

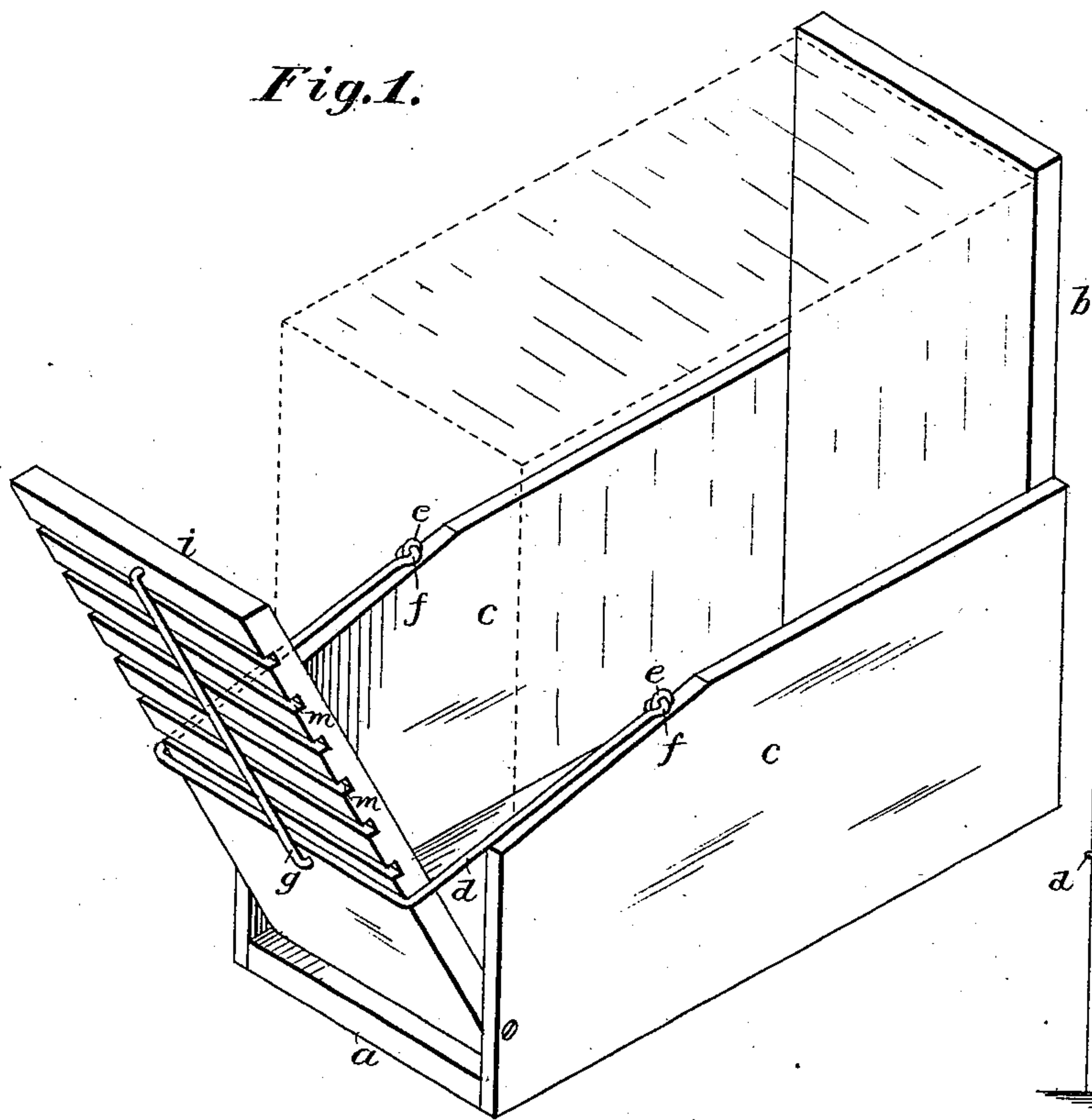
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