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Fig. 1.

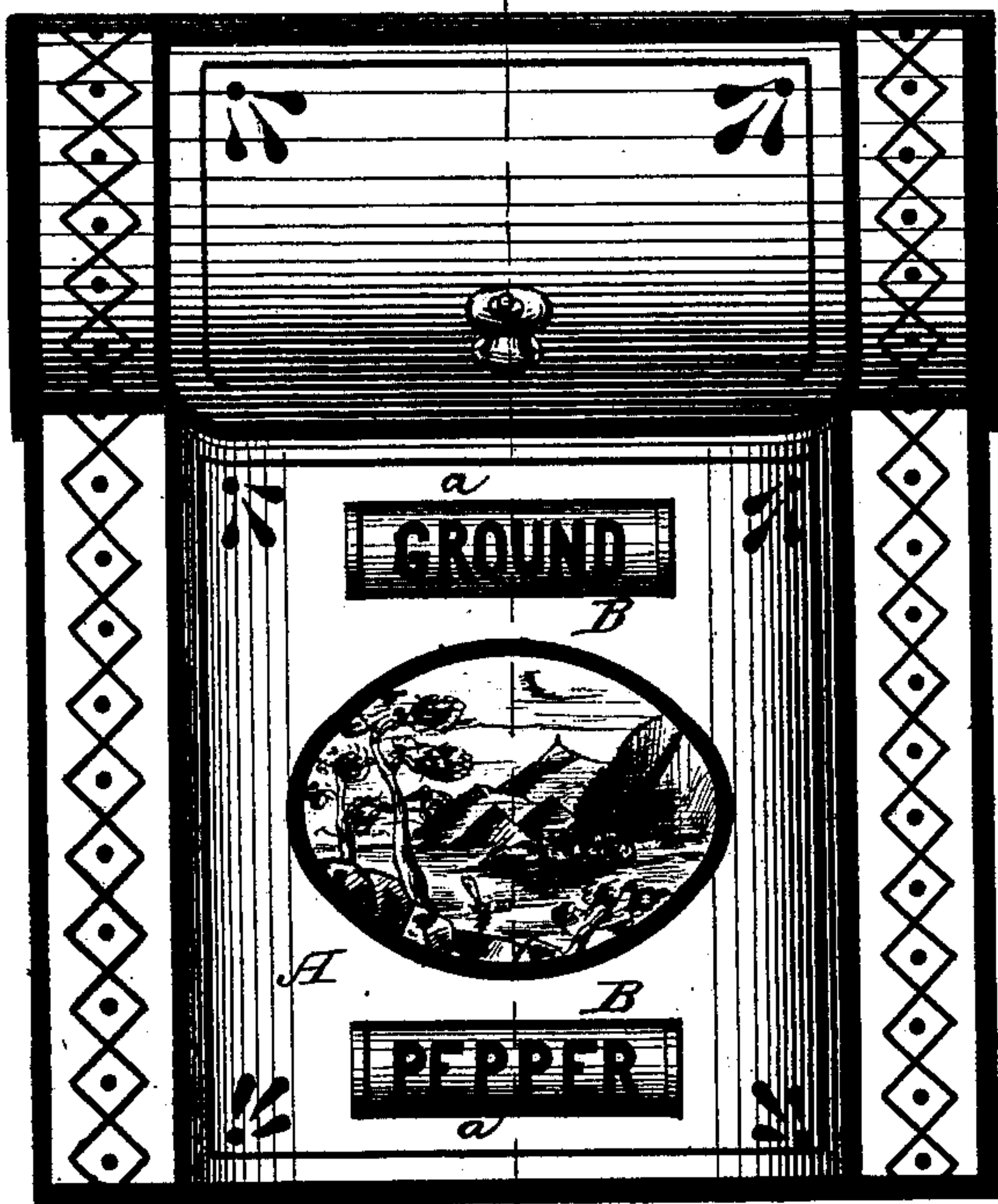


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