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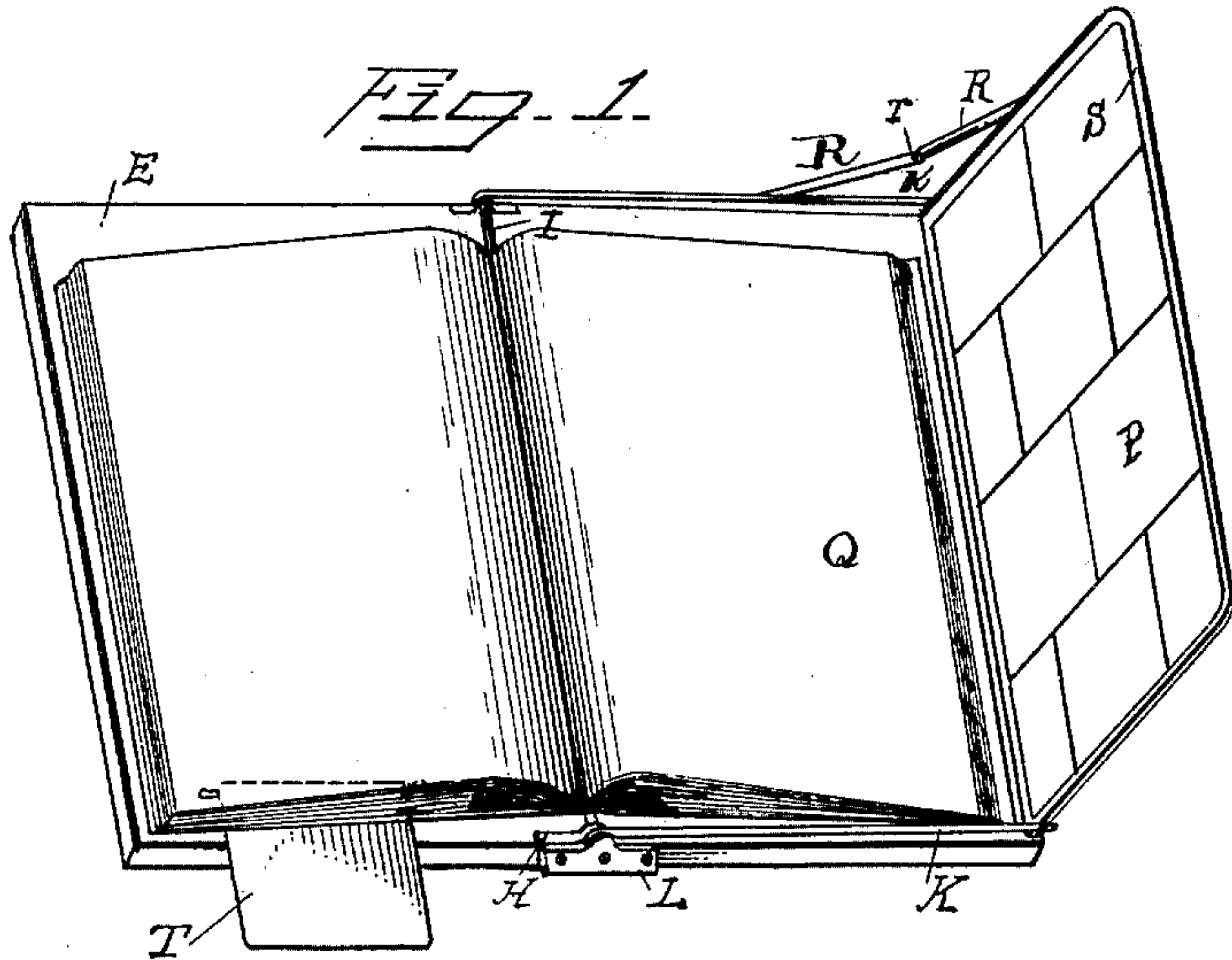


