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CABINET FOR DISPLAYING SAMPLE GOODS.

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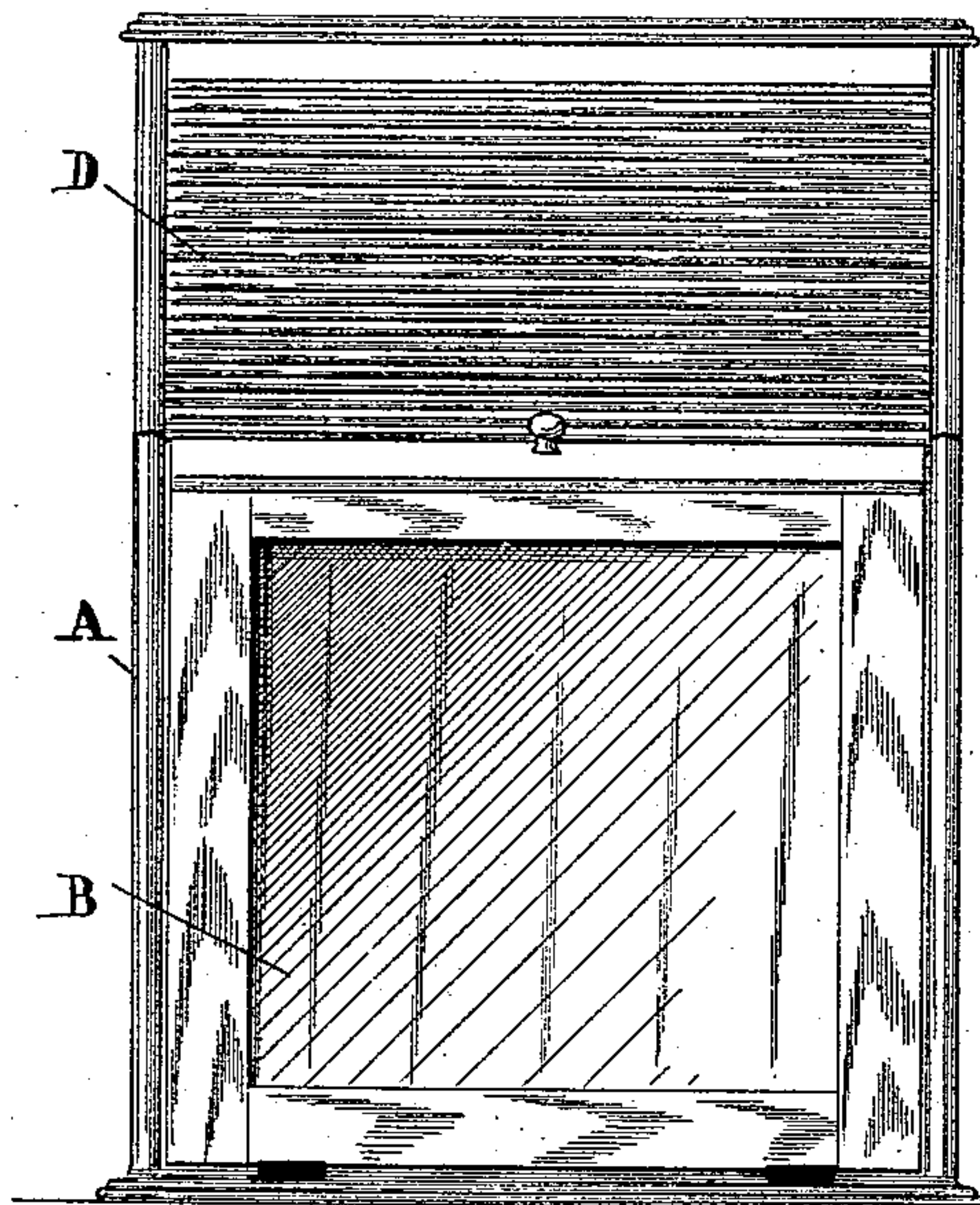


