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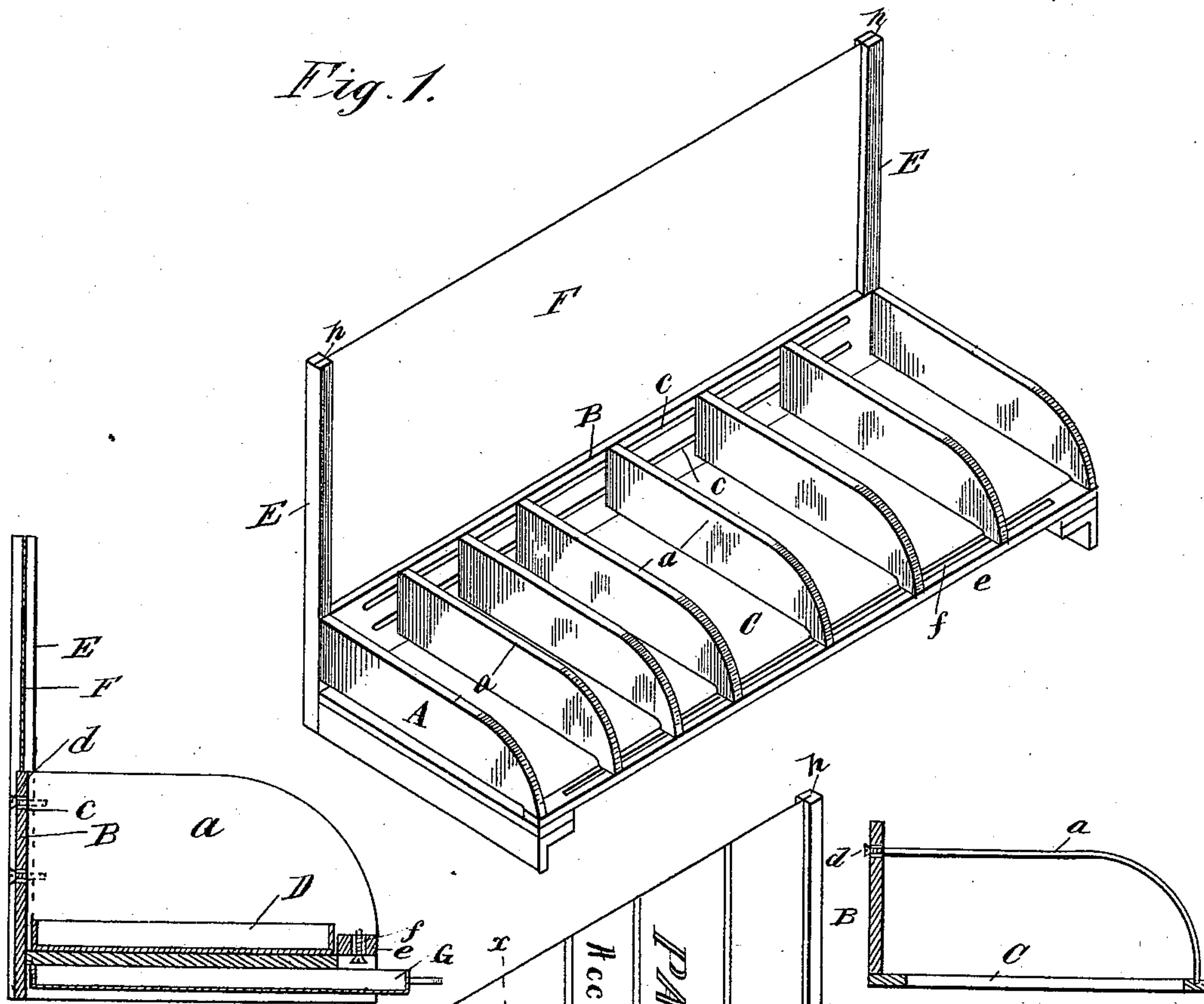