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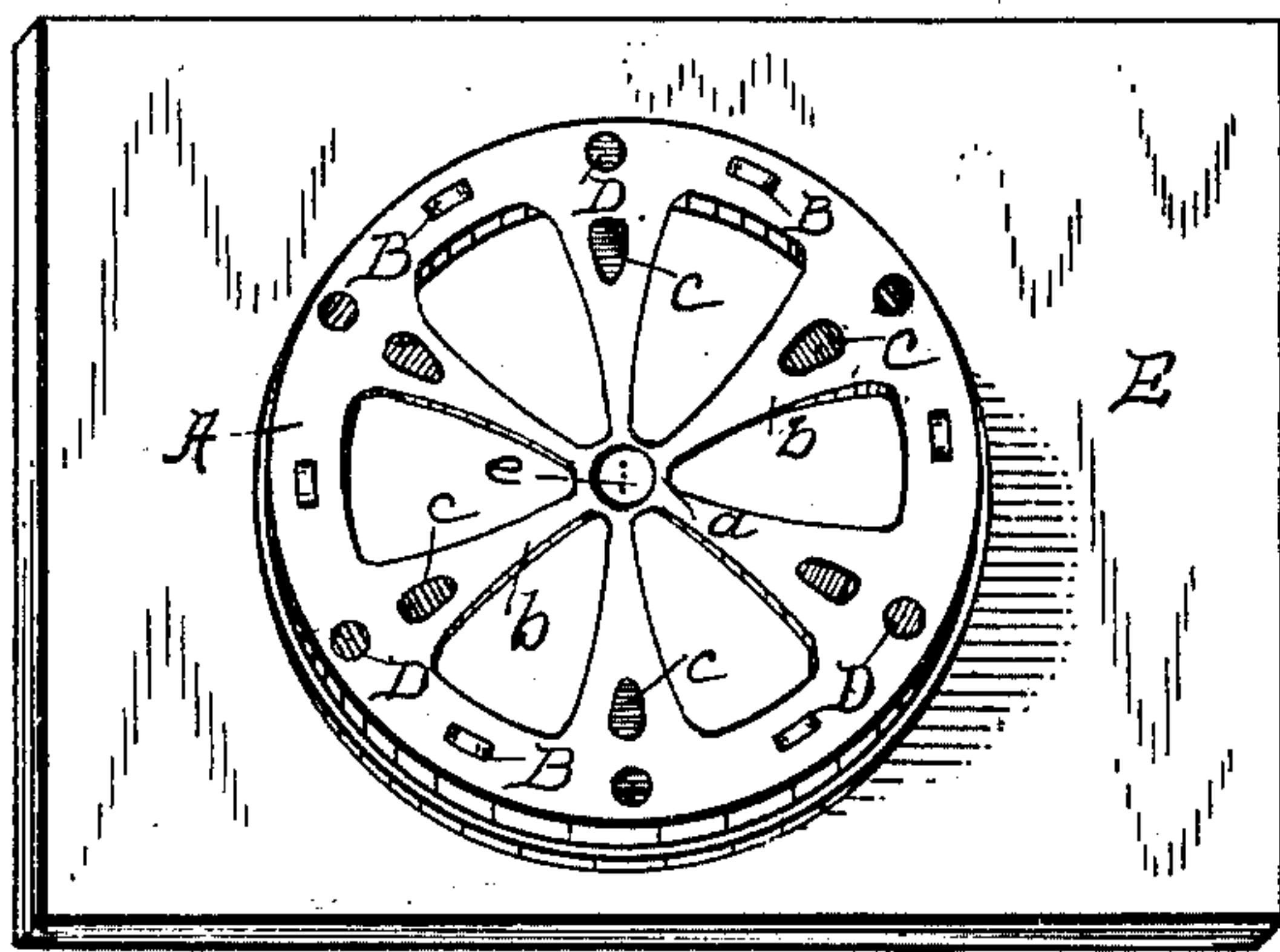


