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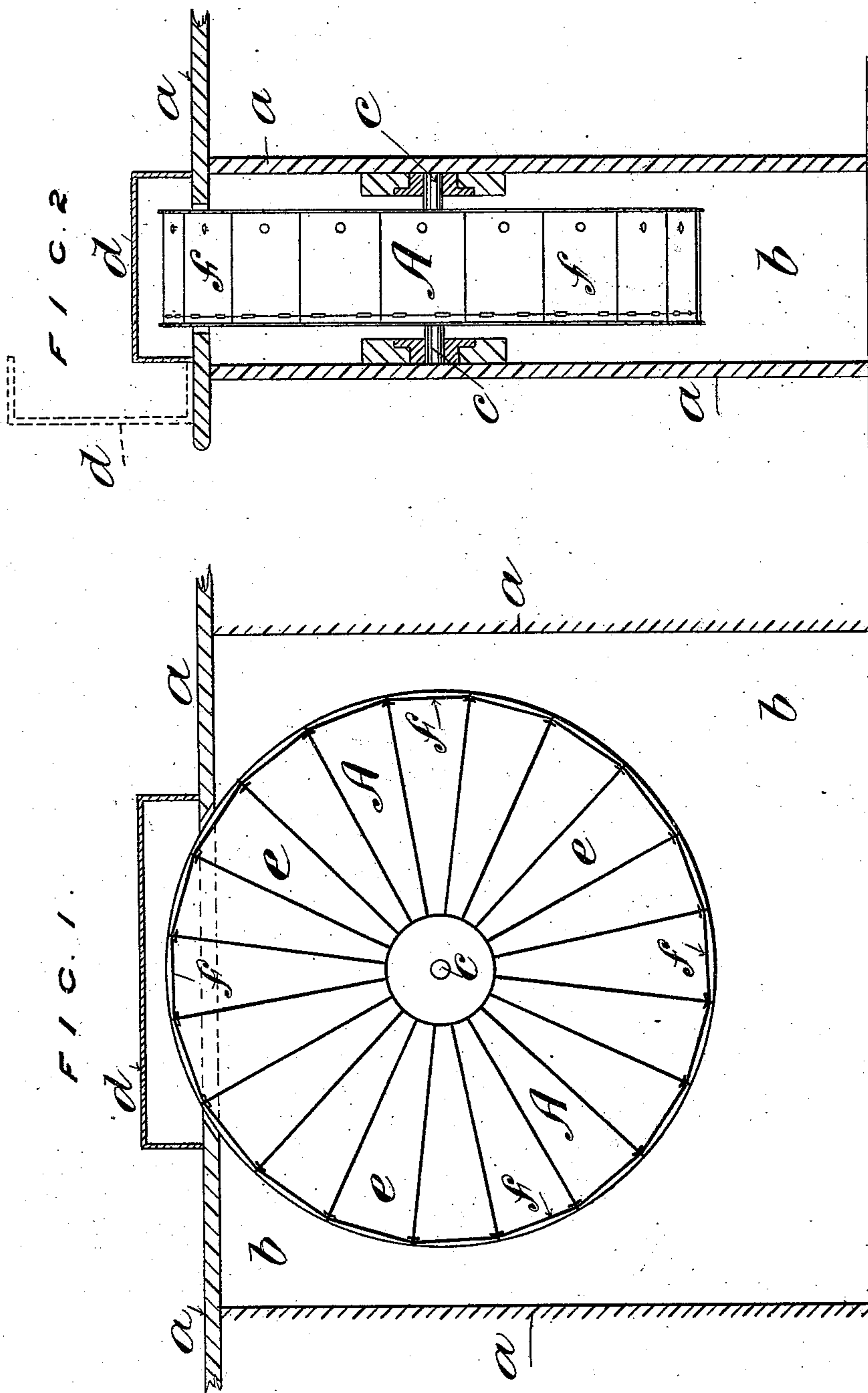
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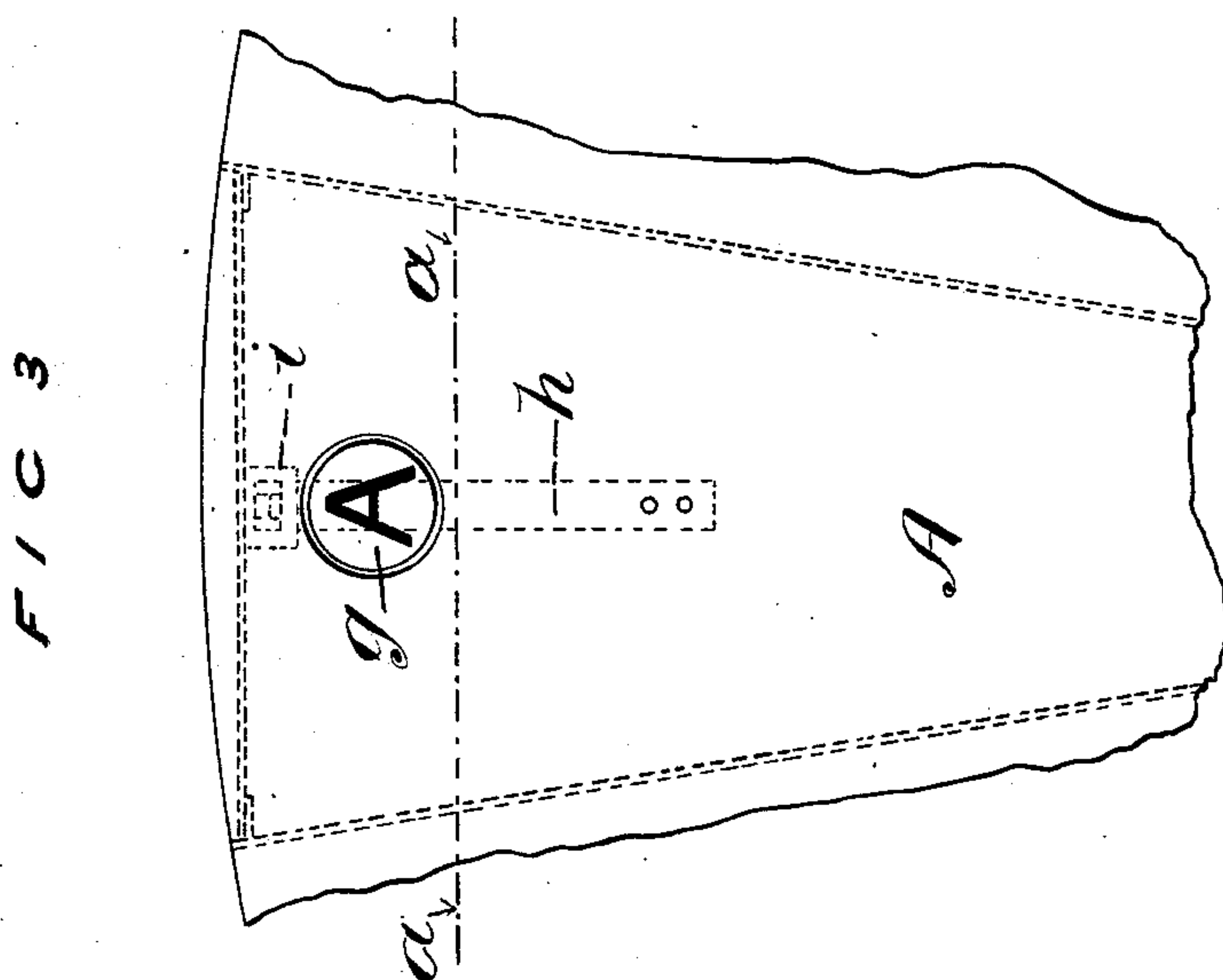
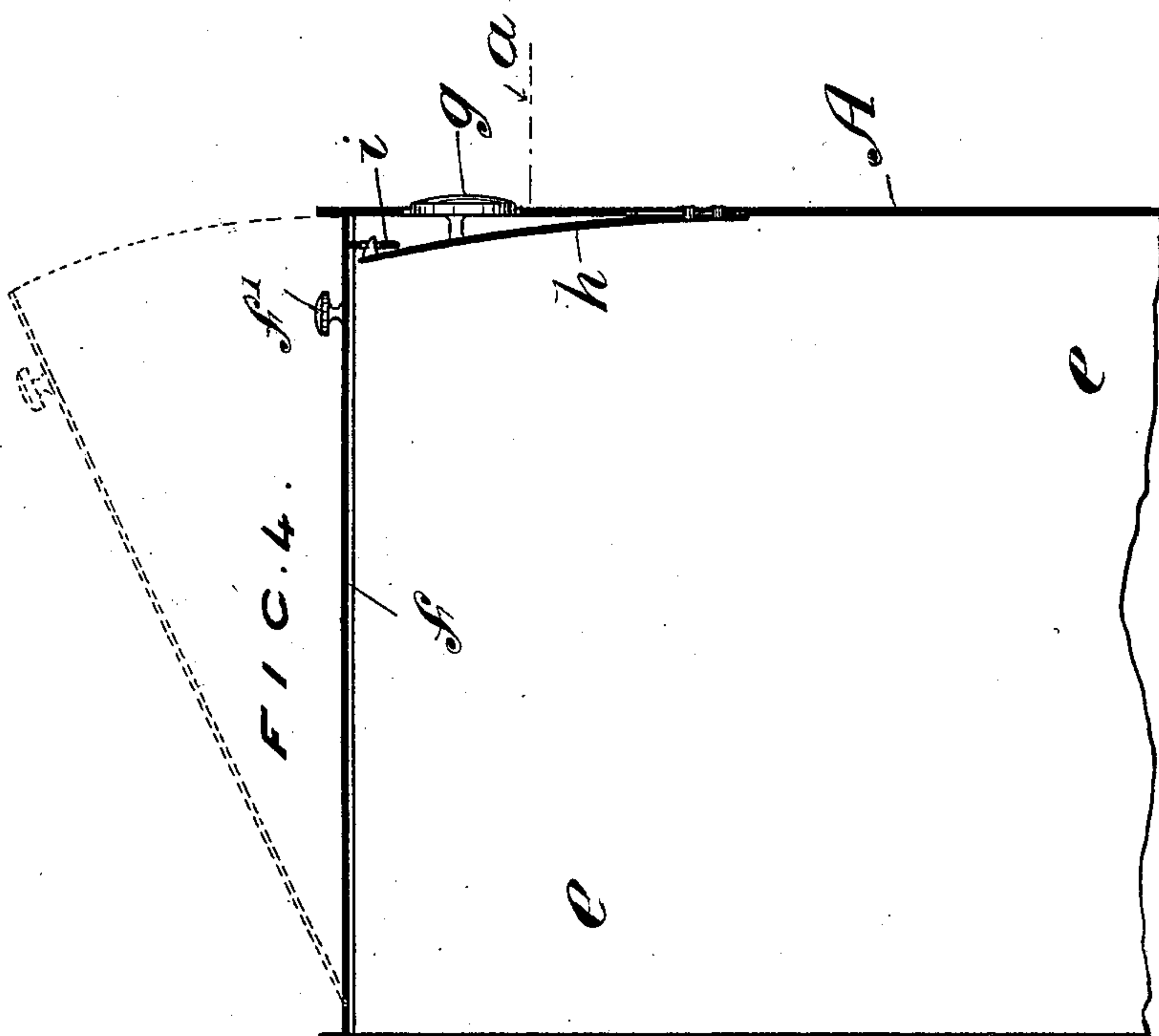
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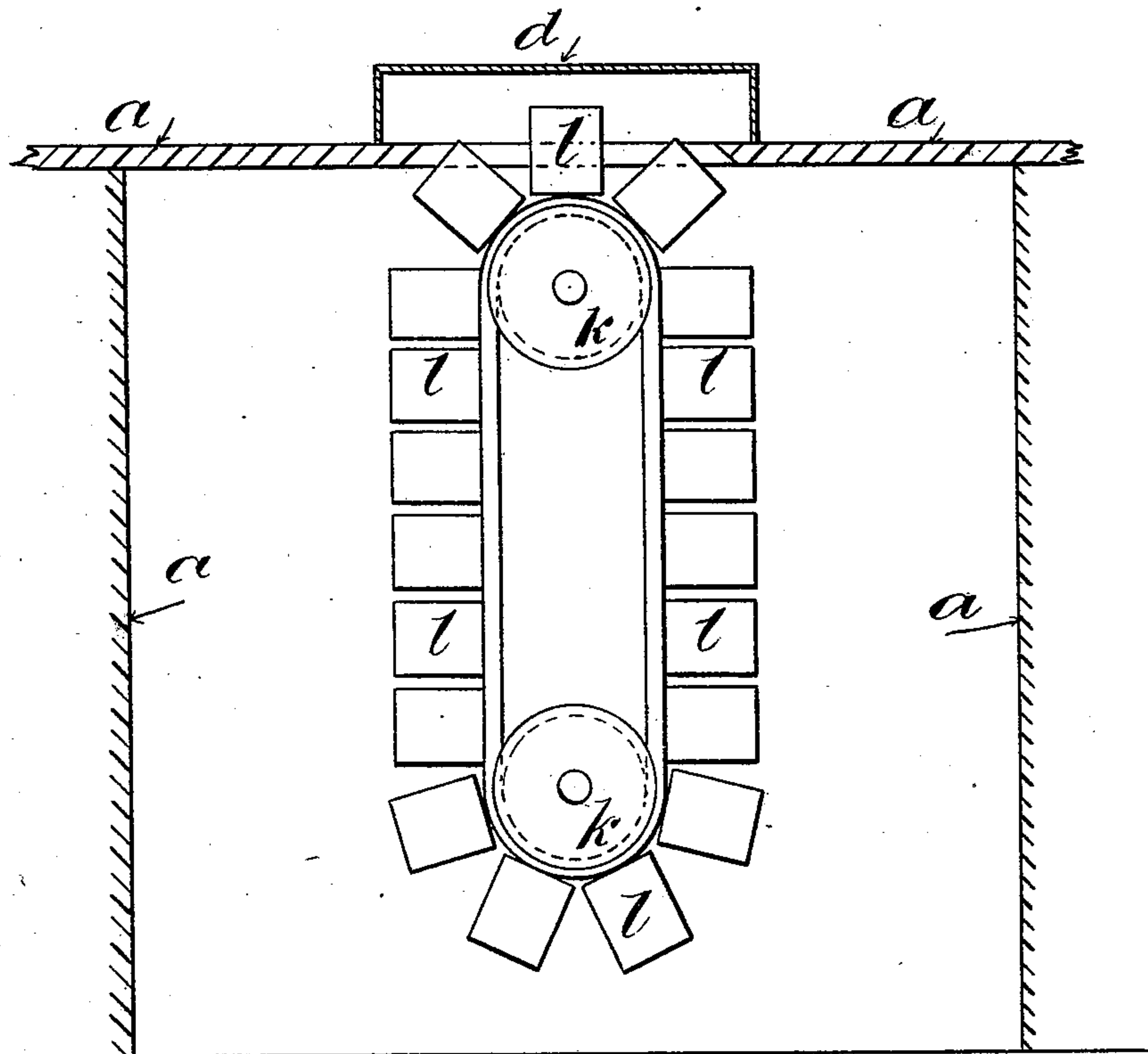
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## MEANS FOR FILING AND KEEPING DOCUMENTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL BRENTNALL, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, residing at North Street, Manchester, in the county of Lancaster, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Means for Filing and Keeping Documents, Specimens, Samples, and the Like in Desks, Consulting-Tables, Escritoirs, and other Articles of Office and Domestic Furniture, of which the following is a specification.

