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BANKER'S CASE, NOTE BOOK, &c.

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Fig. 1.

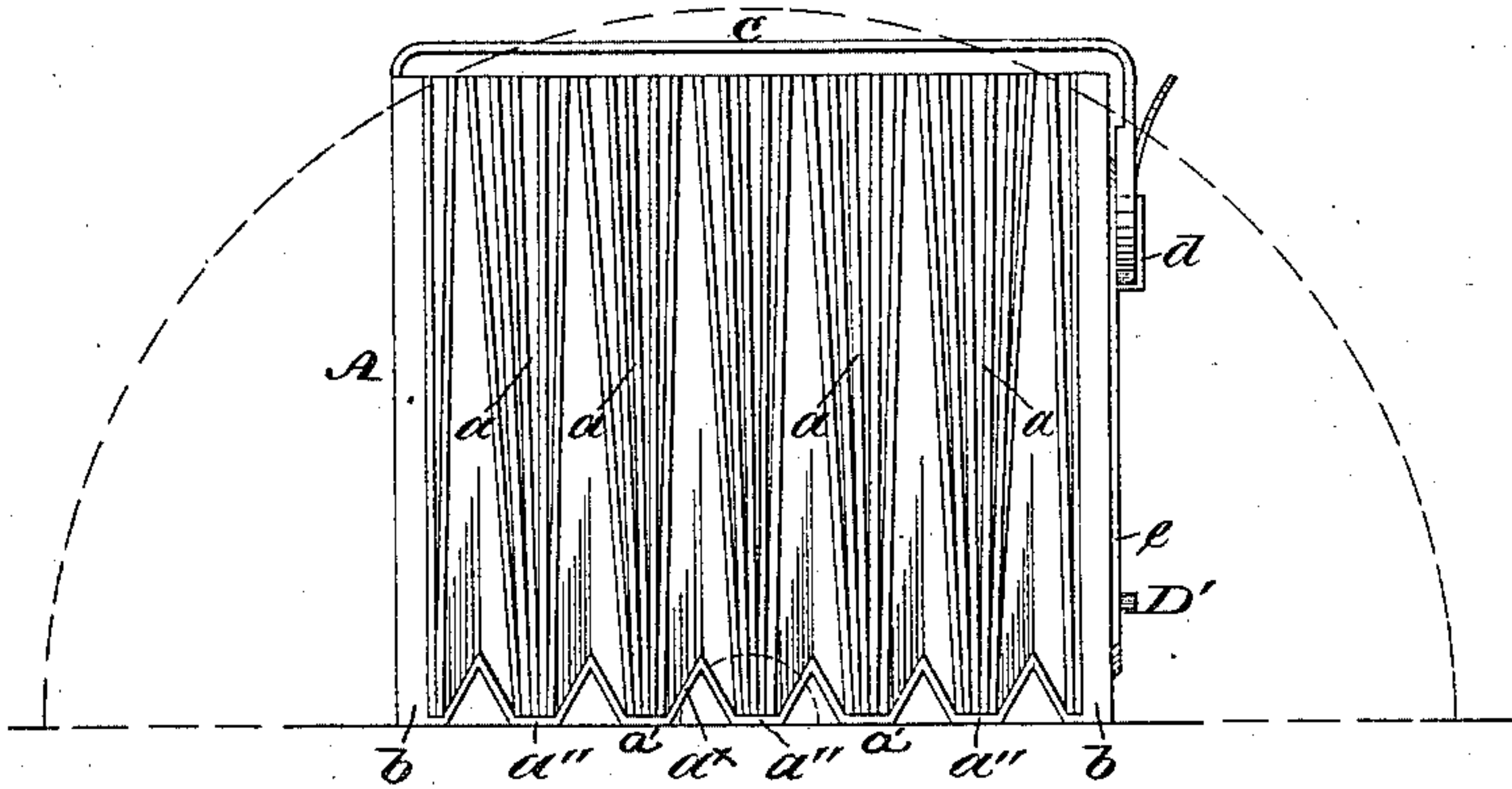


