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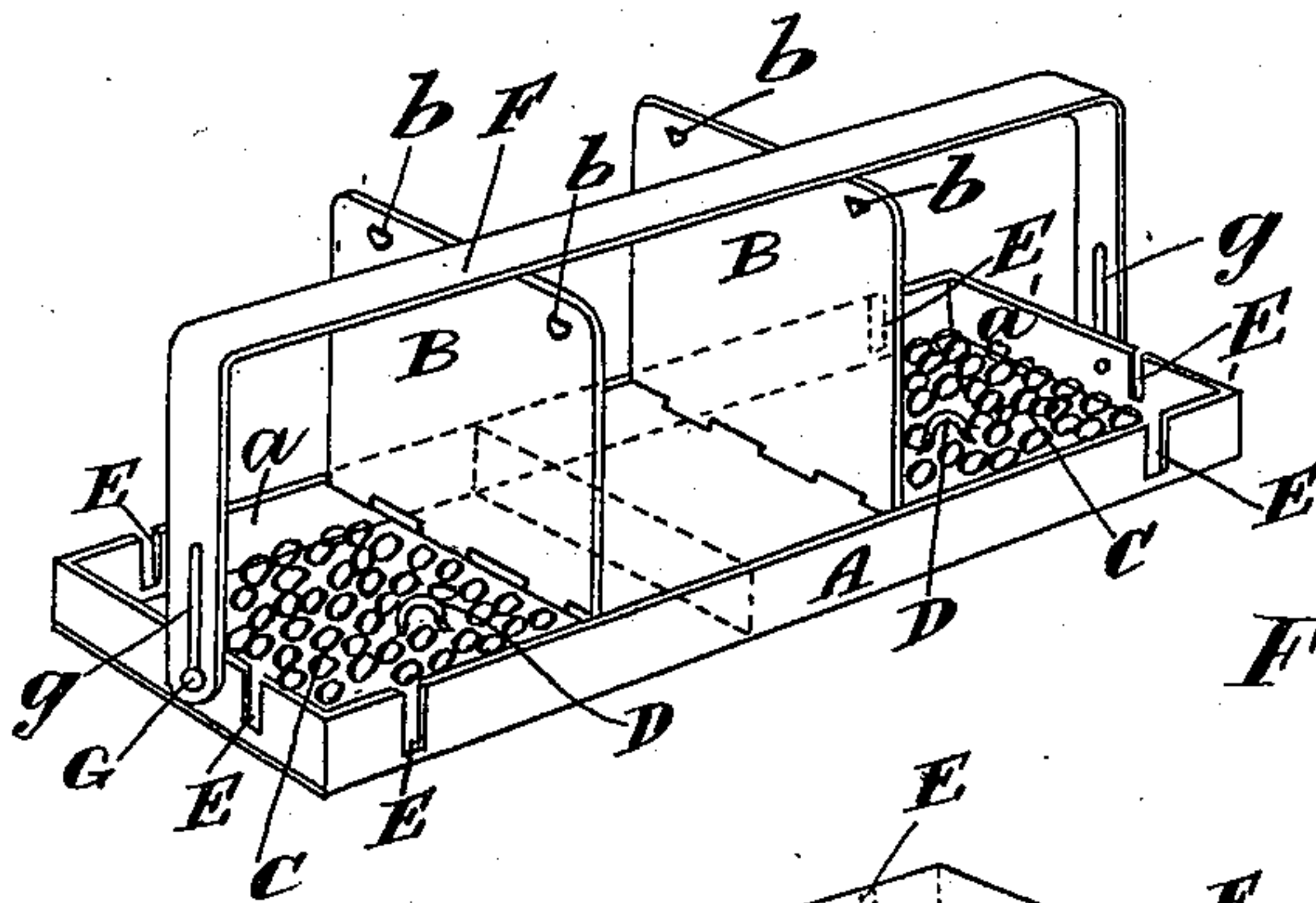


Fig. 1.

