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Books for Holding Blank Forms.
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Fig. 1

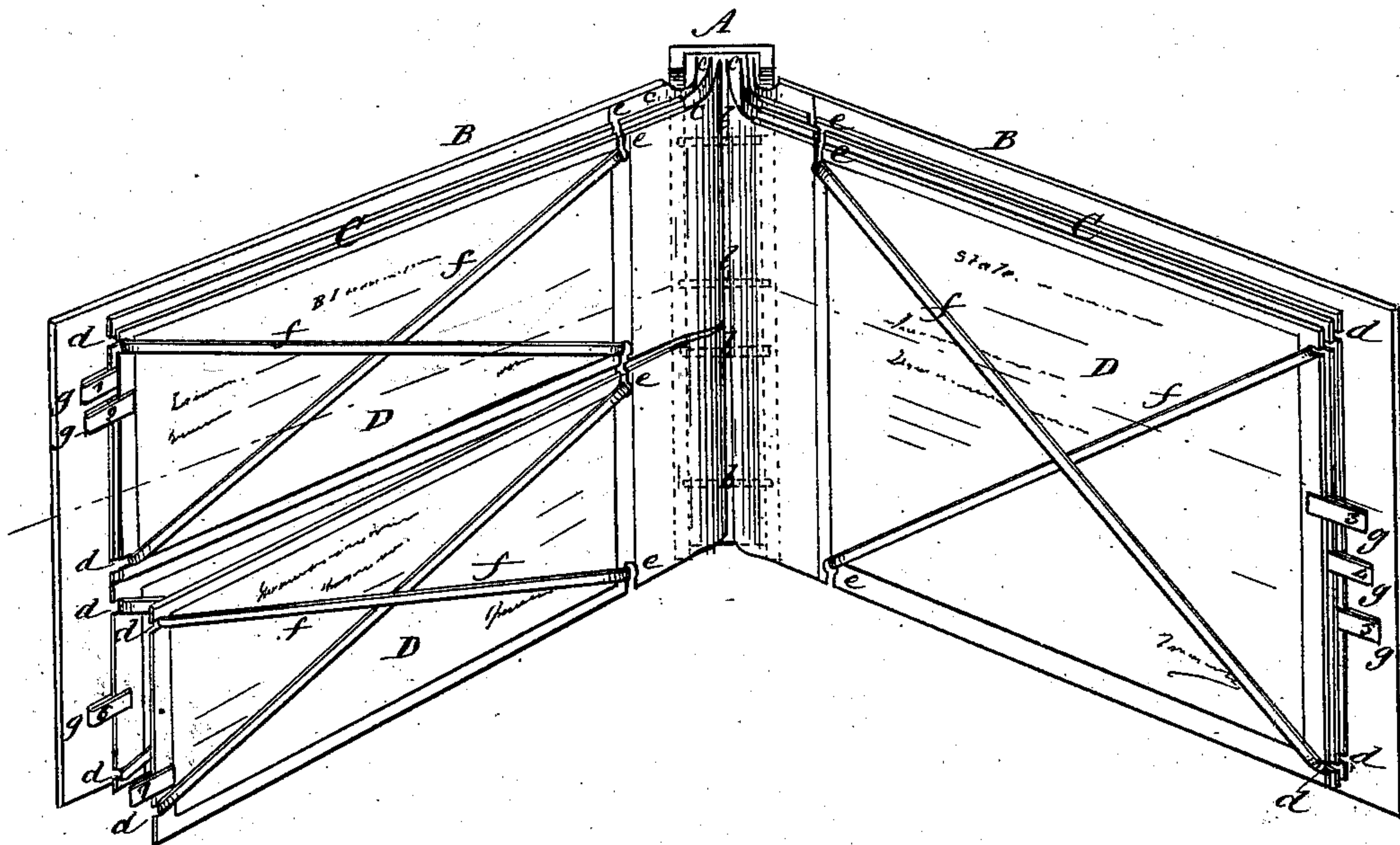
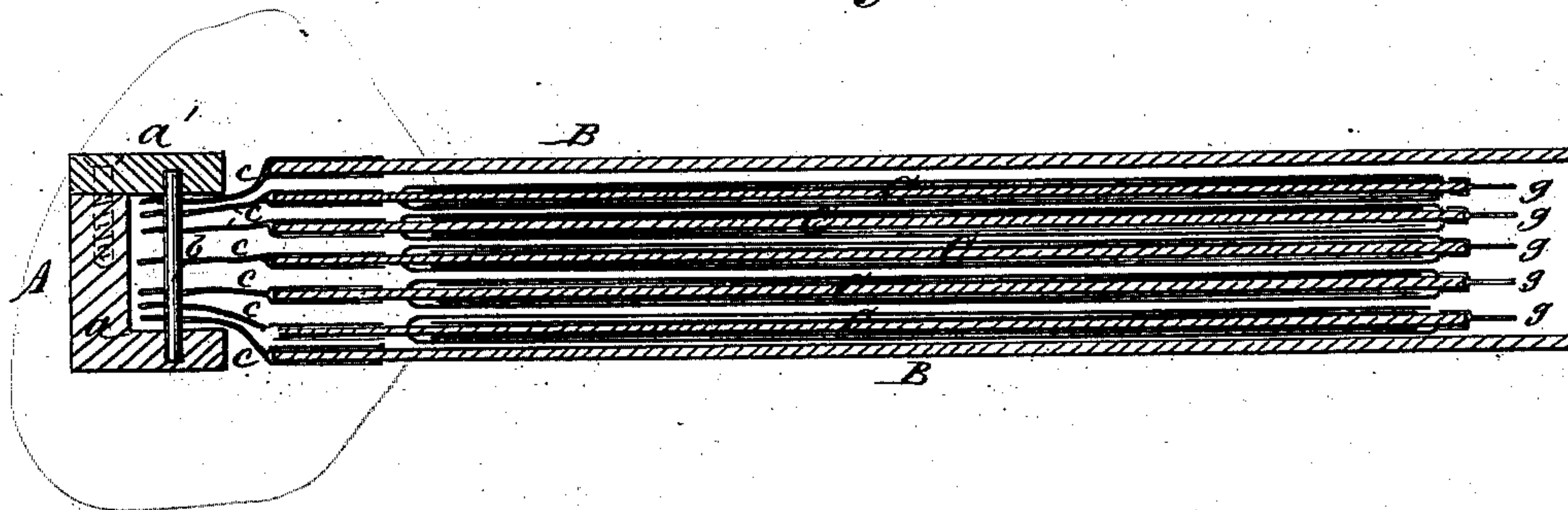