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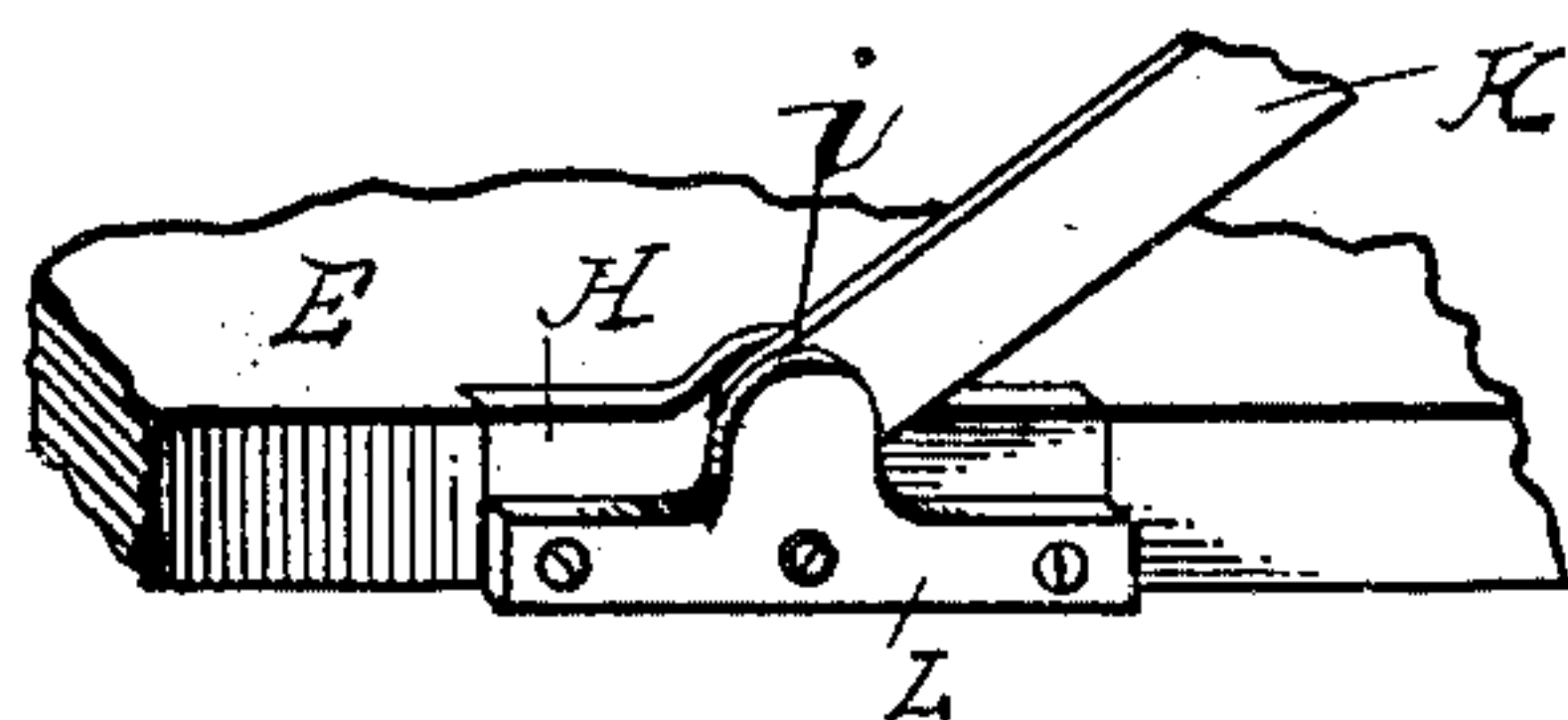
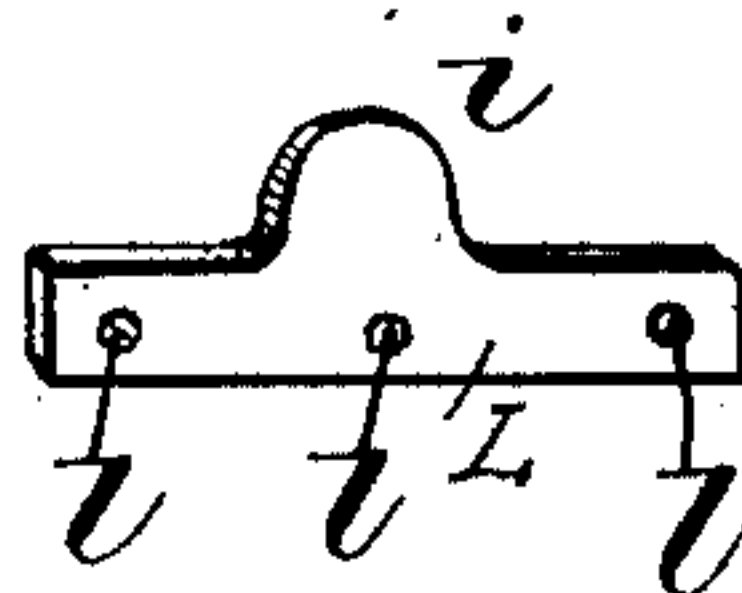


