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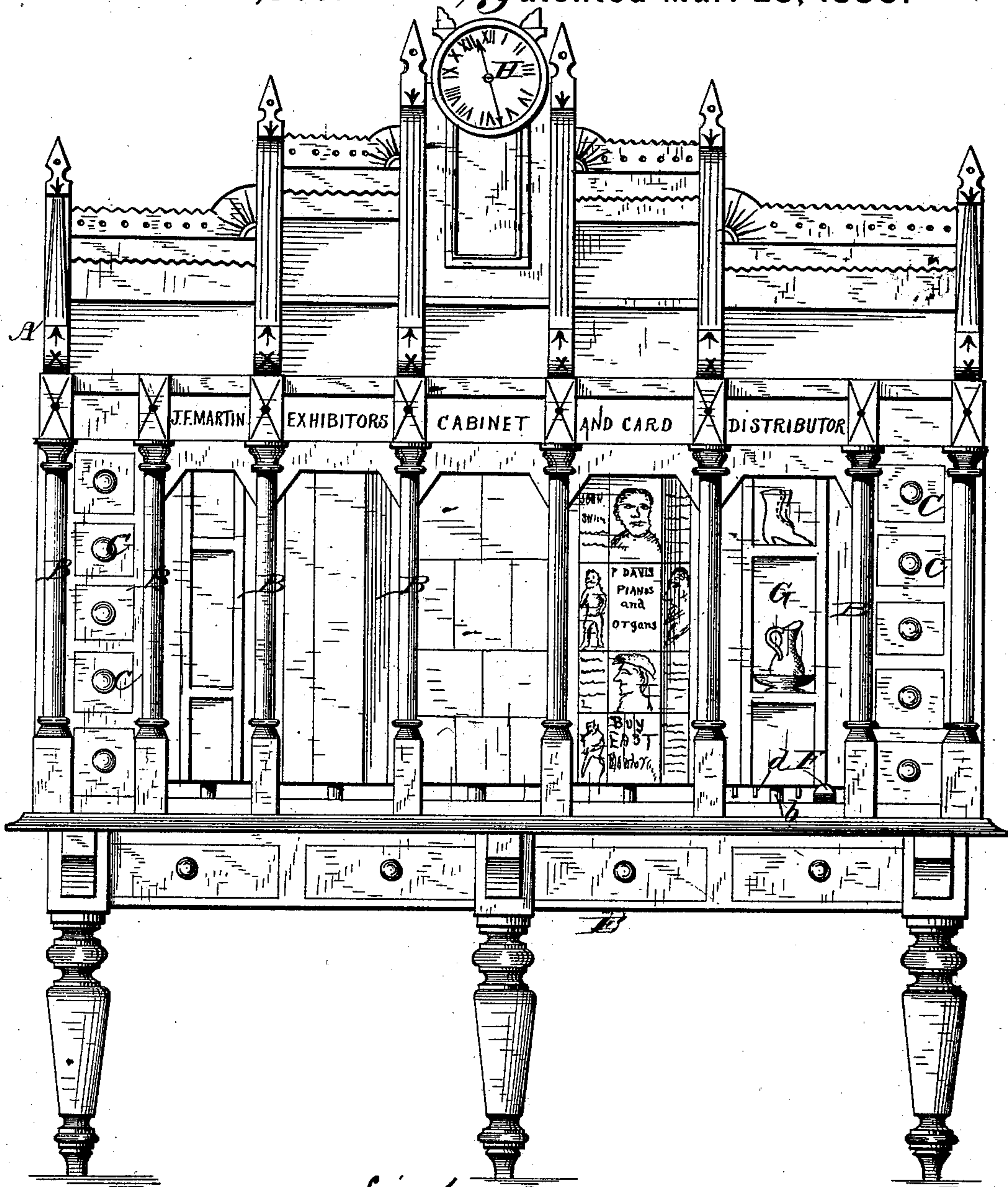
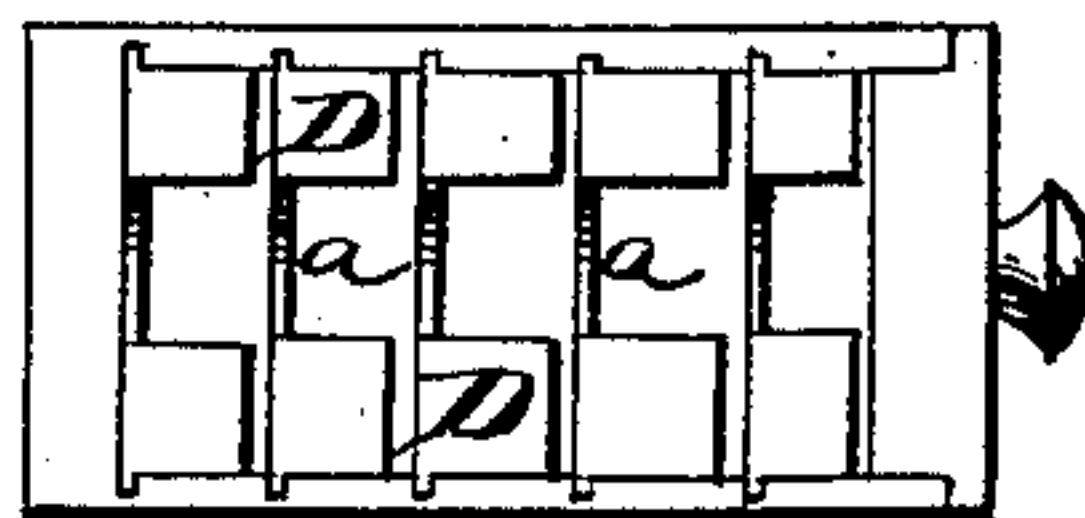
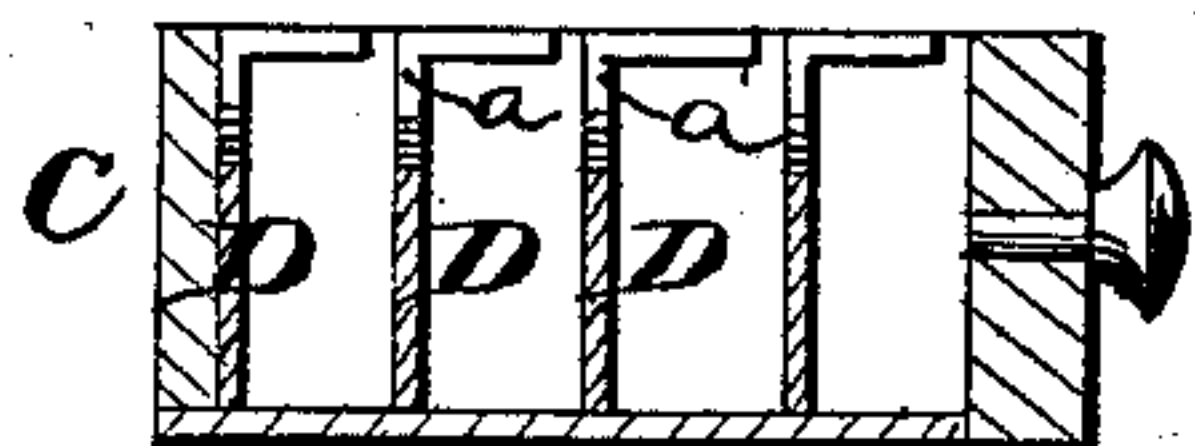


