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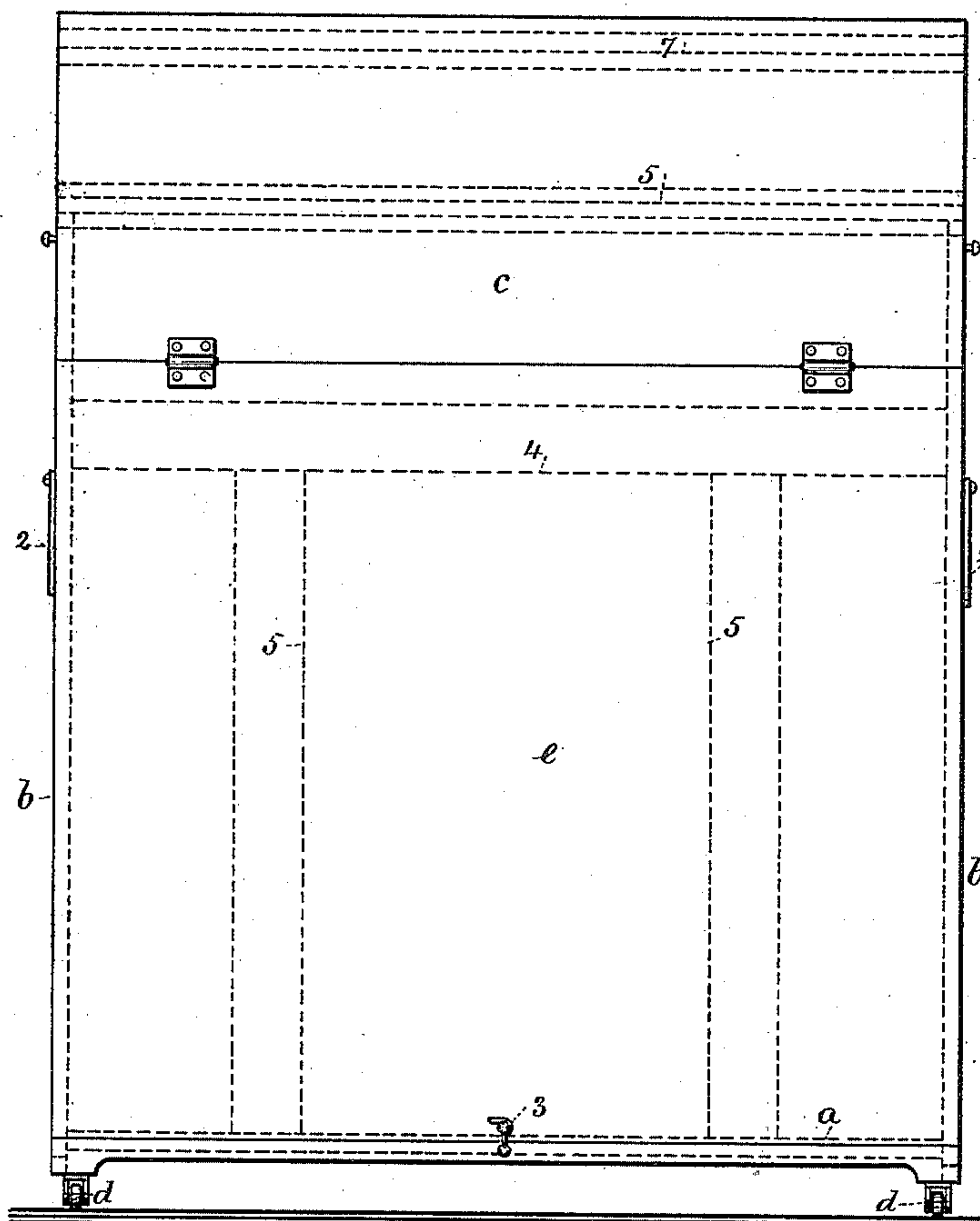


