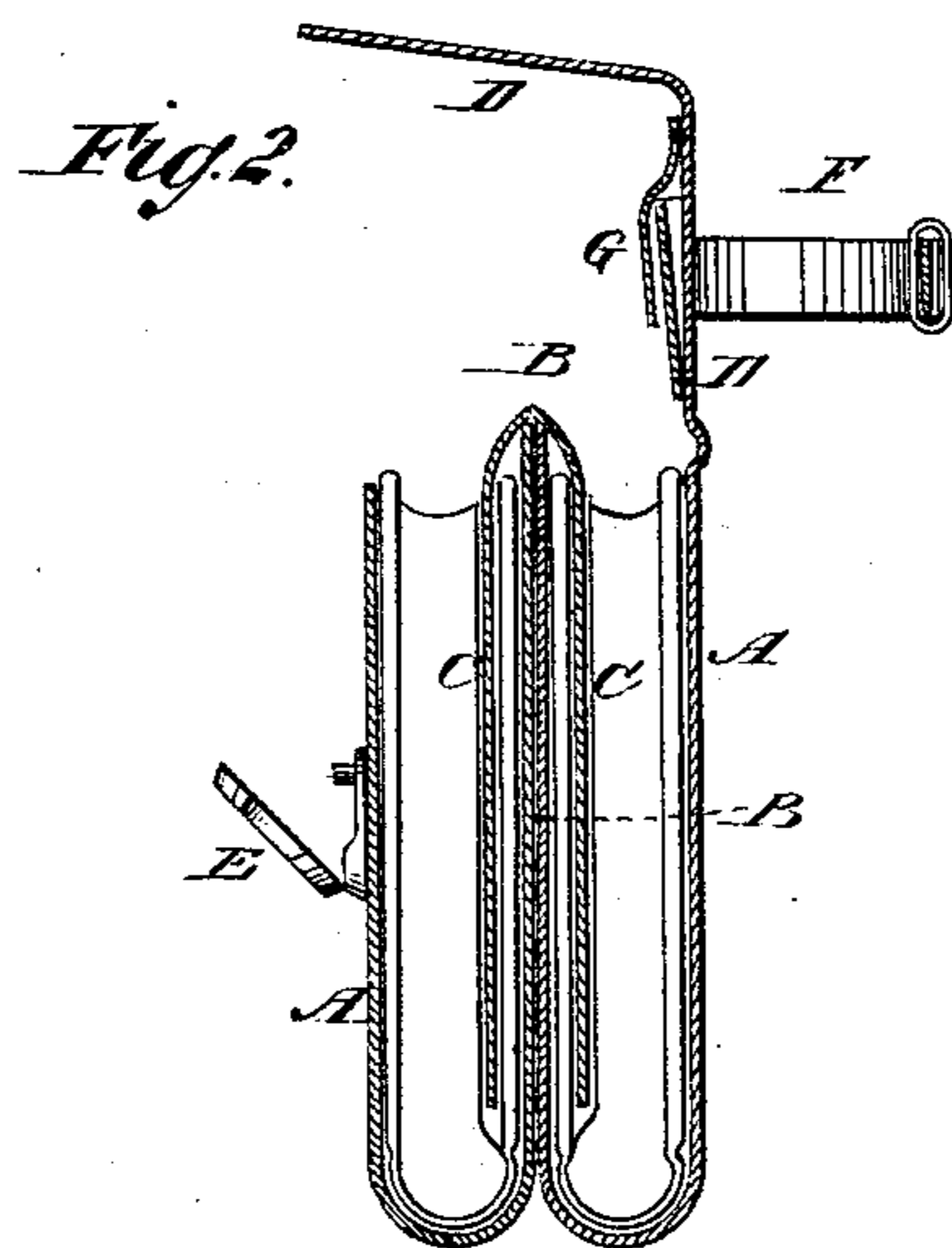
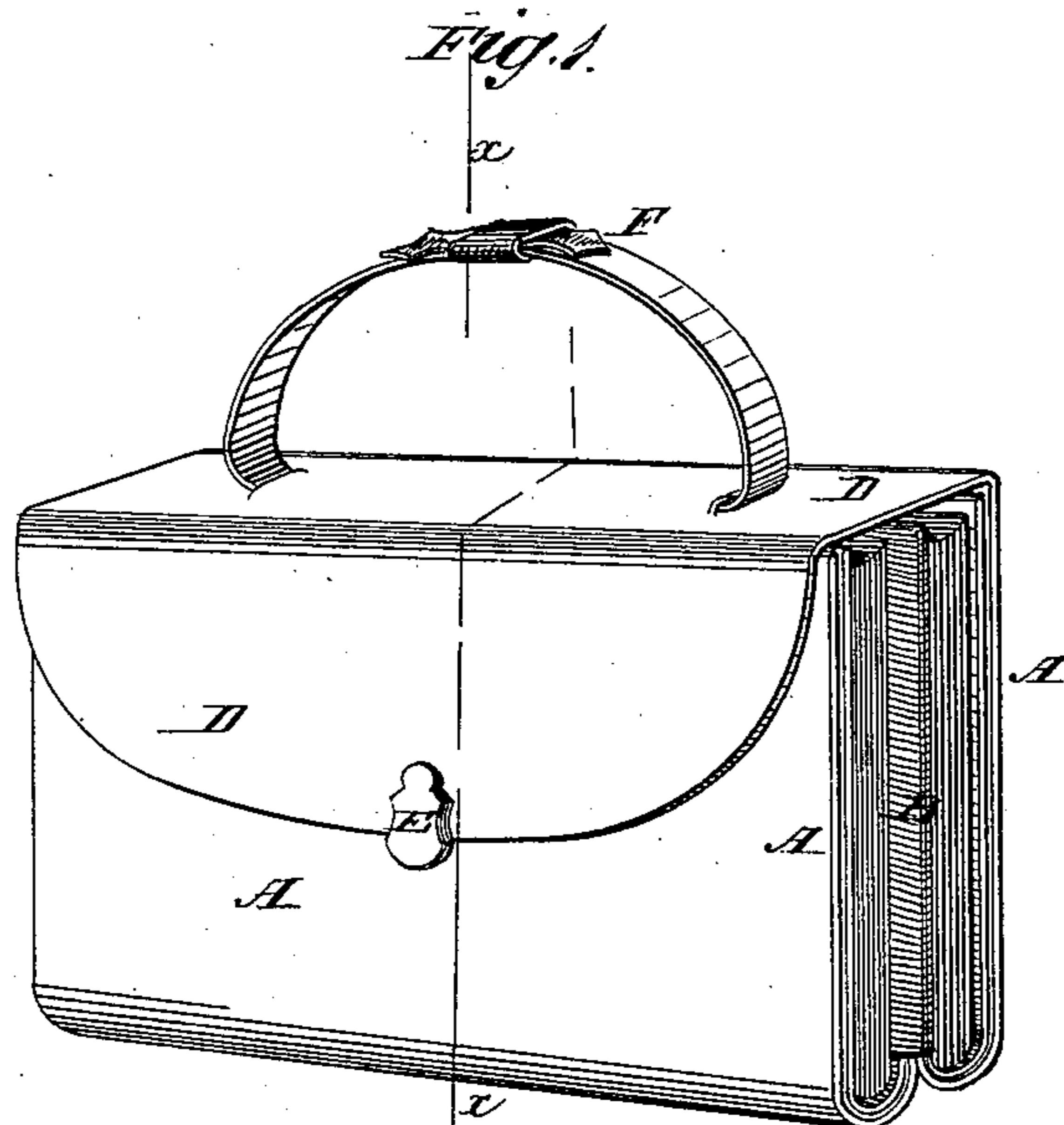


