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Fig. 1.

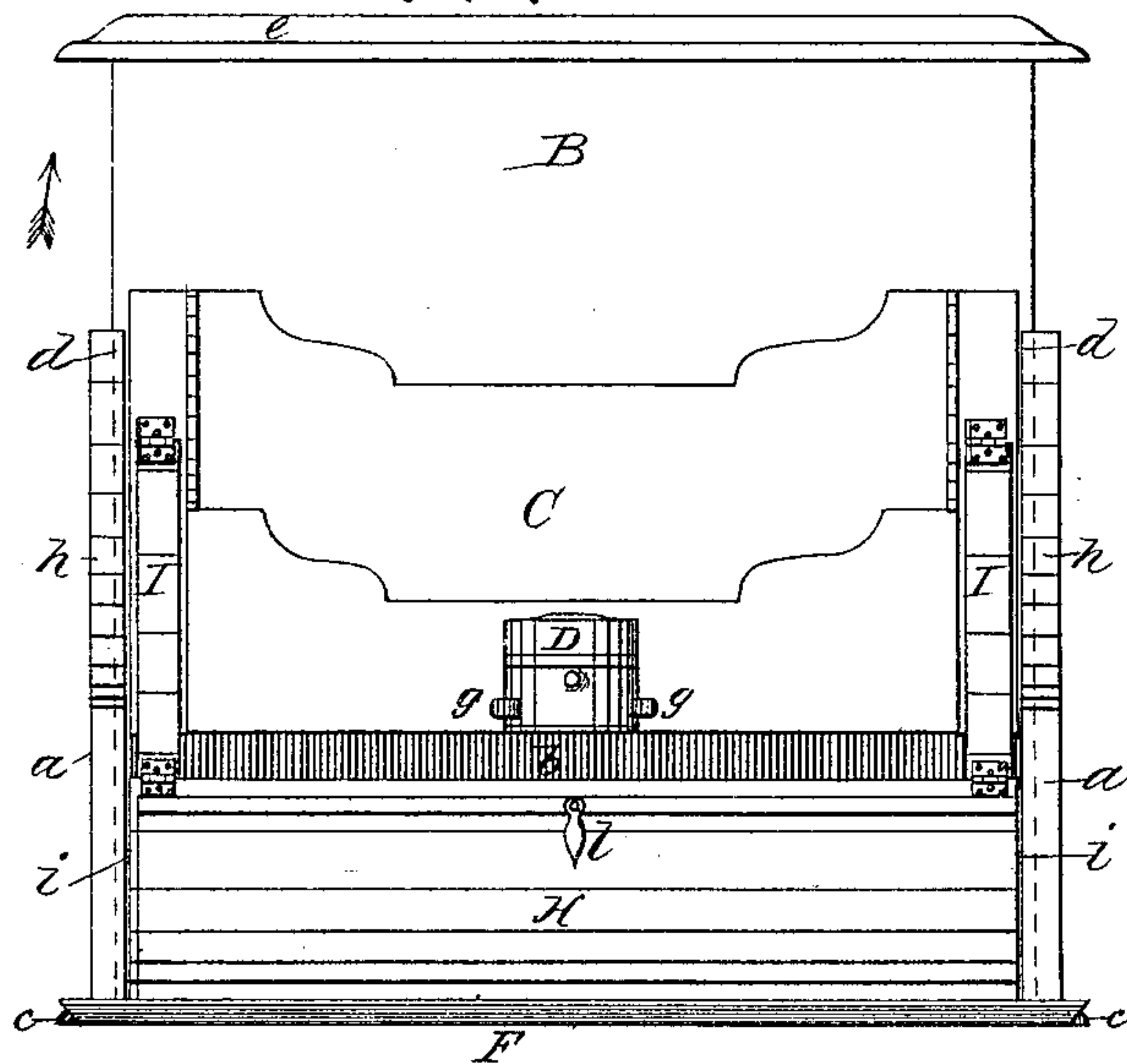


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