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Fig. 1.

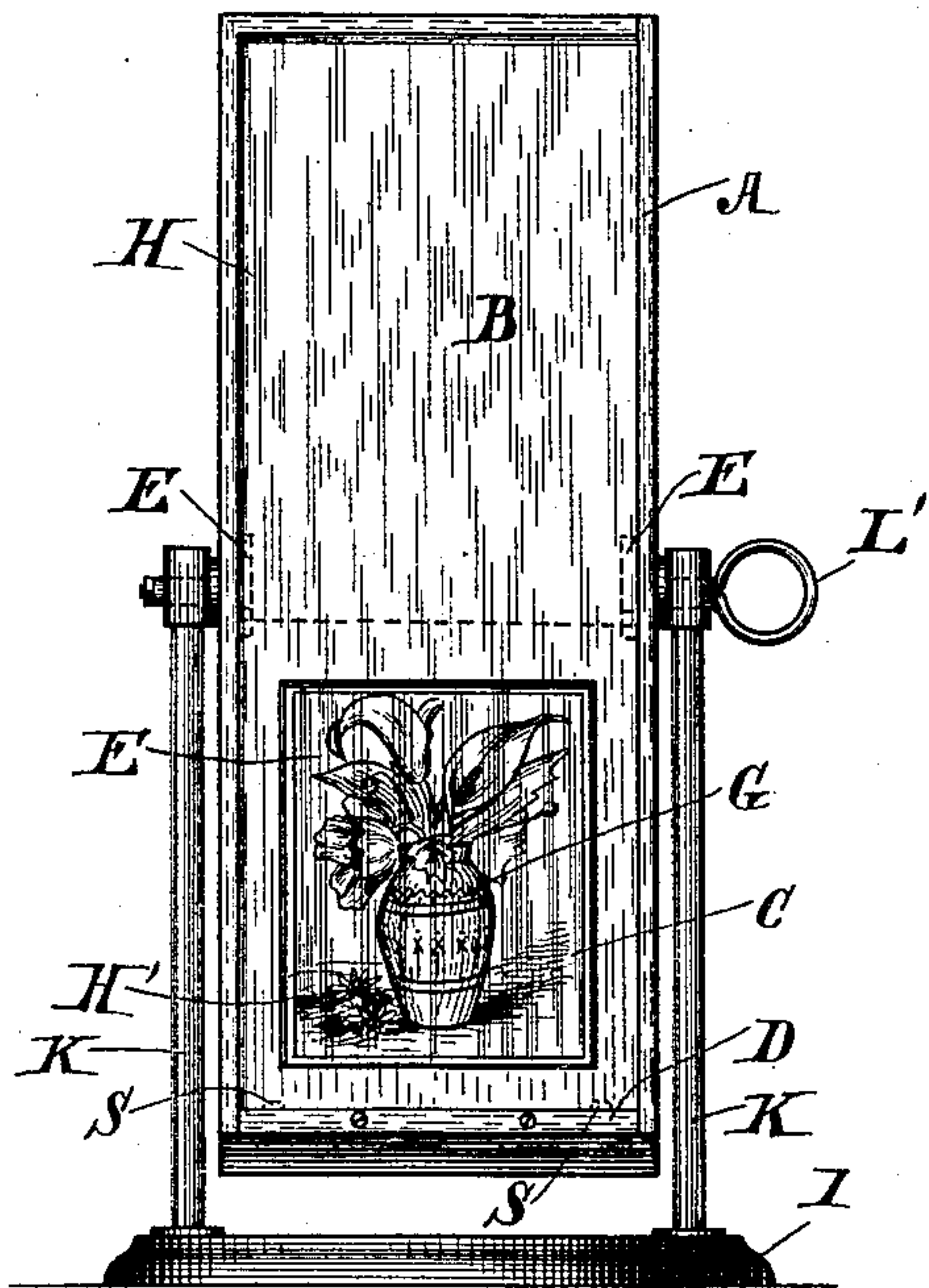


Fig. 2.