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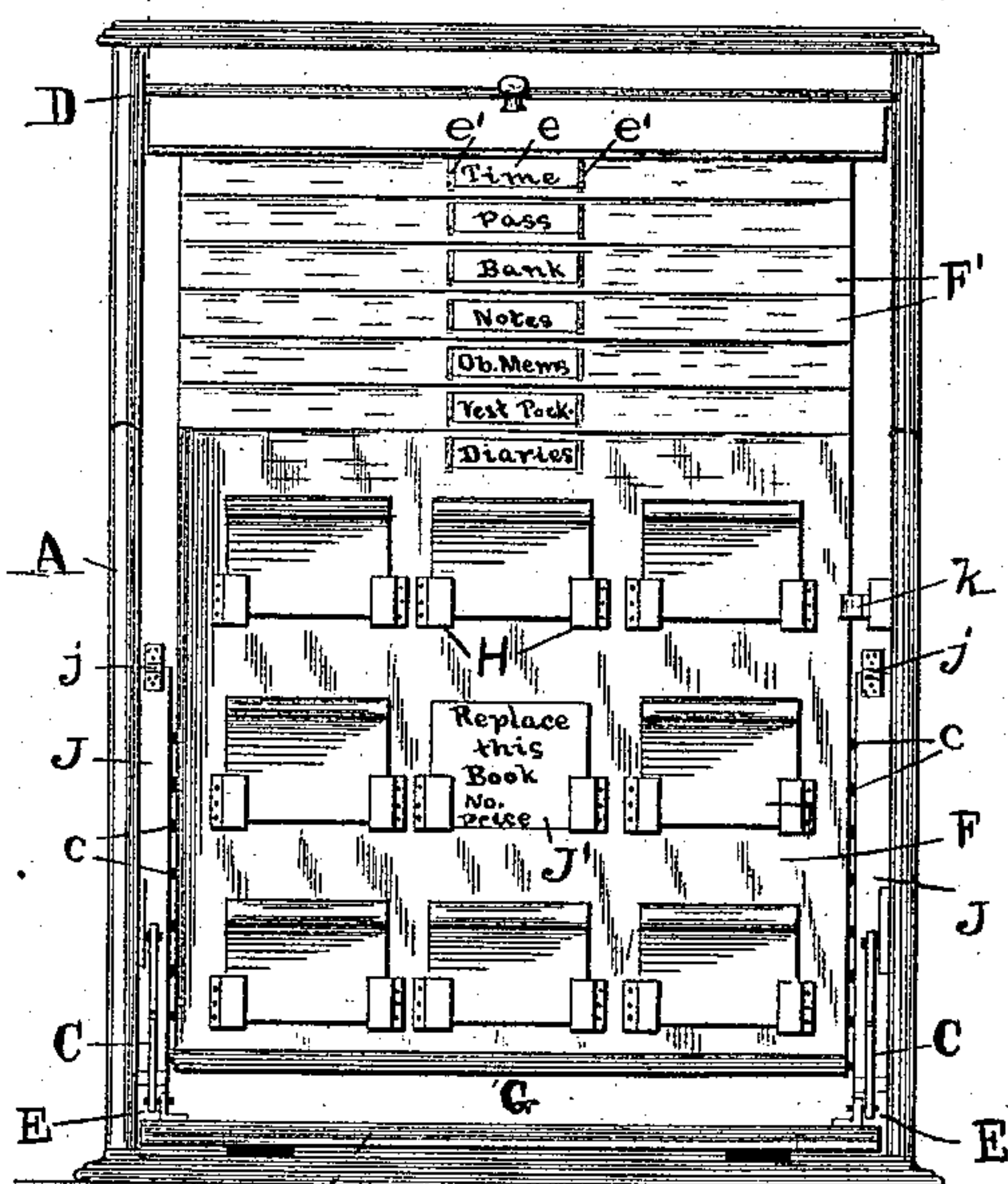


