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FIG. 1.

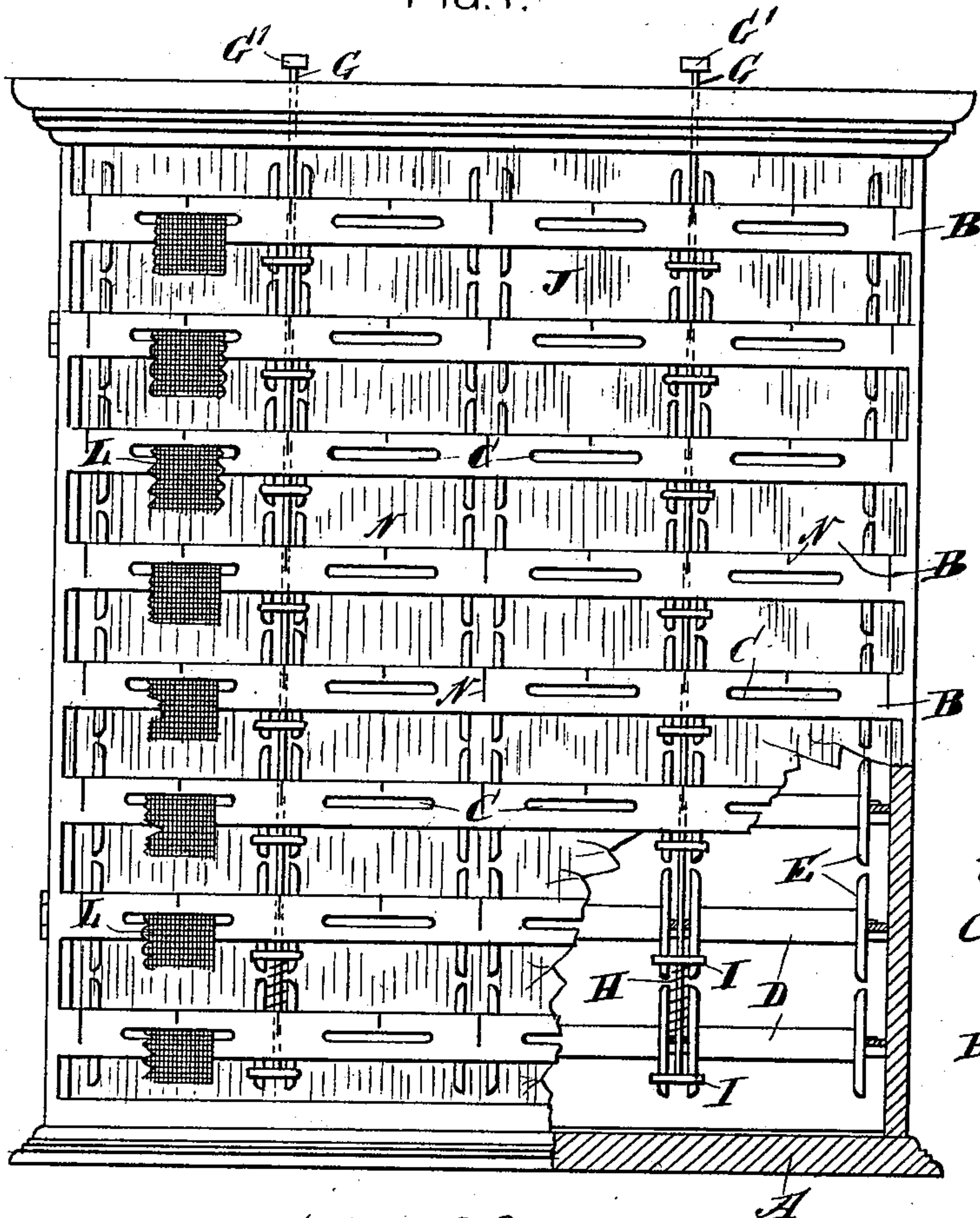


FIG. 2.