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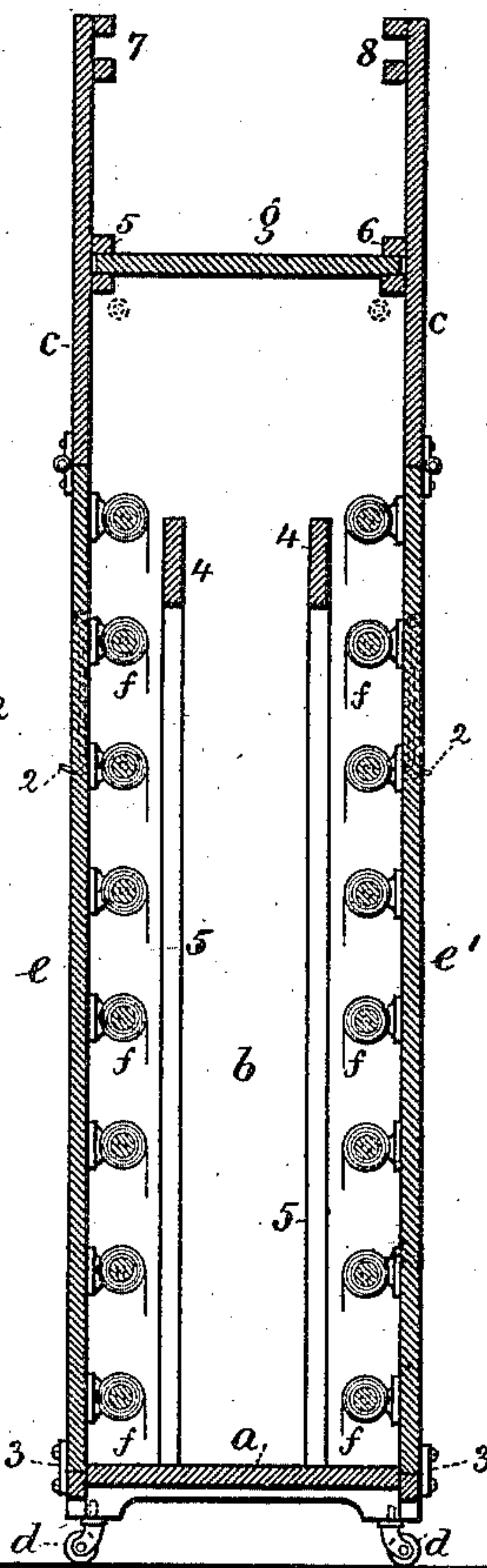


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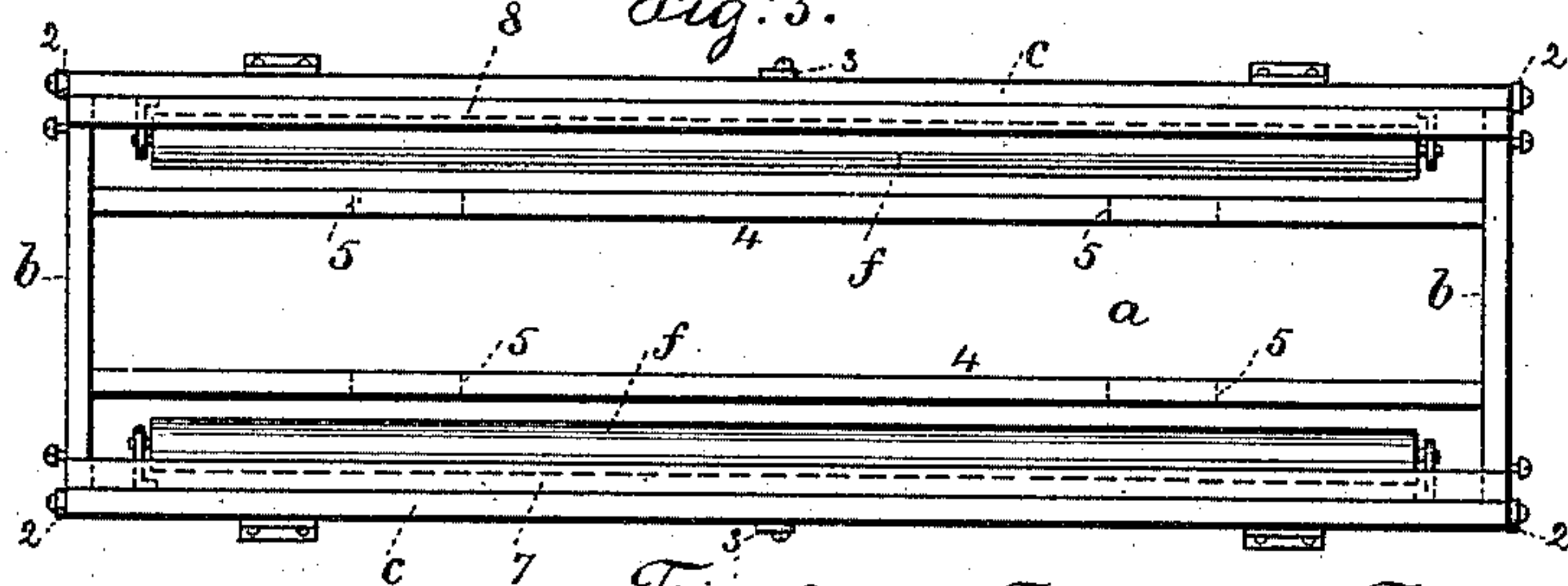