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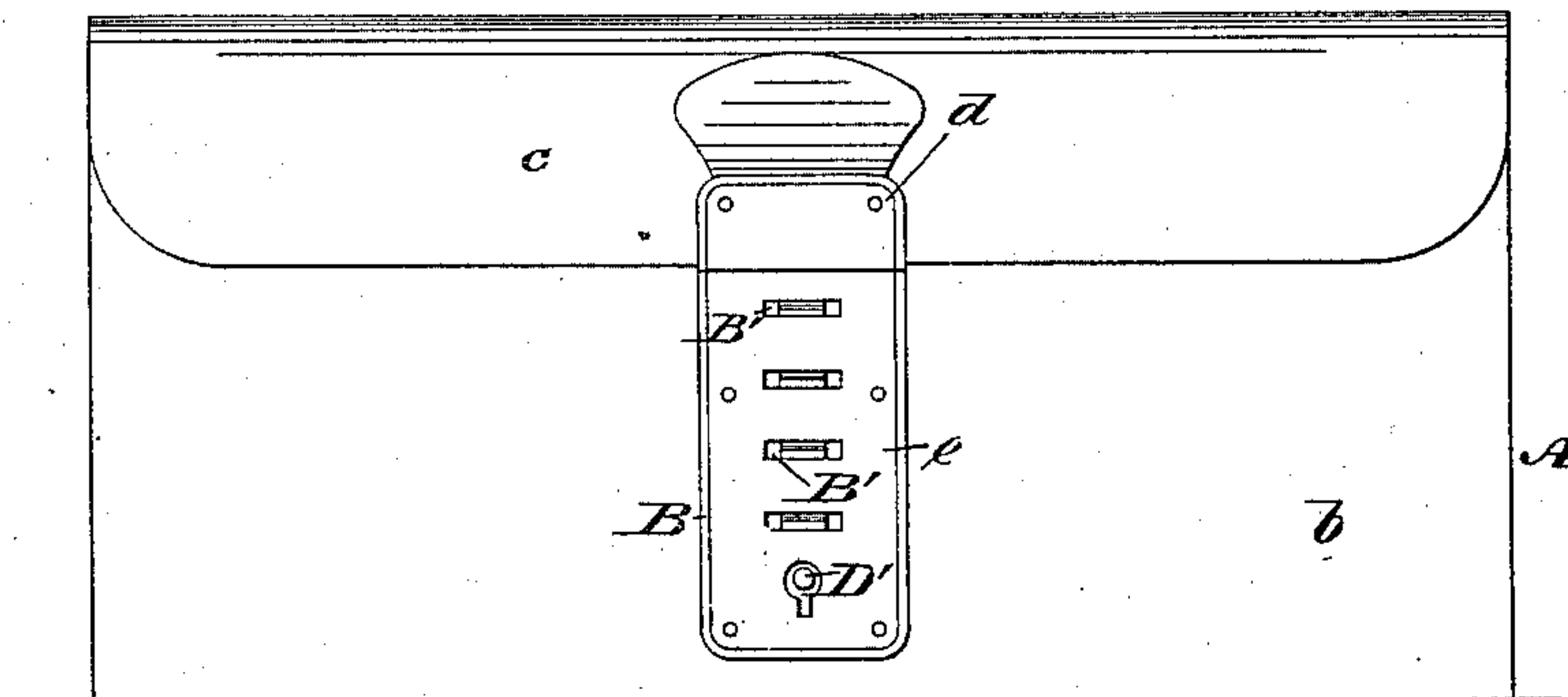


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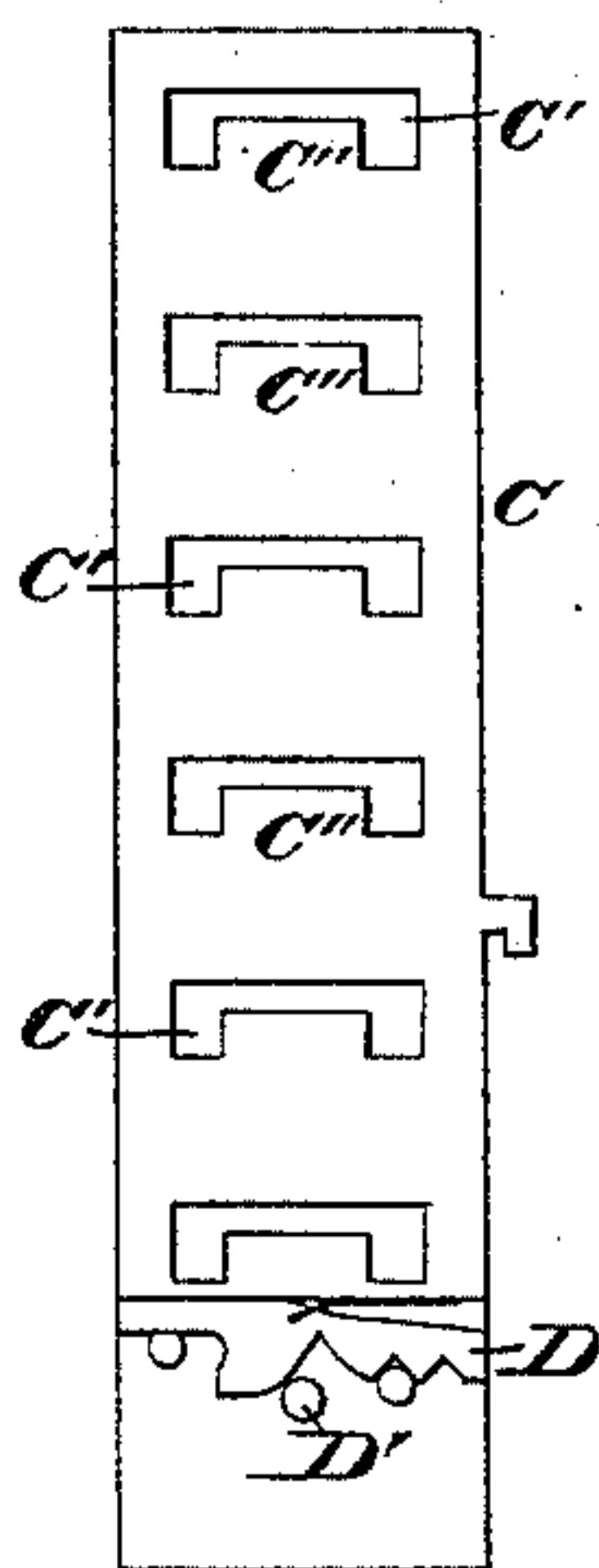


