

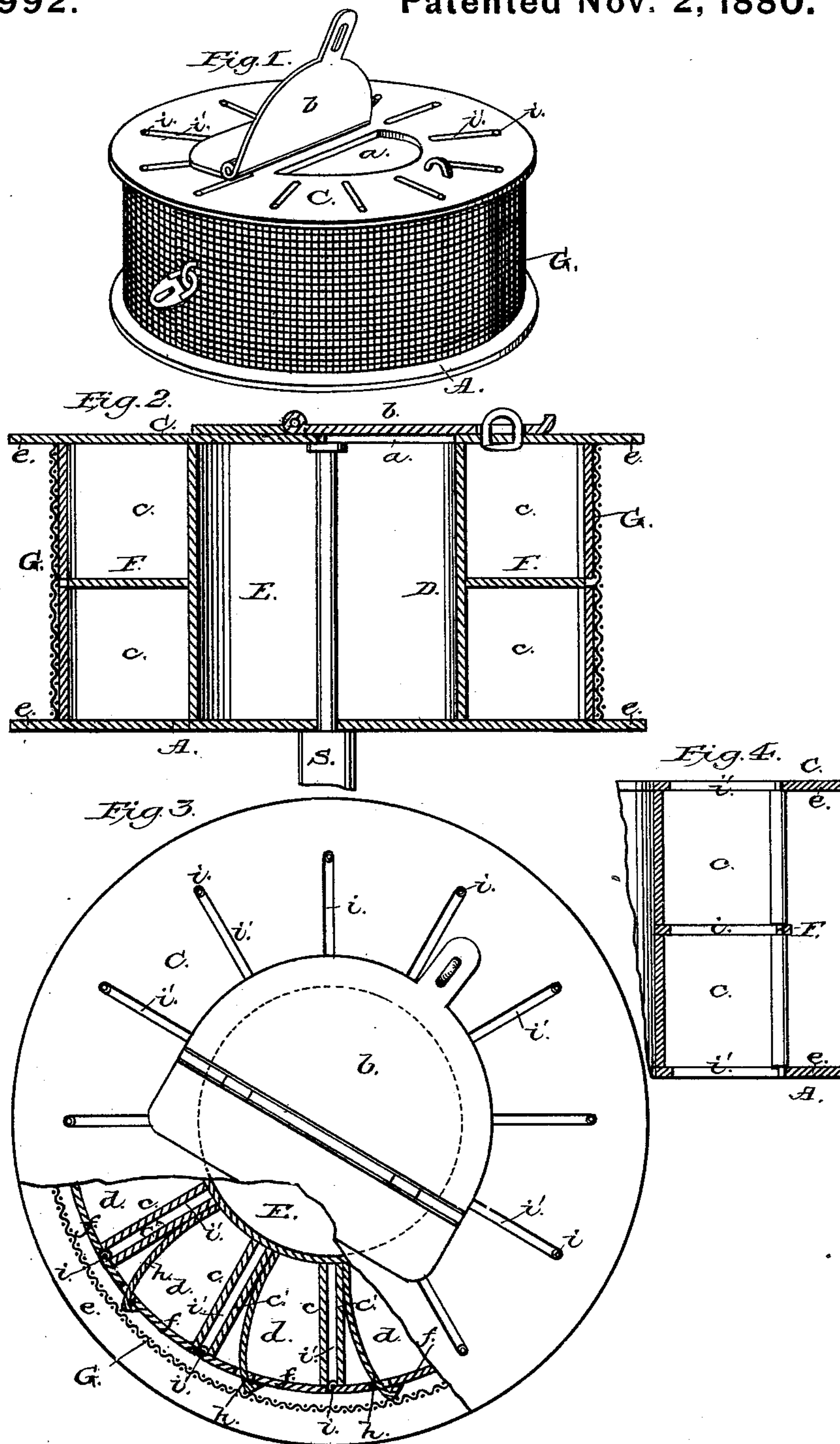
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## POST-OFFICE CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, JOHN R. CROWDER, of Gainesville, Cook county, State of Texas, and JAMES T. HAILE, of Whitesborough, in the  
5 county of Grayson and State of Texas, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Revolving Post-Office Cases; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and  
10 operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective  
15 view of our improved post-office case. Fig. 2 is a central section thereon. Fig. 3 is a plan view, and Fig. 4 is a detail.

This invention has relation to improvements in post-office cases for distributing and  
20 shipping mails; and it consists in a case constructed and operating substantially as hereinafter set forth.

In the annexed drawings, the letter A designates a circular metallic plate of any desired diameter, and constituting the base or  
25 bottom of my improved case, and the top thereof consists of a metallic disk, C, of the same diameter, and having in it a preferably semicircular opening, *a*, closed at pleasure by  
30 a hinged door, *b*.

The disks A and C are connected together at their middle portions by a cylinder, D, arranged concentric to the peripheries of the disks A C, and of the same (or of a slightly  
35 greater) curvature as the opening *a* aforesaid, whereby a convenient center pocket, E, is thus formed for the reception of printed matter generally, or other like mail.

Secured to the outer side of cylinder D are  
40 one or more annular shelves, F, subdivided by radial partitions *c* into pigeon-holes *d*, usually twenty-six in number, and lettered in regular order from "a" to "z." The shelves and partitions do not extend out from the  
45 cylinder D as far as the perimeters of the

disks A C by several inches, which leaves at the sides of the case the projecting marginal flanges *e*, the object of which will hereinafter appear.

Arranged parallel to partitions *c*, and with  
50 a slight interval between them, are other partitions, *c'*. In the interval thus formed are held the sliding doors *f*, which, when drawn out and swung inward upon the case, close the pigeon-holes *d*. These doors are provided  
55 with short projecting pins, *i*, that engage the slots *i'*, formed in the disks and shelves between the partitions *c* *c'*. When closed in upon the case the doors are secured by a spring or other fastening, *h*, attached to the  
60 sides of the partitions *c'*.

G indicates a removable woven-steel band, of a width equal to the distance from the disk A to the disk C and of a length to pass neatly  
65 around the perimeter of the case between the said disks; or, if desired, a band of any other material and construction may be used extending around the case. The meeting-edges of this retainer-band are brought together and  
70 secured by the usual mail-locks, or by other suitable means. When thus secured the band effectually prevents the doors from opening.

This case, when in position for distributing with the band removed, may be mounted on a suitable spindle, S, supported by a base, the  
75 said spindle passing through central bearings in the bottom and top disks of the case, and it may be consequently rotated to bring any desired pigeon-hole opposite the distributing clerk. It may be readily lifted off the spindle  
80 and placed on the floor with the perimeters of the flanges *e* resting thereon, when it may be rolled upon said flanges to any desired position. The flanges being exterior to the casing-band, as shown, prevent it from touching  
85 the floor and becoming soiled.

We do not confine ourselves to any special material in constructing our case, nor do we consider it necessary to use the specific form of sliding door described.

This case may be used to advantage in post-offices, postal cars, and in various situations not necessary to be mentioned.

What we claim as new, and desire to secure  
5 by Letters Patent, is—

The safety postal case having the central pocket, E, the tiers of radial pigeon-holes *d* between the top and bottom of the case, and terminating against the outer side of the said  
10 pocket E, the sliding doors *f*, closing said pigeon-holes *d*, and the band G, passing around the periphery of the said case within the projecting flanges *e* thereof, substantially as specified.

In testimony that we claim the above we 15  
have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of two witnesses.

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