Fig. 2



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BOOK FOR HOLDING BLANK FORMS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW J. CLARK, of Little Falls, in the county of Morrison and State of Minnesota, have invented a new and Improved Book for Blank Forms, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved book for holding blank forms, the object whereof is to preserve the blanks in good order and condition, and to enable the different kinds to be readily and quickly referred to and taken from the book.

It consists of a book composed of card-board leaves provided with elastic bands connected with the leaves in a manner to render their removal easy, under which the blanks are confined.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the book open, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the book.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the back of the book, made of wood, and consisting of the rectangular portion *a* and a removable portion, *a'*, connected with the first part by screws, forming a grooved or channeled back, across which are passed pins or rivets *b*, the ends held in the sides of the channel. B are the covers, and C represents the card-board leaves. The rear edges of the covers and leaves are provided with flexible tags *c* of the whole width thereof. The tags *c* are entered into the channel in the back and secured by the rivets *b*, which are passed through them, whereby a flexible connection between the leaves and covers and the back is obtained, giving ample strength and at the same time flexibility enough to allow the book to be opened and closed easily.

In the free ends of the card-board leaves, near the corners, are made notches *d d*, and in

the sides, near the confined edges, are notches *e e*. Rubber bands *f* are stretched diagonally across the leaves and passed through the notches, whereby they are securely held to the leaves and prevented from slipping. The blanks (indicated by D) are slipped under the elastic bands and securely held in an orderly manner. On the free ends of the leaves are leather tags *g*, on which numbers are printed consecutively.

An index on the inside of the cover contains the names of the blanks in the book, opposite numbers corresponding to those on the tags, attached to leaves containing the blanks, whereby the blanks desired can be obtained immediately.

Some of the leaves, it will be observed, are of the full width of the book, while others are of half the width. The purpose of this is to provide leaves appropriate to the various kinds of forms employed. I do not therefore confine myself to the use of a uniform size of leaves for the book, as it is sometimes necessary that the small book shall contain leaves adapted to the various kinds of blanks usually employed.

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

A book for holding blank forms, composed of covers B B, wooden channeled back A, card-board leaves C, of various widths, to accommodate various-sized blanks, said leaves and covers being connected with the back by flexible connections *c* and elastic bands *f*, stretched diagonally across the leaves and held in notches *d d e e*, combined and arranged in the manner and for the purpose substantially as described.

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