

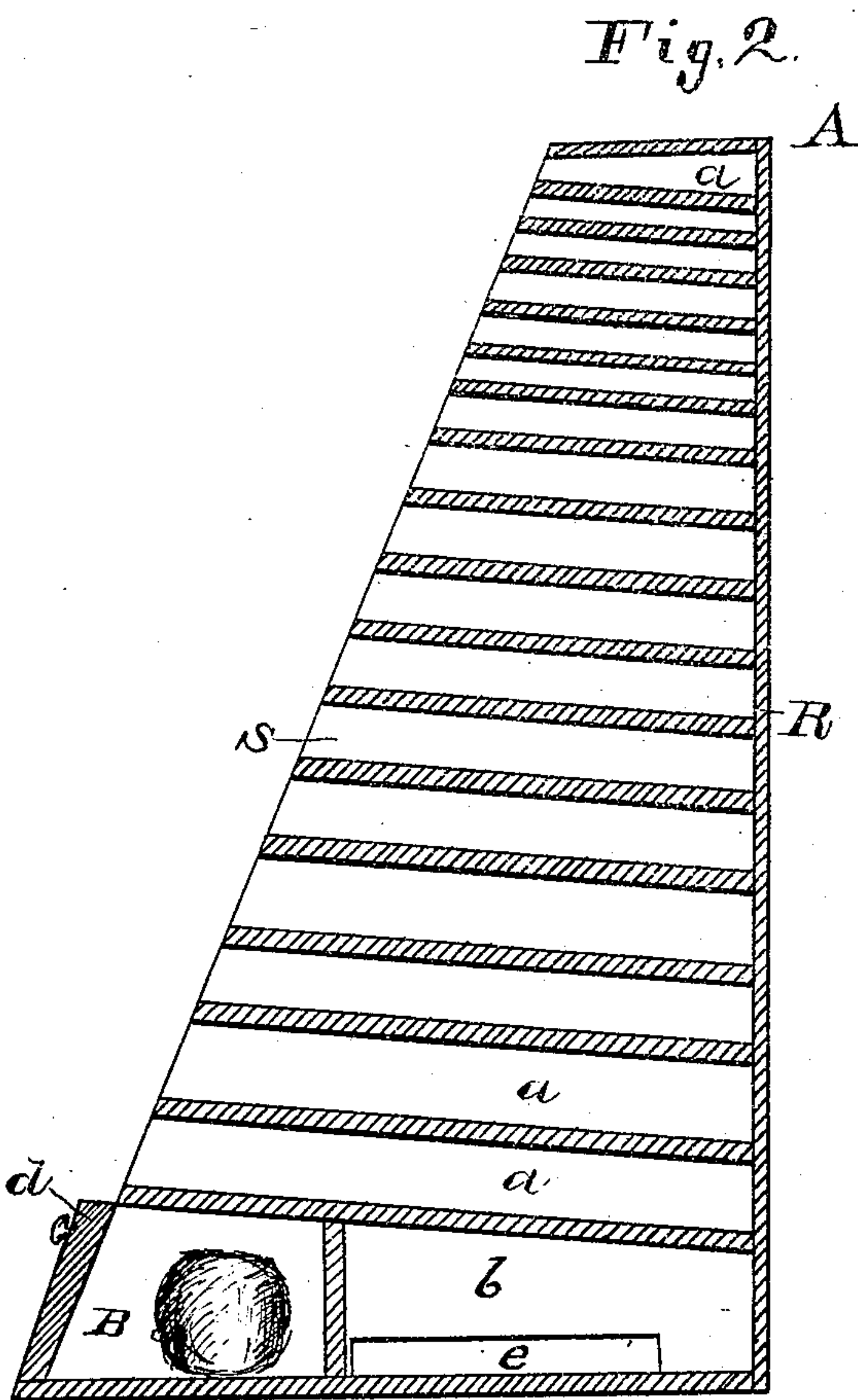
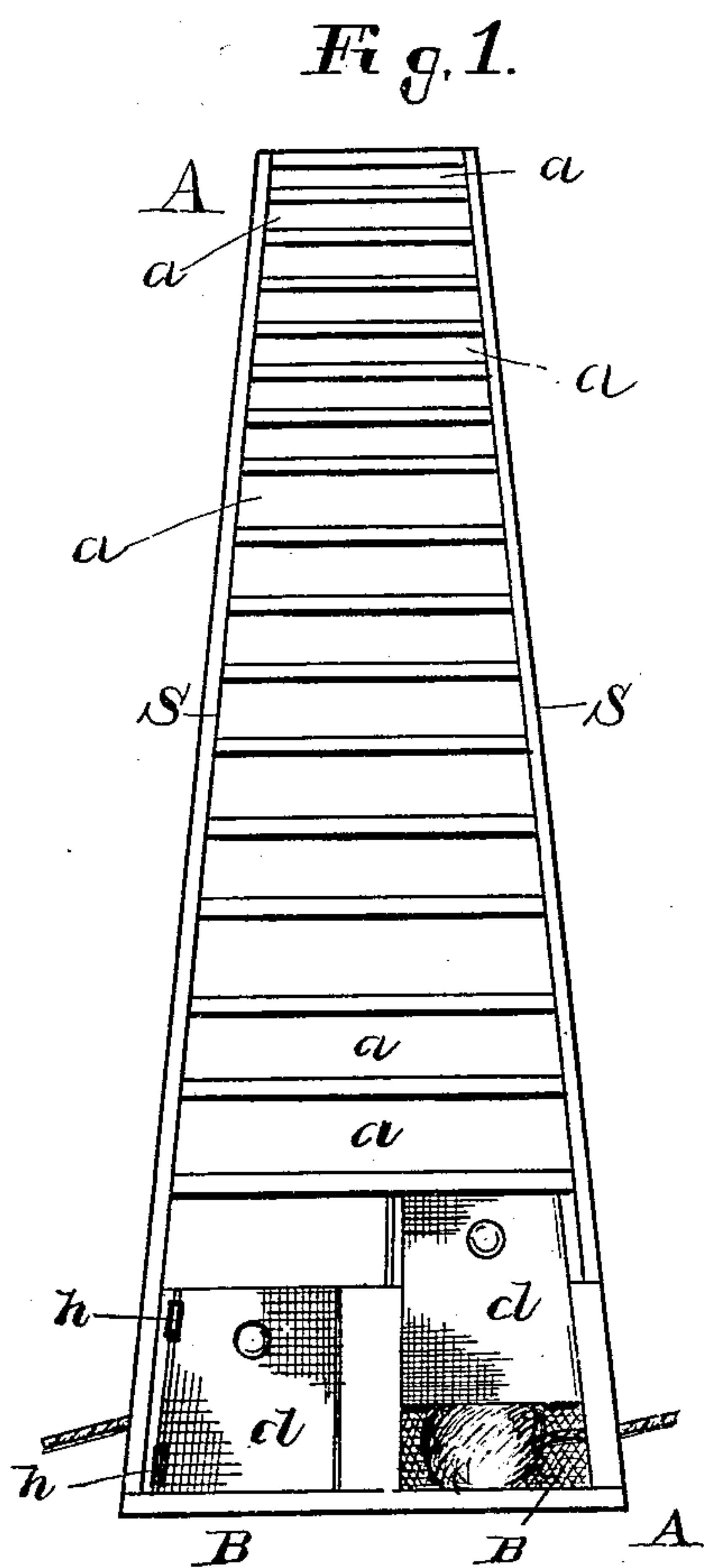
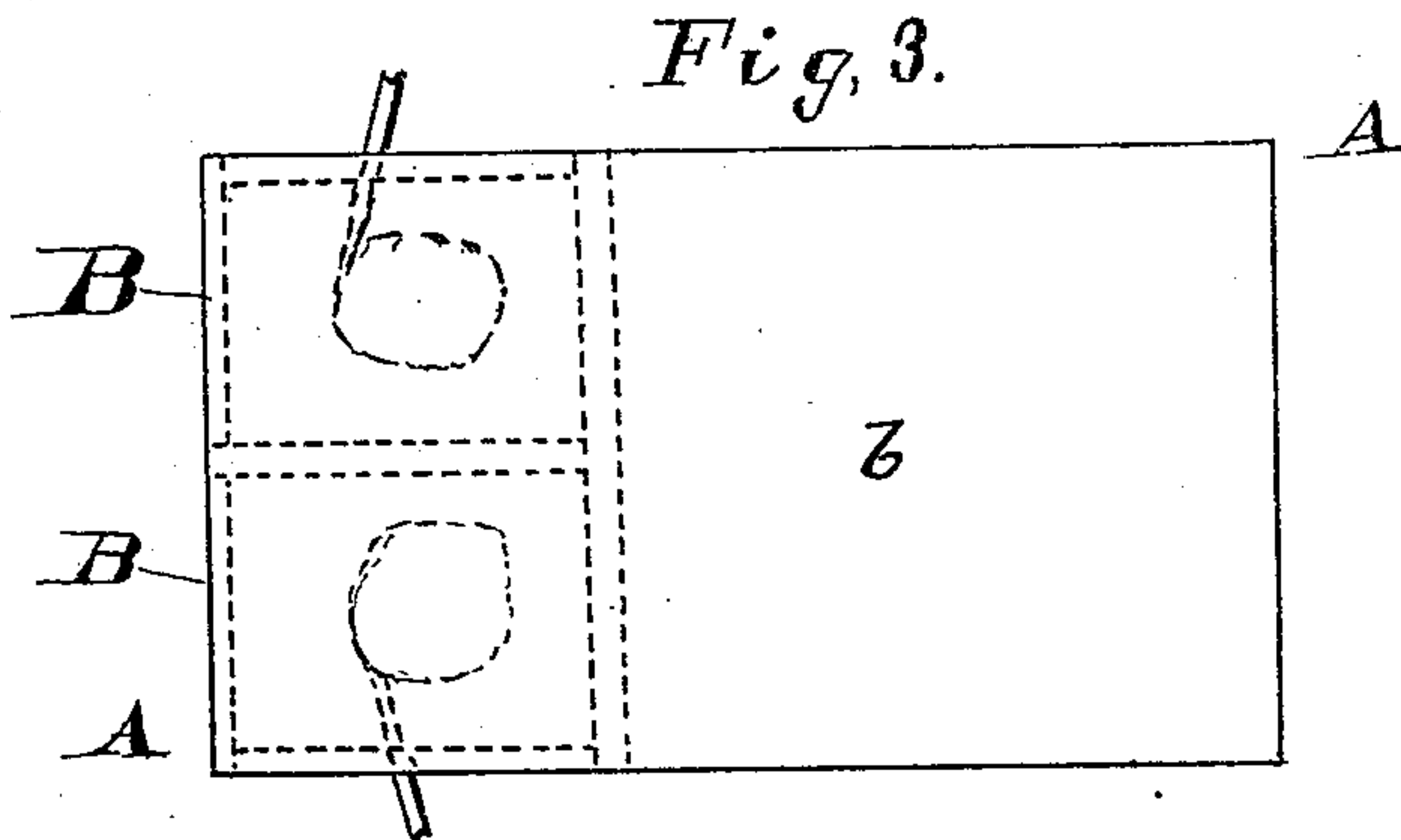
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN C. NORRIS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Crete, in the county of Saline and State of Nebraska, have invented a Combined Paper-Sack, Twine, and Tea-Paper Case, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a combined paper-sack, twine, and tea-paper holder or case.

