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fig. 1.

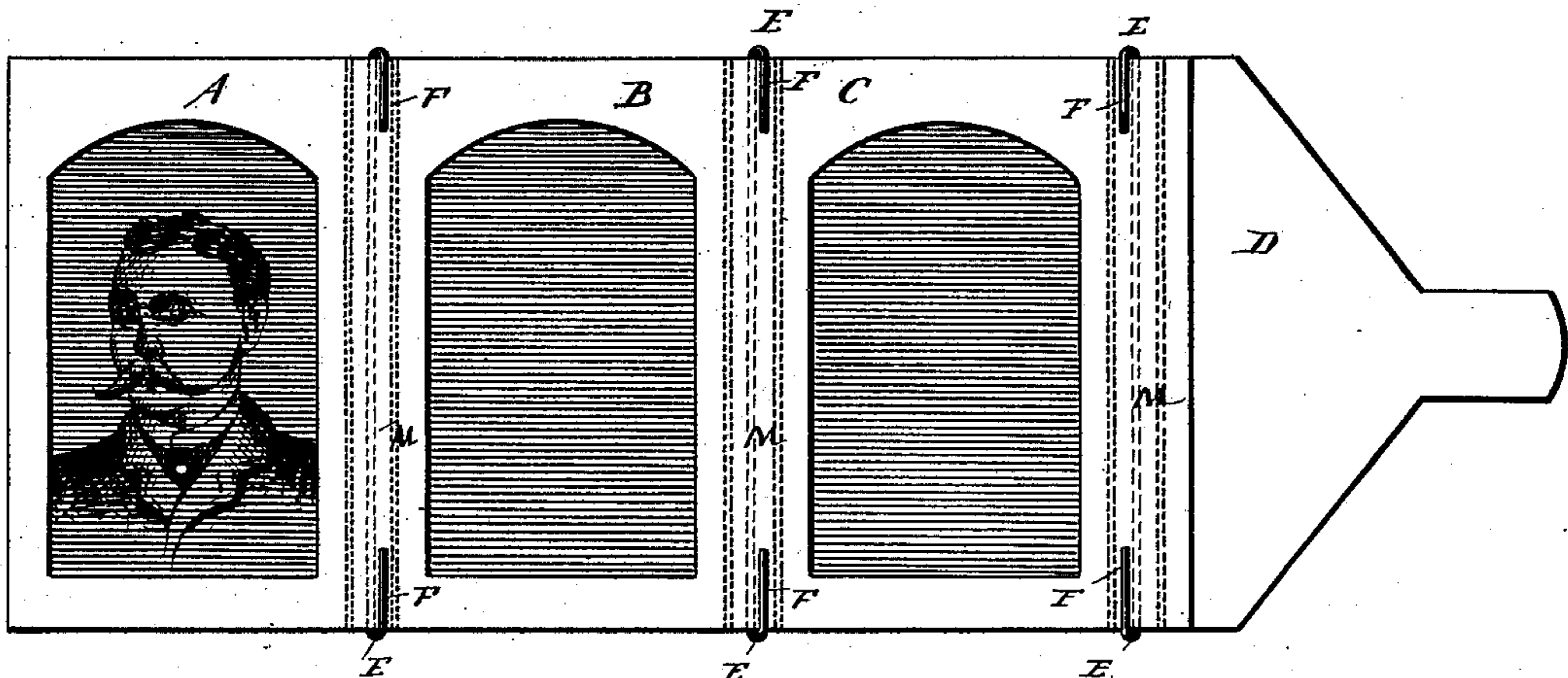


fig. 4.