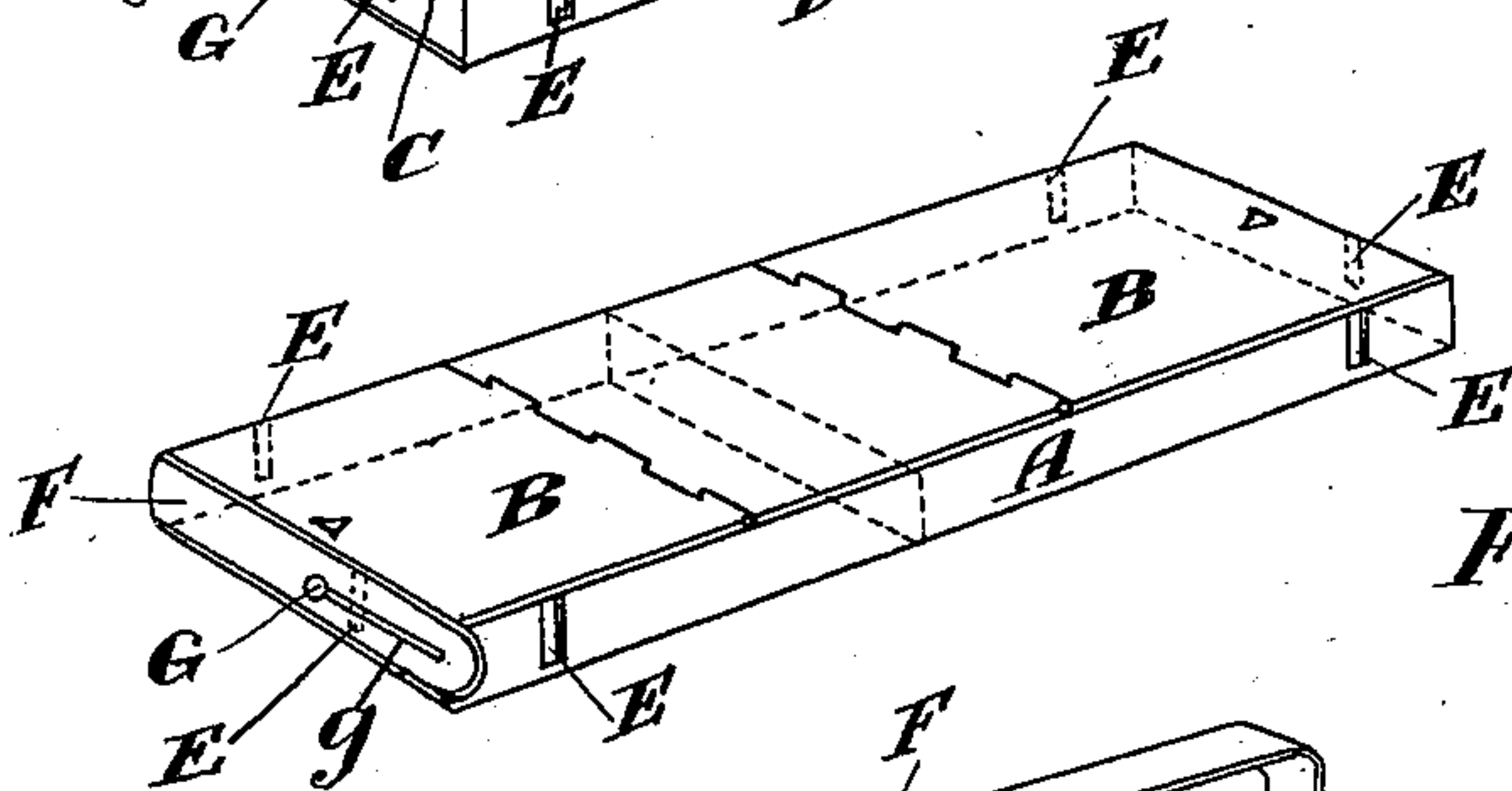


Fig. 2.

