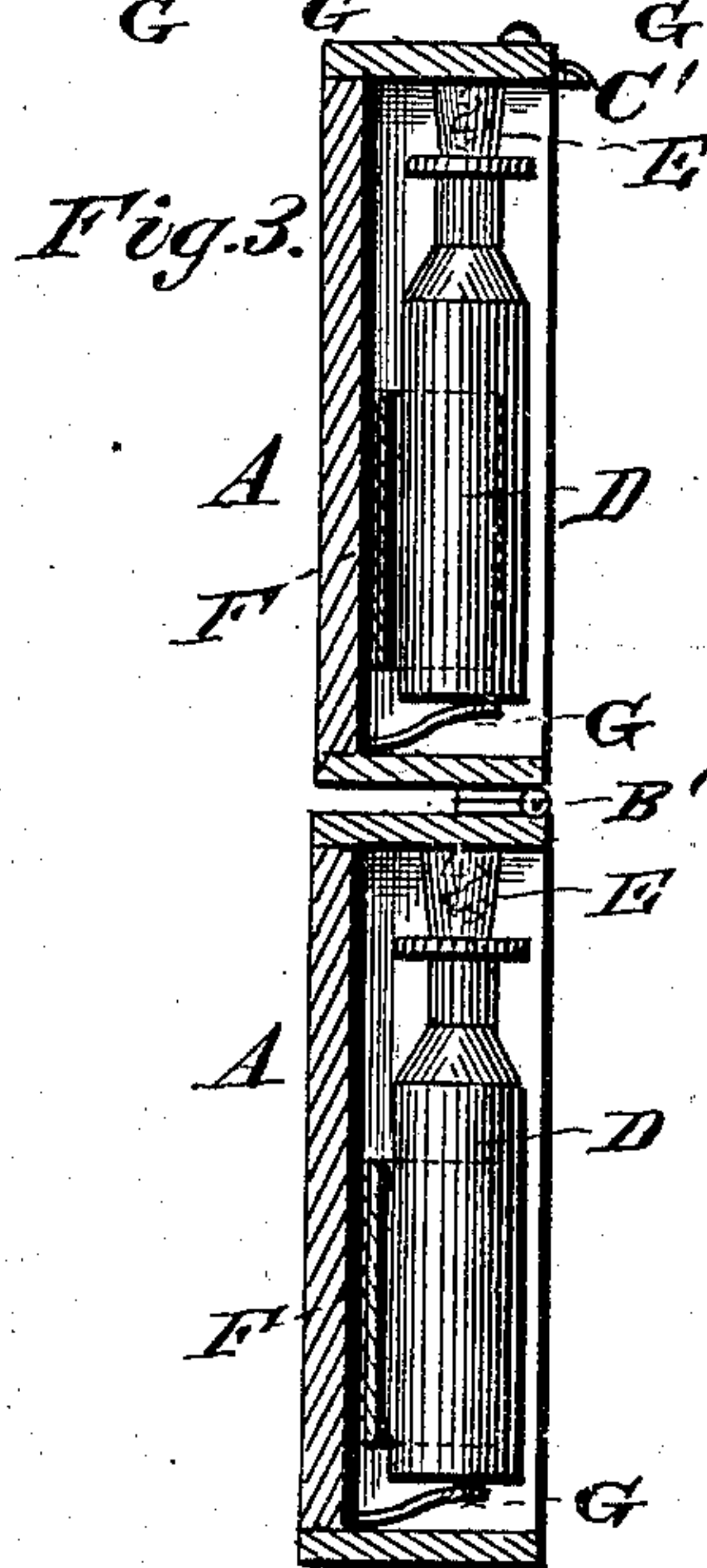
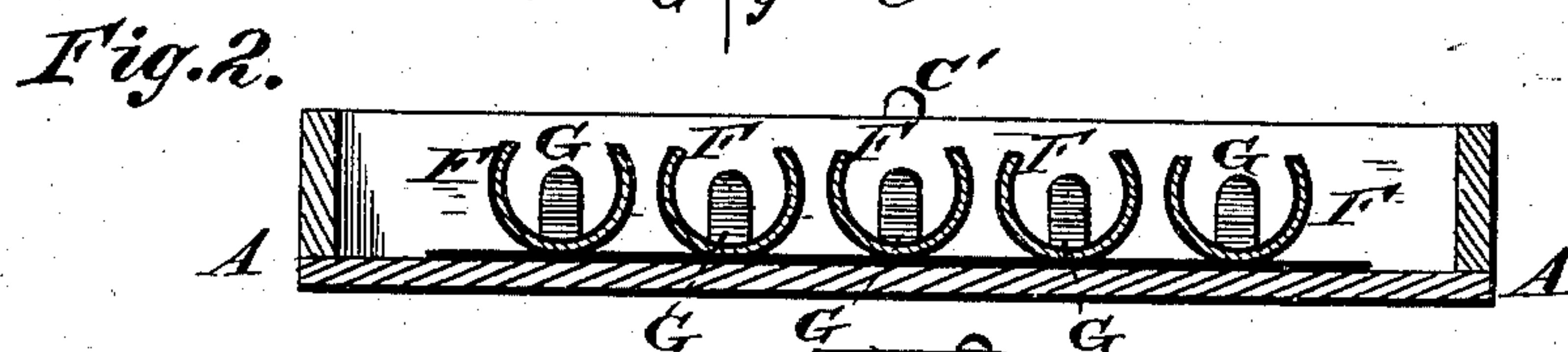
