

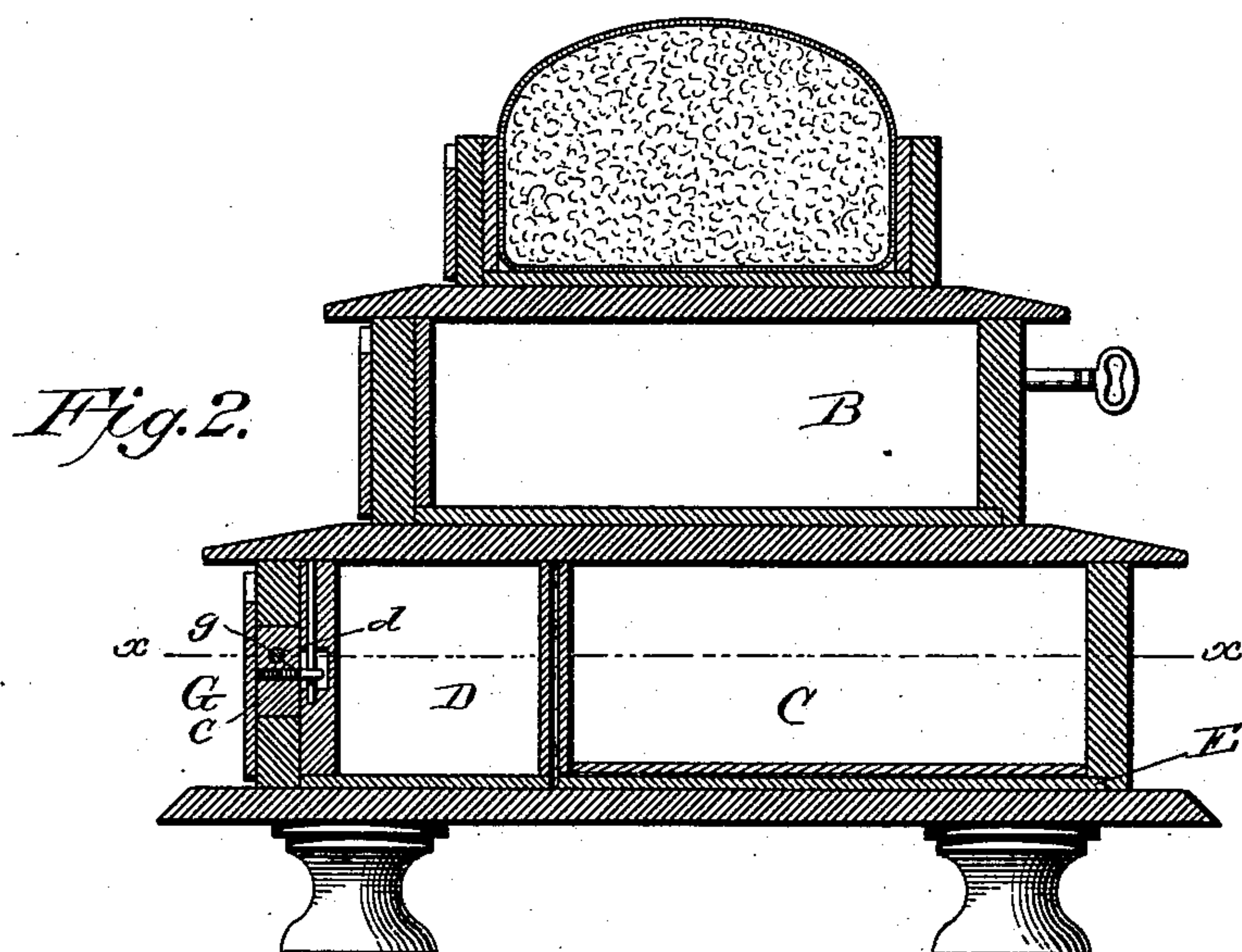
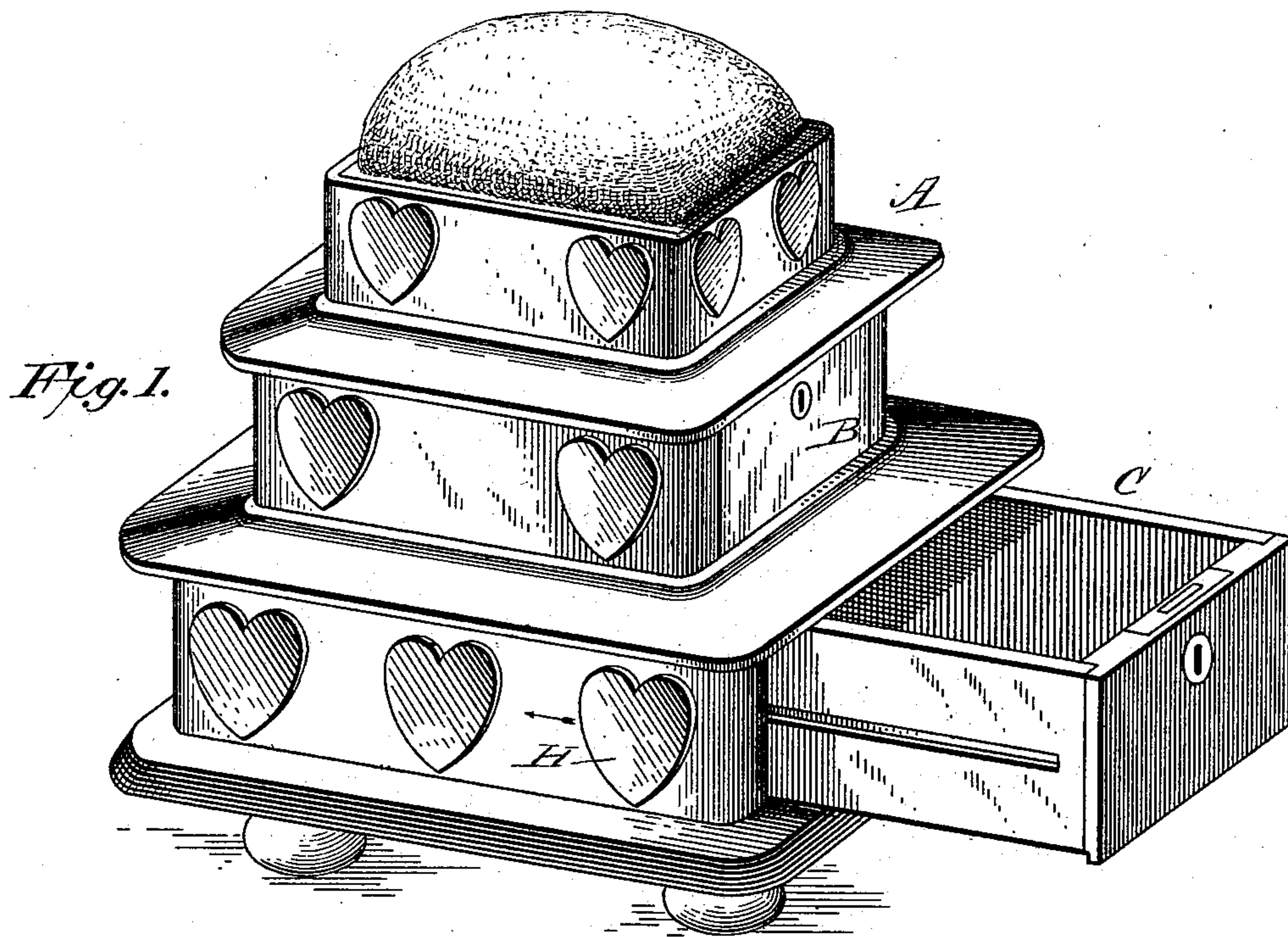
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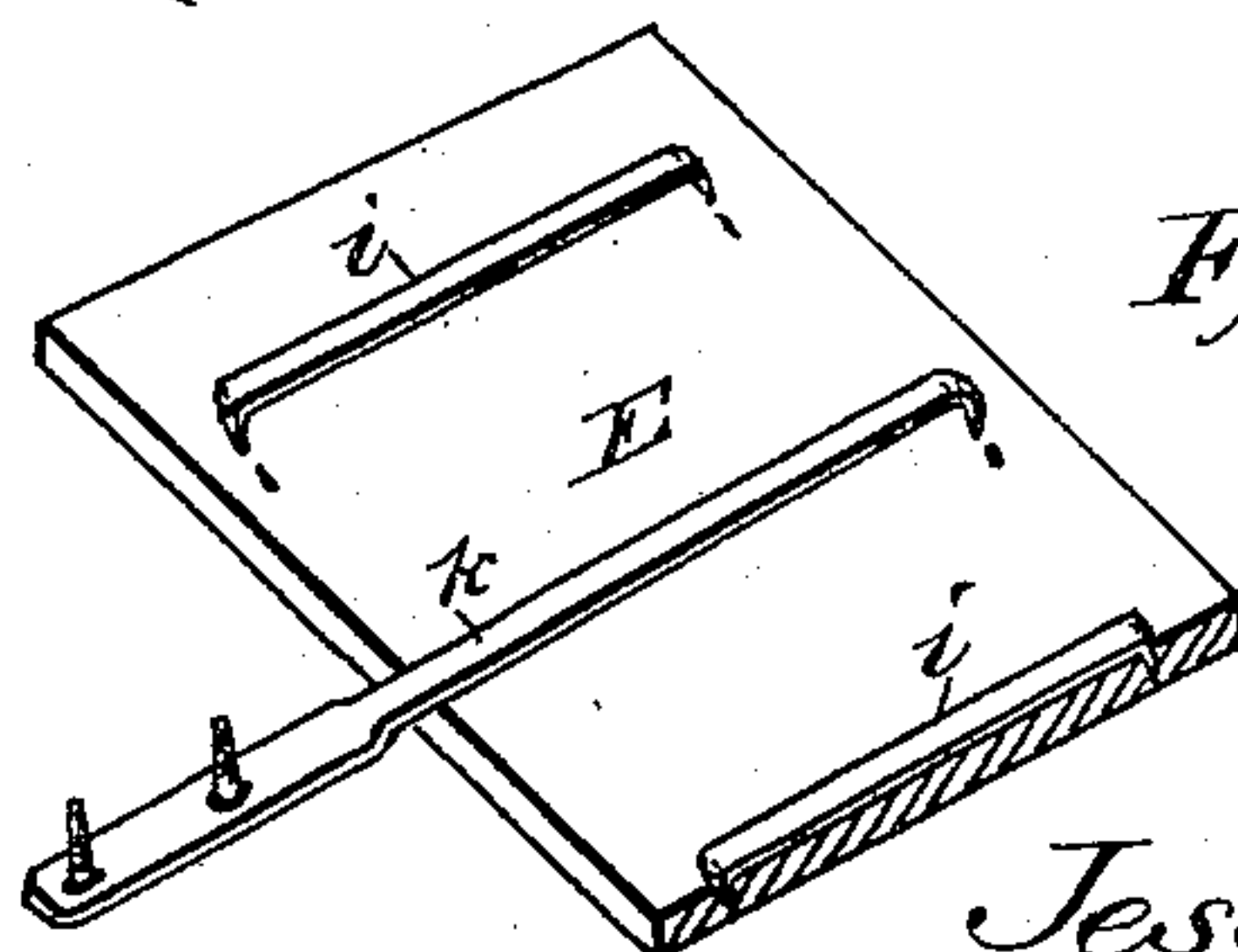
