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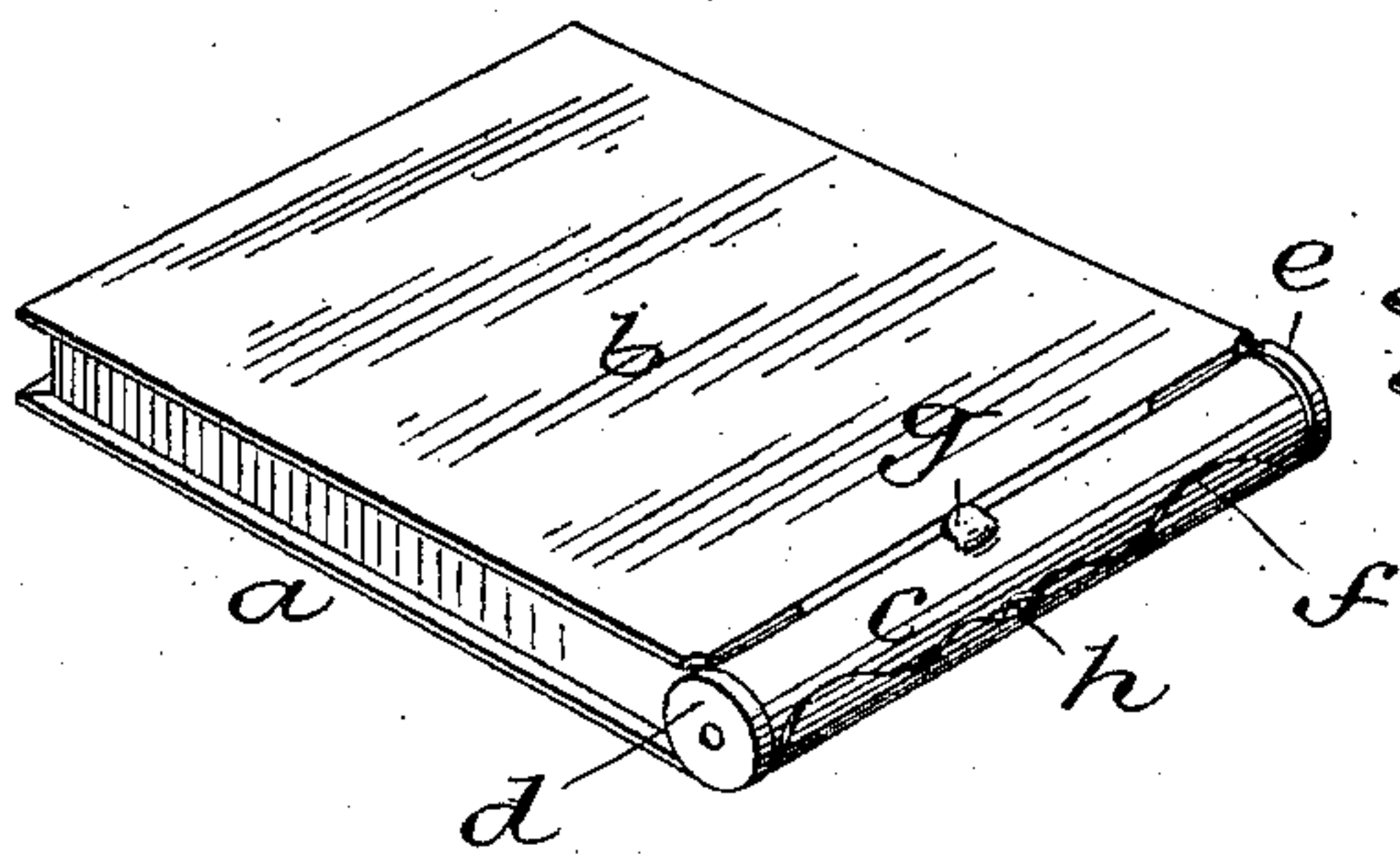


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