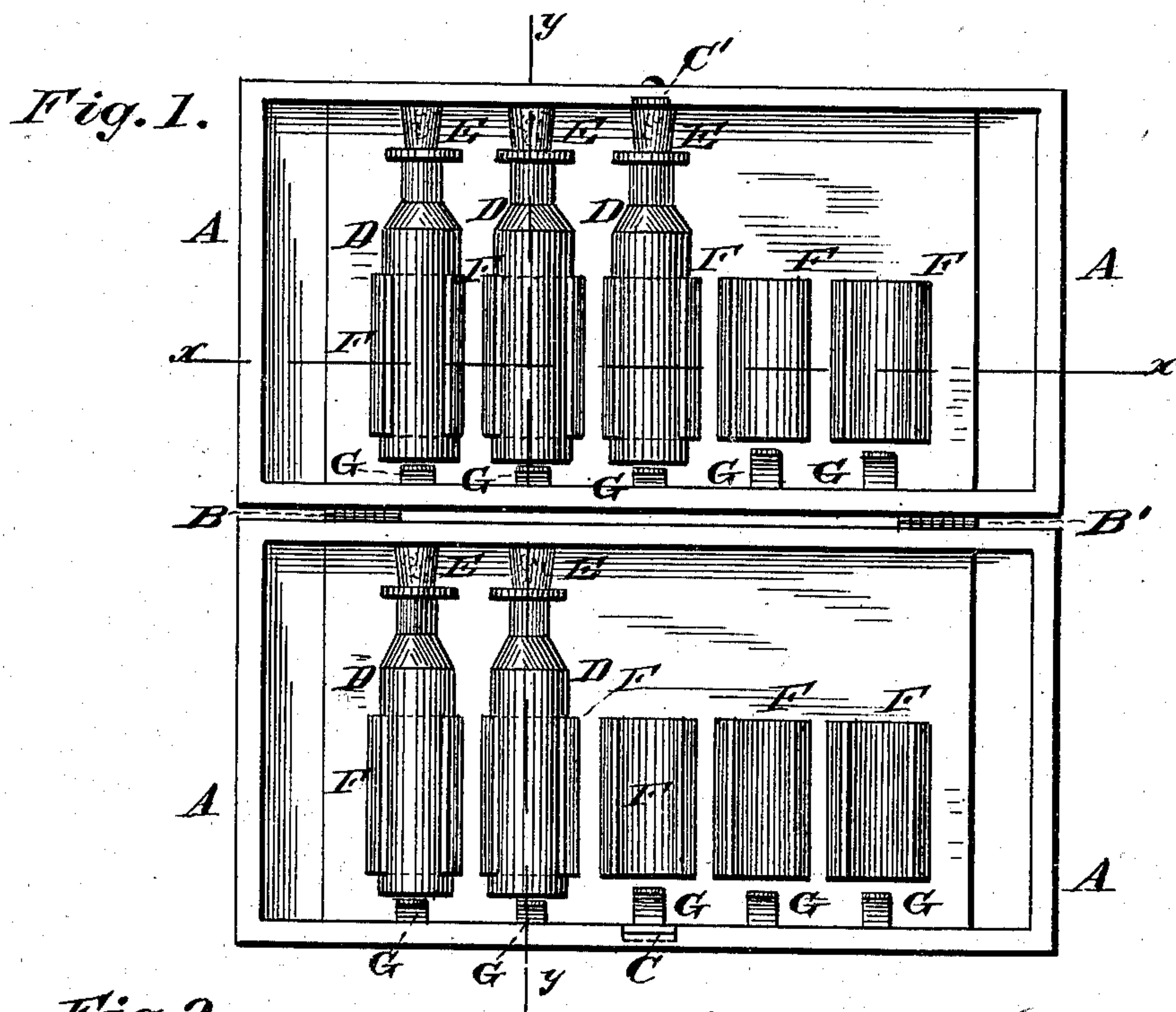


