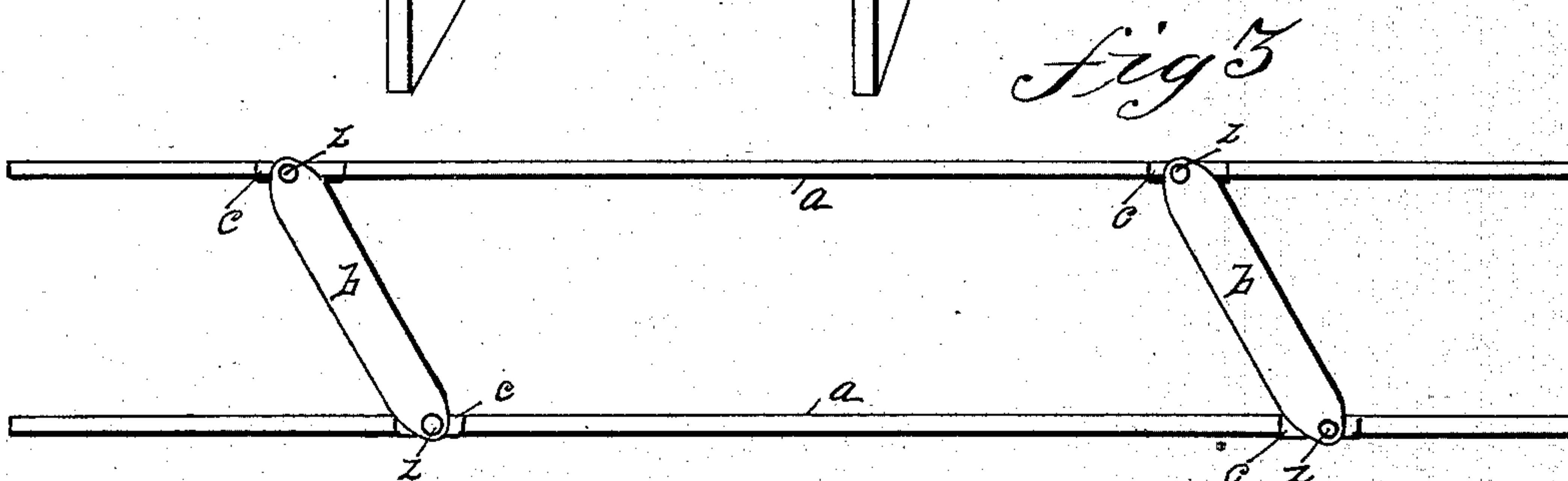
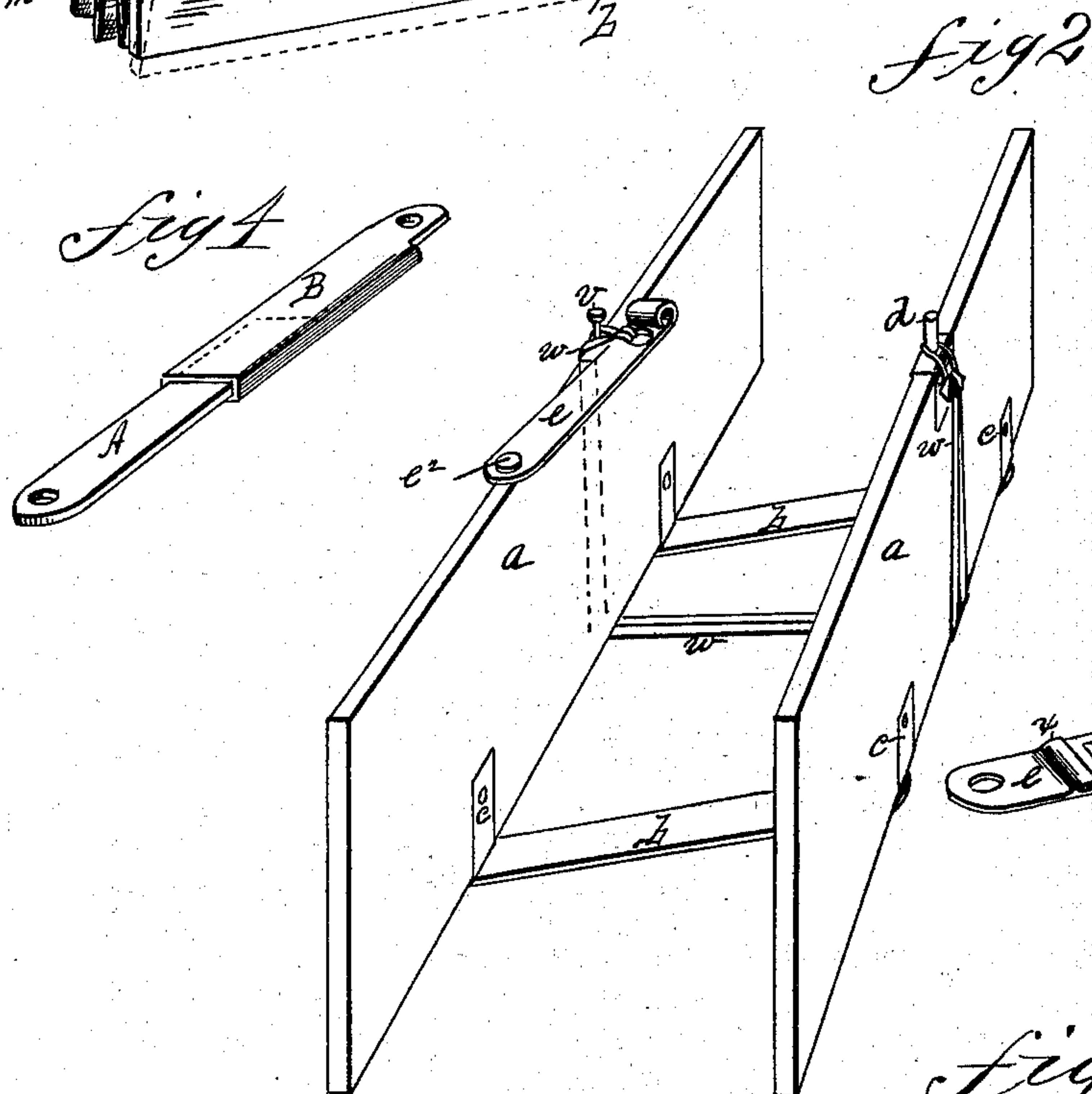
