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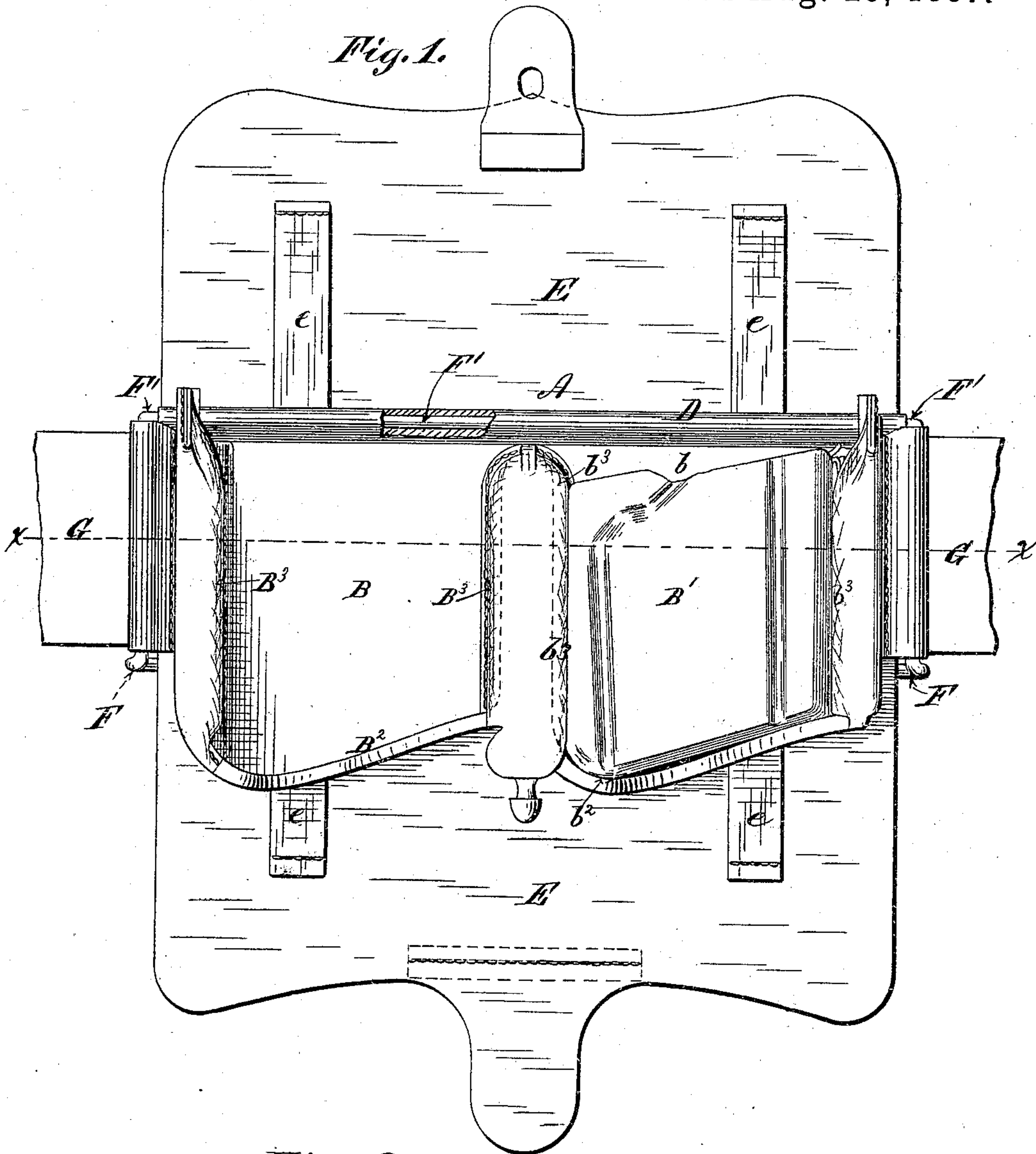
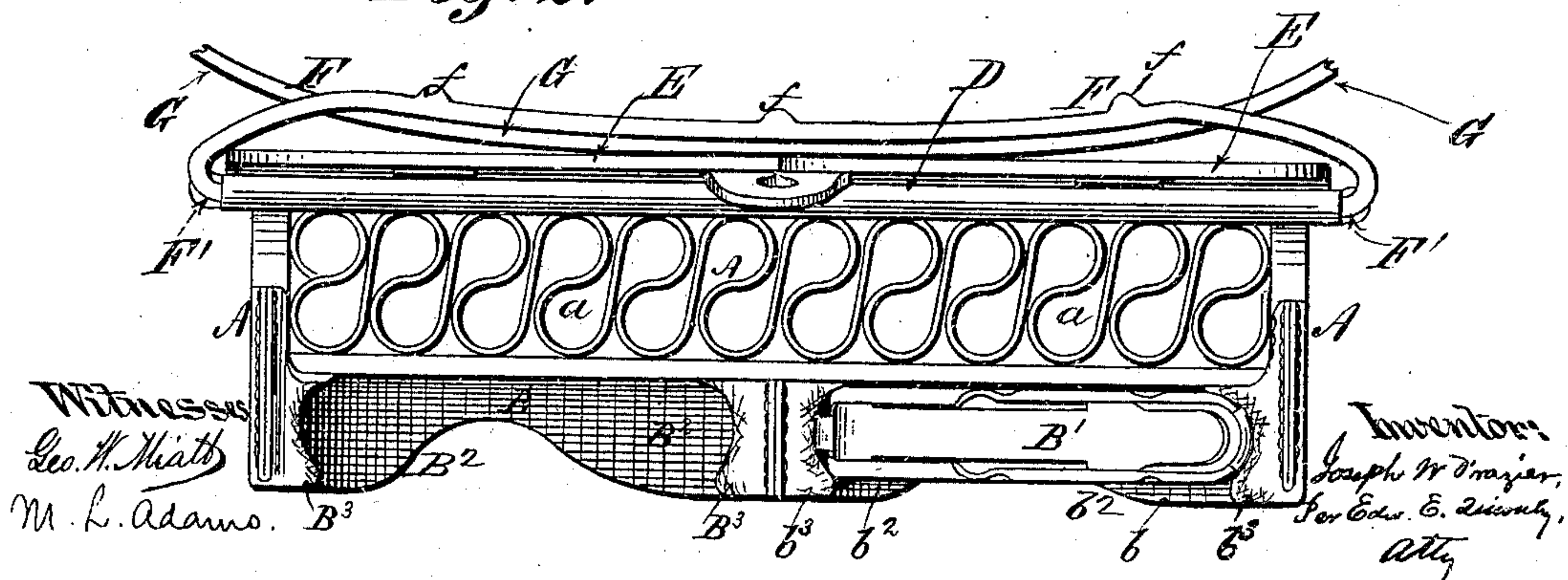


