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*Fig. 1.*

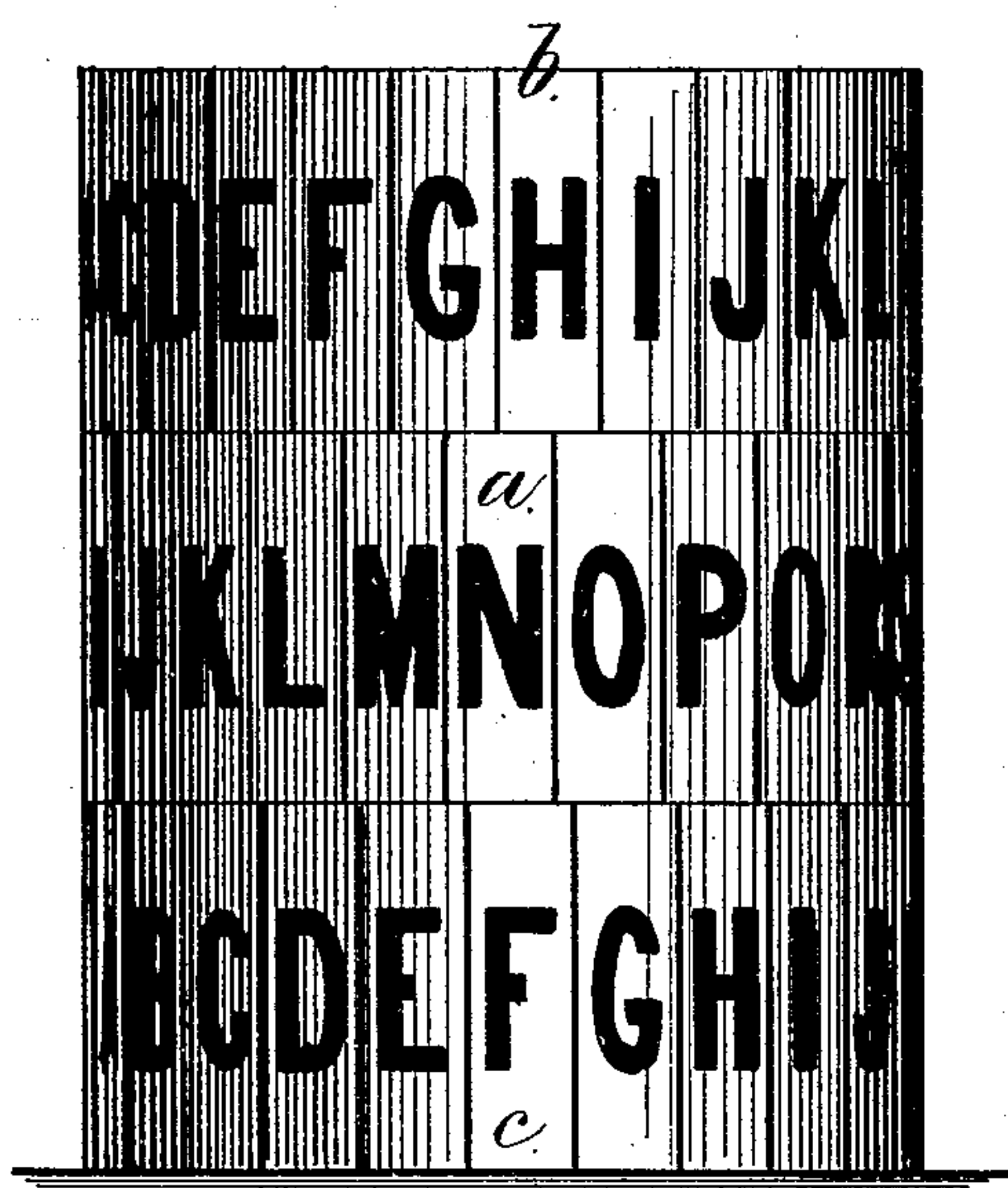