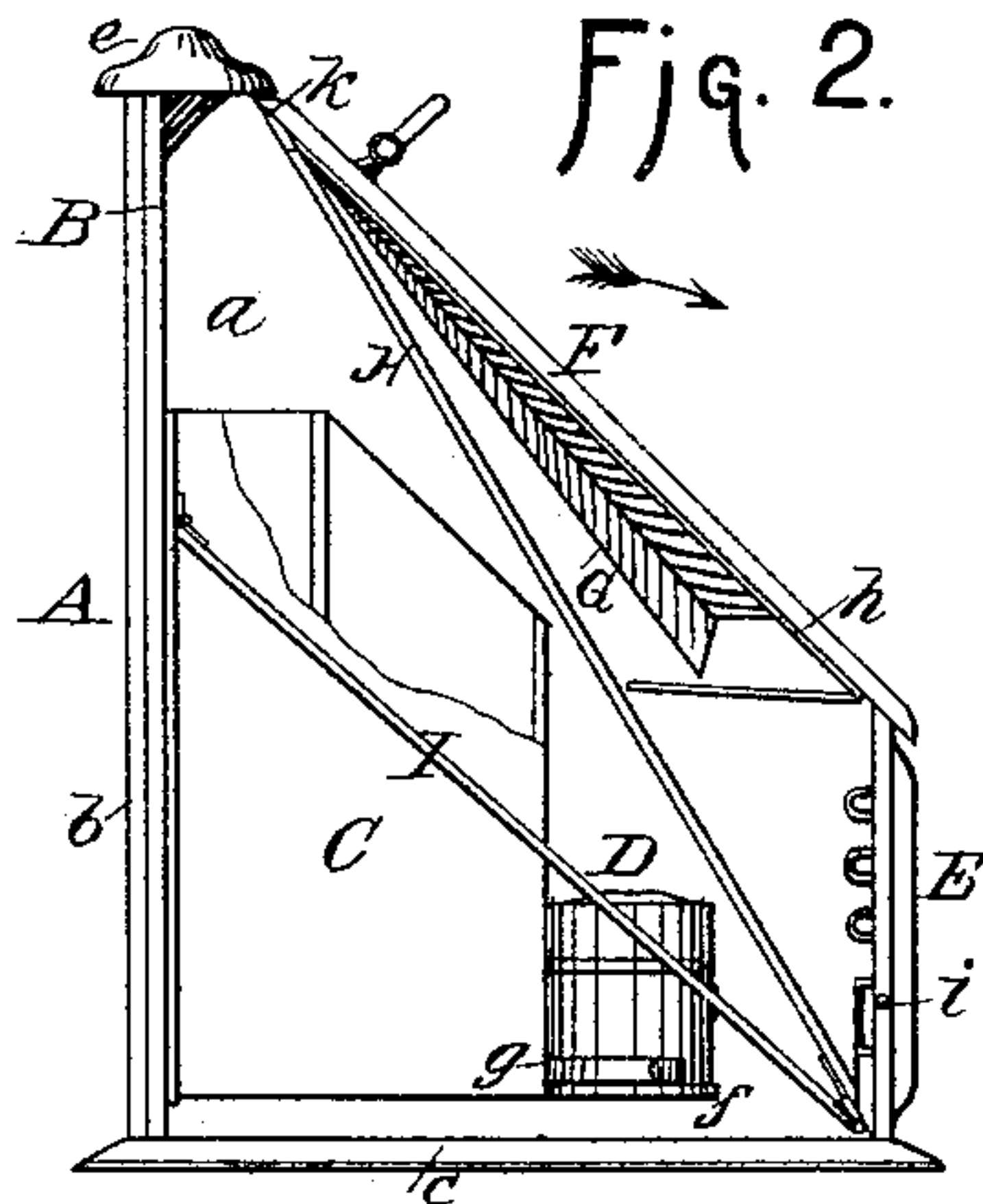
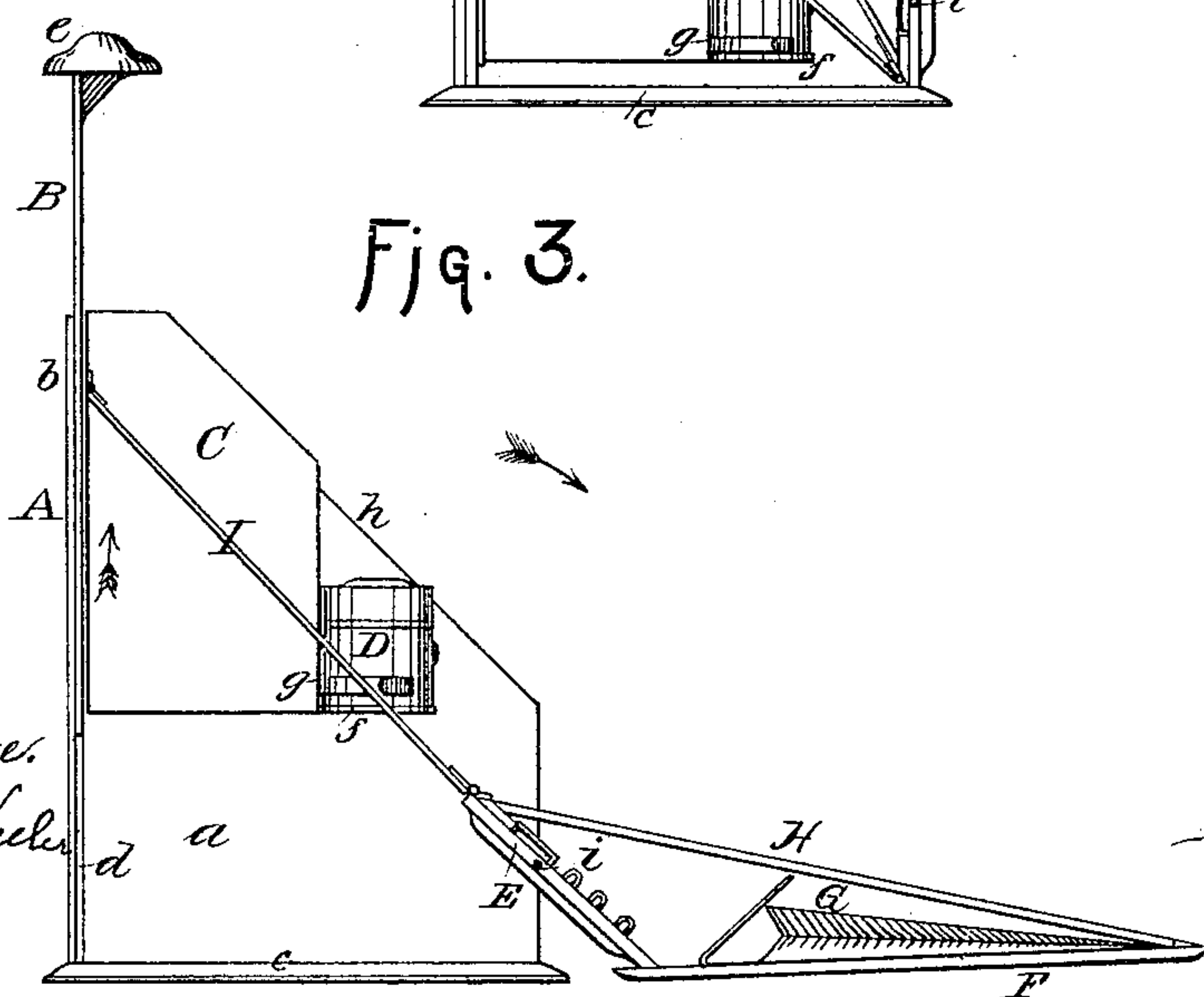