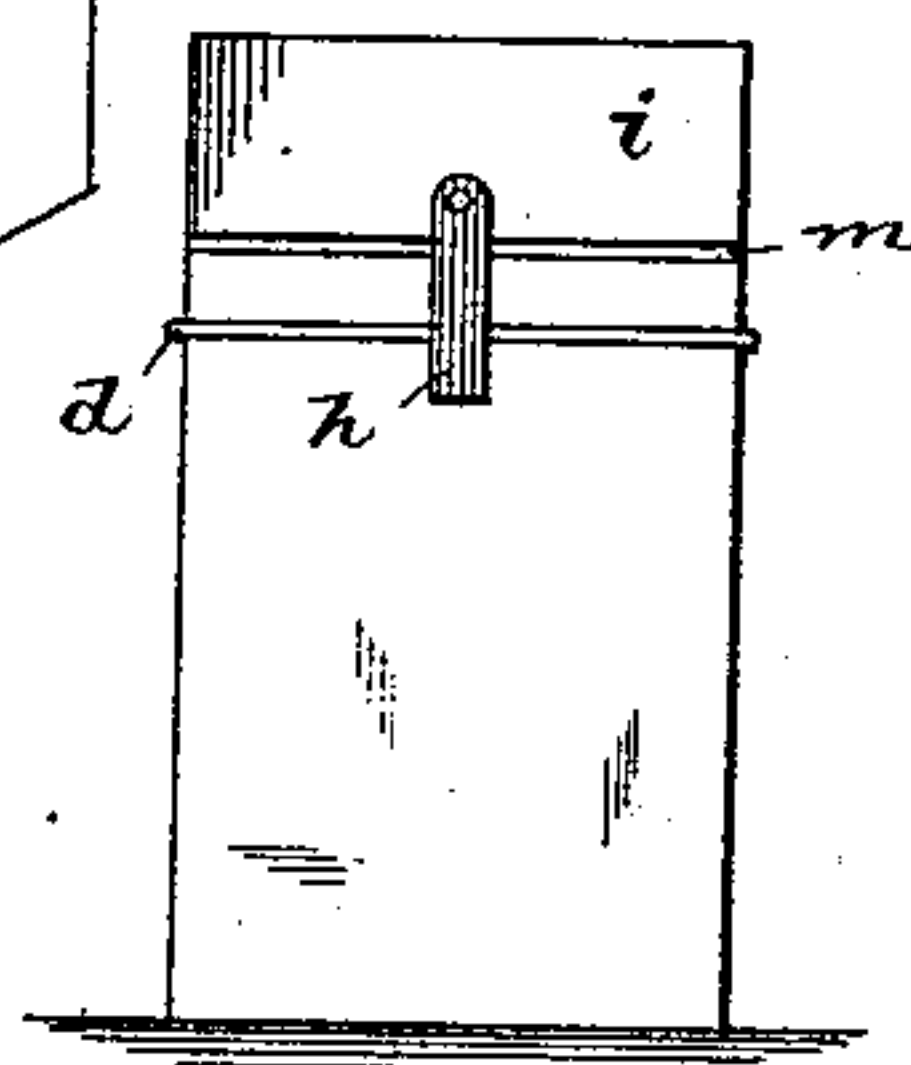
