

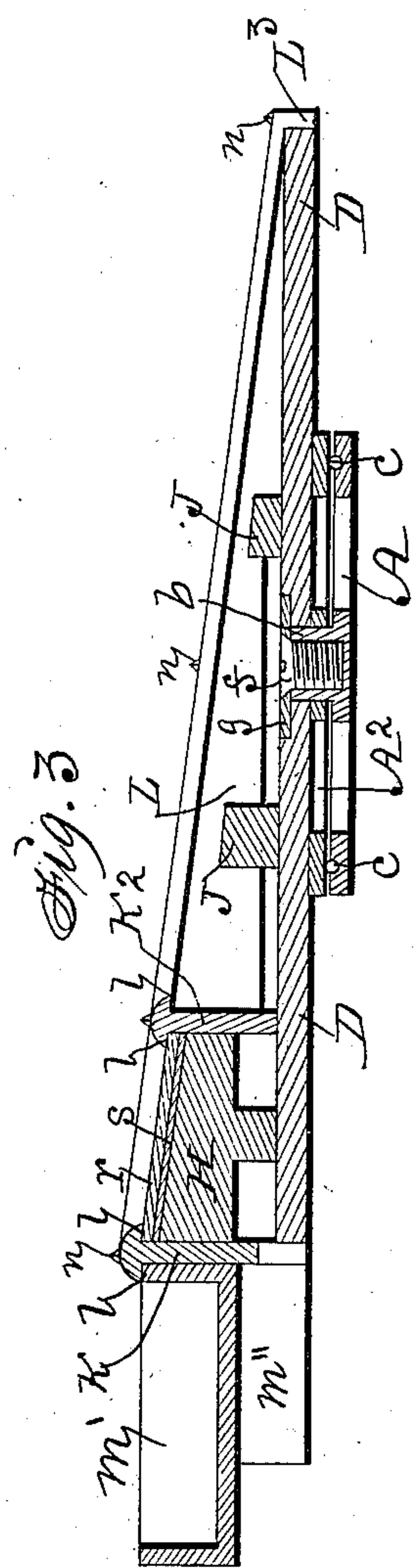
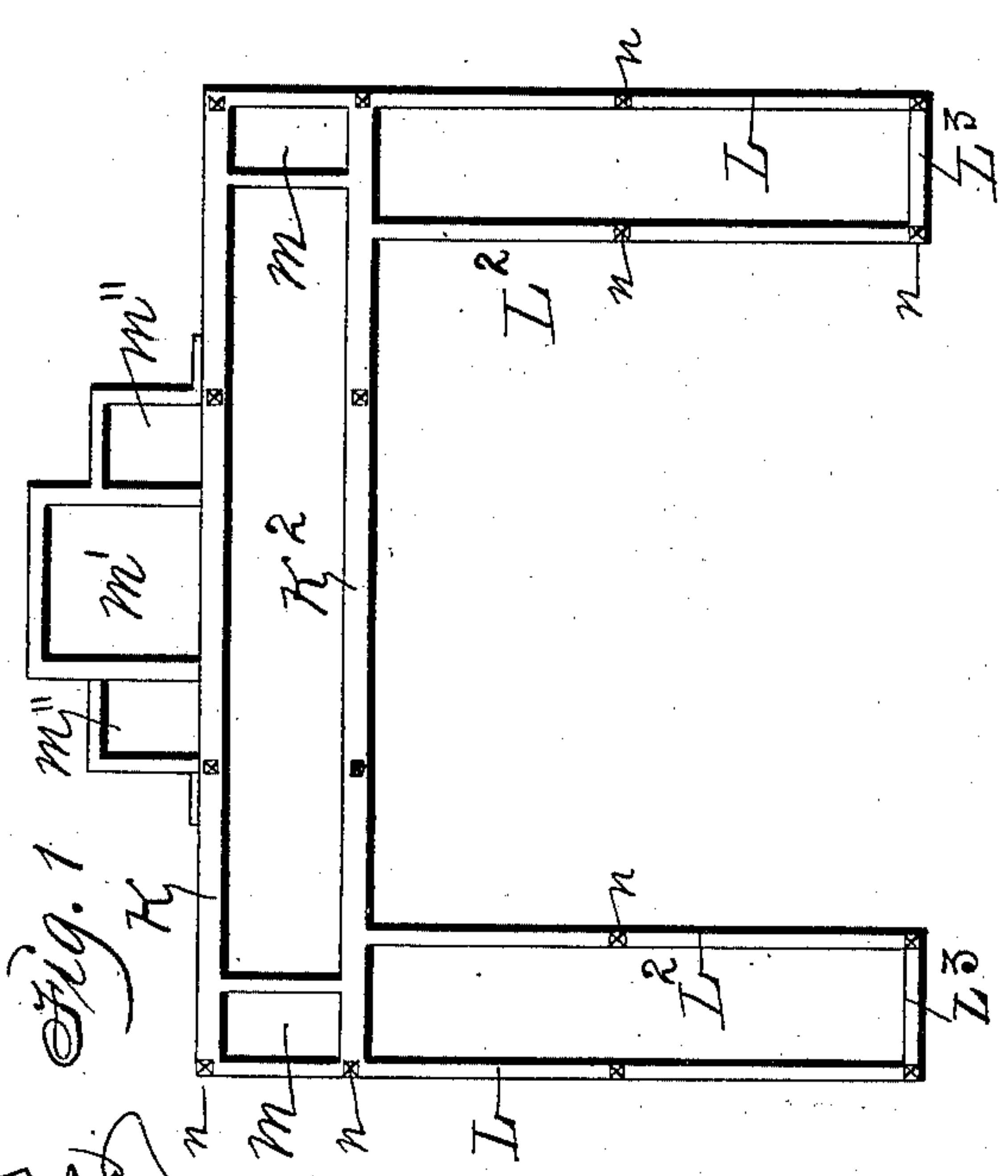
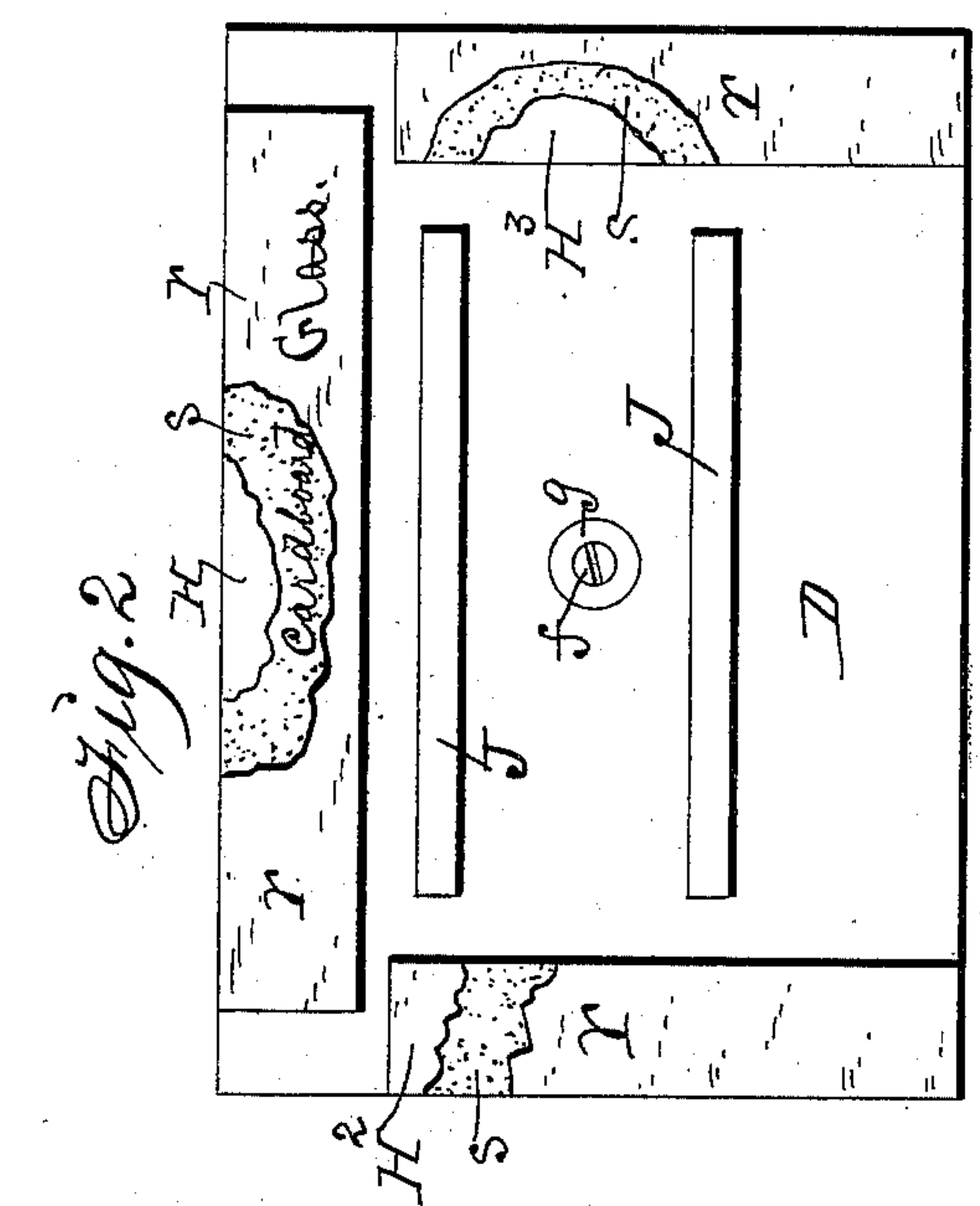
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARDIN HATCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Des Moines, in the county of Polk and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Advertising-Desk for Hotel-Registers, of which the following is a specification.

