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Fig. 1

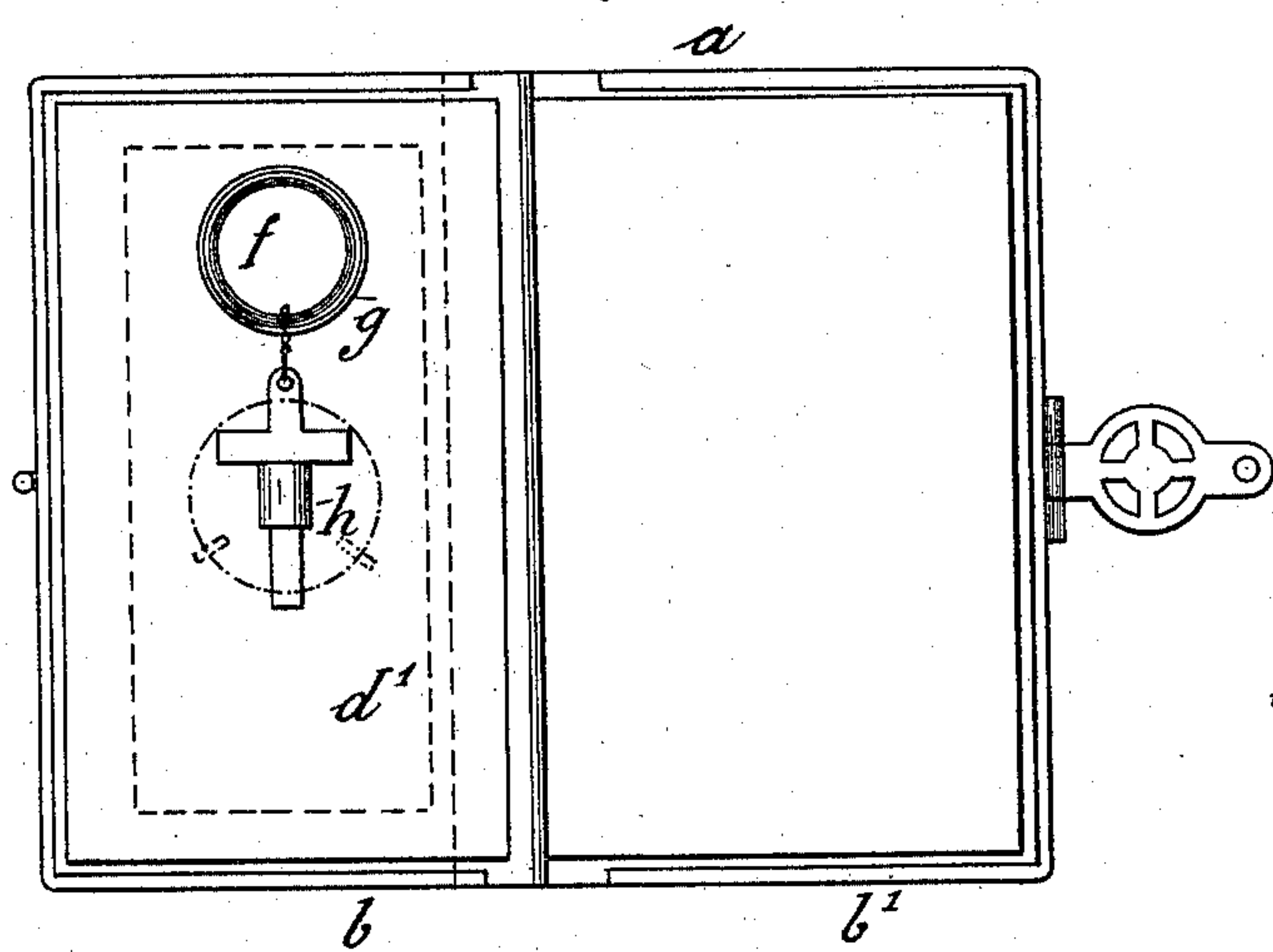


