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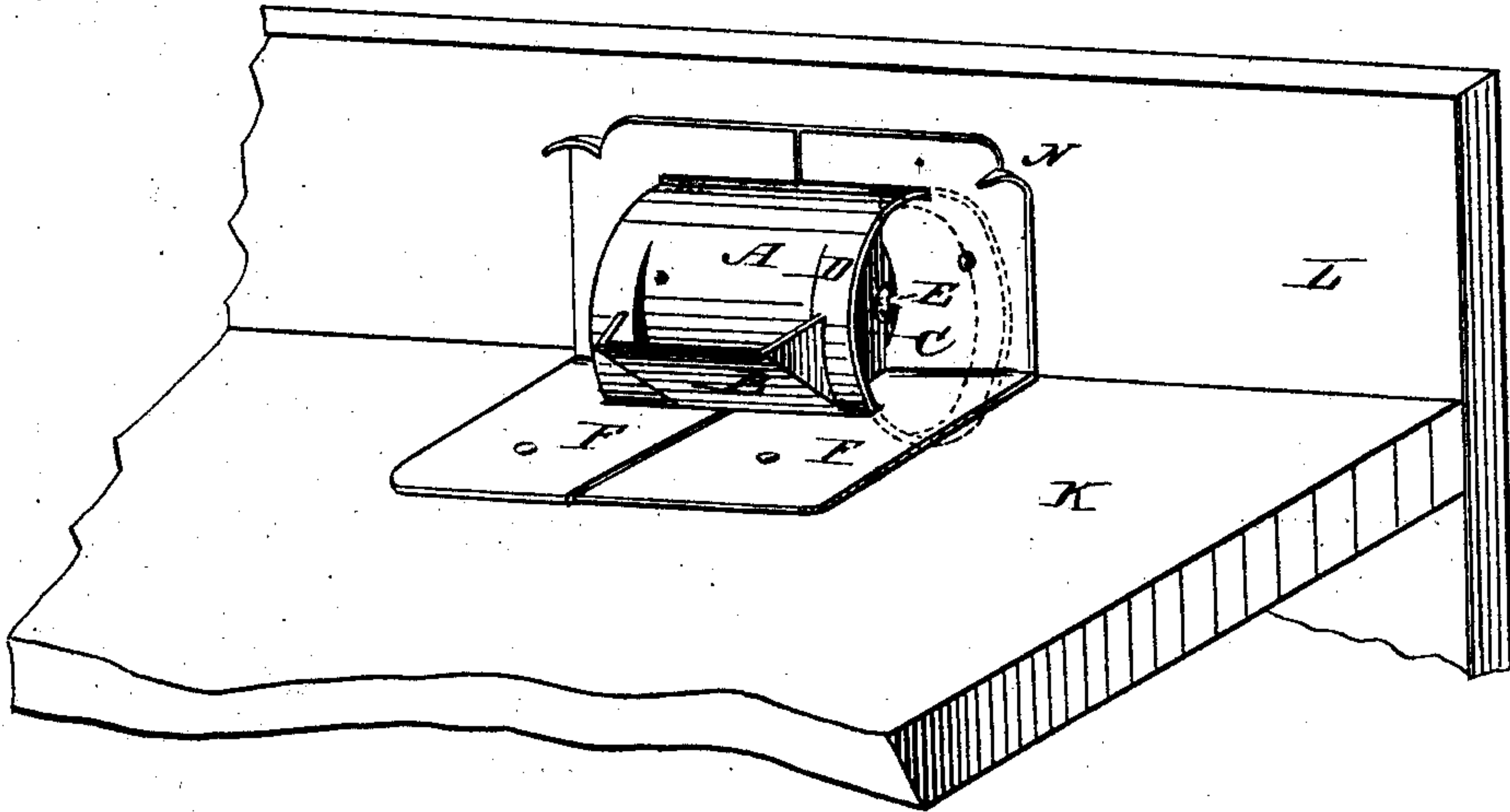
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