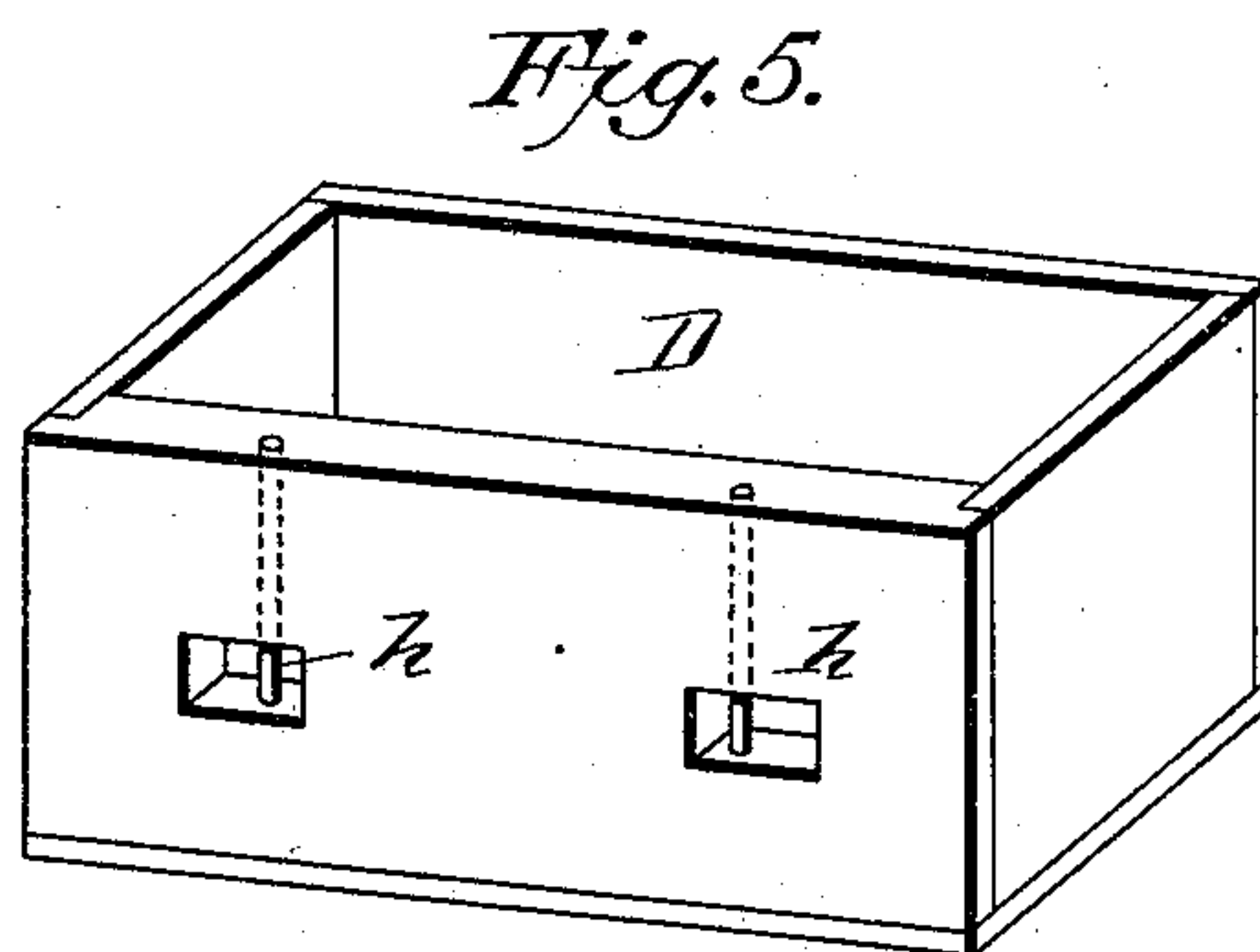
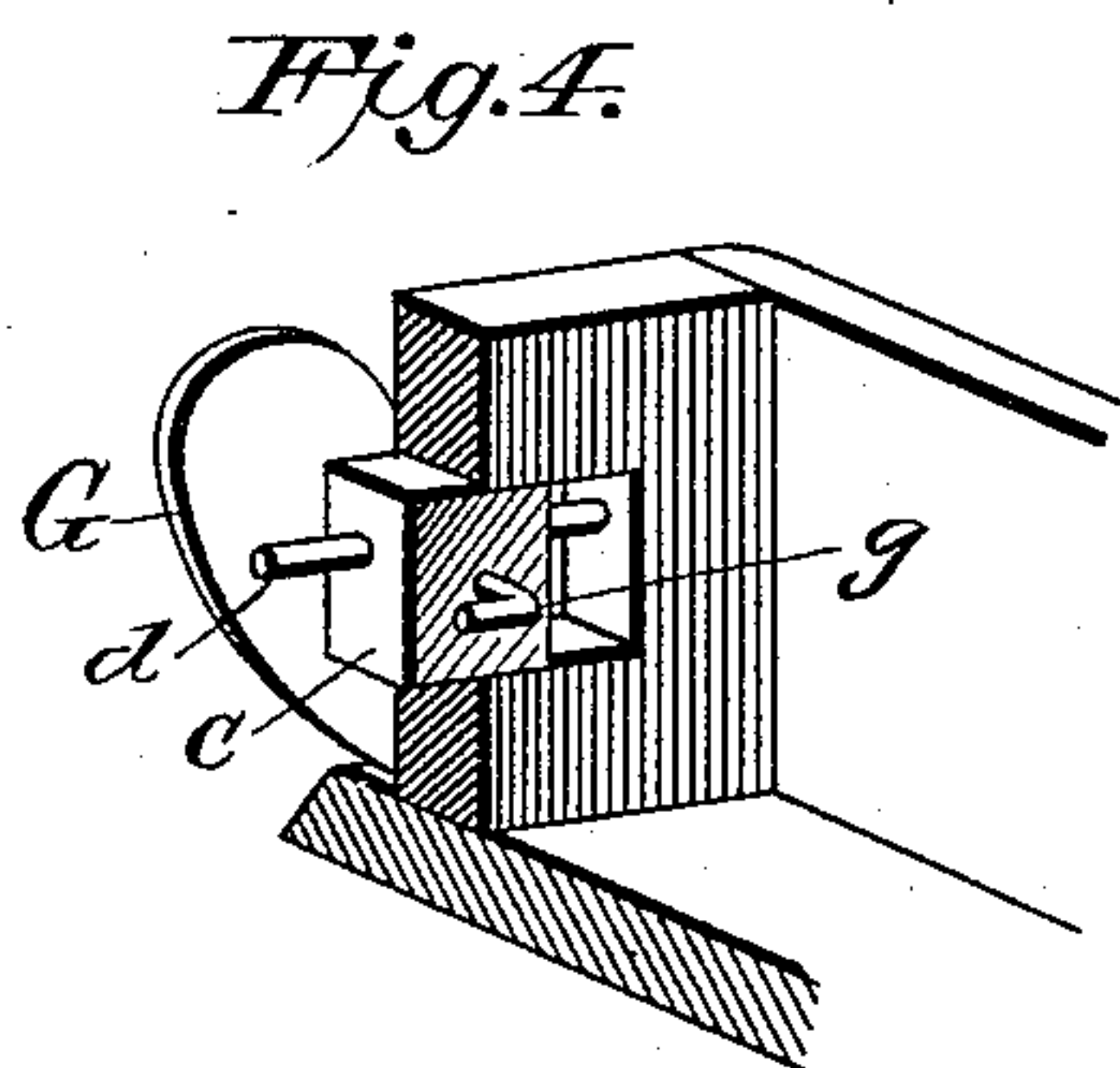
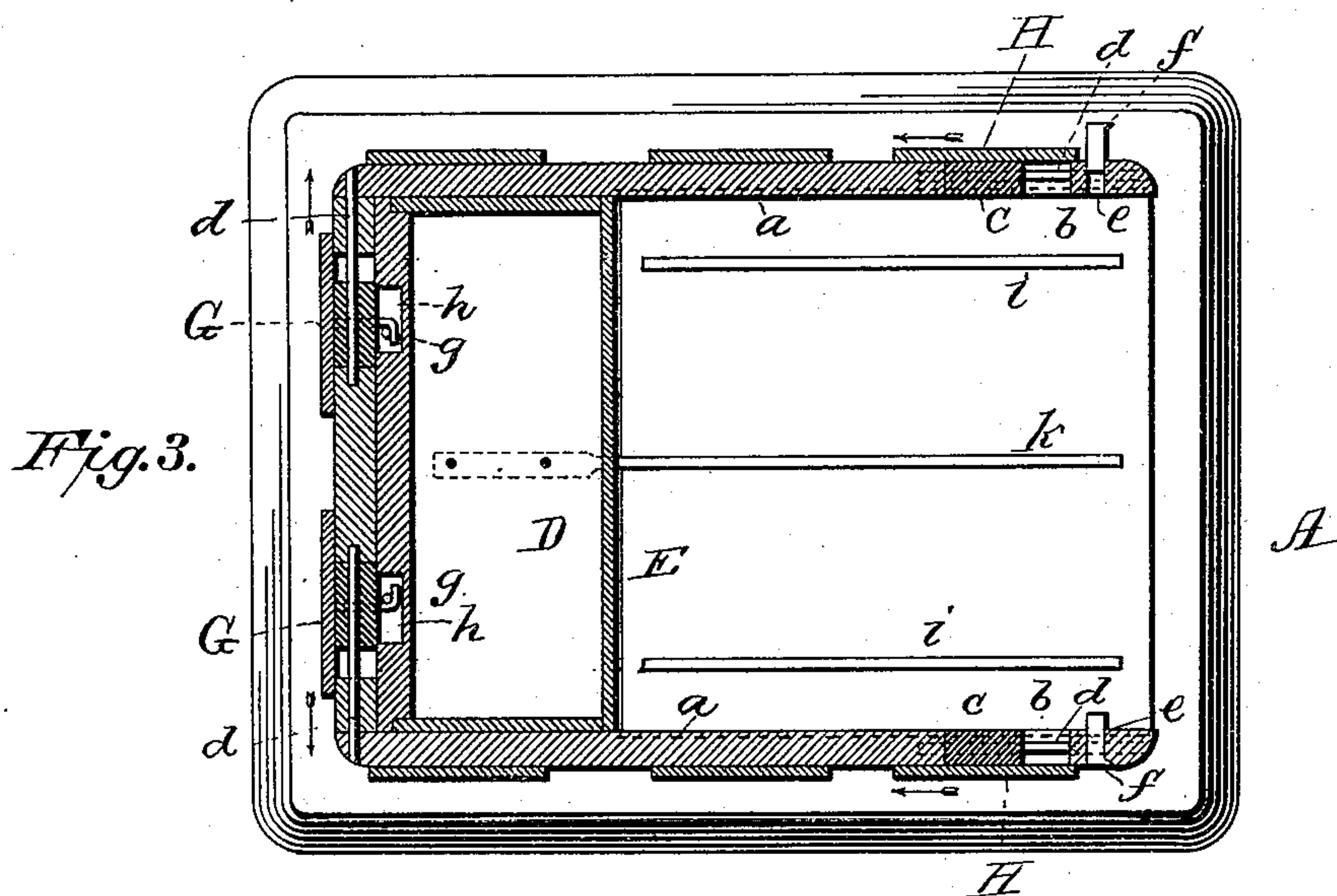
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## SECRET COMPARTMENT FOR CABINETS, &c.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 513,061, dated January 16, 1894.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JESSE F. SLATER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Charlton city, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Secret Compartments for Cabinets, &c.; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a secret or concealed compartment for furniture which may be used as a receptacle for valuables; and it consists in the construction and combination of the parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cabinet to which I have shown my invention applied. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view on the line  $x-x$  of Fig. 2, and Figs. 4, 5 and 6 are detail perspective views.

