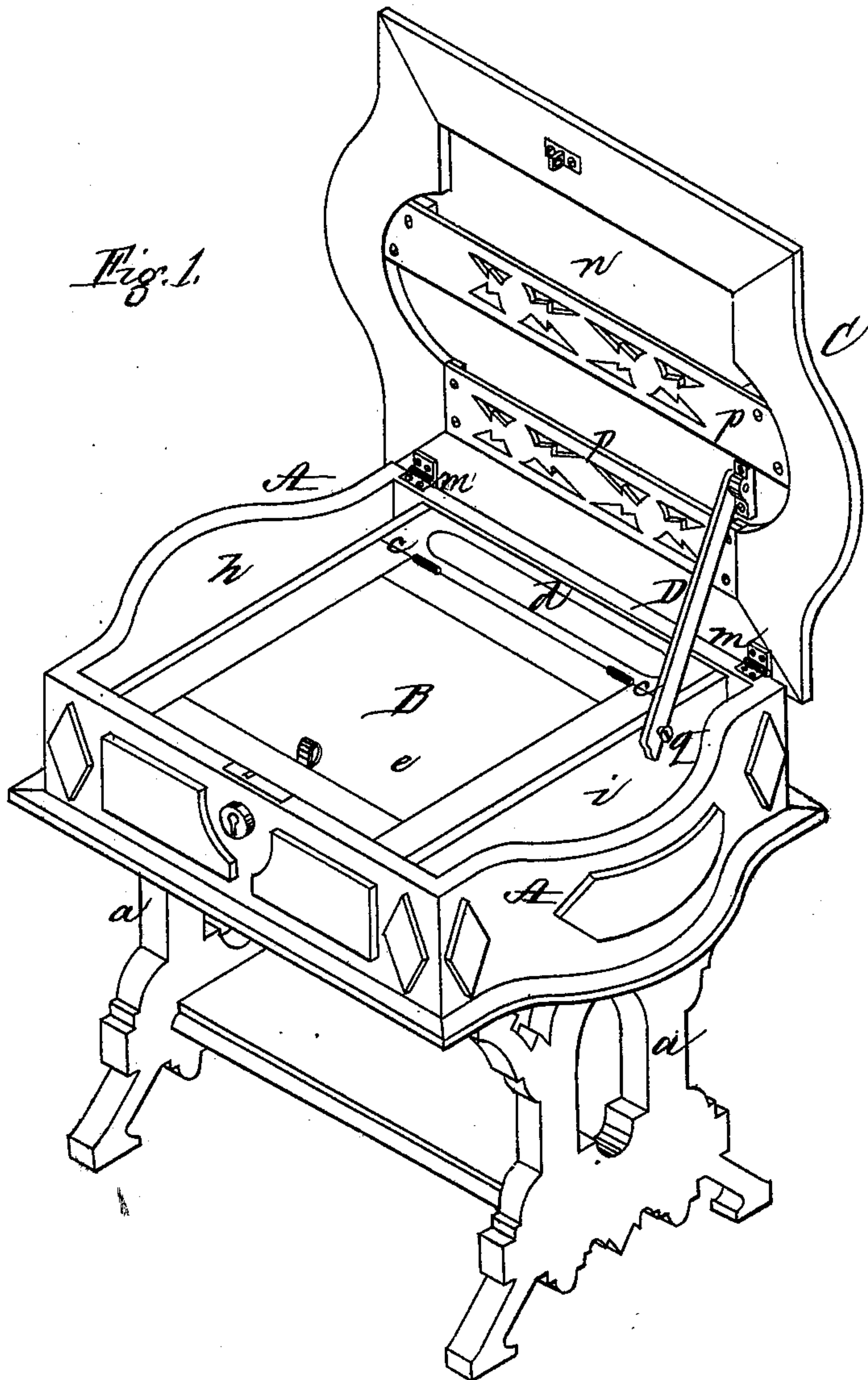


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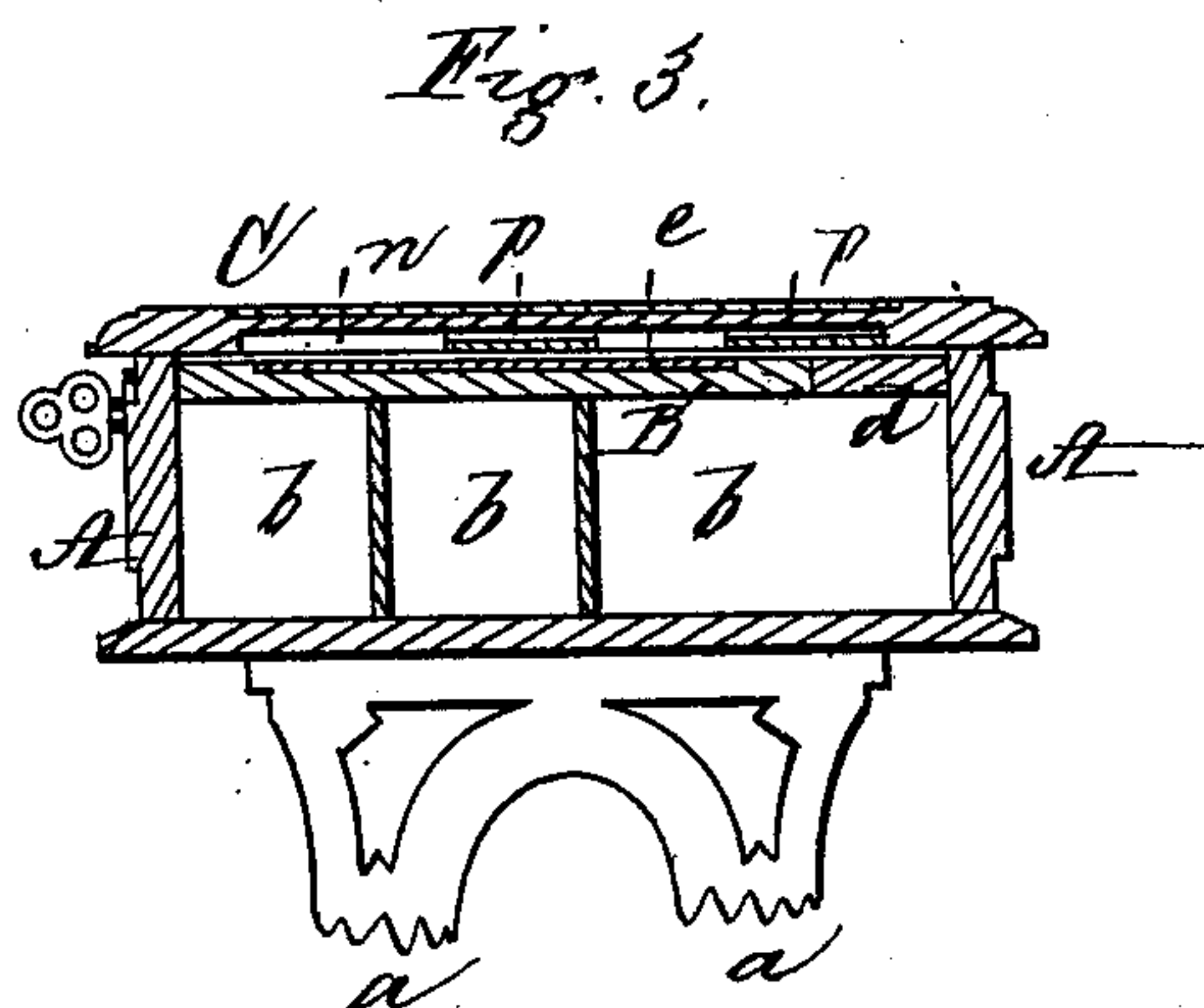
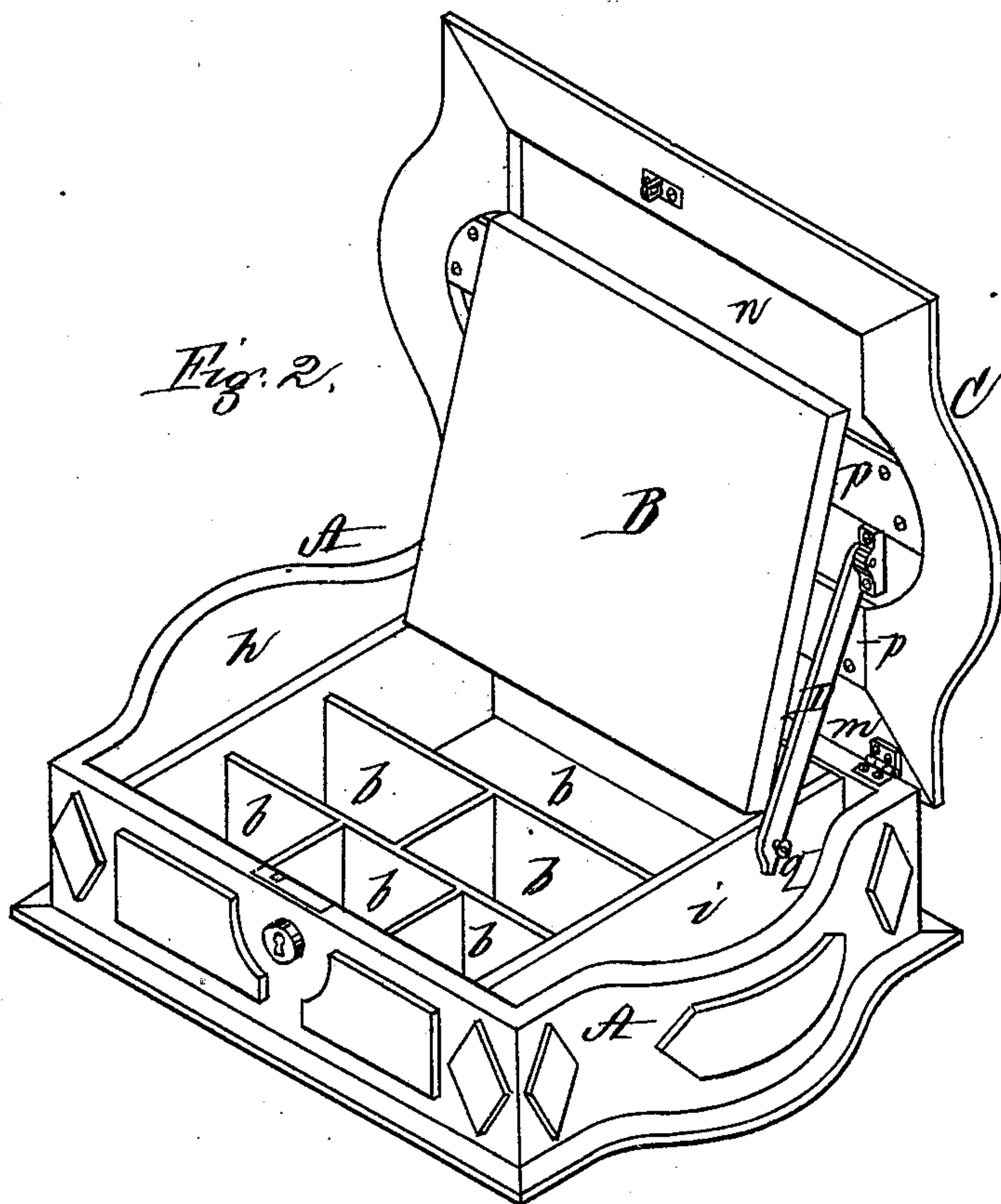
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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED DESK AND TABLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTOPHER BLAKE, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Combined Desks and Tables, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my combined desk and table, the top of the table being swung upon its hinges. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same, with the top of the table and lid of the desk raised to show the compartments beneath. Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical section, with the lid of the desk and top of the table shut down.