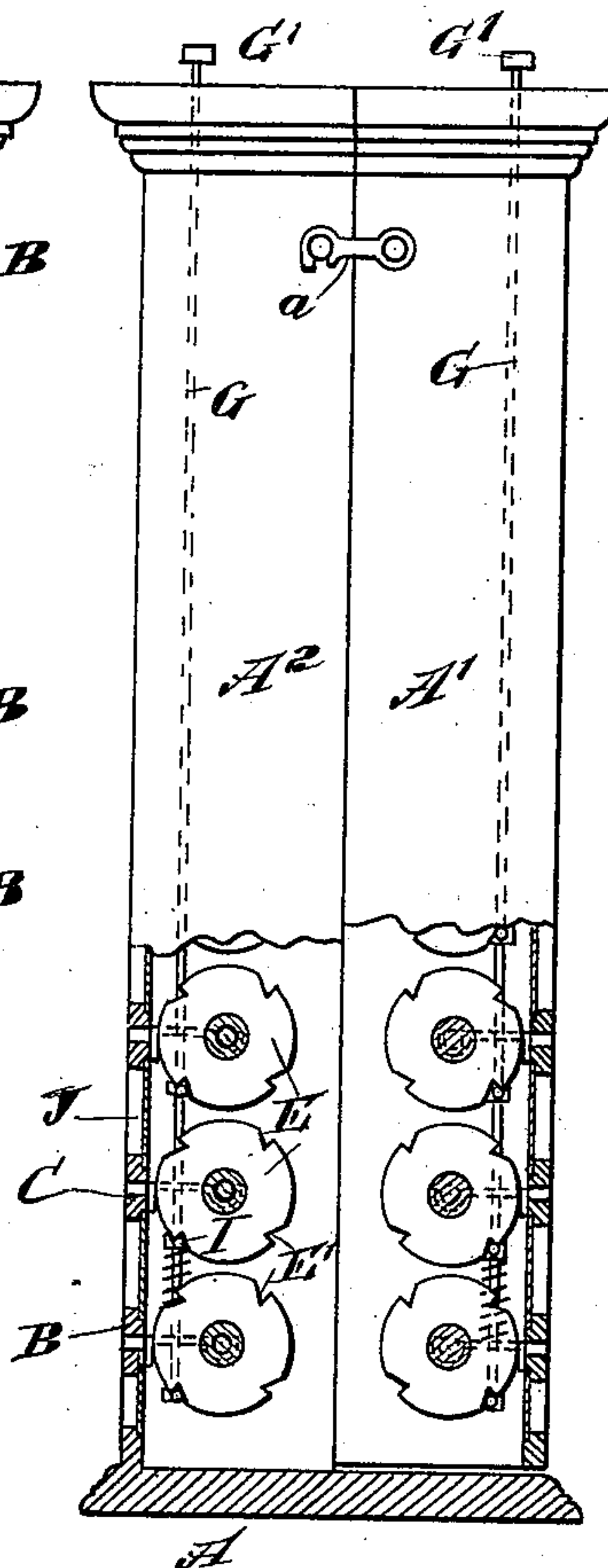


FIG. 3.

