

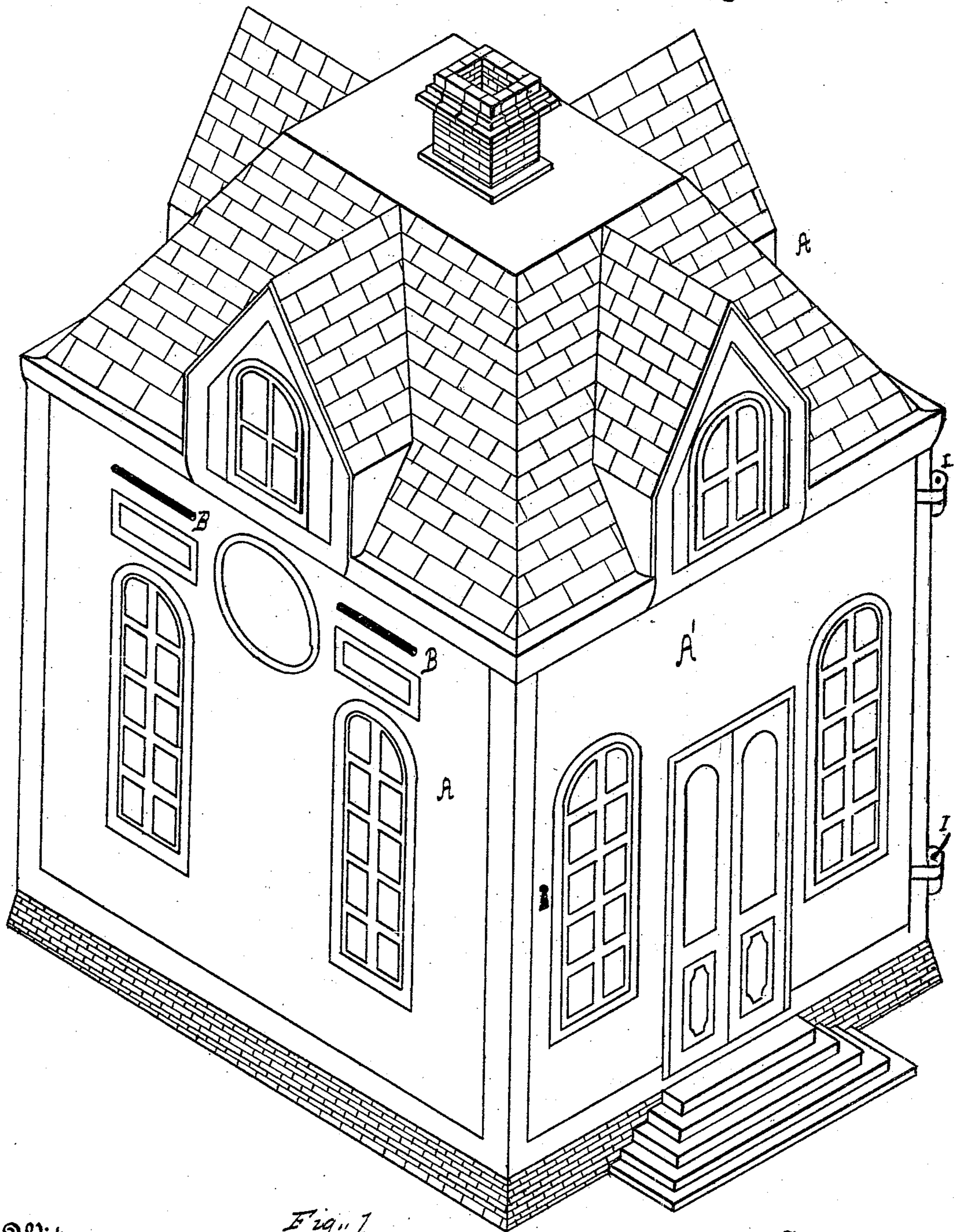
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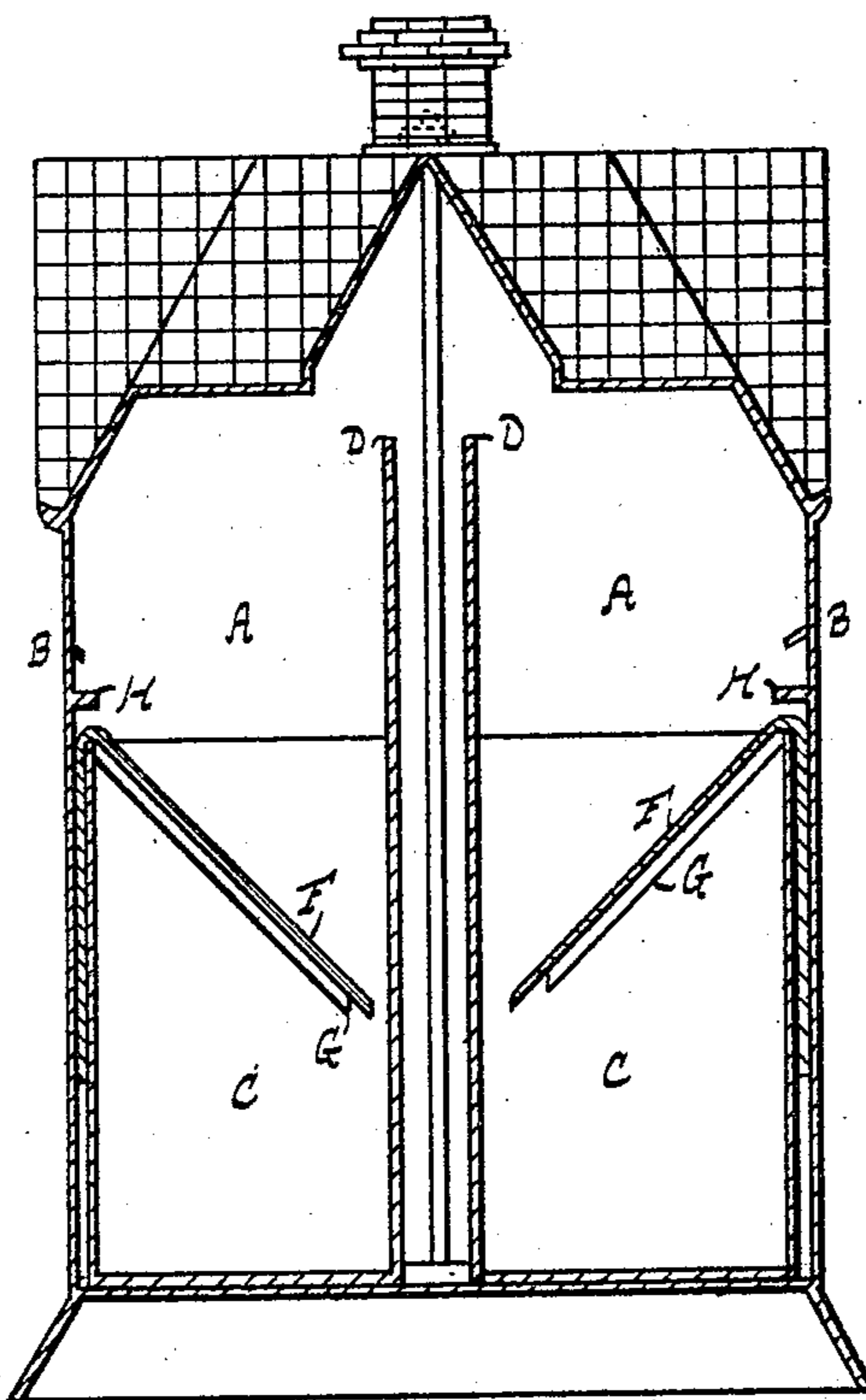
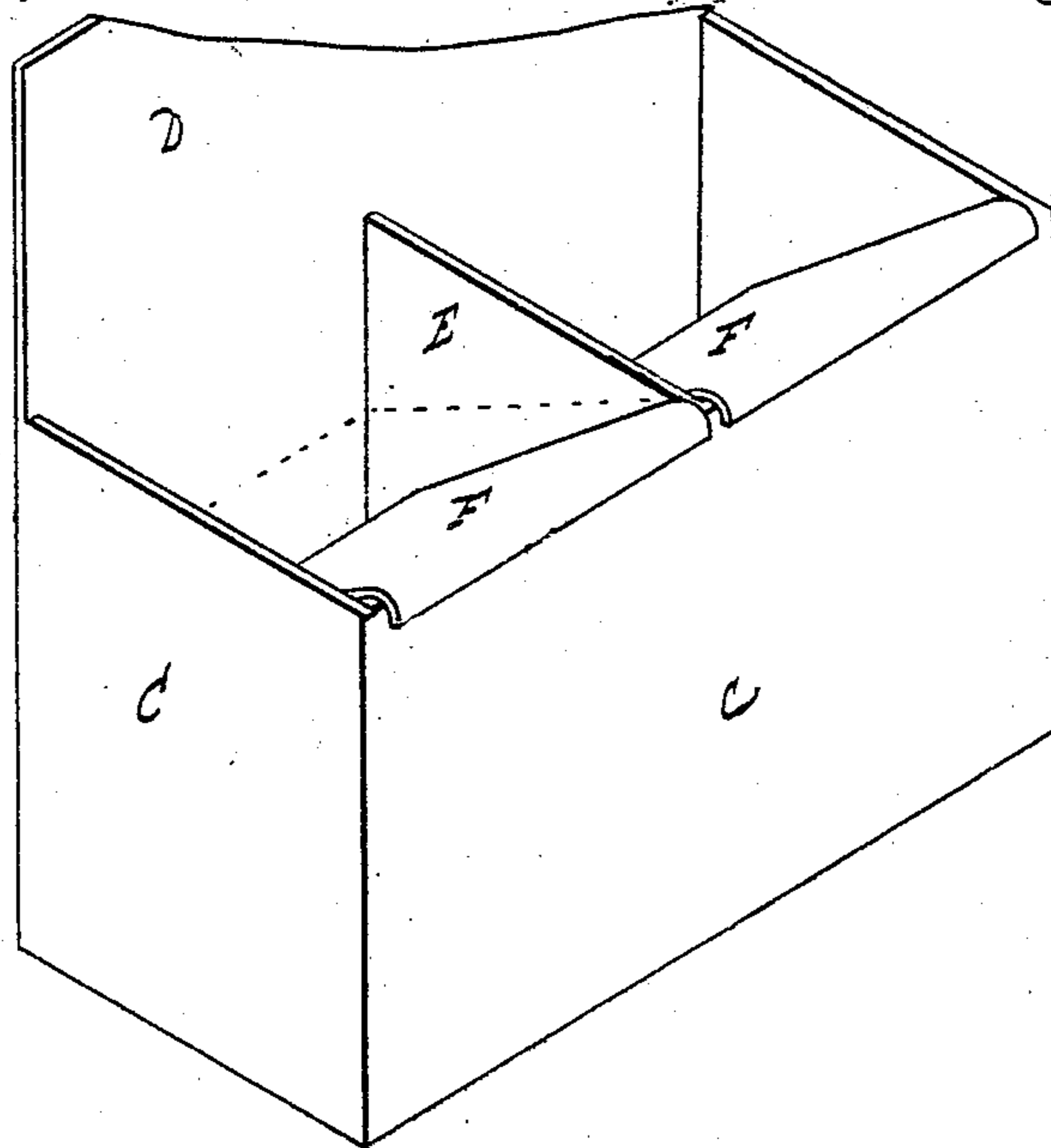
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WARING H. ELLIS, of Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful
5 Improvement in Small Savings-Banks and Method of Using the Same, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a small savings-bank which possesses peculiar
10 characteristics that render it useful and desirable as a home savings-bank.

