

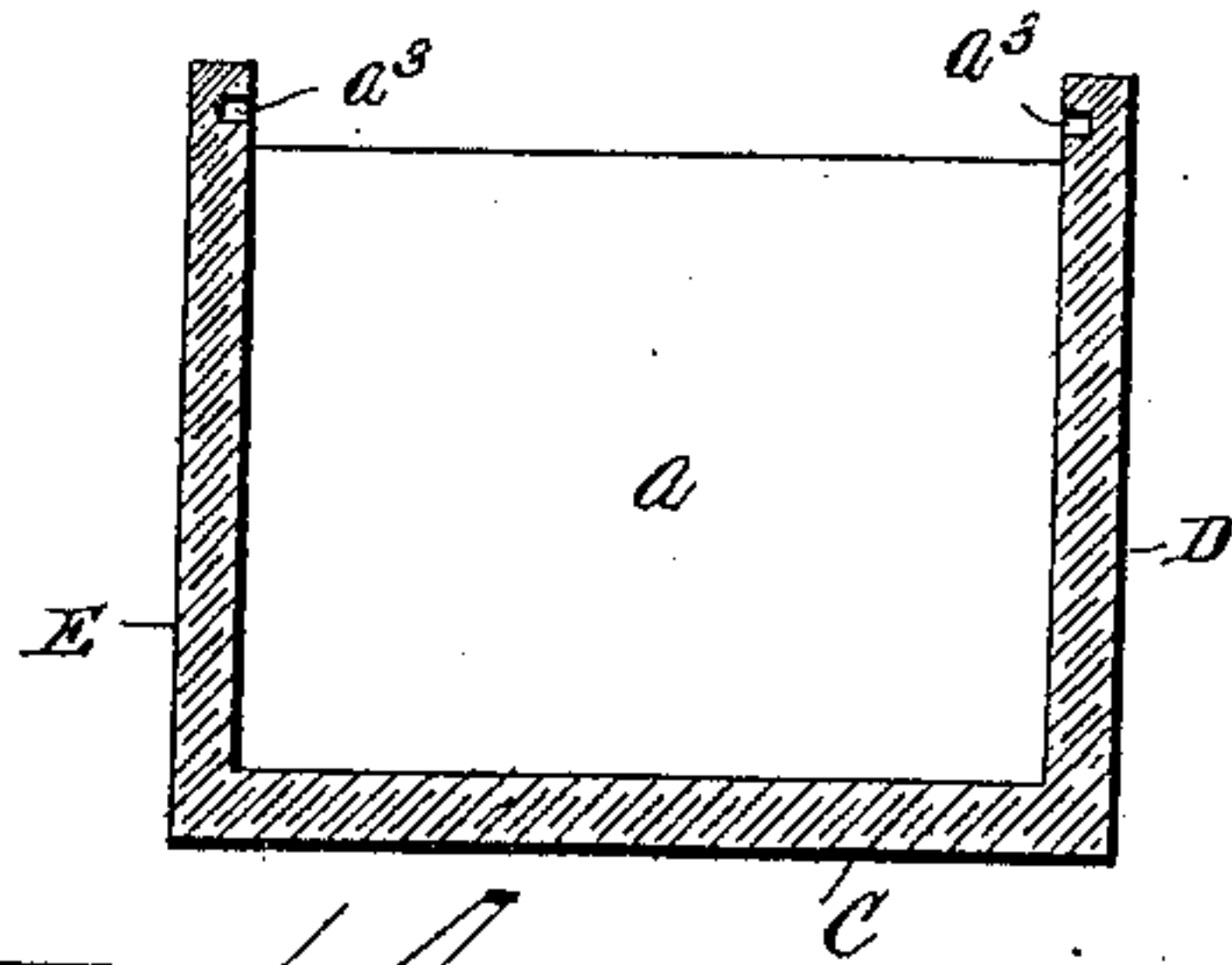
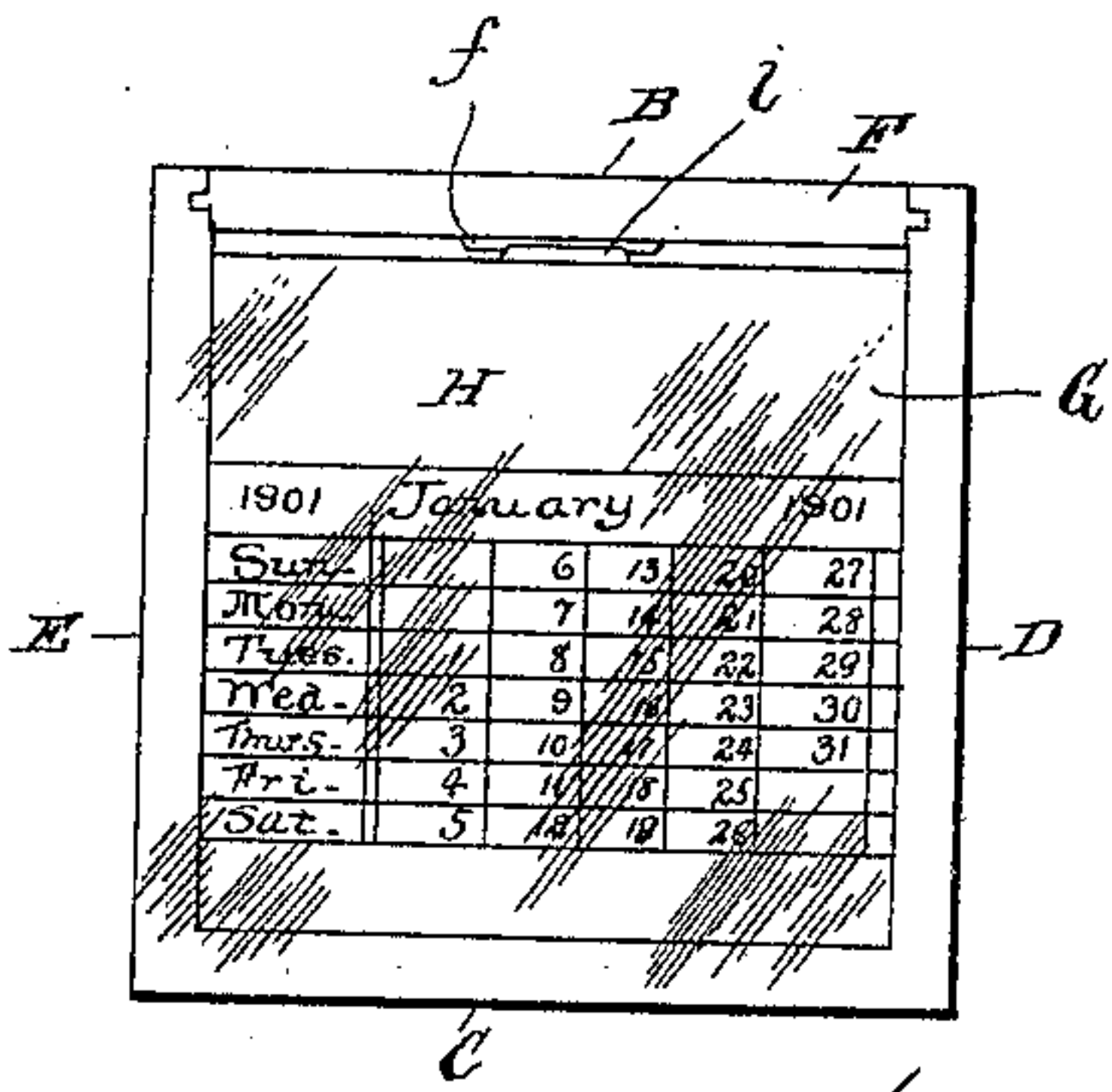
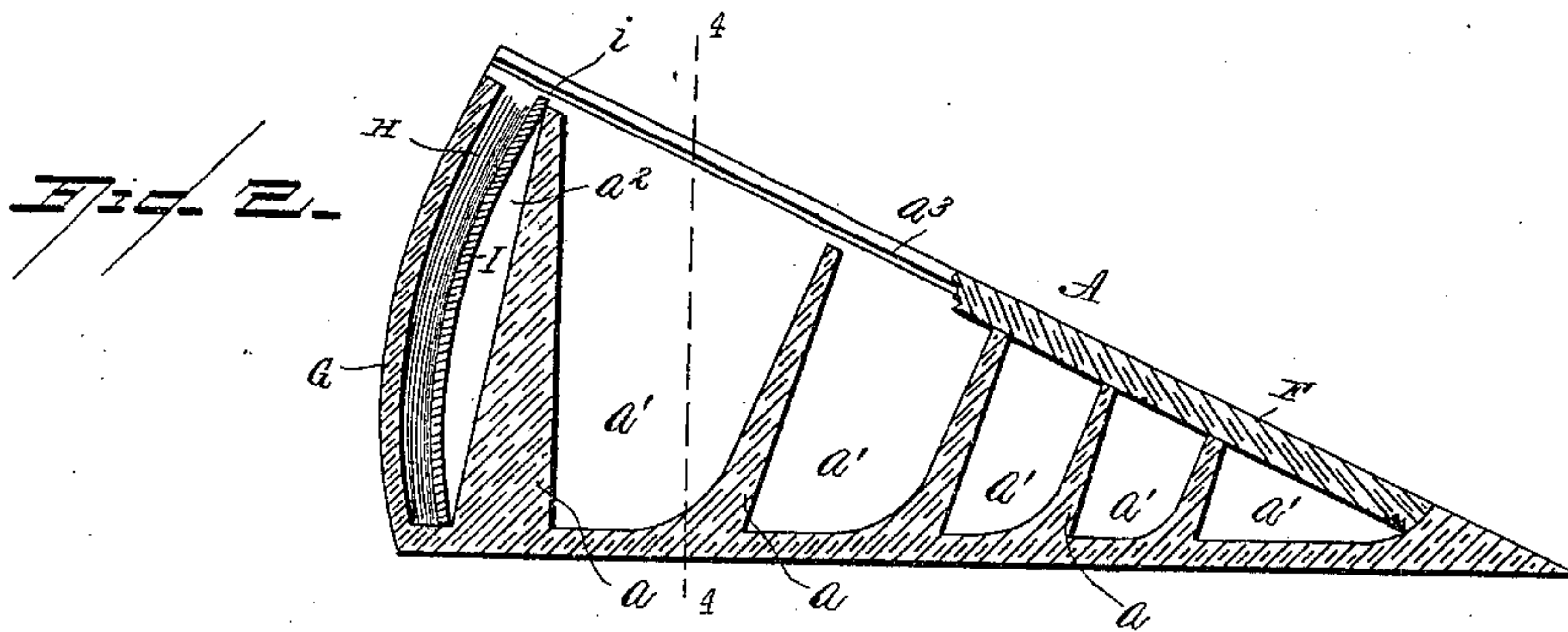
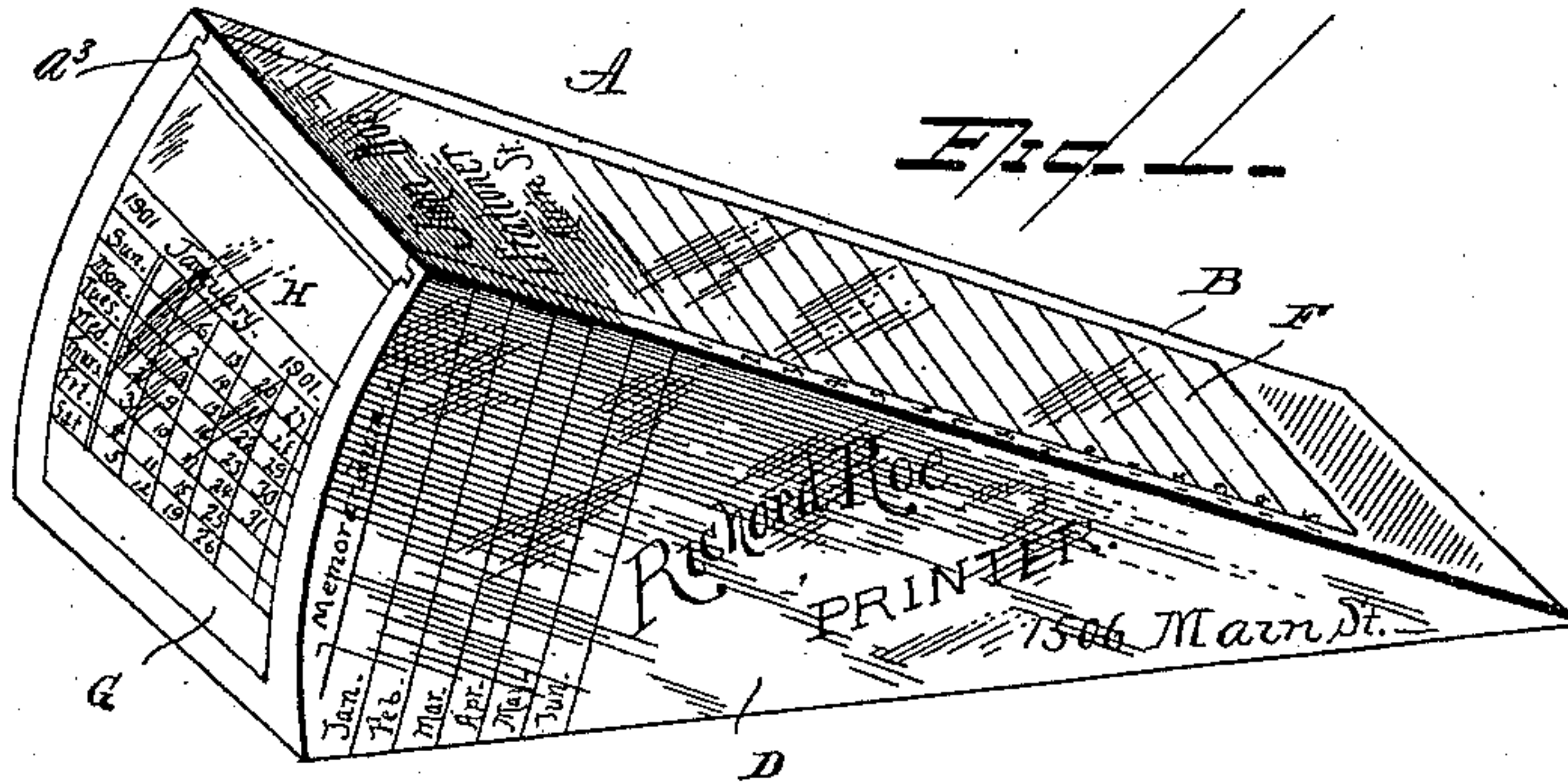
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## PAPER-WEIGHT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SIDNEY H. HUSTON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Houston, in the county of Harris and State of Texas, have invented a Paper-Weight, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved paper-weight or article of desk furniture which shall be useful not only as a paper-weight, but also for the purposes of a calendar, a memorandum-pad, and a receptacle to hold rubber bands, pens, paper-fasteners, and other small articles usually kept about a desk.

