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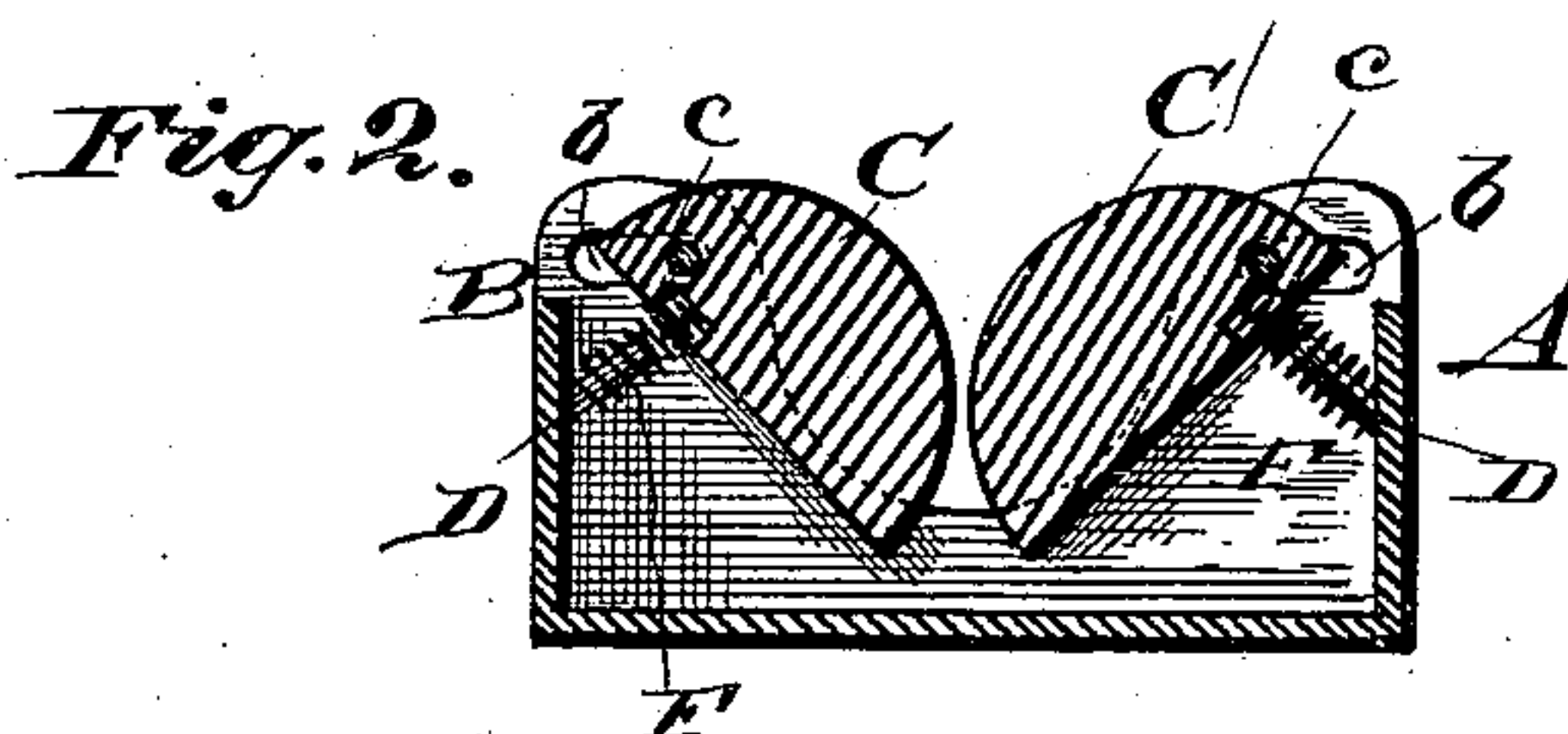
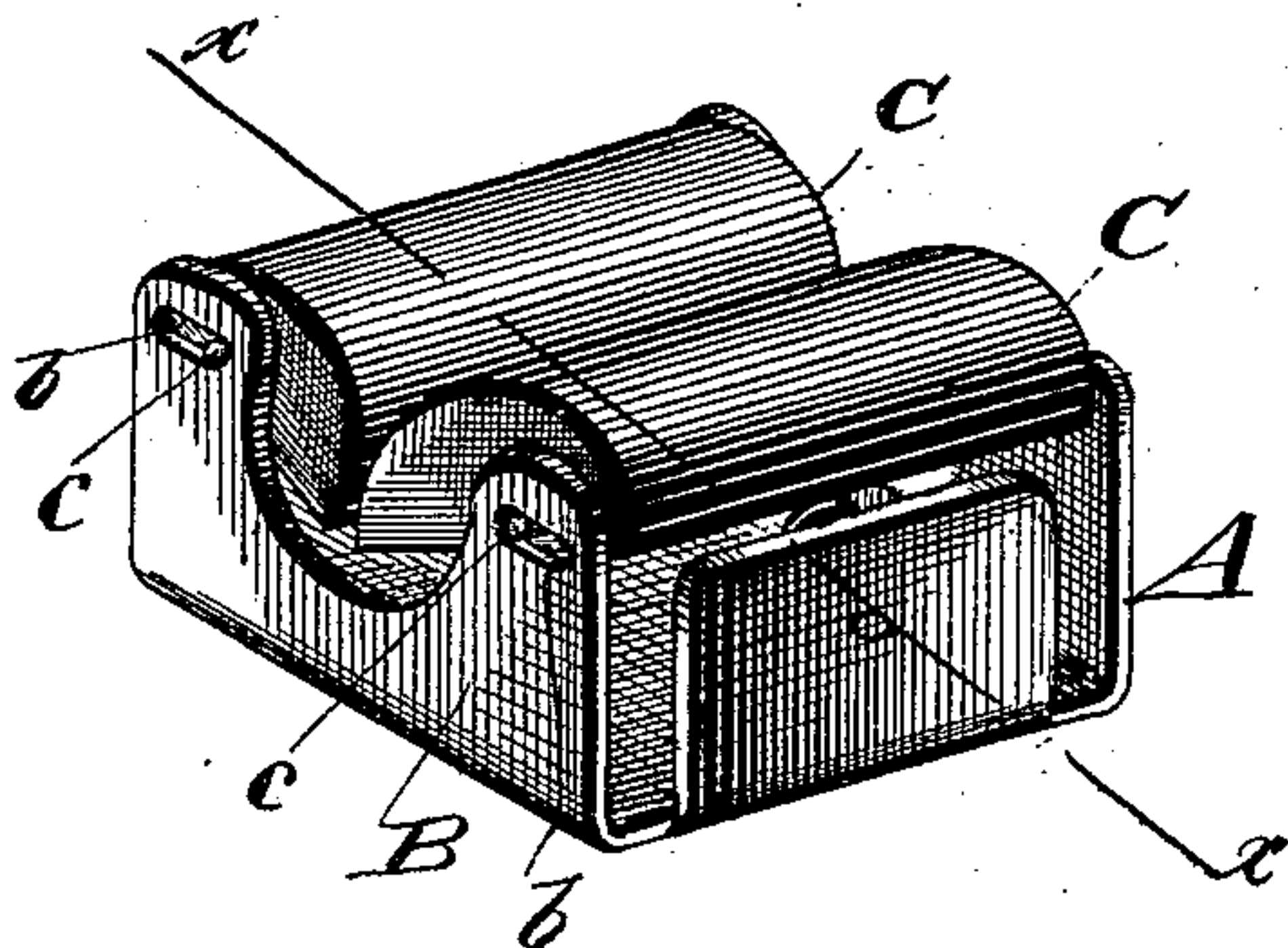