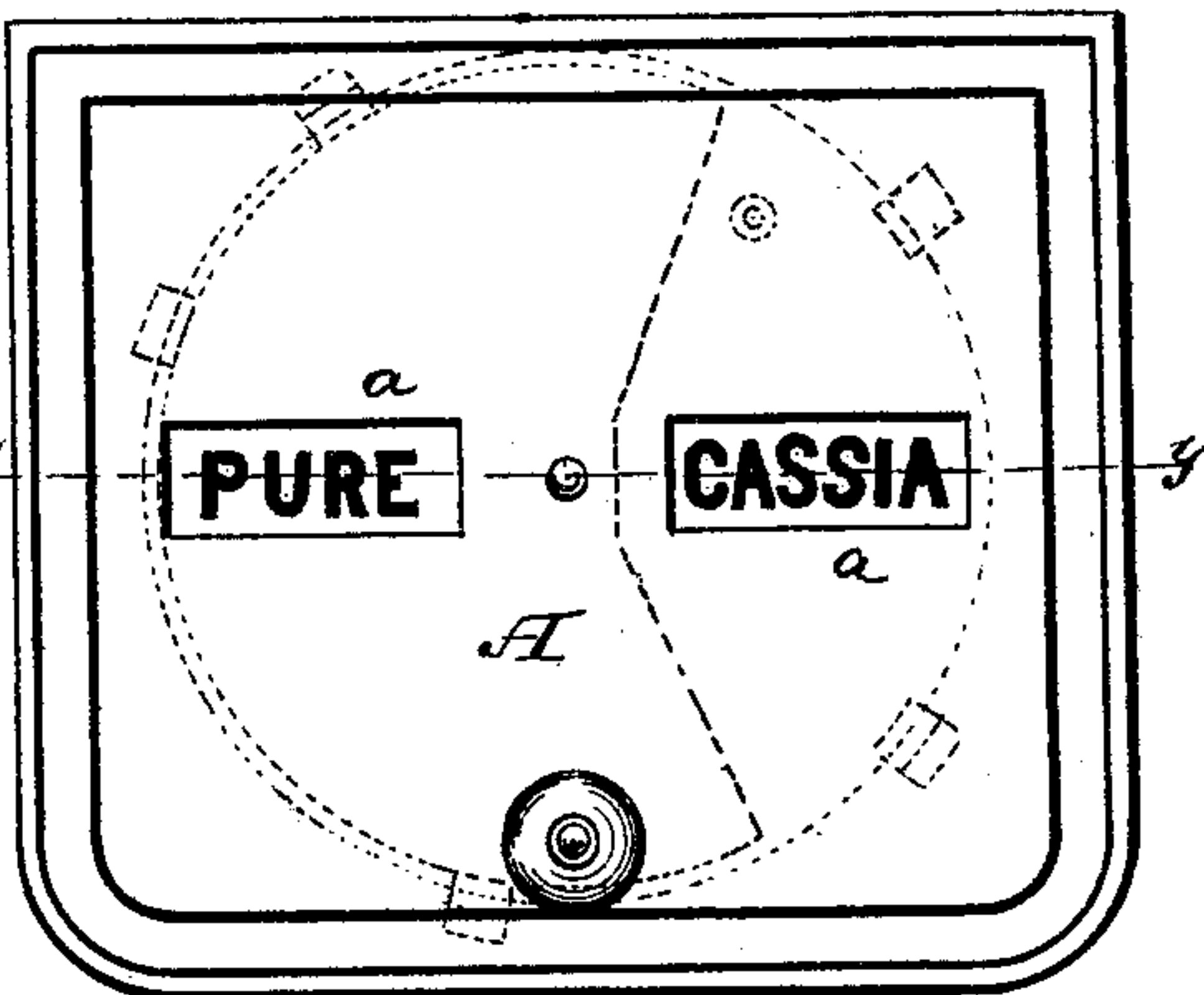


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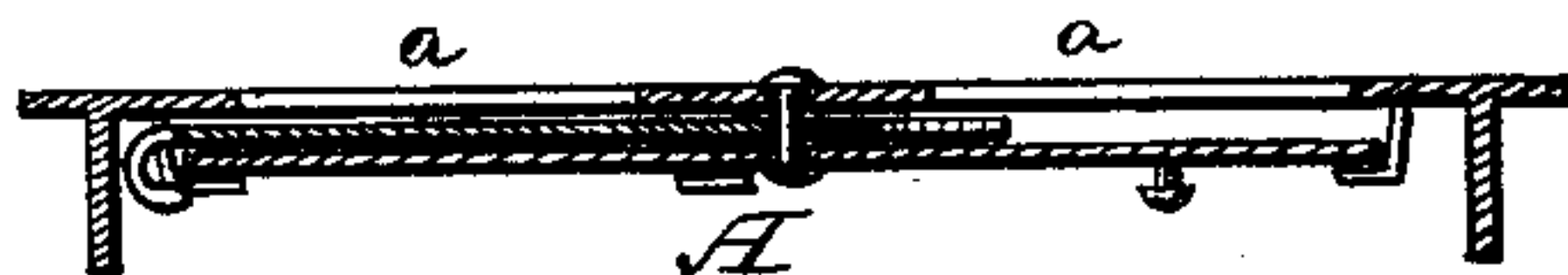


