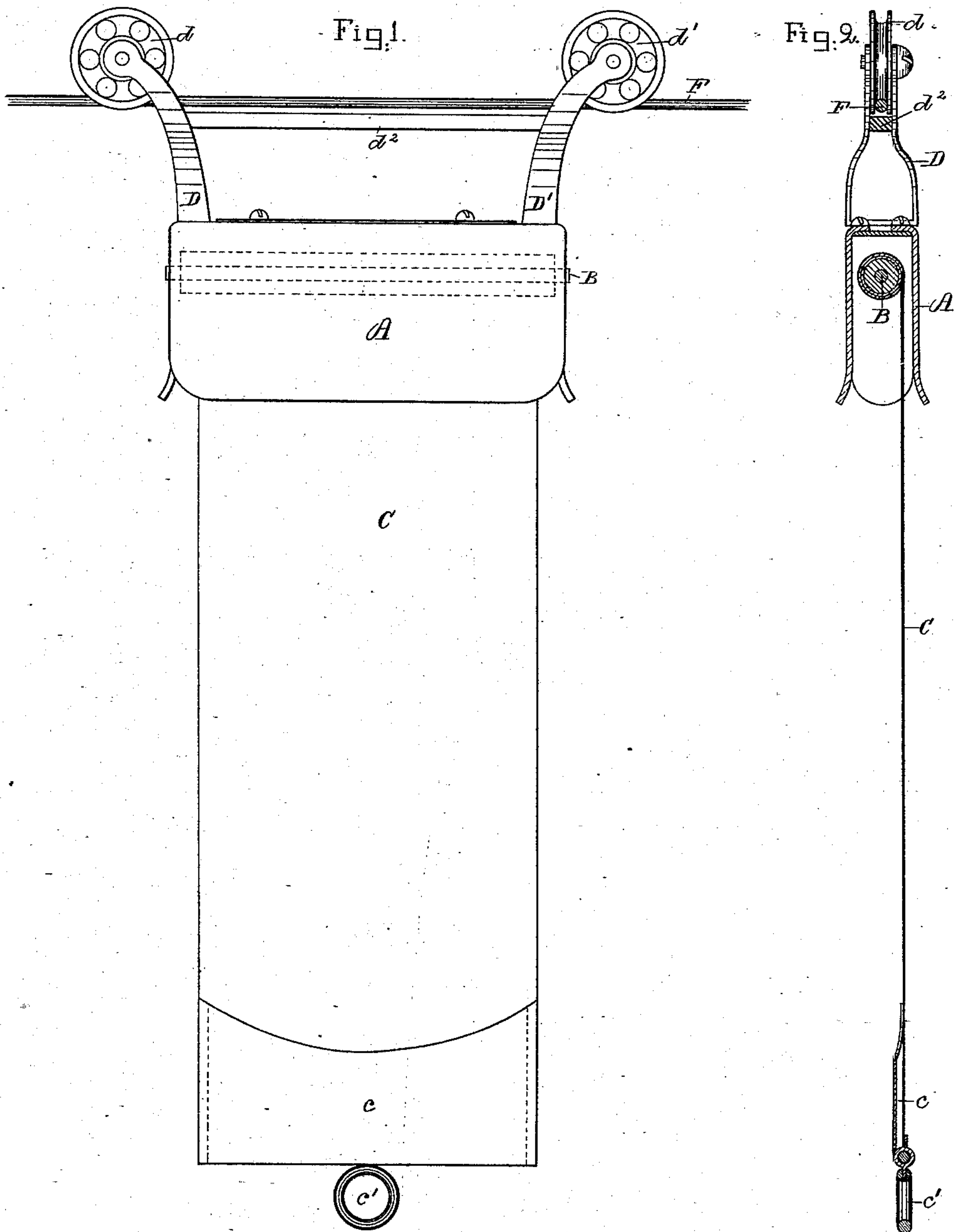


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