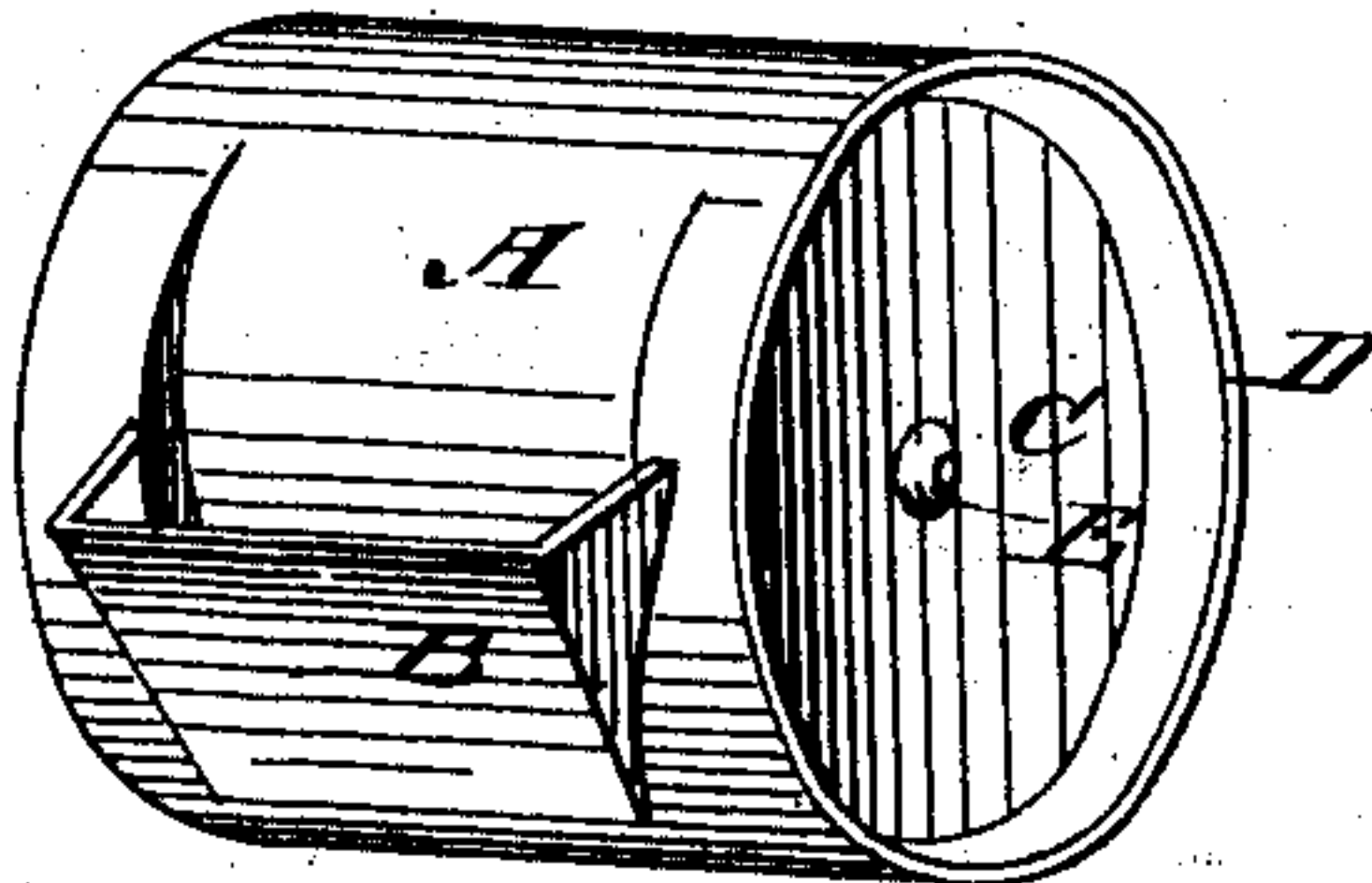
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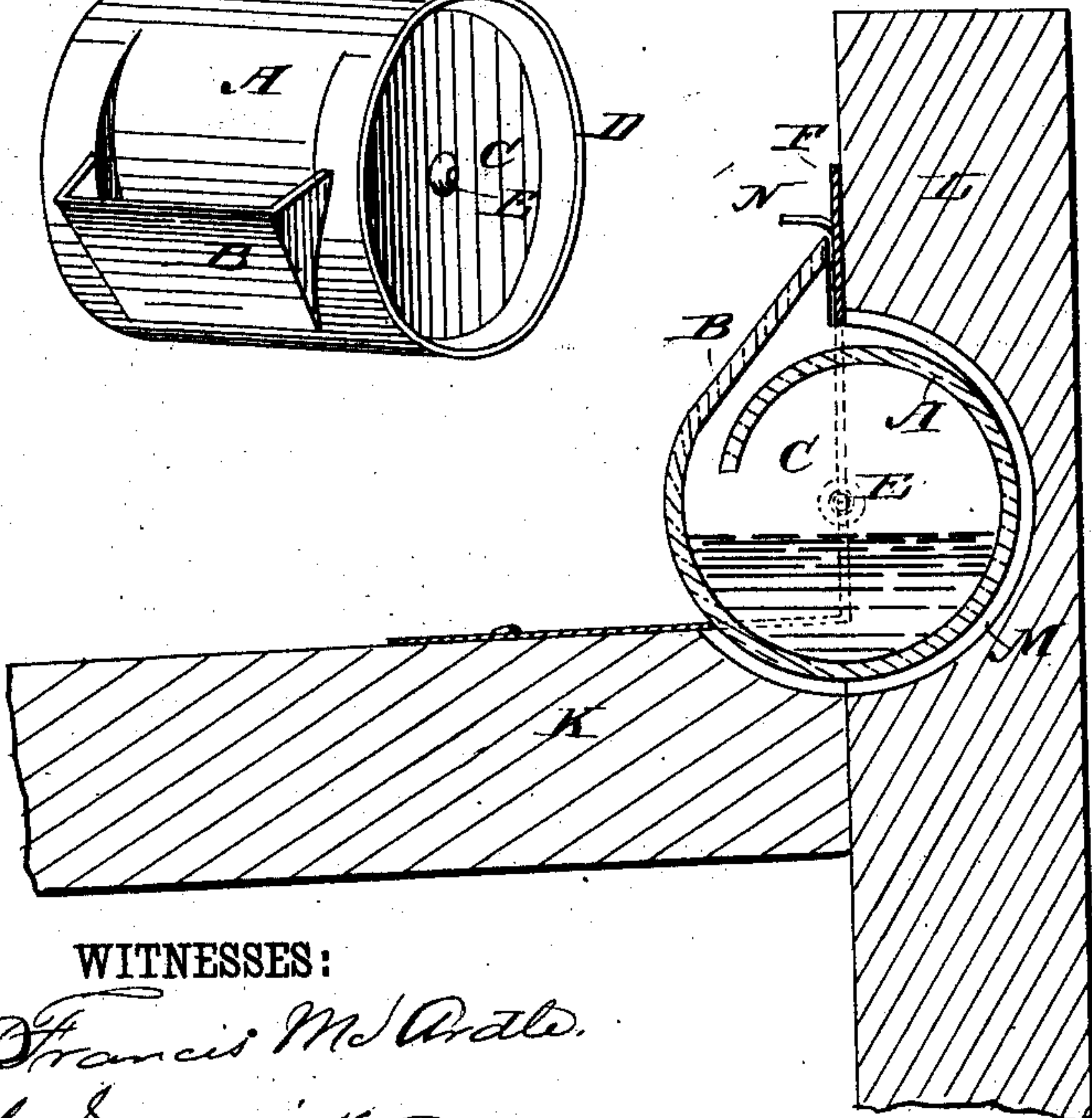
*Fig. 1.*