Grocers and like merchants, in the course of their daily business, use a large number of paper sacks, much twine, and tea-paper. The paper sacks are generally placed upon their counters, taking up much room, and as the sacks are of so many different numbers or sizes it is often difficult to readily find the particular number when needed; and, besides, they frequently get pushed off the counter onto the floor and trampled under foot and destroyed. The twine and tea-paper likewise, being kept on the counter, frequently become displaced, and are not conveniently at hand when required.

The object of my invention is to overcome these difficulties and annoyances by providing a cheap, small, and convenient case for holding all the paper sacks of different sizes or numbers, the twine, and tea-paper. The case is so constructed and arranged that the paper sacks, twine, and tea-paper contained therein will be separate each from the other, and also always at hand in a particular place when needed, and the paper sacks of different numbers or sizes being kept in respective places for each number or size. I attain this object by the particular construction, arrangement, and combination of the several parts, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation. Fig. 2 is a sectional view. Fig. 3 is a bottom plan.

Similar letters of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A represents my new case. It is made of wood, with its several parts tacked, nailed, or secured together in any suitable manner, is composed of sides, top, back, and bottom, and contains the several compartments, as hereinafter described.

S S are the sides of the case A, made in the shape as shown in Fig. 2, narrow at the top and increasing in width gradually to the bot-

tom, so as to accommodate the different lengths of the shelves, the two sides being wider apart at the bottom than at the top, so that the shelves may be suitable for paper sacks of different widths.

R is the back of the case, being narrow at top and wide at the bottom, in the shape as shown in Fig. 1.

a a a represent a series of wooden shelves in the case A, confined between and secured to the sides S S, and slanting from front of case toward the back, as shown in Fig. 2, for the purpose of keeping the paper sacks in their respective places. Each shelf is a little wider and longer than the one above it, the increase being gradual from top of case to the bottom, so that there will be a shelf for each size or number of sacks used. The shelves may be of any height desired, depending upon the number of sacks or size of package wanted therein. With this arrangement the sacks can be readily taken out from either side of the counter, and always the top sack in each package, until the last one is used.

B is a case or apartment in the lower front part of the case A, between the bottom of the case and the lower shelf, provided with door *d*, hinged or held in any convenient manner. In the drawings, B is shown, Fig. 1, with two apartments or chambers, each with a door, *d*; but it may consist of one, if desired. B is for the purpose of holding the twine, the ends of which run out through holes on each side of the case and hang there, ready for use, as shown in Fig. 1.

b is a case or shelf for holding the tea-paper, being formed by the bottom of the case A and the lowest shelf *a*. On each side of the case A, *b* is provided with the openings *e e*, whereby the tea-paper can be readily withdrawn from either side of the case.

The use is evident. The paper sacks, of packages of different sizes, are placed in the shelves *a a a*, the tea-paper laid in *b*, and the balls of twine placed in B, with the ends hanging out on each side of the case. The case A is then placed on the counter, where it will occupy but a small space, and the several articles therein contained will always be at hand in their respective places and readily reached from either side of the counter.

Having described my invention, what I claim

as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent,
is—

1. In a combined paper-sack, twine, and tea-
paper case or holder, the case A, provided
5 with a series of shelves, *a a a*, twine-apart-
ment B, provided with doors *d*, and tea-paper
holder *b*, provided with openings *e e*, all as
constructed and arranged substantially as
shown and described, and for the purpose set
10 forth.

2. The case A, provided with sides S S and

back R, made in the shape as shown, and hav-
ing series of shelves *a a a*, twine-apartment B,
having door *d*, and tea-paper holder *b*, having
openings *e e*, all substantially as shown and 15
described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in
presence of two witnesses.

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