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Fig. 1.

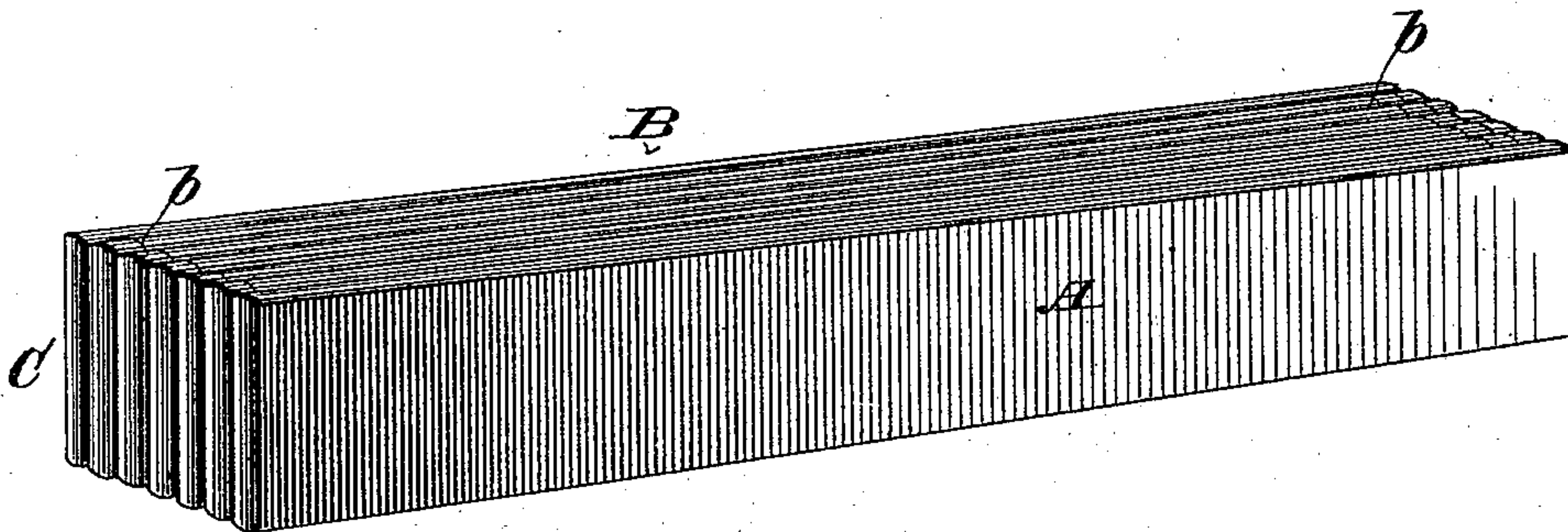


Fig. 2.