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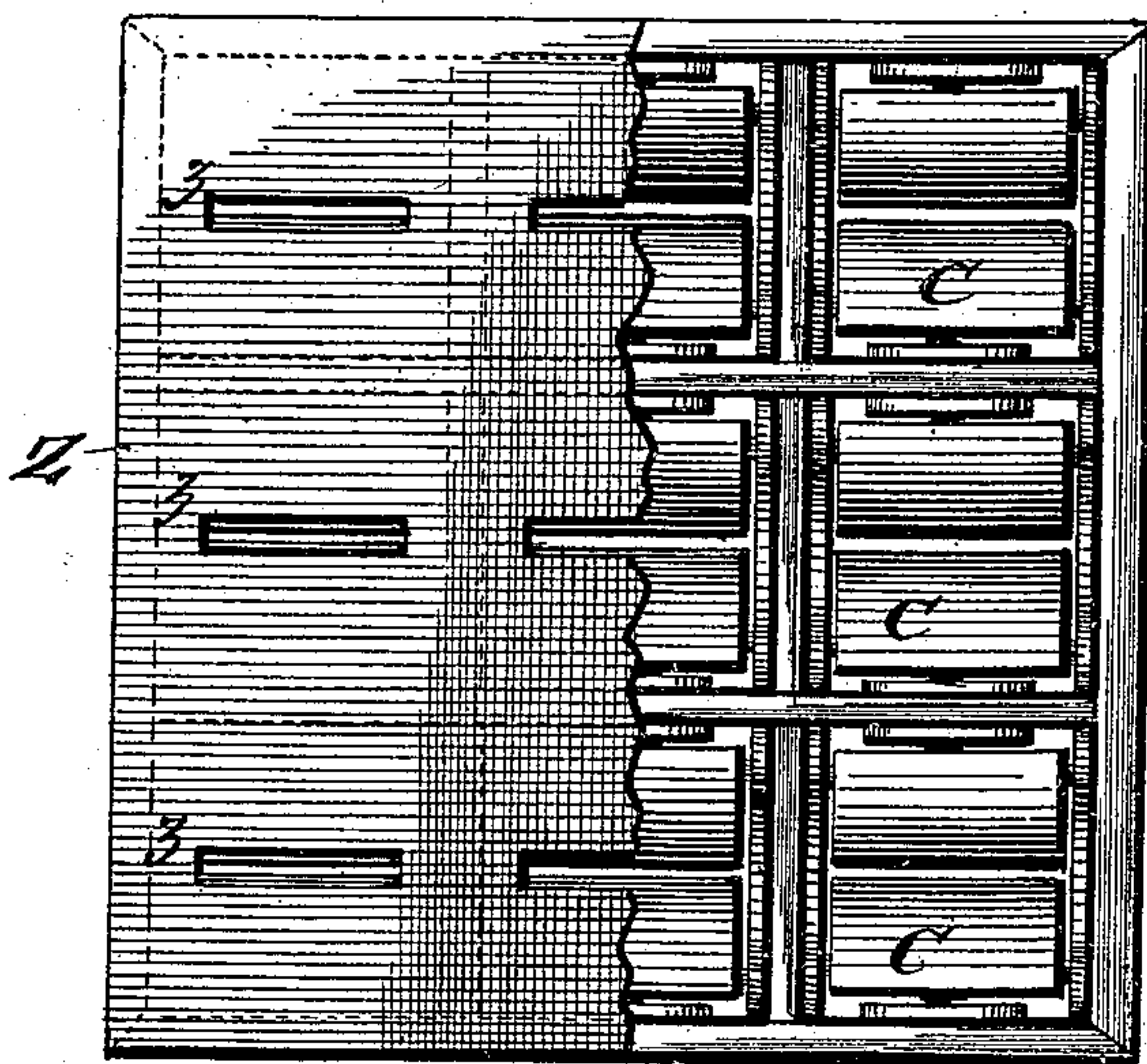
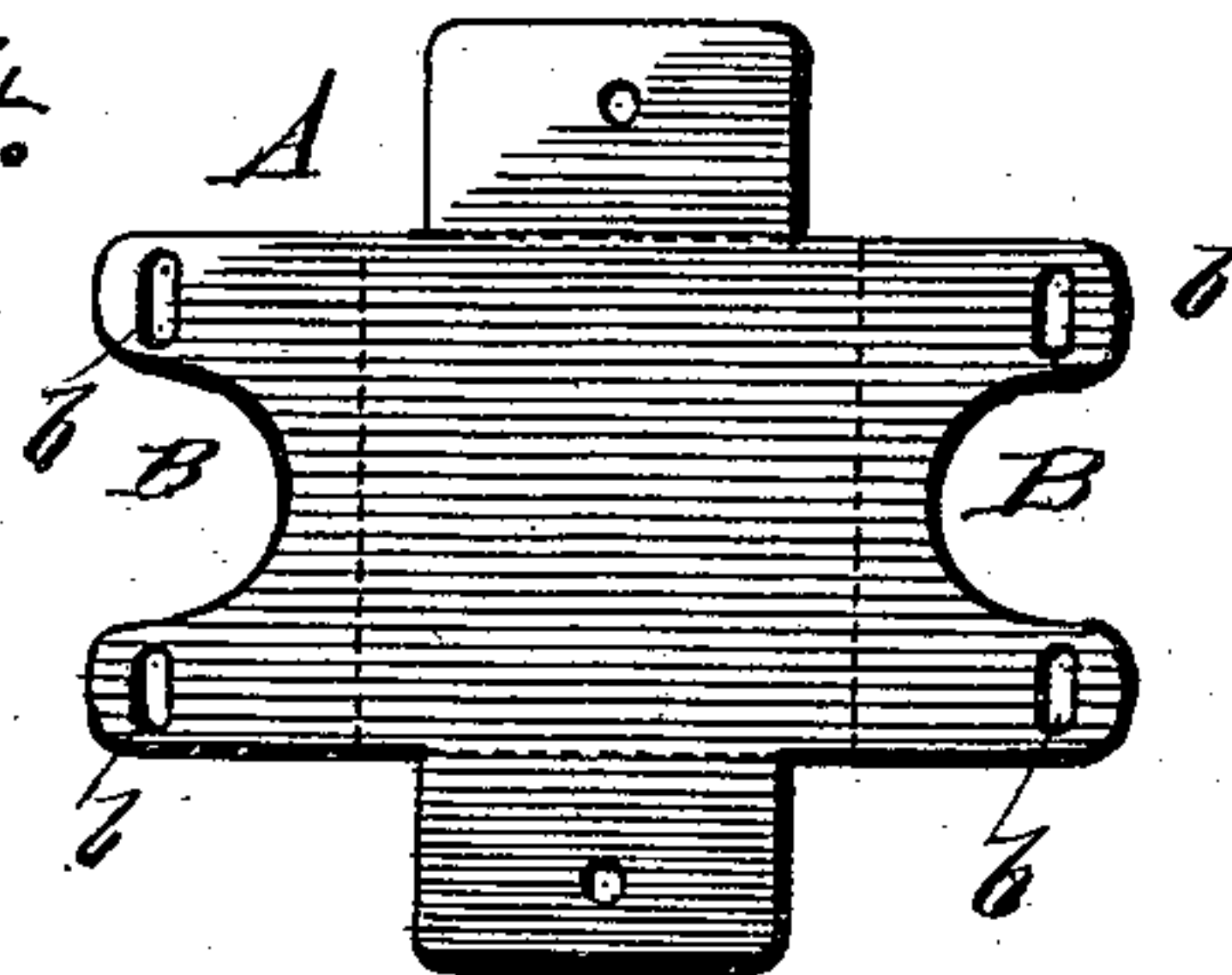


