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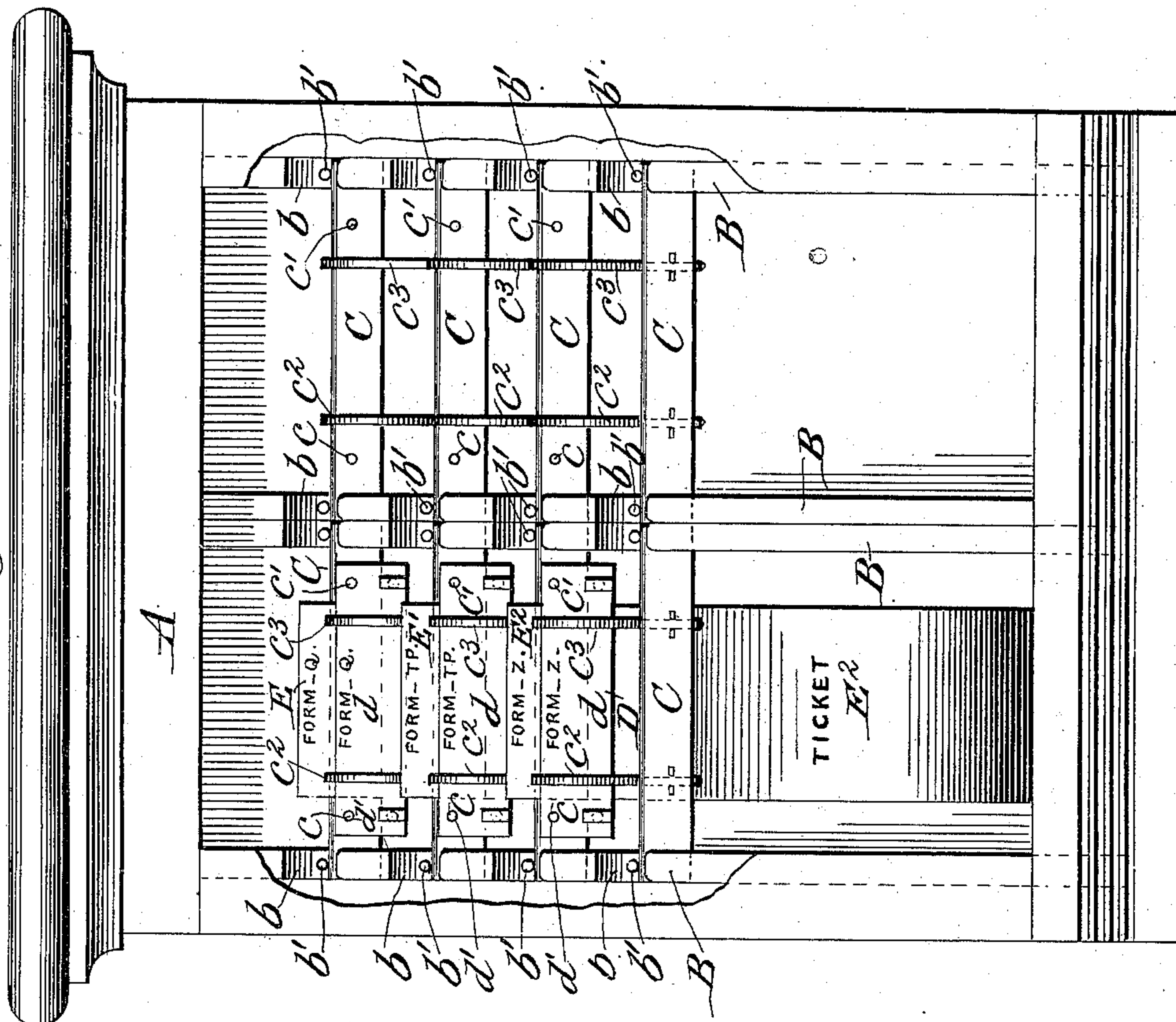
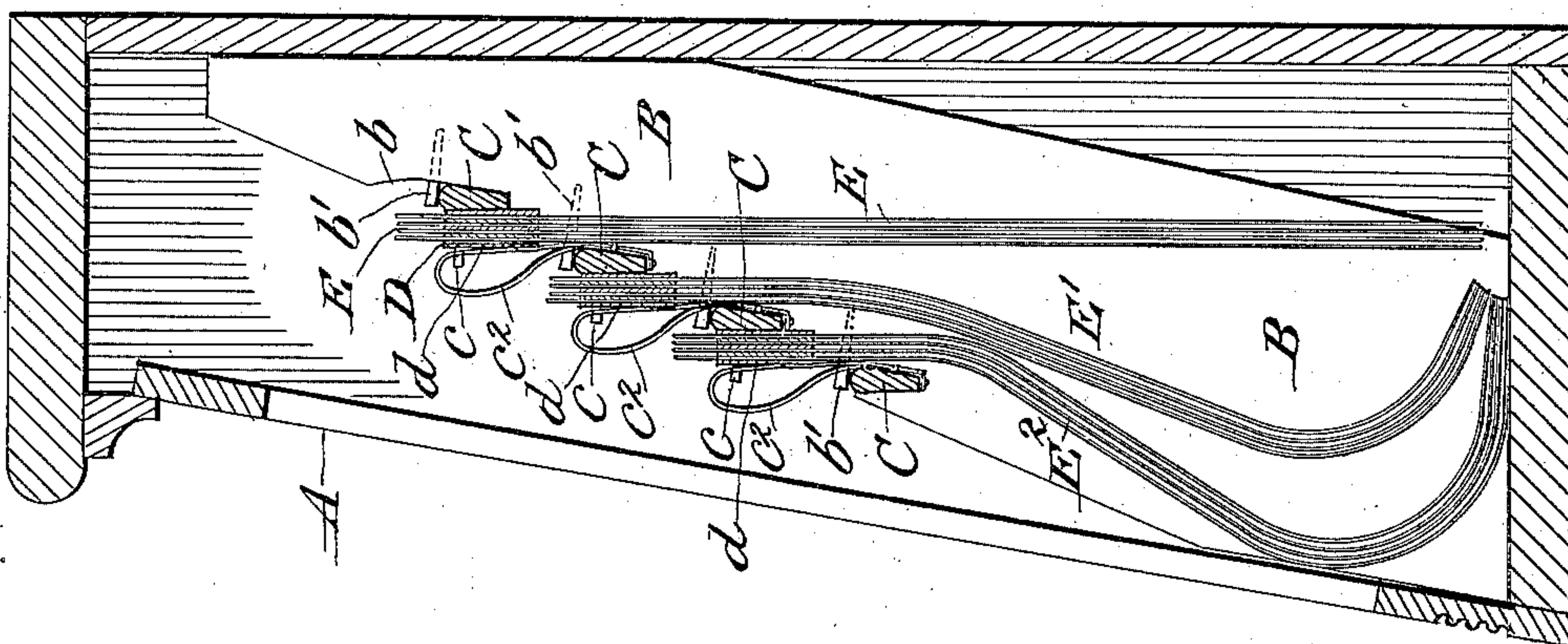


