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BARBER'S CABINET.

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Fig. 1.

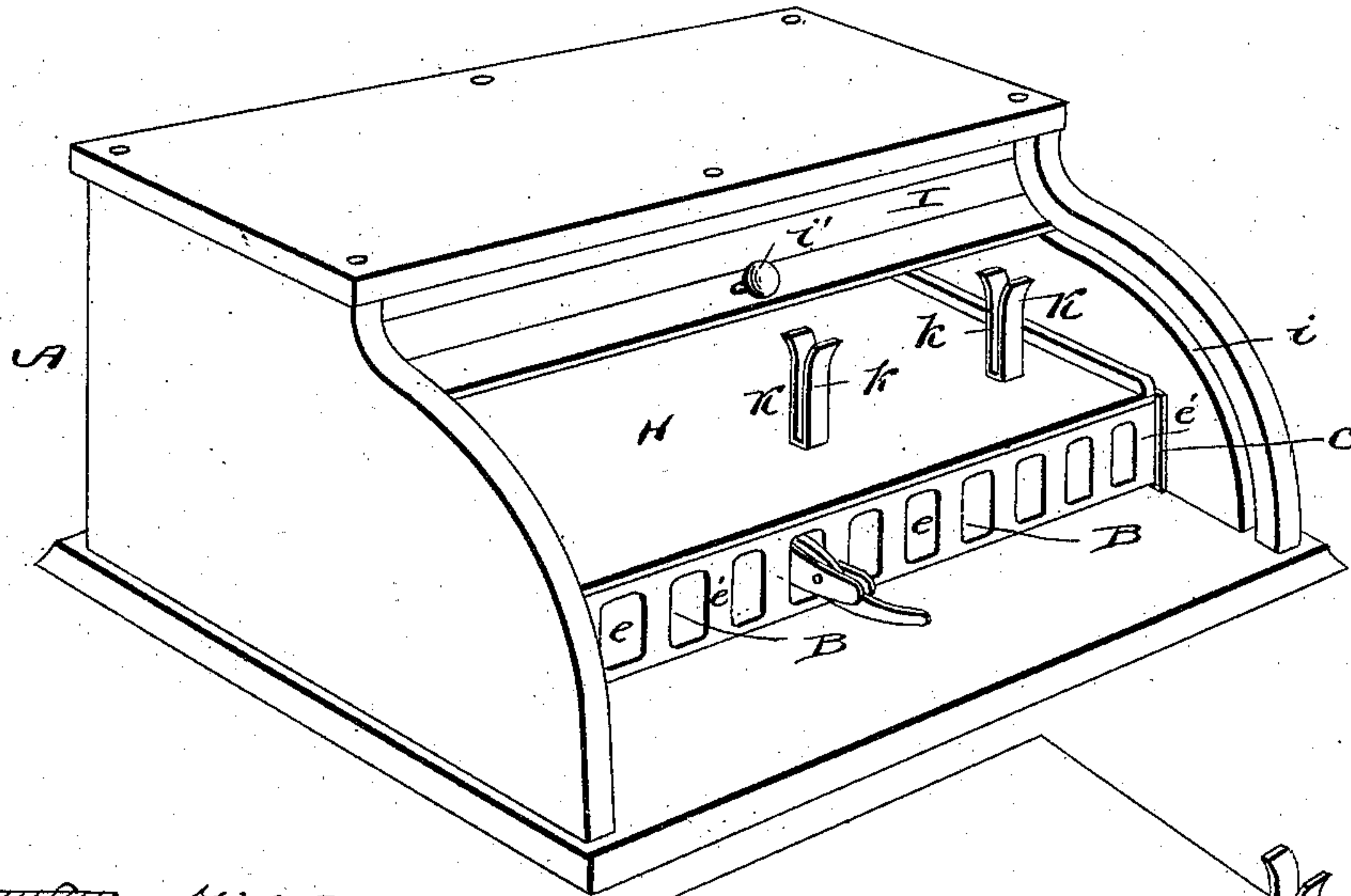


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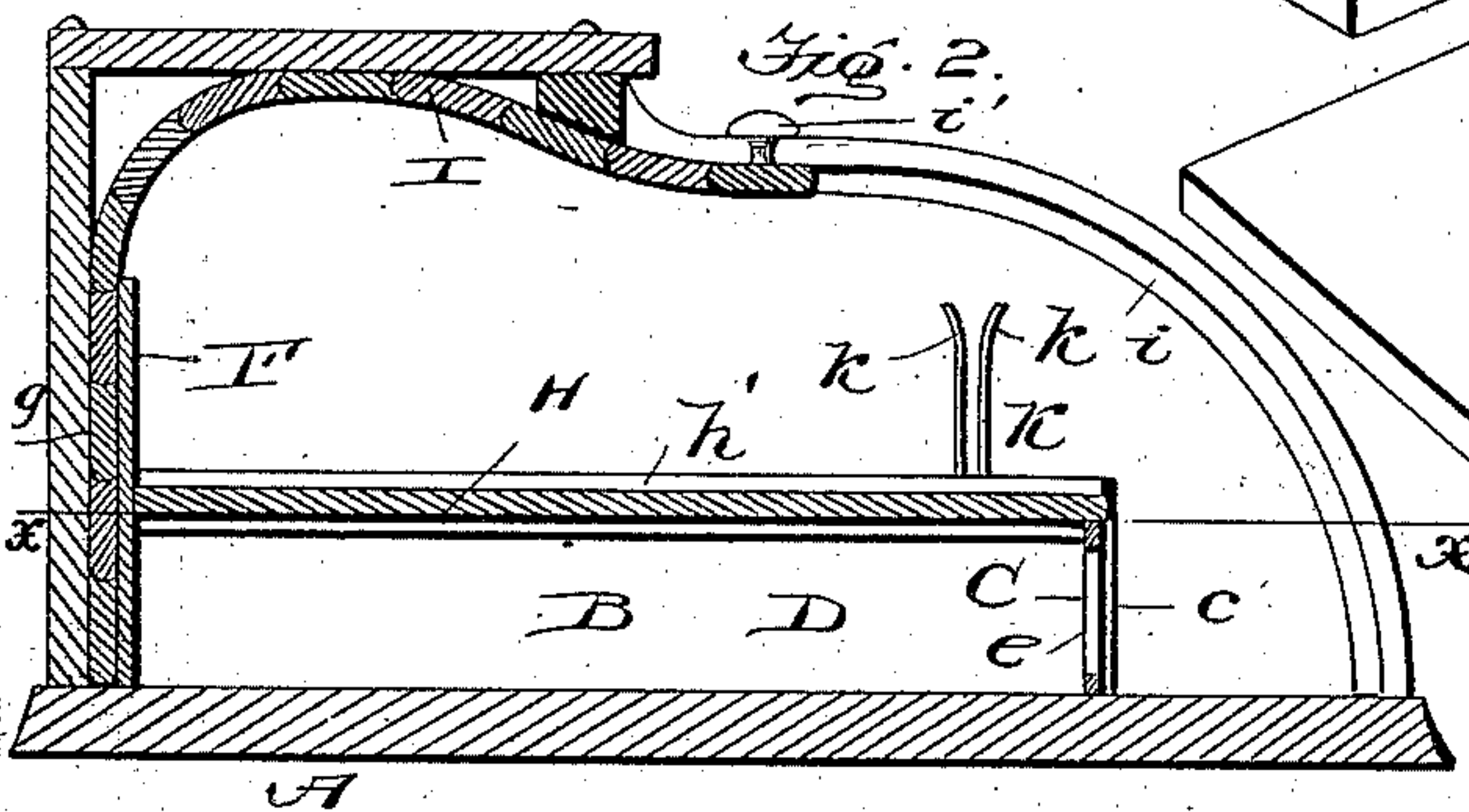