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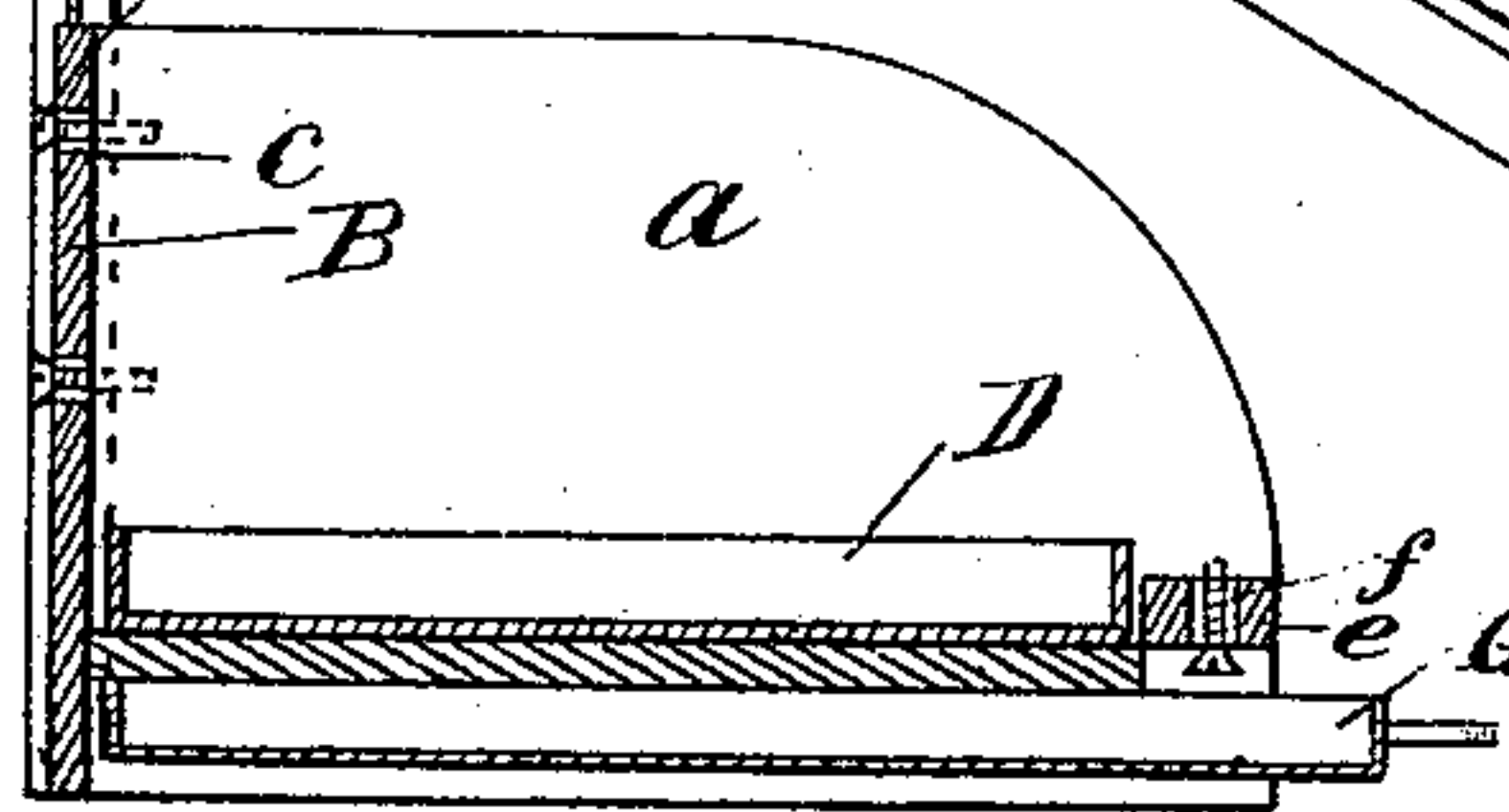


