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Fig. 1.

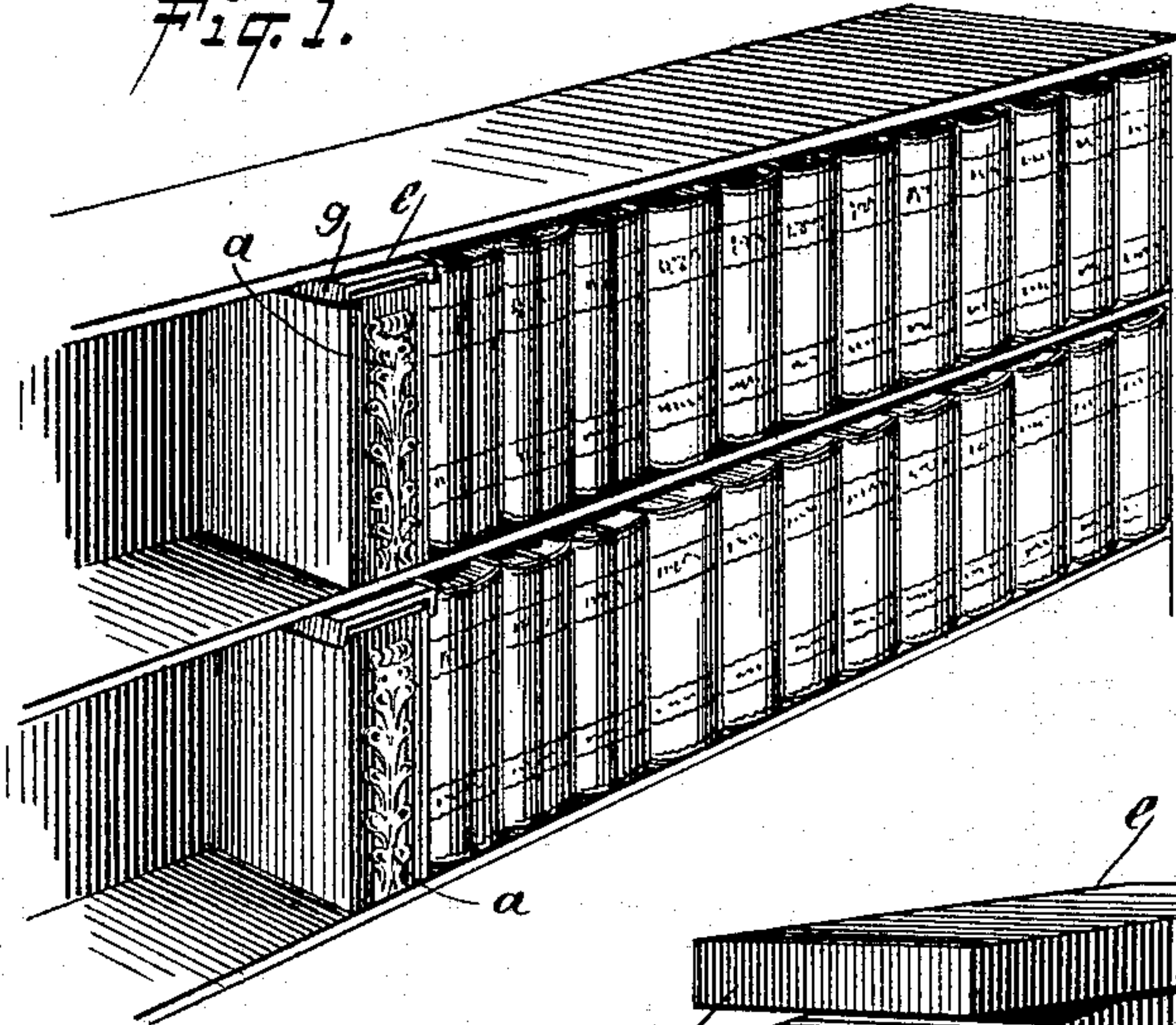


Fig. 2.

