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FIG. 1

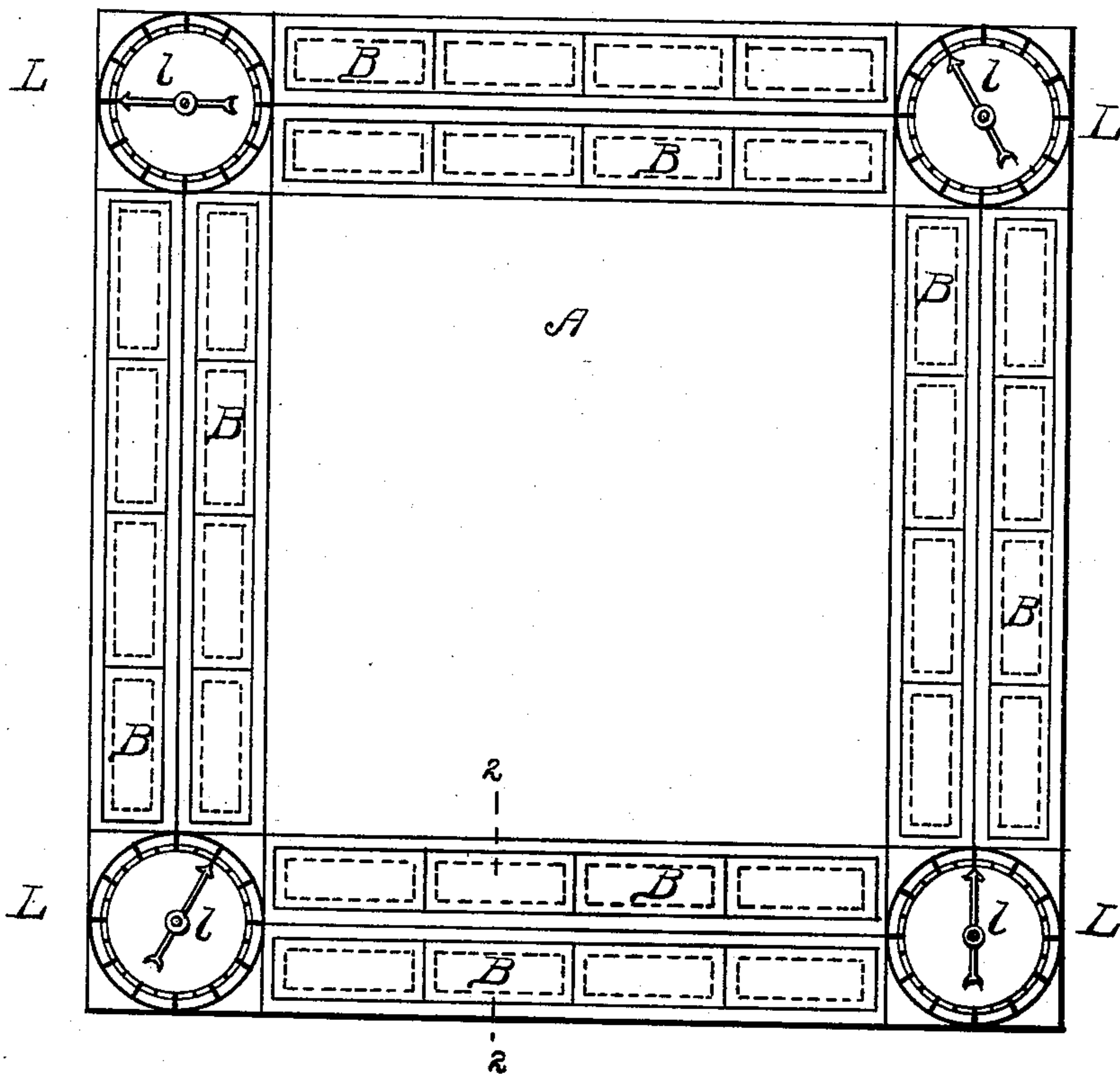


FIG. 2

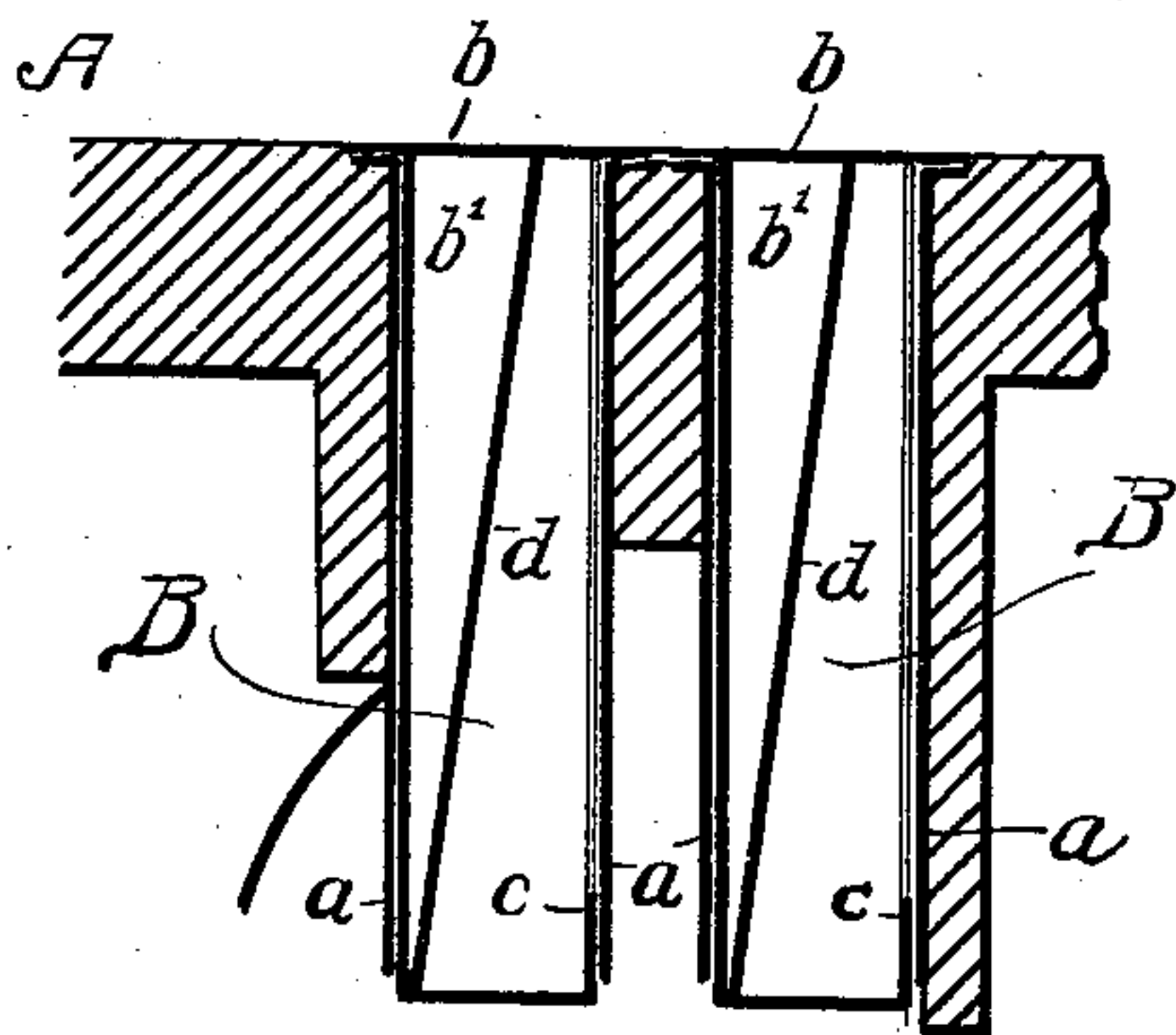
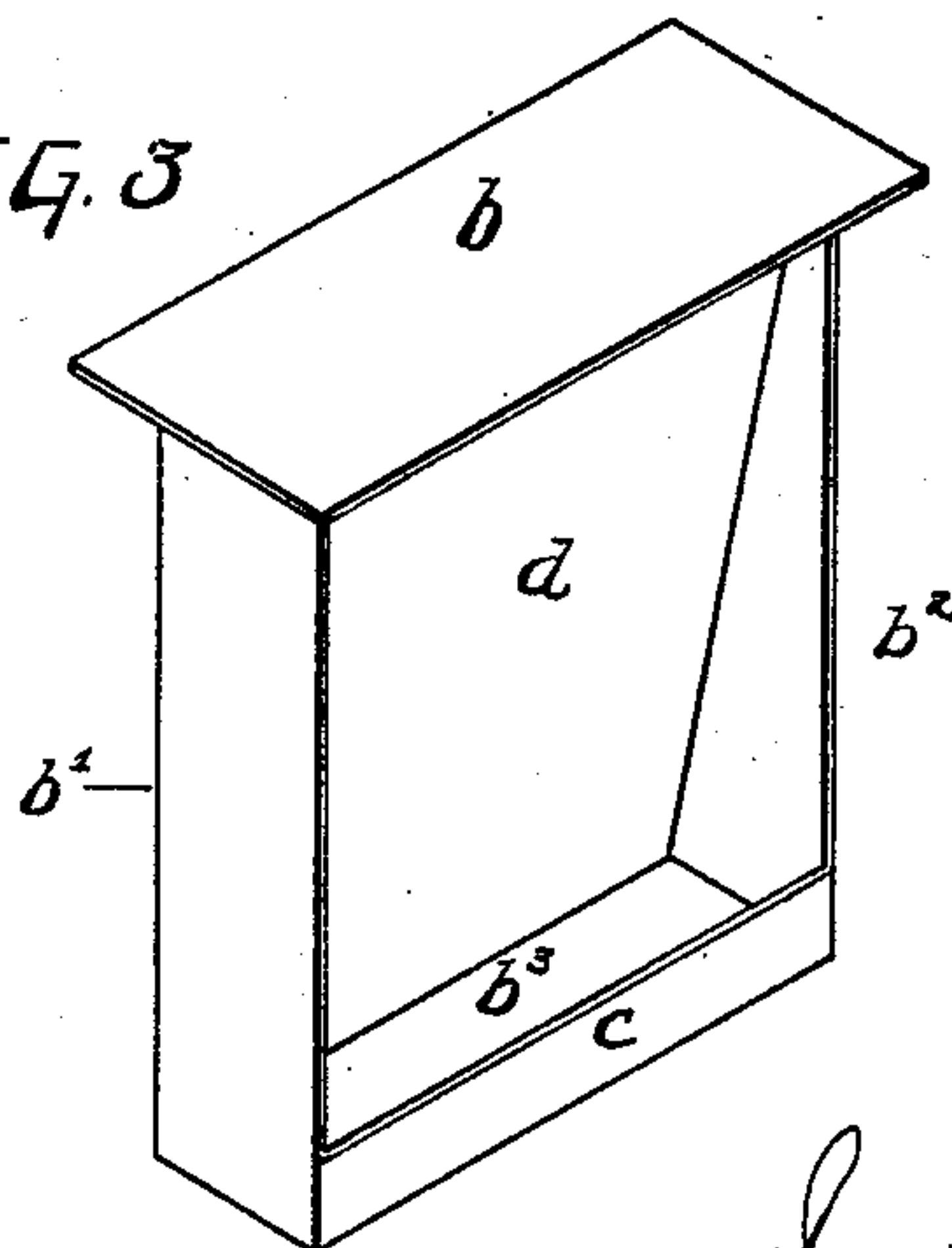


FIG. 3



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CARD-TABLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES SAUNDERS, of Bethayres, Montgomery county, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card-Tables, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to certain improvements in the construction of card-tables, more especially adapted for the playing of duplicate whist, its object being to provide the table with a number of movable boxes or drawers, in which the various "hands" may be separately placed as the game proceeds.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a card-table constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation, on an enlarged scale, on the line 2 2, Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a detached perspective view of one of the card-holding boxes.

