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Fig. 1.

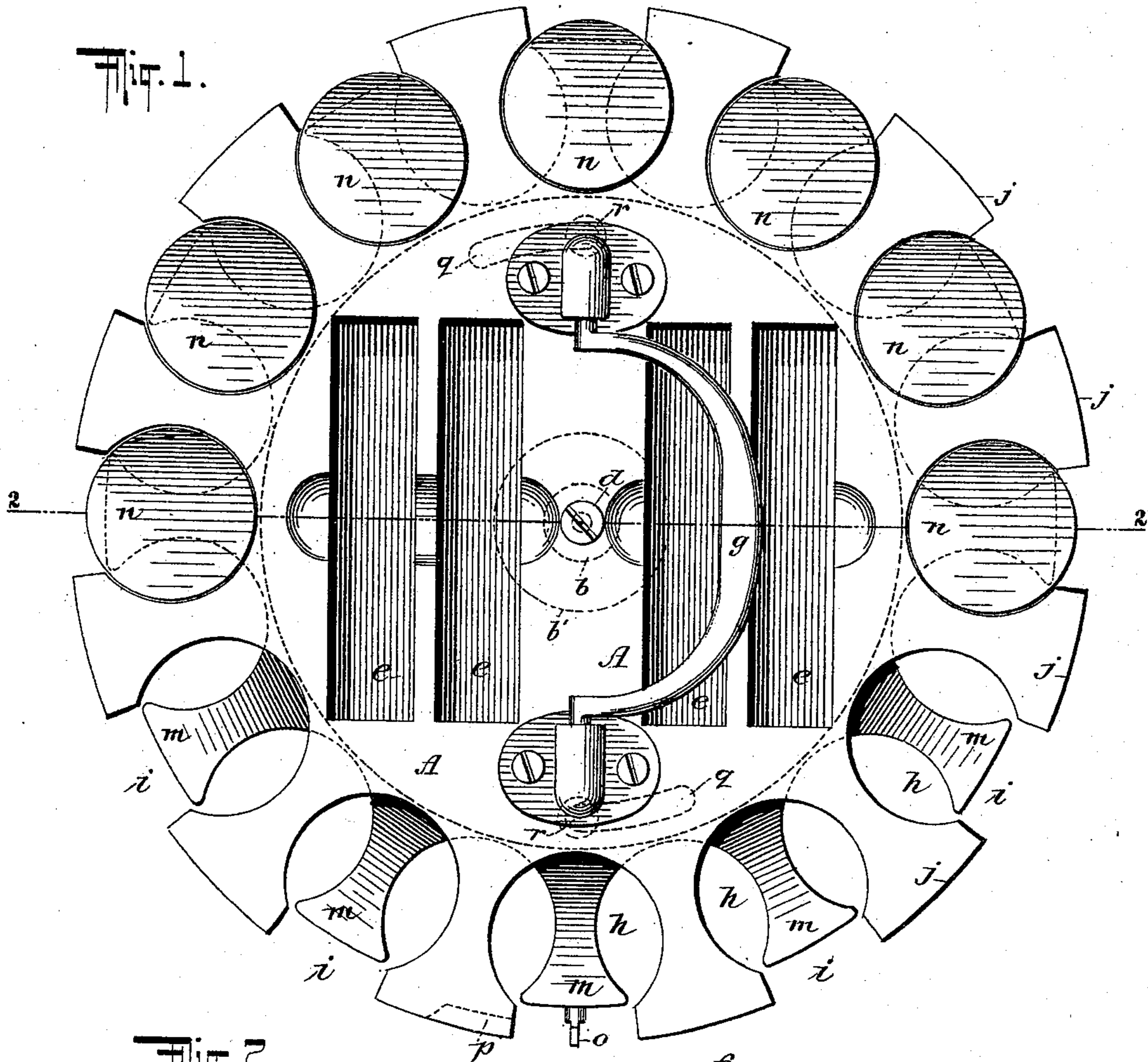
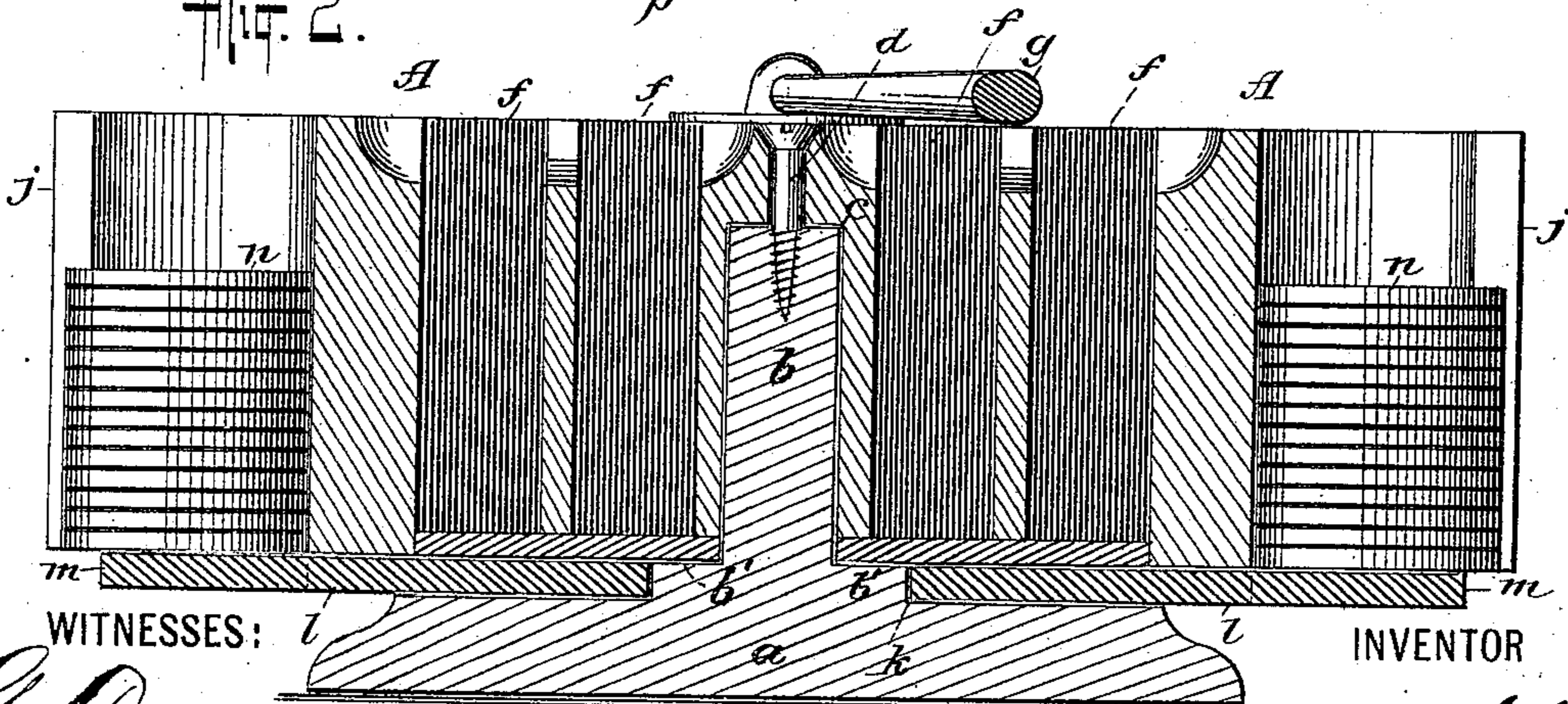