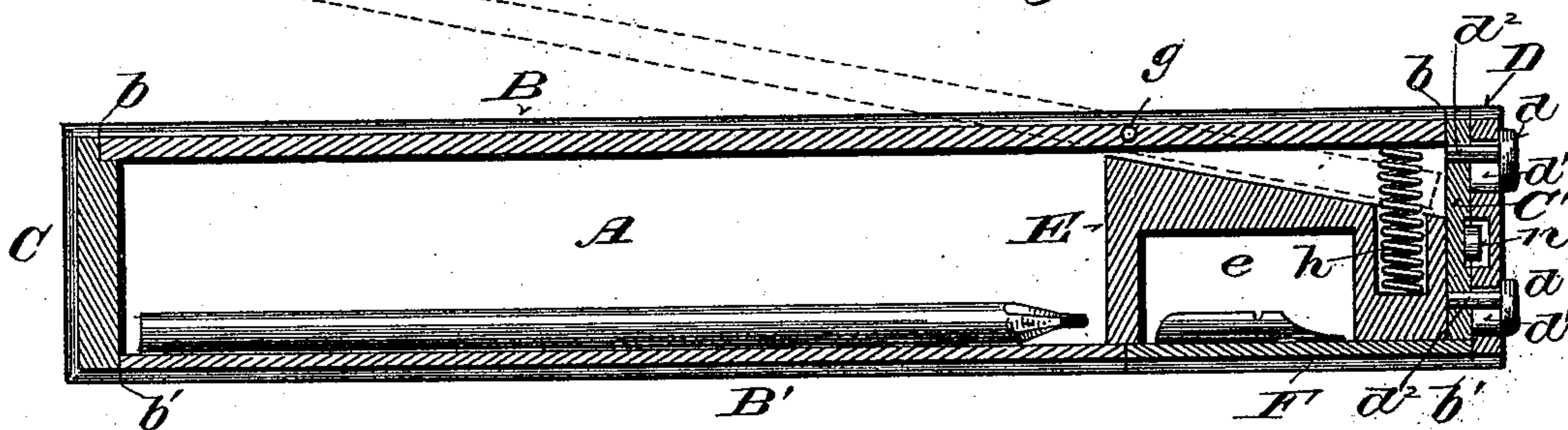


Fig. 3.