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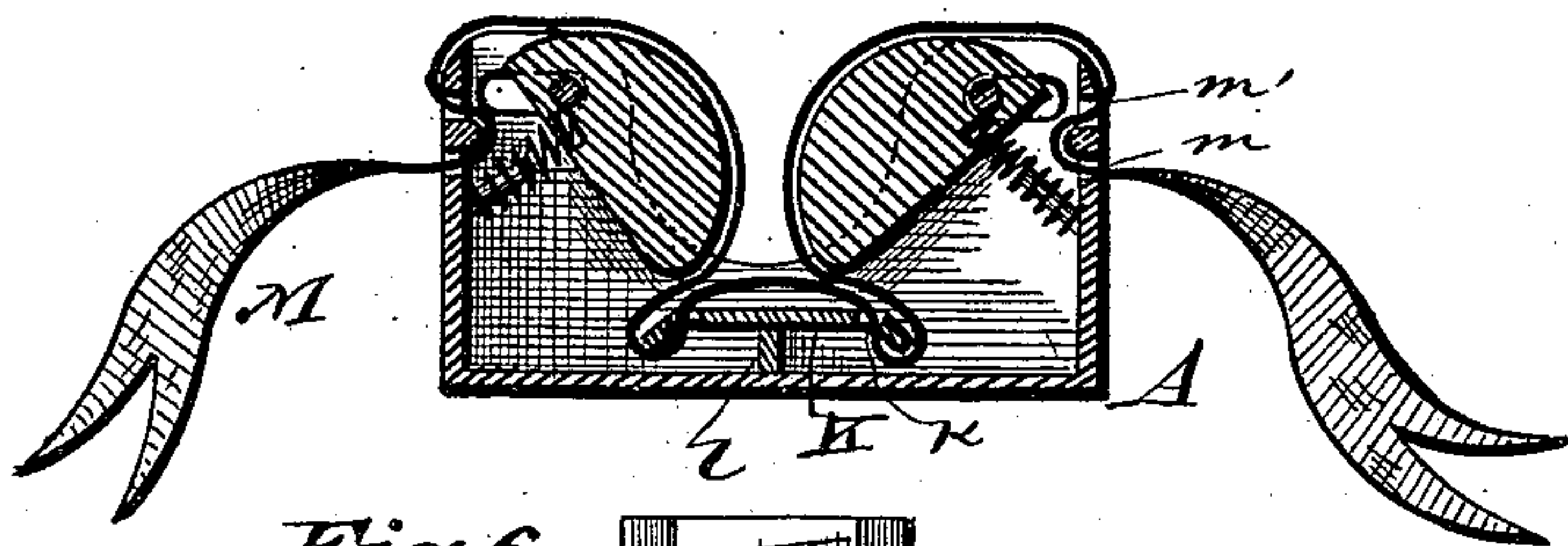


