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Fig. 1.

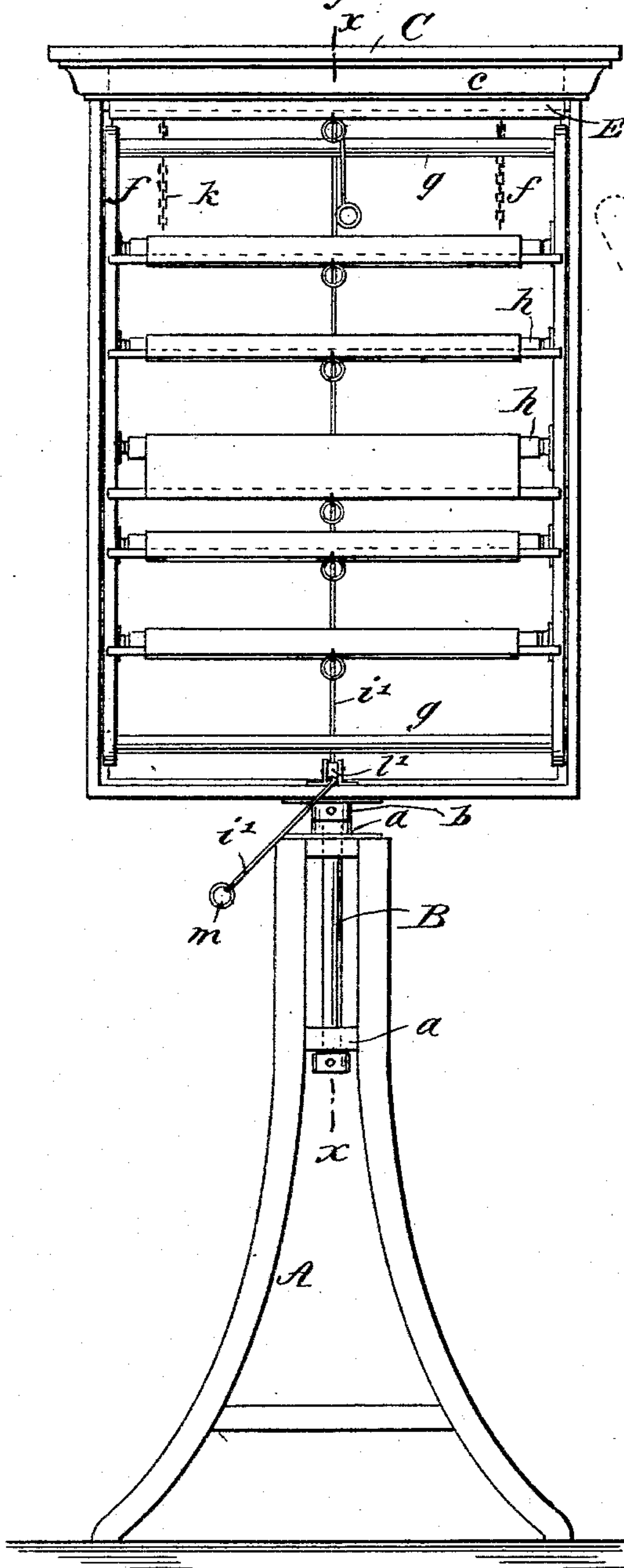
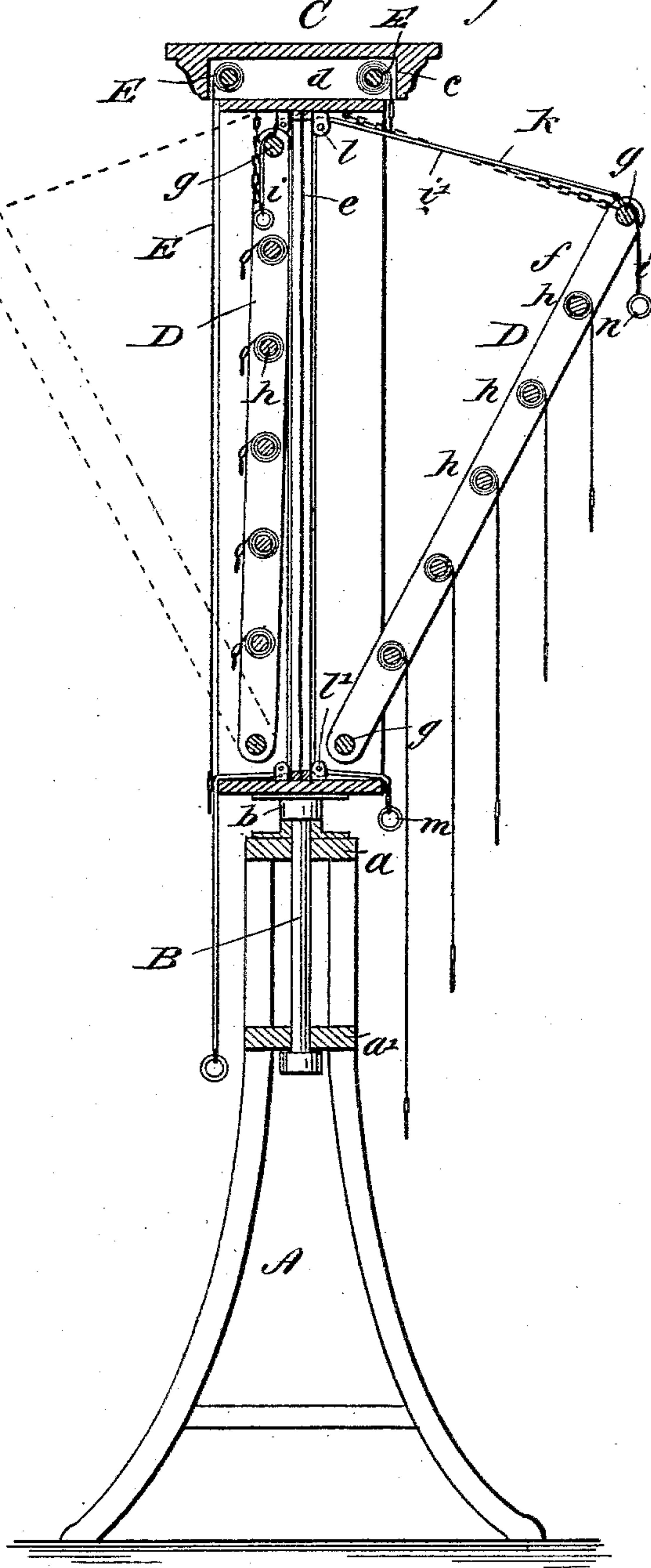