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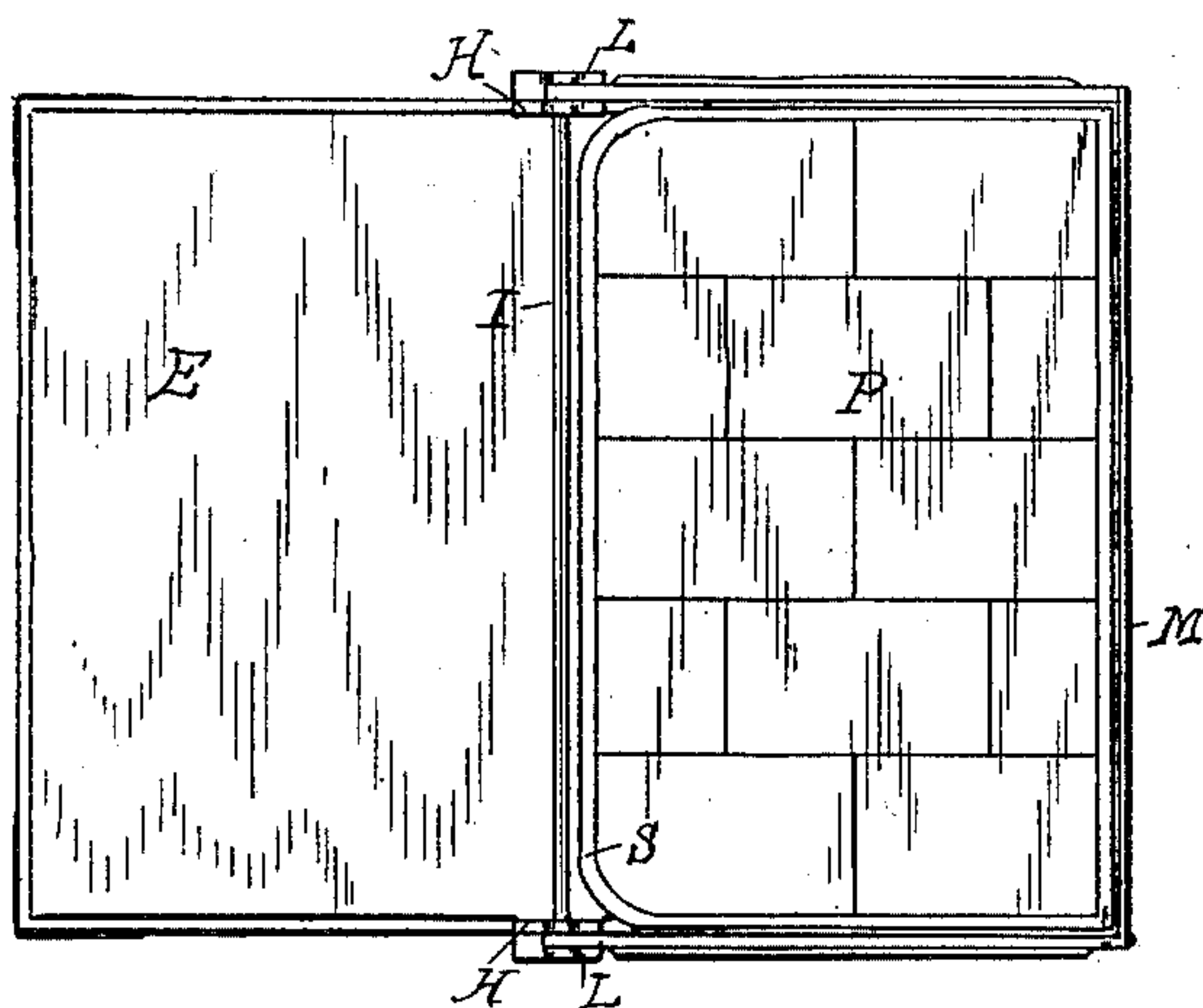


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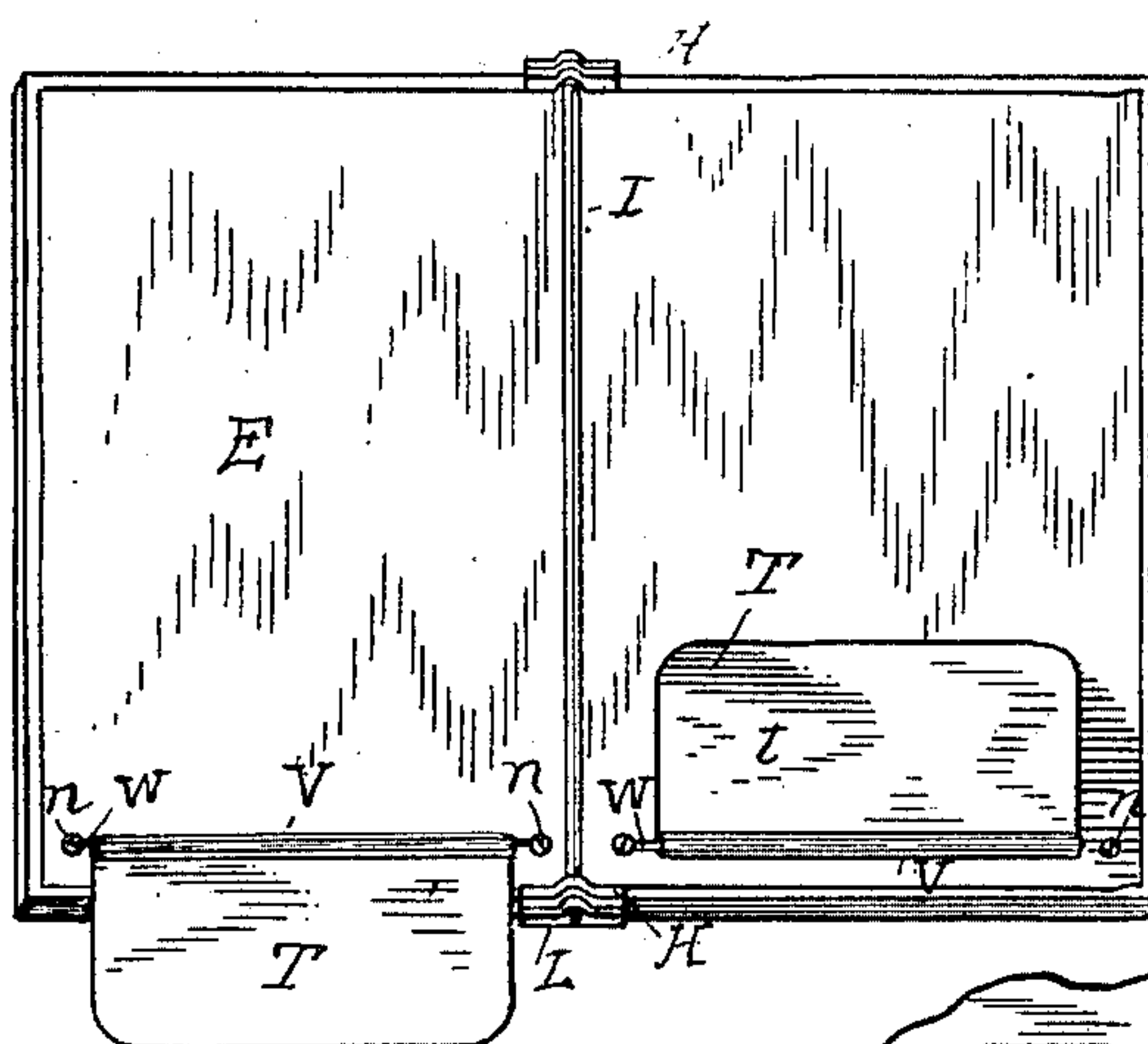