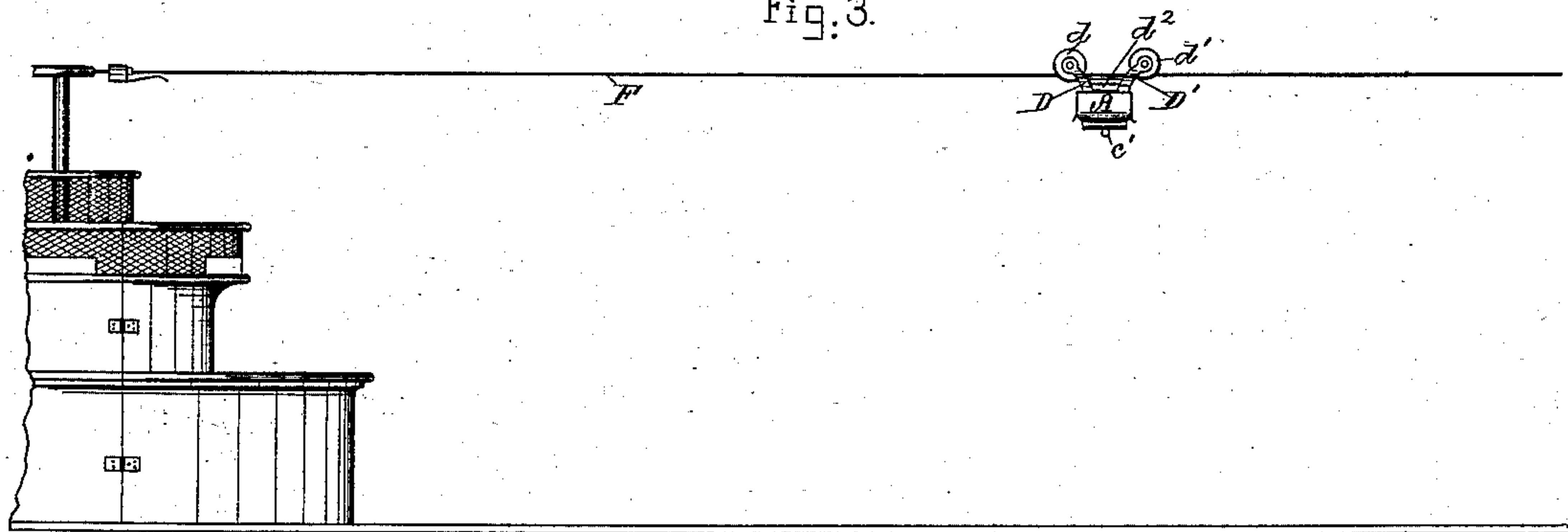
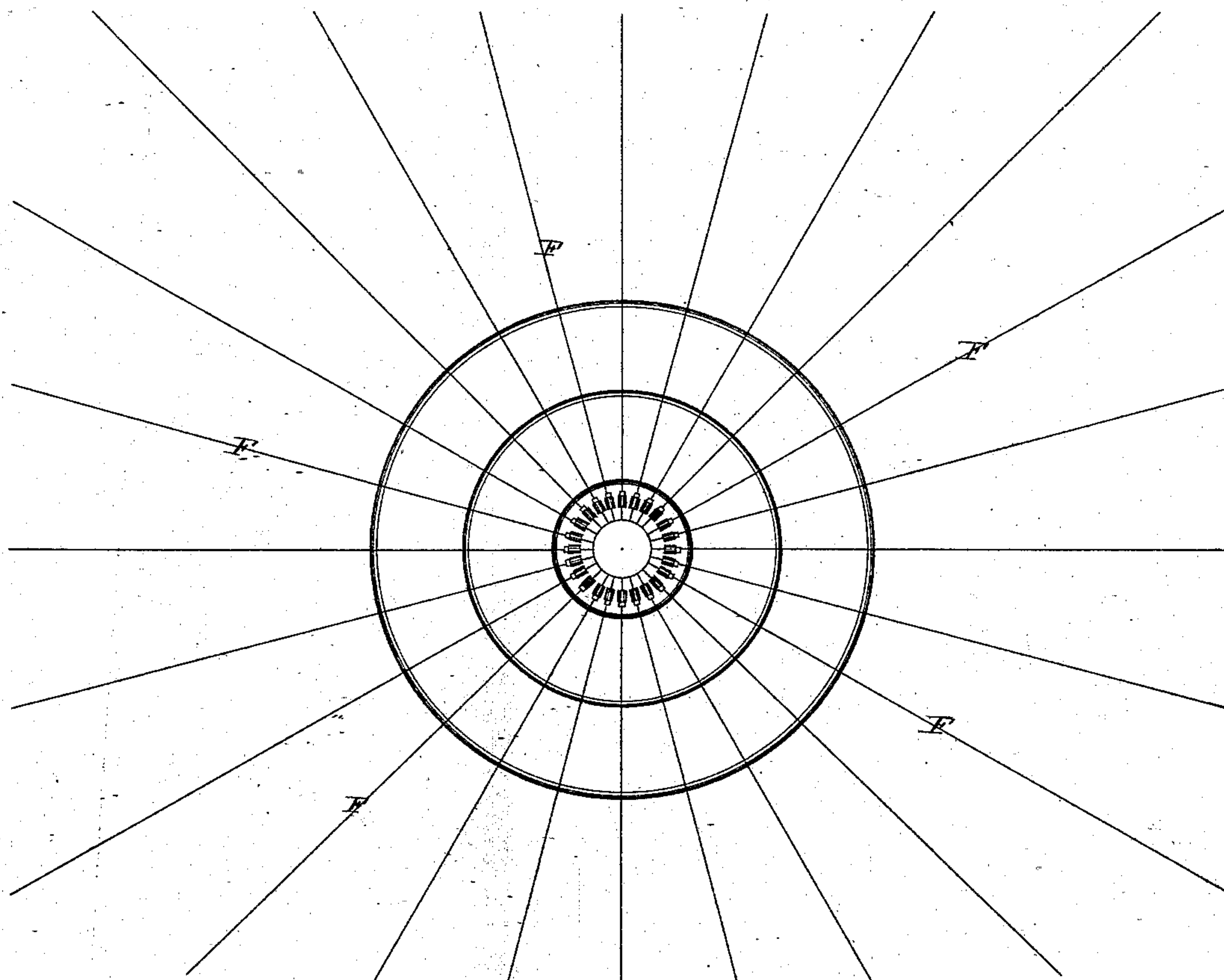