Fig. 3.



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## PAPETERIE AND WRITING-DESK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SALOMON BERGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Papeterie and Writing-Desk, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a papeterie or paper-case and a writing-desk combined therewith; and the object of the invention is to furnish a compact, ornamental, and easily accessible receptacle for writing-paper, envelopes, and other articles of stationery, and which can readily be converted into a writing-desk without disarranging the contents of the receptacle.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front elevation of my improved papeterie and writing-desk. Fig. 2 is a sectional end elevation of the same closed, and Fig. 3 represents the same open and the papeterie converted into a writing-desk.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the outside case, which is composed of ends *a a*, back *b*, bottom *c*, and top and front, which will be described further on. In the ends adjacent to the back *b* are vertical grooves *d d*, in which is held and slides a board or plate, B, having on its top an ornamental piece or strip, *e*, and on its front or inside face boxes C, forming receptacles for paper, envelopes, and other articles. On the front of the box is placed a shelf, *f*, above which is a spring-clamp, *g*, these attachments being for the reception of an inkstand, D. The ends of the case are beveled off, partly forming inclined edges *h h*, but leaving a portion horizontal or parallel to the bottom. The front E, which reaches only to the beginning of the inclined tops or edges of the ends, is pivoted between and to the ends *a a* at *i i*, so as to turn freely outward. The top F is fixed to the upper edge of the front at an angle corresponding to the angle of the edges *h h*, and extends the length of the inclined edges, so that when closed its upper edge, *k*, passes just under the projecting edge of the top plate or piece, *e*, when the case is closed. This leaves the unbeveled parts of the ends to be covered by the strip or top *e*.

A pocket, G, may be attached to the inside surface of the top F, and to the front E straps,

loops, &c., for holding pen-holders, eraser, paper-knife, &c.

H is the inclined desk, which is a board suitably covered, having one edge hinged near the free edge of the top F, and the opposite edge swinging free, but arranged to rest against the front E, near its bottom edge, the edge of the desk being beveled, so that it will lie close against the front, where it may be secured by a button, *l*.

As it is necessary that the boxes C should rise when the case is opened, in order that the paper, ink, &c., may be readily accessible, the plate or board B is connected with the pivoted front, so that when the case is opened the boxes are thrown up into an accessible position. This connection consists of two bars or rods, I I, placed between the boxes C and the ends of the case, one end of each strip being hinged to the board B, and the opposite end hinged to the bottom edge of the front E.

When the case is opened by turning the top and front in the direction of the arrow until they assume the positions they respectively occupy in Fig. 3, the lower edge of the front is thrown up, and thereby the rods I are caused to force the plate upward in the direction of its arrow, and this raises the boxes C until they are above the level of the rear or inner edge of the desk, as shown, and the desk assumes a position convenient for writing. As will be readily seen and understood, the paper, envelopes, &c., are not disarranged, and they are easily accessible, as is also the inkstand, paper-knife, eraser, pen-holder, &c. When the case is closed, the movement permits the sliding board and boxes to descend out of the way of the top, which turns over and rests upon the inclined edges of the ends, with its free edge just under the projecting edge of the piece *e*, and the front E assumes an upright position. The positions of the several parts when the case is closed are clearly indicated in Fig. 2.

I claim—

1. The combination of the case A, the receptacle for the stationery, &c., having a vertical sliding movement, the top strip, *e*, pivoted front E, and inclined top F, forming together a cover for the top and front of the



case, and the connections between the front and the receptacles, whereby when the case is opened the strip *e* is raised and the receptacle for stationery, &c., thrown up above the edge of the pivoted front, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of the case A, vertically-sliding plate B, provided with the top closing-strip, *e*, and carrying the receptacle for stationery, &c., pivoted front, connections between the sliding receptacle and the front, and inclined top rigidly connected with the front, so that when opened it forms a horizontal support for the desk, substantially as specified.

3. The combination of the case A, vertically-sliding receptacle C, pivoted front E, and inclined top F, hinged connections between the receptacle and the front, and the desk H, connected with the inclined top F, and supported in an inclined position by the front E, substantially as specified.

4. The combination, in the case A, of the sliding plate B, carrying the receptacle C, the front E, pivoted to the ends at *i*, between the

top and bottom edges of the ends, so that when opened its bottom edge shall be thrown above the pivots, the connections I, having one end attached to the sliding plate and the other to the edge of front *e*, and the desk H, having one edge hinged to the free edge of the inclined front F, and the other resting on and supported by the front E, which sustains it in an inclined position, substantially as specified.

5. The combination of the vertically-sliding plate B, carrying the receptacle C, and provided with the top strip, *e*, pivoted front E, and inclined top F, and connection between the pivoted front and sliding plate, whereby when the case is closed the plate B descends and the strip *e* rests upon the edge of the inclined top F and fastens it, substantially as specified.

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