The table shown in Fig. 1 comprises a top A, supported in any suitable manner and provided near each of its four edges with one or more vertically-arranged guideways *a*, formed, preferably, of sheet metal or thin wood, as shown more clearly in Fig. 2. To each guideway *a* is adapted a vertically-movable card-receiving box B. The box B comprises a top piece *b*, somewhat larger than the box proper and adapted to fit within a countersunk recess in the top of the table, the top *b* being perfectly smooth, so that when the box is in position this top piece will be flush with the upper surface of the table and will form no obstruction to the playing of the cards. From the top depend side and end pieces *b'* *b''*, to which is secured a bottom piece *b'''*, or the sides and bottom of the box may be formed from a single piece of sheet metal, if desired. One side of the box is open for the insertion and removal of the cards, and in order to prevent them from falling from the box a vertical flange *c* is provided at the lower portion of the open side. I preferably provide within the box an inclined partition *d*, so arranged as to throw the cards outwardly and press them against the side of the guideways *a* when the box is in position, so that as the box is withdrawn from the guideways the cards

will naturally fall from the open side of the box in convenient position to be grasped by the player, the cards being prevented from falling entirely from the box by the flange *c*. This inclined partition *d* may be rigidly or loosely adjusted in position in said box, and it may, if desired, have a spring provided at its rear for forcing the partition and cards outwardly.

The number of boxes for each player may be increased or decreased to any desired extent, eight being shown in the present instance as the number most convenient for ordinary use, and as the game progresses the thirteen cards dealt from the first pack to each of the four players are, after being played, placed, respectively, in the first box of each series, and the second series of hands placed in the No. 2 boxes, and so on until one side of the game is finished, the boxes being numbered consecutively, if desired.

In removing the boxes from the various guideways the fingers must be placed beneath the box and the latter forced upwardly and removed by the other hand, and as it is desirable to have the top of the table perfectly smooth and level it is necessary that this provision be made for removing the boxes by force exerted upon the bottom of the boxes, as will be readily understood.

As shown in Fig. 1, the four corners of the table may be provided with dials L, having hands *l* for the purpose of counting the number of points made as the game progresses.

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

1. The combination of the card table, provided with a series of partitions forming a number of independent vertically arranged guideways extending through the table top, a series of independent, vertically movable card receiving boxes adapted one to each of said guideways, the lower portion of each of such guideways being open so that the bottom of the boxes may be separately engaged and forced upwardly from their positions within the guideways, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of the table having a series of vertically arranged open bottomed guideways, a series of card-receiving boxes adapted to such guideways, said card-receiv-

ing boxes having closed top and bottom portions and an open side for the reception and removal of the cards, substantially as specified.

5 3. The combination of the table having on its top surface near each edge of the table a vertical guideway, a card-receiving box having closed top and bottom portions and an open side for the reception and removal of
10 the cards, a flange at the lower portion of the open side of the box and an inclined partition within said box, substantially as specified.

4. The combination of a card table, A, having a series of vertically disposed guideways,

a, open at the top and bottom, a card-receiving box, B, adapted to each guideway, said box having a closed top, b, fitting in a counter-sunk recess in the table top, a flange, c, at the lower portion of the open side of the box and an inclined partition, d, within said box, substantially as specified. 15 20

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand this 16th day of January, A. D. 1895.

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