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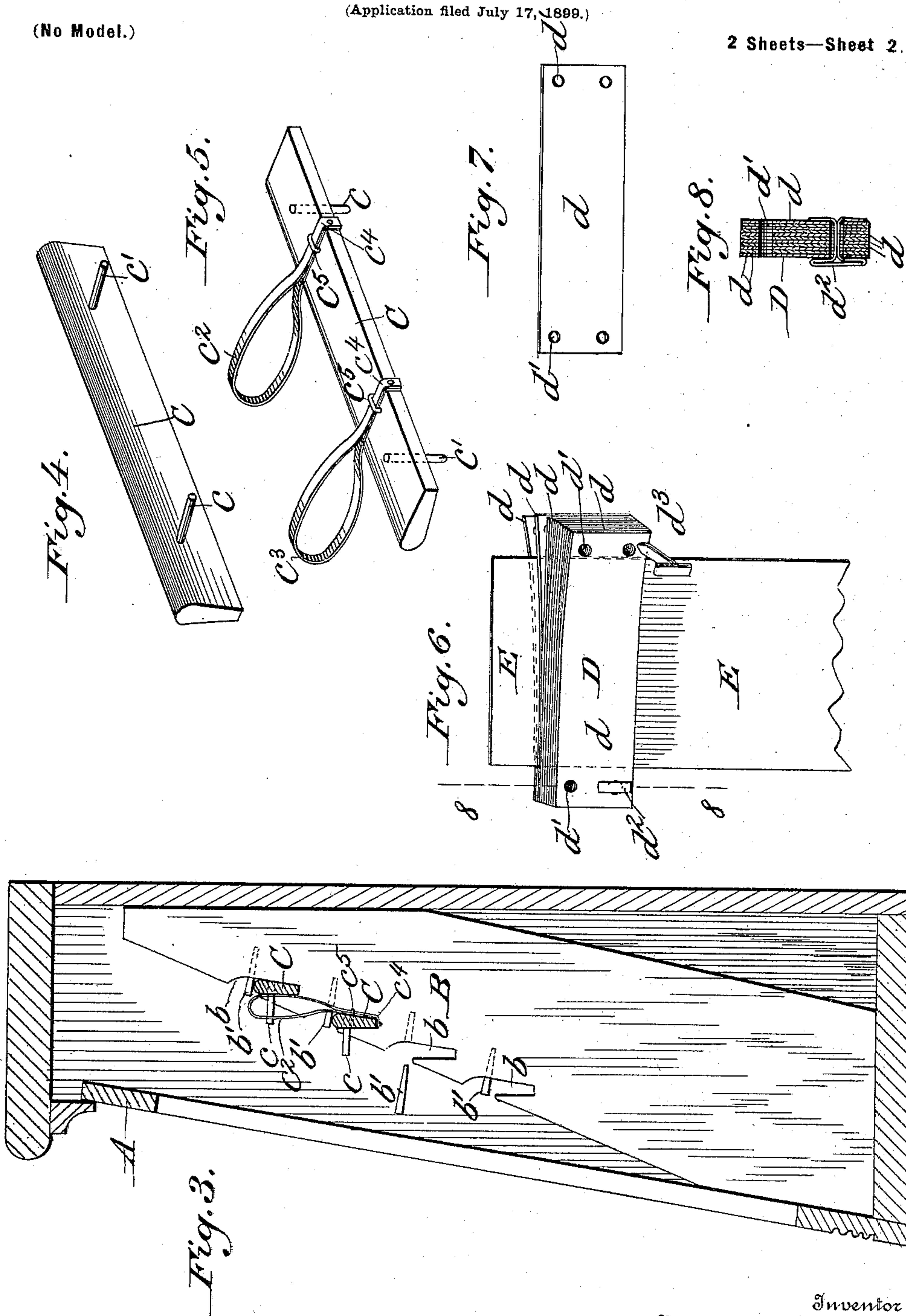
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARTIN HARRY JONES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Nogales, in the Territory of Arizona, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Tickets and the Like; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in holders for tickets and the like, and particularly to a ticket-holding device for use in holding coupon tickets, such as must be kept on hand by railroad agents and others.