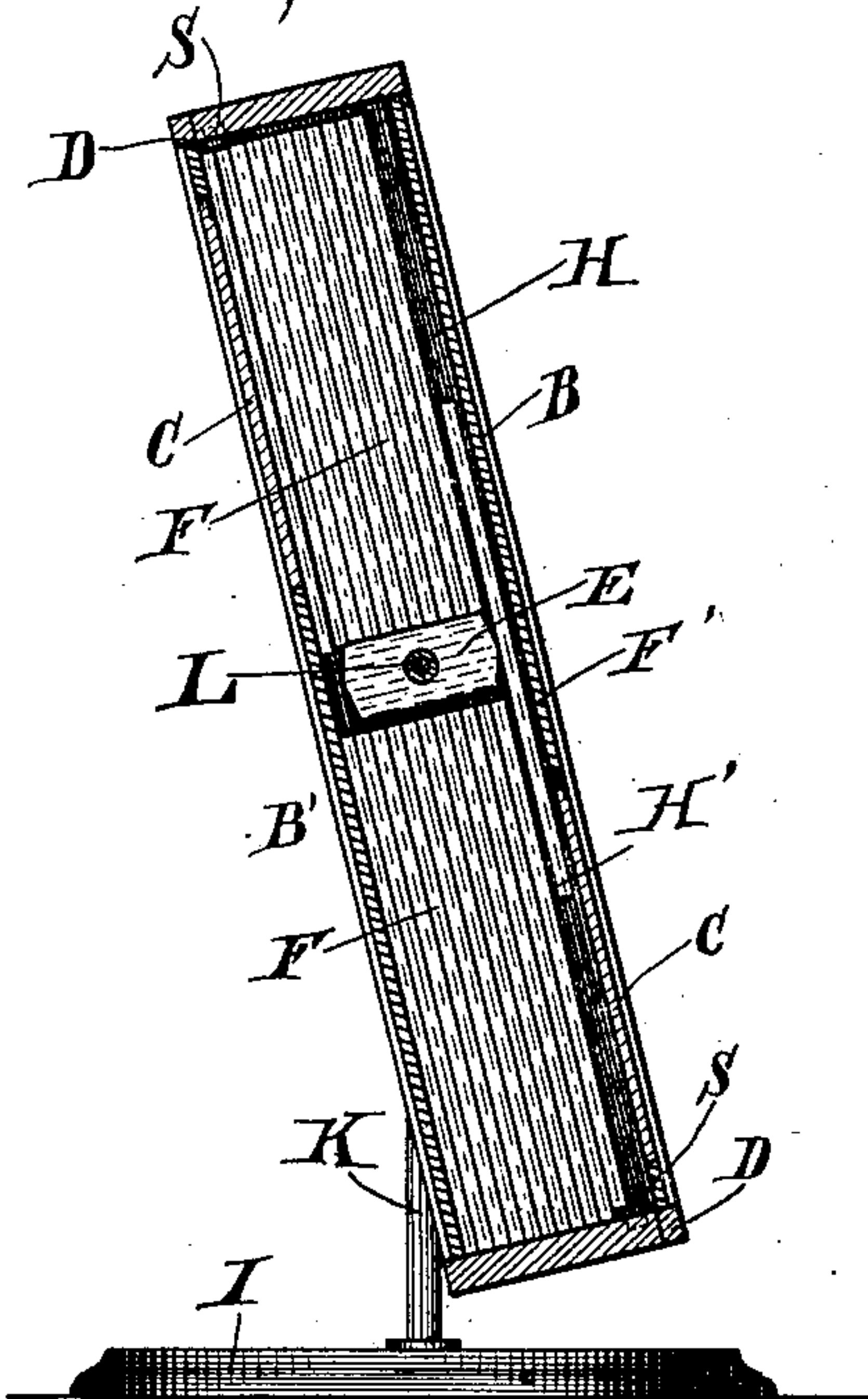


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.