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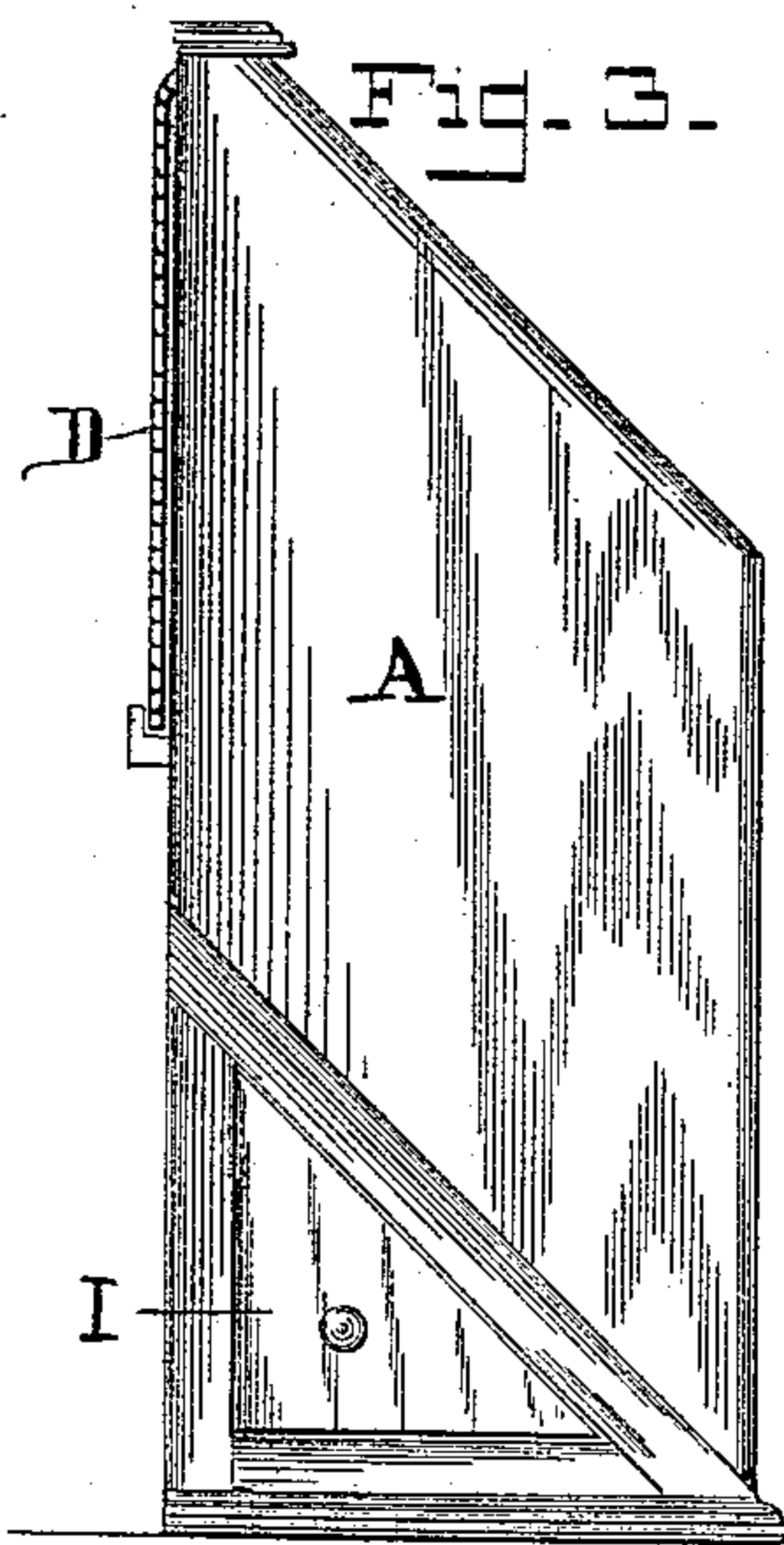