To accomplish this object my invention involves the features of construction and the combination or arrangement of devices here-
15 inafter described and claimed, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective of a small bank. Fig. 2 is a front elevation with the swinging
20 door removed, and Fig. 3 is a perspective of one of the money-receptacles.

The bank is intended for use in that scheme devised by myself of issuing a number of small banks to people who desire to become
25 depositors in any organized bank.

A represents the bank as a whole, which, as shown, is made in the form of a home, being made for the use of the home savings-bank, and is provided on one side with a hinged
30 door A', having hinges I, and a lock either in the door or padlock, as may be desired.

B B represent slots adapted to receive a coin through the side of the bank, under each of which is a space b to receive a card bearing
35 either the number or name of the depositor.

For the purpose of keeping the deposits separate and at the same time facilitating the work of the collector, I put inside of the bank one or more coin receptacles or boxes, (two are
40 shown in the drawings, marked C,) which are preferably of tin or other sheet metal, having the side farthest from the slot B (represented by D) somewhat higher than the side which comes under the slot; and H represents a lug
45 on the inner side of the bank under the slot B, at a proper height to hold the box C in position when slid into the bank.

The coin receptacle or box C is divided into two compartments by the vertical partition
50 E, so that there is a separate compartment for each slot B.

For the purpose of preventing the deposits from becoming mixed I provide each compartment of box C with an inclined ledge G on each end of the compartment, which supports an
55 inclined top F, whose upper edge is bent over the side of the box C, and which approaches so near the side D as to just leave room for the largest coin to pass between top F and side D, whereby if the bank is tipped or shaken
60 the coin contained in said compartments are prevented from readily falling out and becoming mixed. When the box C is slid into the bank, the bent edge of the inclined top F is held between the front of the box and the
65 side of the bank, whereby the top F is retained in position. In this way, by using two of said boxes C and having slots B on opposite sides of the bank, a single bank may be made to accommodate four or more deposi-
70 tors. When the collector from the banking-house comes at stated intervals, he unlocks the door A', draws out box C, opens one compartment thereof by sliding off the top F, counts the money therein, and credits the
75 amount thereof on the book corresponding to the name or number on the card at b, and when he has properly counted and credited all the deposits in the bank he replaces the
80 boxes C and locks the door A', when the bank is ready for further use. This scheme enables people with small savings, and who cannot spare the time to go to an organized bank, to make their deposits without loss of time and encourages such savings.
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What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A small savings-bank having an opening and closing door, a series of coin-receiving slots, and a movable coin-receptacle inclosed
90 wholly within the bank and having a vertical partition dividing it into a series of coin-compartments communicating, respectively, with the coin-slots and prevented from removal until the door of the bank is opened, substan-
95 tially as described.

2. A small savings-bank having an opening and closing door, a series of coin-receiving slots, and a movable coin-receptacle having a
vertical partition dividing it into a series of
100 coin-compartments communicating, respectively, with the coin-receiving slots and each

containing an inclined top terminating in proximity to its rear wall, substantially as described.

3. A small savings-bank having an opening
5 and closing door, a series of coin-receiving
slots, and a movable coin-receptacle having a
vertical partition dividing it into a series of
coin-compartments, each containing an in-
clined top provided with a bent upper edge
10 held between the sides of the bank and the
coin-receptacle, substantially as described.

4. A small savings-bank having an opening
and closing door, a coin-receiving slot, a mov-
able coin-receptacle having its rear wall ris-
ing above its front wall and containing an in- 15
clined top provided with a bent upper edge en-
gaged with the front wall of the coin-recepta-
cle, substantially as described.

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