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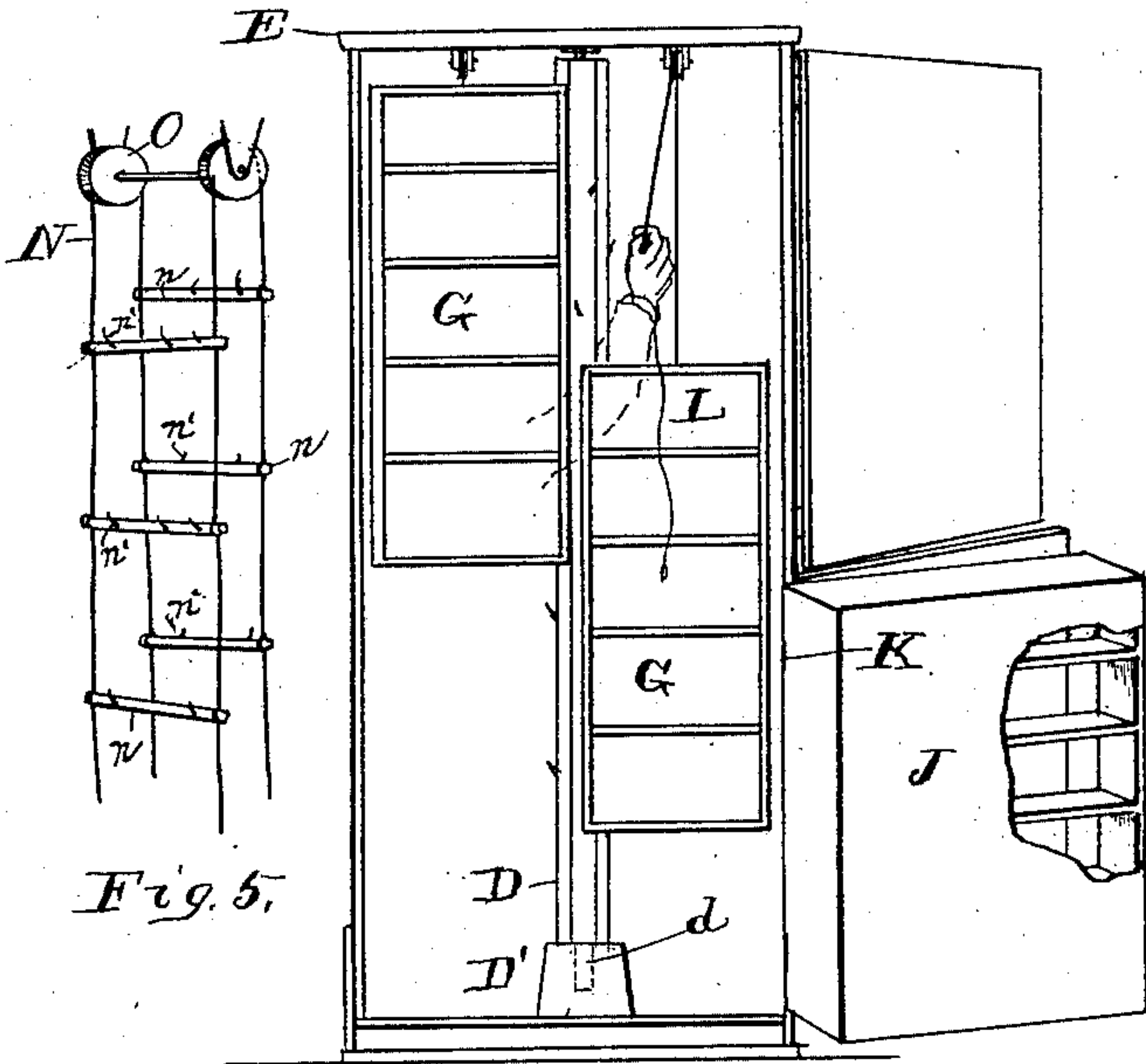
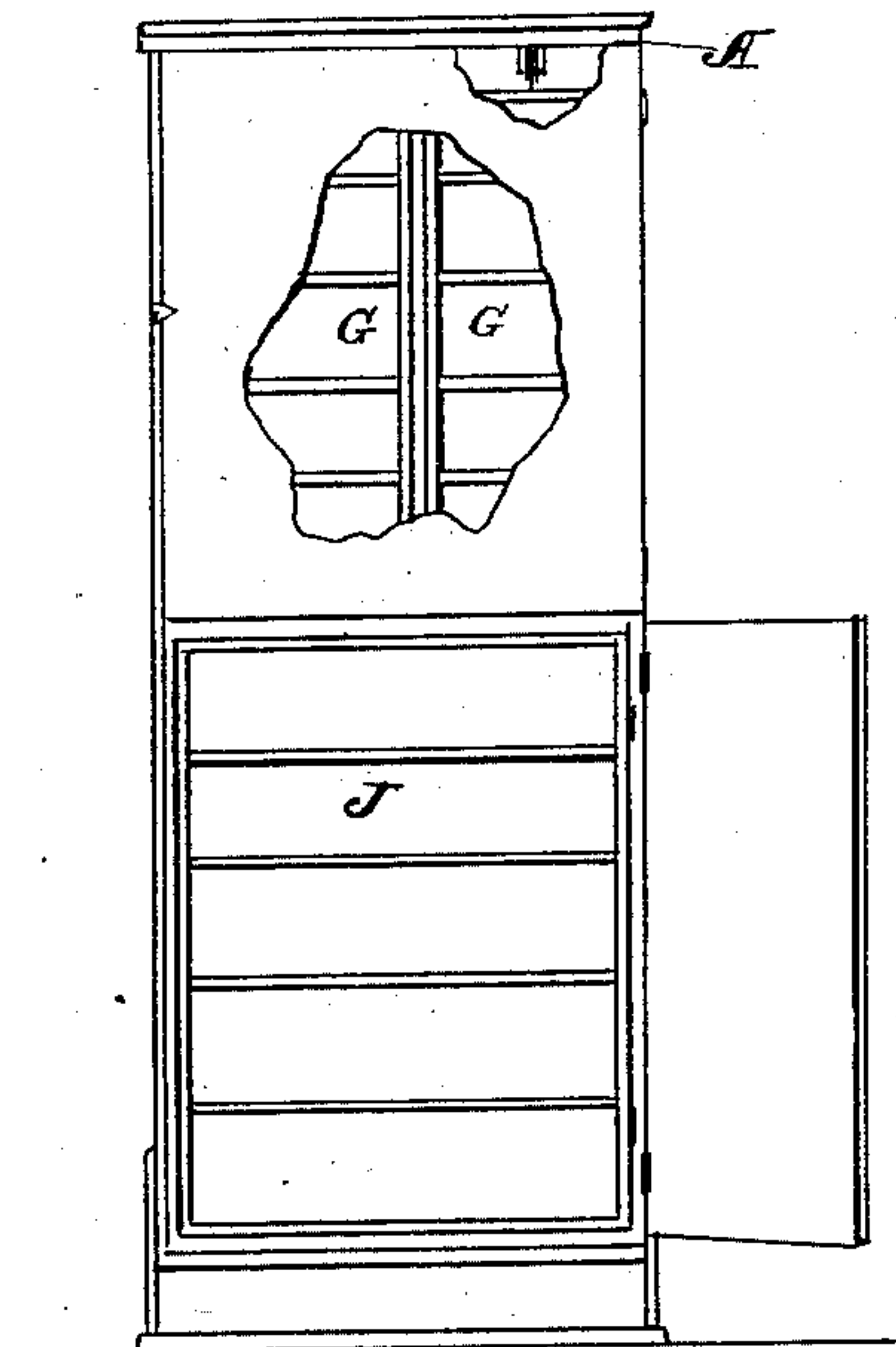