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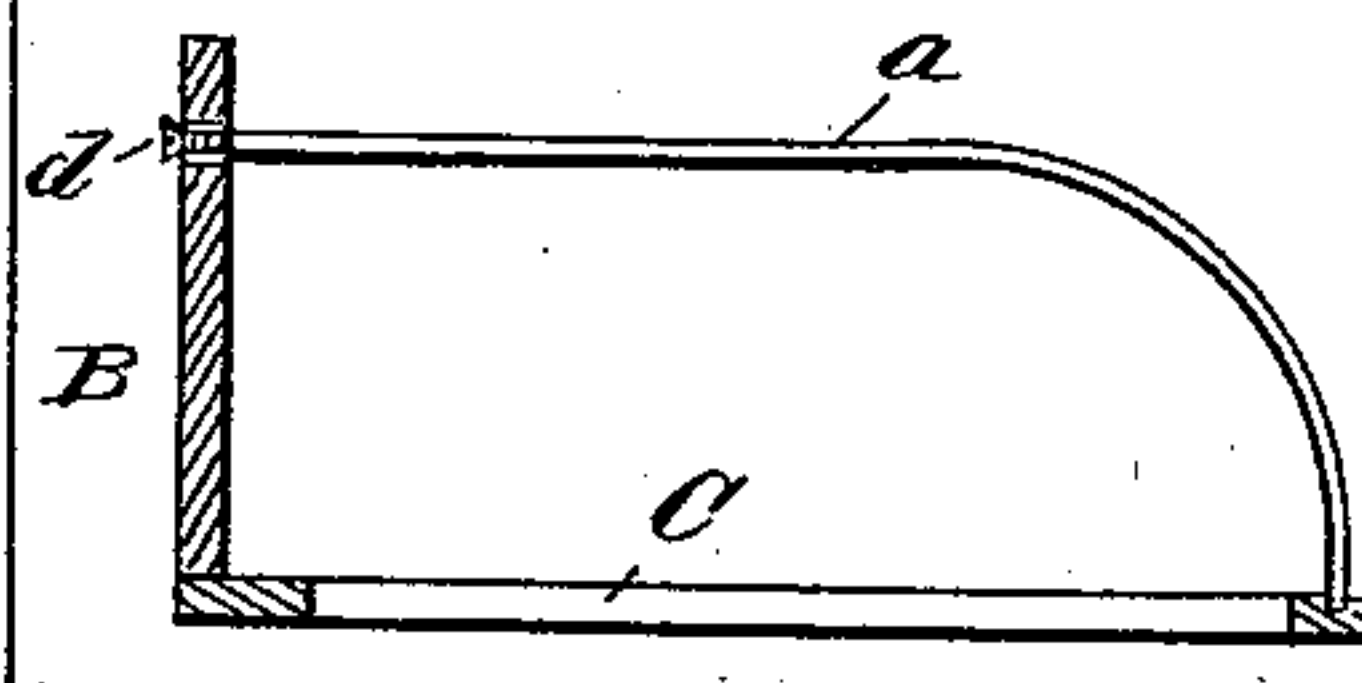
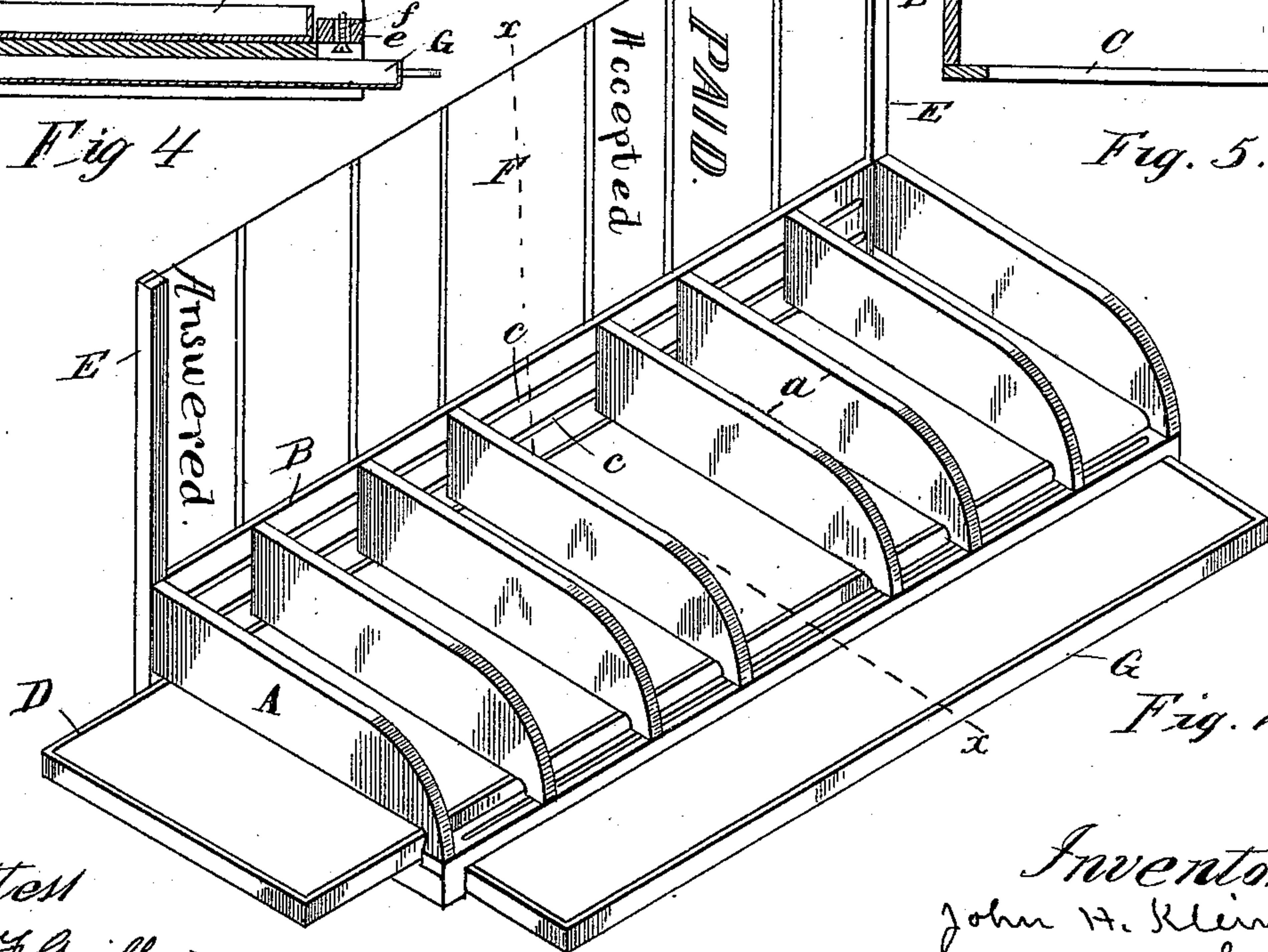