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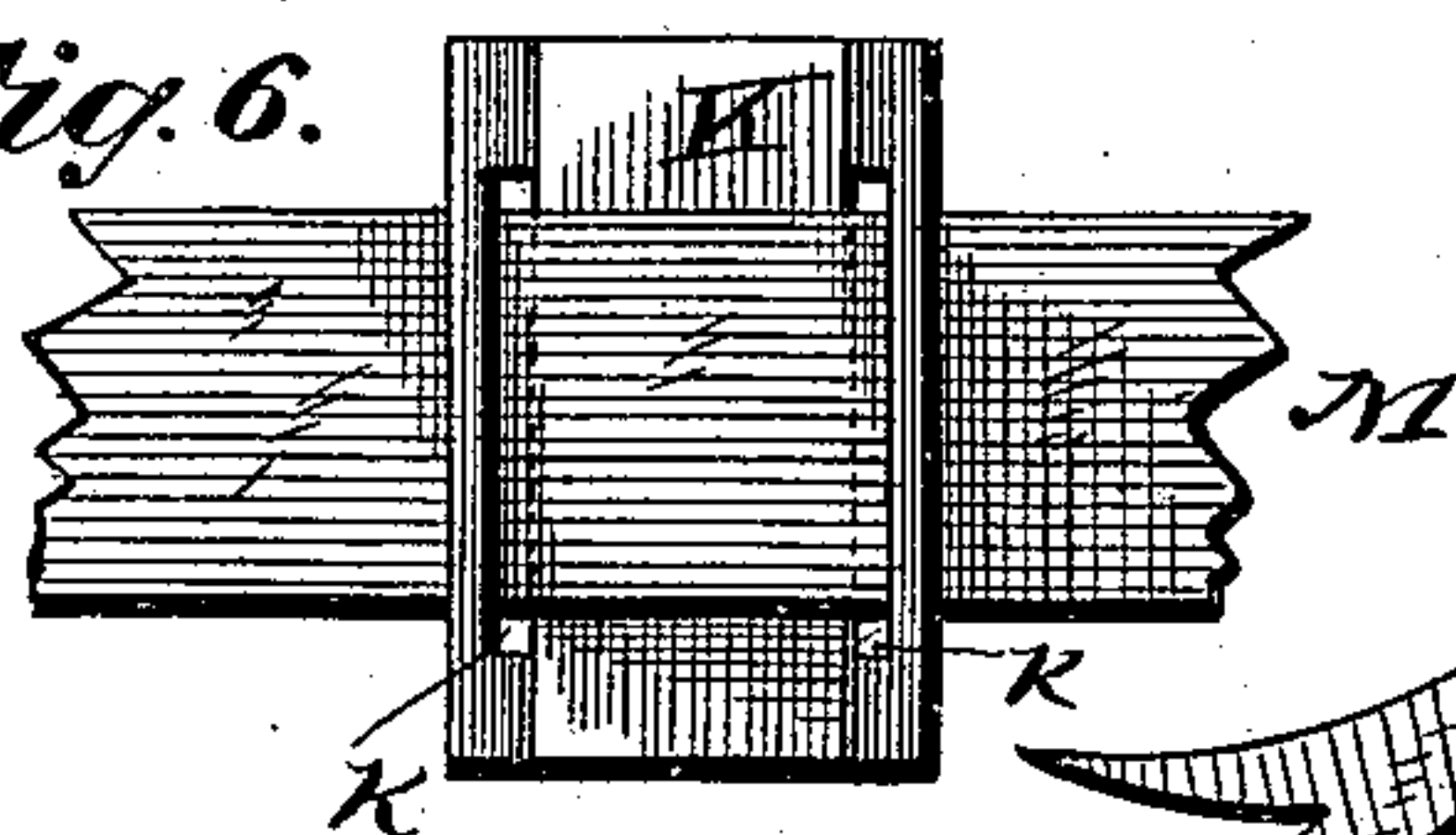