The object of my invention is to provide a device which will permit the ready insertion and removal of tickets or like articles, while at the same time holding said articles in a manner to prevent accidental displacement of them.

A further object of my invention is to hold the articles so that they may be readily inspected for selection of the desired one or ones.

My invention consists in the features and construction and combination of parts which will first be described in connection with the accompanying drawings and then particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a vertical section through a ticket-case provided with holding mechanism embodying my invention; Fig. 2, a front view of the same, parts of the casing being broken away; Fig. 3, a section similar to Fig. 1 with some of the parts removed; Fig. 4, a perspective view of one of the top bars; Fig. 5, a similar view of one of the intermediate bars turned on its side; Fig. 6, a detail perspective view of one of the blocks of separating devices with one end open and a ticket in place; Fig. 7, a front elevation of the separating devices; Fig. 8, a section of a block of separating devices, showing the fastening device at one end.

Referring to the drawings, which show a ticket-case provided with my invention, A indicates the case, which may be of any suitable or desired form for containing the holding devices and the articles held by them.

B are standards located in this instance within the side walls of the case and, if de-

sired, in an intermediate position of the case, as shown in Fig. 2, said standards being arranged to carry bars C, which are preferably detachably secured in place and also advantageously arranged in planes one behind the other. In order to detachably or removably secure the said bars in place, the following construction is preferably employed by me:

The standards B have their front edges inclined backward and upward, said edges also being provided with notches or slots, as indicated at *b*, of such size as to receive the respective ends of the bars C, suitable means being provided for retaining the bars in place in the slots—as, for example, the pins *b'*, which are inserted in pin-holes above the bars C—thereby preventing the accidental dislocation of the bars. All the bars except the bottom one are each provided with one or more sets of pins, two sets being shown in the drawings, each set in the present instance consisting of two pins *c c'* for a purpose fully explained hereinafter. These pins project forward from the bars, as shown, and may be secured to the bars in any suitable way, as by driving one end of each pin into its respective bar.

To the back of all the bars except the top one are secured spring devices, in the present instance loop-shaped springs being shown arranged in sets, each set comprising two springs *c<sup>2</sup> c<sup>3</sup>*, as shown, these springs being preferably formed by doubling a strip of spring material, such as light clock-spring, the ends of such spring material being brought together, as shown in Fig. 5, and secured to the respective bar in any suitable way—as, for example, by bending the ends *c<sup>4</sup>* at right angles beneath the bottom of the bar, where they are conveniently fastened by a nail or the like passing through registering holes in the said spring ends. To still further hold the springs in place, each spring has the two ends secured by a staple *c<sup>5</sup>*, which straddles the spring and passes into the respective bar, being preferably riveted or clenched on the rear face of the bar.

The pins *c c'*, forming a set, serve to sustain a block D, consisting of a plurality of separating devices or blocks *d*, preferably of thin flat material, such as thin sheet metal, stiff pasteboard, or cardboard. These separating



devices are attached to the pins  $c\ c'$  of the respective set in any desirable way—as, for example, by providing the separating devices with holes in each end, as shown at  $d'$ , to receive the respective pins. Furthermore, it is desirable that the separating devices be held together in the block in order that they may be conveniently handled, as hereinafter explained. For this purpose they are secured together at each end, as by inserting an ordinary paper-fastener  $d^2\ d^3$  through registering holes in each end. These paper-fasteners are advantageous for the reason that at least one end of the block of separating devices should be so secured as to allow the ends of the separating devices to be unfastened or freed from each other in order to permit the ready insertion of the articles which are to be held. Hence by the employment of paper-fasteners or similarly-acting means for holding the ends of the separating devices together the paper-fastener at the desired end may be removed and the said ends separated from each other. The end of the block which is not intended to be unfastened for the purpose of separating the corresponding ends of the separating devices may be considered as permanently fastened or secured, since it is preferable not to open both ends of the block for the insertion of the articles.

From the construction and arrangement shown and described it will be observed that the several blocks of separating devices are arranged uniformly at different heights and in different vertical planes, by which to provide spaces between them for the passage of the pendent loose portions of the tickets and also to enable the indorsements or labels on the front of the blocks to be quickly read at a glance.

