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Fig. 1.

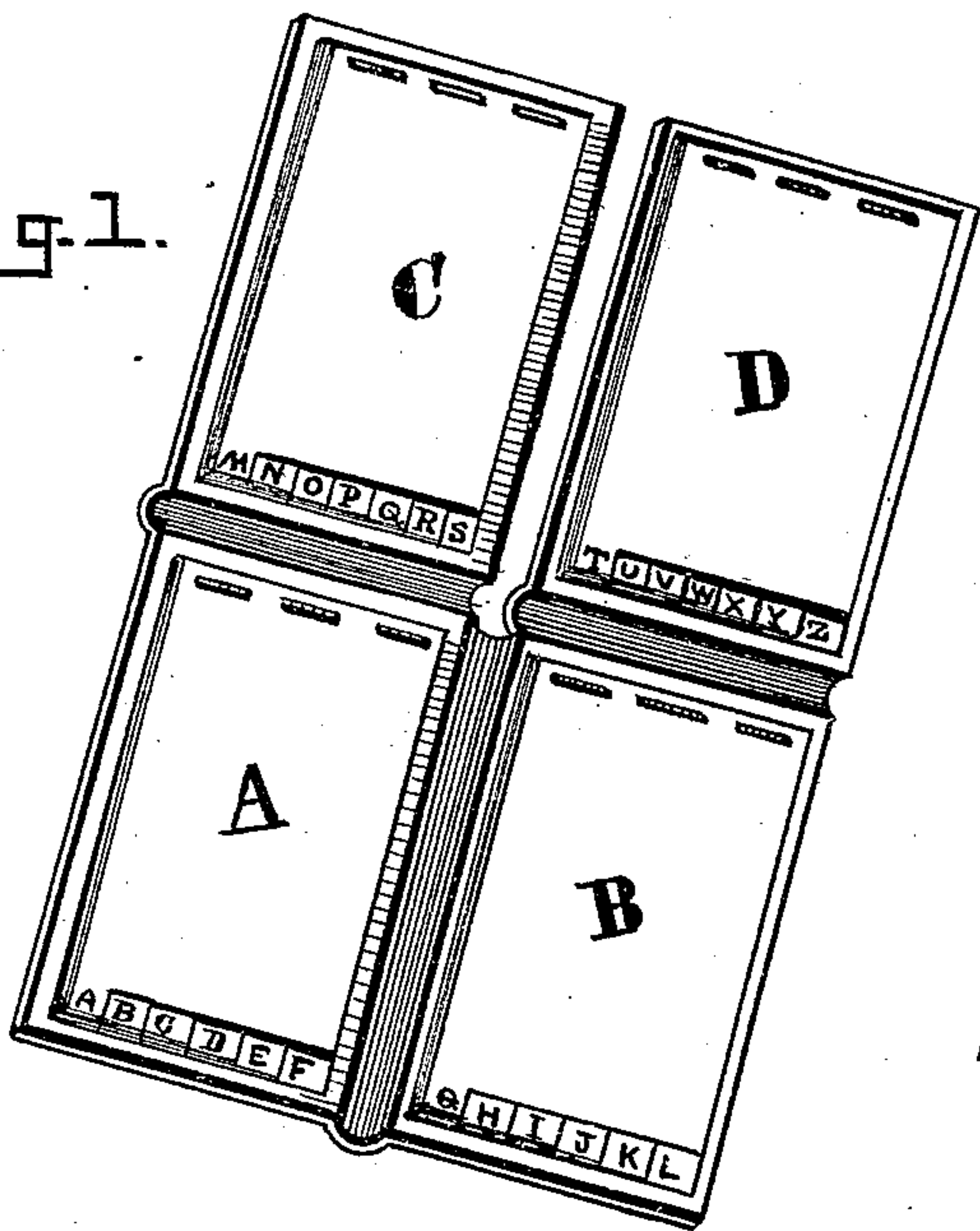


Fig. 2.

