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SHOW CASE.

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Fig. 1.

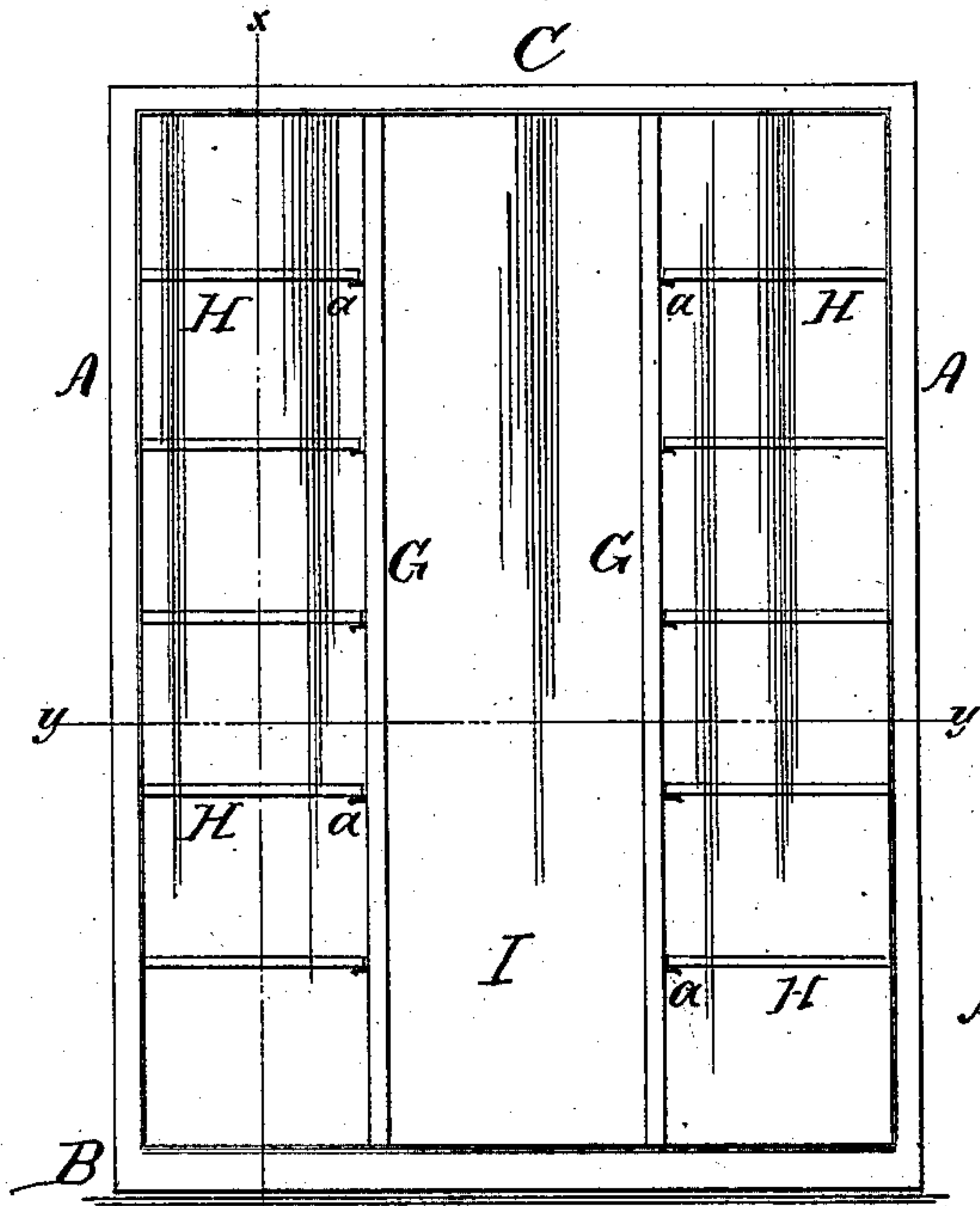


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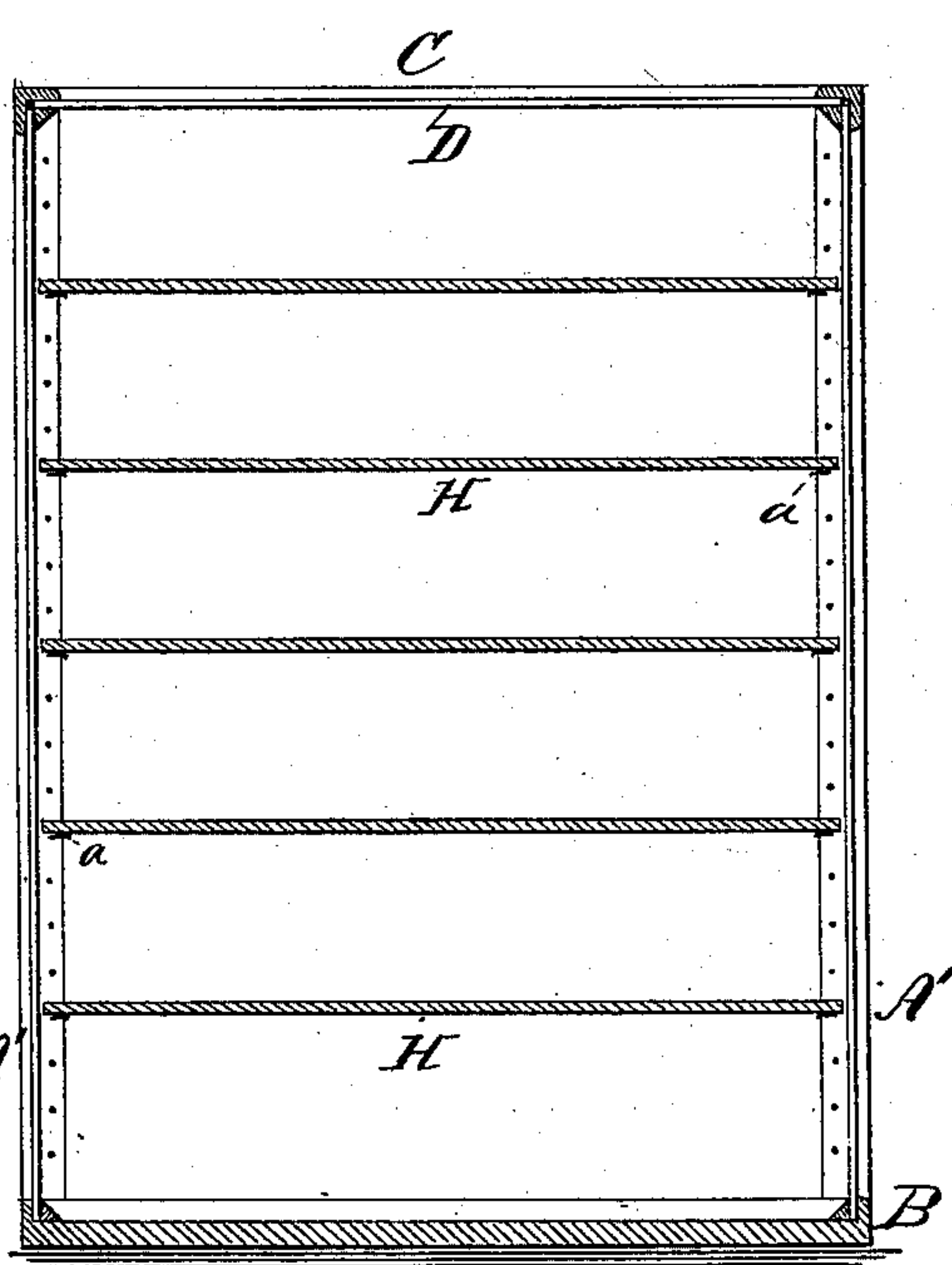


