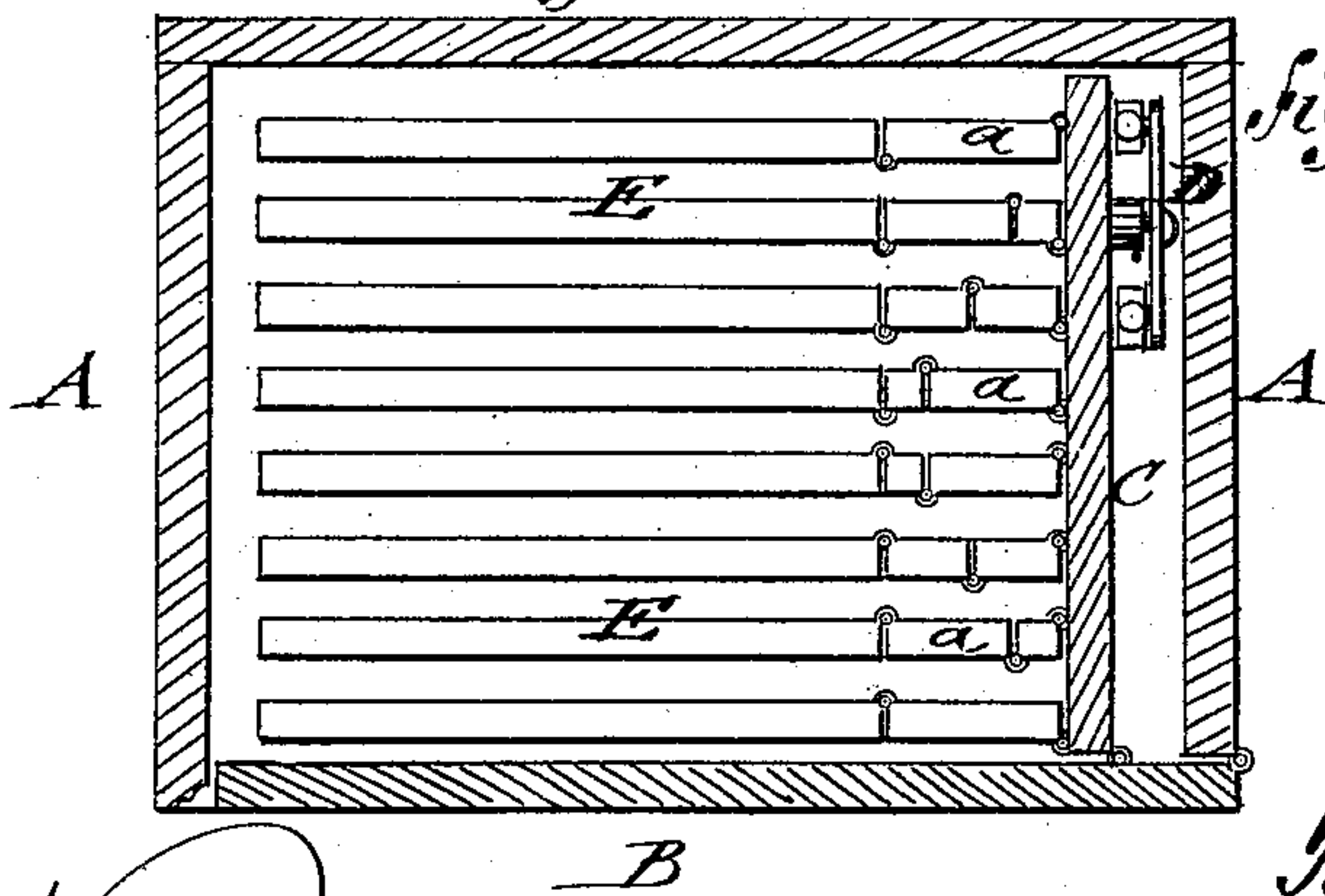
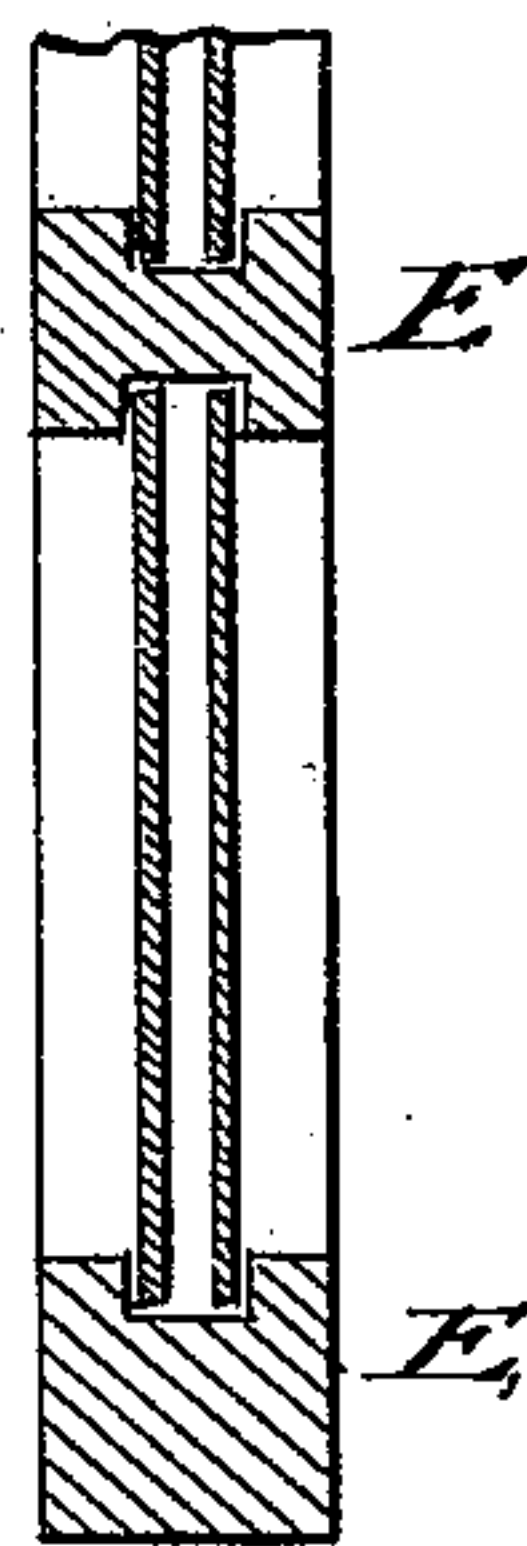