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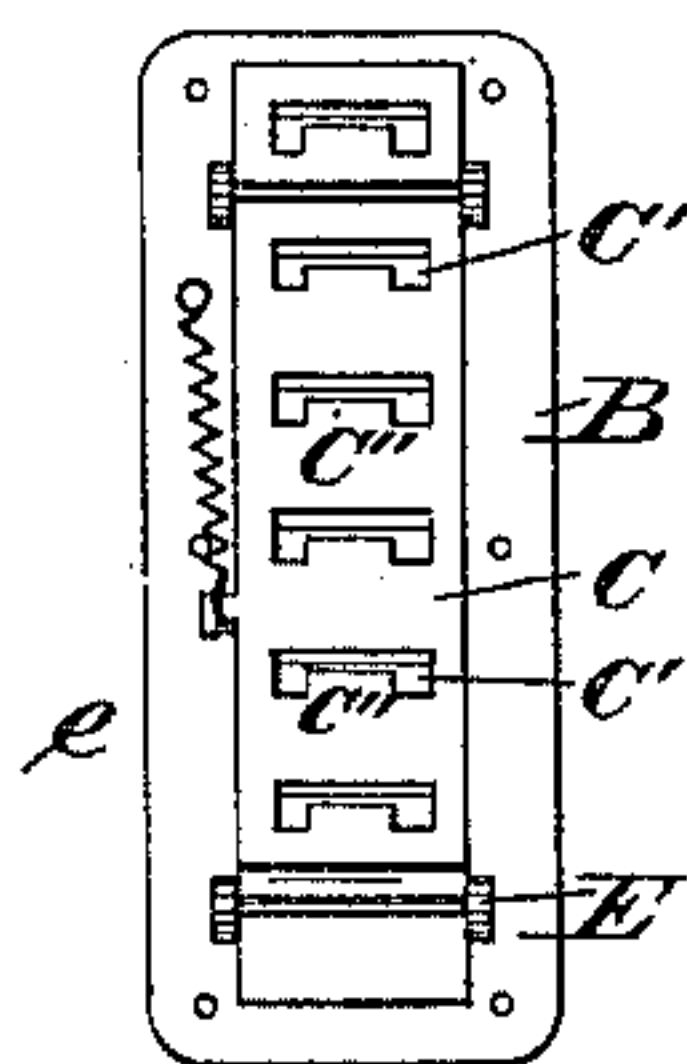
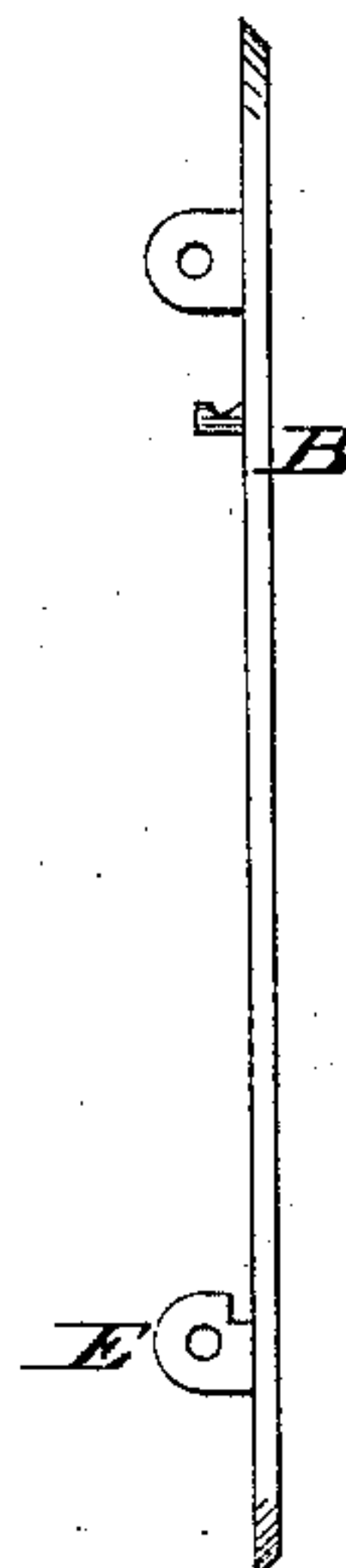


