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Fig: 3.

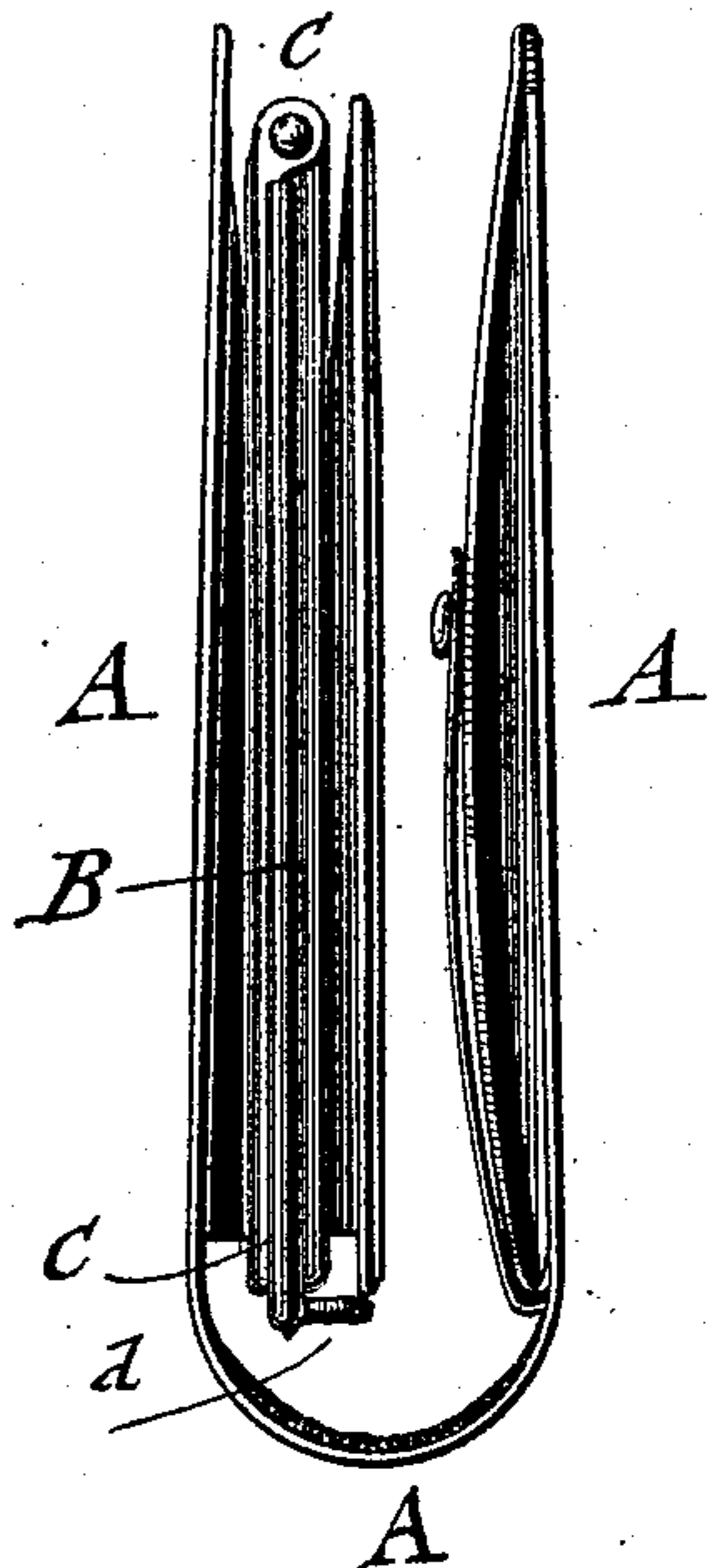


Fig: 4.