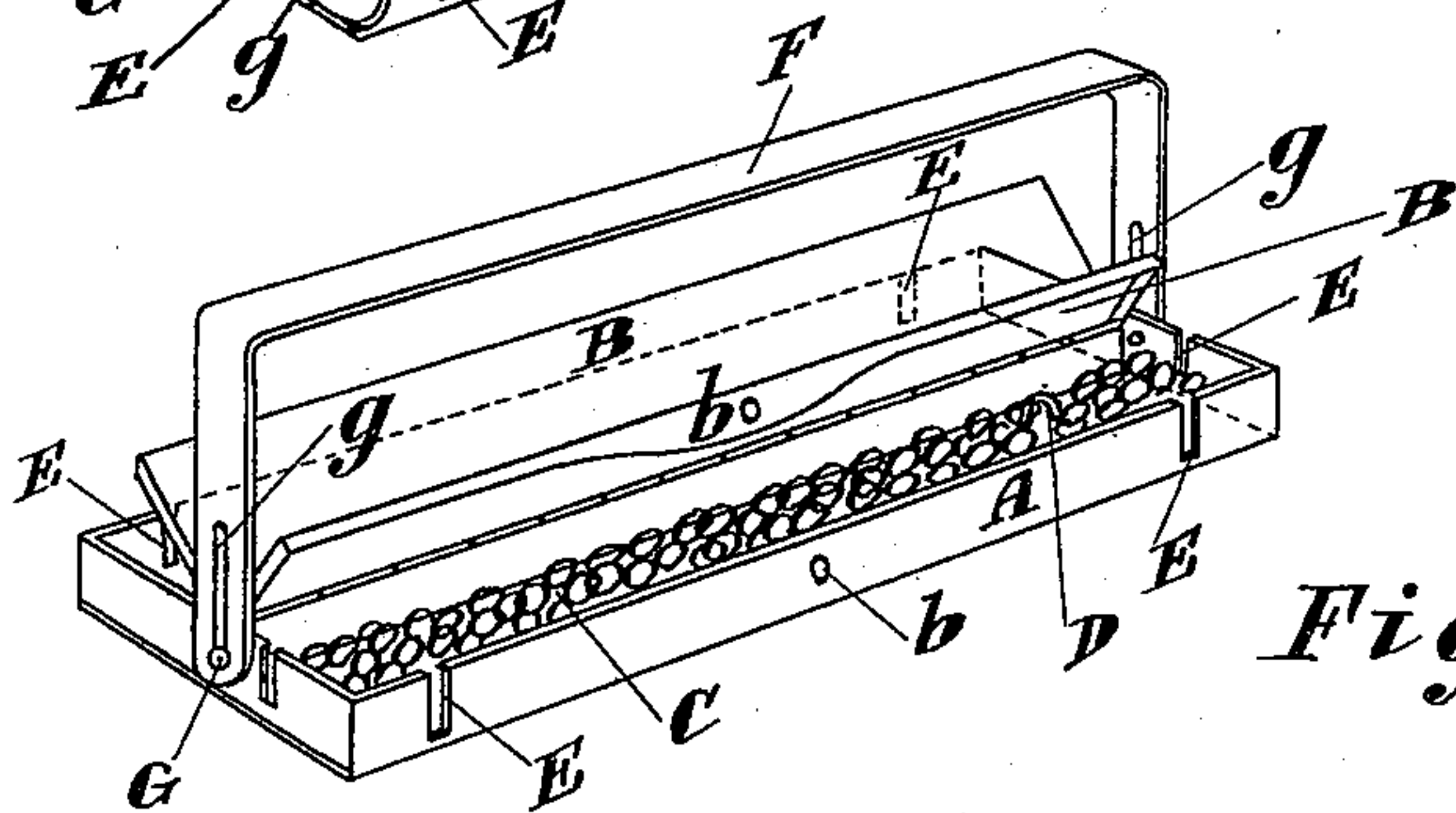


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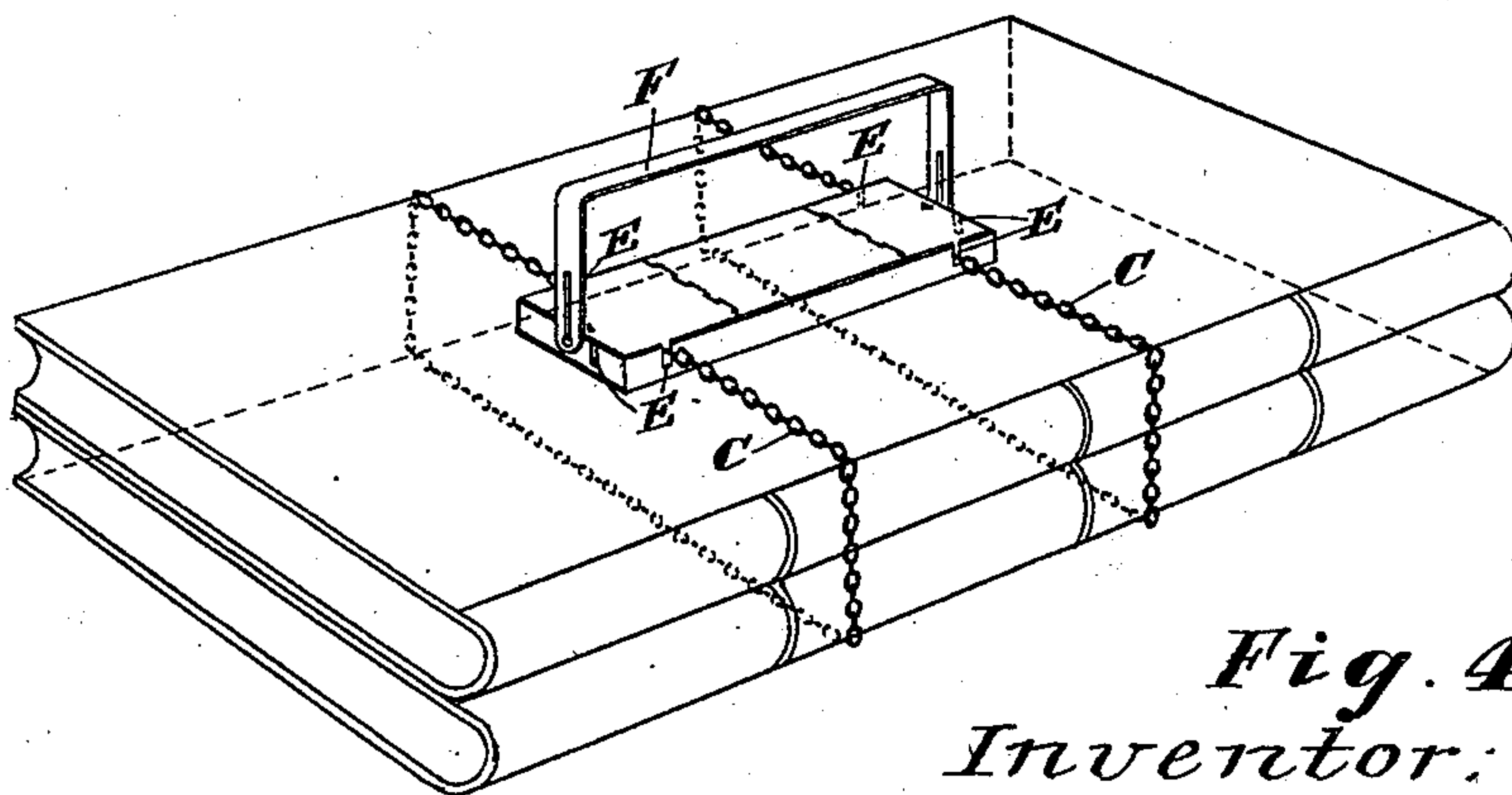