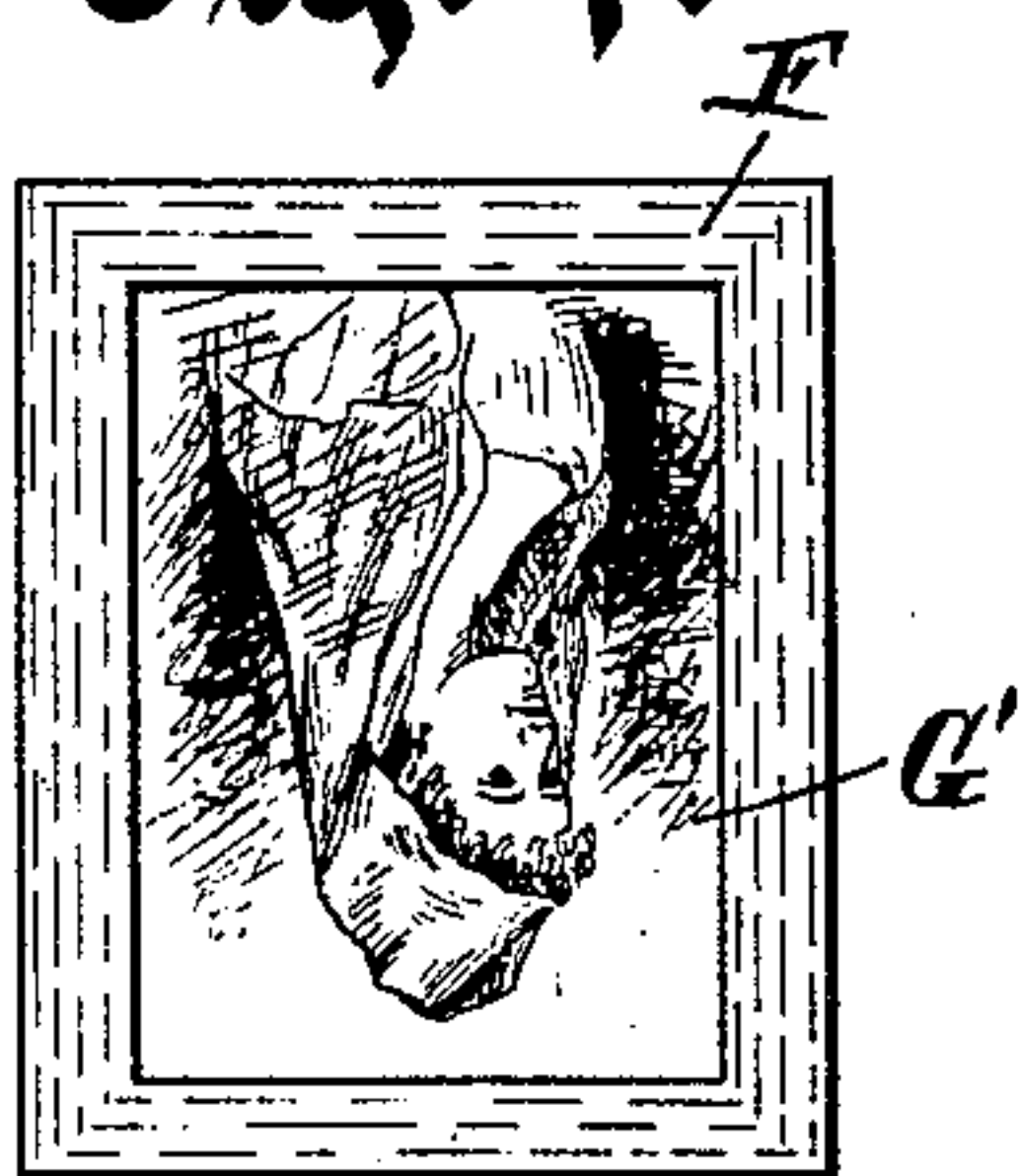