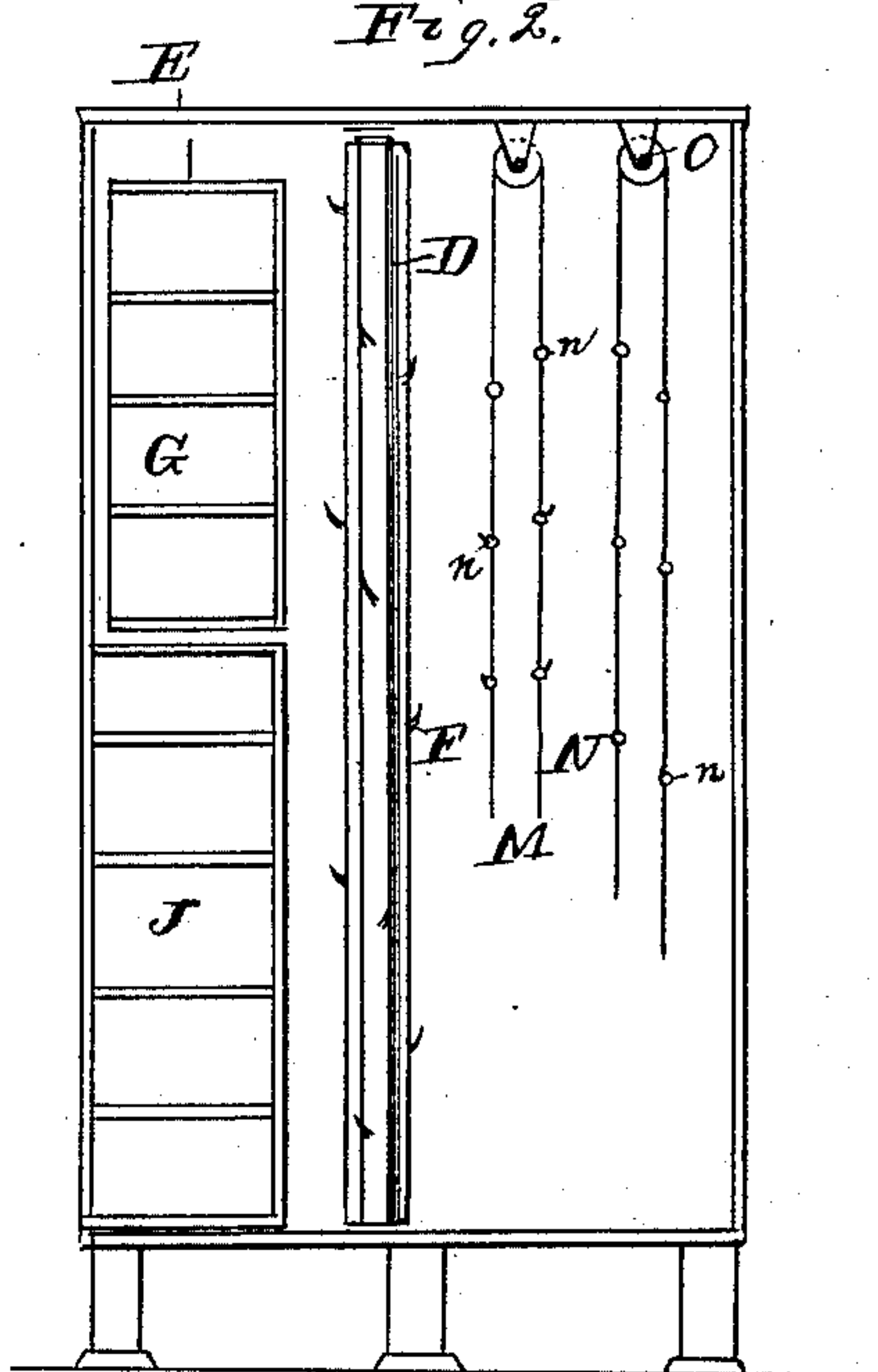
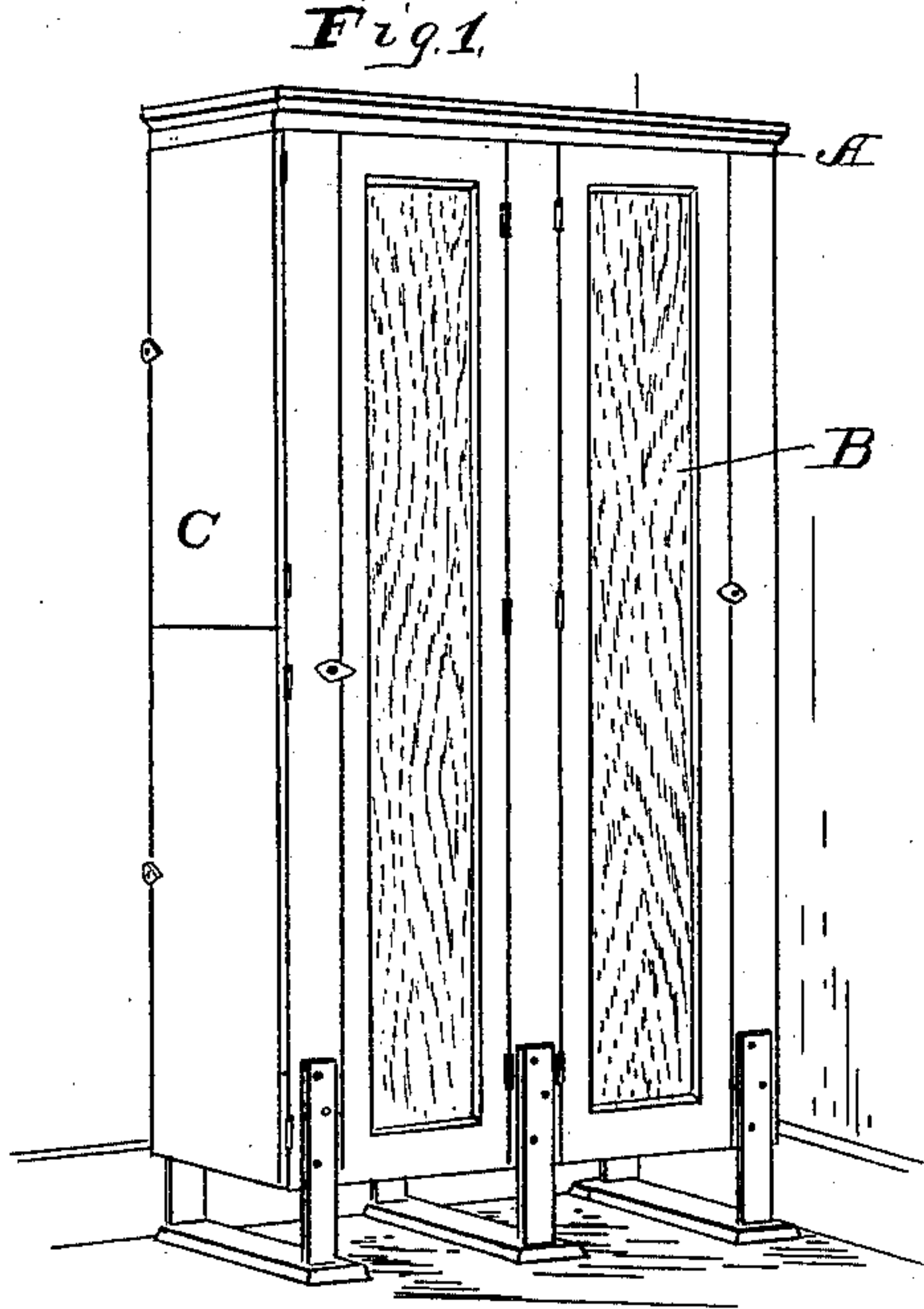