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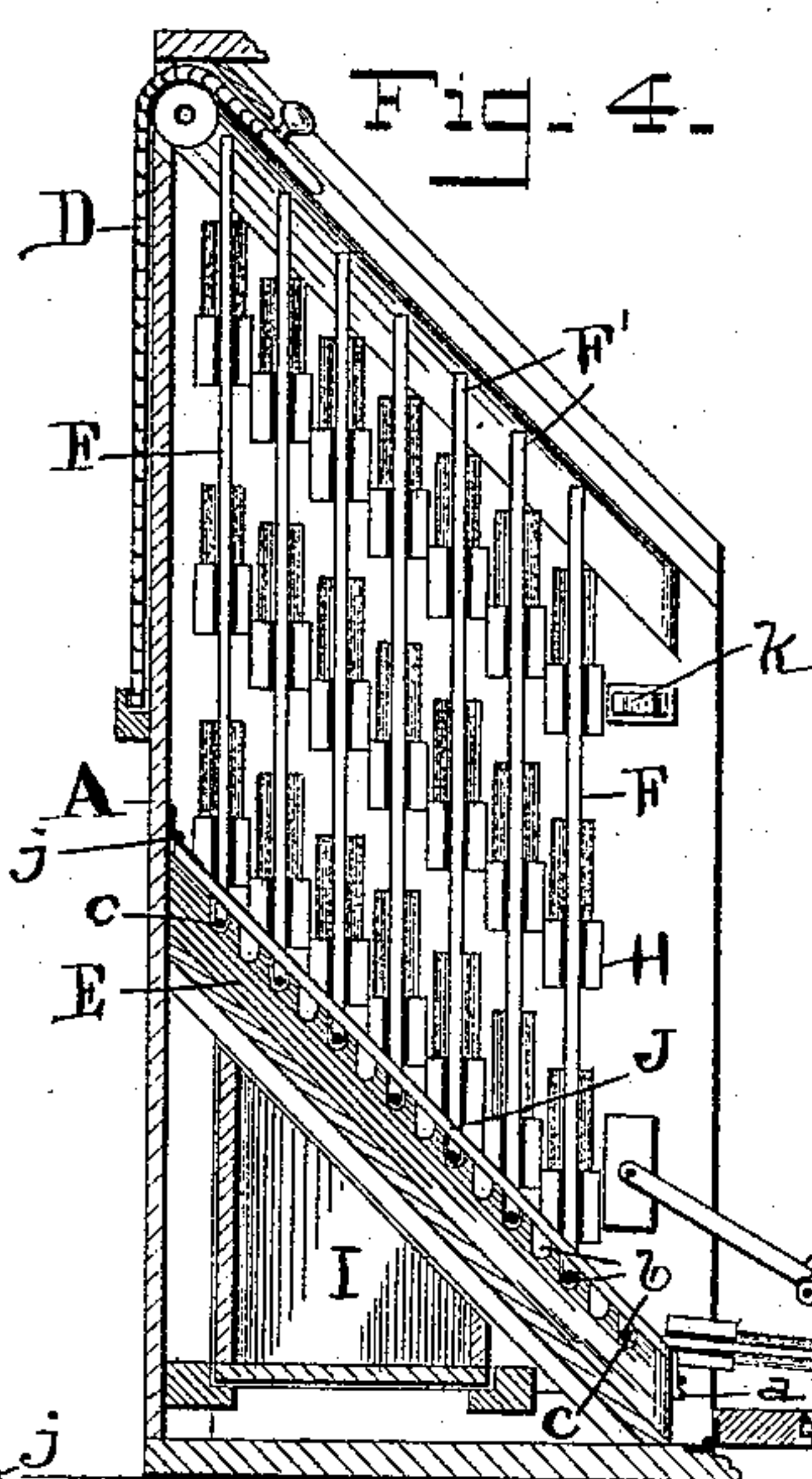


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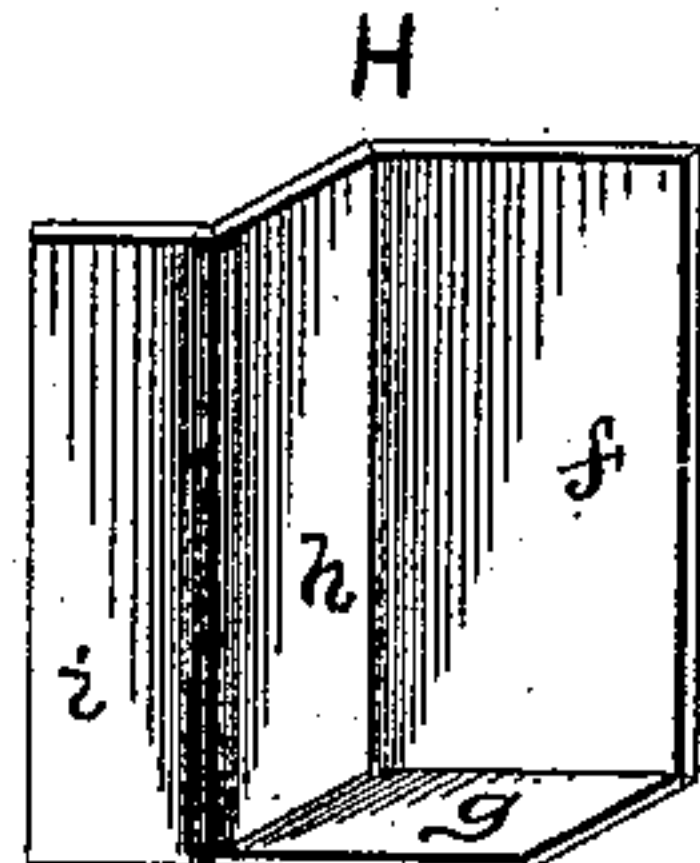