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM MATTHEW WARD, residing at Richmond, London, in the county of Surrey, England, have invented an Improved Parcel or Book Carrier, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved carrier for conveniently carrying parcels or books and is designed in a simple manner so as to be easily carried in a compact form in the pocket when not in use, and to be adaptable within large limits, to any sized parcel or bundle of books.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of my improved holder with lids open and chain and boxes and handle in position for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same with lids closed and handle folded down ready to be placed in the pocket. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a slightly modified form of carrier. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of my improved carriers attached by chains to a parcel of books.

My improved carrier consists of a box A of metal or other convenient material arranged in two compartments *a a'* provided with hinged lids B B, closing by a spring snap *b b*. Within each of the said compartments is a chain C C or other suitable flexible material with which to bind the parcel, the said compartments *a a'* being sufficiently commodious to hold the whole of the said chains or flexible attachments. One end of each of the said chains C may be anchored into the bottom or side of said compartments by a staple ring D. Slits E E are provided in suitable positions in the sides of the said compartments to allow the chains or flexible attachments to be passed out of the compartments of the carrier and to be returned therein, after passing round a parcel as in Fig. 4, while still permitting the closure of the lids B B, upon the waste part of the chains coiled in the said compartments of the carrier and which have thus both ends securely attached to the box of the carrier. A handle F is provided to the carrier and is attached by a pivot pin or hinge G working in slots *g g* in the handle, so that when not required for use, the handle is folded down by the side of the box as in Fig. 2 and rests upon

projecting ledges of the box. When required for use the handle is drawn out from its folded position and turned on its pivots into an upright position above the box as in Figs. 1, 3 and 4, so that it can be conveniently grasped by the hand.

As to the manner in which the chain or flexible attachment is affixed to the box or carrier after it has been passed round a parcel, if a chain is used with links alternately at right angles to one another as shown, the slits E in the sides of the box are made so narrow, that they will admit a vertical link, but the next horizontal or transverse link cannot pass there through and the chain may thus be securely fixed to the box at any link. If other flexible attachments are used, they are provided with a close succession of knots or enlargements which are too large to pass through the said slits, and they thus are fixed to the box similarly to the chain, between any such knots or enlargements; or engaging pins or spikes may be used on the box for securing the flexible attachments by eyelet holes therein.

The whole box or carrier with folded handle and chains contained inside, is of such small compass, that it may be conveniently carried in the waist-coat pocket.

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

1. In combination, in a parcel carrier the chain or other flexible connections having shoulders or projections throughout their extent and the means for holding and adjusting said chains comprising the box having compartments in which the chains are fastened and having also slots through which the chains pass and are adjusted and the handle for the box connected thereto, said box having a lid or lids, substantially as described.

2. In a parcel carrier and in combination, a box divided into compartments, lids fitted thereto, said box having two or more narrow slits in its sides, a chain or flexible attachment adapted to be anchored at both ends in each compartment, and a handle with slotted ends sliding on pivot pins and adapted to lie close to the sides of the carrier upon a ledge,

or to stand upright above the carrier when in use, substantially as described.

3. In combination, in a parcel carrier, chains
or cords having a series of shoulders or pro-
5 jections adapted to pass around the parcel
and a holder for the chains or cords connected
thereto and adapted to contain said cords or
chains when not in use, said holder having
slits through which the shouldered chains
10 pass to be adjustable as to length by the en-

gagement of said shoulders with the slits,
substantially as described.

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

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