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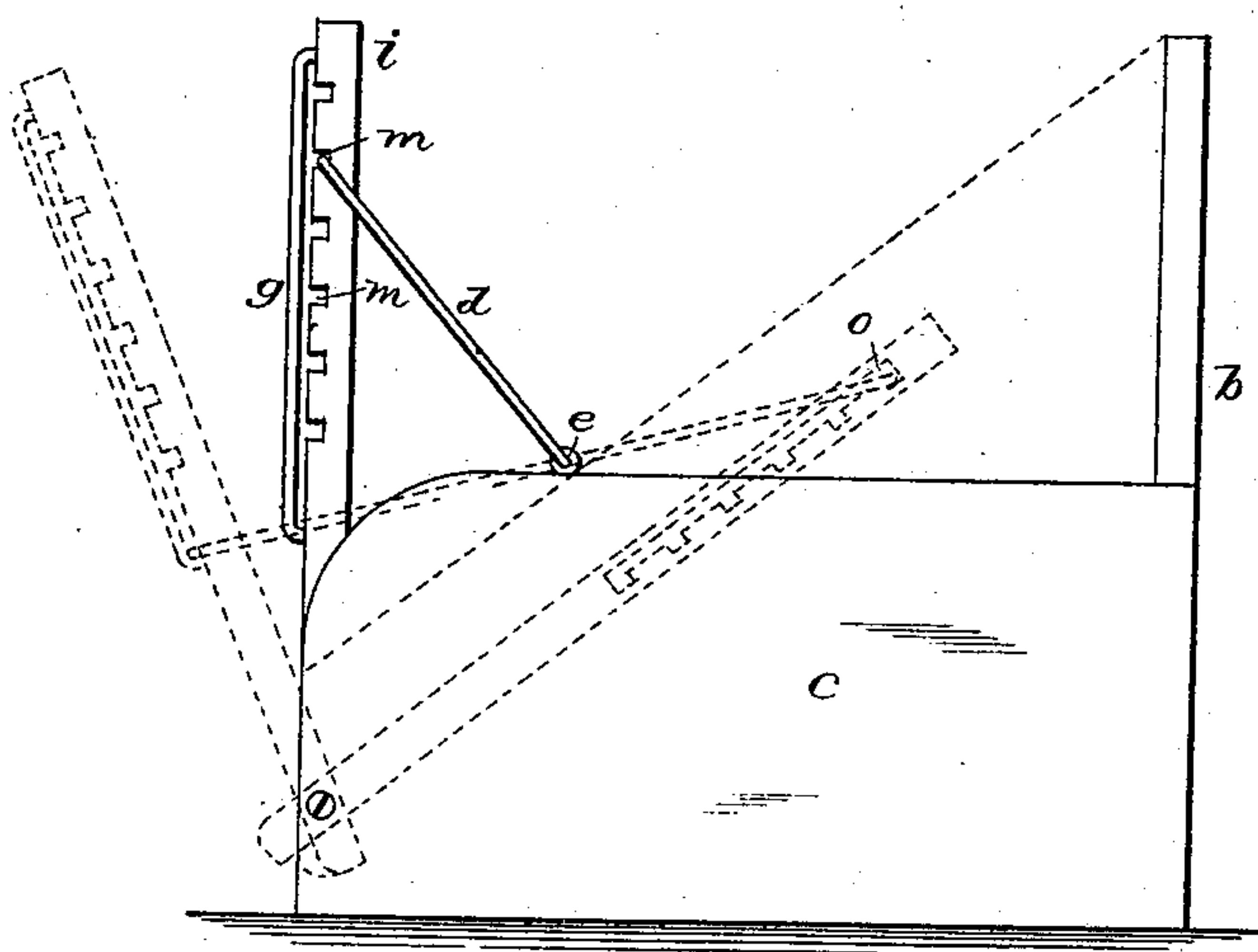
*Fig. 1.*