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOOK-HOLDERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM R. E. BERTH, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Prayer-Book and Hymnal Case, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved case, showing a prayer-book and a hymnal inclosed within it. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same, taken through the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The present invention relates to a holder for prayer and hymn books, in which the books can be safely carried.

The invention consists in a prayer-book and hymnal case made with a central partition provided with pockets upon its opposite sides, to receive the adjacent boards of the covers of the two books, having a flap upon the edge of one side, to overlap and be secured to the other side, and provided with a handle, as herein-after fully described.

A represents the case, which is made of such a size as to receive the two books within it. In the center of the case A is formed a partition, B, provided with pockets C upon its two sides, to receive the adjacent boards of the covers of the two books, as shown in Fig. 2. Upon the edge of one side of the case A is

formed a flap, D, of such a size as to cover the forward edges of the two books and overlap the other side of the said case, to which it is secured by a clasp, E, or other suitable fastening. The flap D is provided with a handle, F, which may be made of any suitable material and of any desired shape, so that the case and the inclosed books may be conveniently carried.

If desired, a small pocket, G, may be made upon the inner side of the flap D, to receive currency or coin for contribution.

I am aware that a case or holder for prayer and hymnal books is not broadly new with myself.

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

A prayer-book and hymnal case, A, made with a central partition, B, provided with pockets C upon its opposite sides, to receive the adjacent boards of the covers of the two books, having a flap, D, upon the edge of one side, to overlap and be secured to the other side, and provided with a handle, F, substantially as herein shown and described.

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