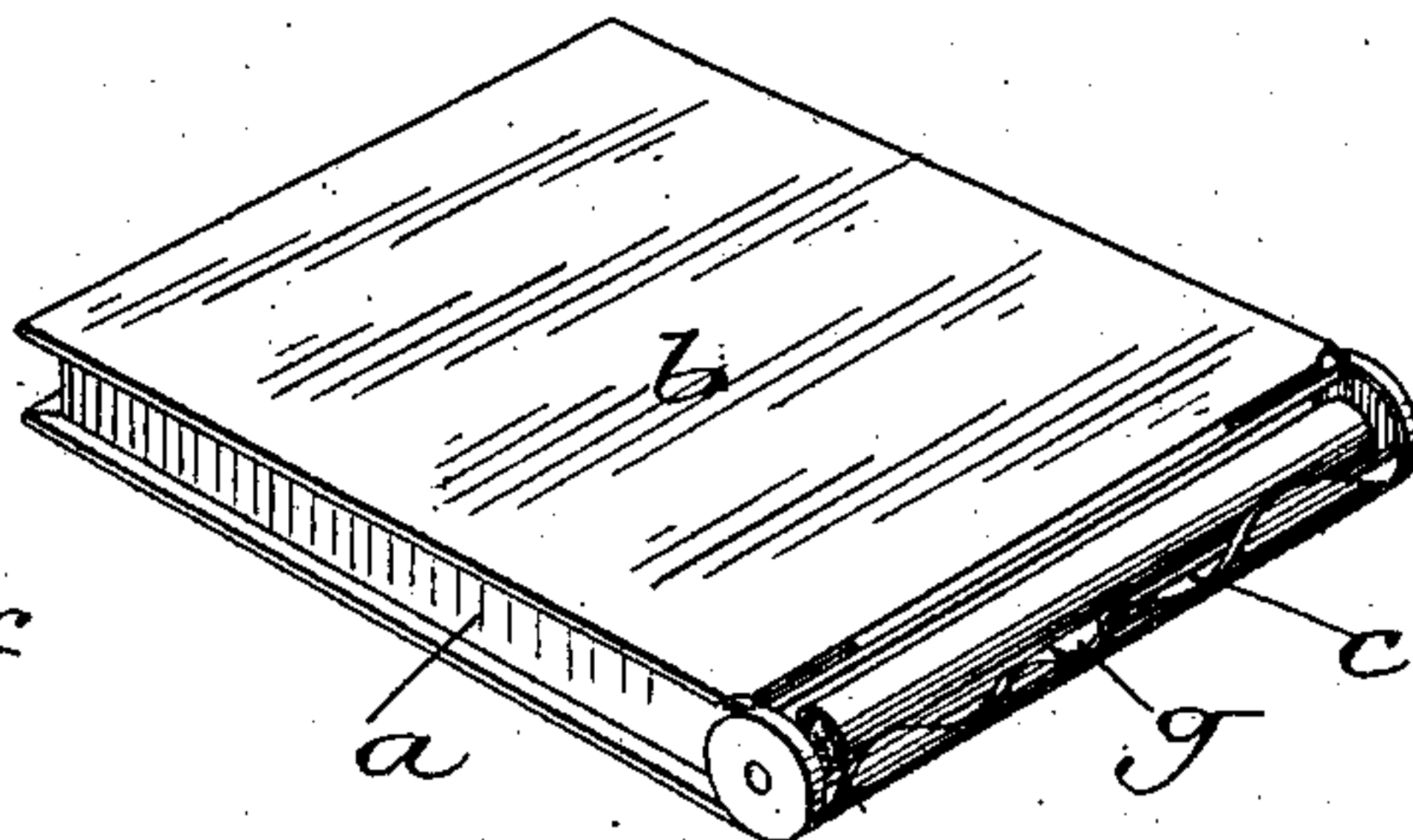


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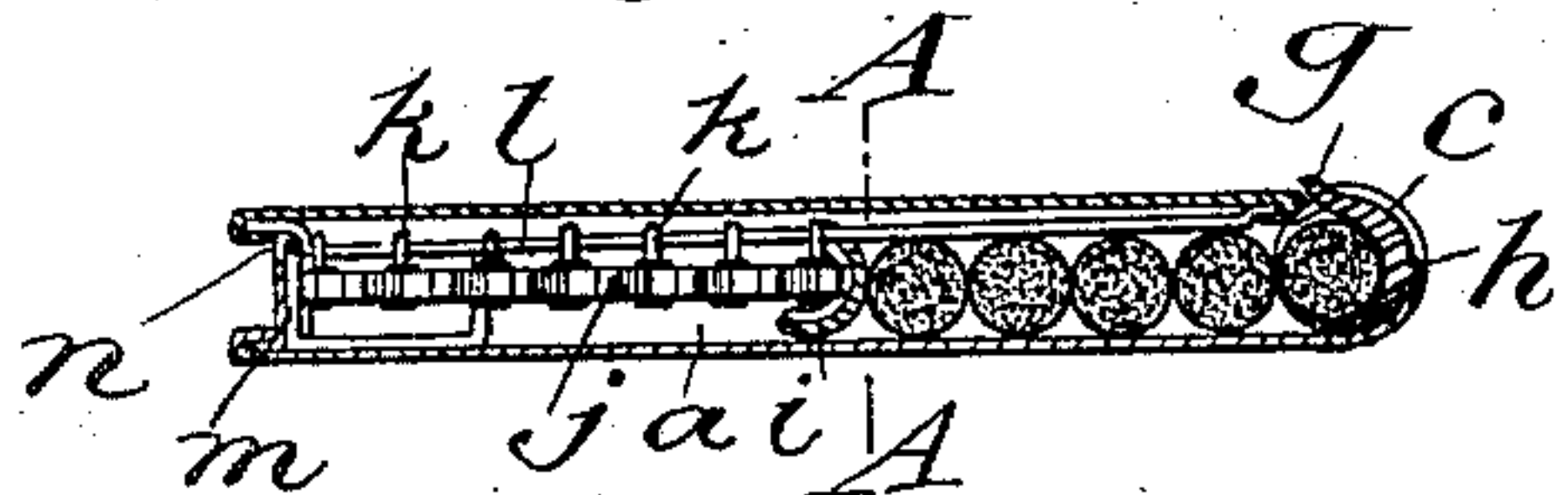