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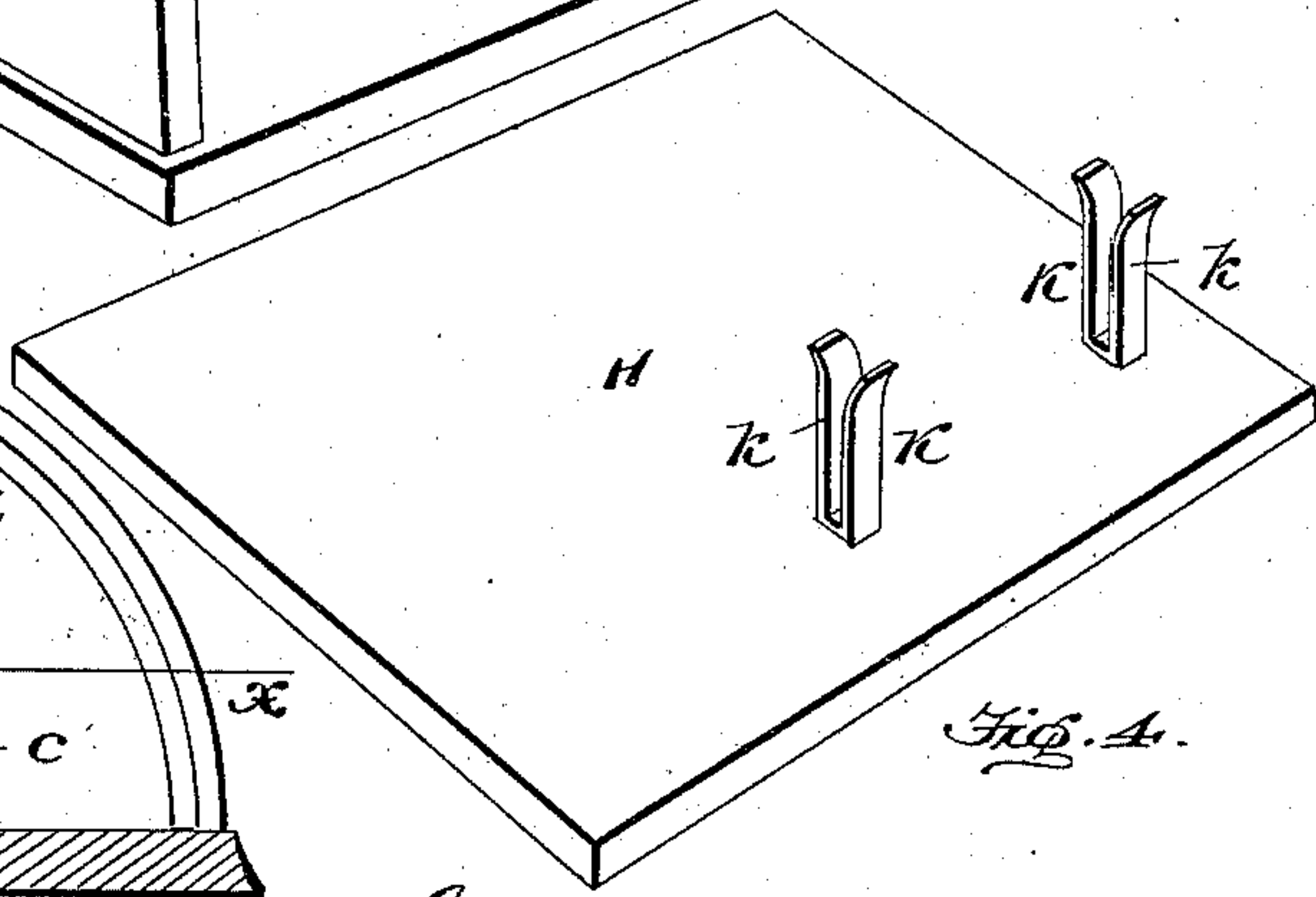
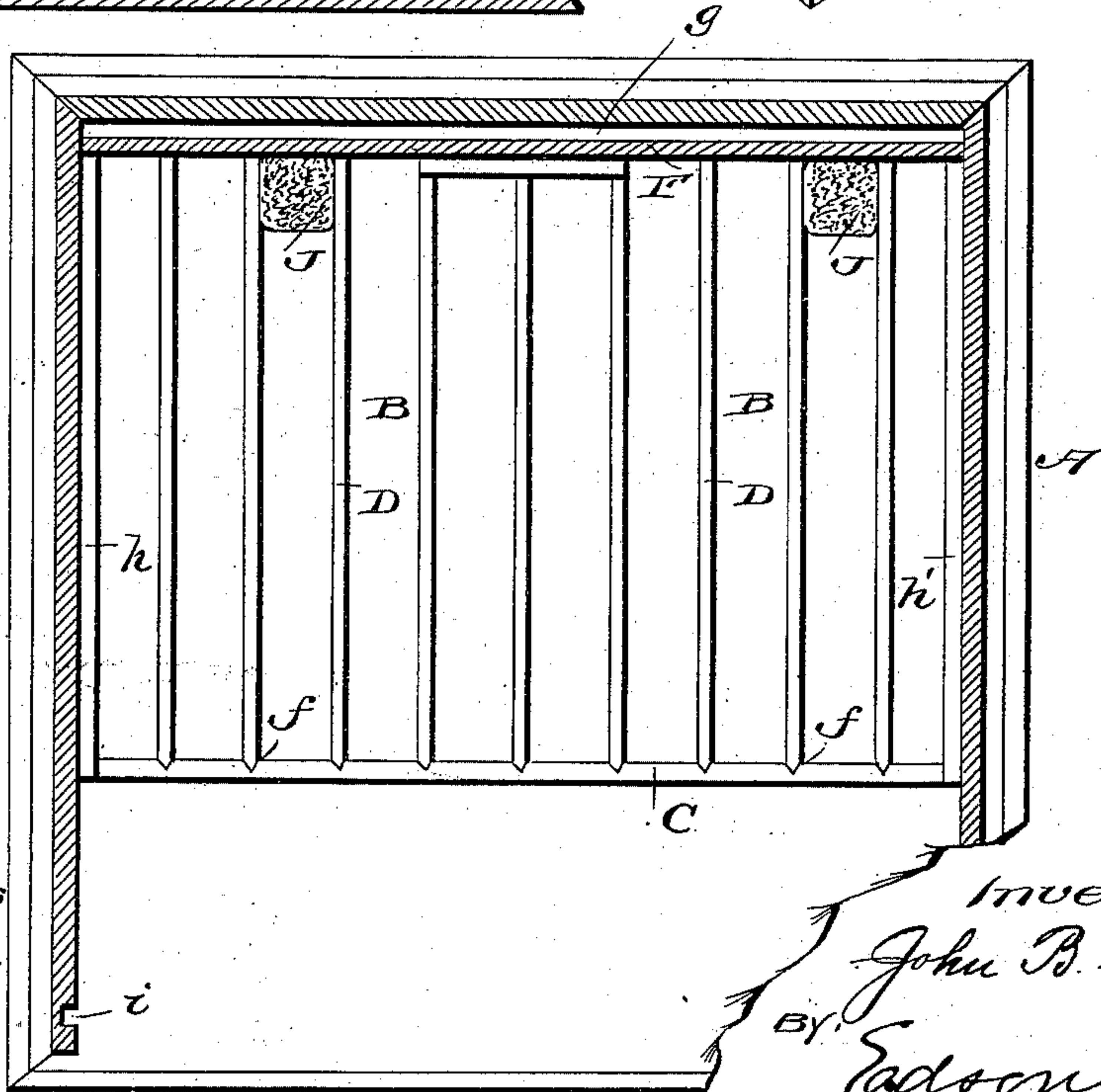


