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TOY CIGAR-CASE.

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Fig: 1

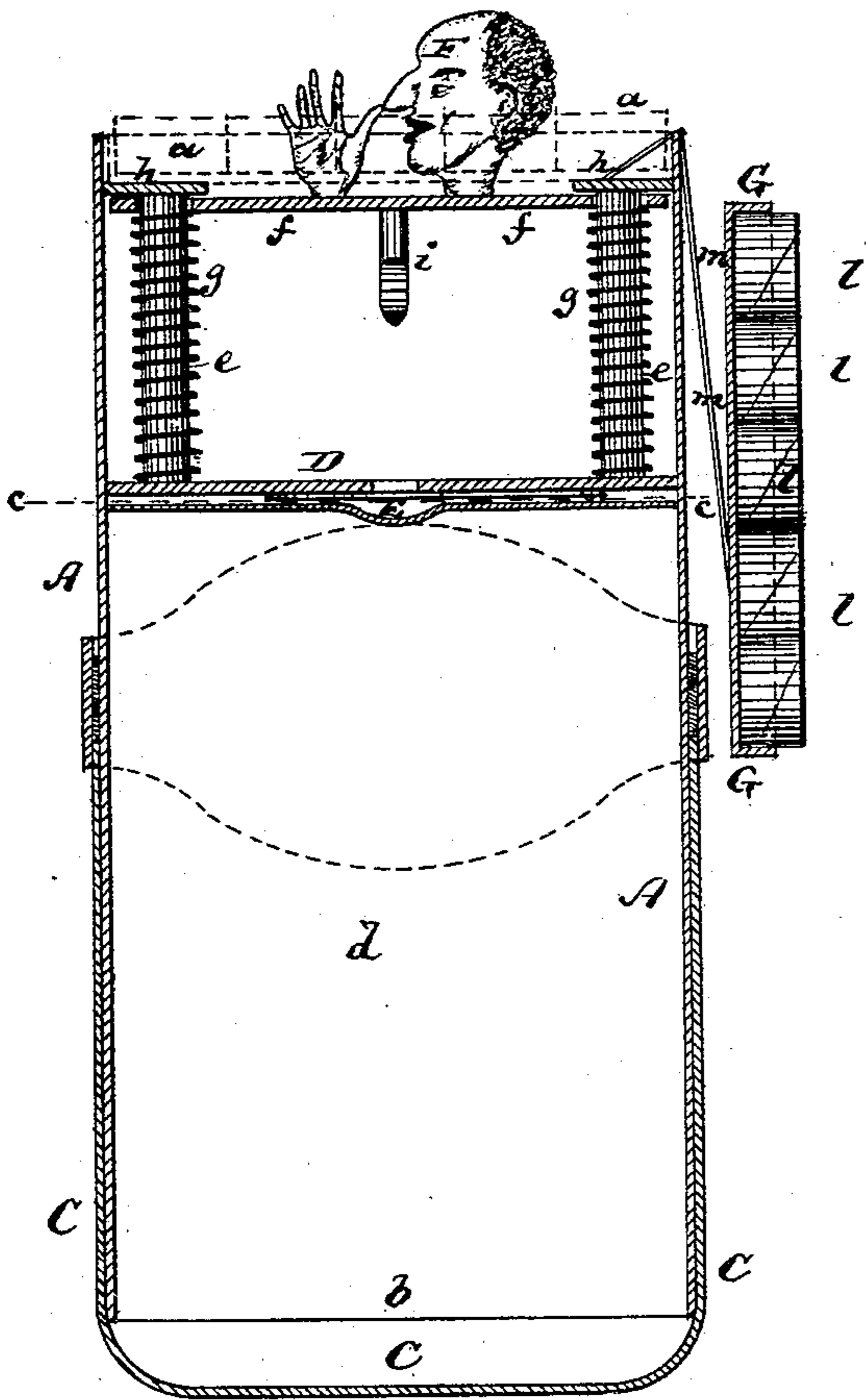


Fig: 2

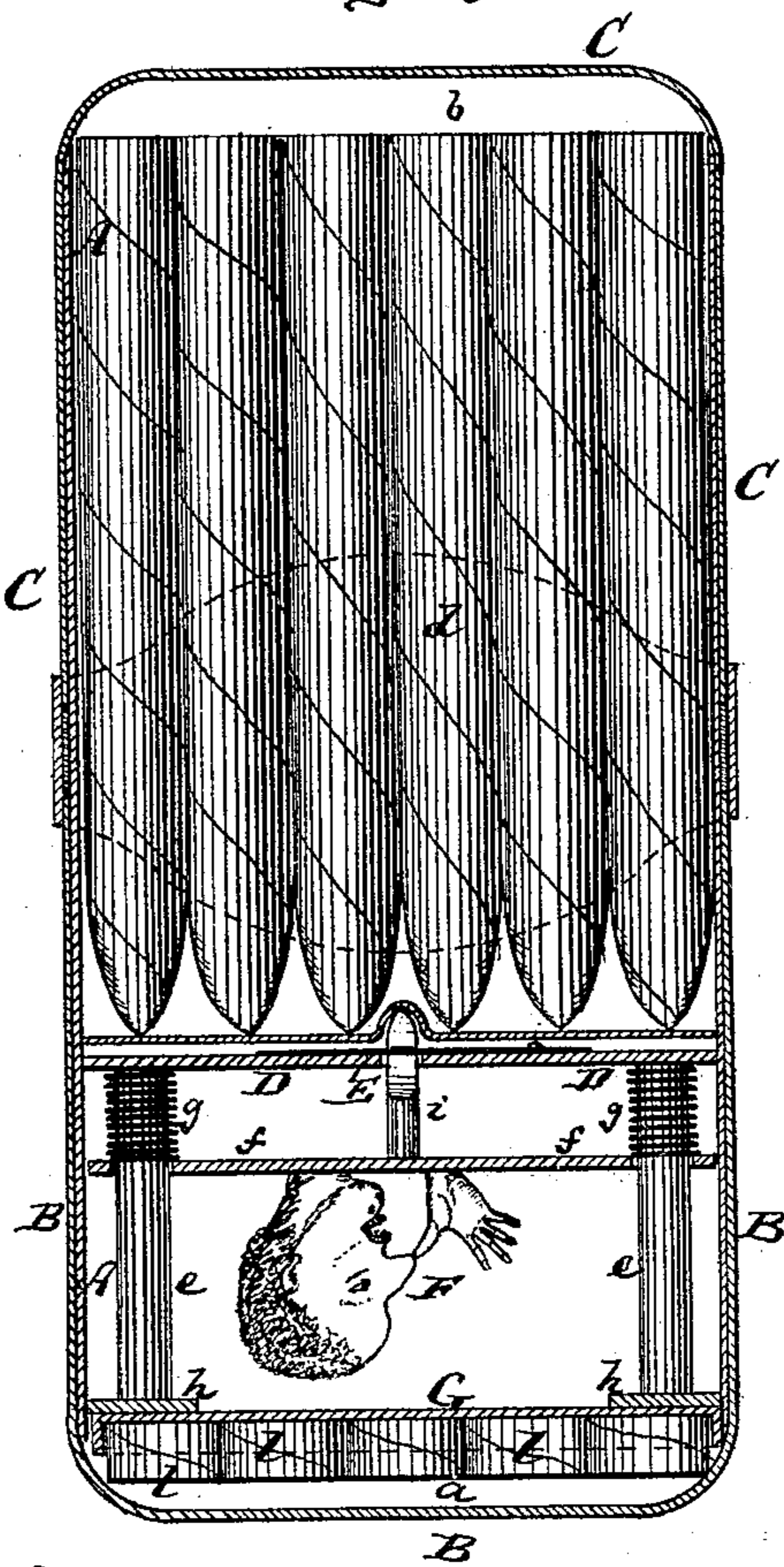
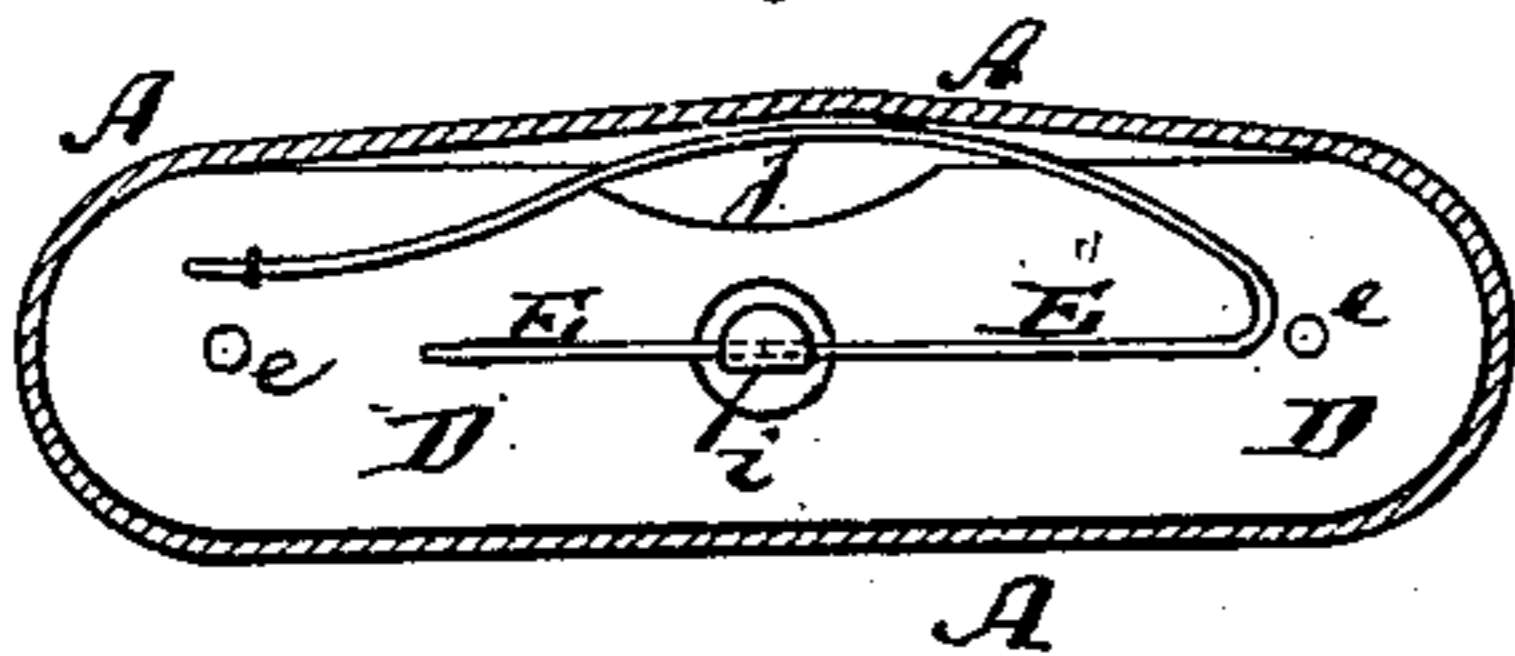