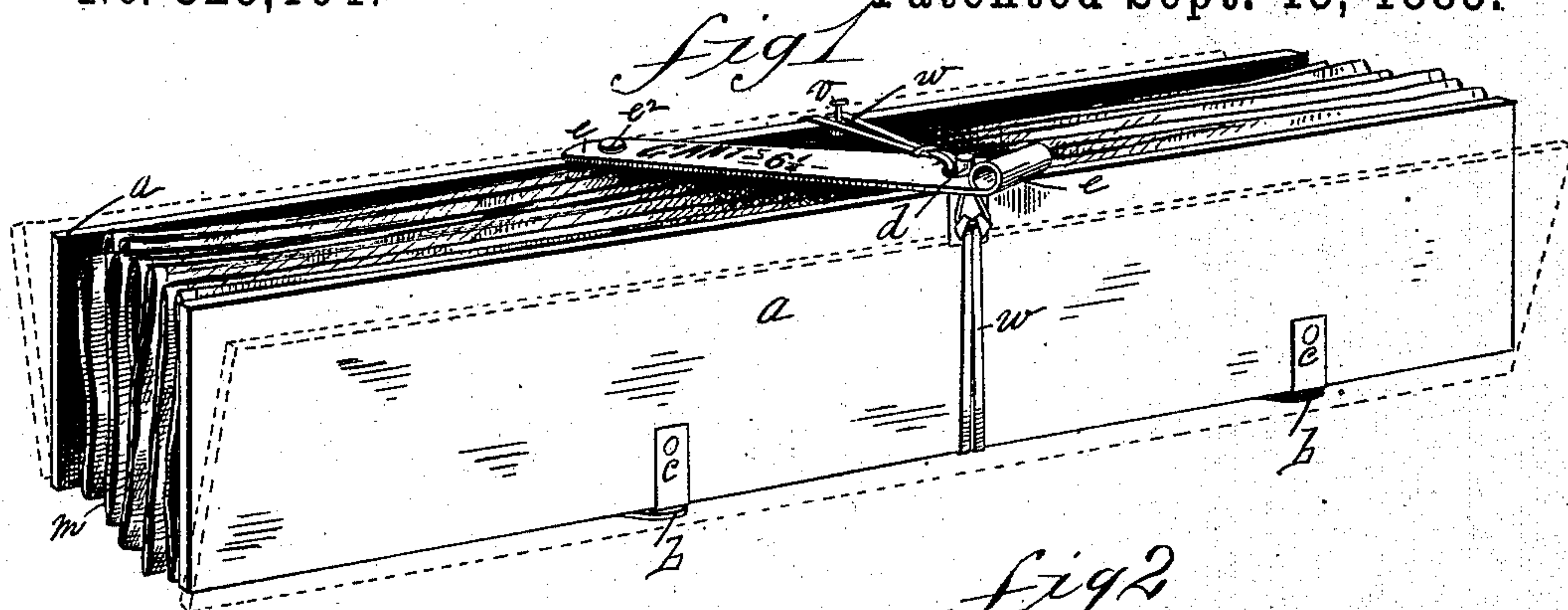