Fig. 2.



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B³

B³

b²

b²

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Fig. 3.

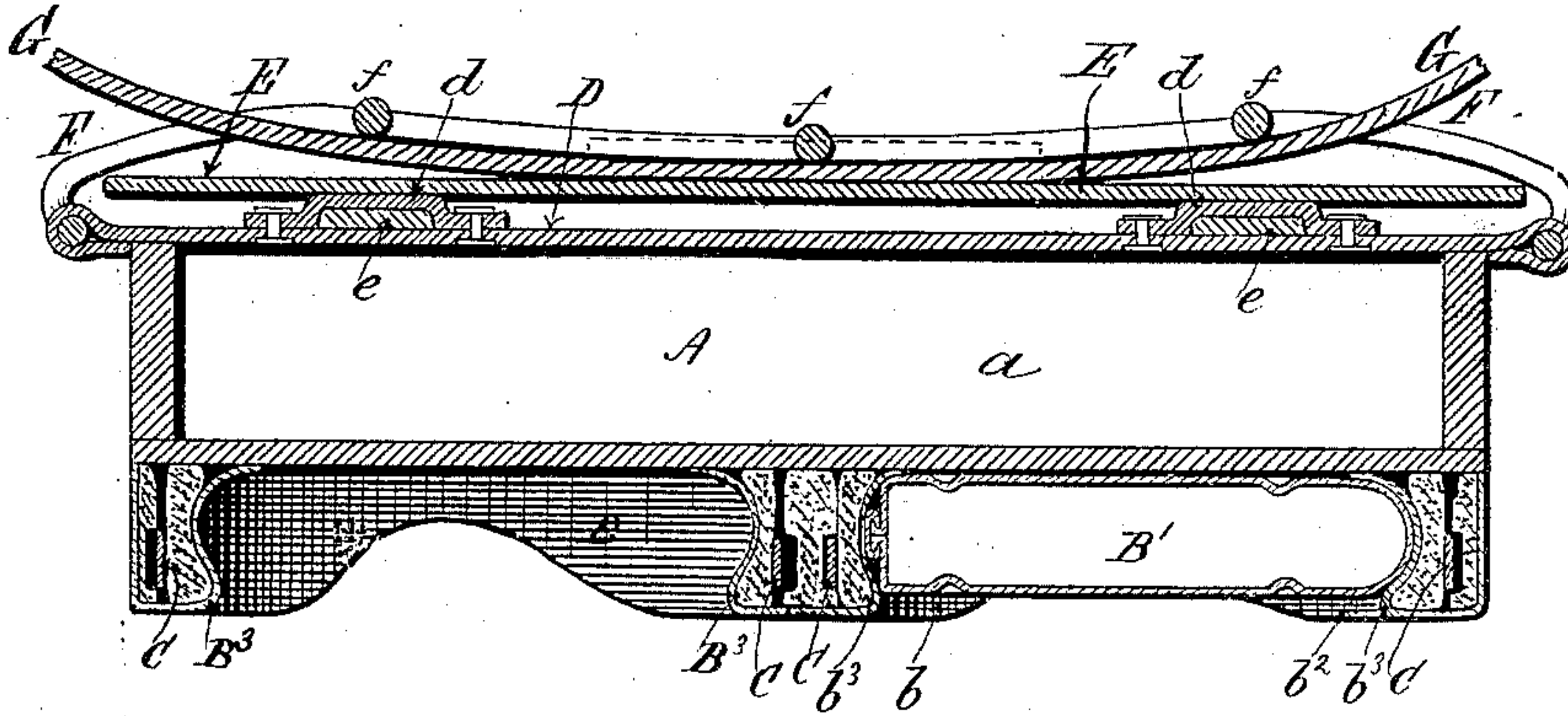
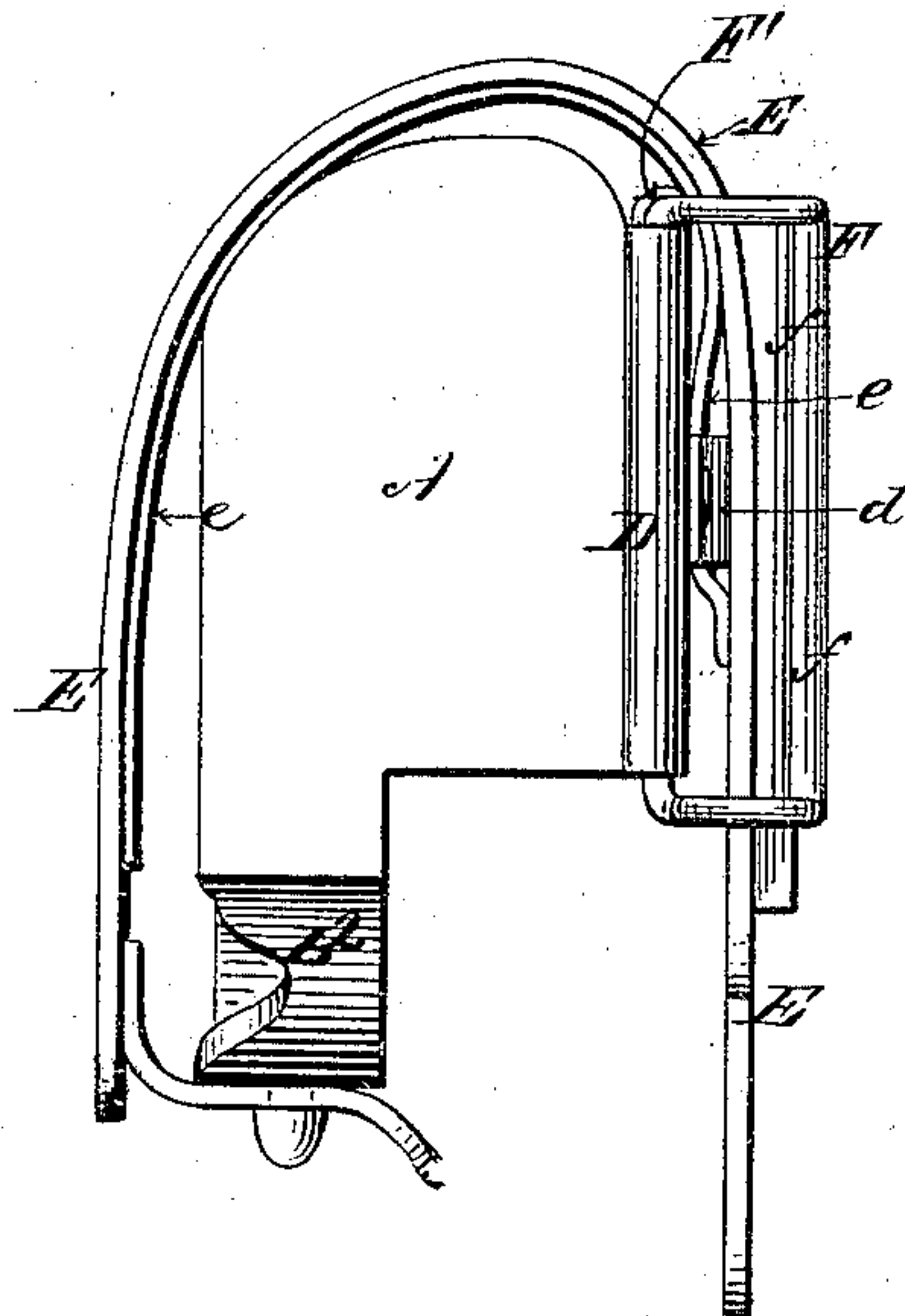