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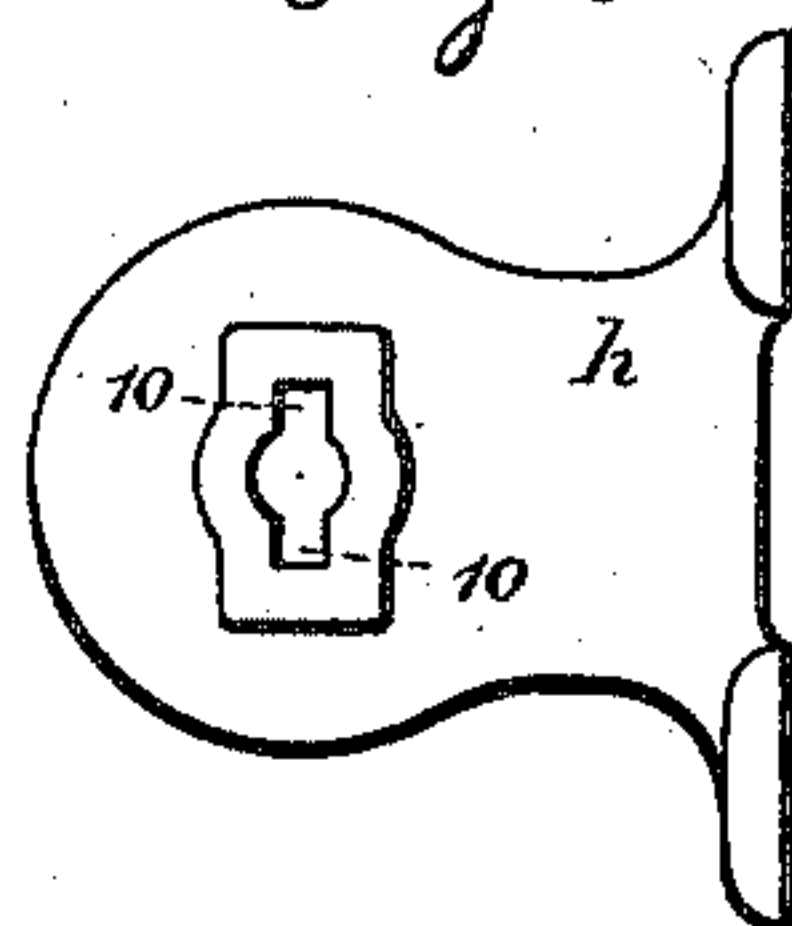