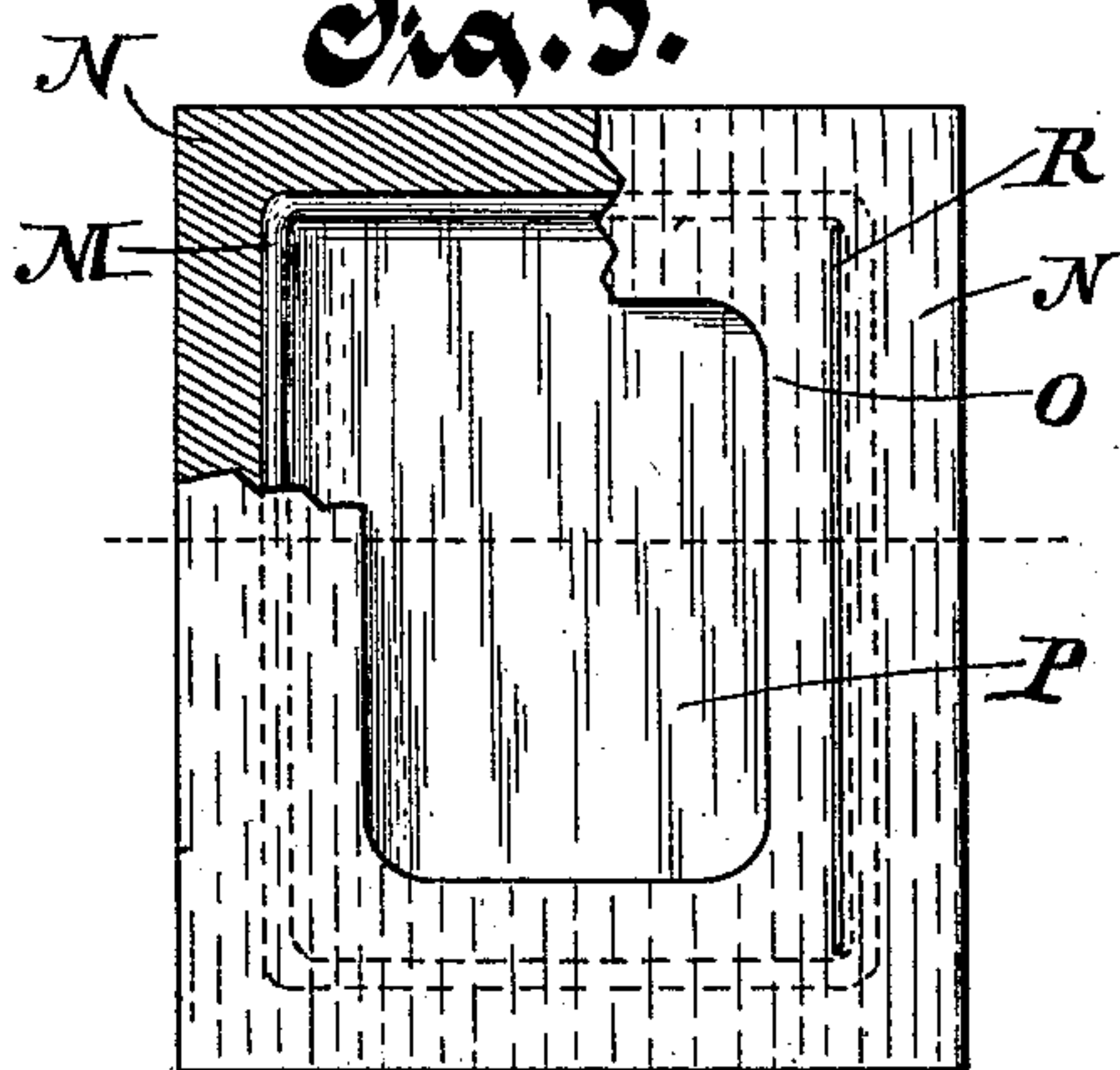