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HYL A H. PEACOCK, of the city and county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Medicine Chests and Cases; and I do hereby declare the following to be a sufficiently full, clear, and exact description thereof to enable others skilled in the art to make and use said invention.

My invention relates to that class of cases in which bottles provided with stoppers are used to contain medicines either in the form of fluids, powders, or granules, and are so arranged as to display the labels on the front of the bottles and the contents of the bottles and permit of the easy withdrawal and replacing of the vials in the case.

The nature of my invention consists in a series of lateral springs fastened to the back of the case and partially embracing the straight sides of the vials, so that they may slide lengthwise therein and be readily drawn out or returned into their places from the front of the case when opened, in combination with a second series of springs placed so that each vial is separately pressed upward and the stopper held securely therein by resting against the top of the compartment of the case, and is thus prevented from loosening by jarring or overturning of the case.

I will now proceed to describe the mode of making and using my invention, referring in so doing to the drawings annexed and the letters of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 shows an elevation of a case containing this improvement opened. Fig. 2 shows a section thereof in the plane indicated by the dotted line *xx* in Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 a section in the plane indicated by the dotted line *yy* in Fig. 1.

The same letters of reference apply to the same parts in the several figures.

A represents the box of the case, made in two parts, united by hinges B and B', and provided with a lock or clasp, C C', adapted to hold it shut when closed.

D D D, &c., are bottles provided with corks or stoppers E E E, &c. The bottles D and stop-

pers E are of less length than the space between the bottom and top of the box A, for a reason which will hereinafter appear. The bodies of the bottles D are embraced and clamped in spring-clasps F, made preferably of elastic metal, covered with leather or some textile material. The clasps F permit the bottles to be pushed in from the front or withdrawn in the same manner, being open at the front, as will be seen upon inspection of Fig. 2, but hold the bottles when placed in them, so that they are incapable of lateral movement. The clasps F are firmly secured to the back of the case.

To the back of the case, behind each bottle, is firmly secured a bent spring, G, the free end of which presses upon the under side of the bottle D, pressing it upward upon the stopper E, and, pressing the stopper E against the top of the case A, forces it tightly into the bottle.

I am aware that cases or transportation-packages have been made wherein cylindric vessels were supported laterally and vertically by springs attached to the sides of compartments; also, that transportation-packages having springs projecting from the bottom adapted to receive and hold eggs between them have been made. Neither of these do I claim; but

What I claim is—

1. In a case for holding vials for dispensing medicines, clasp-springs attached to the back of such case, adapted to hold the sides of the vials and display the fronts thereof, in combination with springs placed beneath the vials and adapted to press them upward upon the stoppers, in the manner and for the purpose as shown and described.

2. The combination, with a packing-case, of a clasp-spring open in front, so as to display the label and contents of the bottle, with a lifting-spring adapted to press the stopper against the case and into the bottle, as set forth and shown.

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