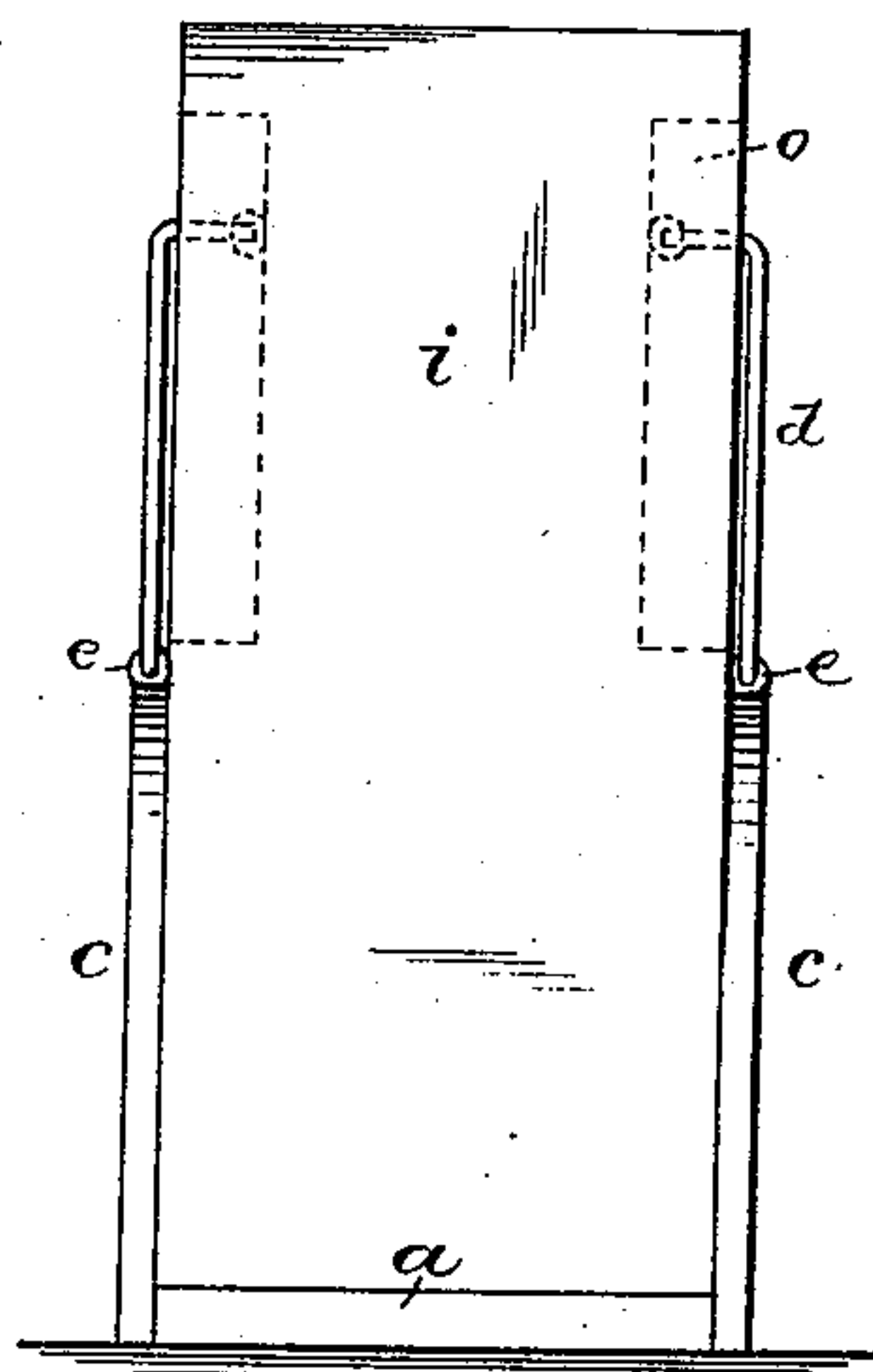
*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## FILE-BOX.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 309,815, dated December 30, 1884.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE L. AHMAY, of Washington, District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in File Boxes or Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to bill and paper holders or file-boxes; and it has for its object to construct a cheap and convenient holder that is not liable to get out of order and can be used by itself or in a case or cabinet, and that will securely retain a limited or greater number of papers.