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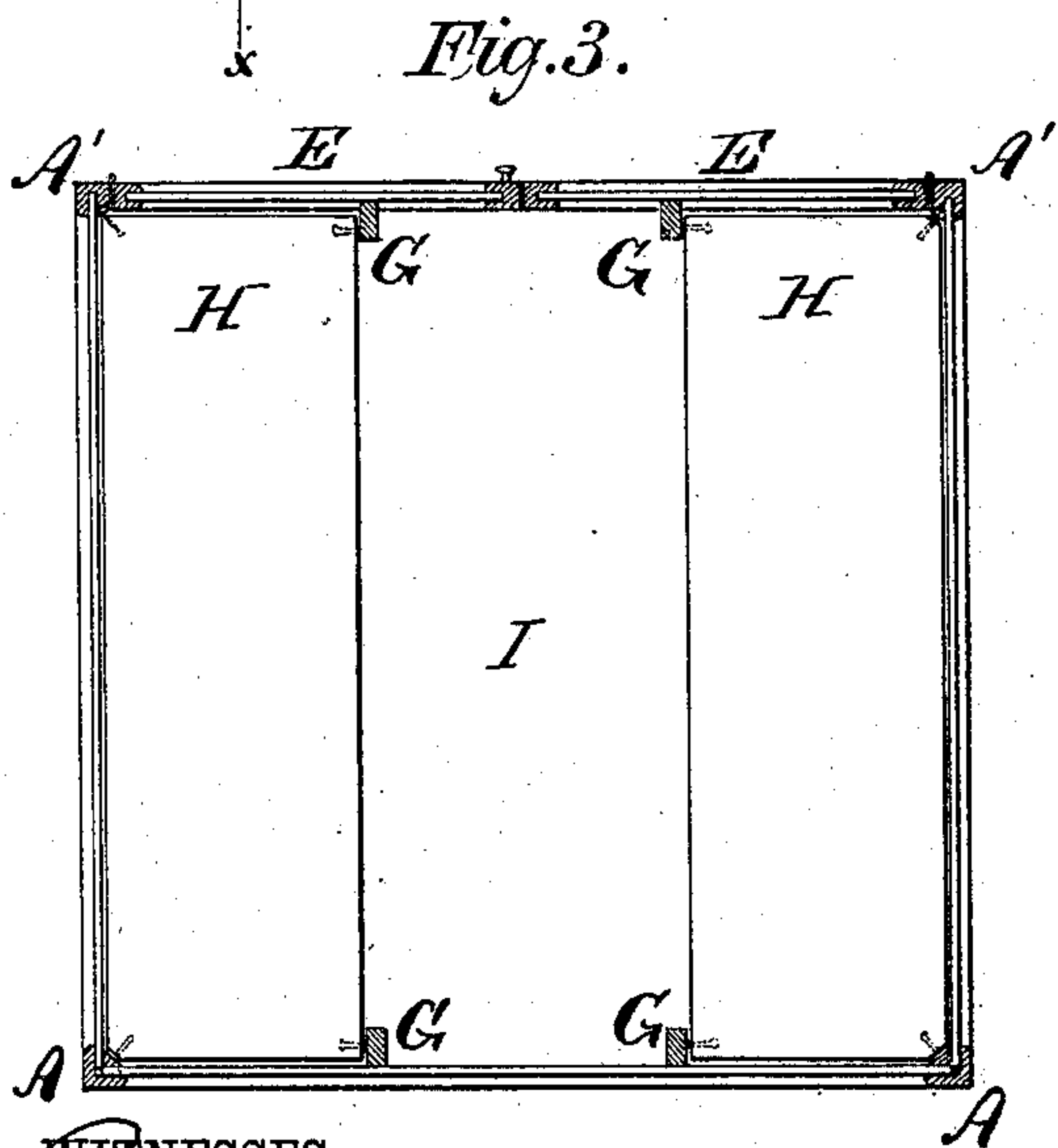