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. COX, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fayetteville, in the county of Washington and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Barbers' Cabinets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to a barber's cabinet designed particularly for holding razors as well as the other tools or implements required by barbers for shaving, hair-cutting and other purposes; and the object in view is to provide a simple and inexpensive case for protecting razors and other implements from dust and atmosphere and at the same time provide for the convenient and easy access to the contents of the case.

It is well known that razors when permitted to lie on shelves have the finely sharpened edge dulled by dust and the action of air thereon, and that the handle is liable to be warped so that in closing the blade the edge of the razor is apt to strike against the handle, thus making it dull and causing the edge to be broken or "nicked." In my improved cabinet, the razors are placed within suitable receptacles which protect the razor both from dust and from warping of the handle when the cabinet is either opened or closed, and the razor can be easily taken hold of and withdrawn from its receptacles as its end projects slightly from the same.

The invention consists in the peculiar construction and combination of parts forming a cabinet for holding barbers' tools and protecting them from dust and warping as will be hereinafter more fully described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

I have illustrated the preferred embodiment of my invention in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my cabinet. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view thereof. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view on the line $x-x$ of Fig. 2, with the sliding shelf omitted, to show the series

of receptacles or pockets for the razors. Fig. 4 is a detached view of the tray or shelf provided with clips for holding combs, shears, and the like.

Referring to the drawings, in which like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the figures—A designates the inclosing case of my cabinet in which is provided a series of longitudinal receptacles or pockets B which are arranged parallel with each other and extend nearly from the front of the cabinet to the rear thereof. These receptacles are separate from each other, and each is intended to contain a razor which is shoved endwise into or pulled endwise out from the pocket as the latter is closed on all sides, except at the front thereof.