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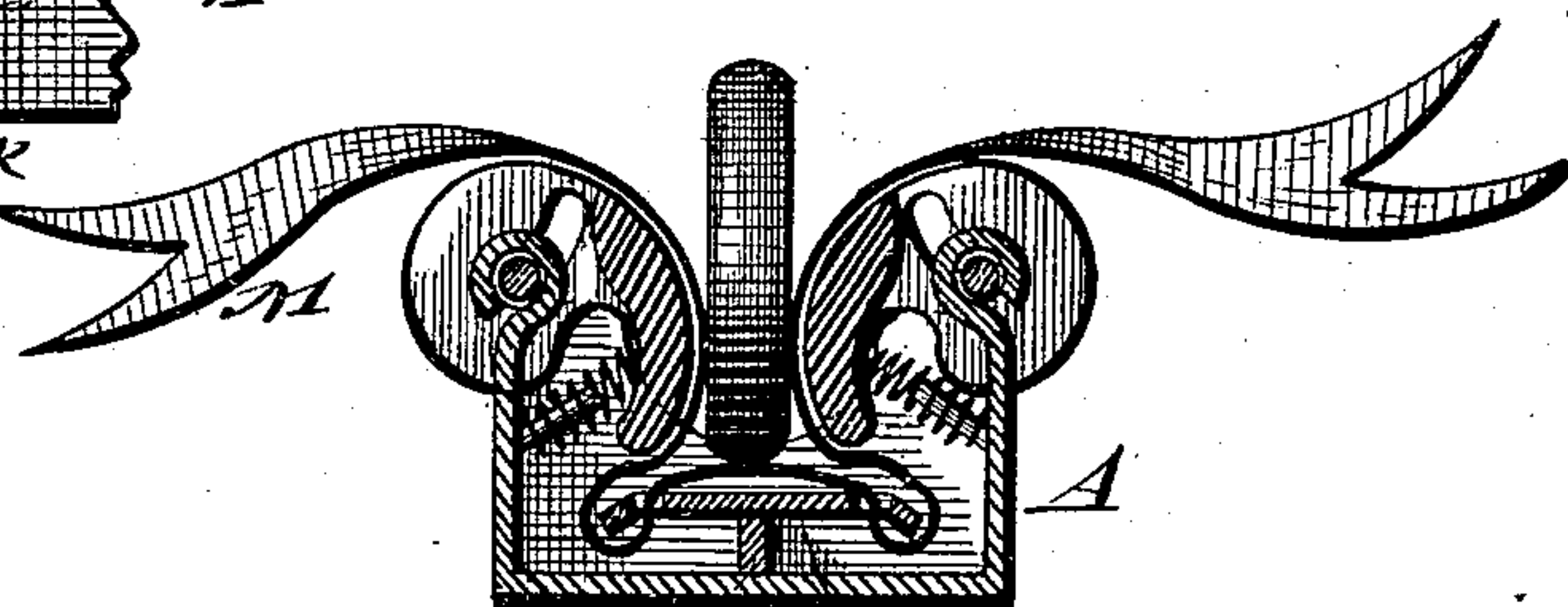


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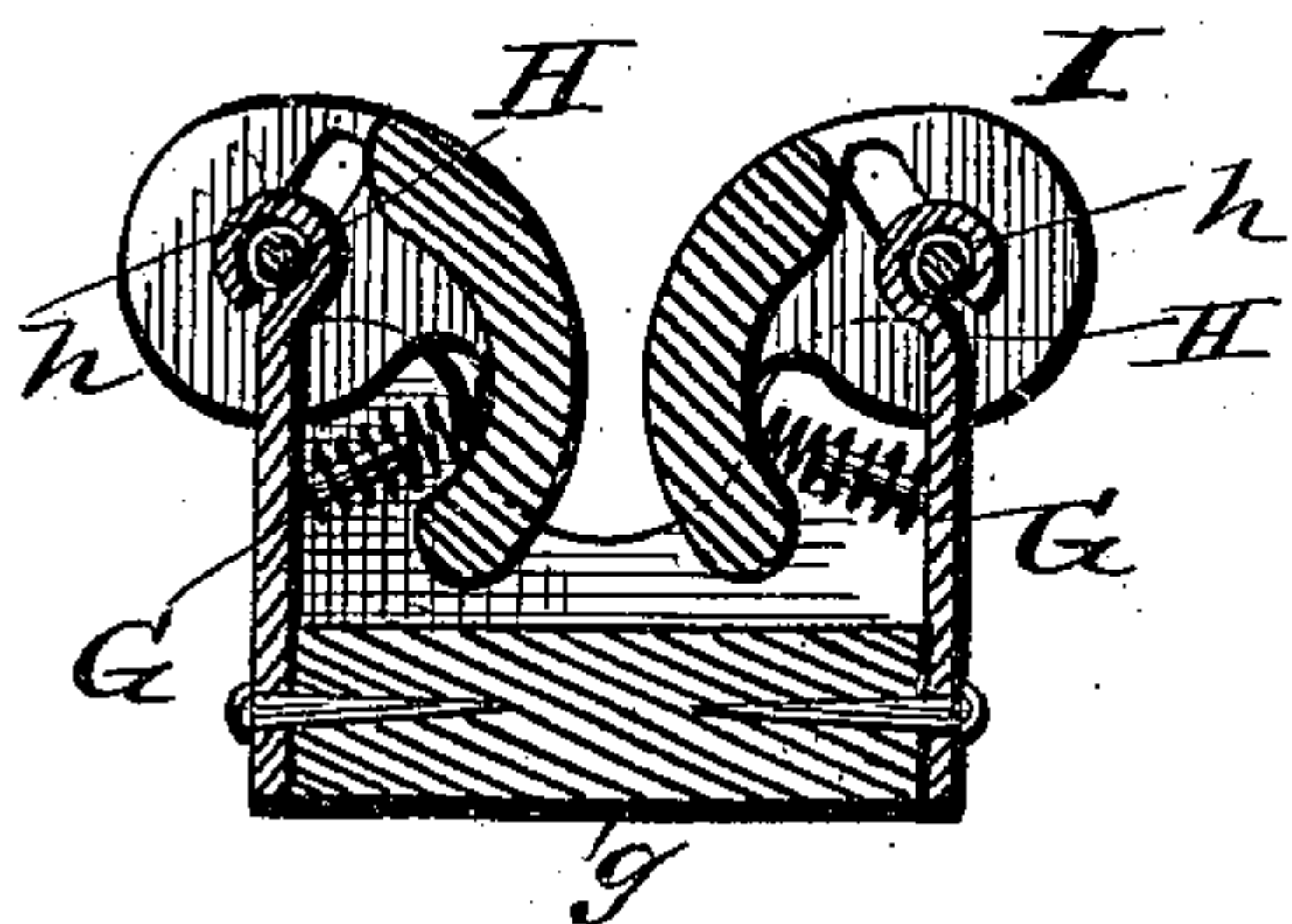