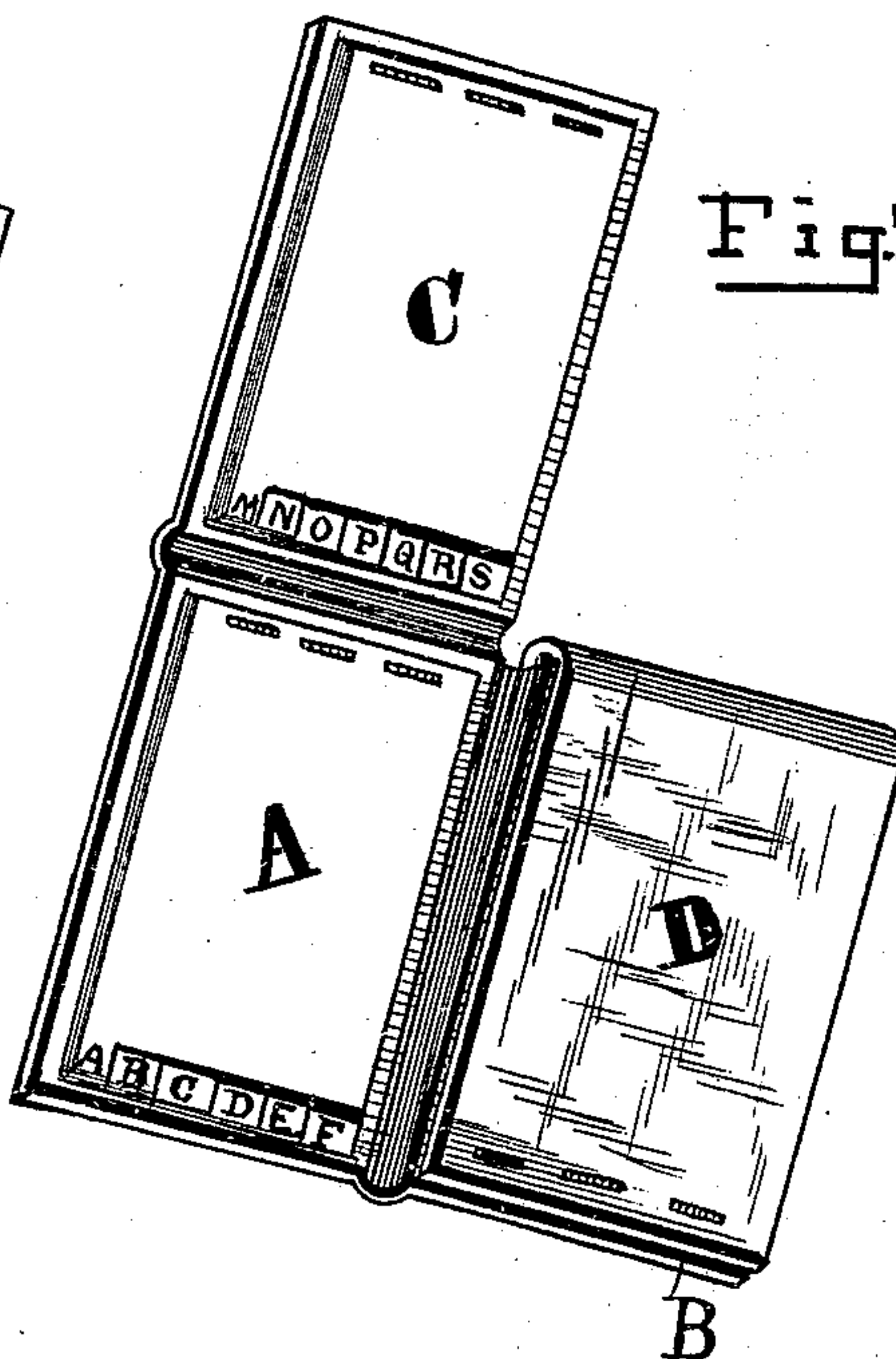


Fig. 4.