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH W. FRAZIER, of the city and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Cartridge-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention embraces three features: first, the provision, in a cartridge-box, of one or more cells, each of which is open upon its front side and is provided with compressible and resilient side walls adapting it for holding a cartridge-magazine of the kind used to contain a prescribed number of cartridges arranged sidewise one upon another for successive sidewise delivery; secondly, the provision, in a cartridge-box provided with one or more such cells, of a pocket for containing a prescribed number of loose cartridges; thirdly, a pocket for containing a number of loose cartridges and a cell or cells for containing a cartridge magazine or magazines, in combination with an adjustable cover-flap adapted to cover the mouth of the said cartridge-pocket and the mouth and open side of the said magazine cell or cells.

The accompanying drawings, illustrating a cartridge-box containing the improvements, are as follows:

Figure 1 is a front elevation with the cover-flap pulled partly down, showing a magazine deposited in one of the magazine-cells. Fig. 2 is a top view. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section through the line *xx* on Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is an end elevation showing the cover-flap fastened in the position in which it shields the contents of the box.

Referring to the drawings, it will be seen that the cartridge-box A contains a pocket, *a*, for the reception of a prescribed number of loose cartridges, and is also provided upon its front side with two cells, B *b*, each of which is intended for the reception of a cartridge-magazine, B'. These cells are open at the top and upon their front sides. The bottoms B² *b*² of the cells are notched, as shown, for affording convenient access to the bottom of the magazine contained in the cell for extracting it therefrom by pushing it upward. The side walls, B³ B³ *b*³ *b*³, of the cells are provided with thickening-ribs along their outer vertical edges, and are so made as to be capable of in

whole or in part yielding laterally to allow a cartridge-magazine to be pressed sidewise into the cell and of then springing backward against or partly over the edges of the magazine and thus holding the magazine in its cell by friction. These side walls may be made of compressible and resilient material, or each side wall, or a suitable portion thereof may have the desired elasticity imparted to it by means of a vertical strip or spring, C, of sheet metal, fastened to the box and projecting forward therefrom into the side wall.

The back D of the cartridge-box is provided with one or more loops or guides, *d d*, presenting vertical openings for the reception of the flexible strap or straps *ee*, fastened at their opposite ends, respectively, to the inner side of the vertically-sliding cover-flap E. Care is taken to make the length of each of the straps *ee* between the points of its connection with the cover-flap great enough to allow for the required range of movement of the vertically-sliding cover-flap.

The rear side or back, D, of the cartridge-box has affixed to it the rearwardly-projecting metallic frame F, provided with the vertical bars *ff*, affording a means for attaching the box to or suspending it upon the cartridge-belt G, and of holding the cartridge-box away from the body of the person wearing the belt.

The frame F may be cast or otherwise formed in one piece, and may be secured to the back of the box by having its horizontal member F' inclosed in a pipe-seam formed upon the upper edge of the back D of the box.

The frame projecting rearwardly from the back of the cartridge-box and the vertically-sliding cover-flap do not in themselves form portions of the present invention; and are shown merely for the purpose of illustrating the combination of a cartridge-box provided with a pocket for holding loose cartridges and a cell or cells for holding cartridge-magazines with an adjustable cover-flap for shielding the contents of the said pocket and cells.

If the vertically-sliding cover-flap is employed, there must be provided a metallic frame, or some equivalent therefor, connected with the opposite ends of the back of the cartridge-box and extending rearwardly therefrom, to afford means for attaching the car-

tridge-box to or suspending it upon the belt, by means of which the cartridge-box is sustained upon the person of the user.

What is claimed as the invention is—

5 1. A cartridge-box provided with a cell or cells, each of which is open in front, and has elastic side walls adapted for receiving and holding by friction a cartridge-magazine of the kind which is intended to contain a pre-
10 scribed number of cartridges arranged side-wise one upon another for successive delivery from the magazine.

2. The combination, in a cartridge-box, of a pocket for holding a prescribed number of loose
15 cartridges, with a cell or cells open in front,

and having elastic side walls for receiving and holding by friction cartridge-magazines of the character described.

3. In a cartridge-box, one or more magazine-cells, each of which is open at the top 20 and upon its front side, and the bottom of which is notched for affording convenient access to the bottom of the magazine contained in the cell for the purpose of extracting the magazine therefrom by pushing it upward.

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