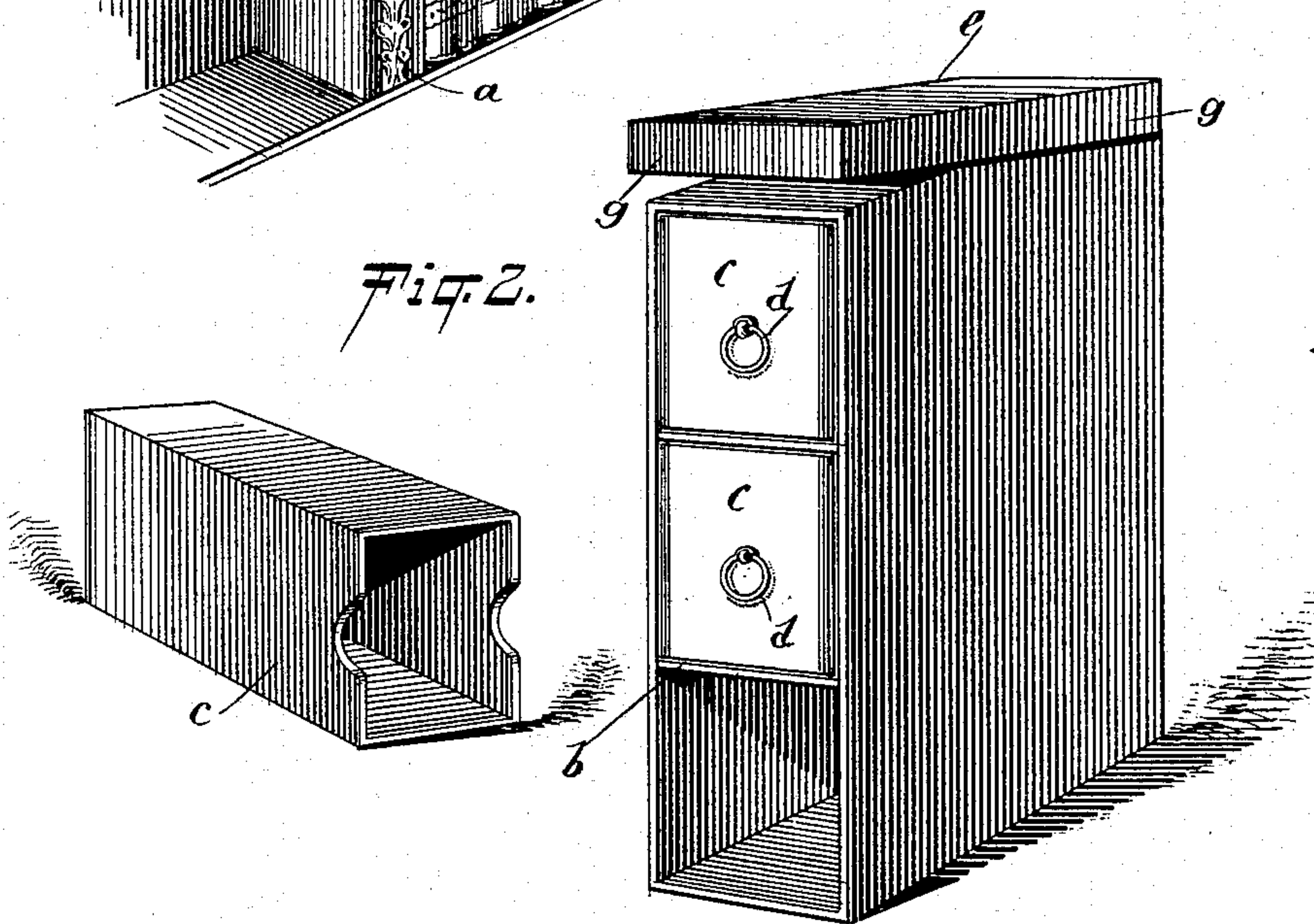
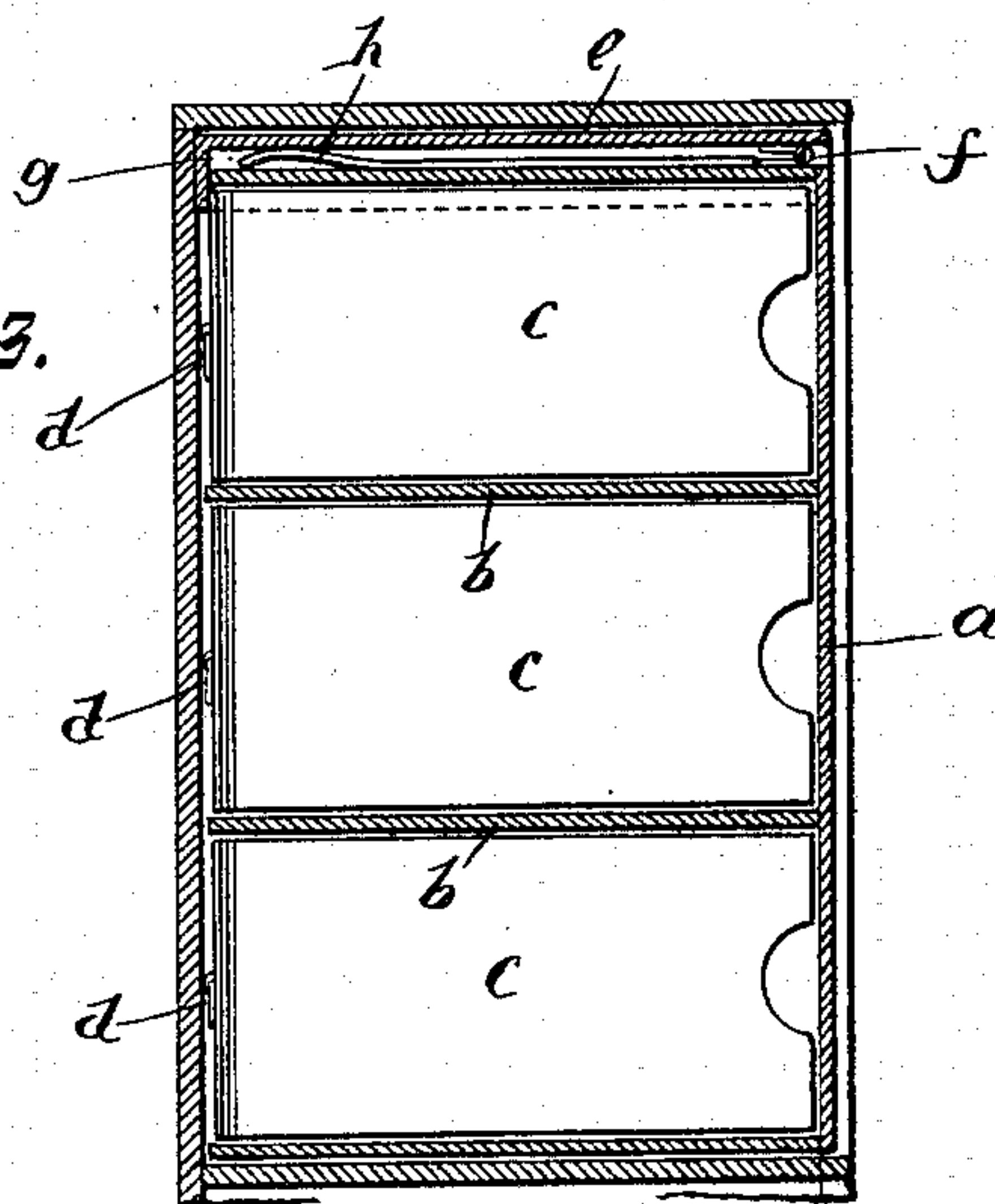