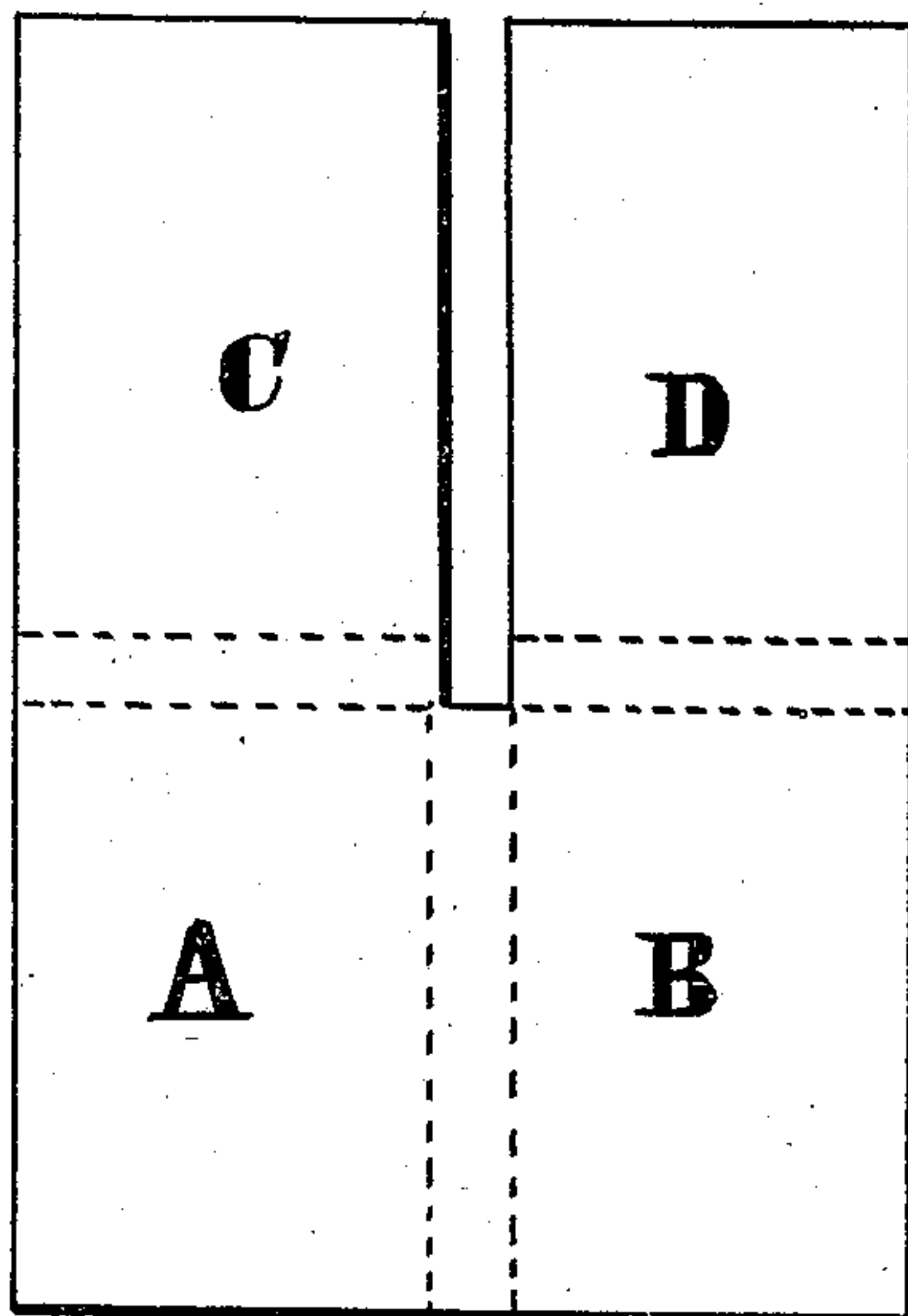
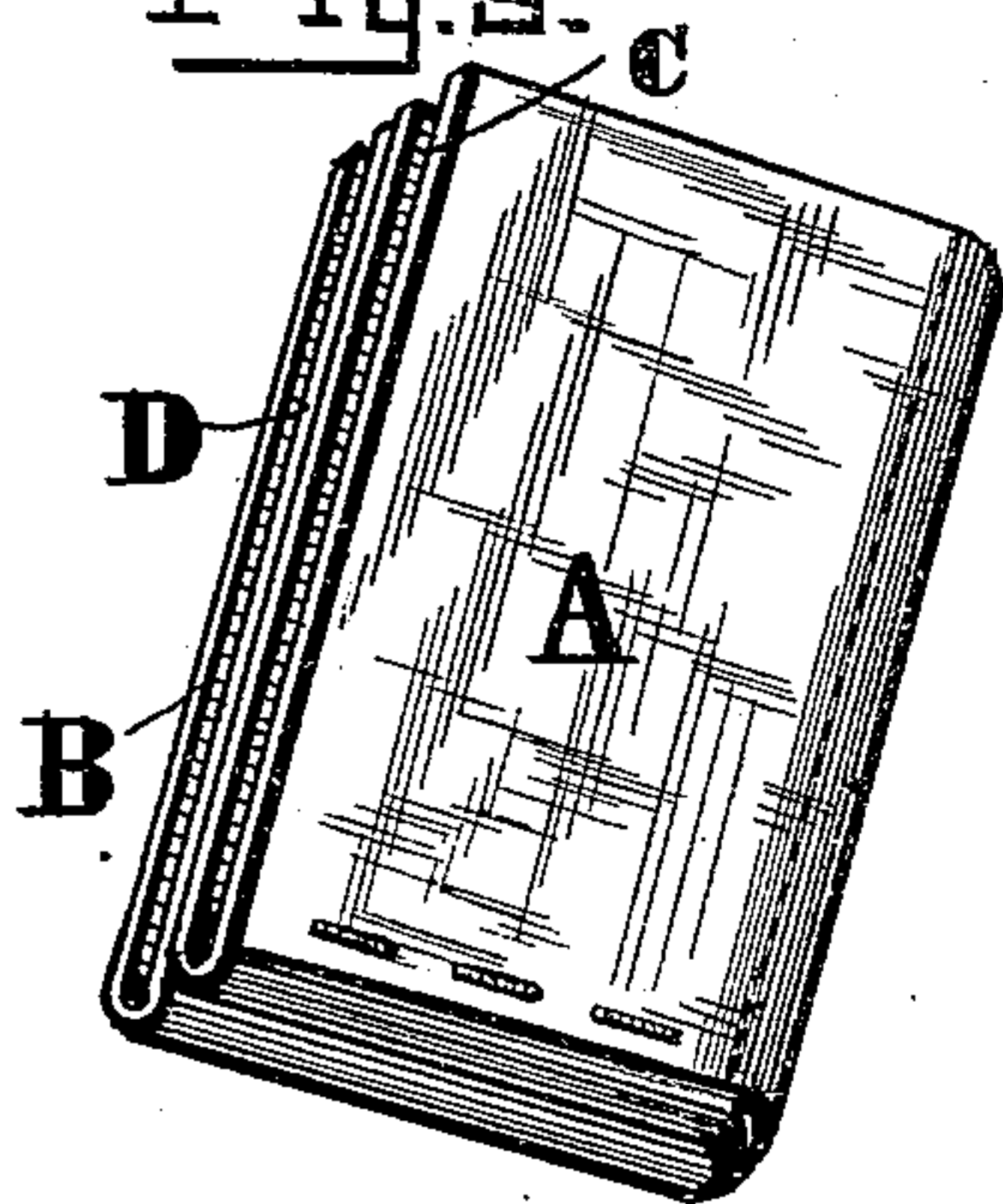