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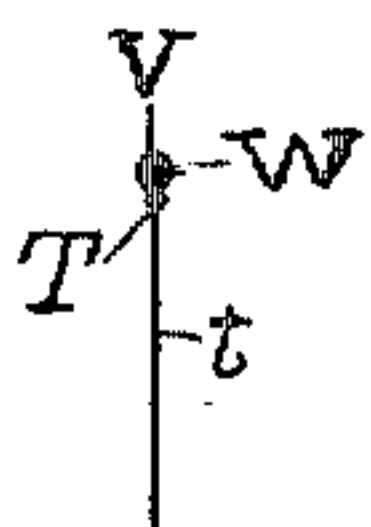


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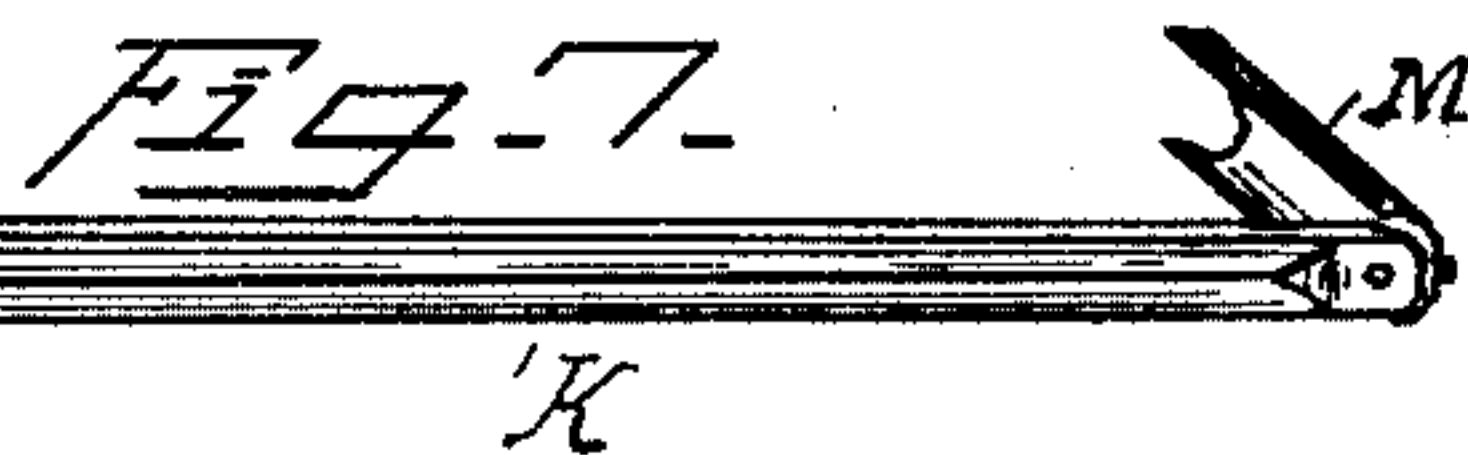
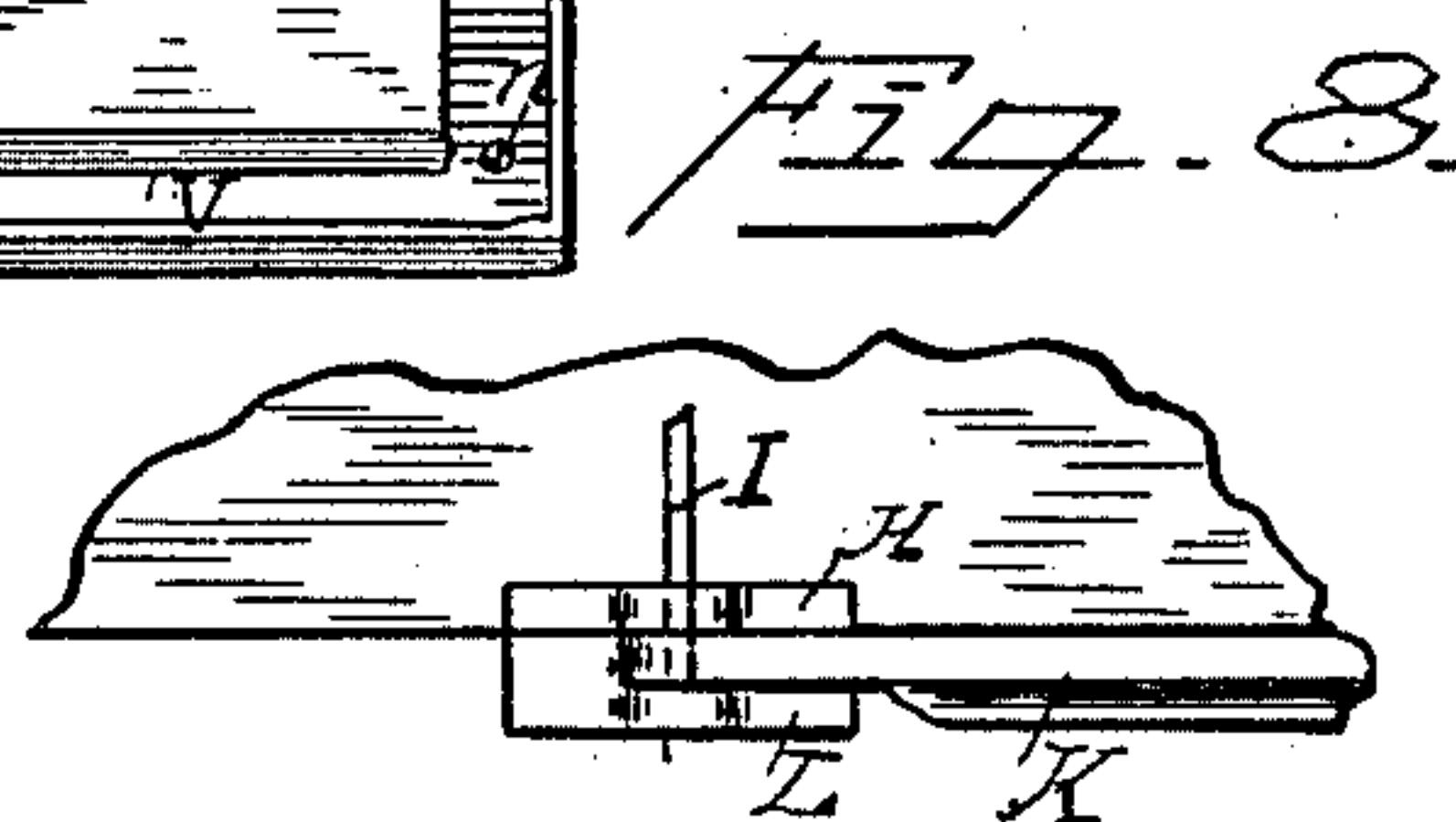
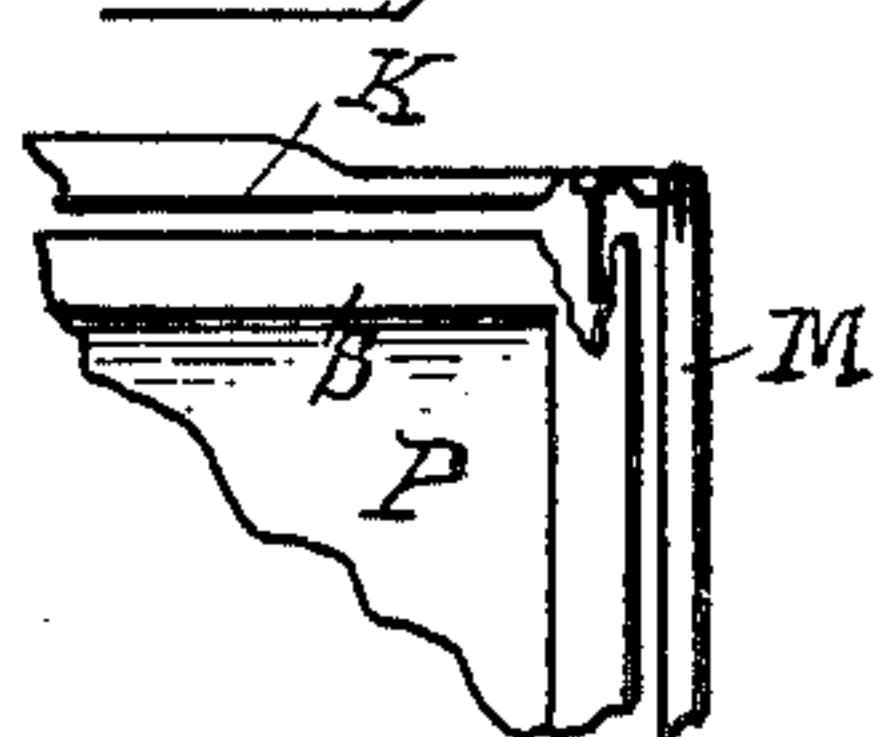
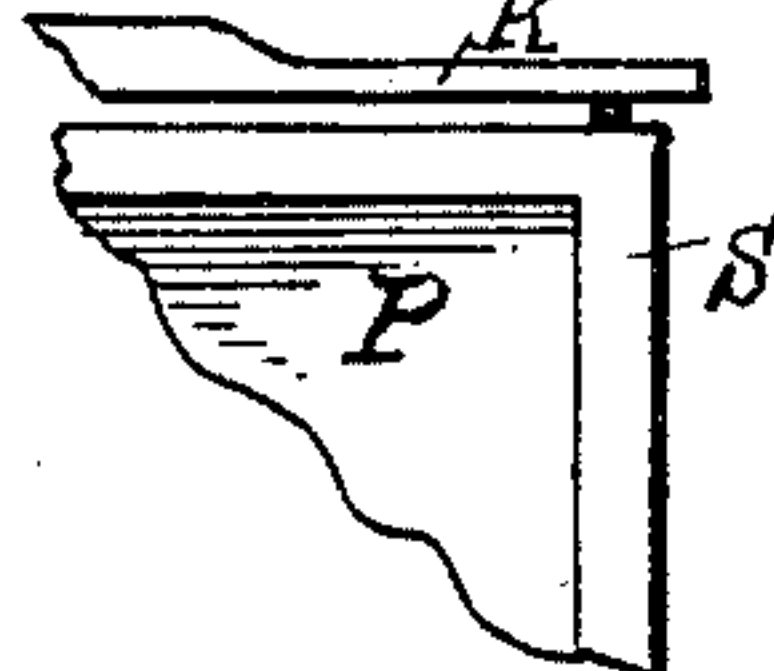


