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Fig. 1

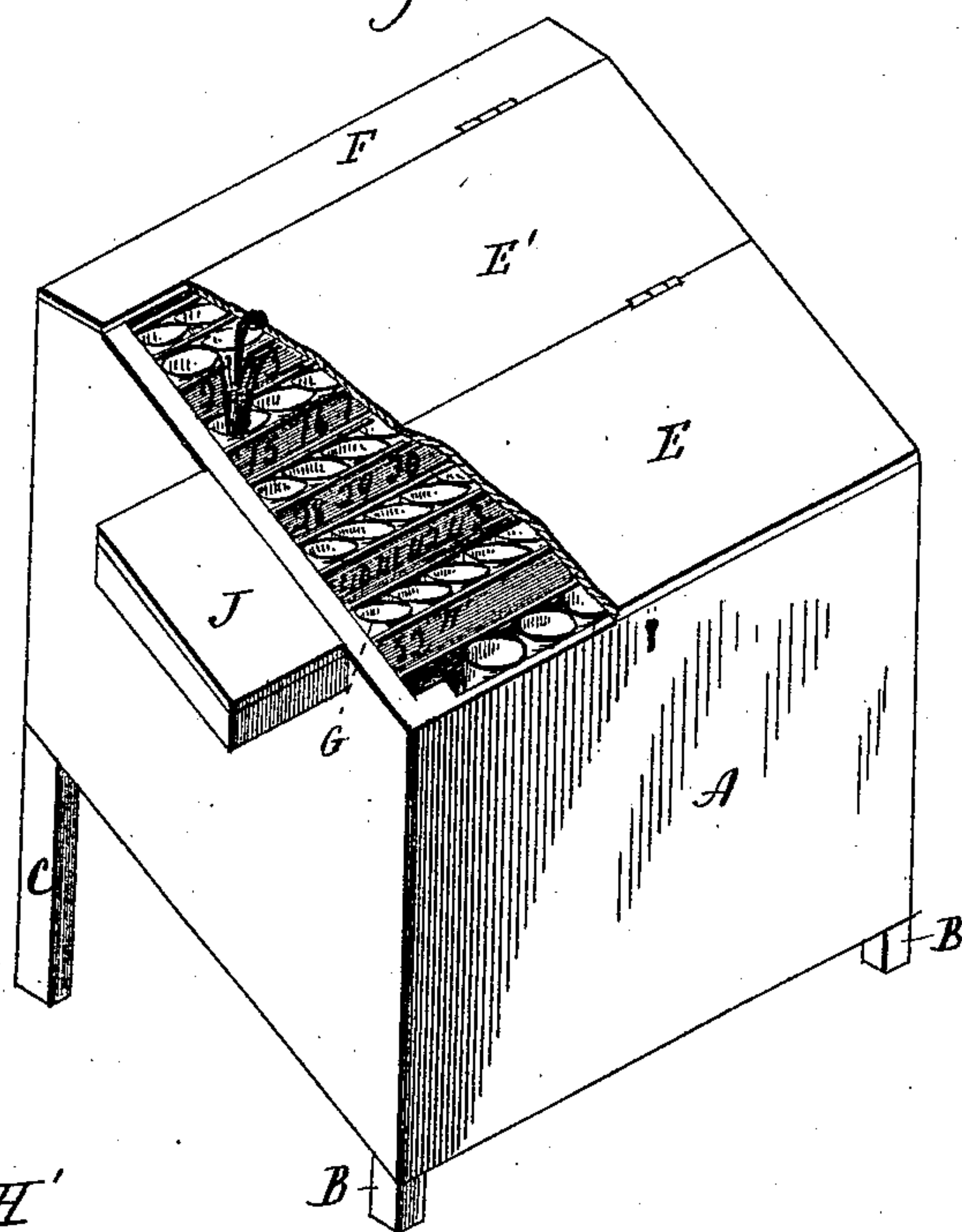