A combined desk and table has been made in which the under side of the hinged top of the table has been provided with a series of compartments or pigeon-holes, closed by a hinged lid, which, when the table-top is raised, may be swung down to serve as a writing-desk.

This construction is objectionable, for the reason that the contents of the pigeon-holes are shaken up and disarranged by the movement of the table-top when swung up and down, while the hinged table-top is rendered so heavy by the pigeon-holes and their contents that when swung back the stability of the table is endangered.

My invention has for its purpose to overcome these objections; and consists in a series of compartments, provided with a hinged lid, which serves as a writing-desk, located within the frame of the table, in combination with a hinged recessed table-top, provided with one or more strips, in order to serve as a rack or racks wherein to deposit paper, envelopes, &c., which are thereby prevented from coming into contact with the desk.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the said drawings, A represents the frame of a table, supported on legs *a*. Within this frame are formed a series of compartments, *b*, over which is fitted a lid, B, hinged at *c c* to a strip, *d*, at the rear of the inside of the frame, this lid being provided with a cov-

ering, *e*, of cloth, and serving as a writing-desk.

Outside of the compartments *b*, and between them and the sides of the frame, are formed other compartments, *h i*.

C is the table-top, hinged at *m m* to top of the rear of the frame A, this top being swung up into the position seen in Fig. 1. When the desk is to be used, and when this top is swung down, as seen in Fig. 3, the desk is covered, and the article converted into the ordinary table, for use in libraries, chambers, &c.

On the under side of the table-top C is formed a shallow recess, *n*, extending over the greater portion of its surface; and across this recess extend two strips, *p*, lying flush with the under edges of the table-top, racks being thus formed for the reception of paper, envelopes, &c., which lie within the recess, and are thereby prevented from coming into contact with the desk-lid B when the table-top is closed.

The table-top, when raised, is held in place by a pivoted support, D, which catches over a pin, *q*, and when down is secured by a lock and key.

The above-described article of furniture combines a desk and table, thus economizing space; and by placing the compartments of the desk within the frame, instead of locating them on the under side of the hinged table-top, as heretofore, the movement and consequent disarrangement of the contents of the desk are prevented, while the weight of the table-top is reduced, and the liability of its overbalancing the table is thus avoided.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, the desk-table described, consisting of the body A, having the compartments *b b*, lid B, pen-rest *d*, prop D, hollow outer lid C, with racks *p p* sunk in the rabbets in said cover, to bring their outer surfaces flush with the surface of the lid, as set forth.

Witness my hand this 9th day of March, A. D. 1877.

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In presence of—

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