Fig: 3



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IMPROVEMENT IN TOY CIGAR-CASES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANZ WALDSCHMITT, of New York city, New York, have invented a new and Improved Toy Cigar-Case, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of my improved toy cigar-case, showing the toy part opened. Fig. 2 is a similar section thereof, showing it closed. Fig. 3 is a cross-section on the line *c c*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

This invention relates to a new pocket cigar-case, which is open at both ends, and contains near one end a false bottom, over which a sort of jack-in-the-box is placed, the main body of the case serving as a receptacle for cigars. Toy cases in imitation of cigar-cases, and provided with a similar jack-in-the-box, have been used previous to my invention; but they were not adapted to receive cigars, and, therefore, mere playthings, whereas mine is a real cigar-case, combined with the toy, to serve both a useful purpose and as a means of amusement.

In the drawing, the letter *A* represents the body or shell of the cigar-case. The same is made of leather or other suitable material, of convenient or suitable size and shape. This case is open at both ends, and provided with a lid or cover, *B*, for closing one end, *a*, and another lid or cover, *C*, for closing the other end *b*. *D* is a false bottom, secured across the case *A*, nearer the end *a*, leaving a large chamber, *d*, between said false bottom and the end *b*, for the reception of cigars, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. These cigars can be reached by opening the cover *C*.

The false bottom supports two short pillars, *e e*, which project toward the end *a* of the case, and on which a plate, *f*, is arranged to slide up and down. A spring or springs, *g*, on the pillars serve to raise the slide *f* against shoulders *h*, which are formed at or near the upper ends of the pillars. The slide *f* has a down-

wardly-projecting catch or hook, *i*, which, when the slide is moved toward the false bottom, is caught by a spring, *E*, that is attached to the said false bottom. A part, *j*, of the spring *E* is in close contact with the body *A* of the cigar-case, as indicated in Fig. 3, so that by pressing the case at this point the spring will be moved to disengage the hook *i*, and allow the springs *g* to throw the slide *f* against the shoulders *h*, as in Fig. 1; but when, afterward, the slide is pushed toward the false bottom, the spring *E* will spontaneously take into the catch *i* and hold the slide, as in Fig. 2. A toy figure, *F*, head or the like, is secured upon the slide *f* to constitute the jack-in-the-box, which appears when the end *a* of the case is opened, and the case then pressed in manner stated, to release the catch. In addition to this figure, I propose to use a false lid, *G*, to close the end *a* of the case, this lid having short pieces of cigars *l l* glued or otherwise secured thereto. The jack-in-the-box, when it springs out, will throw off this false lid and appear to view, the false lid being, by a cord, *m*, or otherwise, secured to the case *A*.

I do not claim anything in the mechanism whereby the jack-in-the-box is moved or secured, nor in the false lid *G*, as substantially the same arrangement has been used in toy cases that were made in imitation of cigar-cases, but that had no capacity for holding cigars; but

I do claim—

The cigar-case *A*, open at both ends, and combined with a false bottom or partition, *D*, with a figure or jack-in-the-box supported thereon, and with the two separate covers *B* and *C*, substantially as herein shown and described.

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