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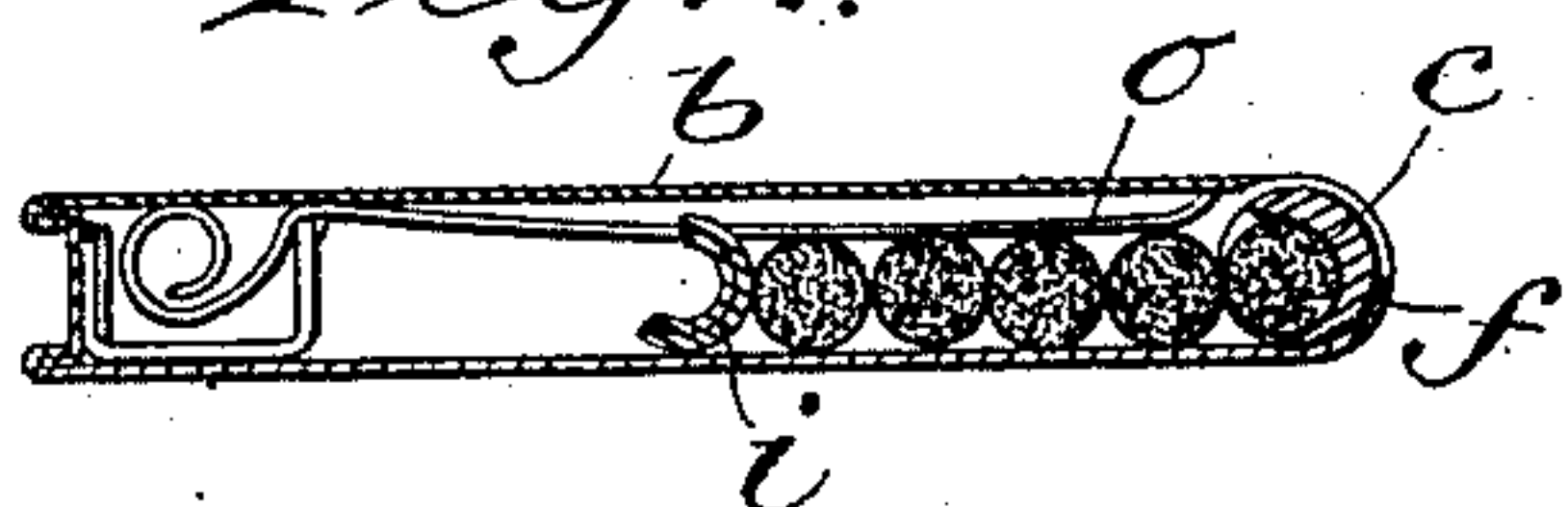


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