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES CONNOLLY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Turner's Falls, in the county of Franklin and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Self-Closing Glove-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved self-closing glove-holder for the use of merchants or glove-dealers, the object being to provide a case for holding gloves which is self-closing, so as to hold its contents, be they more or less, with a slight pressure, and retain the same in good condition, and guard the gloves from shop wear while the package is almost constantly handled in selling gloves from it.

In the drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 illustrates a glove-holder (containing gloves) embodying my invention. Fig. 2 illustrates the said glove-holder empty. Fig. 3 is a bottom plan view showing the sides and their bottom connections. Fig. 4 illustrates a bottom connection of modified construction. Fig. 5 illustrates the label and number bar detached from the holder.

In the drawings, *a a* are the sides of the holder, which may be made of wood, hard rubber, card-board, or metal, or other suitable material, and properly ornamented, if desired. The said sides are made of such length and width as may be required for the size of the gloves which the holder is to hold, but long and wide enough to protect the ends and sides of the contents which are not covered by the sides *a a* from abrasion and wear. The sides *a a* have each the pivot-pins *z* secured in or to the lower edges thereof. When the sides are thin, as shown in the drawings, metallic straps of U shape (lettered *c*) are secured to the edges of the said sides, and the pins *z* are secured to said straps; but in using strong and sufficiently thick material for the sides the pivot-pins may be directly inserted into the edges thereof. The sides *a* have their bottom edges connected by the pivoted parallel bars *b*, the ends of the latter being perforated to let the pins *z* pass through them, and the ends of the latter are slightly enlarged in any suitable manner to cause the bars *b* to be retained on said pins. The holes

in bars *b* are made larger than that part of the pins *z* between their heads and the edge of the side *a*, so as to allow each side to swing a little on the ends of the bars *b*, as shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 1—that is to say, to allow the upper edges of the sides to swing toward and from each other.

A label and number bar, *e*, is pivoted to one of the sides *a*, as shown at *e'*, and has a perforation near one end, whereby it is engaged with a pin, *d*, on the opposite side, *a*, as shown.

An elastic cord or strap, *w*, or a suitable coiled spring, has one end attached to the pin *d*, and, being doubled, its other end is carried around under the holder to the upper edge of the opposite side, *a*, and over the pin *v* in the latter, and its end is attached to the free end of the label-bar *e*. The said bar *e* provides a convenient place on the package for indicating the kind and the size of gloves which it incloses, and the letters and figures required for this purpose may be permanently marked on the bar, as in Fig. 1; or the bar may be adapted, as shown in Fig. 5, to have an exchangeable label attached to it by sliding it under the cleat-like parts *x x* thereon.

The sides *a a*, owing to their connection by the pivoted parallel bars *b*, are capable of being easily moved toward and from each other, to adapt the space between them to hold and slightly compress, by the action of the elastic strap *w*, the gloves in the holder, be they more or less in number.

The bottom edges of sides *a* may be connected by a sliding bar, *A*, and case *B*—such as are shown in Fig. 4—each secured rigidly to the said sides, so that the bar *A* may slide in and out of the case *B*, according to the bulk of the contents between the sides *a*; but with such a connection said sides could only move to a limited extent toward each other; but with the parallel-bar connection they can be brought close together and be separated the whole length of the bars *b* between their pivot-holes.

My improved glove-holder is employed in the following manner: When gloves are to be put into it, the sides *a* are moved lengthwise relatively to each other (bar *e* having been detached from pin *d* and left in the po-

sition shown in Fig. 2) to throw them apart. The gloves are then put between the sides and bar *e* is swung over and engaged on pin *d*, thus drawing the strap *w* closer around the holder and clamping the sides *a* against the gloves, said sides the while swinging on bars *b* until their closing motion ceases. The sides *a* may be equally well secured by drawing the looped end of the strap *w* from pin *v* over onto the pin *d*; but by connecting the strap to the bar *e* provision is made for placing the label-bar in proper position across the package and for securing the strap *w* around it at one operation.

When the package is to be opened for showing and selling its contents, the strap *w* and the bar *e*, one or both, are detached from pin *d*, and as a consequence said strap will retract, drawing in the lower edges of the sides *a*, and throwing outward, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, the upper edges thereof, thus leaving the holder in just the position to permit of easily taking any one or pair of the gloves out without disturbing the others, and the holder is refastened by simply reattaching the end of the strap *w* to the pin *d*.

By the use of this glove-holder the inconvenient method of securing packages of gloves by pinning or otherwise securing a paper wrapper around them is avoided and the gloves are kept in good condition.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A glove-holder consisting of the sides

a a, united by pivoted parallel bars *b b* on one side and by the label-holder *e* on the other side, and having the pins *v* and *d* in the edges of the sides, and the spring-strip *w*, combined and operating substantially as described.

2. The combination, in a glove-holder, of the side pieces, *a a*, and the parallel bars *b b*, loosely pivoted at their ends to the bottom edges of the side pieces, so that said pieces may flare at the top, substantially as described.

3. The combination, in a glove-holder, of the side pieces, *a a*, the parallel bars *b b*, loosely pivoted to the bottom edges of said side pieces, and the single label-bar *e*, pivoted at the top of one of the sides *a*, and having a catch for engagement with the other side.

4. The combination, in a glove-holder, of the side plates, *a a*, a pair of bars loosely pivoted at their ends to the bottom edges of the side plates, a single label-bar loosely pivoted at the top edge of one of the side plates and having a catch for engagement with the other side, and an elastic band attached to the side opposite the pivot of the label-bar, extending under both side plates and connected to the label-bar near its free end, substantially as described.

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