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Book Holder.

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Fig: 1.

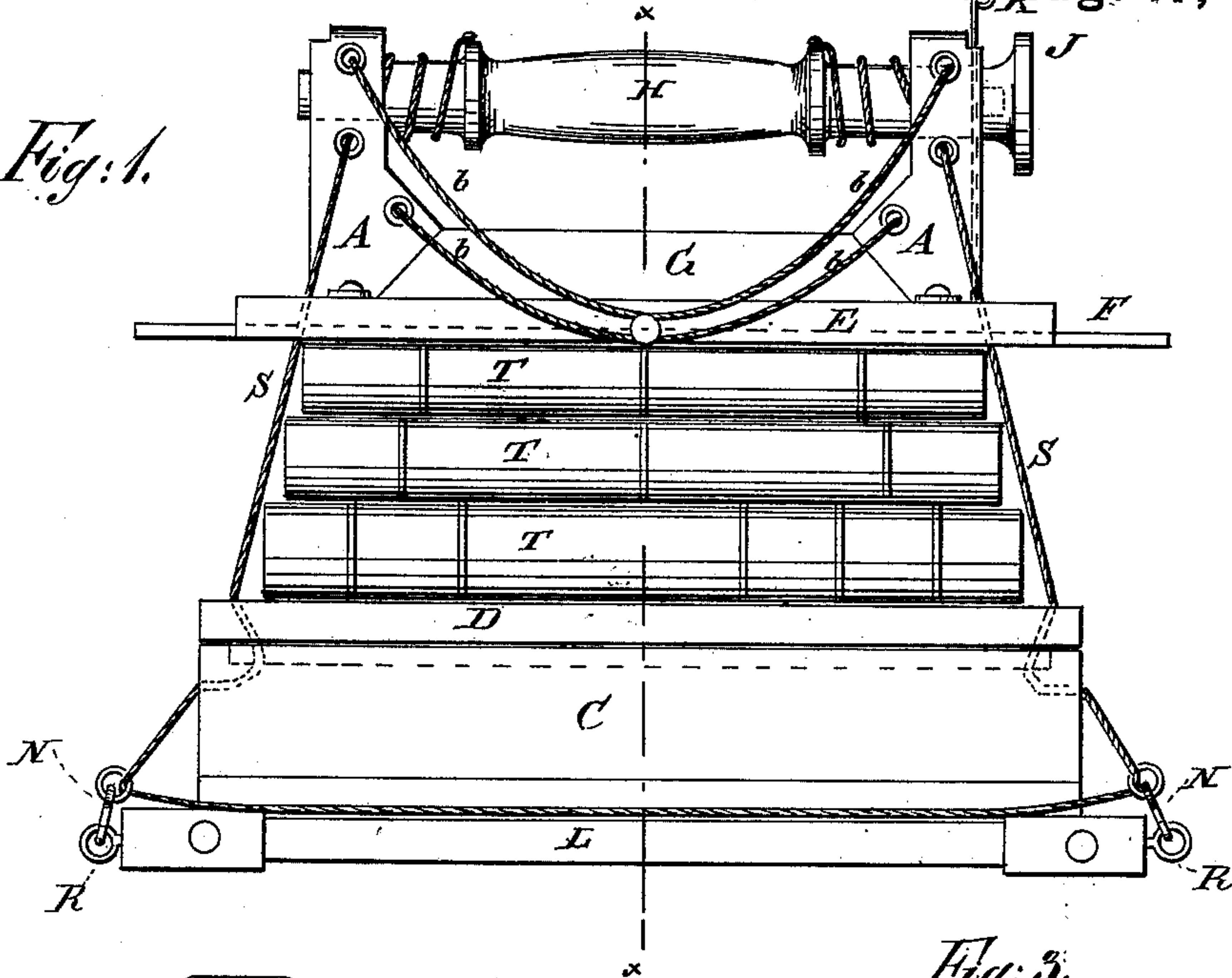


Fig: 2.

