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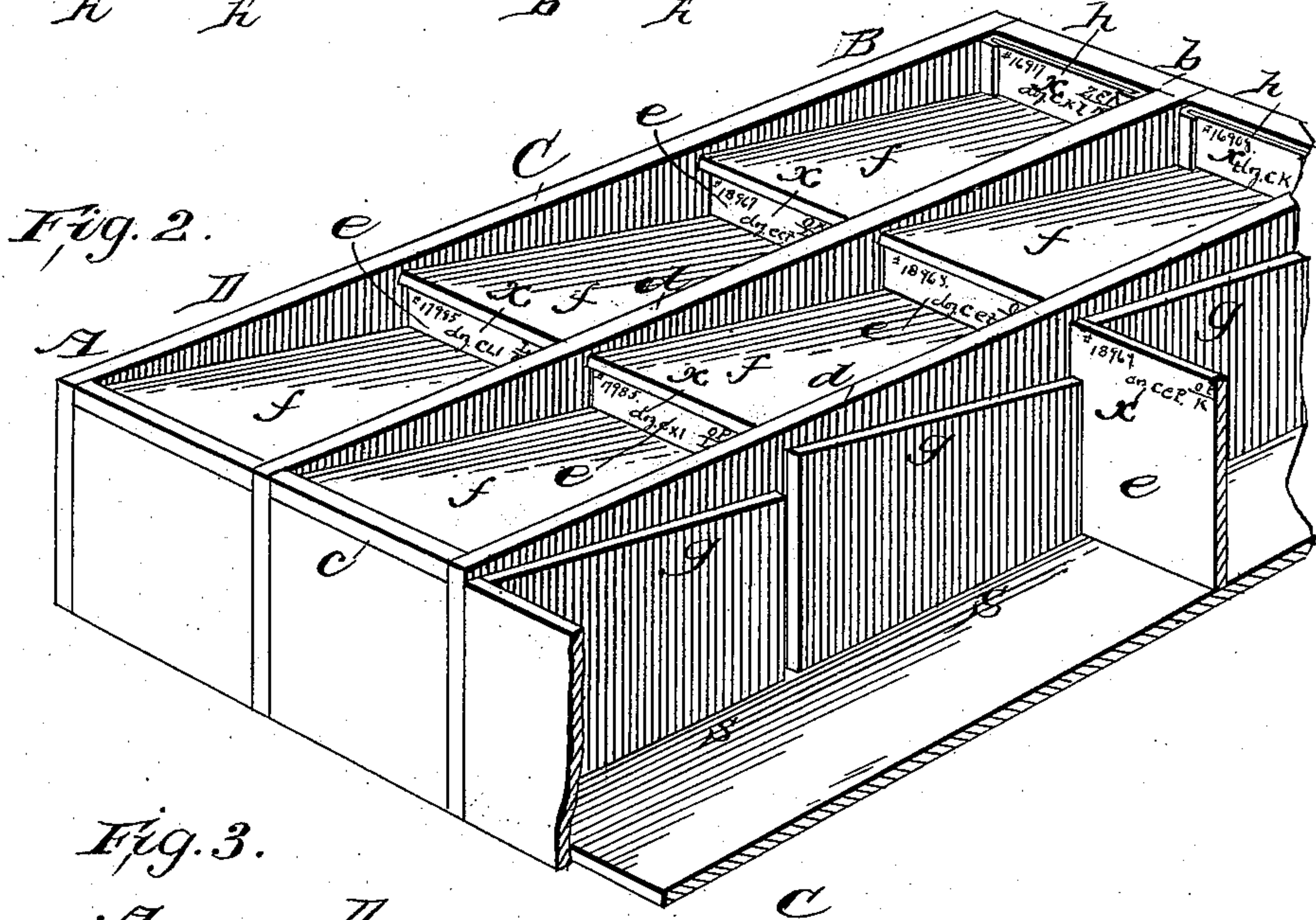