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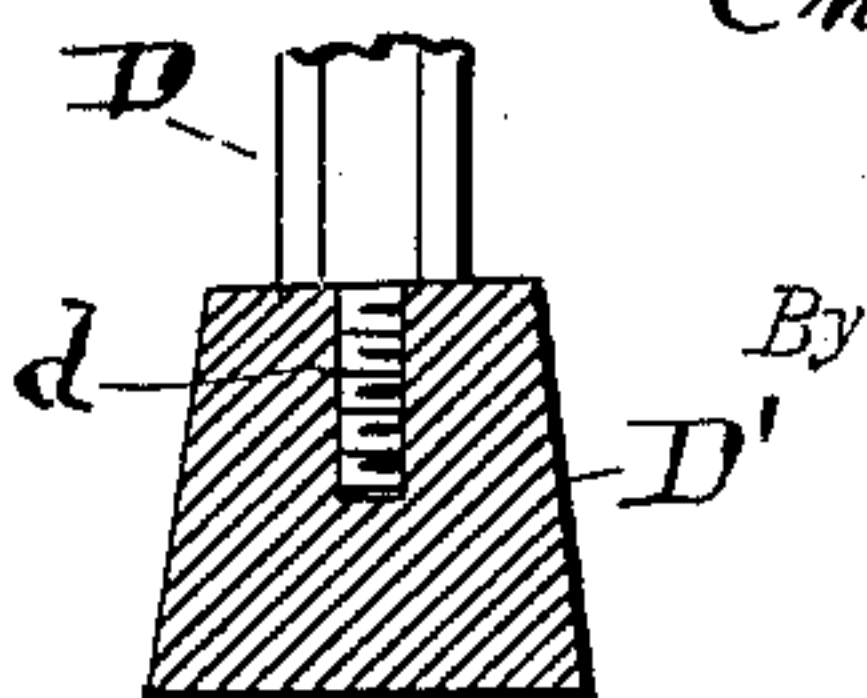