With the object of rendering the invention more clear I have attached three sheets of drawings to this specification, to which I will now refer.

On Sheet 1 Figure 1 is a front view of the compartment or pigeonhole wheel in vertical section. Fig. 2 is a side view. On Sheet 2 Fig. 3 is an enlarged view of a portion of the wheel, showing the upper part of one of the compartments. Fig. 4 is a vertical section of the same at right angles to Fig. 3. On Sheet 3 Fig. 5 is a view of a modified form of my invention, in which a movable chain of compartments is substituted for the wheel.

The sectioned portions marked *a* represent the adjacent parts of a consulting-table or roll-top desk or escritoire or other article of furniture. The wheel *A* is mounted in a compartment *b* at the back or in any other suitable part of the piece of furniture. The wheel *A* is carried on a central spindle or on pivots or trunnions *c*, upon which the wheel can revolve.

The top of the table *a* is cut out to allow the wheel to project slightly above it, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2. This projecting part of the wheel is or may be covered or boxed in by a hinged box-lid *d*, the front of which may be glazed, if desired. This hinged box-lid *d* can be turned over on its hinges, so as to uncover the protruding part of the wheel, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2. The lid *d* may also be furnished with a lock and key, so that when the lid is shut down and locked the wheel with its contents is rendered absolutely inaccessible except to the holder of the key. The wheel *A* is divided into compartments *e*, as shown in Fig. 1, each compartment having a hinged lid *f*. Each compartment is identified by a letter or number on the lid or front. A convenient place to paint such letter or number would be on the button or knob *g*, attached to a spring-catch *h*, which en-

gages with a projection *i* from the inside of the lid, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. This knob projects through the front of the wheel and can be pressed so as to release the lid and allow it to be lifted by means of the knob *f'*, as shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 4. To keep the contents of the compartments from falling out as the wheel is turned around, it is necessary that the lids *f* should be closed and snapped down. Any omission to do this is safeguarded by the provision that unless the lid of the compartment last used is closed and snapped down the wheel cannot be revolved to either side, since the unclosed or projecting lid will not pass through the gap in the table. Thus the unclosed lid serves to lock the wheel in position and no mistake can be made. The wheel might be arranged with its axis vertical instead of horizontal, as described.

It will be evident that instead of a wheel, as illustrated, I might use a chain of compartments carried on a wheel or on two wheels. I show this arrangement on Sheet 3 of the drawings, Fig. 5 being a front view of the apparatus. In this case I mount two wheels *k* at any suitable part of the desk. These wheels carry a chain of compartments *l*, each carrying its proper letter or number. The compartment at the top passes through a hinged box-lid *d*, just as in the case of the wheel. Each compartment is also fitted with a spring snap-lid, as in the case of the wheel, and practically there is no substantial difference between the two arrangements.

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

In combination, the traveling carrier having the file-boxes extending therein radially, the casing having an opening through which the file-box projects, each file-box having a hinged cover held by a catch, said cover being arranged to strike the walls of the opening when not held by its catch to close the file-box and the movable cover for the projecting file-box and carrier, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

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