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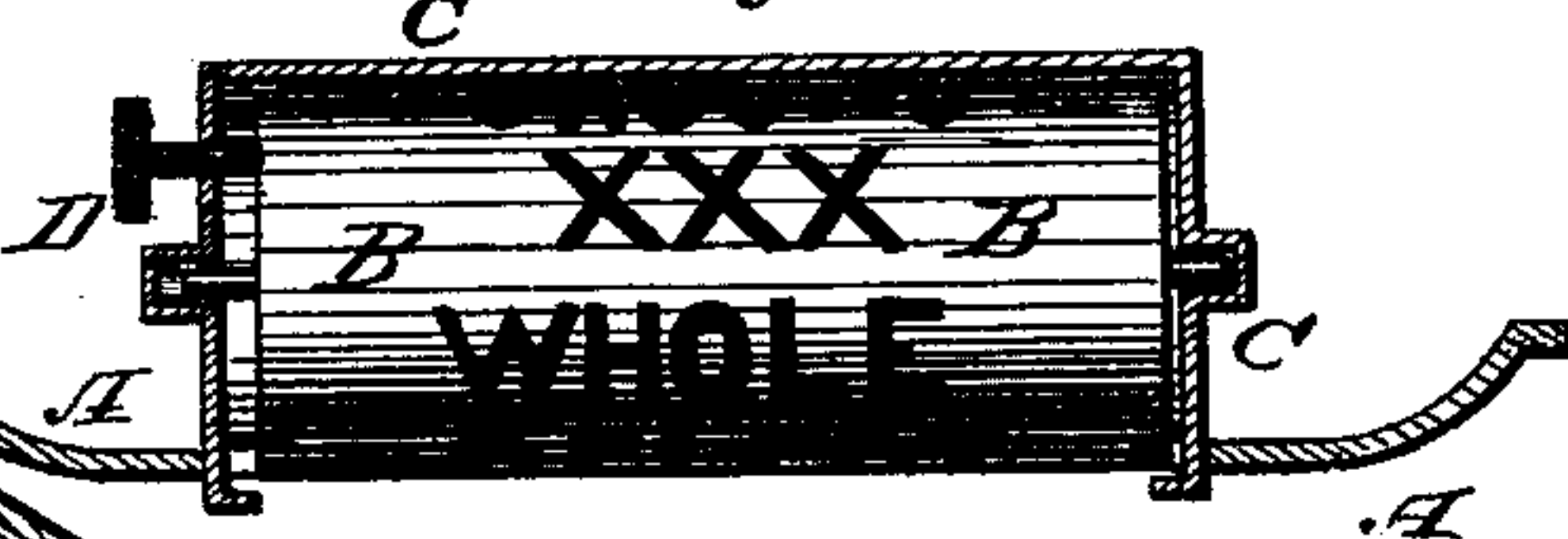
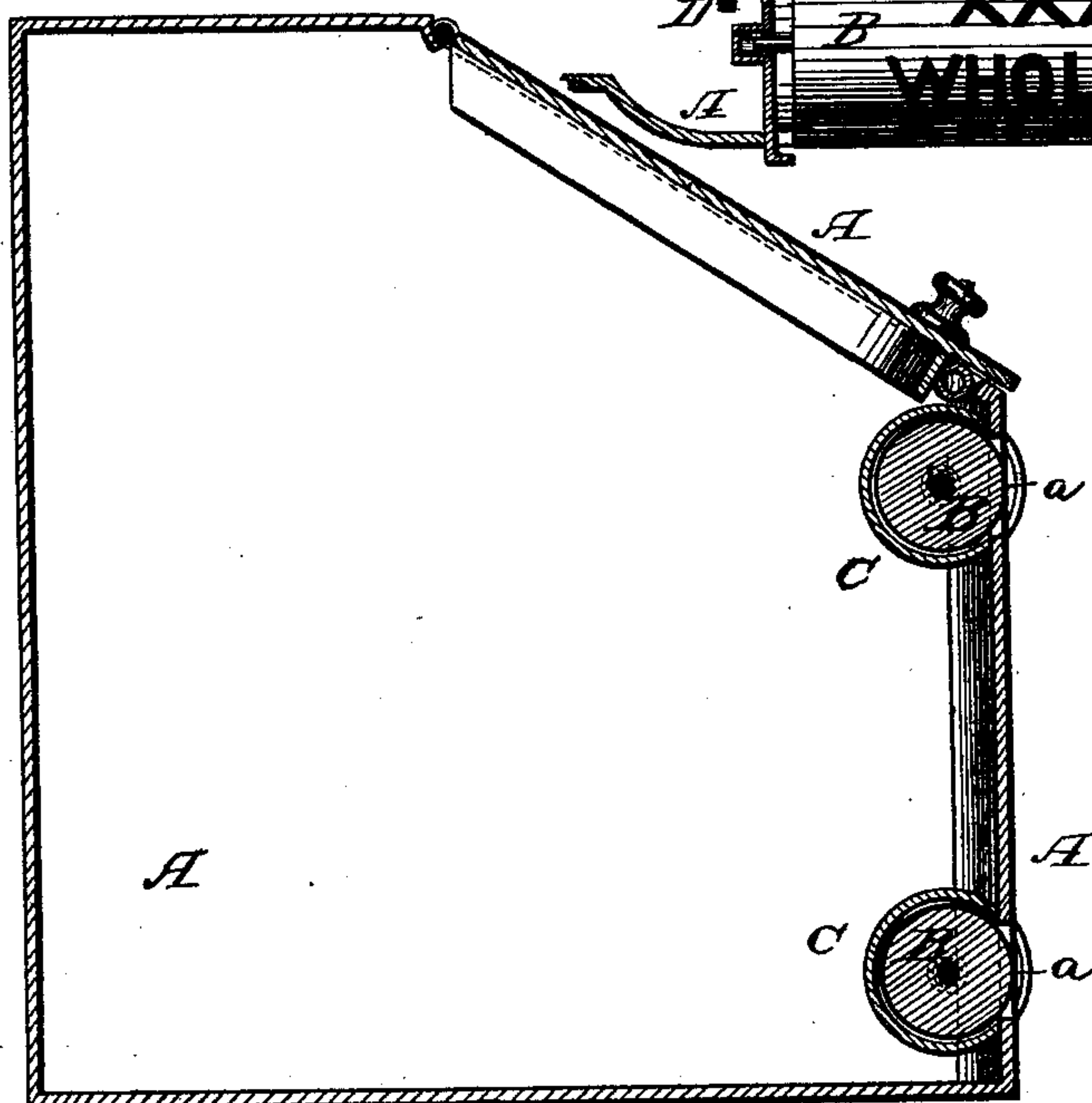