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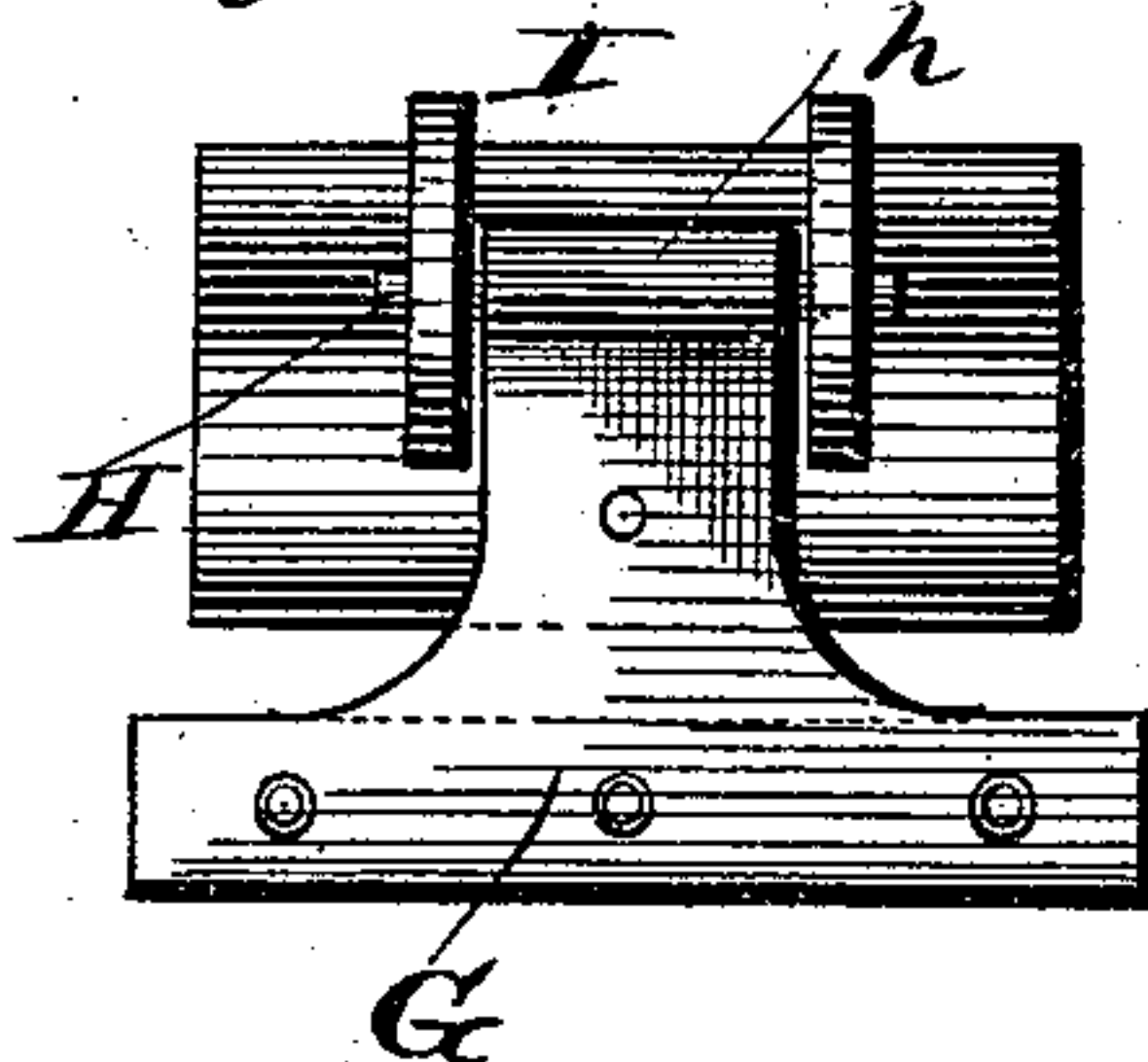


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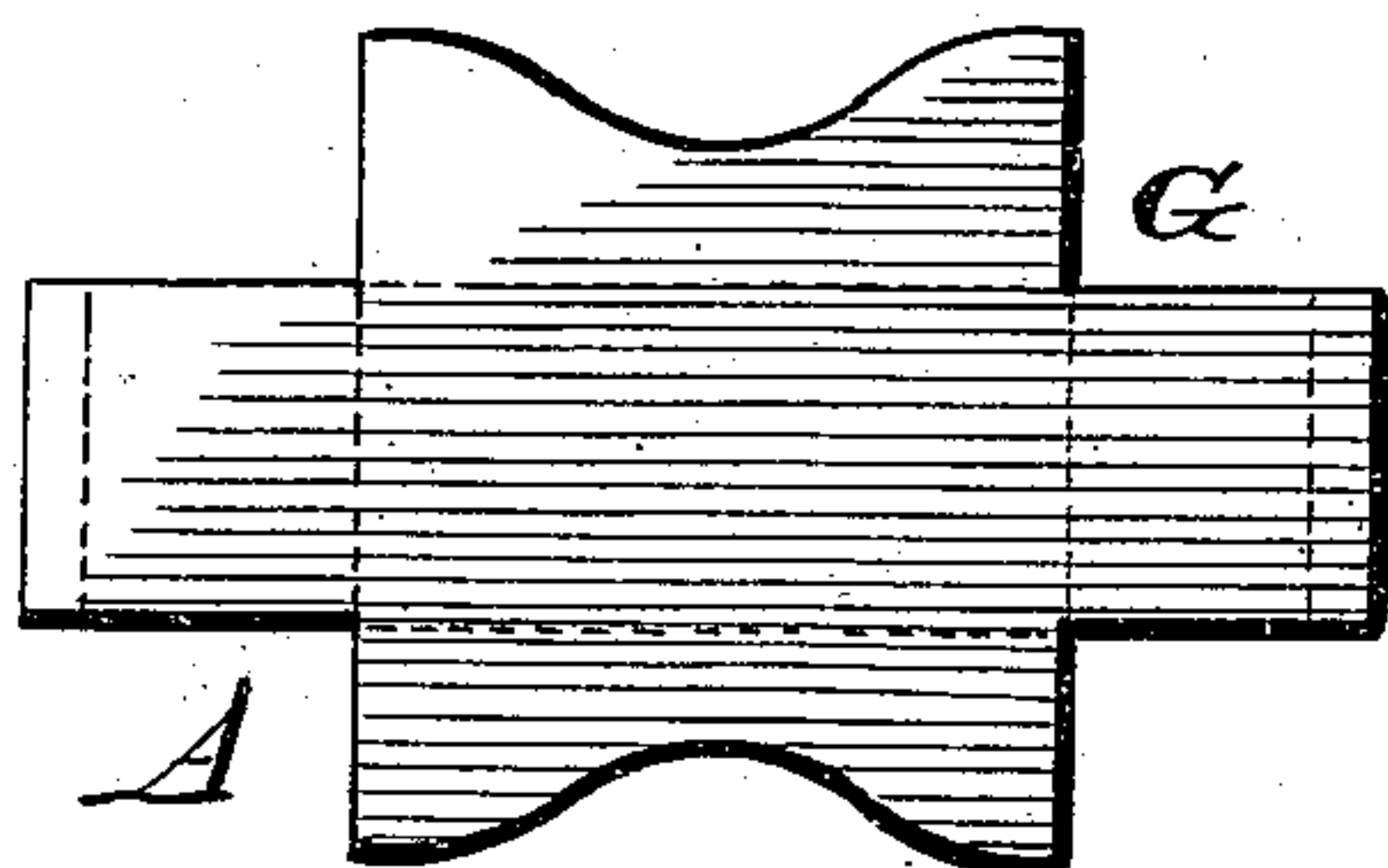