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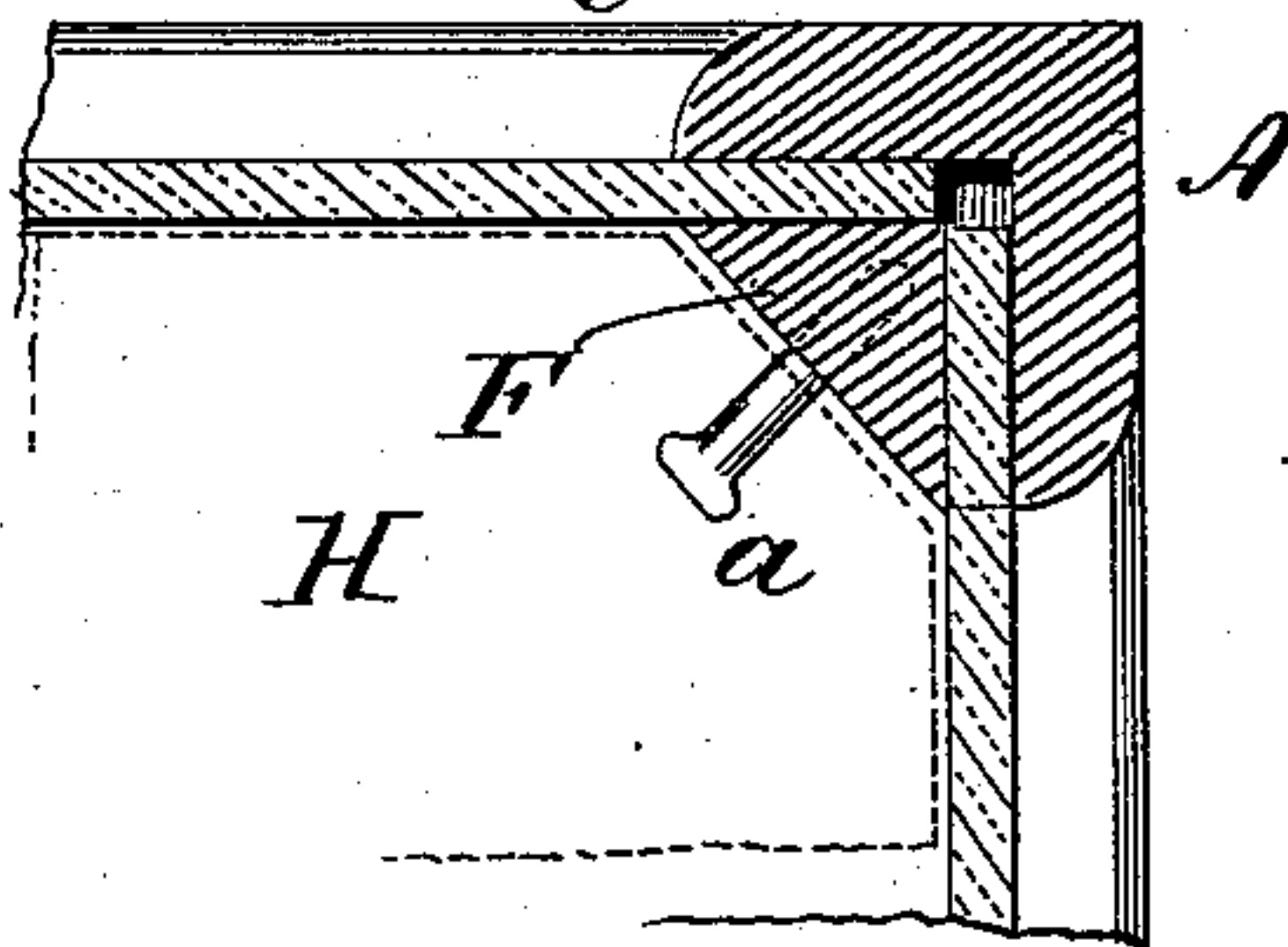
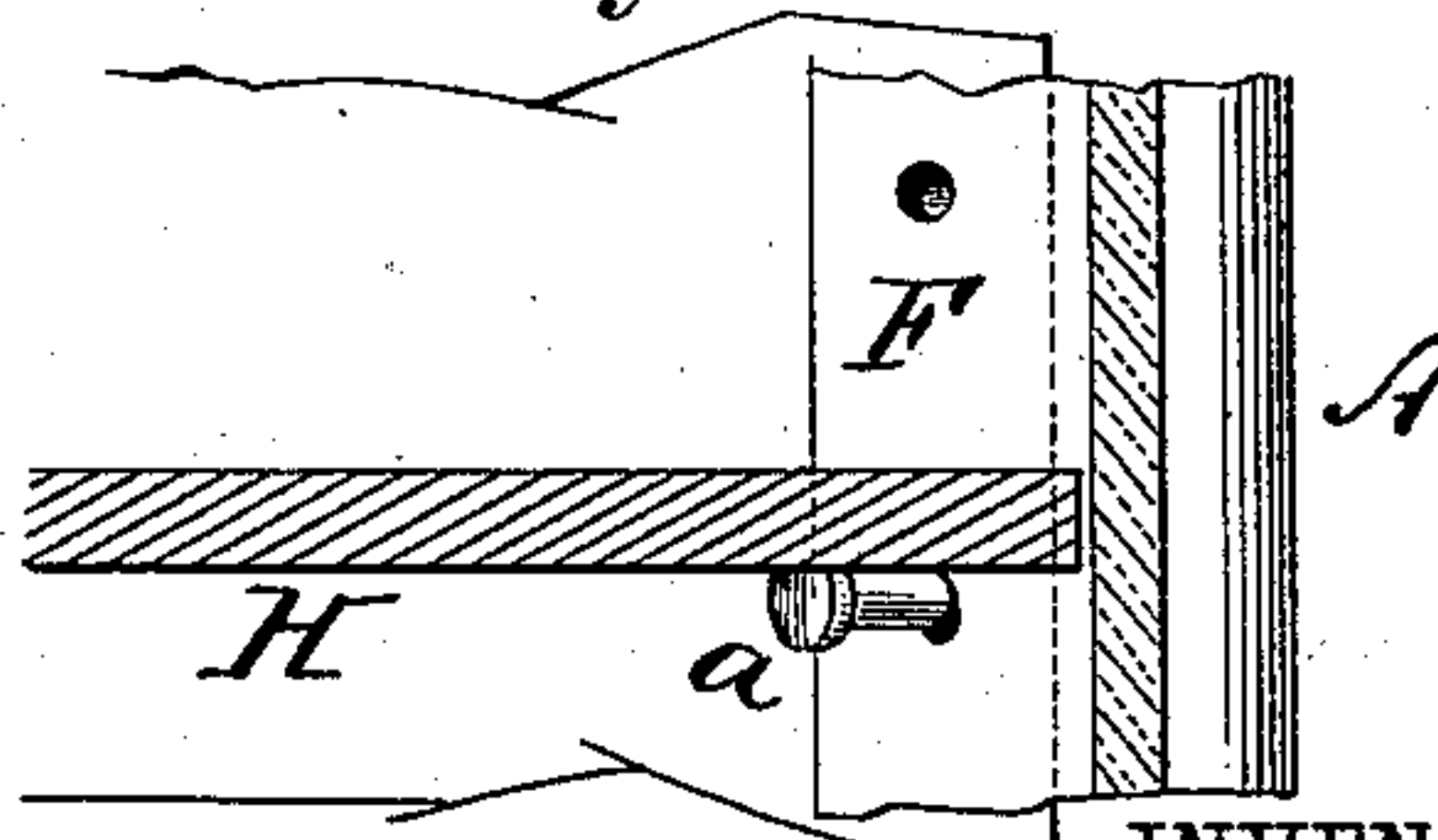