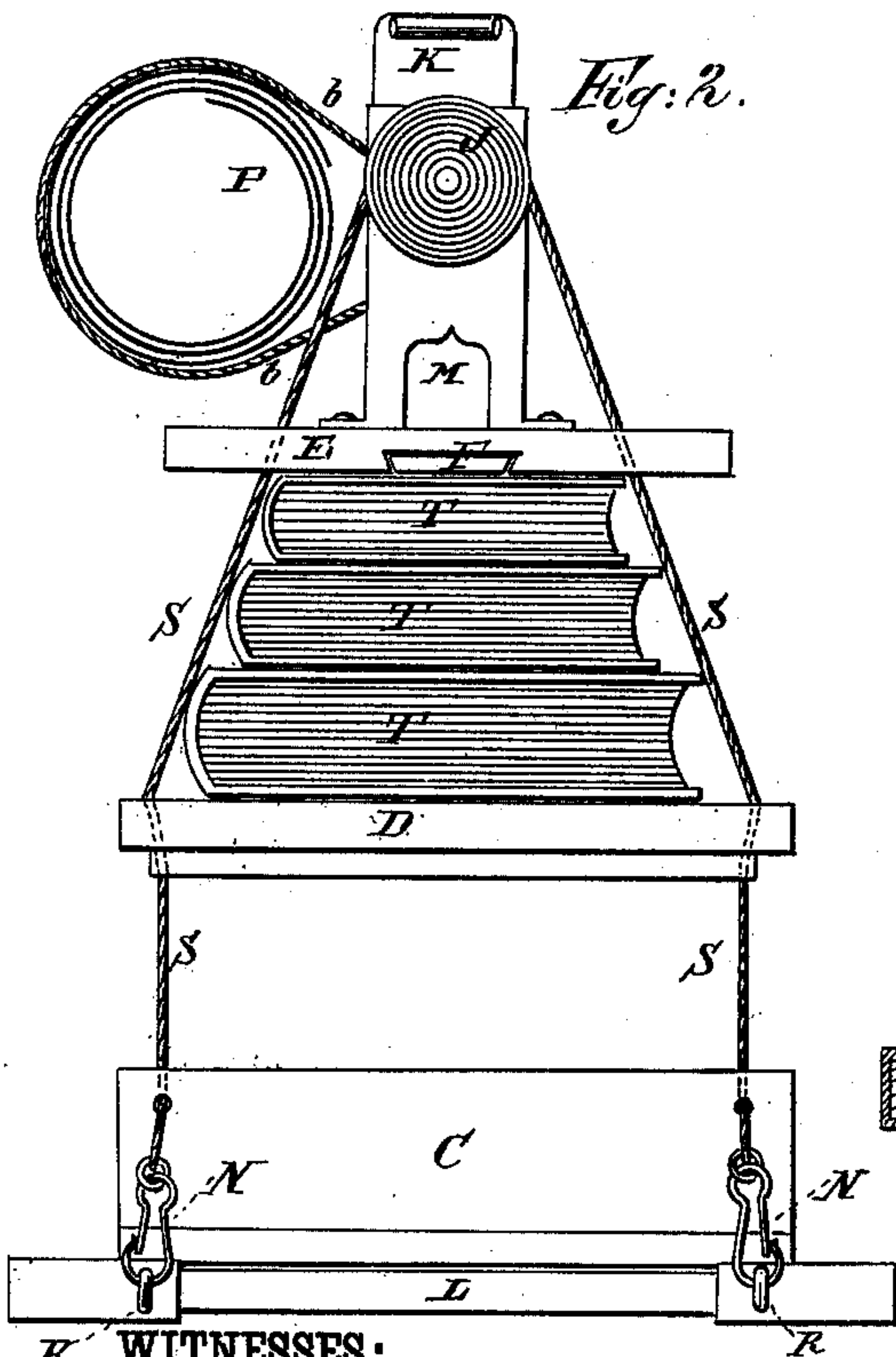
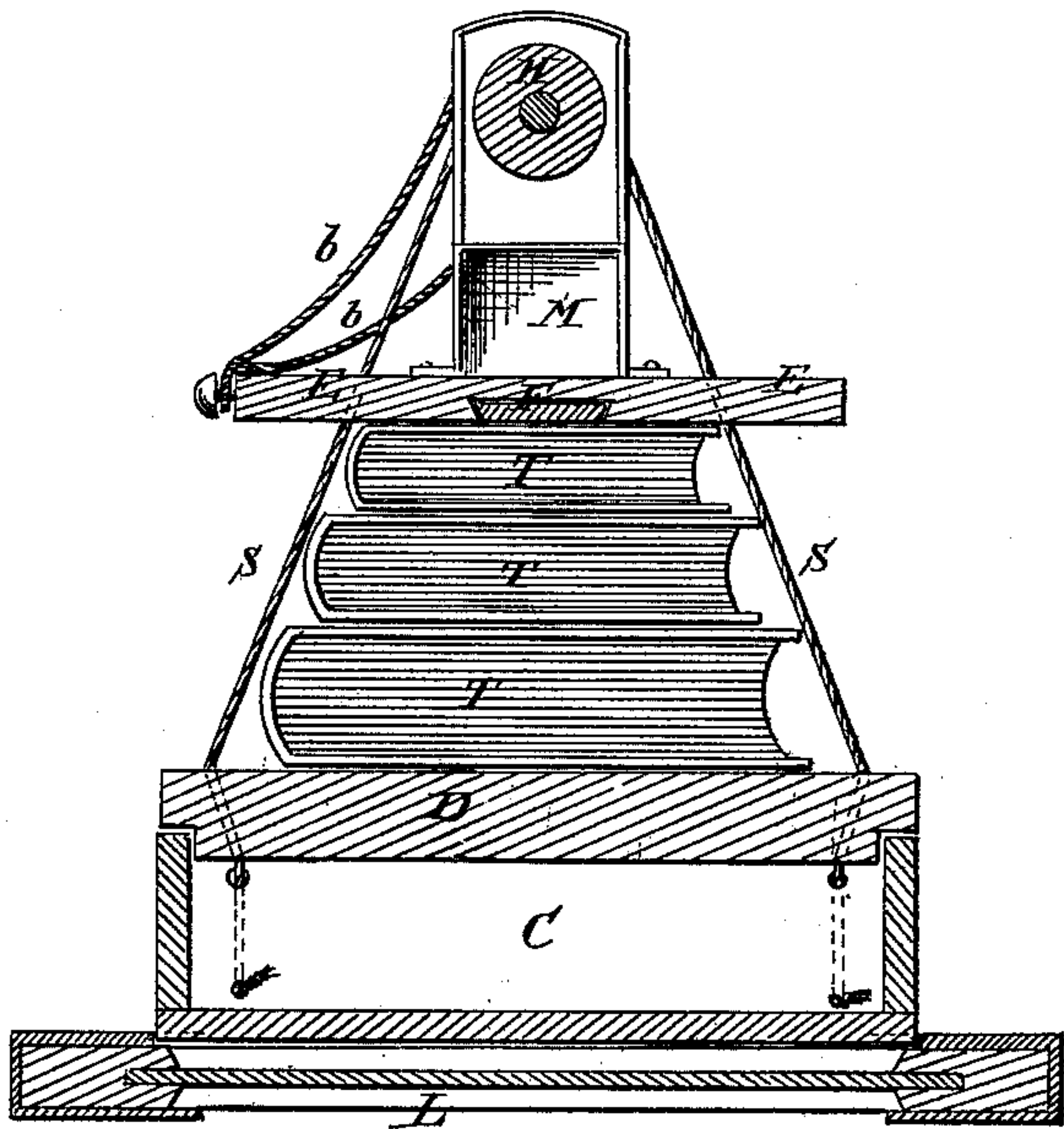