Fig: 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PHOTOGRAPHIC-PICTURE CASES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS F. ADAMS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Photograph-Case, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved photograph-case in open position; Fig. 2, a horizontal section of the same on the line *cc*, Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a horizontal section of the case as folded back and closed; and Fig. 4, a detail cross-section of one of the hinged photograph-frames on line *xx*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of my invention is to provide for police-stations and detective-offices an improved photograph-case for the arrangement and storage of the large collection of photographs known as the "rogues' gallery," so that the same may be more conveniently handled than with the common albums in which they are at present stored, and also the identification of criminals facilitated, the entire collection being readily opened and closed as required.

The invention relates to a case with hinged door, to which the frame-carrying board is hinged, to be opened and closed with the door, and locked into open position by suitable spring-bolts. The supporting-board carries a number of photograph-frames, so hinged to intermediate pieces that any one may be readily swung to either side for the inspection of the photographs.

In the drawing, A represents a case of suitable size, according to the size of the frame and number of photographs to be stored in the same. The case A is closed by a hinged door, B, to the inside of which is again hinged the frame-supporting board C, which assumes, when the case is closed, a position at right angles to the door and parallel to the sides of the case, as shown in Fig. 3, while it is nearly in line with the door and parallel to the back of the case when the door is thrown open, as in Fig. 2.

The board C, as well as door B, is locked into open position by suitable spring-bolts D, or other locking device, that are thrown into sockets at the top and bottom of the case. On withdrawing the spring-bolts the door and board may be readily swung into closed position by any suitable spring.

A number of frames, E, are hinged to the supporting-board C, in such a manner that they may be conveniently swung from one side to the other for the inspection of the photographs in the frames. For this purpose the frames E are hinged by intermediate strips or pieces *a* to the board C, one-half of the frames being intended to be swung to one side, the other half to the other side, of the board.

The hinge-connection of the supporting-board C, strips *a*, and frames E is so arranged as to allow the frames to be swung into position, one above the other, and parallel to the one next below, as indicated in Fig. 2, which is obtained by a change in the disposition of the hinges and width of the intermediate strips, as clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

The ready folding of the frames to either side admits the ready inspection of the rogues' gallery when required, for identification of a criminal or other purposes, and facilitates the convenient handling of the large number of photographs that accumulate in the police and detective service.

Each frame E is divided by intersecting partition-strips into spaces the size of the common photographs. The upper and lower sides of the horizontal dividing-strips are grooved, and the photographs easily sprung into the grooves by bending, and readily taken out as required.

The case may be made of neat and compact shape, and attached to the wall of the office, to dispense with the present cumbrous and inconvenient albums, and furnish a time-saving and handier device in their place.

The case may also be used with advantage by photographers and dealers in photographs.

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

1. A photograph-picture exhibitor, consisting of a case provided with a series of hinged frames attached to and swinging outward with the door, substantially as shown and described, for the purpose specified.

2. The combination of the outer case with a hinged supporting-board and a spring-bolt or locking device to lock the board in open position, substantially as specified.

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