The invention contemplates the production of a simple, compact, and convenient device which will form an effective advertising medium, inasmuch as it will be constantly in view upon the desk and being serviceable and neat in appearance will always attract attention.

With this object in view the invention consists of a paper-weight presenting a block having the form of a wedge, two sides of said block being provided with numbered spaces to receive daily memorandums for a current month, while the other two sides or edges of the wedge are provided with spaces designating months and adapted to receive memorandums or engagements relating to days in subsequent months, compartments formed in the block and covered by a slide, a transparent plate forming the butt-end of the block or wedge, and calendar-cards placed in one of the compartments against said transparent plate.

In the following specification I have entered into a detail description of my invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to letters thereon, which designate the different parts; and what I claim as new in the particular construction and arrangement is more specifically set forth in the appended claim.

In the drawings which form a part of this specification, and in which like letters of reference indicate like parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a paper-weight constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view. Fig. 3 is a view looking at the

rear or butt-end of the paper-weight. Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view on the line 4 4 of Fig. 2.

In carrying out my invention I employ a block, (designated by the letter A,) which block is in the form of a wedge, as shown, presenting rectangular surfaces B and C and triangular surfaces D and E. This block is preferably made of glass, though any other material may be used if desired, and in forming the same it is provided interiorly with partitions  $a$ , forming a number of compartments  $a'$  and  $a''$ , adapted for the purposes hereinafter specified. The sides of the block have longitudinal grooves  $a^3$  along their inner edges above the open ends of the compartments, the said grooves being for the purpose of receiving a cover or slide F, the latter when in place forming one of the sides of the wedge-shaped paper-weight.

The surfaces of the sides B, C, D, and E of the block are adapted to receive memorandums and are therefore prepared so that pencil-marks can be easily erased. To this end said surfaces are frosted in case the device is made of glass or covered with celluloid paper in case the said device is made of wood. The surface B is provided with transverse spaces, as shown in Fig. 1, which are numbered to represent days of the month and intended to receive daily memorandums, the opposite surface C being similar to B, while the wider parts of the triangular surfaces D and E are provided with spaces, as indicated on surface D, Fig. 1, marked with the months of the year to receive memorandums for certain days in a future month, which memorandums may be noted on the daily spaces when the month arrives.

The butt-end of the wedge-shaped block is provided with a glass or transparent plate G, and within the compartment  $a''$ , of which said glass plate forms the outer side, are placed monthly cards or calendars H, as shown. The plate G is curved, as shown, presenting a rounded outer surface which may be advantageously used in applying pressure to smooth out creases and for other purposes. The calendar-cards are pressed against the glass plate G by means of a sheet-metal plate I, as shown in Fig. 2, and said plate also serves to hold



the slide F in place. To this end the plate I is provided with a lip *i*, adapted to engage a lug *f* on the under side of the slide.

5 The several sides of the block may have advertising matter printed thereon in the spaces not occupied by the memorandum-spaces.

10 The compartments *a'* in the block are adapted for the purpose of receiving pins, pens, paper-fasteners, rubber bands, matches, and other small articles usually needed about a desk in order that the device may be serviceable in addition to its primary use as a paper-weight.

15 The paper-weight forms a simple and convenient means of noting memorandums, and by providing the surfaces so that memorandums may be erased it may be used an indefinite period, the calendar-cards being removable, so that a new set can be inserted. 20 It is therefore obvious that a paper-weight

constructed as herein shown and described will be extremely useful and being always kept in plain view upon a desk will form an excellent advertising medium.

25 Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A paper-weight comprising a wedge-shaped block having recesses *a'* and *a''* in one side, forming compartments, and longitudinal 30 grooves above said recesses; a wall G at the butt-end of the block curved outward, said curved wall forming one side of the recess *a''*; a plate F engaging the grooves in the block and provided with a lug *f*; and a spring-metal 35 plate I seated in the recess *a''* and adapted to engage the lug on the plate, as shown and described.

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