Fig. 7.
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES HENRY THEODORE O'LAUS, of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Wardrobes, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved wardrobe. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical central section; Fig. 3, a vertical cross-section; Fig. 4, a side view of the device with the lower case opened outwardly, showing one of the upper apartments somewhat lowered; Fig. 5, a view of the flexible pendent racks, and Fig. 6 is a detail, partly in section, to show the means for raising or lowering the post.

Wardrobes as usually constructed can only be made of a certain height in view of the fact that if made higher the upper parts are of no account because of the difficulty of reaching that part of the device, and consequently in order to obtain sufficient room their plan section must be enlarged accordingly. My improved wardrobe is designed to remedy these defects by providing a structure considerably higher in proportion to its plan section, and formed with an adjustable top or deck piece secured in position beneath the ceiling of the room by means of a central post adjustable by means of screws, and around the said deck-plate the upper ends of the sides of the wardrobe, having on one side within a series of independent compartments entirely filling it, the lower one provided with shelves and hinged laterally and so disposed as to be opened outwardly, while those above have cords or pulleys attached thereto, so that they may be raised or lowered when the lower one is swung outwardly. This permits of the upper ones being lowered when it is desired to place within or remove articles from them, while the other side is provided with a series of rope or other flexible racks that may also be raised and lowered by means of pulleys at the top of the device, and thus the entire inner part of the wardrobe used without reference to the vertical height of the same, which would not be possible in a wardrobe as ordinarily constructed, all of which will now be fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents a wardrobe-frame, formed higher in proportion to the plan section than the ordinary wardrobe. The front side is provided with the usual doors, B, and the end provided with two doors, C, independent of each other and one above the other, as shown in Fig. 1. Centrally within this device I have a post, D, provided at its upper part with a top ceiling-piece or deck-plate, E, which is designed to rest beneath the ceiling of the room, and the post D is to be of such a length as to press the said deck-plate upwardly against the said ceiling, and thus hold it securely in position, and in order that this may be effective the lower end of the said post is provided with a screw, *d*, which fits into a base-block, D, or any desired seat. The post can now be easily turned by hand or by a tool, so that any desired tension may be obtained upon the post, and thus the top-piece E can be pressed as closely against the ceiling as desired. This deck-plate being secured in position, the side casing or frame of the wardrobe is securely attached thereto by means of screws, so that the entire device is thus held permanently in position wherever it may be stationed. This post D may be provided with a series of hooks, F, for the reception of articles of wear. At one side of this post D, occupying one part of the wardrobe, I provide a series of shelved compartments. Two of these cases or compartments G are placed in the upper part of the wardrobe and are suspended in position by means of a cord, H, extending over a pulley, I, secured to the lower face of the deck-piece E, so that the said compartments may be raised or lowered into position. Beneath these compartments G, and at the lower part of the wardrobe, I provide a single case or compartment, J, hinged laterally to the side of the wardrobe, as shown at K, and so disposed that it may be opened outwardly, as shown in Fig. 4. This permits of the upper compartments, G, being lowered into the position occupied by the lower compartment, J, when the said lower compartment is in position, and thus either of the compartments G can be reached. Afterward these compartments G may be returned to their original position in the top of the wardrobe and secured there by means of a cord, being tied or securely