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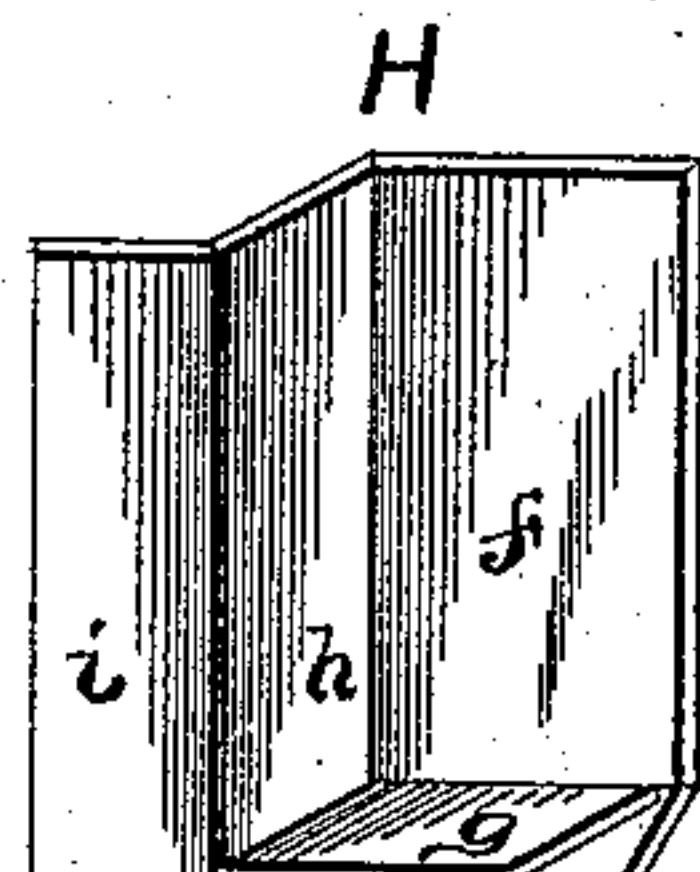