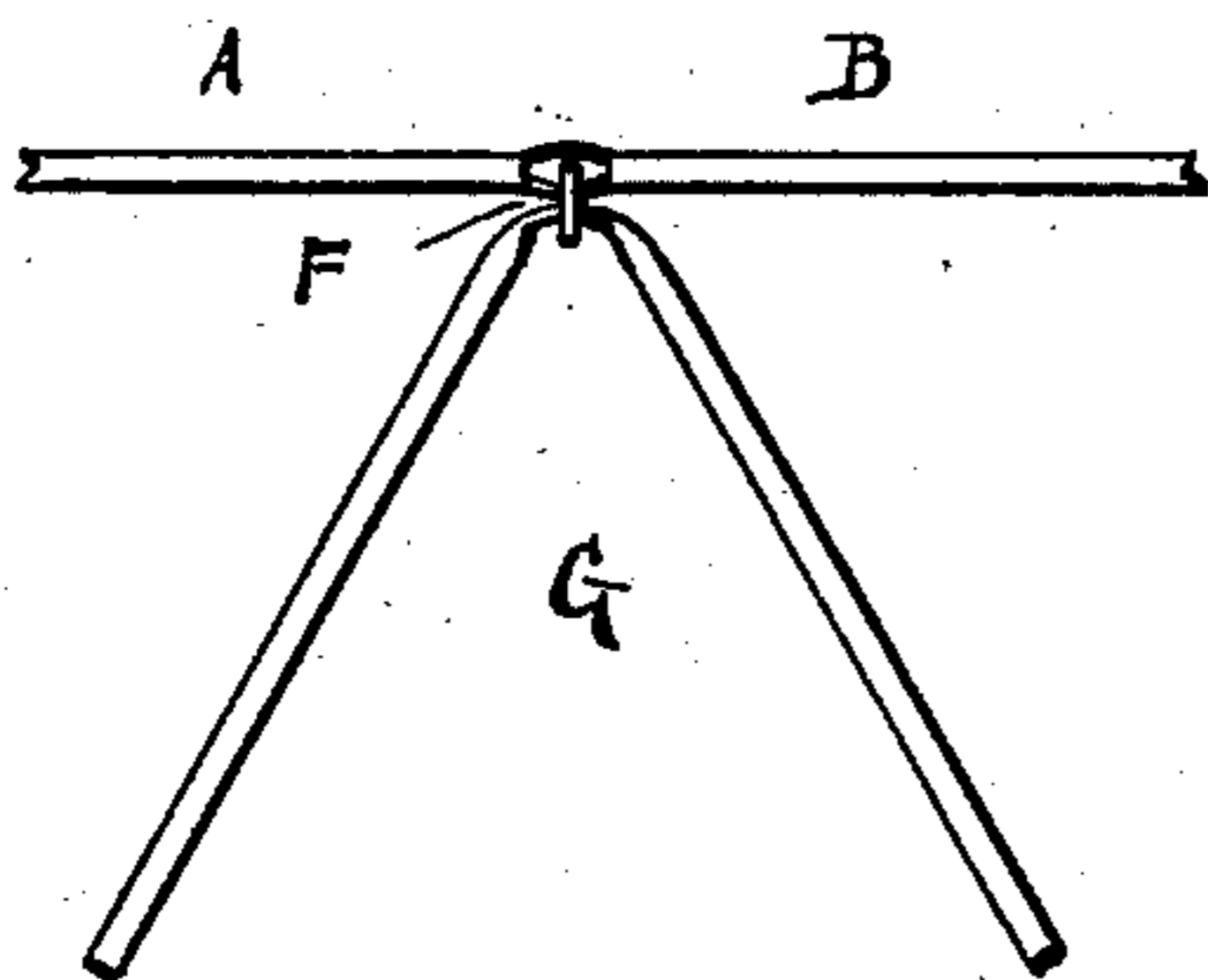


fig. 2.