Fig: 3.



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BOOK-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILHELM F. EPPLER, of Herrstein, Germany, have invented a new and Improved Book-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved book-holder which is simple in construction and effective and convenient in use.

The invention consists in a book-holder formed of a box, for lunch or other articles, and of two boards, between which the books are placed, all of which parts are held together by cords attached to a slate placed below the lunch-box or to said box itself, and are wound upon the revolving handle of the book-holder.

This invention was patented in Belgium April 15, 1880, in Germany April 17, 1880, and, provisionally, in England on April 7, 1880.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a longitudinal elevation of my improved book-holder. Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the same, showing the cords only partially wound upon the handle. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional elevation of the same on the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A box, C, for lunch, drawing-utensils, note-books, or any other articles that the children may desire to take to school, is provided with a lid, D, of some suitable material. A board, E, of about the same size as the lid D, is arranged above the same, and has the standards A A, in which the handle H is journaled, attached to its upper side. The standards A are connected at their base by a longitudinal box, G, which forms a receptacle, M, for pen-holders, pencils, &c., which receptacle may be closed by means of a slide, K, in one of the standards A. A flat dovetailed longitudinal groove is cut into the under side of the top plate, E, and into this groove the rule F is passed, whereby the same can be transported conveniently. Four or more cords, S, are fastened to the handle H, pass through apertures in the standards A in the top plate, E, lid D, and in the sides of the box C, and are provided with snap-hooks N N, or like devices, at the ends.

The rotating handle H can be locked in a

fixed position by means of a binding-screw, J, the head of which is preferably serrated or roughened, so that the pencils can be pointed on the roughened surface.

A roll of paper, P, may be attached to the book-holder by means of the strings or cords *b b*, fastened to the standards A A.

The book-holder is used in the following manner: If a slate is to be carried with the books, a number of eyes or hooks, R, must be fastened to the frame of said slate. The box C is placed upon the slate, the books T T are placed upon the lid D, and the handle is rotated so as to wind the cords S S thereon, thereby pressing all parts compactly and closely together. The handle is held in this position by one hand, and the other draws the binding-screw up tight, to keep the cord wound upon the handle, to prevent unwinding. The pencils, pen-holders, &c., can be placed into the receptacle M very conveniently, which can then be closed by the slide K.

If the slate is not desired, the hooks N rest against the edges of the apertures in the box C.

The books can be packed, unpacked, or transported very easily and rapidly with the within-described book-holder, and it also permits of carrying other utensils.

Several rolls or sheets of paper, P, may be attached to the standards A A by passing the cords *b b* around said rolls and then forming a loop in the ordinary manner.

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

1. A book-holder made substantially as herein shown and described, and consisting of a box for lunch or other articles, a lid of said box, and a top plate provided with a revolving handle, which parts are held together by cords attached to the handle, as set forth.

2. In a book-holder, the combination, with the handle H, of the cords S, binding-screw J, top plate, E, lid D, box C, hooks N, and slate L, provided with rings or eyes R R, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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