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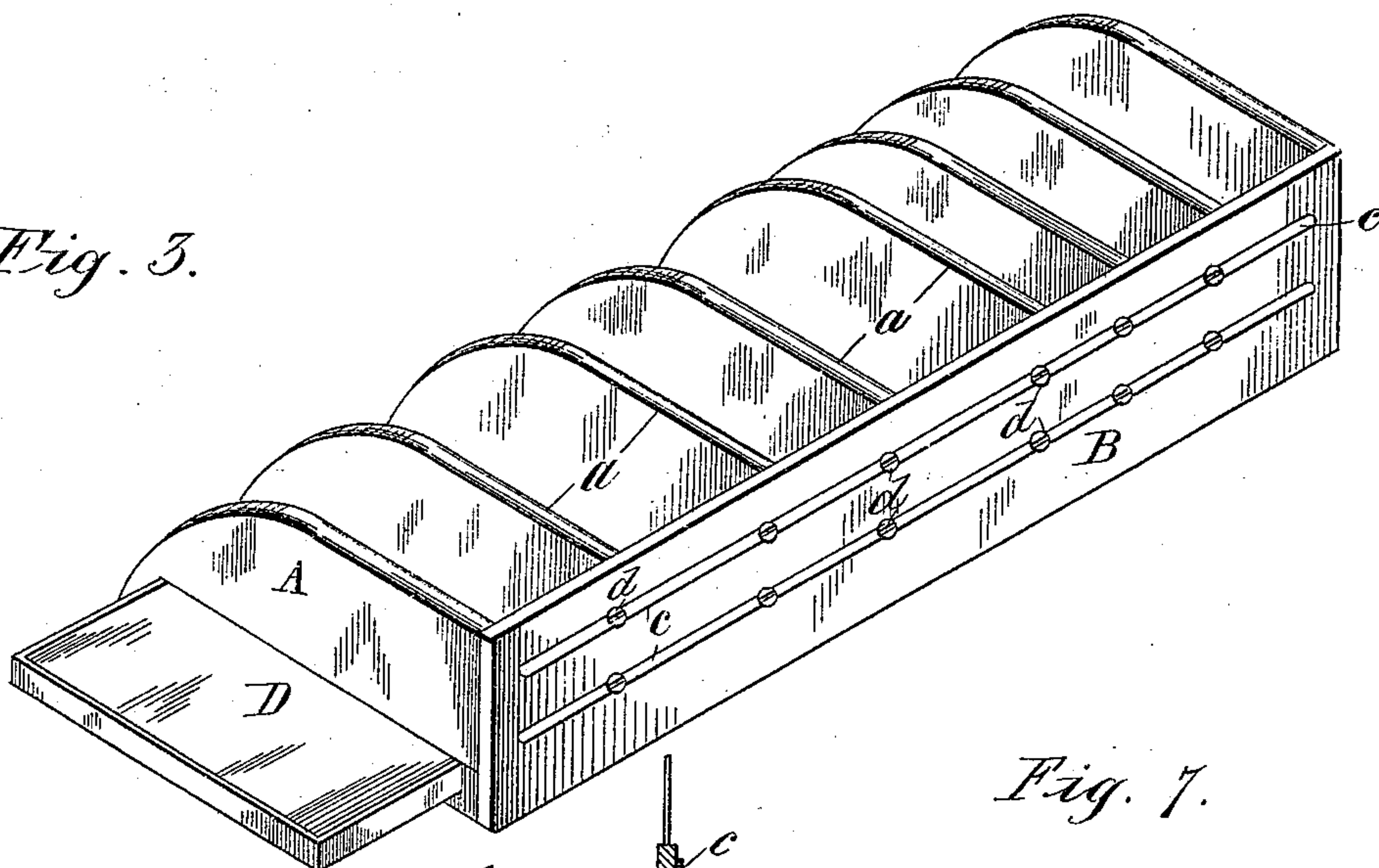