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SHOW-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, TERENCE F. CURLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing in Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Show-Cases; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to show-cases for displaying goods for the purposes of exhibition and sale; and the object of it is to advantageously display a large quantity of goods in a small space.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved show-case. Fig. 2 is a vertical section on line *x x* in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section on line *y y* in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a sectional view of one of the corners; and Fig. 5 is a section through one of the shelves, showing the manner of supporting the same.

Like letters of reference indicate the same parts in the different figures of the drawings.

Four corner-pieces, *A A A' A'*, are secured to the base *B* and to a rectangular top frame, *C*, the latter receiving the glass or panel *D*, forming the top. The front corner-pieces, *A*, are made L-shaped in cross-section, to receive the edge of the glass. The back corner-pieces, *A'*, are grooved to receive the edges of the side plates of glass, and to them are hinged the doors *E*, which meet in the middle of the back of the show-case when they are closed. Triangular strips *F* are secured in the front vertical corners of the show-case, and perforated to receive shelf-supporting pins *a*. The inner sides of the corner-pieces *A'* are perforated in the same way to receive pins *a*. At the front and rear of the show-case, and at about one-third of the width thereof from either side, I

place vertical strips *G*—two at the front and two at the back of the show-case. These strips *G* are perforated to receive pins *a*. Upon the pins are placed shelves *H*, which are about one-third of the width of the show-case, and form two series of shelves—one series at each side—leaving the clear central space, *I*, through which the goods upon the shelves *H* may be easily viewed. In the vertical strips *F G* and corner-pieces *A'* there are more holes than there are pins and shelves, so that the shelves may be adjusted at any desired height. If desirable, goods of a certain class which cannot readily be displayed on shelves may be hung from the top in the clear space *I*.

My improved case is especially adapted for the display and sale of such goods as cutlery, jewelry, silver-ware, optical goods, and many other kinds of small goods, such as are commonly displayed in counter show-cases.

The case may be extended laterally, making the space *I* wider, when the said space may be divided into sections by other series of shelves. The goods on such shelves may be seen from either side.

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

In combination with a show-case, the perforated triangular corner-pieces *F*, the perforated vertical strips *G*, and the perforated corner-pieces *A'*, said perforated pieces being adapted to receive adjustable pins *a*, for holding shelves *H* on each side of the space *I*, as shown and described and for the purpose set forth.

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