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CANISTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN NORTON, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cans and Caddies; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to that class of cans, caddies, or packages which are used in retail-stores for holding teas, coffees, spices, or other goods; and it consists in providing said caddies (which are usually japanned and ornamented) with a series of names of the various kinds of goods which are kept in them, and so arranged that the owner can easily change them without loss of time.

It also consists in cutting away the front of the can or caddy for the purpose of showing the movable lable inside of the can, all as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawing, to which reference is made, and which fully illustrates my invention, Figure 1 is a front elevation. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section on line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail view of my invention. Fig. 4 is a modification of my invention; and Fig. 5 is a section through line *y y* of the same.

A represents a can, caddy, or other similar package, such as are used in retail-stores for holding teas, coffees, spices, or other goods.

Dealers who carry a stock of such cans or caddies have always had great trouble in filling orders, from the fact that the names and grades of goods are branded upon them, and, while having an overstock of some marks, they would be out of others; hence they could not fill their orders without sending away to the manufacturer for more cans having desired marks.

Users of these cans have also had trouble from the fact of selling out all of the goods marked on the can, and, not being able to substitute another name, have been led into mistakes, which, by the use of my improvement, would be entirely avoided, as it is the

work of but a moment to change the name without in the least injuring the name removed, which can be replaced when needed.

The invention consists in providing a series of names upon one or more movable plates secured upon the inside of the can, and having one or more openings in the can cut away, so that the name required may be rotated or pushed into view through said opening, the plate being then secured in position by any of the known appliances for this purpose.

I prefer to make these movable plates in the form of rollers, as shown at B B, which work upon journals in cylindrical casings C C secured on the inside of the can.

Upon one of the rollers are the names of eight different spices, while on the other are the names of eight different grades, permitting in each caddy sixty-four changes of marks, and each roller being turned so as to show either one of the names or marks through openings *a a* cut or otherwise made in the front of the caddy.

A set-screw, D, is passed through one end of each casing C for the purpose of securing the roller B therein in the desired position.

This form of construction prevents the contents of the can from coming in contact with the ornamental names on the rollers, which would soil them, and also allows of a number of names in the most practical and compact form.

Other equivalent devices may be used instead of the rollers, such as, for instance, two flat registering-plates, having the names, and revolving on a central pivot, with one or more openings in the can to show the names through; or the required number of names may be lettered upon separate flat plates, and put into the case, made of convenient form, with an opening in the front, and attached to the can or package, so that the one required could show at the opening while all the rest were concealed.

In this class of storage-cans the labels have heretofore been painted or otherwise permanently attached to the can, which limited the can to the use specified by the marking, when, by my arrangement, the same can may be used for various purposes, and have labels correctly indicating the contents. By locat-

ing them and the fastening on the inside, the labels cannot be tampered with or be accidentally shifted so as to indicate the character of the contained goods incorrectly.

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

1. A can or caddy provided with openings in its front, in combination with a plurality of labels and moving devices, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A can or caddy provided with one or more labels inclosed in casings on the inside of the can, and provided with an inside fastening device to prevent tampering with the labels, substantially as set forth.

3. A can or caddy having two openings, in combination with two revolving labels inclosed within the case, and a fastening device, whereby spices of different kinds and also different qualities may be labeled, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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