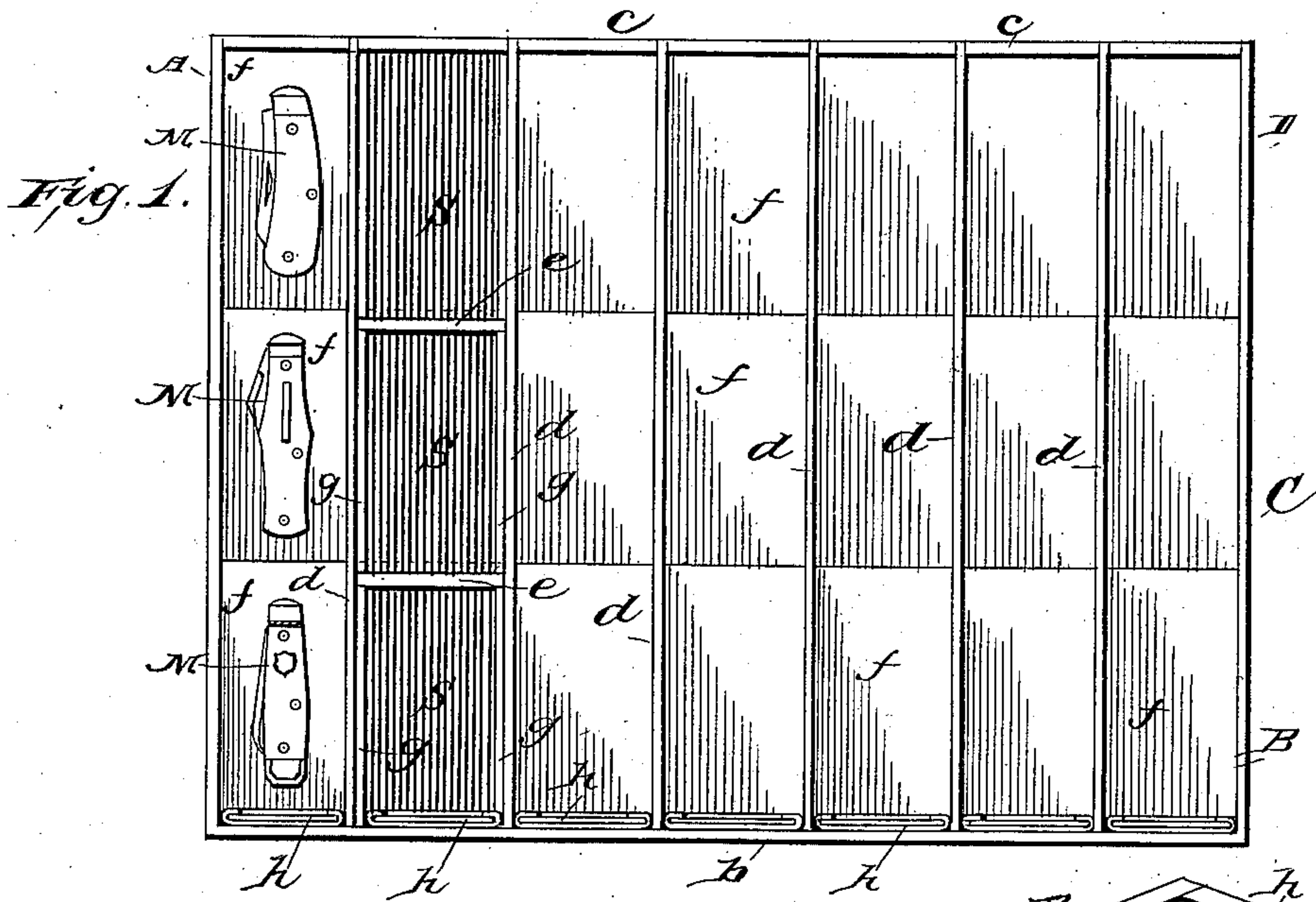
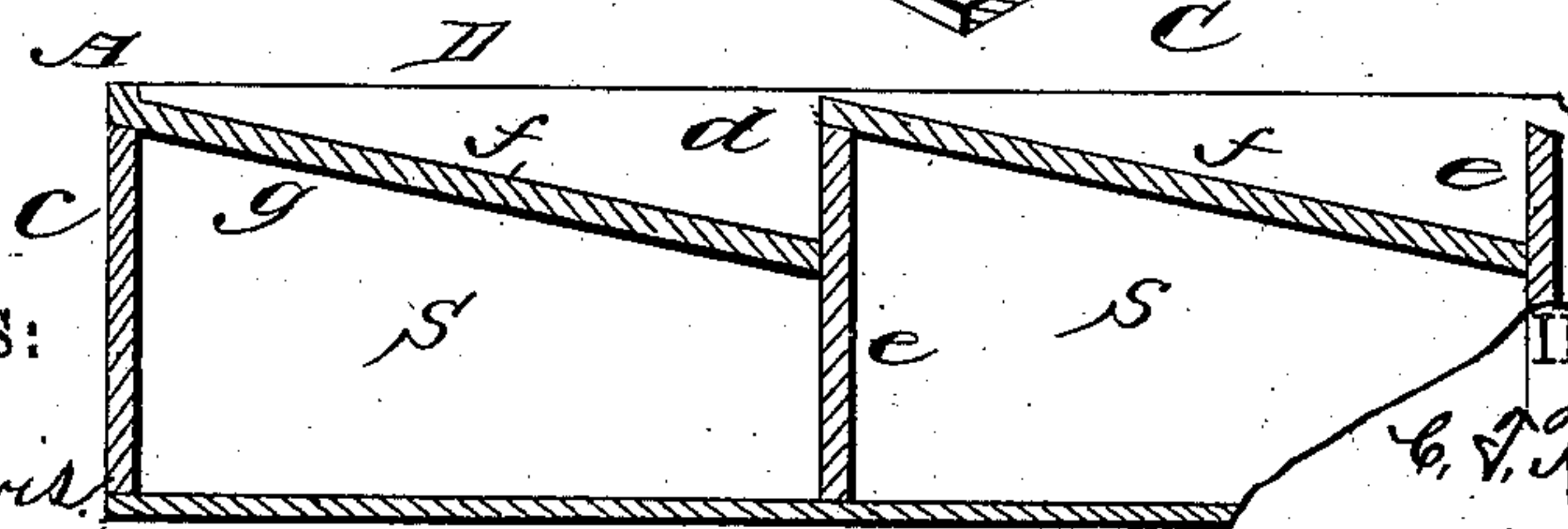