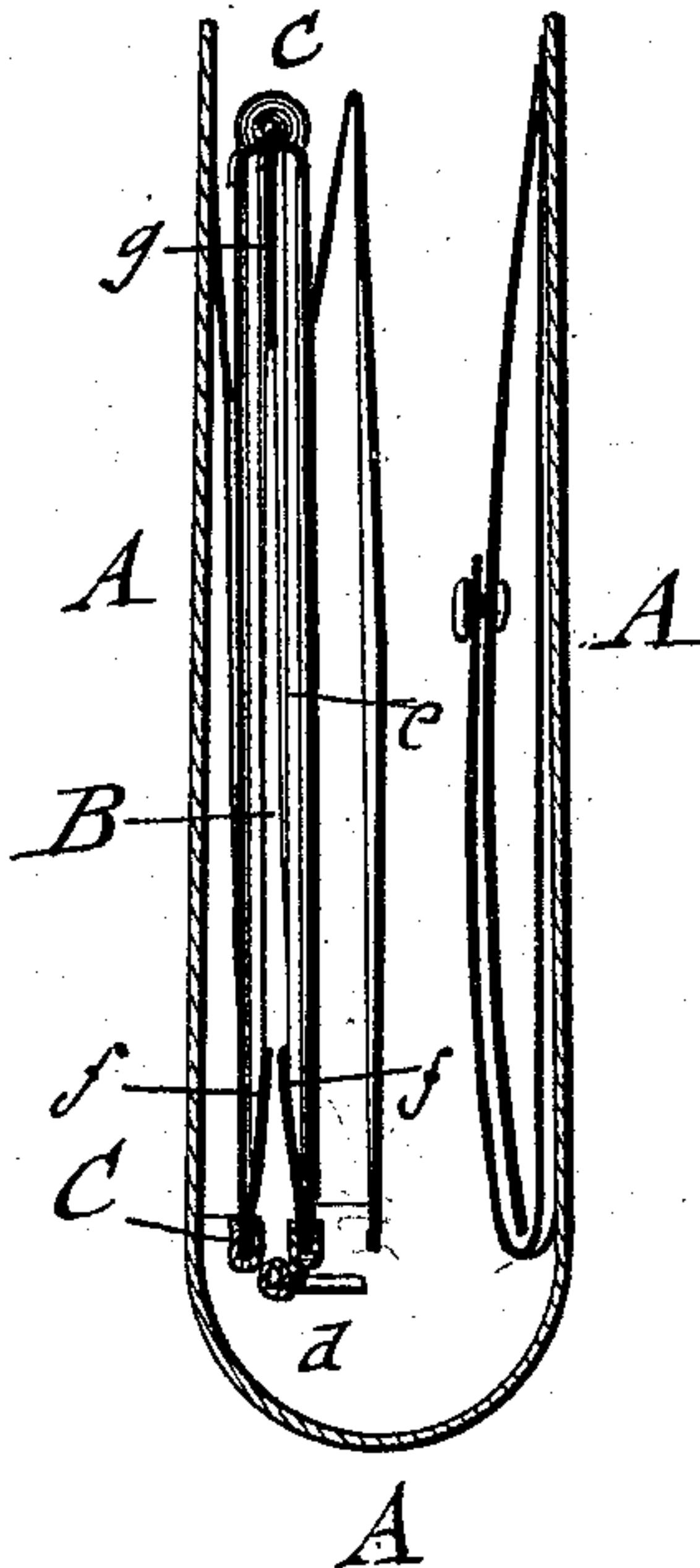


Fig: 1.

