

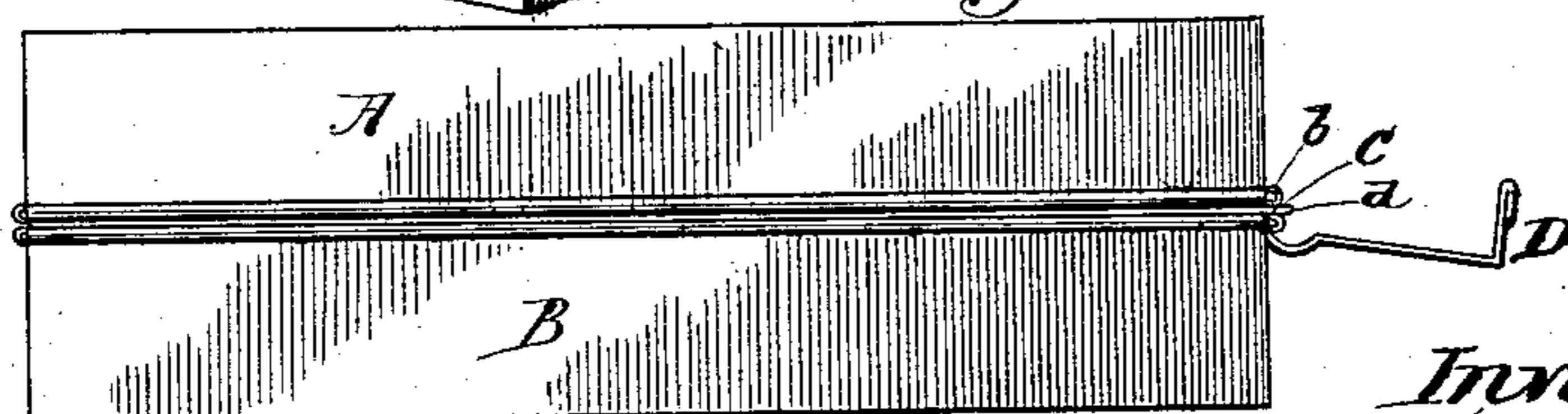
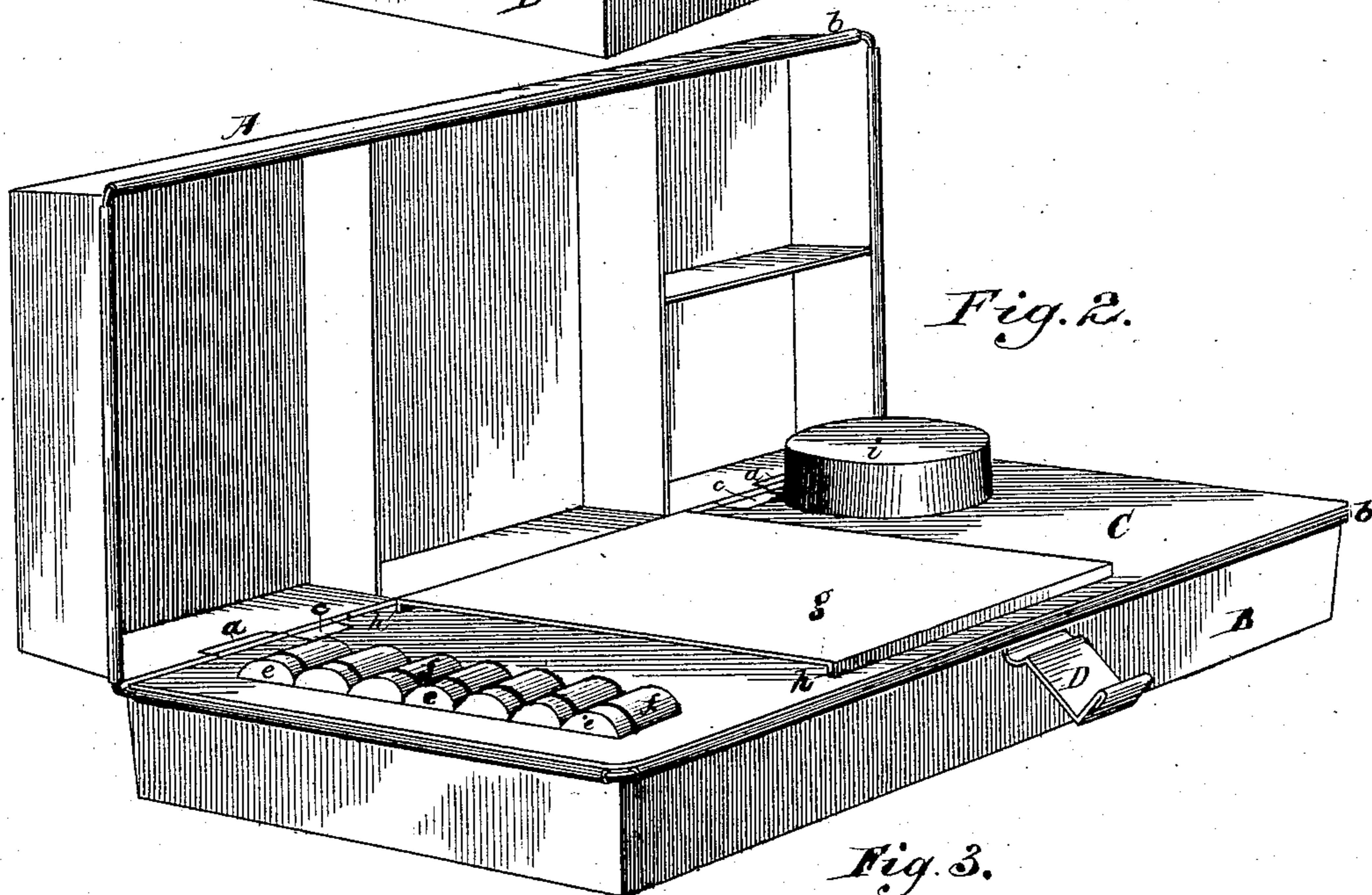
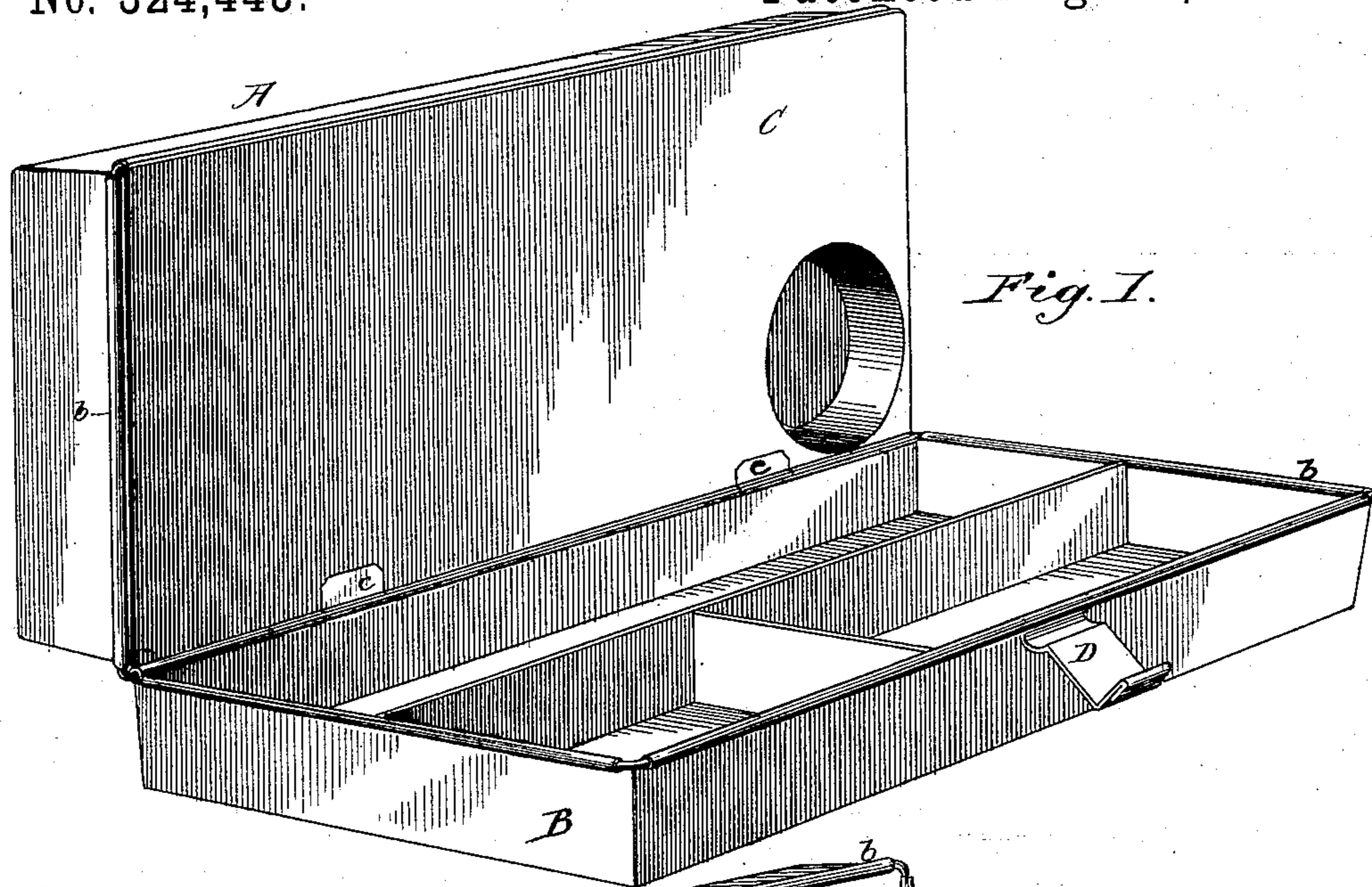
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, F. CORTEZ WILSON, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, and a citizen of the United States, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pocket Fishing-Tackle Boxes, of which the following is a full description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