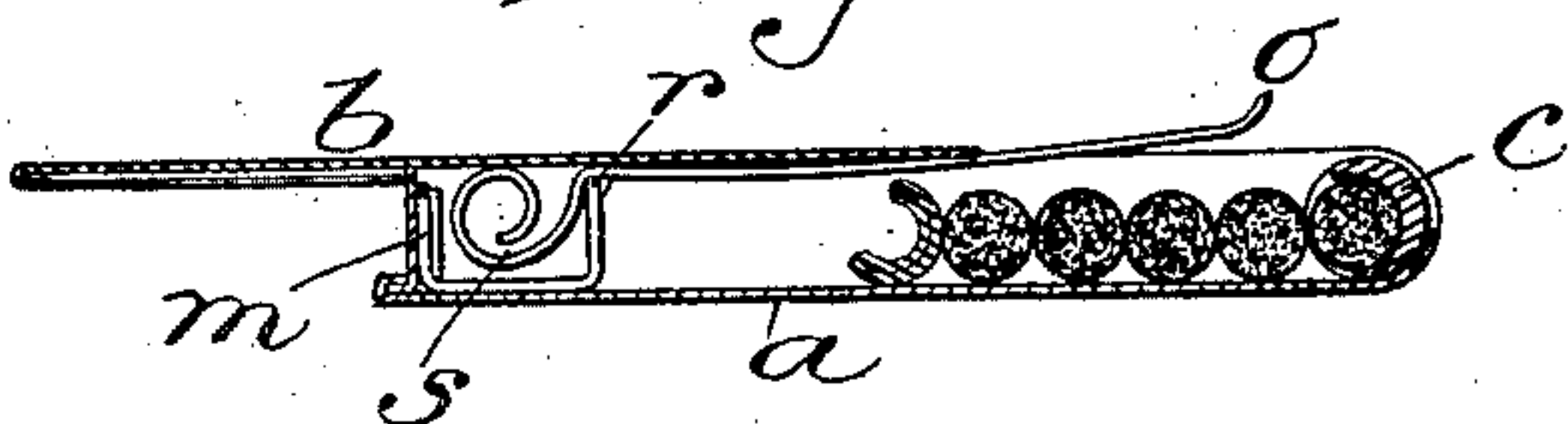


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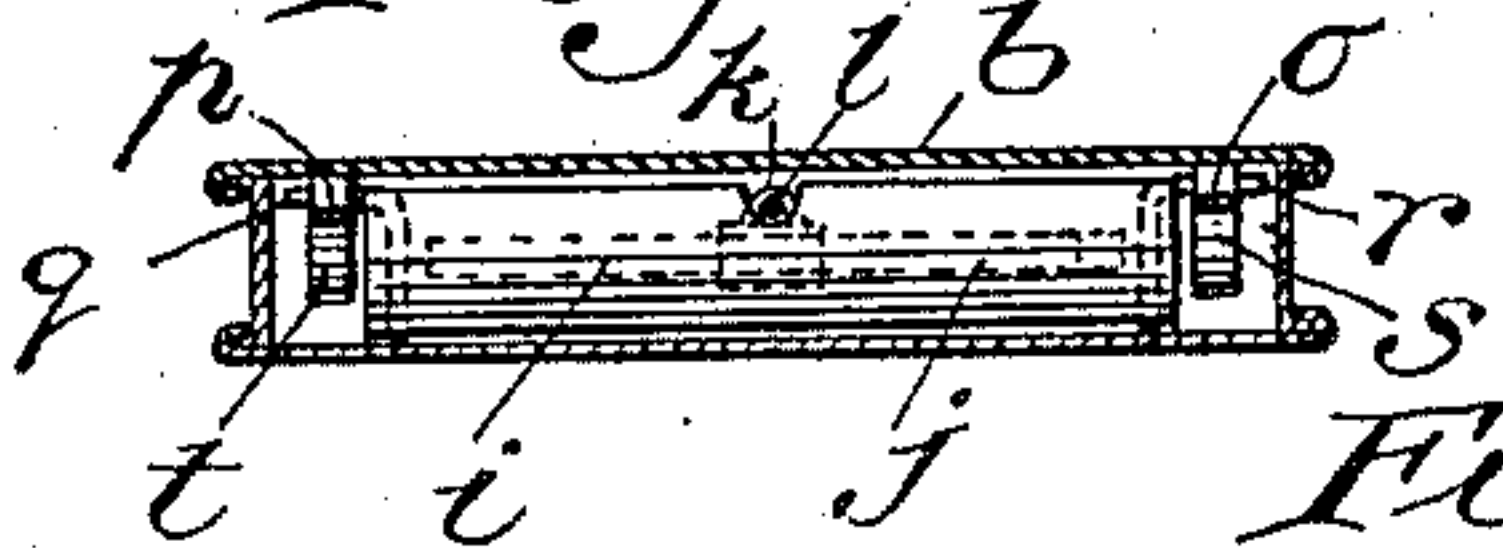