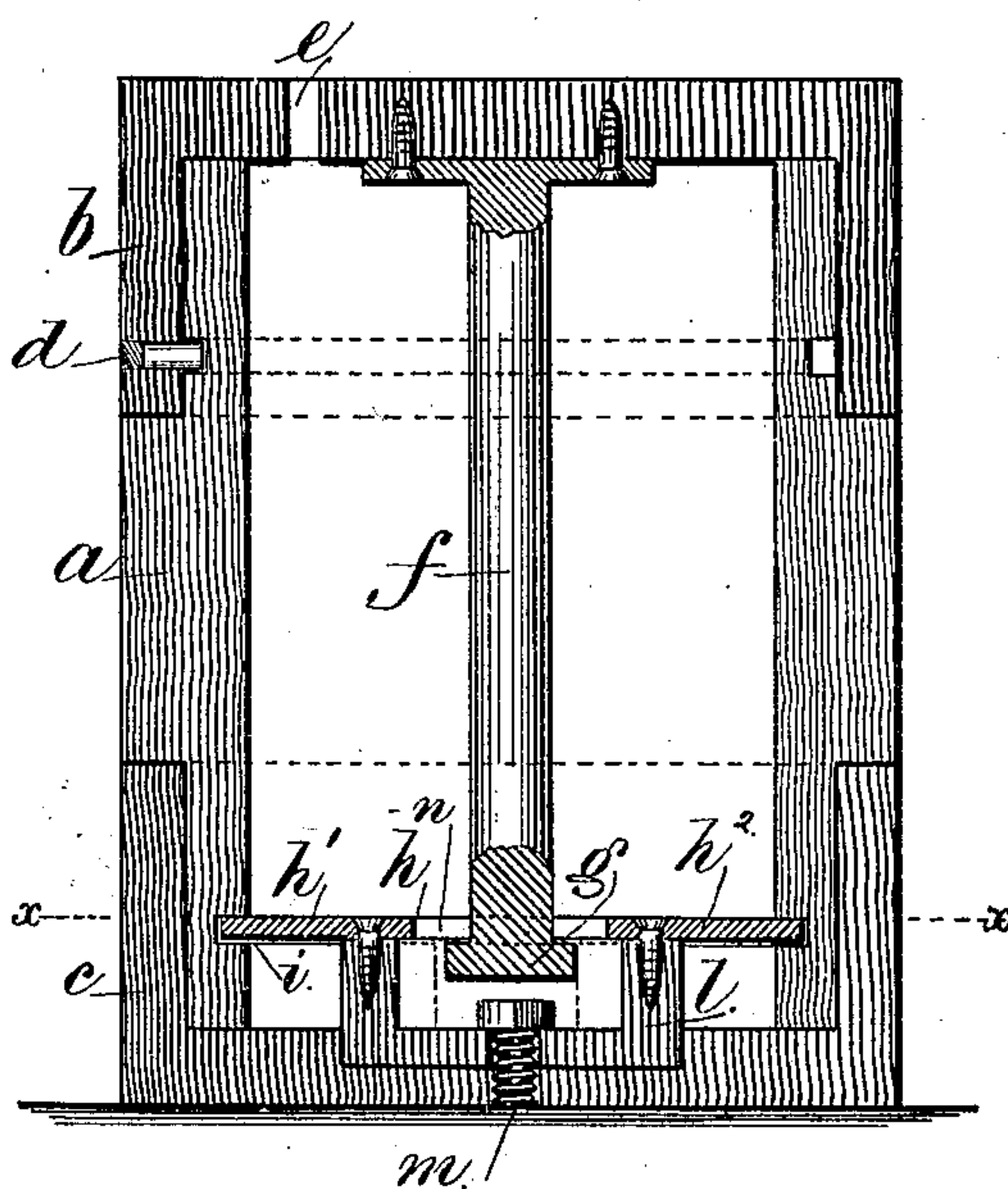
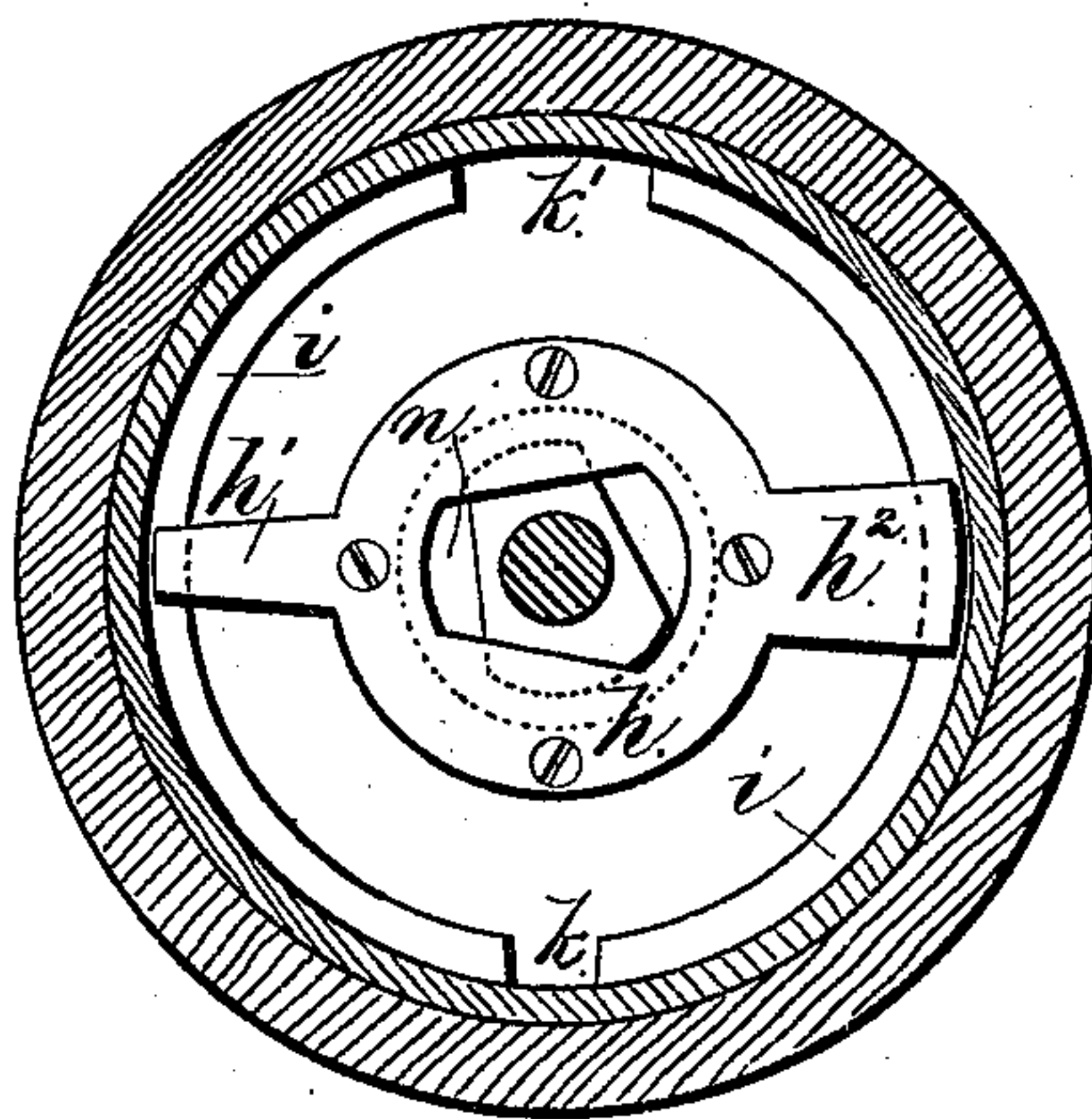