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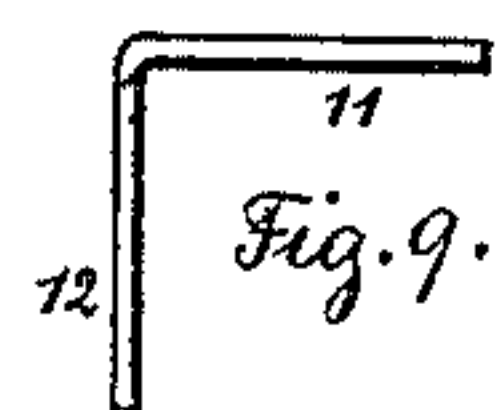
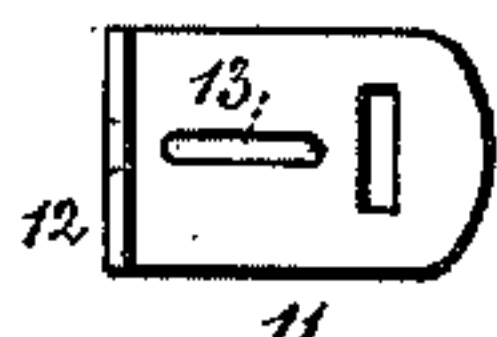
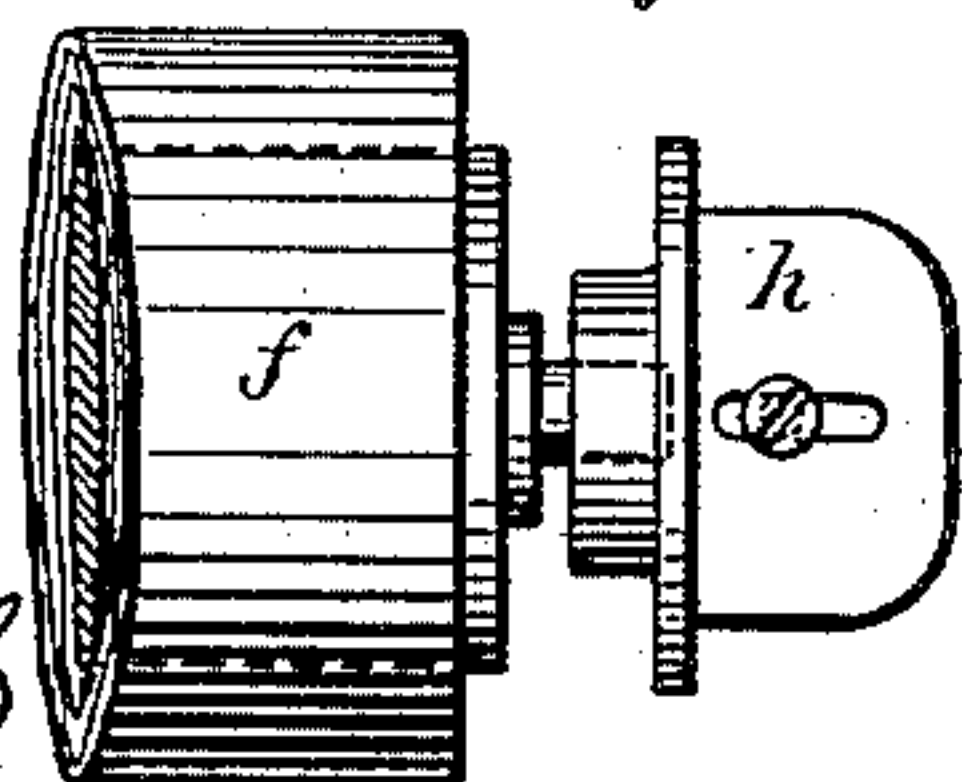