Fig. 3

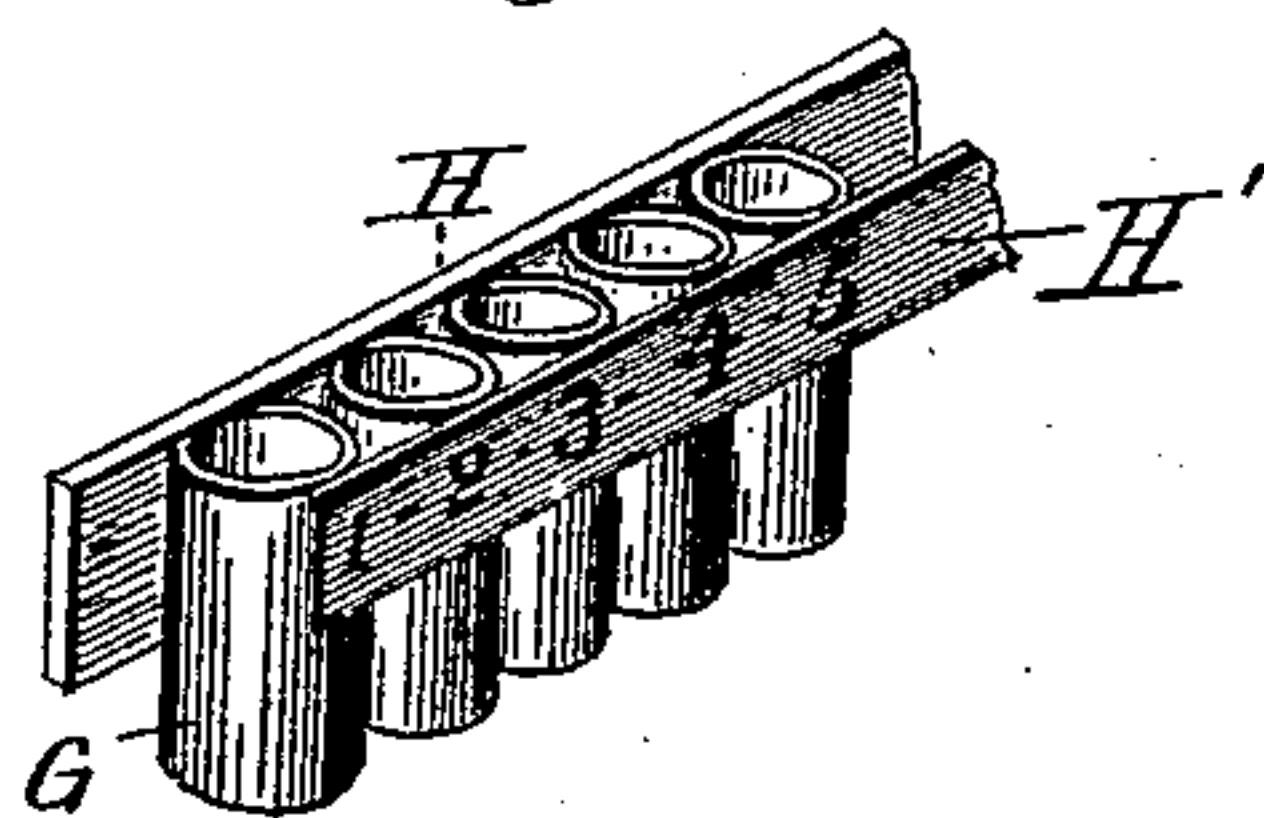
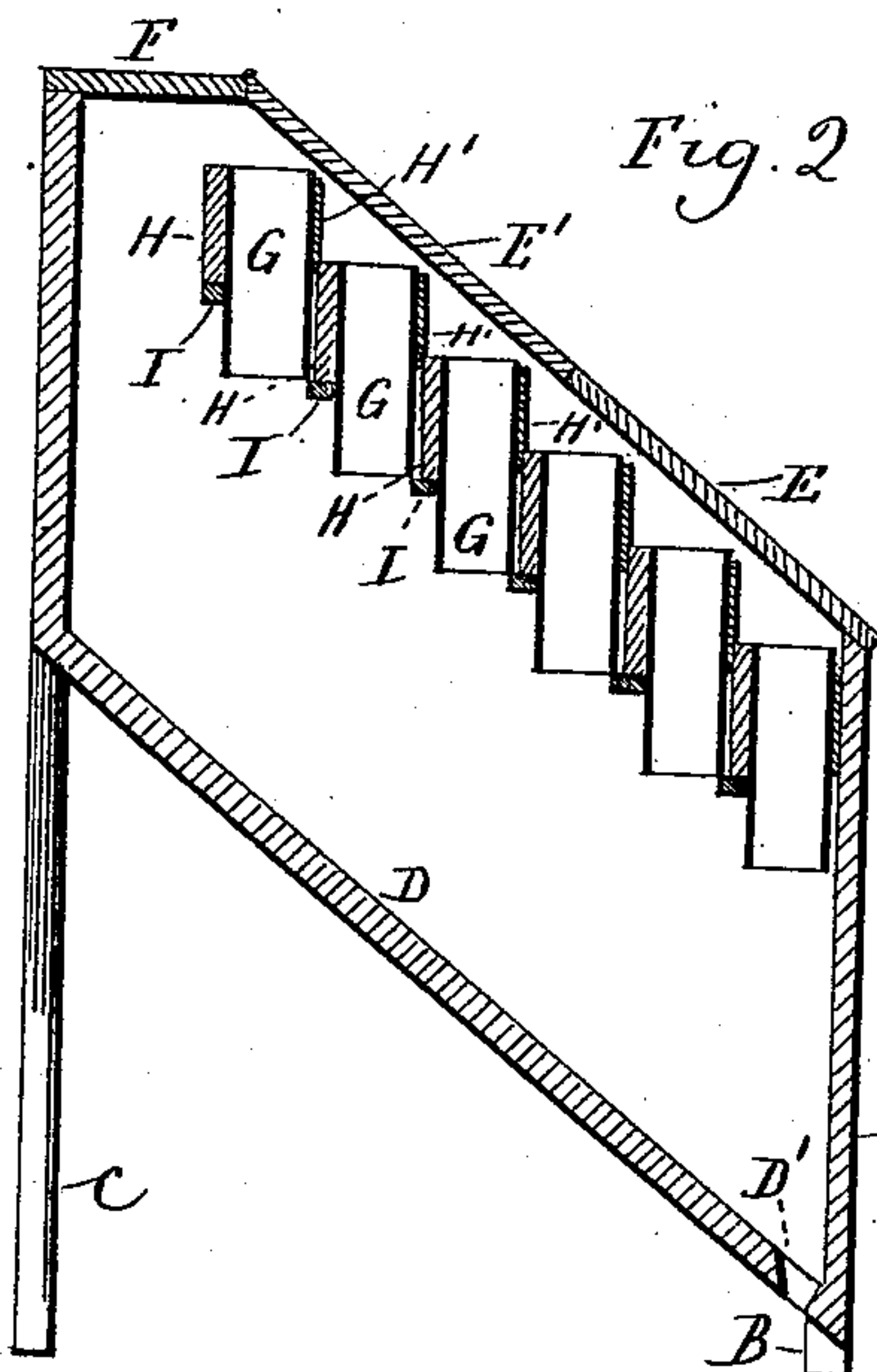