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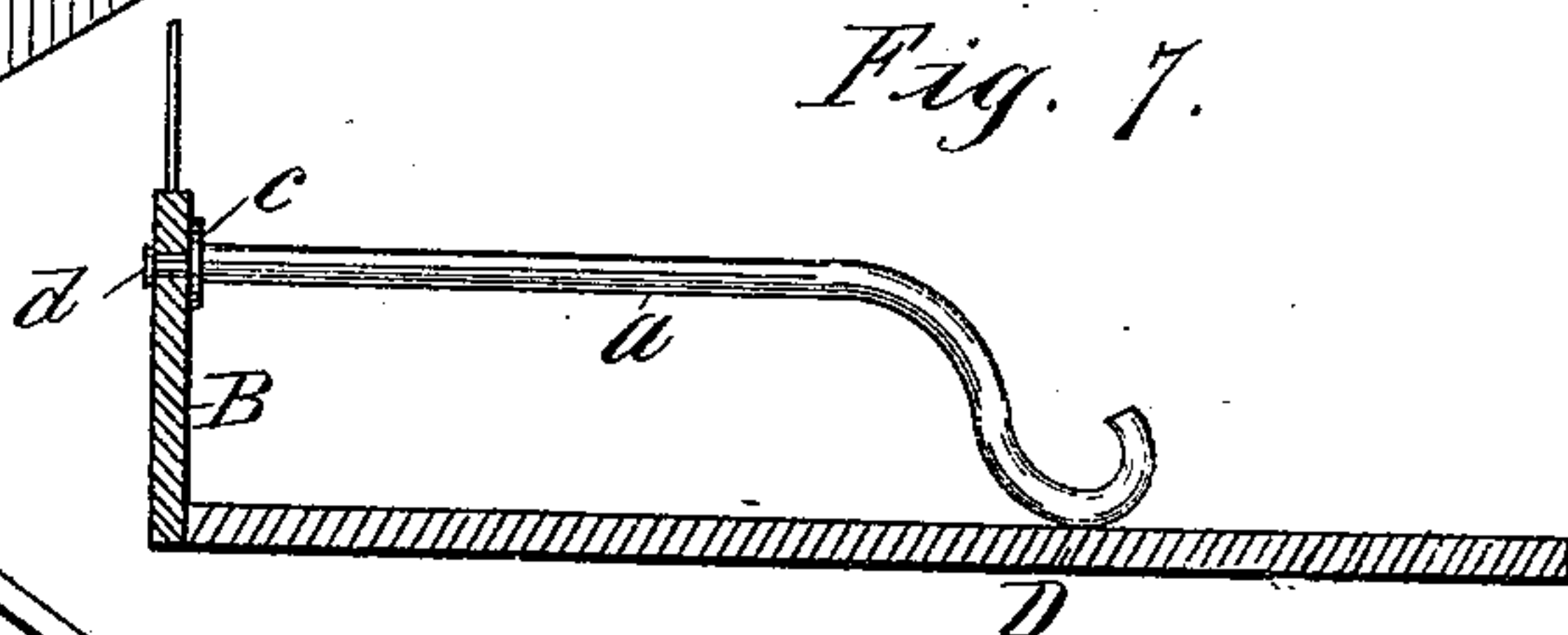
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