It being assumed that the hereinabove-described embodiment of my invention is the one employed and that it is to be used for holding coupon railway-tickets, the use of said device is as follows: A block D of separating devices, having one end open, as shown at Fig. 6, is provided with the articles to be held, such as the coupon tickets  $E\ E'\ E^2$ , &c., which are supposed to be of different kinds or forms, the tickets, properly classified, being inserted one between each two separating devices until all the tickets to be held by said block are inserted. A suitable indorsement or label may then be placed on the front of the block, if desired, in order to designate or identify the tickets contained by said block. The separated ends of the separating devices  $d$  are then secured together by means of the removable securing device or paper-fastener  $d^3$ . Then the block D is placed on its respective set of pins  $c\ c'$  by inserting said pins through the holes in the ends of the said block. To do this, the spring devices are drawn forward by one hand, while the block is put in place with the other, the loop-springs being especially advantageous for this purpose

for the reason that the fingers of the user can be readily inserted in the loops to draw the springs forward. In placing the block in position the ends of the tickets are allowed to hang downward in the case in any desired manner. As soon as the block is located on the respective set of pins the springs are released, and thus bear against the block of separating devices, crowding them toward each other, and thereby firmly clamping the articles with sufficient force to prevent them from dropping down by their own weight and from being accidentally displaced. When a ticket is to be obtained from the case, the labels or indorsements on the front of the blocks may be inspected to ascertain the location of the desired ticket. When found, it is only necessary to catch the top end of the ticket and pull it upward in order to remove it from the case, no disturbance of other adjacent tickets occurring. When the bars are removable, as shown, they may be taken out for the purpose of more easily putting a block of tickets in place.

It will be seen that in the specific device described by me in this application the articles are inserted between separating devices, which are detachably secured together at one end and may be permanently secured at the other end by any suitable means, the separating devices then being held by suitable sustaining means, such as the sets of pins  $c\ c'$ , which in turn are carried by supporting means or mechanism—as, for example, the bars C—the latter being also made removable when desired. Furthermore, the springs  $c^2\ c^3$  form means for yieldingly pressing the separating devices, so as to hold the articles between them.

It is to be understood that it is not absolutely necessary that a single article be placed between each two separating devices, since a plurality of articles might be so arranged; but this is not desirable, because in withdrawing one article of such a plurality all of said articles included between two separating devices would be drawn out unless special care was exercised in the operation.

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

1. The combination with bars arranged in proximity to each other, of sustaining devices secured to one bar, a plurality of separating devices mounted on said sustaining devices, and means secured to one bar and arranged to press the separating devices toward the other bar.

2. The combination with a plurality of bars and springs secured to the back of the bars, of suspension-pins projecting forward from the front of the bars, and a plurality of separating devices carried by the suspension-pins, and pressed against the respective bars by the springs on the adjacent bars.

3. The combination with standards having notches in stepped arrangement, bars having



ends located in the notches, and springs secured to the back of the bars, of suspension-pins projecting forward from the front of the bars, and a plurality of separating devices  
5 carried by the suspension-pins and pressed against the respective bars by the springs on the adjacent bars.

4. The combination with standards having notches in stepped arrangement, and pin-  
10 holes above the notches, bars having ends located in the notches, pins inserted in the pin-holes to retain the bars in place, and loop-springs secured to the back of the bars, of suspension-pins projecting forward from the  
15 front of the bars, and a plurality of separating devices carried by the suspension-pins and pressed against the respective bars by the springs on the adjacent bars.

5. The combination with a plurality of separating devices, of detachable means for connecting the corresponding ends of the separating devices, a suspending device arranged to hold the plurality of separating devices in a detachable manner, and means independent  
20 of the separating devices for pressing said separating devices against each other.

6. The combination, with a plurality of separating devices secured together at one end, of detachable means for connecting the other  
30 ends of the separating devices, a fixed sus-

pending device upon which the plurality of separating devices may be removably suspended, and means independent of the separating devices for pressing said separating devices against each other.

7. The combination of a plurality of blocks of separating devices arranged at different heights and in different vertical planes, and devices intermediate the blocks for pressing the separating devices of each block together.

8. The combination of a plurality of blocks of separating devices arranged at different heights and in different vertical planes, and springs suitably supported intermediate the blocks for pressing the separating devices of  
45 each block together.

9. The combination of a plurality of blocks of separating devices arranged at different heights and in different vertical planes, a sustaining-bar for each block, and means arranged on each bar for pressing together the separating devices of an adjacent block of the same.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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