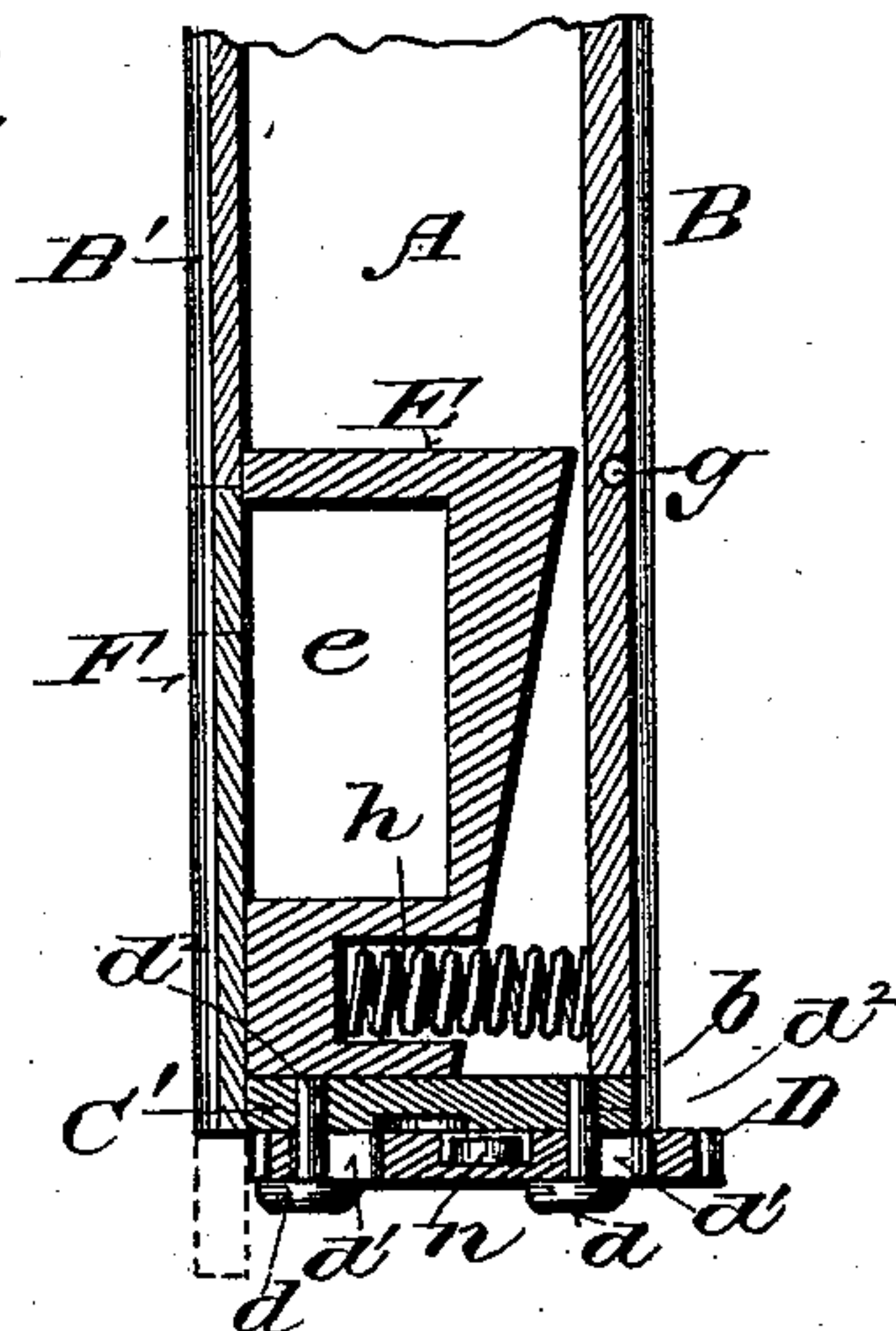
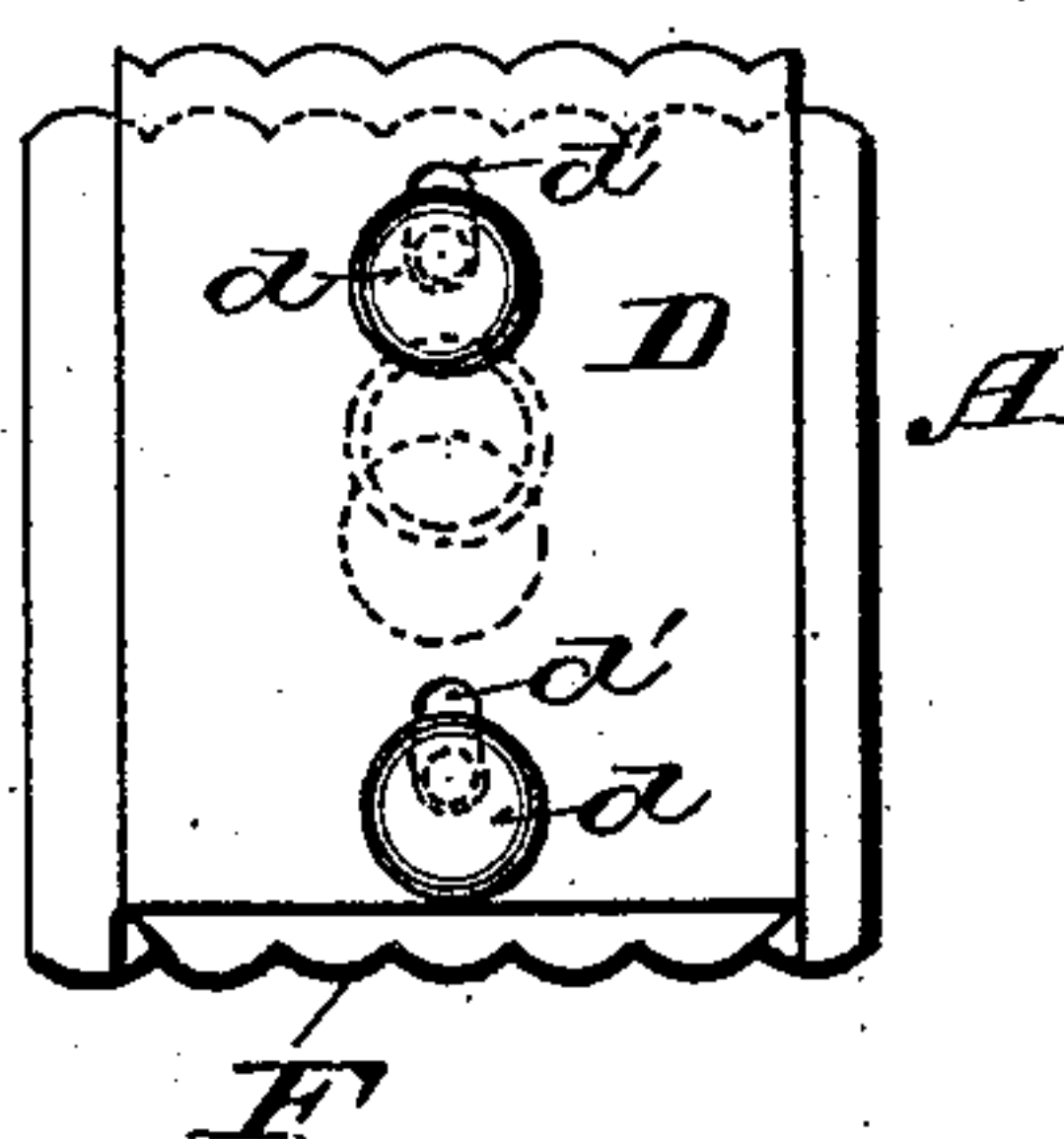


Fig. 4.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HERMAN PENNER, of the city and county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pen or Pencil Cases; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The main object of my invention is to provide a convenient case for pen holders, pencils or other similar articles, the opening of which will afford an amusing puzzle for those unfamiliar with its operation.