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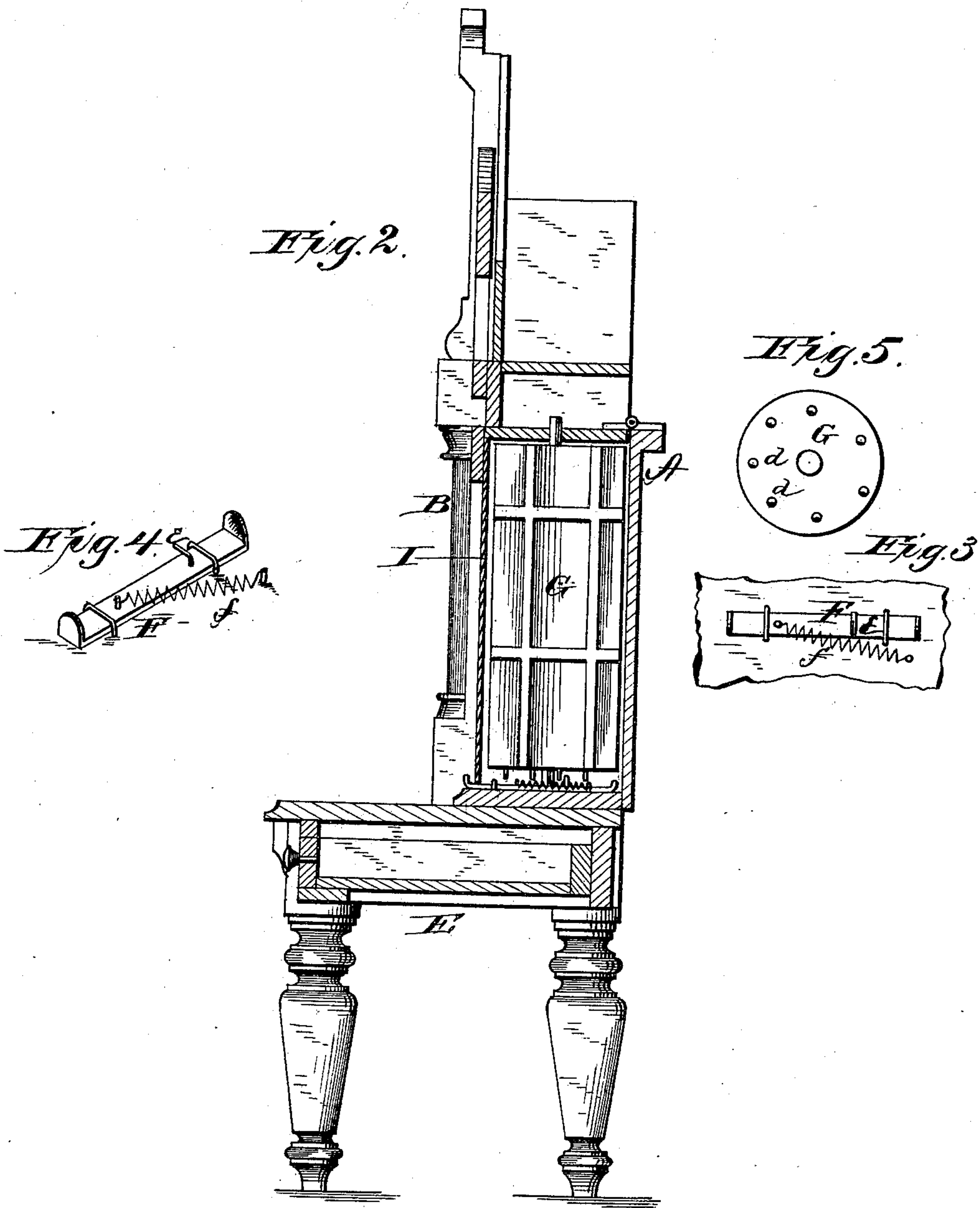
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. MARTIN, of Chicago, in the county of Cook, and in the State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Exhibiting-Cabinets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of an exhibitor's cabinet and card-distributor, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my cabinet. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section of the same. Figs. 3, 4, and 5 show the means for rotating the exhibiting-drums. Fig. 6 shows the construction of the card-drawers.