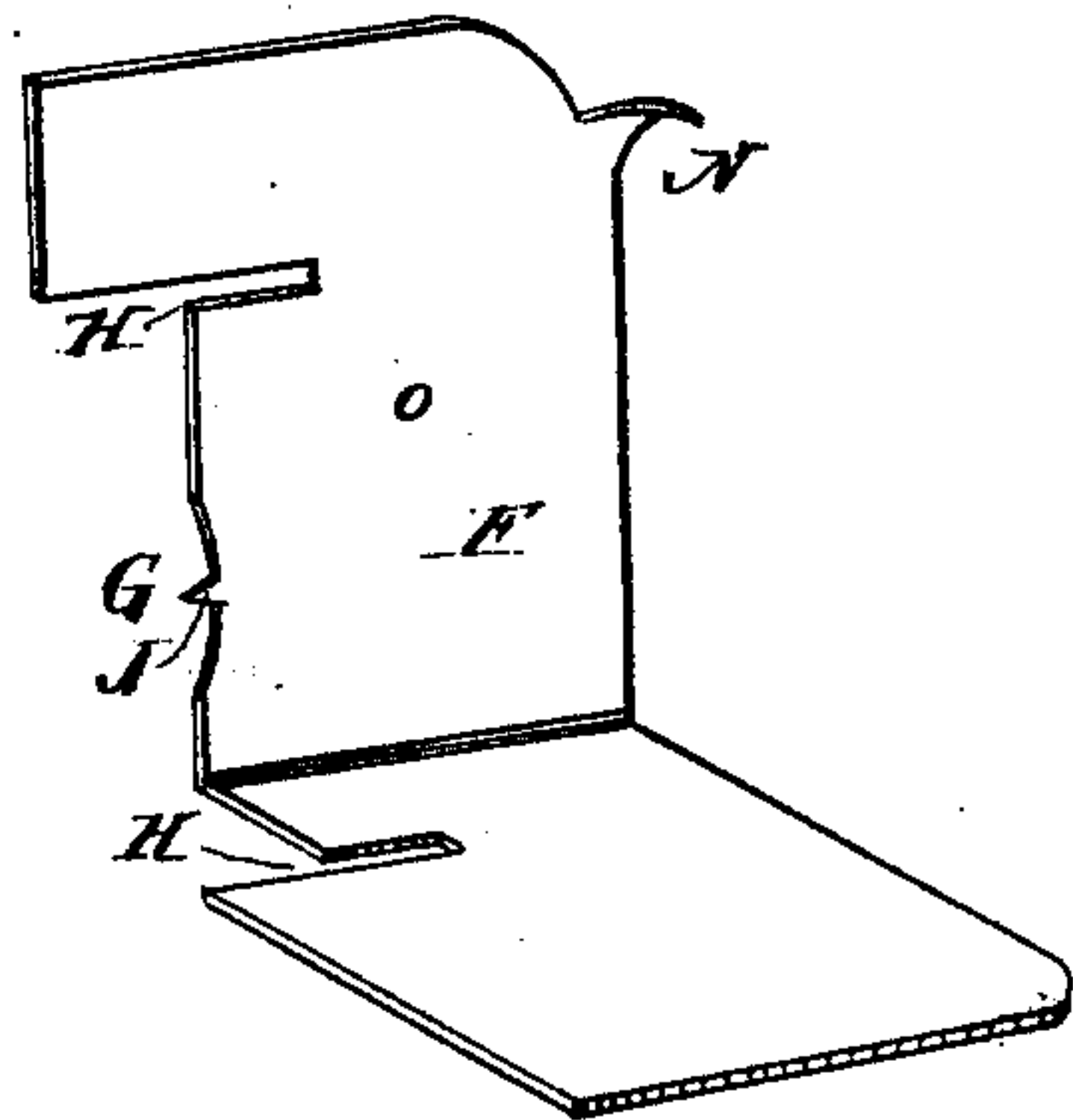
*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## INK-WELL.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES BALDWIN, of Huntington, Huntington county, Indiana, have invented a new and Improved Ink-Well, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved ink-well which cannot be upset, preserves the ink in a good condition, and is simple in construction and convenient in use.