Fig. 3.



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## PETIT LEDGER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 370,349, dated September 20, 1887.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY A. PERSHING, of South Bend, in the county of St. Joseph and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Petit Ledgers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a petit ledger embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the same partly closed. Fig. 3 shows the ledger folded. Fig. 4 is a view of a blank which forms the back of the ledger.

This invention relates to improvements in petit ledgers; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of the same, hereinafter described, and particularly designated in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, A, B, C, and D designate, respectively, the four parts or divisions which compose my ledger, each part consisting of a back of suitable material—such as leather or cloth—and a number of leaves. Two of the parts, A and B, have preferably six leaves each, and the parts C and D have seven each, so that the ledger will contain a leaf for each letter of the alphabet. The leaves are properly indexed, as shown, and are secured to the backs of the several parts by staples or lacing, so that new leaves may be substituted when necessary. It is obvious that as many leaves may be used under one letter as will be found necessary or convenient. The parts A and B are flexibly secured together at adjoining sides by a strip of suitable material, so that they may be folded upon each other.

To the upper end of part A is flexibly secured the lower end of part C, and to the upper end of part B is similarly secured the

lower end of part D. In this manner, when the ledger is opened, the leaves of the several parts all lie in the same direction and can easily be referred to. To close the ledger, part C is folded lengthwise upon part A and part D upon part B. The parts A and B are then folded toward each other, inclosing the parts C and D, the backs of the former parts forming the covers of the ledger.

In practice I prefer to make the backs of the several parts of the ledger in a single blank, as shown in Fig. 4, from material sufficiently flexible to allow the parts to be folded as described.

It will be observed that any two of the parts—such as A and C or B and D—can be opened for inspection without disclosing or opening the others, the parts C and D being entirely independent of each other, thus affording facility and ease of reference, or all the parts can be exposed, as is convenient in posting.

The ledger as described is very simple, cheap, and convenient, and when not in use and folded, as described, is very compact, and can be easily carried in the pocket.

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

In a petit ledger, the combination of the parts A and B, flexibly united at their adjoining sides, with the parts C and D, flexibly united at their lower ends to the upper ends of parts A and B, respectively, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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