

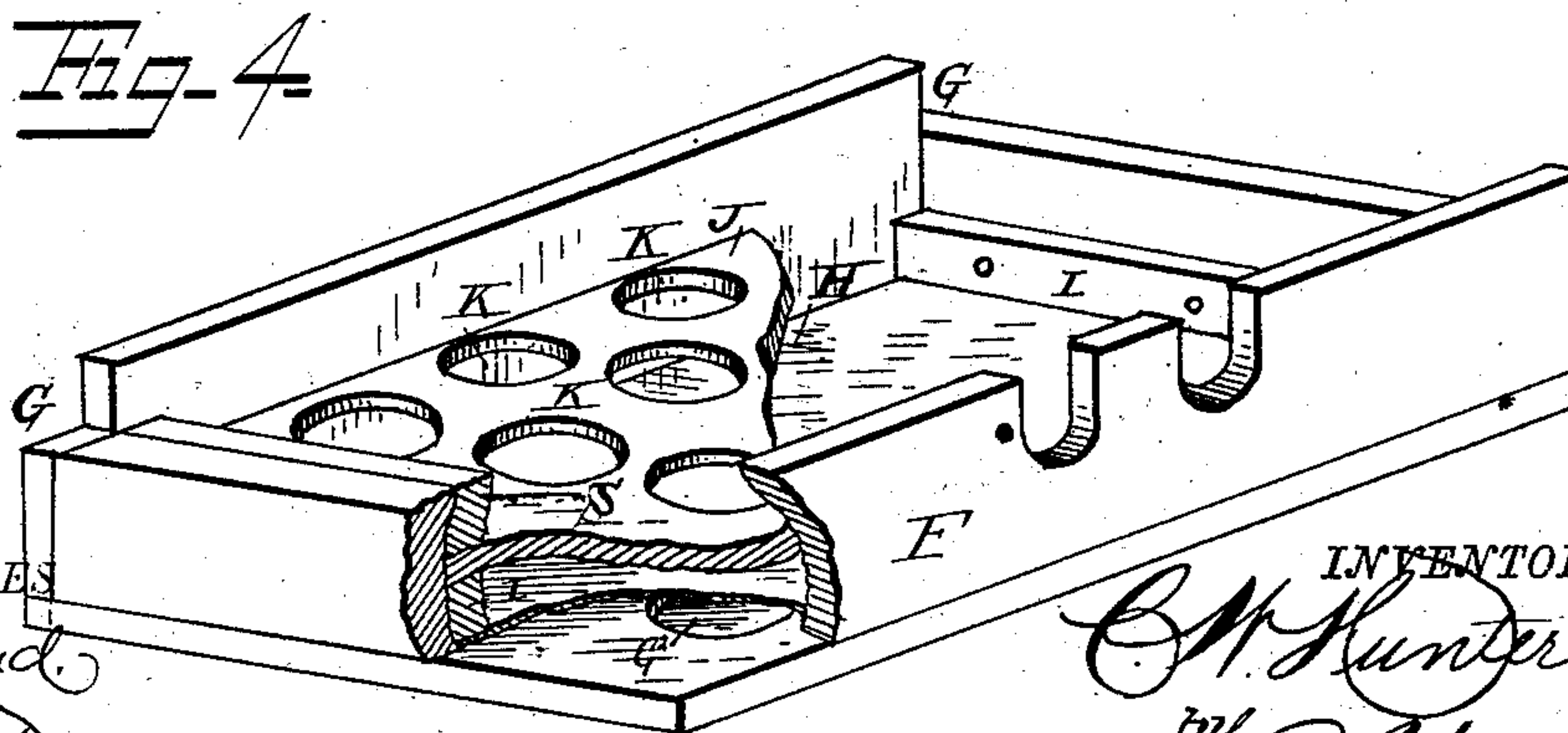
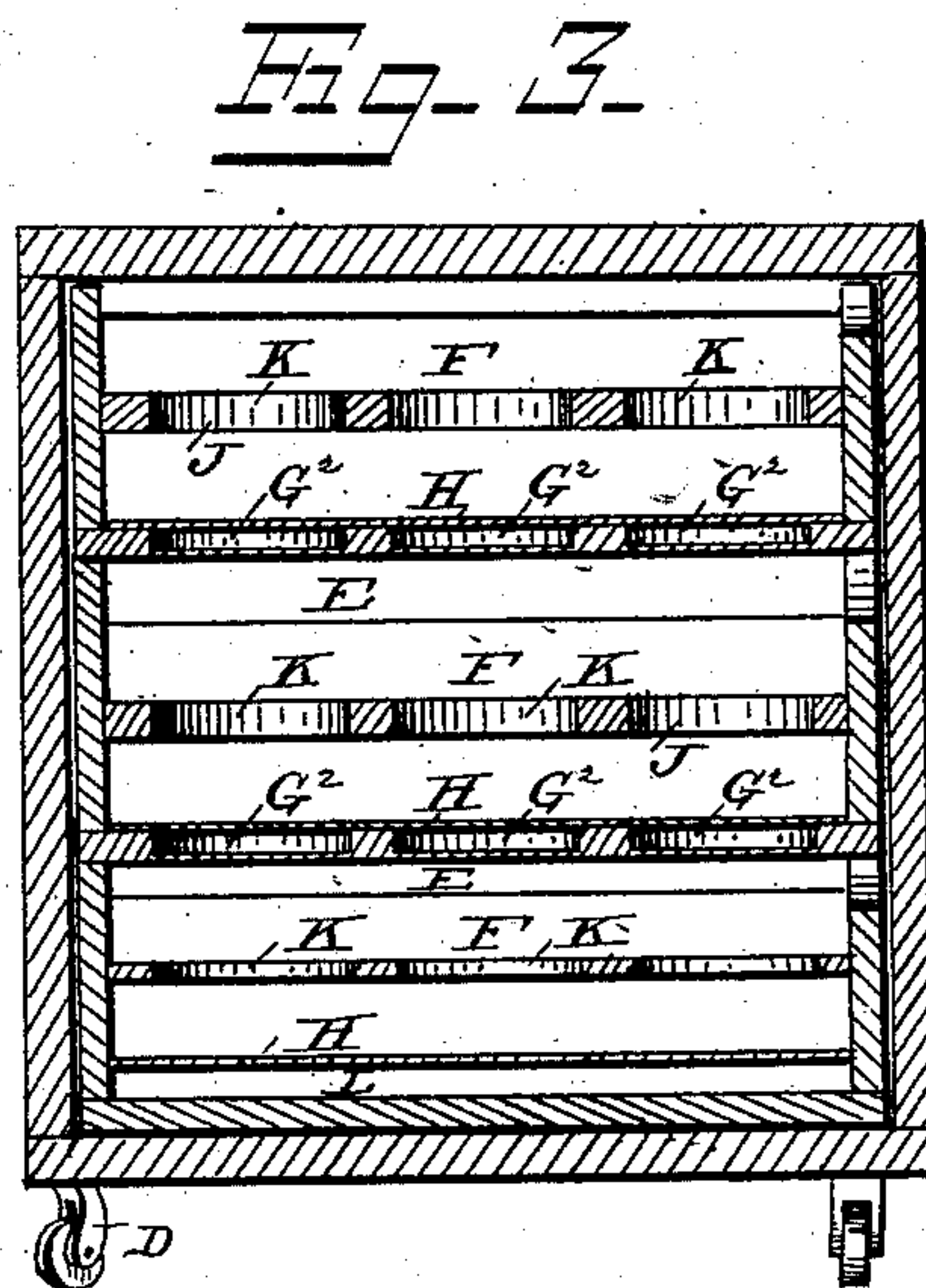
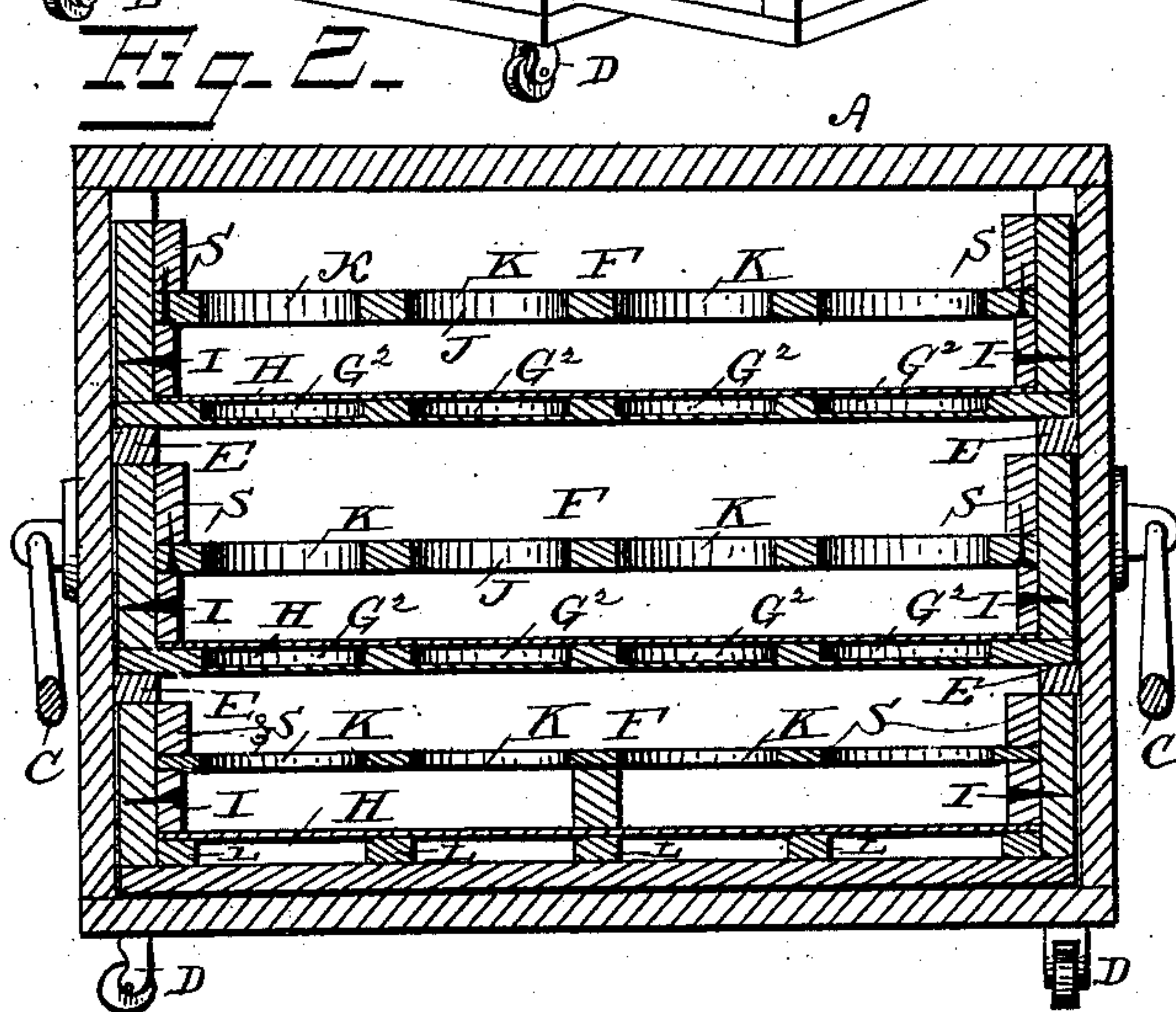
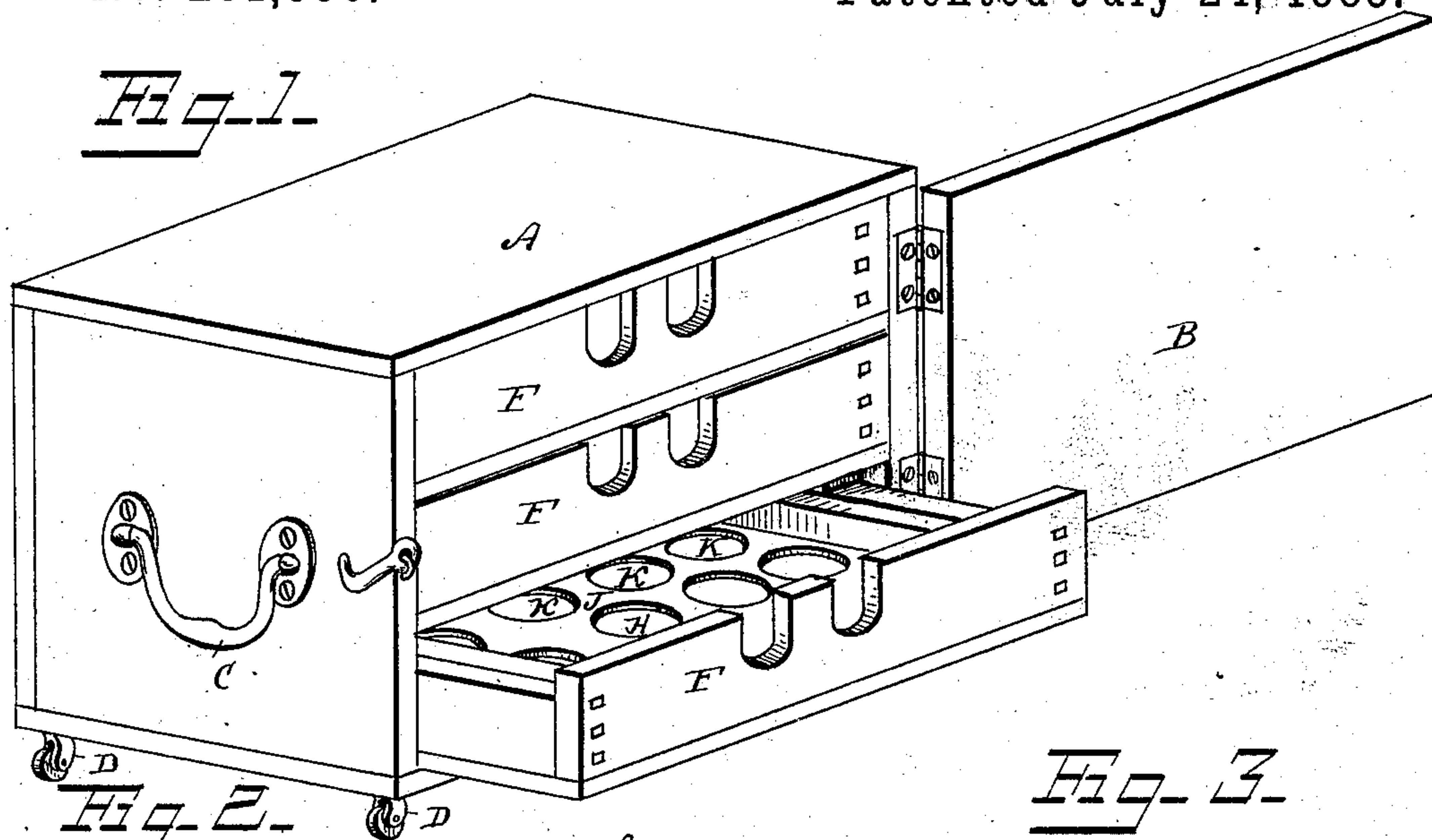
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EGG CARRIER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. HUNTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Snowville, in the county of Pulaski and State of Virginia, have invented a new and useful Egg-Carrier, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to egg crates or carriers; and it has for its object to produce a simple, inexpensive, and convenient crate or package in which eggs may be safely transported, as will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings hereto annexed, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved egg-carrier, showing the door and one of the drawers or trays open. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view. Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical sectional view. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the trays or drawers detached, parts of the same having been broken away for the purpose of better showing the construction.