The receptacles or pockets B are formed by the vertical front wall C and the series of longitudinal partitions D. The front wall C extends transversely across the cabinet, near the front end thereof, and its ends are suitably fastened to the side walls of the case A, preferably between the battens c which serve to strengthen the front wall C at the lines where it joins the side walls; and said front wall C is pierced with a series of transverse slots e of such size as to permit the free passage of a razor through the slots, in the act of placing it in or withdrawing it from the pocket or receptacle. These slots e leave the edges of the front C unbroken and provide a series of vertical bars e' which separate the slots; and in its rear side the front wall C has a series of kerfs or grooves f formed along the bars e to accommodate the front ends of the longitudinal partitions D. These partitions D are thus situated between the slots e in the front wall and they are secured in the kerfs or grooves f in line with the bars e ; and thus the pockets are formed between the partitions D and the front wall C in line with the slots e in said front wall so that a razor can be placed in the pocket by introducing the same through the slot e , or it can be withdrawn by pulling it out through the slot e . These partitions D extend from the front C to the false back F which is secured within the case A close to the back vertical wall of the case A to have a space g between

the false back and the case to receive the sliding cover of the inclosing case, presently referred to.

On the inner sides of the longitudinal side walls of the case A are fixed the horizontal cleats *h, h'*, forming the ways in which are fitted the edges of the horizontal shelf H and these ways lie immediately above the front C and partitions D so that the shelf fits closely over the same, whereby the upper sides of the pockets B are closed and the razors therein are protected from dust when the sliding cover of the case A is opened.

The partitions, pockets and shelf H are lined with a suitable soft fabric, as for instance, a pile fabric, to afford a soft cushion for the razors, but this is not necessary.

The case A is constructed with a bottom, vertical side and end walls, and a top, all of which are secured or united together, and the upper edges of the side walls slant or curve toward the top and have the regular grooves *i* formed in their inner opposing faces, near the upper edges to accommodate the flexible sliding cover I. If desired, the cover can be fastened, when closed, by a lock. This cover is adapted to be drawn down to inclose the shelf and contents of the cabinet, or to be moved back to expose the interior of the cabinet, in which case the back part of the cover is forced into the space *g* and the backward movement is limited by the finger knob *i'* coming in contact with the fixed top.

The pockets or receptacles B are designed to contain razors of different lengths, and to enable ready access to be had thereto, one end of the razor projects or extends beyond the front wall C so that it can be conveniently grasped. In case a short razor is used, the length of which is less than the pocket, I provide the abutment J within the pocket to arrest the inward movement of the razor when it is slid into the pocket. This abutment consists of a piece of cork, or other suitable soft material which will not injure the razor, and it is forced between the partitions and held in place by frictional contact therewith.

My cabinet is designed to be made of such size that it will accommodate the different implements used by barbers, such as combs, hair-clippers, shears, and the like; and for preventing warping of the combs and accidental knocking down of the shears, I provide clamps K for holding them in position on the shelf H. These clips each consists of a piece

of spring metal bent to form the jaws *k* between which the comb or shears is grasped so as to be held in place.

The cabinet can be placed on a shelf or an article of furniture, or it can be hung upon a wall within convenient reach.

I am aware that changes in the form and proportion of parts and details of construction of the devices herein shown and described as an embodiment of my invention can be made without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages thereof, and I therefore reserve the right to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the scope of the same.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, the barber's cabinet comprising a case having the sliding cover I, the transverse vertical front C having the slots or openings *e*, the false back F fixed within the case and forming with the rear wall thereof a space *g* for the reception of the sliding cover when moved backward to open the cabinet, and the longitudinal parallel partitions D fixed to the false back and to the front C on lines between the slots *e* therein and forming a series of longitudinal horizontal compartments B within the cabinet, substantially as described, for the purposes set forth.

2. As a new article of manufacture, the barber's cabinet herein described comprising the inclosing case provided with the false back F forming the space *g* and with the sliding cover I guided in ways to enter said space *g*, the fixed front strip C having the series of slots *e*, the longitudinal partitions D fixed to the false back and to the front C on lines between the slots *e* therein and forming the series of longitudinal horizontal compartments B which are closed at the rear by the back F and open at the front through the slots *e* in the strips C, and the removable shelf H supported by ways above said compartments B to close the upper sides thereof, and provided with one or more clamps *k*, substantially as and for the purposes described.

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

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