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES T. ROSENTHAL, of Batesville, in the county of Independence and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boxes for the Sale of Goods, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists in a partition box of novel construction designed to be placed in a glass-covered show-case—such, for instance, as at present used in stores—substantially as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

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 all the views.

Figure 1 represents a plan view of my improved partition box, showing certain of the partitioned chambers or compartments as exposing samples of their contents on their covers, others with the covers removed, and others again closed with the samples removed. Fig. 2 is a view in perspective of the same in part, with certain of the compartments closed and others only in part and with a sliding partition removed; and Fig. 3 represents a longitudinal vertical section of the same in part in a direction from front to back of the box.

A is an open-top box of any suitable size and shape, designed to be placed in a glass-covered show-case, such as used in stores for the display and sale of goods, *b* being the front end of said box, before which the customer is supposed to stand; and *c*, the back end thereof. This box is made up of or filled with a series of partitioned receptacles or compartments arranged in rows, one in front of the other, said rows being designated by the letters B C D; but there may be any other or greater number of them, and these rows are in their turn divided by any number of transverse vertical partitions, *d*, running from front to back of the box, thus forming a series of independent compartments, S, one behind the other throughout the several longitudinal rows B C D, which are separated from each other by vertically-sliding partitions *e* between the partitions *d*, the intermediate row or rows, of which there may be any number between the front and rear rows, B D, all being separated from each

other and from said front and rear rows, as the row C is, by the sliding partitions *e*.

Each of the compartments S is covered by an independent lid or cover, *f*, which may be opened or removed when it is required to gain access to said compartments. These covers rest upon inclined ways or supports *g* on opposite sides of the compartments S, said supports inclining upward in a backward direction, and being lower at their front ends than the upper surface of the box A and the slides or partitions *e*. This construction provides for packing the chambers or compartments S with goods of different qualities, kinds, or prices each, and for displaying upon the cover of each compartment a sample of the goods contained in such compartment, as represented by a series of knives, M, by way of illustration; but the goods may be of any other description. Such construction also provides for indicating on the exposed upper portions of the partitions *e* and on the similarly-exposed upper portion of the front side of the box, in front of the goods in each compartment S, either directly or by a separate card, *h*, the numbers, marks, and other signs or notes which determine the quality, price, and other distinguishing or selling particulars, as shown at *x*, of the goods in the respective compartments S, and with which the samples on the covers correspond. Thus arranged these numbers or distinguishing-marks are in full view of the salesman standing behind the box, but concealed from the customer in front of it.

A box for the display and sale of goods thus or similarly constructed to suit the requirements of different trades, and made of any suitable material or materials and with any desired number of compartments, possesses many advantages over the ordinary display-boxes—that is, boxes of different color and size, which frequently become dilapidated and dirty and have each a sample laid on top of them, as compared with which my improved box is much neater and appears to greater advantage. The goods, too, can be better seen upon the inclined covers, sloping upward in a backward direction and in step-like arrangement relatively with each other across the box. As before explained, likewise, the selling-marks are concealed from the customer, while the

same are in full view of the salesman. My improved box, too, keeps the stock cleaner. Thus the customer, seeing but one article of a kind, buys, if suited, the article or sample in view, which article being sold is replaced by a duplicate from the compartment below, so that there will always be a fresh sample, while under the old system the customer, seeing the box containing the goods, will generally want to select from all the like articles in the box, thereby causing the goods shown and sold to be much handled and consequently to lose their freshness. Again, with my improved box, there will be much time saved, as when an article is sold it can be immediately replaced by another on the cover.

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

1. A box for the display and sale of goods, consisting of any number of compartments, each of which is fitted with a cover arranged to incline upwardly in a backward direction relatively to the body of the box, and each compartment having a raised surface applicable for marking purposes above the cover and within the box at the forward end of the compartment, substantially as specified.

2. A partition box for the display and sale of goods, composed of a series of compartments arranged in parallel rows from front to back and separated by partitions crossing said rows, and further composed of independent covers to said compartments arranged step-fashion one behind the other and inclining upwardly in a backward direction relatively to the body of the box, with their lower or front ends below the upper margins of the front walls of the compartments, essentially as shown and described, and for the purpose or purposes herein set forth.

3. In a partition box for the display and sale of goods, the combination, with the box A, having partitions *d*, extending from front to back, and slides or partitions *e*, arranged one behind the other in transverse relation with the partitions *d*, forming independent compartments *S*, of the inclined ways or supports *g* within the compartments, arranged to slope upwardly in a backward direction, and the independent covers *f*, substantially as shown and described.

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