Fig. 2.



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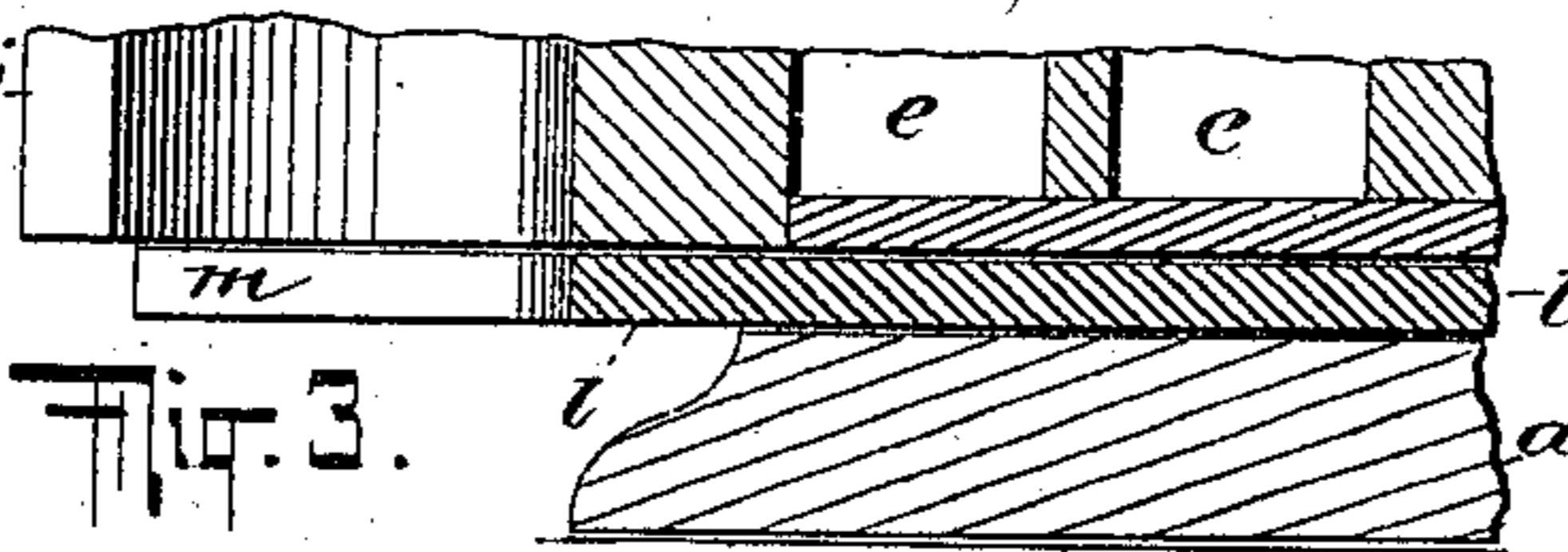