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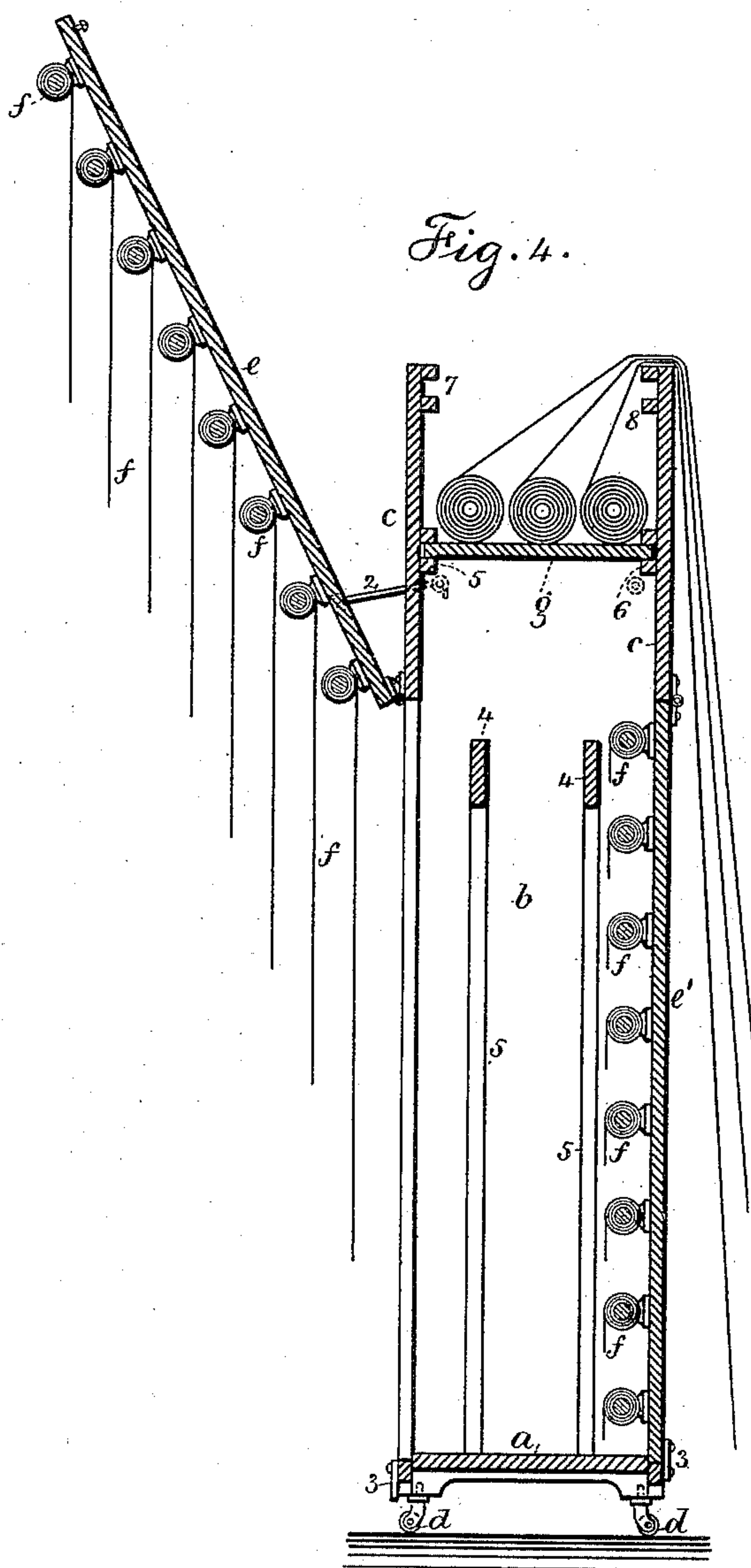
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN HANDFORTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hoboken, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Cabinet Exhibitors for Shade Fabrics, Wall-Papers, &c., of which the following is a specification.

Exhibitors for shade fabrics and wall-papers have heretofore been employed, the exhibitors for shade fabrics consisting of a frame secured to a wall, the shades and their rollers being arranged the one in front and slightly above the other in said frame, and the exhibitors for wall-papers consisting of an X-frame to rest upon the floor, in the top of which the rolls of paper were placed with the unrolled portion hanging over the edge. These devices are not convenient or portable and do not exclude dust.