Fig. 2

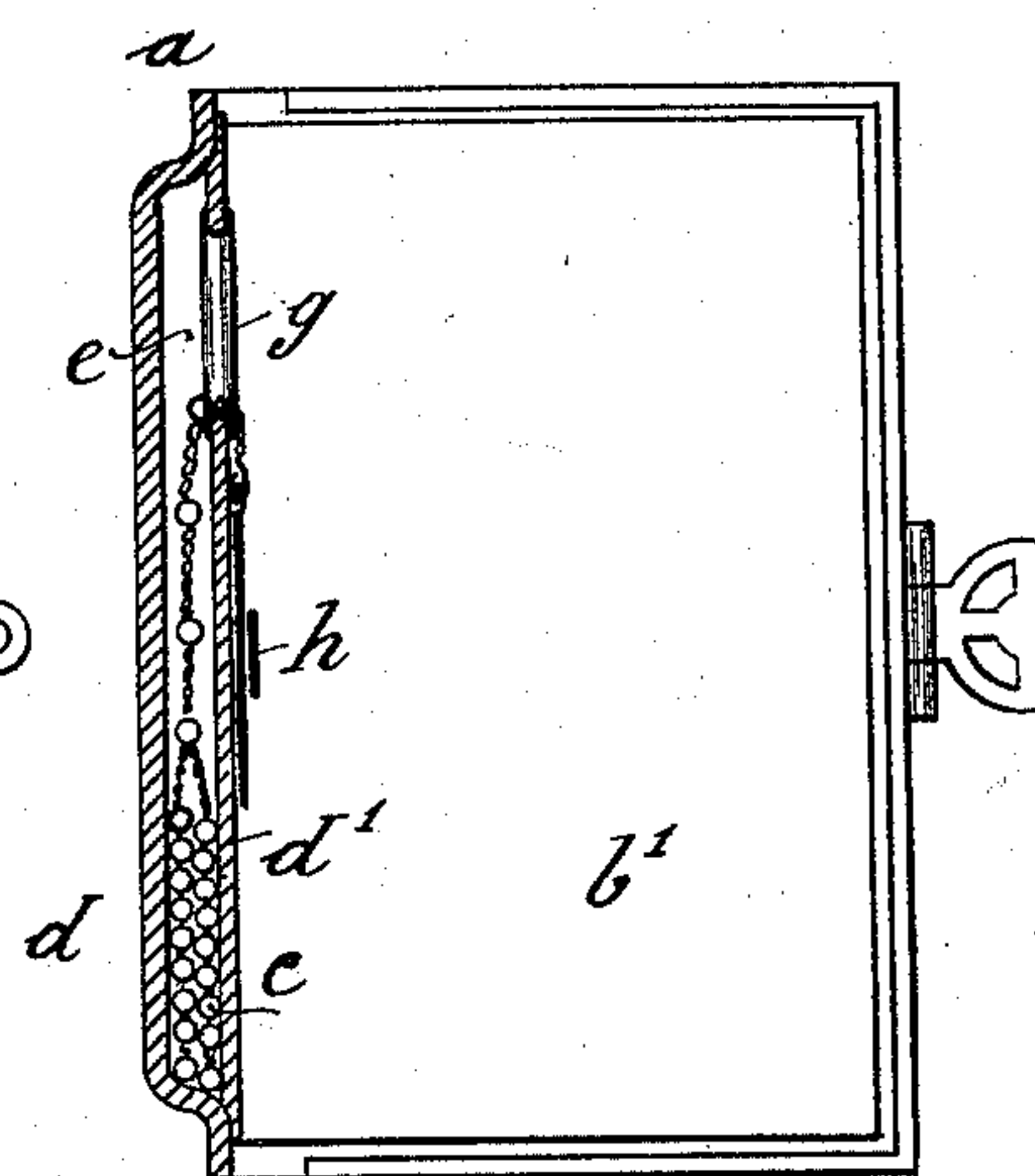
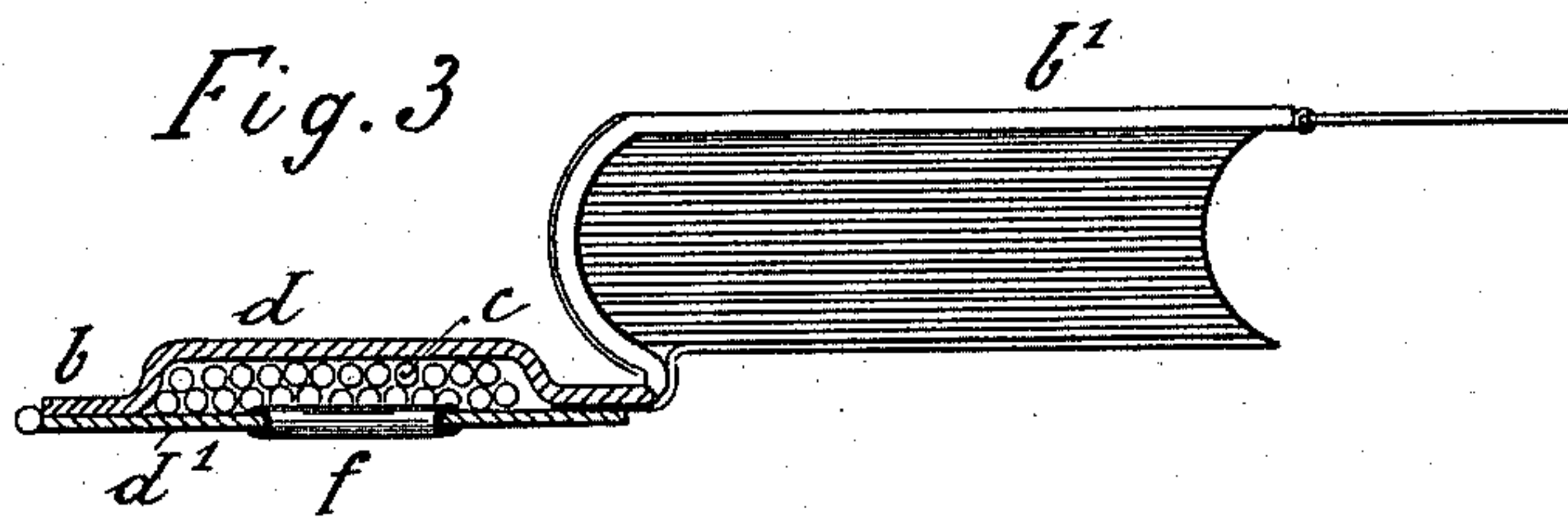