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STANLEY A. COHEN, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful
5 Improvements in Chip-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to chip-racks, and has reference more especially to racks for carrying or storing chips, cards, &c., for playing
10 games.

My invention will be described with reference to the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, which illustrate one embodiment of my invention.

15 In the drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate like parts in all the views, Figure 1 is a plan view of a chip-rack, showing the shiftable or movable bottom in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a section thereof on line
20 2 2 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a detail broken-away sectional view showing the bottom as shifted to allow the chips in the pockets to drop.

In the drawings, *a* is the base of the apparatus, which is preferably provided with a standard *b*, which serves as a pivot upon which the chip and card carrying block or carrier-body *A* revolves. This carrier-body
25 *A* is preferably round and rotatable, though not necessarily so, and provided with a recess *c* to receive the pivot-standard *b*. A screw or other fastening *d* may be provided to hold the parts together, yet leave the carrier-body free to rotate. Card-receiving recesses *e* may be provided in the carrier-body
30 *A* to receive and store decks or packs of playing-cards *f*, and the apparatus may be provided with a suitable handle *g* for transportation or handling purposes.

40 The carrier-body *A* is preferably provided peripherally with chip-receiving pockets *h*, having finger-slots *i* opening to the periphery *j* of the carrier-body. A mortise or recess *k* is provided around the preferably-enlarged
45 portion *b'* of the pivot-standard *b*, and a movable chip-supporting means or bottom *l* is located in this mortise and swings or rotates upon the said portion *b'* and is carried by the carrier-body in its movement. This movable
50 bottom *l* is shown as provided with fin-

gers *m*, which are adapted to support the stacks of chips *n* in the pockets *h*. Thus the bottom is common to the several pockets, and a movement thereof will allow chips in different pockets to fall. These fingers are
55 preferably curvilinear, the sides of adjacent fingers presenting a circle of the same or greater radius as the radius of the pockets *h*, as will be seen by the dotted lines. The bottom *l* is preferably provided with an operating-handle *o*, adapted to enter a recess *p* in the carrier-body, and with a pin-and-slot connection *q r* with the said carrier-body, by which the said bottom is carried by the said
60 carrier-body in its movement, but leaving the bottom free to be shifted or moved with respect to the carrier-body.

When the parts are in the positions shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the stacks of chips are supported by the fingers *m*. The chips may be
70 grasped by their edges by the fingers of a player passing through the slots *i* and removed, or the player's fingers may be inserted through the space between the fingers *m* and the side walls of the pockets. If it be desired
75 to remove chips in the various pockets from the apparatus all at once, the bottom *l* may be swung or rotated on the carrier-body by the handle *o* into the position shown in Fig. 3 until the fingers *m* pass from beneath the
80 pockets *h* and under the solid portions intervening between the pockets, whereupon, their supports being removed, the stacks of chips will fall to the table upon which the rack rests, and the rack may be removed, (by the
85 handle *g*,) leaving the chips properly stacked upon the table ready for use.

Having described my invention by specific reference to one embodiment thereof, as required by law, I declare that what I claim,
90 and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a chip-rack, the combination of a carrier-body provided with chip-receiving pockets and movable chip-supporting means common to the several chip-receiving pockets, located below the carrier-body and adapted to effect the support of the chips in the pockets when in one position and to allow chips in different pockets to drop when shifted to another of its positions.

2. In a chip-rack, the combination of a carrier-body provided with peripherally - arranged chip-receiving pockets and a swinging bottom common to the said pockets and having fingers adapted to support the chips in the pockets when in one position, and adapted when swung to remove the fingers from beneath the said chips to allow the chips in the several pockets to fall.

3. In a chip-rack, the carrier-body having the pockets \hbar slotted at their edges, combined with a bottom common to the several chip-receiving pockets, having fingers coming beneath said pockets and leaving a free space between said fingers and the sides of the pockets for facilitating the insertion of the finger

of a player for the ready removal of the contained chips.

4. In a chip-rack, in combination, the rotary carrier-body having chip-receiving pockets with the bottom ℓ common to the said pockets carried by and movable with respect to said carrier-body and adapted to support the chips in the pockets when in one position and to leave the chips in the pockets free to fall when in another position, substantially as described.

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