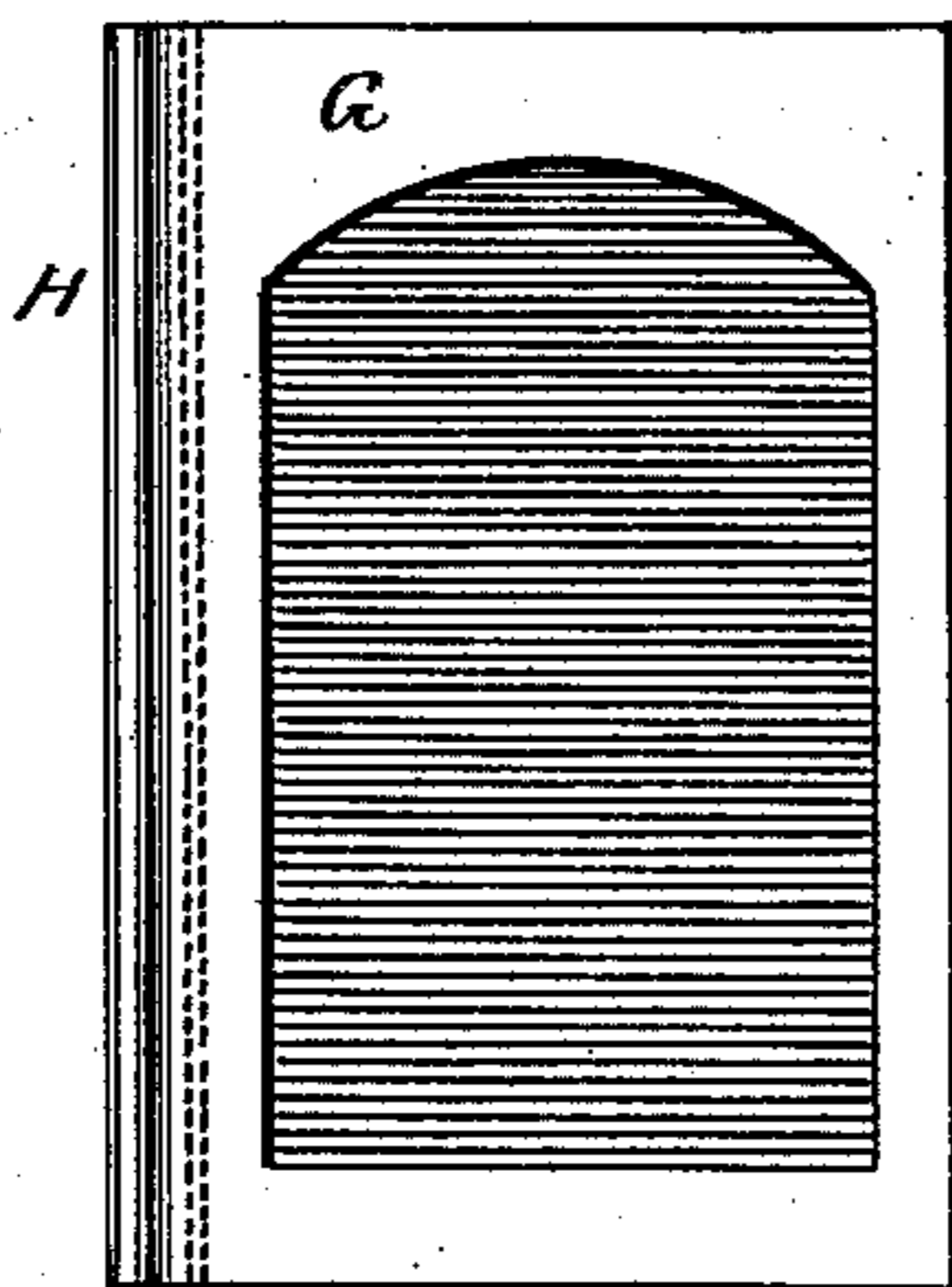
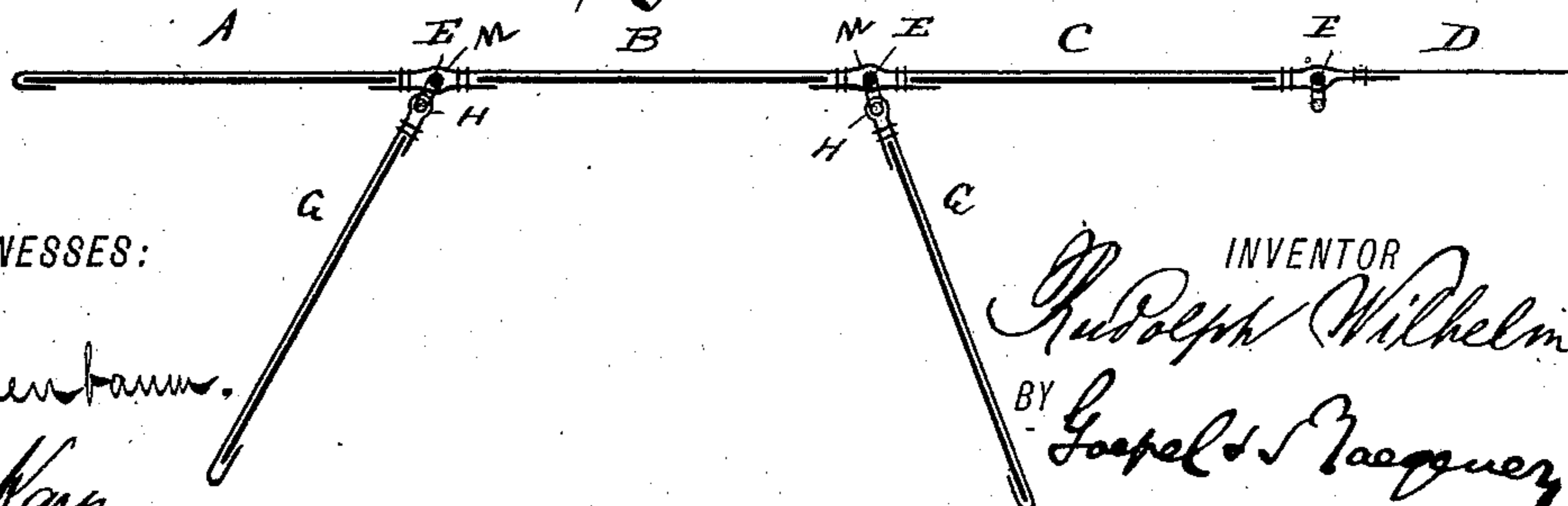