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN CASEY, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bankers' Cases and Note-Books, &c., which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a case or book embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a front view thereof. Figs. 3 and 4 are views of detached parts. Fig. 5 is a side elevation of Fig. 3.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

My invention consists of a banker's case and books, or cases of similar class, made extensible, and adapted to preserve its shape when extended.

It also consists of a method of rendering the case strong and durable, especially at the bottom.

It also consists of an extensible case, book, &c., having means for holding the same tightly closed, whether extended or contracted.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a banker's case or note-book, the same consisting of a series of pockets, *a*, and pieces, *b*, an extended covering-flap, *c*, a hasp, *d*, and lock or fastening *e*. The pockets *a* are grouped at intervals, and the bottom piece, *a'*, connects the groups, so that there is a flat part, *a''*, at the bottom of each group, said bottom piece being continuous from group to group, and folded into the form of inverted V's, or upwardly-extending points, as at *a^x*, the bottom ends of the limbs thereof being connected by the flat parts *a''*, which are right-lined and extend horizontally, it being noticed that the points *a^x* are located between adjacent groups of pockets, and their sides approach and recede as the book or case is contracted and expanded, the flat parts *a''* being always preserved. This vastly strengthens the bottom of the book, as the several pockets constituting a group brace one another, and the pointed bottoms of pocket-books are avoided, the same being weak, readily separating and wearing out. When the pocket is extended or contracted, it preserves its quadrilateral form, and when unlocked may be laid down on the end

pieces, and assumes a circular form, whereby the pockets may be conveniently manipulated for receiving and removing money, notes, papers, &c., and inspection of the same. The flap *c* is sufficiently large to cover the top of the pockets when the case or book is expanded or full to the greatest extent; and in order to secure the same and lock the case or book, the fastening *e* consists of a face-plate, B, with numerous slots B', one above the other, into either of which the hasp *d* may be fitted.

In order to hold the hasp, I provide a slide, C, the same having slots C', occupying positions coinciding with the slots B', and on the lower wall of each slot there is an upwardly-projecting lip, C'', which is adapted to engage with the hasp fitted in the relative slot B'.

In order to lock the slide C, there is fitted to the inner face of the lower end thereof a bolt, D, which is operated by a key, the post D' whereof protrudes through the key-hole on the plate B, and serves to move the slide, when unlocked, by the application of the finger there-to and pressing it downwardly, it being noticed that the bolt and post move with the slide. The bolt is adapted to engage with a notched lug or keeper, E, on the inner face of the plate B, said keeper also serving to guide the slide, and as the plate B is secured to the end piece of the case or book, and the slide, bolt, and lug are between said plate and end piece, the ends of the bolt are concealed and inaccessible from the outside. By turning the key in one direction the bolt is withdrawn, and the slide may be operated by the finger or nail applied to the key-post, thus unlocking the hasp and permitting it to be withdrawn from the plate B, whereby the case or book may be opened. When the key is turned in the other direction, the bolt engages with the lug E and locks the slide, and consequently the hasp attached to the flap *c*, it being seen that the locking operation is accomplished whether the case or book is in an expanded or contracted condition. The return motion of the slide is accomplished by a spring suitably connected with said slide and the face-plate.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An extensible case or book formed of pockets, an extended flap, a hasp or catch,

and a many-slotted face-plate and fastening-slide, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. An improved extensible case or book
5 formed of pockets arranged in groups, and a folded bottom piece, which is continued from group to group, being of inverted-V form between the groups, and right-lined and flat at the bottoms thereof, the parts being combined
10 and operating substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. An extensible case or book having a hasp, a many-slotted face-plate and fastening-slide, a locking-bolt attached to said slide, a key-post secured to said slide and projecting into 15 the key-hole of the face-plate, and an engaging lug or keeper on the face-plate, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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