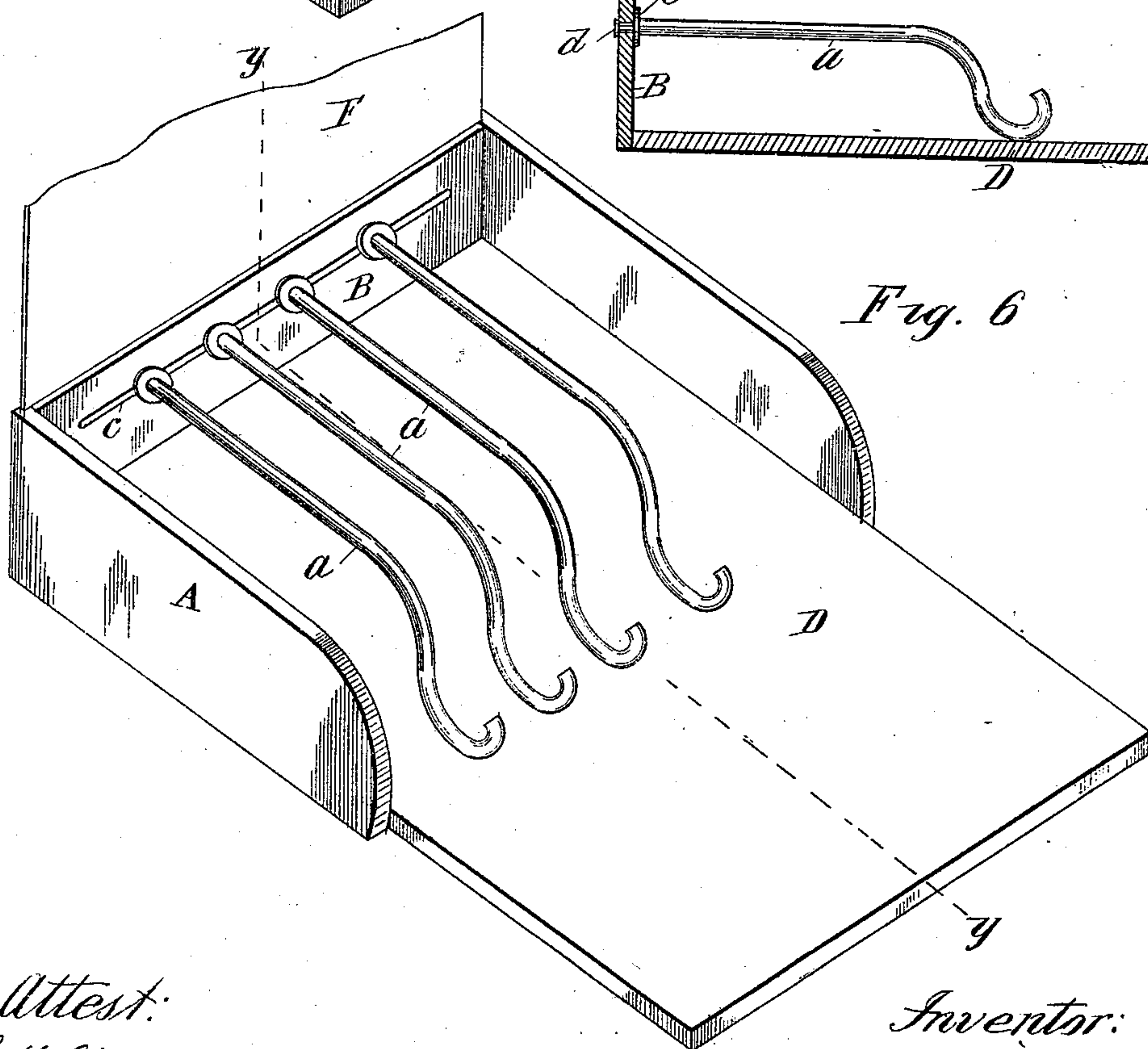
*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 7.*