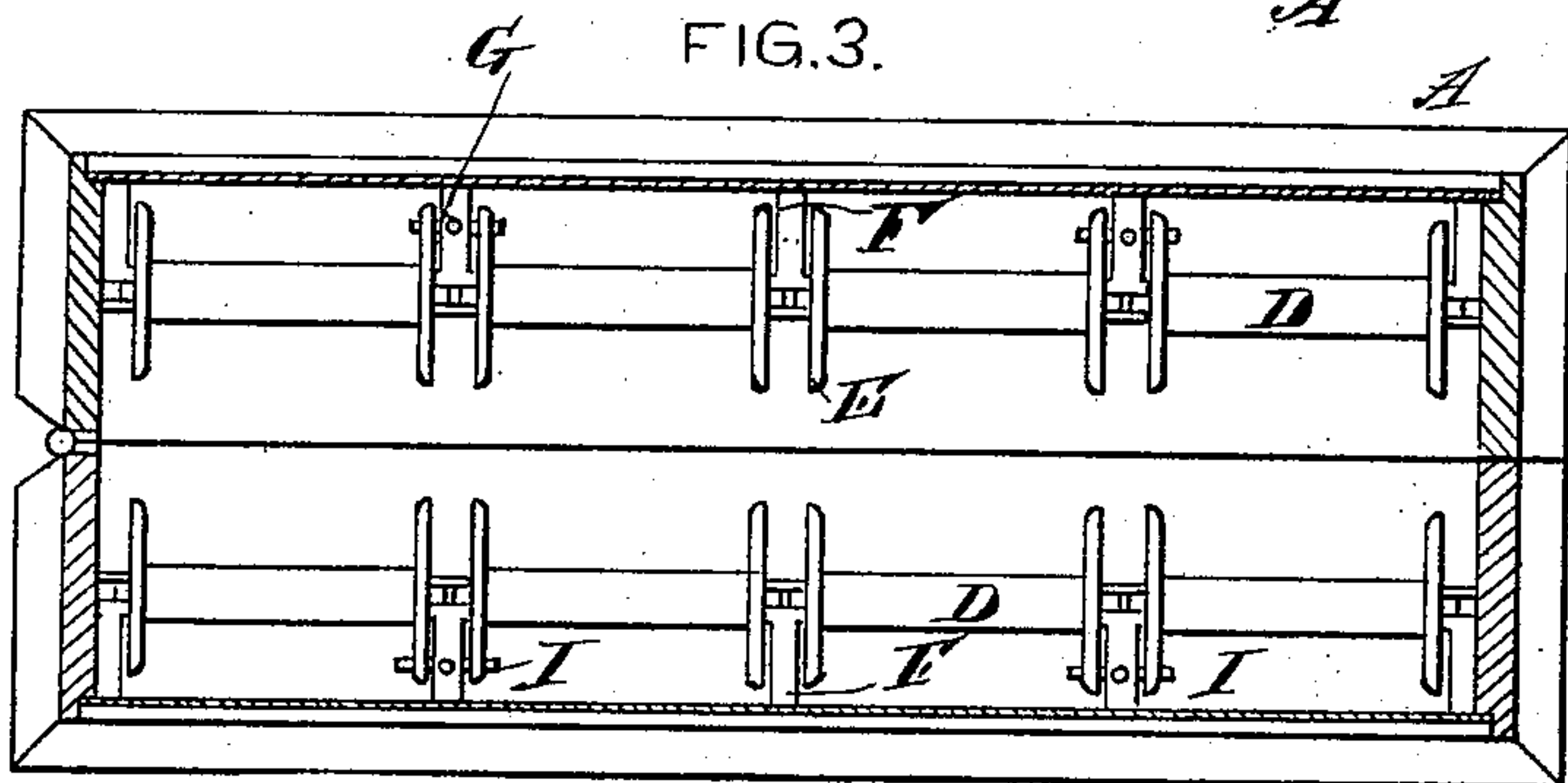
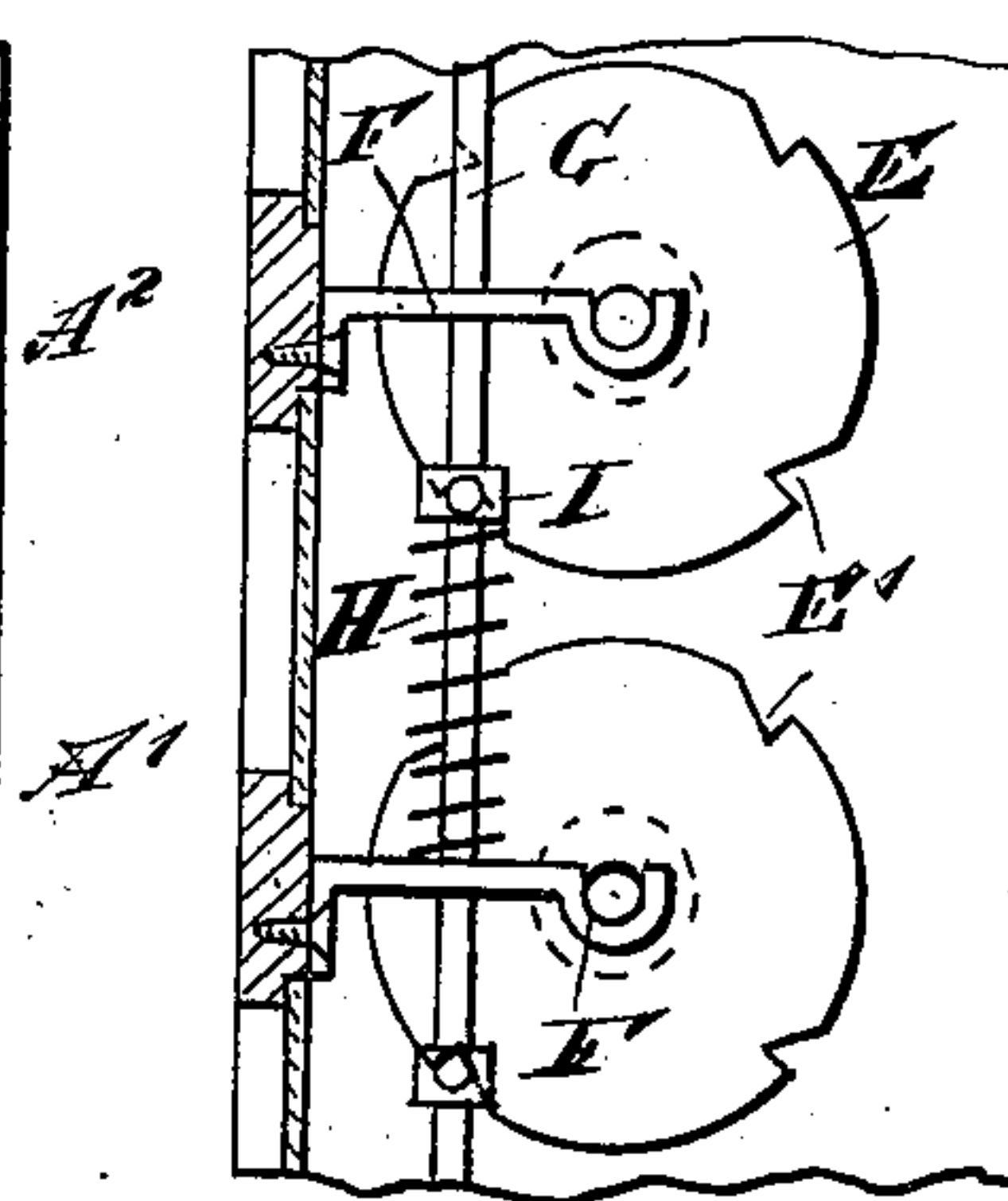