Fig. 5.



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Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. BOLTON, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Devices for Exhibiting Pictures, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of said invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a device for exhibiting a series of pictures, prints, or designs, and which may be used in a show-window, in an art gallery, or at home, as a means of interesting children or others. The device is also adapted for use at school for exhibiting letters, words, short sentences, or illustrations in geology, botany, zoology, &c.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the complete device. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same device, the side of the case being omitted to show the interior construction. Fig. 3 is one side of a holder and the picture mounted thereon. Fig. 4 is the reverse side of the same holder with the picture mounted thereon, the same end of the holder being shown at the top of the drawings in both Figs. 3 and 4. Fig. 5 is a modified and preferable form of picture or photograph holder for use with my device, a portion of the holder being broken away to show the interior construction. Fig. 6 is a transverse section of the holder shown in Fig. 5, on line 6 6 thereof.

A case A is provided with removable sides or covers B and B', each of which is provided with a glazed opening C near one end for exposing the picture or object behind it. These covers B and B' are conveniently made removable by being inserted in longitudinal grooves in the side walls of the case A, and are secured in place in the case by means of the stop or stay piece D, secured removably to the end of the case by screws or equivalent means.

Retaining-blocks E E are secured to the sides of the case A centrally, which blocks project into the case sufficiently far to re-

ceive and support thereon the several holders F F that are above them, and extend laterally partially across the inside of the case, leaving a space between each end of the blocks and the covers B B' sufficiently wide to permit the passage therethrough of one holder only at a time. The transverse retaining-blocks E E are beveled off inwardly from their central transverse line to their upper and lower edges, respectively, whereby more surely to let the holders F F pass into the space between the case and their outer edges.

The holders F F are each provided with two pictures or such designs or characters as it is desired to exhibit, and these pictures are secured to the two sides of the holders, respectively, in reverse positions or upside down with reference to each other, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, in which figures the holder is represented with the same edge at the top in both cases. These holders are of a proper size to fit loosely in the respective compartments H H' of the case A, one compartment on each side of the blocks E E. The holders F F are of about the same thickness, so that a like number placed in each compartment H H' will fill up that compartment from one side B to a line in a plane with the most distant edges of the blocks E E therefrom, leaving a space between the holders F F and the opposite cover B', in which another holder F' (marked in the drawing F' for convenience of reference) is free to slide from one end of the case A to the other end of the case. When the case is in the position shown in Fig. 2, the holder F' will slide down to the bottom of the compartment H', and if then the lower part of the case is swung rearwardly until the compartment H' is uppermost, the holder in the compartment H' next to the cover B will slide down similarly into the compartment H opposite the glazed aperture C therein. In this manner by repeatedly reversing the ends of the case so as to bring the top at the bottom and the bottom at the top, the two glazed apertures C C will be brought to a common location, (shown in Fig. 1,) and will by each reversion be made to expose a new

picture or subject to view until all the pictures or subjects on both sides of all the holders have been successively exposed to view. Small rubber cushions S S are secured to the inner surfaces of the ends of the case in such position as to receive the falling holder F' thereon.

The case A may be supported on its end on a table, and may be reversed by the hand by simply lifting it and turning it over end for end, but it is more convenient to support it on a frame having a base I and standards K K, in the tops of which standards are sockets in which are received the supporting rod or axle L, which passes centrally through the case A, and is secured rigidly therein, and is preferably provided with a handle L' for tilting the case.

The holders F F may be merely pieces of thick pasteboard, sheet metal, or wood in the form shown in Figs. 3 and 4, to the sides of which pictures or other illustrations may be affixed, or on which such subjects may be painted or engraved; but for the purpose of exhibiting photographs or other removable pictures a holder like the one shown in Fig. 5 is more desirable. This holder consists of a steel frame M, to which a card-board margin N is affixed, having an inwardly-extending border or guard O, which is in two parts—one on each side of the holder—so that a photograph may be received between its two parts within the frame M, the photographs being inserted through a slot R therefor along

the edge of the border or guard O. This form or holder is greatly to be desired, as the steel frame M retains the holder in true form, not permitting it to warp or twist out of shape.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The device for exhibiting pictures, consisting of a revolving case A, provided with sides having glazed apertures, one of which sides is removable, in combination with retaining-blocks having beveled edges, which blocks are secured on the inside of the case to its lateral edges, and extend transversely partly across the case and project inwardly therefrom a little distance only, rubber cushions secured to the interior of the case against its outer ends near one side thereof, and in position to receive thereon a picture-frame falling through the space between the retaining-blocks and the side of the case, and means, substantially as described, for rotating the case.

2. In a device for exhibiting pictures, a holder consisting of a rigid metal frame, as M, provided with a rigidly-affixed margin N and separable guards O O, having apertures P P and slots R R, substantially as described.

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

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