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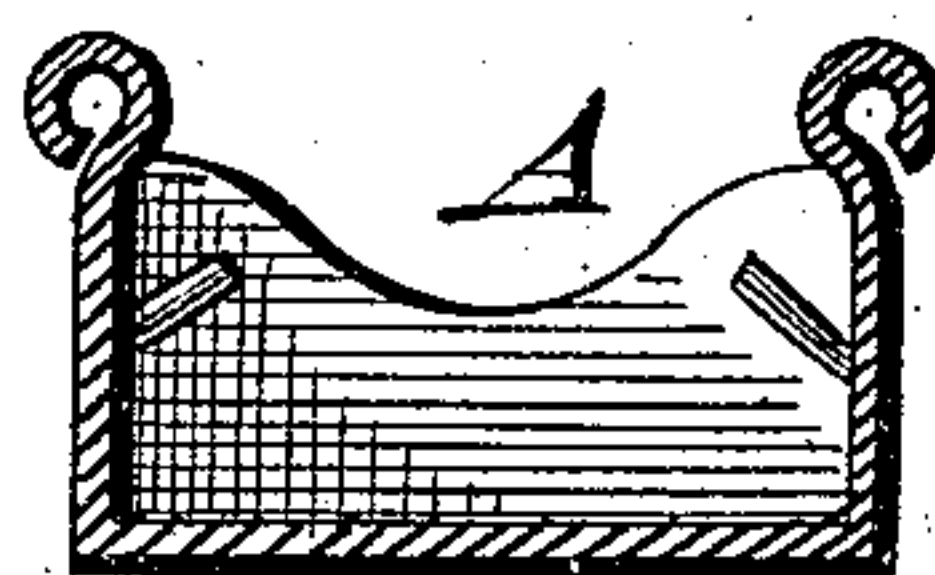
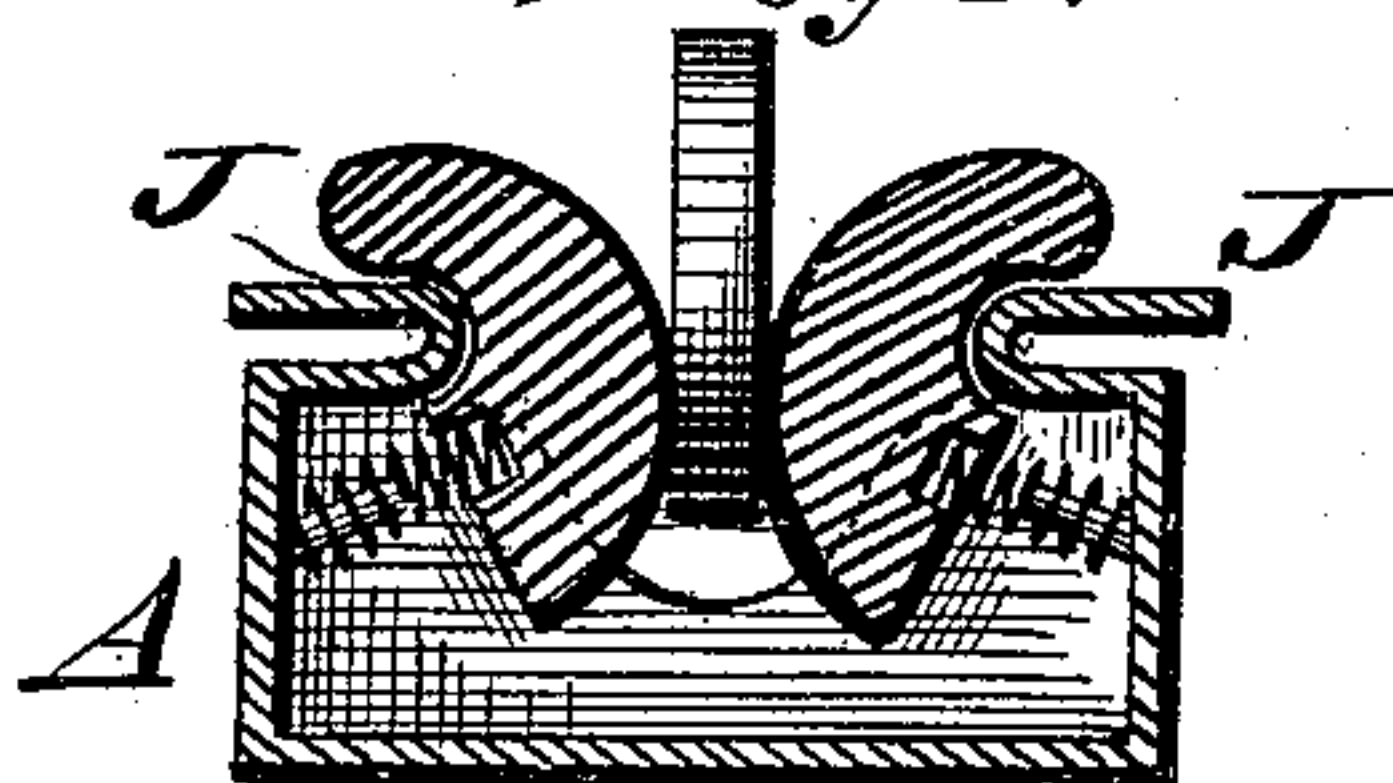