Fig. 2.



*Fig. 3.*



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## TOY MONEY-BOX.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTER STRANDERS, of the city and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Toy Money-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

I am aware that padlocks and permutation-locks have been made with rings or disks, upon which the letters or figures forming the elements of the locking-combination were placed.

My improved toy money-box consists, essentially, of a three-part circular case, the center of which has upon its surface one series of letters or figures used in the combination, while the ends form bearings for the top and bottom of the box, the exterior surfaces of which also have letters or figures used in the combinations, and there is a center rod secured to one of the ends, and at the other end said rod has an irregular-shaped head, which fits a similarly-shaped opening in a socket secured to the other end of the toy money-box, and said socket is made with arms of different sizes that enter through notches into a groove made in the interior of the main case. The act of revolving these arms in said groove and said rod and head after entering the opening in said socket completes the locking of the money-box. The box may be unlocked the same as any combination locking device by bringing the letters or figures making up the combination in line upon the exterior of the box.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of my improved toy money-box. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same, and Fig. 3 a cross-section at the line  $x x$ .

$a$  is the main body of the money-box, parallel internally, but made thinner toward the ends for the flanges of the covers  $b$  and  $c$  of the box to fit over. There is a pin,  $d$ , in the end  $b$ , which enters a circular groove cut in the part  $a$ , and keeps said end securely in place, and there is an opening at  $e$  for the children's pennies or coins to be dropped into the box.

$f$  is the center rod, secured at one end to the cover  $b$  and provided at the other with the flat oblong head  $g$ .

The disk  $h$ , secured to the end of the box  $c$ ,

has a central opening or socket,  $n$ , of the same shape as the head  $g$ , and it is provided with locking-arms  $h' h^2$ , that enter the slot  $i$  in the interior of the case  $a$  after passing notches  $k k'$ , that are made of the same sizes as the respective arms  $h' h^2$ . This disk  $h$  is formed with or secured to a circular base,  $l$ , that is fastened to the end  $c$  by the screw or bolt  $m$ . This allows for a change of position in case it is desired to change the combination; but I do not limit myself to this construction, as these parts may be cast as one, and the box thereby have but one combination.

The exterior surface of the parts  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  form the box into three rings, and upon their surface I place the letters of the alphabet or numbers arranged numerically to form the elements of the combination upon which the box is locked or opened.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a toy money-box, the parts  $a$  and  $b$  of the case, rod  $f$ , and head  $g$ , in combination with the end  $c$  and mechanism for locking the head, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a toy money-box, the three-part case, in combination with the rod  $f$  and its head  $g$ , the socket for receiving and locking the same, and the projecting arms adapted to enter the notches and internal groove in the central section of the case, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, with the three-part money-box case, of the central rod,  $f$ , having a head that is wider at one end than the other, and a socket in the interior of the case having an opening that is shaped the same as the head and serves to lock the parts together, substantially as specified.

4. The socket  $n$  and arms  $h' h^2$ , in combination with the three-part money-box and mechanism for securing the socket to place and allowing it to be adjusted, and the rod and head, substantially as specified.

Signed by me this 13th day of May, A. D. 1881.

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