In the accompanying drawings like letters designate the same parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my puzzle case. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a similar section of the pen receptacle and Fig. 4 is an end elevation of the case.

A A are the sides of the case which is made oblong to accommodate pencils, penholders or other similar articles.

B B' are respectively the cover and bottom of the case, which together with the top and bottom edges of the sides are longitudinally fluted, seamed, beaded or otherwise marked the side joints or edges of the cover being made to coincide with seams or creases of the beading, fluting or other marking, for the purpose primarily of obscuring the cover and the manner of opening the case, and secondarily of giving the case a more finished and attractive appearance.

C C' are the ends of the case, fluted, seamed, beaded or otherwise marked to correspond with the cover and bottom B B'. The end joints b' b' of the bottom B' are made to correspond with the end joints b b of the cover B, or seams simulating said joints are formed therein when the bottom overlaps the end section. The longitudinal seams in the cover, bottom and ends of the case and the transverse seams in the bottom being similar in appearance to the joints of the cover, obscure the construction of the case and render it diffi-

cult to detect which is the movable part or cover when the case is closed. The sides A A may be made plain, as shown, or marked or ornamented in any suitable manner. The cover or lid B is hinged a short distance from one end between the sides A A of the case on pins g, or in any other suitable manner.

E is a block fixed within the case adjacent to the shorter end of the cover B and beveled from a point next to the hinge of said cover toward its outer end, as shown in Fig. 2, so as to permit the depression of the shorter end and the consequent opening of the longer end of the cover.

h is a spiral spring inserted in a socket in block E and bearing outwardly against the inside of the shorter end of cover B, so as to close the cover and retain it in that position when released.

The case is opened by simply pressing upon the shorter end of the cover B, but to one unacquainted with the construction of the case the cover and the way of opening the same are not apparent.

To provide a place for loose pens or other small articles, I form a recess e in the under side of the block E and provide the same with a sliding cover F, which constitutes a portion of the bottom section B' of the case. The end section C' of the case is provided with an outer sliding section D which works at right angles to the cover F and when closed overlaps its outer end as shown in Fig. 2 and thereby prevents its opening or withdrawal. The sliding section D is secured to the end C' of the case upon which it slides by buttons d d, the stems of which pass through short longitudinal slots d' d' in said sliding section and are fixed to the end section C'.

n is a gravitating disk inserted in a recess formed for its reception, partly in the end section C' of the case and partly in the sliding section D, that portion of the recess in section C' being of less depth and that portion in section D of greater depth than the thickness of said disk, so that when the case is held with the section D downward as shown in Fig. 3 the disk will drop entirely into the recess therein and allow said section D to slide freely, but when held in any other position the disk occupying the shallower portion of



the recess in section C' and projecting into the recess in section D as shown in Fig. 2 will lock the latter and prevent its sliding. When the section D is withdrawn from the outer end of cover F, the latter may be withdrawn from the case, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 3, so as to open the recess e.

I claim—

1. The combination in a pencil or other similar case, marked so as to obscure the joints of the cover, of the cover hinged thereto a short distance from one end and a spring bearing outwardly against the shorter end of said cover, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The combination in a pencil or other similar case, longitudinally beaded and transversely seamed to obscure the cover, of the cover hinged thereto a short distance from one end with its side edges coinciding with

creases between the beading and a spring bearing outwardly against the shorter end of said cover, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. The combination with a puzzle pencil or other similar case, having an obscured cover hinged thereto a short distance from one end, and a spring bearing outwardly against the shorter end of said cover, of a receptacle for small articles such as pens, having a sliding cover, and concealed locking device, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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