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUDWIG HUNKE, partner of the firm of Hunke & Schröder, at Iserlohn, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, residing at Iserlohn, Westphalia, Germany, have invented a new and useful Catholic Prayer-Book, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

My invention has for its object to provide a Catholic prayer-book with means and construct it in such a manner that it is enabled to contain a chaplet which, as is well known, is generally used by Catholics as means of prayer at home and in churches.

Hitherto Catholic people going to church carry their chaplets in pocket or in their money-box, in consequence of which it frequently happens that the chaplets are lost or damaged, which, as I shall hereinafter point out, is perfectly avoided by my invention. Moreover, the combination of prayer-book and chaplet, as I use it, has the advantage that the persons using their books are made attentive to tell their beads.

The manner in which I carry my invention into effect is shown in various details on the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 shows the opened prayer-book in combination with a chaplet. Fig. 2 is a similar view, the upper lid being at right angles to the lower lid, said upper lid being cut longitudinally. Fig. 3 is a plan of Fig. 1, partly in section.

a, Figs. 1 to 3, designates the prayer-book, which is made of any usual size, form, and material.

b and *b'* represent the covers of the book, one of the covers being provided with means to take up the chaplet *c*. Either one of the covers *b b'*, no matter which, (in the present example the upper cover *b* is chosen,) is made hollow by pressing or stamping the cover-plate *d* of the cover in any convenient man-

ner in a concave form and pasting it then to its bottom plate *d'*. The cavity *e*, which thus is formed, is made accessible by an opening or hole *f*, which is cut either in the plate *d* or *d'*. I prefer to use the bottom plate, as illustrated, and fitted out with a ring *g*, of wood, metal, celluloid, or any other suitable material of circular form. Now into the cavity *e* is put the chaplet *c*, which thus is secured therein from damage or loss, its little crucifix being held by an ear *h*, which is fastened to the bottom plate *d'* of the cover *b*, it being easily put into the ear or withdrawn from it for use when the book is opened. The chaplet becomes then visible, so that a person using the book cannot forget to tell his beads.

When the chaplet is provided with a medal instead of a crucifix, it may be held by little hooks or correspondingly-shaped ears, as shown in dotted lines, Fig. 1.

Figs. 4 and 5 show a prayer-book which is constructed in a similar manner as before. The cavity *e* is provided with a rectangular-shaped opening to gain access to the said cavity, which is concealed by a lid *i*, that is hinged to the bottom plate of the cover. The chaplet is put, together with its crucifix or medal, into the opening and prevented from falling out by the said lid *i*, which is held in the closed position by a little button *k*. The lid may be fitted with an inscription that reads: "O Queen of the holy chaplet, pray for us."

Having fully described my invention, I declare that what I claim is—

A prayer-book having a hollow cover which is made accessible by a hole for putting in it a chaplet and ears, hooks, or other suitable means that are arranged underneath the hole in order to take up the crucifix or the medal, as described and for the purpose set forth.

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