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## DESK FOR HOTEL-REGISTERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN D. METS, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Desks for Hotel-Registers; 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.

In the use of desks for hotel-registers, more especially those which have an advertising show-case attached thereto and adapted to rest upon one page of the open register, some difficulty and inconvenience has been experienced in turning the leaves of the register, and especially where the party desires to look backward over a number of filled pages. There is also inconvenience experienced in writing near the bottom in the register when the page is nearly filled. To overcome these difficulties and others which will be developed hereinafter and to provide a desk which will be ornamental, serviceable, and convenient in use are the objects of my invention.

In the following specification there will be described in detail the manner in which my invention is constructed and its mode of operation, together with the claims of its novelty, when taken in connection with the drawings accompanying the same.

Figure 1 is a perspective of the desk with the register thereon and the show-case turned away from the register. Fig. 2 is a perspective of the under side of the desk and turntable. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the desk with the show-case lying thereon. Fig. 4 is a perspective of the desk with the hand-rests pivoted thereon, one rest being open ready for use and the other closed. Fig. 5 is a perspective of the plate in which the cross-rod is pivoted. Fig. 6 is a perspective of the cap over the front face of Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is a perspective of one arm to which the show-case is attached. Fig. 8 is a plan view of Figs. 5, 6, and 7 when united together with a portion of the desk cut away. Fig. 9 is a perspective of Fig. 8 with part of the desk cut away. Fig. 10 shows one corner of the show-case attached to the arm shown in Fig. 7. Fig. 11 shows a corner of the show-case and the manner of attaching the arms and the stop-rod attached

to the arms. Fig. 12 shows a section of the hand-rest.