Fig. 3.



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## BOOK-SHELF BLOCK-CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ADELBERT E. FOUTCH, of New York city, borough of Manhattan, county of New York, in the State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Book-Shelf Block-Case, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is a case especially intended to receive photographic views and constructed so that it may be used as a book-shelf block in libraries to hold the books in place, and having such features of construction and ornamentation as to conceal the identity of the device as a case for photographic views.

This specification is the disclosure of one form of my invention, while the claims define the actual scope thereof.

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 perspective view of the invention, illustrating two of the improved book-shelf block-cases in position on book-shelves. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the invention, looking toward the rear thereof and showing one of the drawers with which it is provided removed; and Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken through the case and showing it in place between the book-shelves.

The book-shelf block-case has an unbroken front wall *a*, provided with suitable scroll-work ornamentation, as is customary for book-shelf blocks. The rear of the case is open and the interior of the case is provided with partitions *b*, forming compartments, in which drawers *c* are respectively mounted to slide. The drawers *c* have their inner or front ends open, so that the photographic views may be placed therein. The rear ends of the drawers are closed and may be provided with writings indicating the classes of the views contained. The rear end of each drawer is provided with a finger-ring *d*, by which the drawers may be easily manipulated.

To hold the case firmly in upright position, it is provided at its top with a presser-plate *e*, connected at its front edge to the upper front portion of the case by means of a concealed hinge *f*. (See Fig. 3.) The presser-plate *e* is provided at its side edges and at its

rear edge with downwardly-extending flanges *g*, which when the presser-plate is pushed down, as shown in Fig. 3, lie over the top portion of the case. Carried on top of the case and pushing the presser-plate upward is a spring *h*. (See Fig. 3.) This spring keeps the presser-plate upward and causes it to firmly engage the bottom face of the shelf above the block-case, thus holding the case in position and adapting it to shelves of varying distances apart. When the presser-plate *e* is moved down to the position shown in Fig. 3, the rear flange *g* engages the top drawer *c* and serves to hold the drawer in place, which action will be advantageous when the case is displaced from the shelves, since it will prevent the top drawer from falling out.

The case thus constructed provides a convenient and safe place for storing the views. Access may be readily had to the views by removing the case and withdrawing the drawers from the rear thereof. The case when in place presents an attractive appearance and cannot be distinguished from the usual book-shelf blocks.

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

1. A book-shelf block-case adapted to stand between book-shelves to hold the books in place, the case having an unbroken front wall and being open at the rear, drawers mounted in the case and removable from the rear part thereof, and a spring-actuated presser-plate hinged to the upper front edge of the case and lying over the top thereof to engage the shelf above the case and hold the case in place, the presser-plate having flanges at its side and rear edges, which flanges project down outside of the upper portion of the case.

2. A book-shelf block having a spring-actuated presser-plate hinged to the top thereof and adapted to bear against the under side of the shelf above the block to hold the block in place.

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