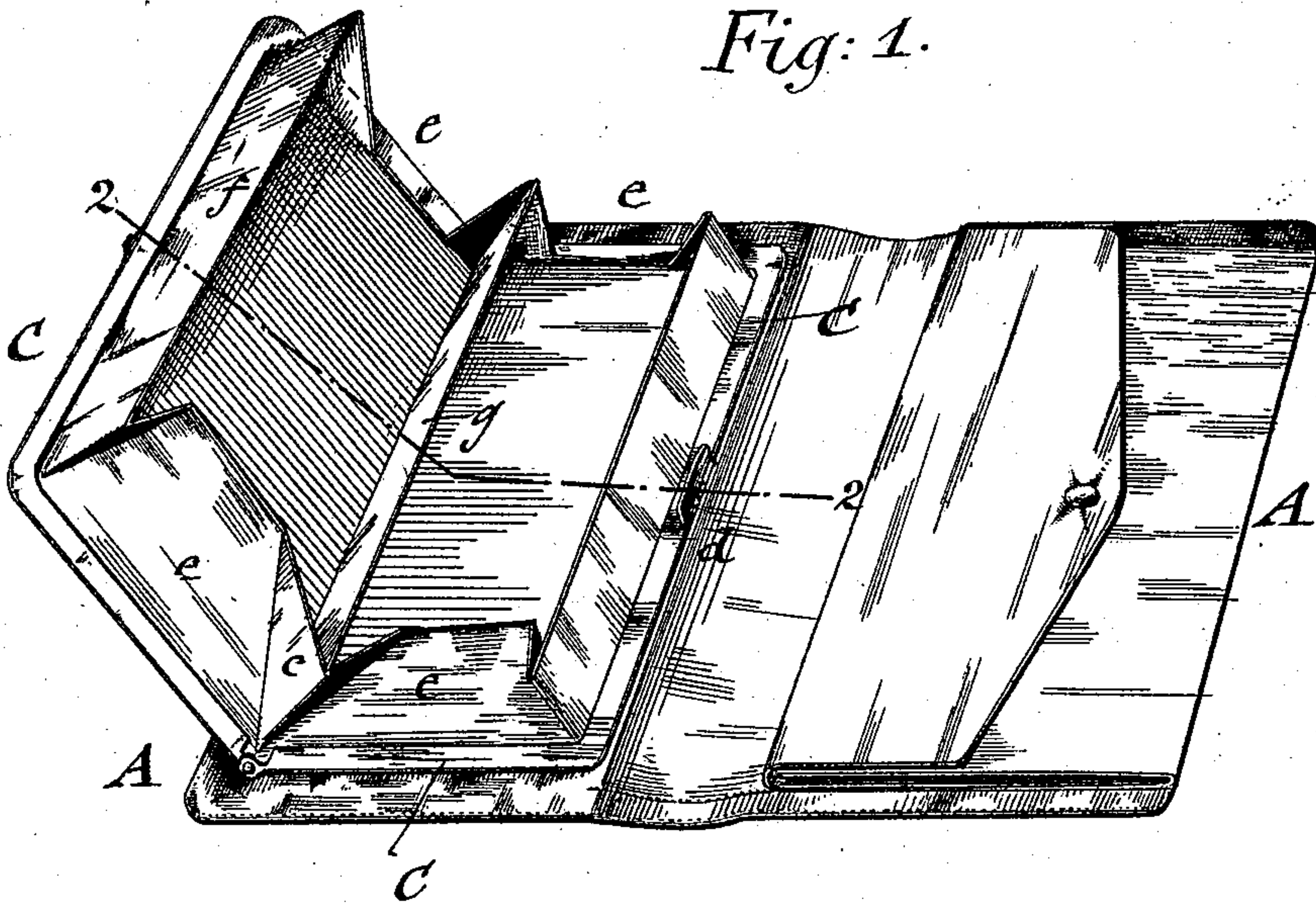
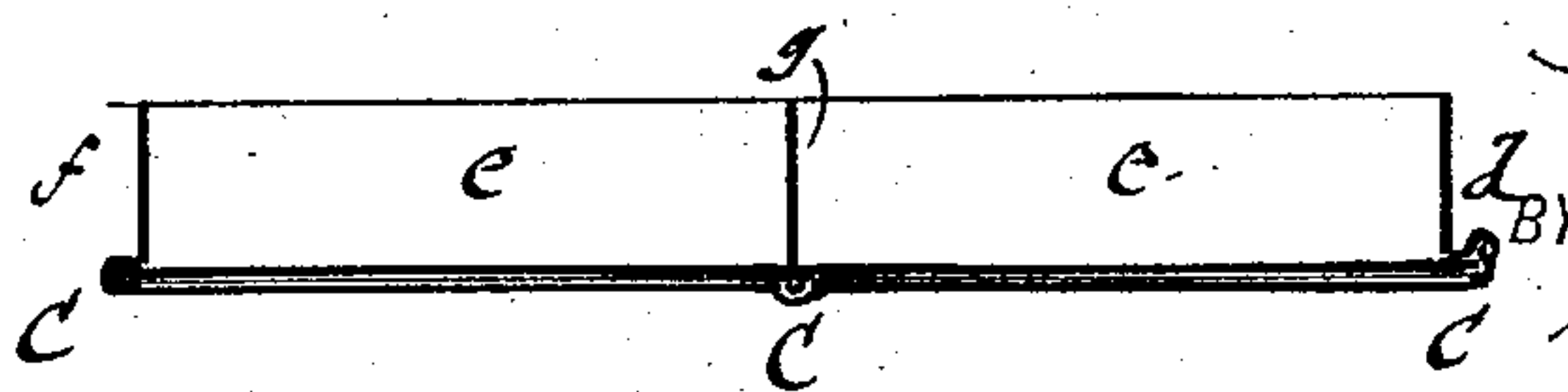


Fig: 2.