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT K. SLAUGHTER, of the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Shade-Exhibitor, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to the construction of a shade-exhibitor designed to include a double line of sample shades and to be placed in a convenient position on the floor of the apartment and so arranged that either line of shades may be exhibited to the purchaser and returned within the case after having been so exhibited.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved shade-exhibitor. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of the same, taken on the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

In constructing such an exhibitor as is illustrated in the drawings above referred to, I provide a stand, A, formed to receive a downwardly-extending shaft, B, of a case, C, said shaft B extending through apertures formed in plates *a a'*, carried by the stand A, and being provided with a collar, *b*, which rests against the upper face of the plate *a*.

Case C consists of a bottom and two end or side boards surmounted by a top plate, beneath which there is an ornamental molding, *c*. In the center of the case C there is a frame, *d*, which carries a dividing screen or partition, *e*, the parts being arranged as best shown in Fig. 2. Upon each side of the screen or partition *e* there are spring-frames D D, formed of side strips, *f f*, which are united by cross-bars *g g* and pivotally connected at their lower ends with the side walls of the case C. These frames D act as the support for rollers *h h*, upon which the sample shades are mounted, and each of the frames is provided with manipulating-cords *i i'*. The cords *i* carry rings *n* and simply depend in front of the frames, while the cords *i'* pass over sheaves *l*, secured to the upper wall of the case C, then downward and over sheaves *l'*, fixed to the lower part of the casing, extending outward from said sheaves *l'* beneath the frames D, and ending in a ring or knob, *m*, as clearly shown in Fig. 2.

When it is desired to exhibit shades carried by the rollers *h h*, one of the frames D is pulled forward to the position shown in full lines in the right of Fig. 2, where it is held by chains

l, and when in this position any one or all of the shades carried by the rollers *h* of the frame so lowered may be drawn down, as indicated in the drawings. After the shades upon the right have been exhibited the frame D may be returned within the casing, being drawn back by the cord *i'*, and being so drawn back will be held to place, owing to the fact that the frame will have been moved past a vertical line, as indicated at the left in Fig. 2.

In order that the shades in the case may be protected from the dust, &c., I have provided closing-shades E, carried by rollers arranged above the top of the case proper and just behind the ornamental molding *c*, these shades being so mounted that they may be drawn down to the position shown on the left in Fig. 2. After the shades on one side of the case have been fully exhibited the case may be turned upon its pivotal connection with the stand A, so as to bring the shades upon the opposite side of the case in view, as will be readily understood from the construction illustrated in the drawings.

I am aware that it is not broadly new to provide a cabinet with an inner swinging frame, and I am also aware that it is not new to pivotally mount a cabinet upon a stand; but I am not aware that a double-faced revolvable cabinet provided with swinging frames, either one or both of which may be swung outward, has heretofore been made.

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

An improved shade-exhibitor consisting of the stand A, provided with the apertured plates *a a'*, the case C, provided with the shaft B, having collar *b*, and passing down through the apertures of the plates *a a'*, the frame *d*, arranged in the center of the case to form a space between its top and the top of the case, and provided with the vertical partition *e*, the shade-supporting frames D, pivoted at their lower ends to the case C, the cords *i i'*, for operating the said frames, the chains *l*, for limiting the outward movement of the frames, and the shades E, having their rollers journaled in the space between the top of the case and the frame *d*, substantially as herein shown and described.

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