To this end my invention consists of an open box or receptacle composed of a base, to which one end and the sides are permanently secured, the other end being pivoted at its lower edge so as to be capable of swinging back and forth and to be secured or held in position by a bail or brace flexibly attached to the edges of the sides.

It also consists in means for holding the bail or loop in position to secure the pivoted end at the desired angle when open, and to lock it to clamp the papers in the box or holder.

Referring to the drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the box or holder in a condition to inspect or handle its contents. Fig. 2 is a side view showing the swinging end in various positions, and Fig. 3 is an end view showing a modification. Fig. 4 is a rear view of the holder, showing a modification.

To the base *a* is secured the end piece, *b*, and the side pieces, *c c*. These may extend to the top of the end piece or only part way, preferably a little more than half, and may be inclined from the top toward the rear throughout the whole or part of their extent. The rear end, *i*, is in this instance secured to the sides by pivots or screws, the latter also preventing the sides from spreading, so that the end is free to swing backward and forward, as hereinafter set forth. To the edges of the sides a bail, loop, or brace, *d*, is flexibly attached in any suitable manner. I have shown eye-screws *e* as one effectual and convenient means. The bail, loop, or brace may be U-shaped, and have hooks *f* at its ends to engage with the eyebolts *e*, and it may pass around the rear side of the pivoted end piece, *i*, and may be

held in contact with it at any desired point by any suitable means. I have shown in Figs. 1 and 2 a loop, *g*, and in Fig. 4 a latch, *h*, as forming convenient means for holding the loop. The end piece, *i*, is provided with a number of grooves, *k*, into which the transverse part of the loop or bail enters to lock the bail in place, so that the end piece, *i*, may be retained at any desired angle. The loop is of such a length that when it is in the position shown in Fig. 1 the end piece can be tilted backward at an angle to unclamp the papers and admit of ready access to them for the purposes of insertion, removal, or inspection.

To use my improved box or holder the loop, bail, or brace is moved to the position shown in Fig. 1, and the desired number of papers, &c., are inserted. If the box is full, the pivoted end is pressed against the papers, and the bail or brace is slipped up to one of the notches or grooves *m*, into which it enters and securely locks the end at an angle and holds the papers positively in place. When it is desired to remove or inspect the papers, the upper part of the end is pressed against the papers a trifle, when the bail slips out of the recess and falls down upon the incline of the sides, thus allowing the end *i* to be tilted backward. If the papers do not completely fill the box or holder, the end may be tilted over against them at the necessary angle, as shown in Fig. 2, and the bail or loop, entering into the corresponding recess or groove, holds it in position.

By attaching the bail or brace directly to the edge of the sides a very cheap and durable fastening is obtained, and the bail, being out of the range of the papers and within the dimensions of the box, does not interfere with them in any manner, as when they are to be handled the bail lies on the edges of the sides, as shown.

The box or holder may be used by itself or placed on shelves or in cabinets. There being no projection outside of the main box, they can be placed close together or in cabinets without waste of room or catching each other.

Instead of making the bail or brace in one piece, it may be in two pieces, as shown in Fig. 3, each of the pieces having a lug or projection at the end, extending into a notched



slot, *o*, in the edges of the end piece. The sides of the bail or brace may be straight or curved, and each consist of two or more sections jointed together.

5 What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A bill or file holder provided with a pivoted end piece, and having a locking bail or brace attached to the outer edges of the side  
10 pieces.

2. In a bill or file holder, the combination, with a pivoted end provided with recesses or grooves, of a pivoted bail or brace adapted to enter the grooves to secure the end in position.

15 3. In a file-holder, the combination, with the body of the box, of a pivoted end piece, a brace or braces attached by a pivoted joint to the edges of the sides, and extending to the end piece to limit the movement of the latter.

20 4. In a bill or file holder, the combination, with the body of the box, of a pivoted end

piece provided with grooves or notches, a bail or brace for supporting the end piece, having hooks, and eyebolts secured to the edges of the sides of the box, to which the bail or brace  
25 is connected, substantially as described.

5. In a bill or file holder, the combination, with the body of the box, of a pivoted end piece, *i*, having grooves or notches, a bail or brace attached to the edges of the side and en-  
30 gaging with the end piece to limit its movement, and a latch or equivalent device for holding the bail in position on the end piece, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my  
35 name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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