My object is to provide a neat, strong, durable, and portable support for a hotel-register adapted for reversing the position of a book thereon relative to a person in front of it and also adapted for fastening and displaying cards containing advertisements, without using any extraneous fastening device, in such a manner that cards can be readily removed and others put in their places.

My invention consists in the construction, arrangement, and combination of parts, as hereinafter set forth, pointed out in my claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top view of a three-sided skeleton frame preferably formed complete in one piece and adapted to overlies the book-support to fasten advertising-cards and glass covers on top of the cards, as required to display and protect such advertisements at the top and sides of a hotel-register placed within the three-sided frame. Fig. 2 is a top view of the book-support that has a flat plane face at its top and an inclined plane face at each side adapted for supporting advertising-cards placed thereon and transparent pieces of glass on top of cards. Fig. 3 is an enlarged central sectional view of the complete device, showing the book-support mounted upon a turn-table.

The letter A designates the circular base of the turn-table. It is complete in one piece and has a boss *b* at its center and a continuous groove *c* in its top surface for the admission of balls or rollers.

A² is the top portion of the turn-table, fitted on top of the base A to rest upon balls or rollers in the groove *c* and to rotate upon the boss *b*.

The flat wooden bottom D of the book-support is mounted on the rotatable top A² to rotate therewith and is connected with the base A by means of a screw *f*, extended down through a washer *g* and into the boss *b*, as shown in Fig. 2, or in any suitable way as re-

quired to connect the book-support with the turn-table. A block H, that has an inclined top face adapted for placing an advertising-card thereon and the edges at its bottom rabbeted to reduce weight, is fixed on top of the rear end portion of the wooden bottom D. Blocks H² and H³, that taper from end to end to produce inclined faces for the reception of advertising-cards, are fixed on top of the bottom D at its edge portions to extend from the rear portion to the front edge, as shown in Fig. 2. Book-rests J, having inclined top faces, are fixed across the top face of the bottom D, as required to support a hotel-register in an inclined position.