The same letters refer to the same parts in all the figures.

A in the drawings designates a suitable case or box, having a hinged door, B, at the front, and provided with handles C C at the ends, and with rollers or casters D D under the bottom, so that it may be readily moved without throwing it violently about. The ends of said case are provided on their inner sides with horizontal cleats E E, to support the trays or drawers F F, the ends of which have recesses G at their upper sides to accommodate the said cleats.

The bottoms of the trays or drawers are provided with recesses G² G², and a piece of cloth or textile fabric is stretched over the bottoms, so as to cover the said recesses. The said cloth, which is denoted by H, is stretched and held in place by means of cleats I I, secured to the ends of the drawers by nails, tacks, or otherwise. The said cleats, in addition to securing in place the said cloth bottom, serve to support a plate or diaphragm, J, which may be of wood, pasteboard, or other suitable material, and which is provided with openings K K, registering with the recesses G² in the bottom of the tray. The said open-

ings and recesses may be placed as closely together as desired, and the said openings K serve to hold the eggs, which are simply placed in the said openings and allowed to rest upon the textile bottom, which, above the recesses G², forms a spring or cushion upon which the eggs are supported without danger of breaking.

The openings K may be made of various sizes, so as to hold differently-sized eggs as tightly as need be to prevent danger of their being displaced while in transit.

The ends of the diaphragms J are provided with cleats S, which serve to stiffen the same, and by which they may be readily lifted out.

Instead of the recesses G² G², the bottoms of the trays or drawers may be simply provided with transverse cleats, as shown at L in Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings. In other respects the construction and operation are precisely as above set forth.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. In an egg-carrier, the herein-described trays or drawers, the bottoms of which are provided with recesses, substantially as described, in combination with a sheet of textile fabric stretched over the said bottom and secured by cleats at the ends, and a plate or diaphragm supported upon the said cleats and having openings registering with the recesses in the bottom, substantially as set forth.

2. In an egg-carrier, the combination, with a box or casing having a suitable door and provided with horizontal cleats upon the inner sides of its ends, of the detachable trays or drawers having recesses, substantially as set forth, the textile fabric stretched over the said bottom and secured by cleats at the ends, and the plates or diaphragms supported upon the said cleats and having openings registering with the recesses in the bottom, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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