Like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in all of the figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the turn-table, which consists of a circular plate having the hub *a* and the arms *b*. It is also provided with wheels B, which are pivoted in the rim of the wheel. Upon the under side of this wheel, along the rim, are fastened round pieces of rubber D, which serve as feet for the turn-table to rest upon and to prevent any slipping or sliding of the desk on smooth surfaces. There may also be pieces of rubber attached to the under side of the arms *b*. Upon this turn-table A thus formed is pivoted the desk E by the pivot-pin *e*. The desk consists of a rectangular board with a circular strip of rubber G fastened to the under side of the desk and is of about the width of the rim of the turn-table A. The object of this rubber is to prevent any noise from the turning of the desk upon the wheels B, as this rubber will rest upon the wheels and turns thereon with the desk. The upper side of the desk E is preferably covered with felt.

Midway on each side of the desk is fastened a plate H. (Shown in Fig. 5.) This plate is provided with the hole *h*, through which a rod I passes and in said hole finds its bearings.

Upon the outer ends of the rod I are securely fastened the arms K. (Shown in Fig. 7.) Upon the outer side of the plate H is fastened a plate L by screws passing through the screw-holes *l* and through the holes *m* in the plate H and fastens the plates L and H against the side of the desk, with the arm K between the lips *i* of the two plates H and L. It will be seen by this mode of attaching the two arms K at each side of the desk that they will turn in either direction toward either end of the desk, and the ends of the rod I will be covered. The outer ends of the arms K are rigidly united together by a rod M, and just beneath the rod M, near the outer ends of the arms K, is pivoted one edge of the show-case P in such a manner that when the arms K are in a perpendicular position the show-case P will project downwardly and swing just above the register Q, placed upon the desk. It will also be observed that by this mode of pivoting the show-case near the outer ends



of the arms K, just beneath the rod M, when the arms K are lying parallel with the sides of the desk the show-case may be turned outward, as shown in Fig. 1, and be sustained from falling down by resting against the rod M. Where, however, the show-case is heavy, then stays R may be used. The stays R consist of two stays pivoted at *r* and attached to the inner side of the arm K and the edge of the show-case P. When the show-case is laid down on the register or desk, as shown in Fig. 3, these stays R will fold down between the arms K and the show-case P.

The show-case P is made of two pieces of glass set in a frame S, which consists of a metal strip, channel-bar shape, with rounded corners at one side and square corners at the other. The channel-bar strip on the outer edge may be removably attached, giving the opportunity to slide in the glass and the advertising-cards between the same.

To the lower edge of the desk is pivoted the hand-rest T. This rest consists of a plate *t*, preferably of metal, attached between a bent strip of metal V, which may be secured to both sides of the plate *t* by solder or other convenient manner. Through the loop formed in V runs a rod W, having eyelets *n* formed in its outer end, and through these eyelets the rod W is fastened to the desk by screws passing through the eyelets into the desk. In this manner the rests T may be turned outward when the register is nearly filled and furnish a support for the arm of the guest in writing upon the register. When not in use, they may be turned in, as shown in Fig. 4, and lie upon the desk beneath the register. It will be seen that by this mode of attaching the show-case to the outer ends of the arms when it is turned out, as shown in Fig. 1, the register may be used independent of the desk and the leaves may be turned without interference from the show-case or without any movement of the position of the show-case.

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

1. A pivoted desk adapted to support a hotel-register, and arms pivoted to the sides of the desk, combined with the show-case pivoted between the outer ends of the arms and adapted to rest upon either page of the open register or turn away from the same, substantially as shown.

2. In a desk for hotel-registers, a pivoted desk, arms pivoted near the middle of the sides of the desk, a show-case pivoted at two of its corners near the outer ends of said arms, and a stay for holding the show-case when turned away from the register, substantially as and for the purposes shown.

3. In a desk for hotel-registers, a pivoted desk, a rod across the central part of the table an arm attached to each end of said rod, a stay for rigidly securing together the outer ends of said arms, and a show-case pivoted near the outer ends of said arms, and provided with glass on each side and adapted to receive an advertising-sheet between said glass, as and for the purposes shown.

4. In a desk for hotel-registers, a pivoted desk, plates H and L, a rod I pivoted in the plates H, arms K, united rigidly together by the stay M, and a show-case P, pivoted to the arms K beneath the stay M, as and for the purposes shown.

5. A desk for hotel-registers consisting of a pivoted desk, plates H, rod I, arms attached to said rod, a stay uniting the outer ends of the arms, and a show-case pivoted to the arms near their outer ends, all combined as and for the purposes shown.

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

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