K and K² are the parallel parts of the main portion of the three-sided skeleton frame, and L and L² are mating right-angled parallel extensions from the ends of the main portion. These extensions are also composed of mating sides connected at their inner ends with the part K² and at their outer ends by cross-pieces L³. The parallel outsides of the ends of the complete frame taper downward from the rear edge to the front cross-bars L. At the corners of the frame are deep pockets *m*, adapted for placing mail-matter, &c., therein. To the rear side of the frame is formed on or fixed thereto an open-topped extension *m'*, adapted to admit an ink-well, and pockets *m''* at its side adapted for retaining pens, pencils, &c.

On the top edge of the skeleton frame are studs *n*, adapted to protect the glass plates *r*, that cover the advertising-cards *s*, placed under the glass and retained in overlying positions on the flat top faces of the inclined planes fixed on top of the bottom D of the book-support.

The top edge portion of the skeleton frame is rounded and wider than the parts of the frame, so as to produce shoulders *l*, as shown in Fig. 3, to overlies the edges of the pieces of glass as required to fasten them and the advertising-cards under them in such a manner that no extraneous fastenings are required, and also in such a manner that advertisements can readily be interchanged by simply lifting off the skeleton frame and removing cards from under the glass plates and putting other cards in their places.

It is obvious the weight of the skeleton

metal frame fitted over the book-support is sufficient to bind all the removable parts securely together. It is also obvious that a hotel-register can be placed upon the inclined fixed supports J and opened to overlie them as required for convenient access to the clerk and the guests.

Having described the construction, arrangement, and combination of all the parts, the practical operation and utility of my invention will be readily understood by persons familiar with the art to which it pertains, and what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent therefor, is—

1. In a support for a hotel-register, a flat wooden bottom mounted on a turn-table, book-rests having inclined top faces fixed across the top of said bottom, a block having a top face inclined transversely fixed on top of said bottom at its rear edge and mating blocks having inclined top faces extending longitudinally fixed on top of said bottom at its parallel ends, in the manner set forth, for the purposes stated.

2. In a support for a hotel-register, a flat wooden bottom mounted on a turn-table, book-rests having inclined top faces fixed across the top of said bottom, a block having a top face inclined transversely fixed on top of said bottom at its rear edge, and mating blocks having inclined top faces extending longitudinally fixed on top of said bottom at its parallel ends, cards for advertising purposes fitted on top of said inclined faces and glass covers fitted on top of said cards, arranged and combined in the manner set forth for the purposes stated.

3. In supports for hotel-registers, a three-sided skeleton frame consisting of a main portion composed of two parallel sides and an

extension at each end of the main portion projecting at right angles and also composed of two mating sides and cross-pieces at their front ends and the entire top of the frame inclined from its rear edge toward the front ends of the extensions and the top edges of all the parts provided with shoulders, a base having an inclined book-support at its central portion, a fixed block having an inclined face at the top of the book-support and mating fixed blocks having inclined faces at the sides of the inclined book-support, as shown and described for the purposes stated.

4. A three-sided skeleton frame composed of a main portion and a right-angled extension at each end of the main portion, pockets at the ends of the main portion, a receptacle for an ink-well at the rear and center of the frame and pockets at the sides of said receptacle, as shown and described for the purposes stated.

5. A support for a hotel-register and interchangeable advertising-cards, comprising a turn-table, a flat wooden bottom mounted on the turn-table, book-rests fixed across the top of said bottom, a block having a top face inclined transversely fixed on top of the rear edge portion and blocks having flat top faces inclined longitudinally fixed on top of the end portions of said bottom, cardboards fitted on top of said inclined faces, glass covers fitted on the cardboards, and a skeleton frame fitted on top and around said blocks, arranged and combined to operate in the manner set forth for the purposes stated.

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