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GILBERT R. ELLIOTT, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Cash and Parcel Carrier for Store-Service, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in carriers for transporting cash, account-books, and parcels between the salesmen and a central station in stores.

The objects of my invention are to provide a holder capable of being loaded and unloaded without being detached from its wheeled carrier; to so form the carrier and holder that they shall occupy the least possible space, and thereby enable a greater number to be run into the central station than has been possible with the wide and cumbrous devices heretofore used, and to render the carrier sufficiently rigid to resist any shock to which it may be subjected.

To attain these objects my invention consists in the combination of a web provided with a pocket and adapted to be wound up by a spring-roller, with a narrow case or box provided with wheels adapted to run on a taut wire, and a stay or bar forming a rigid connection between the wheel-supports, as hereinafter fully described.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate my improved carrier and holder, Figure 1 is a side view of the carrier with the holder withdrawn. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same. Fig. 3 shows the carrier on a wireway, and Fig. 4 shows how a large number of wireways may be brought together at one station by reason of the little space occupied by my improved carrier.

Wireways are largely used in stores for transporting books, cash, &c., back and forth between the salesmen and the cashier. Heretofore the carriers and holders for such articles have been so large as to require such a distance between the wires at their termini near the cashier's desk as to preclude in some establishments the location of sufficient ways to provide a separate wire for each salesman. My improved holder and carrier, being reduced to

the narrowest dimensions, allows the wires to be placed much closer together, so that the number of wires may be increased to any desired extent.

A is a box or case of any desired length, and just wide enough to receive a thin parcel, such as an ordinary cash-book. B is a spring-roller, mounted in the box A, and adapted to automatically stop revolving when desired.

A web, C, is attached by one end to the roller B, and is provided at its other end with a pocket, *c*, deep enough to securely hold a book placed endwise therein. Books are so placed when the width of the web or the length of the pocket (which depends upon the width of the web) will not admit of their being put in lengthwise. A ring or handle, *c'*, is attached to the bottom of the web C, and by means of it the web can be drawn down so as to bring its pocket in reach, and thereby obviate the necessity of detaching the holder from its carrier to insert or remove an article, as heretofore in some devices for this purpose.

Standards D D' are secured to the box A, one near each end. These standards are forked at their tops to receive wheels *d d'*, adapted to travel on a taut wire, F. A stay or bar, *d''*, rigidly connects the two standards D D', and not only serves to prevent the wheels from leaving the wireway, but also renders the whole arrangement sufficiently rigid to resist without yielding or buckling the push required to send it over the wire and the impact with the stops for arresting it at the proper points.

Besides the advantages above mentioned, there also arise from my improved device the following: the slight resistance from the air, the absence of all swinging or swaying, and the security with which the article is held by being compressed into the box by the force of the spring in the roller.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, substantially as hereinbefore set forth, of a web or sheet having a pocket at one end and attached at its other end to a spring-roller, a case or box in which the roller is mounted, standards secured to the case or box, and carrying the wheels, substan-

tially as described, and for the purposes set forth.

2. In a parcel-carrier for store-service, a web adapted to be wound up by a spring-roller, and having its lower end provided with a pocket, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. In a carrier for traveling on wireways in

stores, a stay or bar located between and connected to the standards that support the wheels, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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