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PEANUT VENDING CASE.

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Fig. 1.
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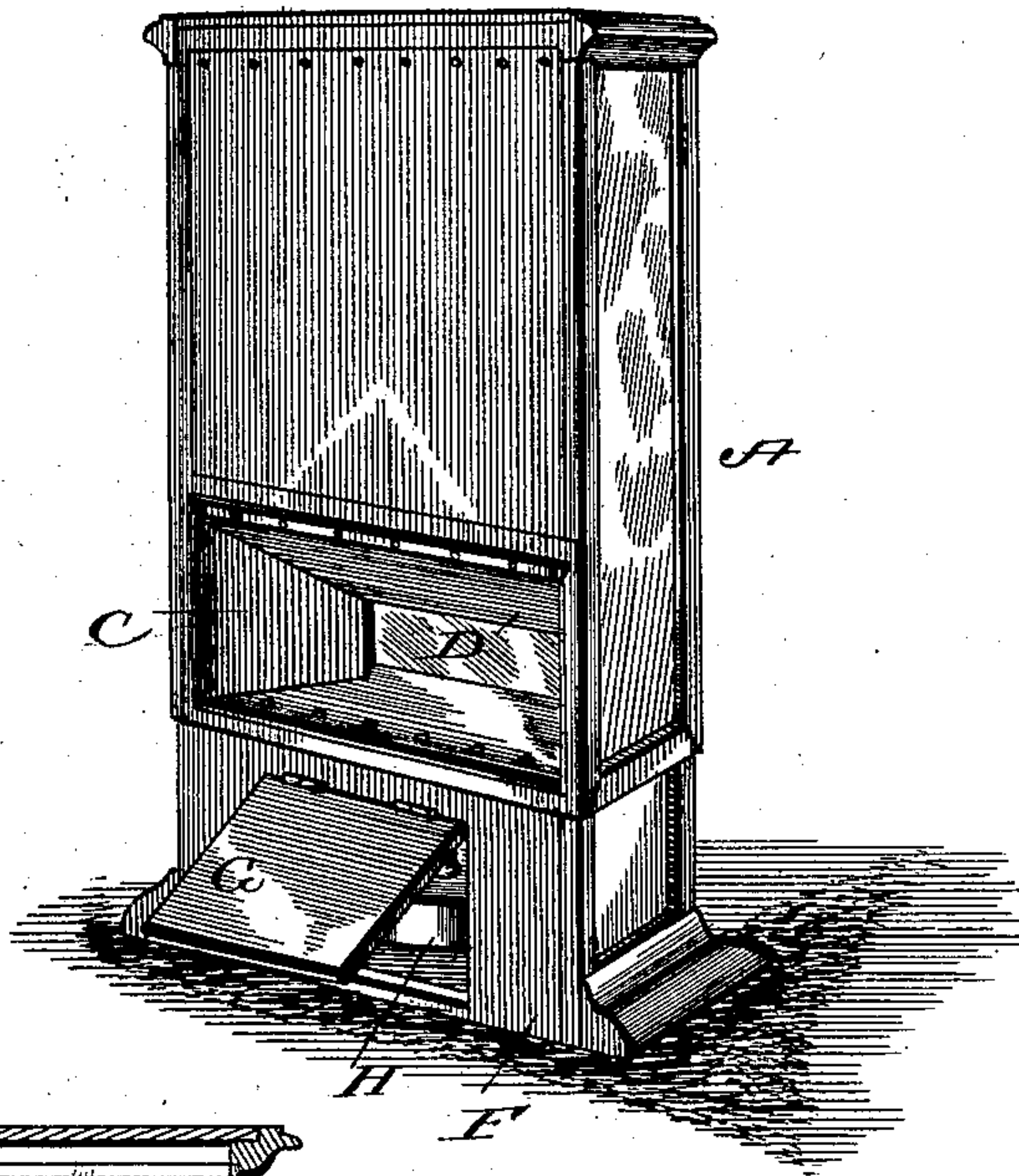
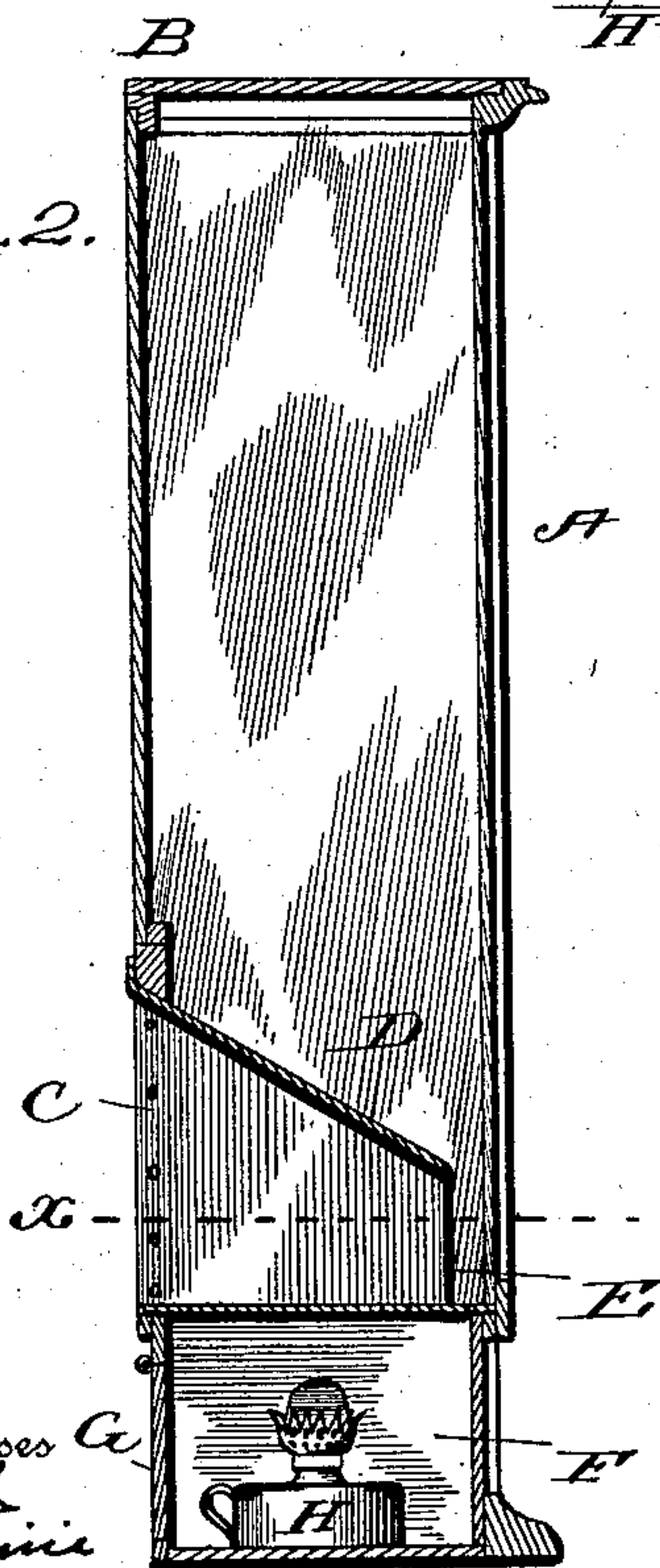
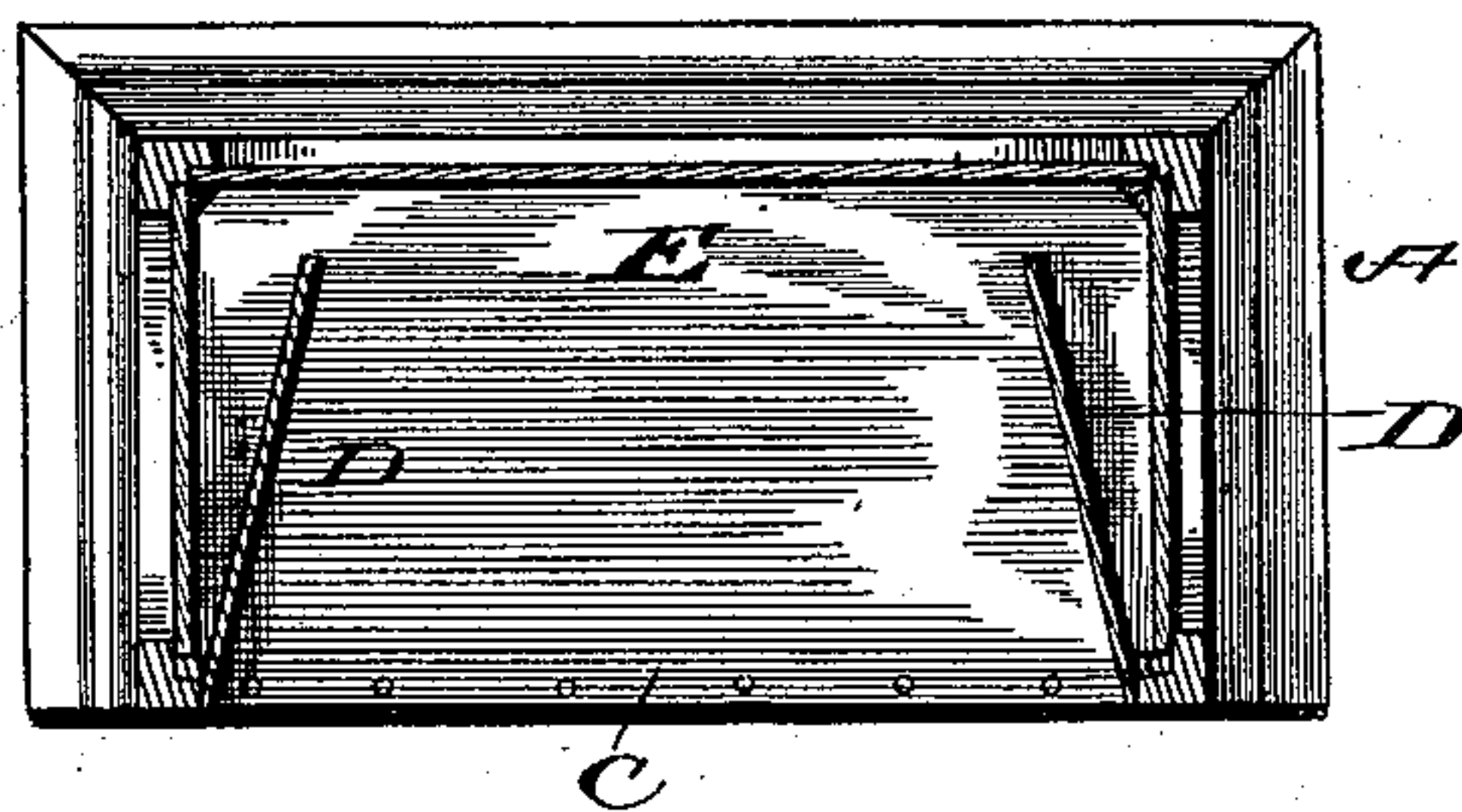


Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.



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PEANUT-VENDING CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARENCE O. LUCE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Plainfield, in the county of Waushara and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Peanut-Vending Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in that class of devices which are used for holding and displaying peanuts and supplying them to purchasers while warm; and it consists in certain novel features hereinafter described and claimed.

In the annexed drawings, which fully illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a case constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section of the same; and Fig. 3 is a horizontal section thereof on the line *x x*, Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings, particularly by letter, A designates a case having transparent sides and front and having an open top which is closed by a door fitted therein. The back of the case is not as long as the sides and front, leaving an open space C near the bottom. Extending toward the front of the case from the edges of the opening are partitions D, which converge, so as to form a smaller space E, through which the peanuts may be drawn. The case thus constructed fits snugly on a heater F, having a door G in its rear side, through which a lamp or oil-stove H may be admitted.

The device is very simple in its construction, and its advantages are thought to be obvious. The peanuts are placed in the case through the top of the same and fall by gravity, so as to fill the spaces between the front and sides and the partitions, thus hiding said partitions and covering the small opening. Some of the peanuts will fall upon the iron bottom of the case, and will consequently be warmed by the lamp or oil-stove below the same. These warmed nuts will of course be withdrawn to supply a customer, and their place will be taken by other nuts from above, thus always furnishing warm nuts to the purchaser.

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

A peanut-vending case consisting of a casing having transparent front and sides and an open top, a door fitted in said top, a back terminating above the bottom, converging partitions extending from the back toward the front and terminating a short distance from the front, a heater fitted snugly to the bottom of the case and having a door in its rear side to admit an oil-stove or lamp.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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