My invention consists in a cabinet for shade fabrics and wall-papers, in which the shade fabrics are upon rollers connected by fixtures to the inner and undersides of hinged swinging lids, which lids are adapted to be held down closed when not in use or to be held open in an almost vertical position to exhibit the shade or other fabrics upon the rollers. The interior of the cabinet is constructed with a receptacle for rolls of shade fabric or wall-paper, to which access is had by a removable sliding portion in the top of the cabinet. The upper portion is made open to receive rolls of wall-paper which rest upon the removable portion with their unrolled ends hanging over the upper edges of the cabinet.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of my cabinet. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view. Fig. 4 is a vertical cross-section with one lid in an elevated position; and Figs. 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 are detail views of parts of the fixtures or brackets.

My improved cabinet is composed of the bottom *a*, end pieces *b*, and side pieces *c*, all of which are securely fastened together and are preferably supported by the casters *d*, upon which the cabinet is movable from place to place. The swinging lids *e e'* are hinged to the side pieces *c* and are adapted to swing outwardly and upwardly to expose to view the shades *f*, secured by rollers upon their inner

faces, and said lids are held in an upright position by the hooks 2 or equivalent means, and in their closed-down position by a latch or latches 3. The cross-pieces 4 and uprights 5 form within the cabinet a receptacle for rolls of shade fabric or wall-paper. The sliding top piece *g* is between the side pieces *c* and is received in slideways 5 6, where it forms a cover to the cabinet above the end pieces *b*, and in this position the upper part of the cabinet forms a trough to receive rolls of wall-paper the unrolled ends of which hang down over one or both side pieces *c*, as seen in Fig. 4. Short lengths of wall-paper are often fastened together at one end by slats of wood, and in order to exhibit these I remove the sliding piece *g* from the slideways 5 6 and place it higher up in the slideways 7 8, and the slat ends before named may be connected to an eye in the sliding piece *g* by a hook or equivalent device, so that the pieces of wall-paper can hang over the top of the side pieces *c*. It is preferable to employ fixtures of special form to secure the spring shade-rollers to the under side of the swinging lids *e e'* to prevent the shades and rollers falling out of the brackets in either one or the other of their positions. To this end I employ an interchangeable bracket (shown in Figs. 5 and 6) which is adapted for either the round pivotal fixture or the elongated spring end of the fixture, the bracket *h* being slotted at 10 and the center of the slot being rounded to adapt it to receive either end of the shade-roller. I prefer to employ the modified form of bracket shown in Figs. 7 and 8. This is composed of plates 11 12 at right angles to each other. In each of these plates there is a slot 13 for adjustment and through which passes the attaching-screw. In one plate is the circular opening for the round pivotal bearing and in the other plate is the slot for the elongated axis of the spring-roller. This bracket is useful for either end of the shade-roller, and the slots not only provide a means of adjustment, but permit the shade and roller to be placed in the brackets and securely held in place.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, in a cabinet for exhibiting shade fabrics, wall-papers, and similar

articles, of a lid hinged at the upper edge and adapted to swing outwardly and upwardly, brackets attached upon the inner face to hold the rolls of goods to be exhibited, and devices
5 for supporting the lid when raised, substantially as set forth.

2. A cabinet for exhibiting shade fabrics, wall-papers, and similar articles, the same composed of the bottom *a*, end pieces *b*, side
10 pieces *c*, having slideways, the sliding top piece *g*, the frames of cross-pieces 4 and up-rights 5 within the cabinet, and the hinged swinging lids *e e'* and their fastenings, substantially as specified.

15 3. The combination, with swinging hinged

lids and the shades and rollers, of interchangeable brackets or fixtures adapted to be attached to said lids, and each provided with a slot and rounded opening for receiving the respective ends of the shade-roller, whereby
20 said shade-roller is retained in place in either position of the swinging lid, substantially as set forth.

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