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## POCKET-BOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEWIS CANO, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of New York, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Books, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to an improved pocket-book, and more especially to a pocket-book for ladies' use, in which in place of the ordinary pocket in which both notes and coin are placed, a pocket is provided in which the bank-notes can be separated from the silver and other coin, so that each can be more conveniently taken out when making payments; and the invention consists of a pocket-book provided with a pocket having hinged jaws and a locking device for said jaws, said pocket arranged with folding side and straight end-gussets and a partition connecting the side-gussets so that two compartments are formed for the separate storage of bank-notes and coin, as will be fully described hereinafter and finally pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved pocket-book, showing the same in open position. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the folding pocket on line 2 2, Fig. 1, and opened to its full extent; and Figs. 3 and 4 are a side elevation and a vertical transverse section of my improved pocket-book shown in folded position.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a pocket-book which is provided with the usual auxiliary pockets for visiting cards, &c., and with a folding-pocket B for bank notes and coin. The folding-pocket B is provided with a folding-frame C, the jaws of which are pivoted to each other at one end and provided with a spring locking device *d* at the other end of the jaws, so as to be readily placed in an entirely open or closed position, as shown respectively in Figs. 1 and 4.

To the pivoted jaws of the frame C are applied the folding side-gussets *f* and straight end-gussets which are made of comparatively small height, so that when the jaws of the frame are placed in entirely open position, as

shown in Fig. 2, they stand up at right angles to the frame C.

The folding pocket B is subdivided by a central longitudinal partition *g* into two open compartments, of which one is used for the storing of the folded-up bank-notes, while the other compartment is used for the storage of gold, silver and other coins. When the folding pocket is open for use, the jaws of the frame are placed in line with each other, so that the two compartments or chambers of the pocket are entirely open and convenient access is given to either one so that ladies even with gloved fingers can readily take the money required either from the bank-note or coin-compartment. The side-gussets are creased at an angle of forty-five degrees from their lower corners and at the points of connection with the partition *g* so that when the folding pocket is closed, the end-gussets fold over the side-gussets, and the side-gussets inwardly at both sides of the central partition, as shown in Fig. 2. The bank-notes are placed in one compartment and the coin in the other compartment, after which the folding pocket is closed and then the book closed around the pocket in the usual manner. In this manner the bank-notes and coins are held securely in position in the folding pocket, but are within easy reach after the pocket is opened, so that a convenient pocket-book for ladies' use is obtained. It is obvious that the folding pocket may also be used separately, detached from the pocket-book as a purse.

The advantages of my improved pocket-book are, first, that the bank-notes and coins received in change can be readily stored in separate compartments instead of crumpling the bank-notes and putting them with the coin in the folding pocket; second, that on opening the folding pocket, the bank-notes and coins being separated from each other, are within easy reach and can be conveniently removed even with gloved fingers so that ladies can make their payments with great facility.

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

1. A pocket-book, provided with a folding pocket formed of pivoted jaws and a locking-device for said jaws, and folding side-gussets

and straight end-gussets separated by a central partition, substantially as set forth.

2. A pocket-book provided with a folding pocket formed of pivoted jaws adapted to be  
5 opened in line with each other, a locking-device for said jaws, and a pocket of comparatively small height formed of straight end-gussets, a central partition, and folding side-gussets which fold inwardly at the partition  
10 and corners, substantially as set forth.

3. A folding pocket, formed of a frame, composed of jaws pivoted at one end and provided with a suitable locking-device at the other

end, and of an open pocket provided with a central partition, straight end-gussets and  
15 side-gussets, which fold inwardly at the corners and at each side of said partition so that separate compartments for bank-notes and coin are formed, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as  
20 my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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