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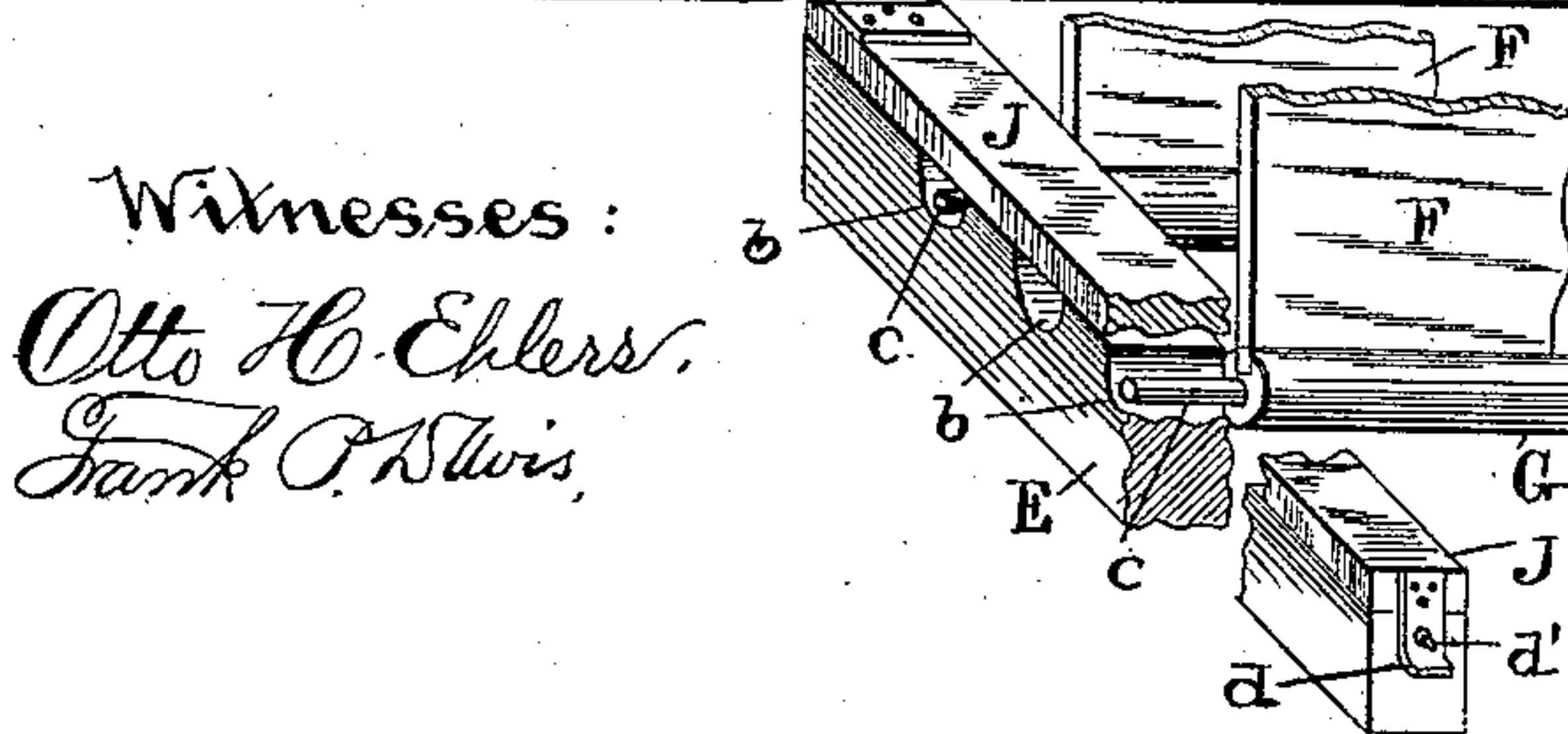


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## CABINET FOR DISPLAYING SAMPLE GOODS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ARTHUR T. SELDEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cabinets for Displaying Sample Goods, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in cabinets for displaying samples of merchandise of various kinds, the object being to provide a cabinet which will contain the goods compactly and in such manner that they may be readily and advantageously displayed to customers.

To this end the invention consists in the novel features of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a front view of the cabinet closed; Fig. 2, a similar view with the cabinet open; Fig. 3, a side view; Fig. 4, a vertical section on line 4 4 of Fig. 2; Figs. 5 and 6, details of devices for holding the sample goods in place; and Fig. 7, a detail perspective view of one of the inclined strips, showing the manner of mounting the trunnions of the sample-holding boards.

The outside case A of the cabinet has a glass front B hinged at the bottom and opening outward to a horizontal position, in which it is supported by jointed rods C. The case has a sloping top, closed by a movable cover, which may be either a roll-top D, as shown, or simply hinged like the front. The roll-top preferably rolls back on the outside of the case to give more space inside. Inclined strips E are secured to opposite sides of the case on the inside and extend from the front bottom part of the case upward and back to the rear of the same. Each of these strips has a row of notches *b* in its upper edge comparatively close together, and the notches of one strip correspond with those of the other. These notches have a uniform depth and are the same distance above each other as they are apart from each other.

A number of boards F are contained in the cabinet, and each board has its lower edge secured to a bar G, provided with trunnions *c*

on its opposite ends, which rest in the notches *b* of the inclined strips E. These boards carry the sample goods, and any number of them desired may be employed. They may be adjusted in the notches to suit the goods carried—for instance, if the goods have considerable thickness the boards will be placed a number of notches apart to accommodate the same. The notches are near enough together to accommodate any goods that it may be desired to carry.