10 Figures 1 and 2 are perspectives showing the partition in different positions. Fig. 3 is an end view.

My invention relates to that class of pocket fishing-tackle boxes made in two halves or 15 parts hinged together; and it consists in providing such box with a hinged or movable partition, a portion of which projects beyond the outer edge of the two halves of the box, so that when the box is opened the partition 20 can be held by the thumb of the operator and lifted with that half of the box which is then uppermost, for the purpose of preventing the articles in such half from falling out.

When the box is fully opened, this partition 25 can be raised or moved, permitting access to either half of the box.

My invention further consists in providing such partition with devices for holding the 30 hooks and snells, all as illustrated in the drawings. That which I claim to be new will be set forth in the claims.

In the drawings, A B represent the two halves of the box, which are hinged together, as shown, by hinges *a*. The edges of the box 35 are provided with beads *b*, as usual, and the two halves of the box are provided with partitions forming compartments, as may be desired.

C is a partition or leaf, which is hinged to 40 one part of the box by hinges *c*, as shown in the drawings; but I do not limit myself to any special hinge or mode of connecting or using the partition with the two parts of the box. The front edge of this partition projects a little beyond the beaded edges of the 45 two parts of the box, as shown at *b*, Fig. 3.

e are pieces of cork or other suitable material, held in place upon one side of the partition by means of a piece or pieces of sheet 50 metal or other suitable material, secured to the partition, and, forming a series of pockets, *f*, receive the corks.

g is a piece of sheet metal having two edges turned down, which edges *h* are soldered or otherwise secured to the partition, leaving 55 a little space beneath *g* to receive the snells upon the hooks.

i is a cup secured to the partition *c* around an opening made therein for the purpose of 60 receiving gangs of hooks.

D is a catch hinged to the part B, and adapted, when the box is closed, to engage with A and hold the two parts together.

In use the operator, holding the box in a nearly horizontal position in one hand, first 65 loosens the catch, as shown in Fig. 3, and then takes hold of the upper half of the box, with his thumb in contact with the front edge thereof, and also in contact with the projecting edge of the partition C, and can then open the box, 70 raising the upper half, together with the partition, as indicated in Fig. 1. The partition being held against the upper part of the box while it is being raised, will prevent the articles therein from falling out. When the box 75 has been fully opened, access can be readily had to either part of the box by moving the partition from one side to the other.

In Fig. 2 the partition is shown over the half B of the box, although the box is not fully 80 opened; but in actual use the box will be fully opened before the partition is changed from the position shown in Fig. 1, in order to prevent the articles in the part A from falling out.

A number of hooks can be held in place by 85 inserting the points in the corks *e*, and the snells can be securely held by placing them beneath the part *g*.

I am aware that it is common to use a continuous long strip of cork in connection with 90 a tackle-box to receive the points of hooks.

My construction has this advantage, that as I use common corks cut into two halves, if the corks become worn out they can be easily 95 replaced, whereas it is not always easy to procure a long strip of cork to take the place of one worn out.

It is not necessary that the whole of the front edge of the partition C project beyond the edges of the box; but this is the most convenient construction. 100

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a pocket fishing-tackle box, a movable

partition or leaf extending beyond the outer line of the two halves of the box, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. In a pocket fishing-tackle box, a movable
5 partition or leaf provided with a series of loops or pockets to receive pieces of cork for holding fish-hooks, substantially as specified.

3. In combination with the halves of a pocket fishing-tackle box, a movable partition pro-

vided with a series of loops or pockets to receive pieces of cork to hold hooks, and a recess to hold the snells of fish-hooks, substantially as specified.

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