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES McCONAHY, of New Castle, in the county of Lawrence and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Holders for Rings, Bracelets, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains
10 to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improved device for holding rings, bracelets, or other articles of jewelry, the object being to provide a device of this character adapted to receive and
15 hold rings or bracelets of different widths.

The ordinary ring box or holder consists of stationary side pieces covered with plush, velvet, or other yielding material; but such holders are limited as to the size of the ring they
20 will contain, and very wide rings or bracelets require boxes or holders of special size.

It is the purpose of my invention to supply the trade with a holder adapted equally well for wide or narrow rings or bracelets, thus
25 avoiding the necessity of using a number of holders of different sizes.

The invention consists in the combination, with a box or casing, of two pivotally-secured clamps, each provided with a spring.

30 The invention further consists in combining with a ring box or tray and my improved clamps a slotted plate supported below the clamps to receive a ribbon, as will be hereinafter fully described.

35 The invention further consists in the details of construction and combinations of parts, hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents one of my improved holders in perspective. Fig. 2 is a section on the line *xx* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 shows a number of the holders combined in one case. Fig. 4 illustrates a blank from which the casing of the holder is
45 formed. Fig. 5 is a transverse section showing my improved ribbon-holding plate combined with the clamps. Fig. 6 is a plan view of the ribbon-holding plate detached. Figs. 7, 8, and 9 illustrate modified constructions of the box and clamps. Fig. 10 is a view of a
50 blank from which the modified form of box may be constructed. Fig. 11 is a section of a

box made from the blank shown in Fig. 10, and Fig. 12 is a view in section of another modification of box and clamp so constructed
55 as to dispense with pivot-supports.

A represents the holder-casing, preferably formed from a single piece of sheet metal. Each end B of the casing is formed with horizontal elongated slots *b b*, adapted to receive
60 the pivots *cc* of the clamps CC. These clamps I prefer to make semi-cylindrical in cross-section, as shown, and centrally under each clamp is arranged a spiral or other spring, D. If spiral springs are employed, as shown in the
65 drawings, a recess, *e*, is formed on the under side of each clamp C to receive one end of the spring, and the other end of the spring is arranged upon a stud, F, projecting from the adjacent side of the casing.
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The device constructed as thus described is designed to be suitably covered with velvet, plush, or similar material to conceal the parts.

It will be apparent that by the insertion of a ring or bracelet between the two clamps, the
75 latter will turn upon the pivots, and if the width of the article thus inserted is sufficient the clamp-pivots will slide within the slots *b b*. The springs of the clamps force the clamps toward each other to firmly embrace and grip
80 the article being held, whether the latter be wide or narrow. It will be seen that the clamps have both an oscillatory and a lateral movement at the same time, and that they are adapted to hold firmly rings or bracelets of
85 different widths.

The clamps CC are identical in form, and may be interchanged at will.

While each holder as above constructed is complete in itself, I may combine a number of
90 them together in one case, as shown in Fig. 3, with a cover, Z, of velvet or other material, provided with slits *z*, corresponding to the spaces between the clamps.

It will be apparent that various modifications of my improvement may be resorted to
95 without departing from my invention. For instance, instead of employing the pivots upon the clamps CC, I may use a box of the form seen in Figs. 8 and 9, consisting of sides G G,
100 secured at their lower ends to a bottom, *g*. The upper ends of the sides G G are bent upon themselves to form bearings *h* for pivot-shafts H. The clamps are each formed on their outer

sides with a pair of slotted lugs or wings, I I, which embrace the upper ends of the sides G G and receive the pivot-shafts, as seen in Figs. 8 and 9; or, if preferred, the sides of the box 5 may be extended and bent upon themselves, as seen in Fig. 12, to form fulcrum-bearings J J, and the clamps in such instance are grooved or bent to fit over such bearings without the aid of pivots.

o In Figs. 5, 6, and 7 I have shown my improved ribbon-holding device, which consists of a plate, K, having downwardly-turned sides formed with elongated slots *k*, corresponding in width to the width of the clamps. This plate 5 K is secured below the clamps and between them upon a stud, *l*, or by other means. In using this ribbon-holding device I pass a ribbon, M, first into the box through a slot, *m*, in one side of the box A, and then out through a second slot, *m'*, then downwardly over the adjacent clamp, then under one side of the plate K and upward through the slot *k*, over the plate K, down through the other slot *k*, and then up over the other clamp and through the 5 slots in the other side of the casing, all as clearly shown in Fig. 5. The ribbon may then be carried to another box, and so on, using a single ribbon or strip for several holders when the latter are employed together in a case. This

ribbon-holding plate K serves also as a stop 30 for the article being held, preventing the latter from sinking too deeply between the clamps.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 35

1. A holder for rings, bracelets, &c., comprising a box or casing and two pivotally-secured spring-actuated clamps adapted to receive the article between them, substantially as described. 40

2. The combination, with a box or casing provided with elongated slots, as described, of clamps or side pieces provided with pivots to enter said slots and with springs to force said clamps toward each other, substantially as set 45 forth.

3. The combination, with a box or casing and with clamps arranged therein, of a slotted ribbon-holding plate arranged below said clamps, substantially as set forth. 50

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

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