The invention consists in a flanged hollow glass or metal cylinder, with a trough-shaped projection communicating with the interior of the cylinder on its rounded surface, this cylinder being pivoted in two recessed angular plates attached to the top and end plates of the desk, the cylinder being partly contained in a recess in the end and top plate of the desk. This cylinder contains the ink, and when it is turned down the pen can be dipped into the trough-shaped projection; but when it is raised the trough-shaped projection rests against the end plate of the desk, and is thus closed.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved ink-well. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the cylinder, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the plates for holding the cylinder.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The glass or metal cylinder A is provided with a trough-shaped projection, B, which communicates with the interior of the cylinder containing the ink. The curved sides of the cylinder are extended beyond the end plates, C C, so as to form lateral flanges D D. The end plates, C C, are provided with central sockets or recesses, E E. The cylinder is pivoted or held to two angular plates, F, which

have a recess, G, for half of the cylinder and recesses H H for the flanges D, and also a stud or projection, J, which fits into the recesses E of the end plates, C, in their adjoining edges. These angular plates F are attached to the top plate, K, and end plate, L, of the desk, and the cylinder is held between these plates, the projections J forming the pivots on which the cylinder turns. The top plate, K, and end plate, L, of the desk are provided with a recess, M, in which the greater part of the cylinder is contained. The upper corners, N, of the plate F are bent outward, as shown, to form a pen-rack.

When the ink-well is to be used it is turned down, as shown in Fig. 1, and the pens are dipped into the ink in the trough-shaped projection B; but when the ink-well is not to be used it is turned upward so that its trough-shaped projection B will rest against the end plate, L, of the desk, as shown in Fig. 2, the opening or slot of the ink-well being thus closed. The flanges D, moving in the grooves H H, guide the cylinder A in its movements. It cannot be upset. It is easily filled, and easily attached to an ordinary desk.

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

The combination, with the plates F, attached to a desk, and provided with recesses H H and studs or projections J in the adjoining edges, of the cylinder A, provided with a trough-shaped projection, B, and bearings E on the outer surface of the end plates, C C, as and for the purpose set forth.

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