A designates the article of furniture which is provided with a drawer B of ordinary construction and in which articles of ordinary value may be placed and a drawer C of somewhat similar construction.

D designates the secret compartment or drawer which is located in the rear of the drawer C.

The drawers C and D may be applied to a bureau, chiffonier, dresser, desk, or other article of furniture.

The sides  $a a$  of the article of furniture are each provided with an aperture  $b$  which is adapted to receive a block  $c$  which is attached to an escutcheon, rosette, or other ornamental part of the furniture. These blocks are apertured and through the same pass rods  $d$  which will retain the escutcheons and blocks in place and permit them to have a sliding movement. Adjacent to the apertures  $b$  are perforations  $e$  which are adapted to receive pins  $f$  which project through the sides of the

receptacle and enter grooves in the side pieces of the drawer C so as to prevent the entire withdrawal of said drawer. After the pins  $f$  have been inserted the escutcheons are moved to cover the heads of the pins so as to conceal them, and unless both pins are partially withdrawn it will be impossible to entirely withdraw the drawer. Similar escutcheons are located on the rear side of the article of furniture, and the blocks attached to these escutcheons carry hooks  $g$  which are adapted to engage cross-bars which intersect recesses  $h$  in the end piece of the secret compartment D, and when the hooks are in engagement with said cross-bars the removal of the secret compartment will be prevented.

$i i$  designate drawer guides or bars upon which the drawer C slides, and  $k$  a similar guide which is attached at its rear end to the secret compartment while its forward end is bent down to enter a recess in a board E which is located in the base of the drawer receptacle. The end of the guide  $k$  engaging with the board E serves to hold it in place and by raising the end of the guide said board can be withdrawn, after which the guide  $k$  may be used to withdraw the compartment D.

The guide-bars  $i i$  are made up of strips of metal which are bent near their ends at right angles for attachment to a board E the rear end of which bears against the secret compartment.

In operation the escutcheons or ornamental pieces G G are moved in the direction indicated by the arrows in Fig. 3 and the escutcheons H moved rearward so as to permit the partial withdrawal of the pins  $f$ . The secret compartment D is then placed in the drawer receptacle and the ornaments G moved so that the hooks thereon will engage the cross-bars in the rear end of the secret compartment and the forward end of the guide rod  $k$  inserted in the aperture therefor. The drawer C is now slid into the drawer-receptacle, the pins  $f$  pushed into the grooves in the side pieces thereof and the ornaments H moved to cover said pins.

By the construction hereinbefore described I provide an article of furniture with a concealed compartment for the reception of valuables, the location of said compartment be-



ing made deceptive by reason of the drawer located in front of the same.

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

1. In an article of furniture having a drawer or a series of drawers, movable pieces located in the sides of the article of furniture and adapted to cover pins which engage with one of the drawers to prevent the entire removal of the same, a compartment D located at the rear of the drawer and provided with a rod *k* for withdrawing the same and means for holding the same against withdrawal, said means comprising sliding blocks with hooks which engage cross-bars in the rear end of the compartment, substantially as shown.

2. In combination with a drawer casing comprising in part sides *a a* and a rear wall,

the sides having apertures and perforations adjacent thereto to receive pins, sliding blocks having portions which are adapted to be slid over the heads of the pins so as to conceal the same, the rear wall of the casing being also provided with apertures and sliding blocks carrying hooks, a drawer C having grooves in its sides, and a compartment D having the rear wall thereof recessed and provided with cross-bars with which the hooks hereinbefore referred to engage, substantially as shown, and for the purpose set forth.

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

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