*Fig. 6.*



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## COMBINED STAMP-HOLDER AND INK-PAD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN H. KLEINE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dubuque, in the county of Dubuque and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Stamp-Holder and Ink-Pad Combined; 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 combined stamp-holder and ink-pad; and it consists in a frame provided with adjustable partitions for forming a separate compartment for each stamp, and means for securing each partition in place, combined with an index for showing the compartment for each stamp, and a support for the stamps formed of an inking-pad, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The objects of my invention are to make the partitions adjustable to suit the different widths of the stamps, and to provide the partitions with means whereby they may be secured rigidly in position after they have been adjusted, to form the bottom of the frame or support for the stamps from an inking-pad which keeps the pads always inked and ready for instant use, and to enable each stamp to be located instantly by means of an index placed above them. Keeping these and other minor thoughts in view, which will be developed in the specification, attention is invited to the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective of the holder without ink-pad connected therewith. Fig. 2 is a perspective of the holder with two ink-pads. Fig. 3 is a rear view of the holder without the index, having one ink-pad. Fig. 4 is a section through line X X of Fig. 2, looking to the right. Fig. 5 is a modified form of one of the partitions. Fig. 6 is a modified form of the device having a broad ink-pad, and Fig. 7 is a cross-section through line Y Y of Fig. 7.

Like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in all of the drawings.

In the drawings, A denotes the frame of the holder, which is provided with a rear strap or back B, extending up a short distance, to which are secured the partitions *a a*, extending out at right angles to the said strap B.