FIG. 4.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. MARTIN, of Marshall, in the county of Clark and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Lace or Ribbon Cabinet, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to certain improvements in the construction of cabinets intended for holding and displaying ribbons, laces, and similar goods.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the device, a portion of the front thereof being broken away to show the interior construction. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, also partly broken away. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section through the device, and Fig. 4 is a broken detail vertical section showing the mechanism for locking and holding the spools.

The object of my invention is to produce a cabinet for containing lace, ribbons, and similar goods which will exhibit the same and make it possible to readily withdraw any amount desired.

The cabinet A is divided centrally and the rear portion is hinged to the front, so that it may be swung to one side, and thus expose the inner portions of the cabinet and render it possible to remove or replace the articles therein or supply new goods to the cabinet.

The interior of the cabinet is filled with a series of spools E, arranged in tiers and columns, and these spools are supported upon brackets F or by any other suitable means. The brackets are attached to horizontal bars B, extending across the front and rear faces of the cabinet, and these bars have narrow slits C through them, located just in front of the spools. The spools E have the ribbon, lace, or other article for which the cabinet is used wound upon them, and the end of the same is to be drawn out through the slit C and left hanging, as shown at L in Fig.

One end of each of the spools is notched, as shown at E'. This notched end of the spool is arranged so that it will be adjacent to the notched end of the spool in the next column

and same tier. Between the two spools a rod G is fixed so that it may slide vertically a short distance, and this rod is provided with a spring H, which will normally hold the same raised. This rod is also provided with a series of horizontal arms or pins I, extending across the edges of the adjacent spools, the pins being so placed that when the rod G is held up by the spring H the pins will engage the notches E' in the heads of the spools. This will prevent the spools from being rotated until the rod G has been depressed. The upper end of the rod G extends outside of the casing and is provided with a knob G', by which it may be readily depressed.

When it is desired to draw any of the ribbon or lace from one of the spools, the rod G which controls that spool is depressed until the spool is released, and the goods may then be drawn out, as desired. As soon as the rod G is released from pressure the pins I will lock the spools. This cabinet may be built with as many columns and tiers of spools as desired. The one shown in the drawings will accommodate sixty-four spools.

The front A' and the rear A<sup>2</sup> of the cabinet are made exactly alike so far as the interior construction goes. The rear half is, however, mounted on hinges, so that it may swing upon the front half, thus insuring ready access to the interior of the cabinet. The two parts of the cabinet are secured together by means of a latch a or by any other suitable device.

Between the horizontal bars B both faces of the cabinet will be provided with glass strips, which will make it possible to see the spools within the cabinet. It may thus be ascertained when they are becoming reduced in amount and what spools need refilling. The device will clearly show what the goods are and make such goods very convenient of access.

As a matter of convenience the divisions of a yard may be laid off upon the front of the strips B, as indicated at N. The divisions are shown as eighths, but may be made greater or less, as found desirable, and the scale may be placed upon one or more strips, as desired.

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



1. A ribbon or lace cabinet, containing  
spools arranged in vertical and horizontal col-  
umns, a rod passing between two adjacent col-  
umns of spools and provided with locking-  
5 arms normally in engagement with said spools  
and preventing the same from turning, a  
spring to hold said rod and arms in normal  
position, and a knob or handle upon said rod  
and by which it is depressed to simultane-  
10 ously release the locking-arms from the spools,  
substantially as set forth.

2. A ribbon or lace cabinet, containing rows  
of spools for holding the goods, said spools  
having notches in the outer edge of one of  
15 their heads, a rod passing by the ends of the  
spools in the different tiers, pins carried by  
the rod and adapted to engage the notches in  
the spools to lock the same, a spring to hold  
the pins in engagement with the spools, and  
20 a knob or handle attached to said rod upon

the outside of the case, substantially as de-  
scribed.

3. A ribbon or lace cabinet having a front  
composed of strips formed with slits, rows of  
spools for the goods and located in said cabi- 25  
net in the rear of the slits through which the  
goods may be withdrawn, the heads of the  
spools having notches therein, a vertical rod  
located adjacent the notched heads and hav-  
ing locking-arms, a spring holding said arms 30  
normally in engagement with said notches,  
and a knob on said rod at the outside of said  
cabinet and by which said rod is depressed  
to disengage the arms from the notches, as  
and for the purpose set forth.

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