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN PARKER, of Clinton, in the county of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Umbrella-Racks; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a view in perspective of an umbrella-rack constructed in accordance with my invention with a portion of its hinged cover broken away; Fig. 2, a view of the device in vertical central section; Fig. 3, a detached broken perspective view of one of the tiers of umbrella-holders.

My invention relates to an improvement in umbrella-racks, the object being to produce a cheap, compact, convenient, self-draining device having provision for checking its contents.

With these ends in view my invention consists in an umbrella-rack having certain details of construction and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

As herein shown, the sides of the box A, forming the frame of the rack, have inclined upper and lower edges, which in this case are parallel with each other, the box being supported upon two short front legs B B and two longer rear legs C C. The box is provided with an inclined bottom D, constructed at its forward and lowest end with an opening D', which discharges the water drained from the umbrellas into a receptacle placed under the rack to receive it, but not shown herein. The top of the box is closed by a cover composed of two leaves E E', hinged together, the upper edge of the leaf E' being hinged to a flat strip F, secured to the extreme upper edge of the box, which is made square.

As herein shown, the umbrella-holders arranged within the box consist of tubes G, which are arranged in independent horizontal tiers, stepped one above the other, the tubes of each tier being supported in this arrangement by means of two strips H and H', between which they are secured. The strips H are supported at their extreme ends upon small blocks I, attached to the inner walls of the sides of the box, while the strips H', which may be formed of tin, are furnished

with numbers placed directly in front of the tubes for enabling the respective umbrellas to be identified by checks, which may conveniently be kept in a small box J, attached to the outside of the rack. Under this construction the individual tiers of tubes, together with the strips between which they are secured, may be independently removed from and replaced in the box forming the frame of the rack. By stepping these tiers one above the other, the strips H' of the several tiers are exposed, so that the numbers upon them are displayed in a manner to make the finding of any umbrella a very easy matter.

When the rack is not in use, the cover may be closed and locked; or, if desired, sufficient space may be left between the umbrella-holders and the cover to permit the same to be closed down over the umbrellas.

I am aware that an umbrella-rack having a series of vertically-stepped horizontal holders is old, and also that a rack having a horizontal series of numbered umbrella-compartments and constructed to drain the water from the umbrellas into a common receptacle is old. I do not, however, claim either of these features broadly, but only my improved construction and combination.

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

As a new article of manufacture, an umbrella-rack comprising a box having the side walls of its upper edges inclined, an inclined bottom constructed with a discharge-opening at its forward end, a cover to close in its open end, a receptacle for checks, a vertically-stepped series of horizontal umbrella-holding tiers, consisting of several vertically-arranged tubes placed side by side, and two parallel strips located in parallel vertical planes and having the tubes placed between and secured to them, the rear strip of each tier being supported at its ends within the box and the forward strip of each tier displaying numbers identifying the respective tubes, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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