attached to any suitable point in the side of the wardrobe. These compartments G and J may either have a series of shelves, L, therein or without them, as desired, for the reception of larger articles of wear; but I prefer them with the usual shelving.

In the opposite side of the wardrobe the compartment M has a series of flexible-rope racks, N, attached to the deck-frame E by means of pulleys O, as shown in Fig. 2, which permits of their being raised and lowered. To these ropes are fixed the cross-rods *n*, provided with hooks *n'*, for the reception of articles of different kinds and sizes, such as coats, &c., which cannot be conveniently stowed away in the compartments G and J. These flexible ropes N are shown in Fig. 5.

It is obvious that any number of racks N may be used in the device, and so I do not limit myself to any special number; and it is also obvious that the same may be said of the adjustable compartments G and J. The principal feature of the device, as will be noticed, consists in the knockdown qualities of the frame-work, with the supporting-post centrally, and the adjustable racks and compartments, so that the wardrobe may take up the entire height of the room and thus greatly add to the capacity of the device.

At times it is necessary to place the wardrobe in a room having a higher ceiling than the room for which it was expressly designed, and in order that it may be made stationary between the floor and ceiling I provide a series of supports at its lower end. These vertical pieces rest upon transverse base-pieces, while their upper ends are secured by screws or otherwise attached to the sides of the wardrobe-frame, and thus the height of the wardrobe is adjusted to various rooms.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a knockdown wardrobe, a ceiling-piece or deck-plate, combined with a post, which constitutes its central support, and having at its lower end a screw whereby said piece or plate can be adjusted to any desired height, substantially as described.

2. In combination with a wardrobe, the flexible-rope racks N, having cross-rods *n*, provided with hook *n'*, and pulleys O, whereby said racks can be suitably adjusted for the reception of articles of clothing, substantially as described.

3. A knockdown wardrobe provided with adjustable ceiling or top piece, whereby the wardrobe can be made to fit snugly between the floor and ceiling in a room of any height.

4. The combination, in a knockdown wardrobe, of a pair of shelved compartments, G, in the upper part of the wardrobe, adjustable vertically by means of cords attached to the upper part of the said compartments extending over pulleys secured to the deck-frame, and beneath the said compartments a third compartment, J, hinged laterally to the side of the wardrobe, so as to be opened outwardly and thus permit of the upper shelves, G, being lowered so as to be accessible, substantially as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, this 30th day of October, 1885, in the presence of witnesses.

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