A represents the case or frame of the cabinet, the front of which is, by a series of vertical posts or pillars, B B, divided into a number of spaces, as shown.

The space at each end contains a series of drawers, C C, for cards, circulars, &c. Each drawer is provided with a series of divisions or partitions, D D, stamped out of sheet-iron or other pliable metal, and fitting in grooves in the sides of the drawer.

Each partition is bent over at the top, extending directly upon a line with the top of the drawer, then forward until it almost touches the next one forward, leaving space for the removal of one card only at a time from the box.

The top of the partition is cut out in the center, as shown at *a*, for the insertion of a finger to remove the card. These partitions as constructed will in a great measure keep out dust, and also effect a great saving to the exhibitors of their printed matter, as only one card or circular can be removed at a time.

In each of the other spaces of the cabinet is a drum or polygon, G, containing numerous partitions and spaces. This drum is mounted on top and bottom journals, *b*, on which it revolves.

On the bottom of the drum is a series of pins, *d*, arranged in circular form, and below the same, on the bottom of the cabinet, is a slide or pull, F, arranged in suitable guides,

and provided with a flange or projection, *e*, to take hold of the pins *d*. By drawing forward the slide F the drum will be turned a certain distance, and a spring, *f*, then returns the slide to its former place.

Some of the drums are to contain, alternately, photographs and cards, and at the bottom of each card should be a reference to the drawer and box in which the advertiser is supposed to keep his cards or circulars.

This cabinet is placed on a writing-table, E, and is intended to be used in hotels and other public places, either with or without a writing-table.

The polygons or drums are provided with shelves or recesses for the exhibiting of small articles or specimens or samples. Where the article is too large to be exhibited in the cabinet I place a photograph of the same in the cabinet, in place of one of another class, in order to make an attraction other than the goods exhibited.

Access to the polygons will be had from the rear, the front being provided with glass, thus protecting the articles.

The cabinet may be made highly ornamented and surmounted by fancy work, in the center of which may be a clock, H.

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

1. The sheet-metal partitions D, arranged in the drawer C, and having their upper ends bent forward nearly to the next adjacent partition, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

2. As an entirety, an exhibiting-cabinet consisting of a frame, A, having a series of divisions, with intermediate posts, B, and glass fronts I, a series of drums, G, with devices for rotating the same, and a series of drawers, C, at each end, provided with the sheet-metal partitions D, all constructed substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of November, 1879.

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