These partitions *a* are preferably secured to B in an adjustable manner by a bolt or set-screw *d d* in slots *c c* in the strip B. The slots *c* allow the screws *d* to slide freely back and forth therein to regulate the distance between the partition and adjust them to accommodate stamps of different widths. Beneath the body there may be a floor C, on which the stamps are to rest when not in use, as shown in Fig. 1; but I prefer to dispense with the floor and place instead an ink-pad D, as shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 6. The ink-pad is removably secured beneath the stamps by cleats or straps (not shown) running along on the under side of the body, and when this construction is adopted I prefer to place a strengthening-stripe *e*, running along the front of the body A, to which the front end of the partitions *a* may be adjustably secured in a slot. By making the floor C an ink-pad the stamps are always ready for use, and the operator need not have a separate ink-pad to which he must apply the stamp before using the same.

At each end of the back B is an upright E, with a groove *h* on its inner side, in which an index F is removably secured. This index may be made of pasteboard, celluloid or other suitable material, and upon this index is printed the name of the stamp which is to be in the space opposite. Whenever there are to be used stamps with different type upon them from what is upon the index, then the index is removed and the proper names of the stamps written on a new piece and placed in the index-holder. It will be seen that this index may be placed in different positions—as, for instance, it may be attached at right angles to the back B, or it may be in front of the body, or separate indexes one for each stamp may be slid into a groove in the back B, contiguous to the partition in which is held the stamp having the same type thereon as upon that individual index.

Whenever it is desired to have an extra ink-pad separate from pad D, there may be arranged below the upper pad D, or below the floor C, cleats on which a pad G may be placed, adapted to be operated like a drawer. This might be very convenient, especially where a single stamp is to be used a large number of times in rapid succession, and the stamping



could be accomplished much more rapidly by the use of this extra pad drawn out from the holder than where the stamp is to be placed back into its compartment at each use thereof.

5 The manner of operating my device is as follows: The required number of stamps to be used are placed on the floor of the holder, and then the partitions *a* are adjusted to the width of the stamps by loosening the set-screws *d*  
 10 and shifting the partitions to the desired places, and then drawing up rigidly the partitions by said screws. The contents of each stamp are written upon the index *F* in the space opposite the compartment occupied by  
 15 said stamp, and this index thus written upon is inserted in the uprights *E E* or other convenient place connected with the holder, where it may readily be consulted.

If the stamps rest upon the ink-pad *D*, then  
 20 any one can be used immediately upon removal from its compartment, but if it rests upon the floor *C*, then the pad *G* is to be drawn out, and the stamp is first pressed upon pad *G* and then used.

25 It will be readily seen that any desired stamp can be immediately discovered without turning it over and reading the type by simply consulting the index, and the stamp will be found in the compartment opposite to  
 30 which the name appears on the index. It will also be observed that there will be little or no danger of misplacing a stamp, as the stamp is returned to its proper place, and if there be not sufficient stamps to occupy all the spaces,  
 35 then only those spaces occupied by the stamps will appear on the index, and when all compartments are in use there can be no possible danger of misplacing a stamp when used.

40 It is manifest that various changes may be made in the manufacture and use of my de-

vice without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A stamp holder, consisting of a frame, 45 one or more partitions secured to said frame, and an ink-pad forming a floor on which the said stamps rest, while in the holder, substantially as described.

2. A holder for stamps consisting of a frame, 50 one or more partitions secured to said frame, means for adjusting said partitions to accommodate stamps of different widths, and an ink-pad forming a floor on which the said stamps rest, and which is adapted to be in- 55 serted in and withdrawn from said frame for the purposes shown.

3. A stamp holder, consisting of a frame, one or more partitions attached to said frame, one or more ink-pads the upper one of which 60 forms a floor on which the stamps rest, and which pads are removably secured in said frame, and the index of the stamps of said holder removably secured to said frame, for the purpose as shown. 65

4. A frame consisting of the stationary slotted back, the stationary end pieces, the adjustable partitions, and the removable pad which is inserted in the frame under the stamps so as to form a support therefor, com- 70 bined with the grooved uprights secured to the corners of the frame, and the removable index which is inserted between the uprights, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 75 in the presence of two witnesses.

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