When the cabinet is to be filled, the goods are placed on the boards F and the latter fixed at suitable distances apart with respect to the thicknesses of the goods and rested with their trunnions in the notches. A strip J is hinged at *j* to the upper end of each of the inclined strips E, and when the boards have all been fixed these strips are brought down over the notches and confine the trunnions therein. Said strips are of such length as to cover all the notches and are fastened down by spring-catches *d*, taking over suitable pins *d'* on the inclined strips.

When the cabinet is closed, the boards F occupy a vertical position therein, one resting against another, and they are prevented from falling forward by a flat spring *k*, secured to the side of the case. When the goods are to be displayed, the front B is let down and the boards brought outward and down to rest on said front, said boards turning freely on their trunnions. It will be seen that goods on both sides of the boards may in this way be displayed. The boards are in bearings the same distance above each other as they are apart, and hence when they are let down they all occupy parallel positions, one resting on the other, and there is no crowding or rubbing together of the goods. In lowering the boards they are forced past the spring *k*. The boards are of the same dimensions, and hence in both their vertical and horizontal positions they project beyond one another, and on the projecting part F' of each is detachably fastened a label *e*, to indicate the class of goods carried by the board to which the label is attached. This label is preferably a card held in slides *e'*, to render it easily removable and interchangeable. It may, however, be attached in other ways. Each board is provided on each side with holders H for sup-



porting books and like articles, samples of which are to be displayed. Each holder consists of a corner-rest having a front *f*, bottom *g*, and outer side *h*, and is secured to the board by means of a flange *i*. It will be seen that two of these holders will support a book with its corners resting in them, and that they will protect the corners of the book and hold the leaves of the same together. As many of these holders will be located on a board as it will conveniently contain, and each holder may have an inclined under side *h'*, so that if a book is to be removed which is located below another it will slide out easily over the inclined surfaces *h'*, and no difficulty will be experienced by its coming in contact with the holders above it. Between each two holders which support a book a label *J'* is secured to the board, which label will have a notice to replace the book removed. Said label is covered and concealed by the book when the latter is in place, but is clearly visible as soon as the book is removed, and serves as a reminder to replace.

The lower back part of the case A, behind the inclined strips E, is partitioned off, forming a triangular space which is utilized for a drawer I, which slides in from the side and may be used for catalogues, &c.

It will be seen this cabinet will contain compactly a large number of samples, all of which may be advantageously displayed, and that goods of various kinds may be carried.

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

1. A cabinet for displaying sample goods, comprising a suitable case having notches arranged in inclined series within it and a number of boards therein provided with trunnions at the lower edge which have bearings in said notches, said boards carrying holders which project from their surfaces to receive the goods, substantially as described.
2. A cabinet for displaying sample goods, comprising a case having a hinged front and

an inclined movable top, inclined strip inside the case having rows of notches, boards for carrying the goods, provided with trunnions which have bearings in said notches, and a drawer in the space behind said inclined strips.

3. A cabinet for displaying sample goods, comprising a suitable case having notches arranged in inclined series within it, a number of boards therein for carrying the goods, provided with trunnions which have bearings in said notches, said boards to have a vertical position in the case and to swing outward to an approximately-horizontal position, and hinged strips to cover said notches and confine the trunnions therein, in the manner described.

4. A cabinet for displaying sample goods, comprising a suitable case having notches arranged in inclined series within it, a number of boards therein for carrying the goods, provided with trunnions which have bearings in said notches, said boards to have a vertical position in the case and to swing outward to an approximately-horizontal position, and holders for the goods, each comprising a corner-rest having a front, side, and bottom, and a flange by which it is secured to the board.

5. A cabinet for displaying sample goods, comprising a suitable case having notches arranged in inclined series within it, a number of boards therein for carrying the goods, provided with trunnions which have bearings in said notches, said boards to have a vertical position in the case and to swing outward to an approximately-horizontal position, and holders for the goods, each comprising a corner-rest having a front, side, bottom, and inclined under surface, and a flange by which it is secured to the board.

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

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