

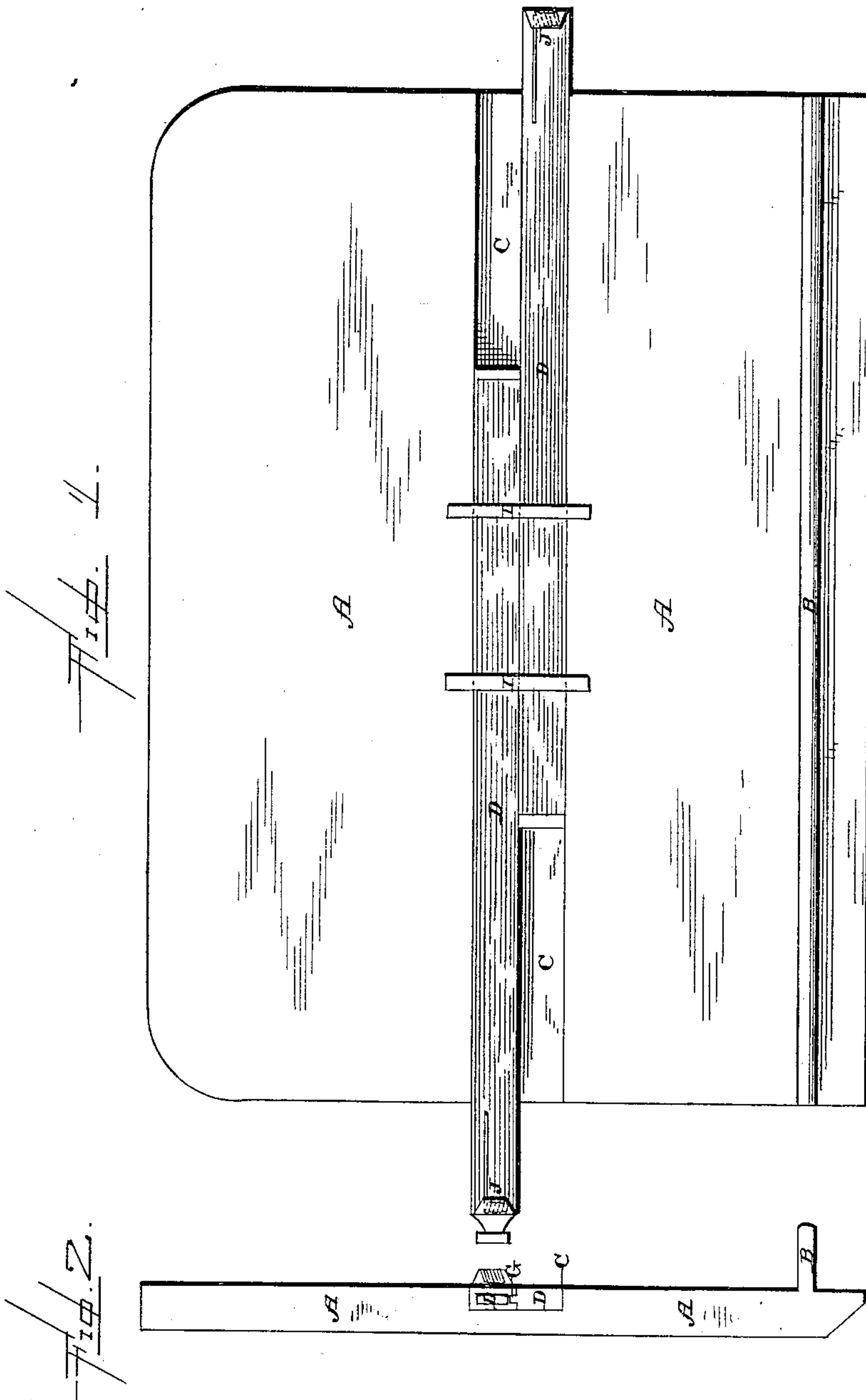
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## MUSIC-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GOTTLIEB DUEBENDORF, of Hamilton, in the county of Fillmore and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Music-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in music-holders; and it consists in the combination of the board or frame, grooved lengthwise upon its face, suitable strips or keepers which are applied to the front side of the board across the groove, and the two slides placed side by side in the groove and provided with spring-catches for holding the music, all of which will be more fully described hereinafter.

The object of my invention is to provide a music-holder which has two separate slides provided with spring-catches, and which can be adjusted endwise from either end of the board, so as to be adapted to hold the leaves of books or music of different widths.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a music-holder which embodies my invention. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same.

A represents a supporting board or frame, which can be applied to any instrument, and which is provided with a supporting-flange, B, for the book or music, at its lower edge. This flange may either be formed as a part of the board or secured separately thereto, as may be preferred. Near the center of this board and extending from one end to the other is the groove C, and in this groove C are placed the two slides

D, which are preferably connected together at their inner edges by a tongue and groove G, as shown in Fig. 2. This tongue and groove serves to unite the slides together to hold them in a line with each other, and to prevent any warping. These slides D are placed in the groove C from opposite ends, have their ends overlapping any suitable distance, and are held in place by means of the strips or keepers I, which are secured to the board across the groove, as shown. These keepers prevent the slides from becoming displaced from the groove unless they are moved endwise far enough to disconnect them from each other. Secured to the outer end of each slide is a spring-holding device, J, of any suitable construction, and which is made to catch over the edge of the leaves of music or a book, and thus hold it open. By moving these slides endwise in relation to each other the spring-holding devices J can be moved together or far apart, as may be desired.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

The combination of the supporting-board provided with a groove which extends from one end to the other, and keepers which project across the top of the groove, with the two slides which are placed side by side in the same groove, and which overlap each other at their inner ends, and the holding devices applied to the outer end of each one of the slides, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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