fig. 3.



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## PHOTOGRAPH-CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RUDOLPH WILHELM, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Photograph-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved adjustable pocket photograph-case, whereby a two-picture case can be changed readily to a four or six picture case, or a three-picture case to a five, seven, nine, or eleven picture case, by the simple insertion of additional holders.

The invention consists in the combination, with a photograph-case made with a series of hinged sections for receiving the photographs, of a series of additional wings or holders held to the case at the joints of the sections by pivot-wires passed through the sections at the joints, and having their ends bent over into the ends of a tube or pocket formed on the additional wings.

The invention also consists in the combination and construction of parts and details, as will be fully described and set forth hereinafter, and finally be pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a face view of my improved photograph-case, showing the same open. Fig. 2 is a detail side view of one of the wings. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view of the case, showing two wings secured in the same; and Fig. 4 is a detail view of part of the case, showing a double wing.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The pocket-case is formed of the sections A, B, and C and the flap D, which are hinged to each other by leather, fabric, or other joints, so as to permit the three sections A B C to cover or fold on each other in the usual manner. At the joints or hinges uniting the sections I provide longitudinal pockets or apertures M, extending from the top to the bottom edges and parallel with the longitudinal axis of the holders, and through said pockets I pass wires E, having their ends bent over on the inside, as shown in Fig. 1. Additional wings G, which may have openings in one or both sides for receiving the pictures, are provided

along the inner edge with a tubular pocket, H, preferably formed by stitches, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2.

In case it is desired to enlarge the capacity of the photograph-case, all that is necessary is to insert one or more additional wings G, which are placed against the joints of two of the sections, and the ends of the wires E are then bent down and passed into the pockets H, so as to form pivots on which said wings G can turn.

In the photograph-case shown in Fig. 1, which is made for three pictures, three additional wings can be inserted, each for holding one or two pictures. If three wings are inserted, each capable of holding two pictures, the capacity of the photograph-case will be increased to nine pictures, and so on. A two-picture case can be made to hold four or six pictures, and so on.

As shown in Fig. 4, the additional wings G may be made double and provided with a hinge-joint. The double wing is then fastened to the joint of the case in the same manner as the single one is fastened. Said double wings may be provided with two or four openings for the pictures. By using double wings a two-picture case can be converted into a six or ten picture case, and a three-picture case can be converted into an eleven or fifteen picture case.

By having in stock two kinds of cases—that is, for two and three pictures—I am enabled to provide cases that will hold all the way from two to fifteen photographs, all that is necessary being to add a greater or less number of additional single or double wings.

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

1. The combination, with a photograph-case constructed with hinged photograph-holding sections, of pivots held in said case at the joints of the sections, and additional wings provided along the inner edges with tubular pockets for receiving the pivots held at the joints of the holders forming the same, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination of a photograph-case composed of a number of hinged sections, lon-

gitudinal pockets formed at the hinge-joints  
of said sections, pivot-wires inserted into said  
pockets and having inwardly-bent ends, and  
detachable wings or holders provided with tu-  
5 bular pockets at their inner ends and applied  
to the inner ends of the wires, substantially as  
set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as  
my invention I have signed my name in pres-  
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