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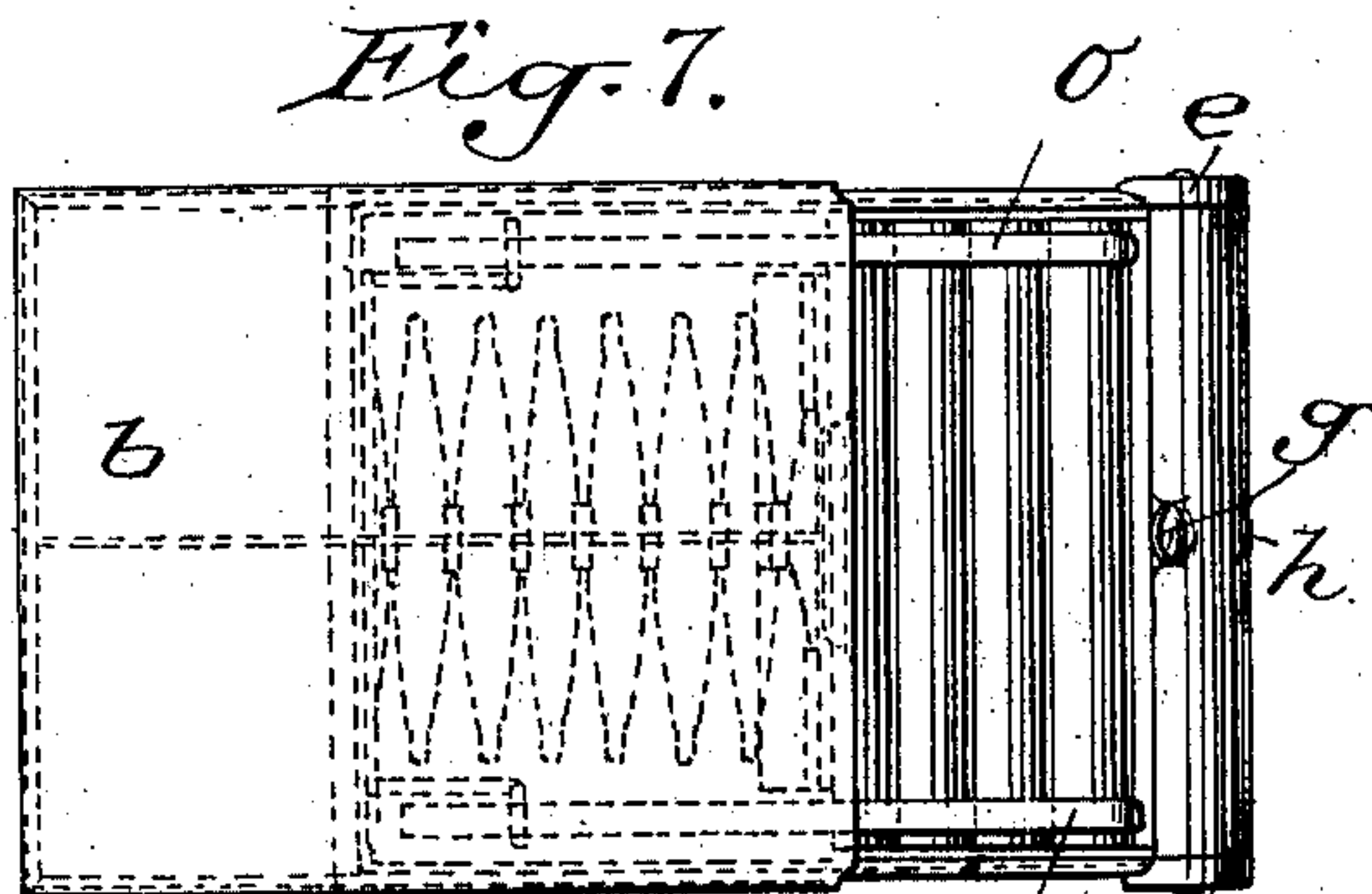


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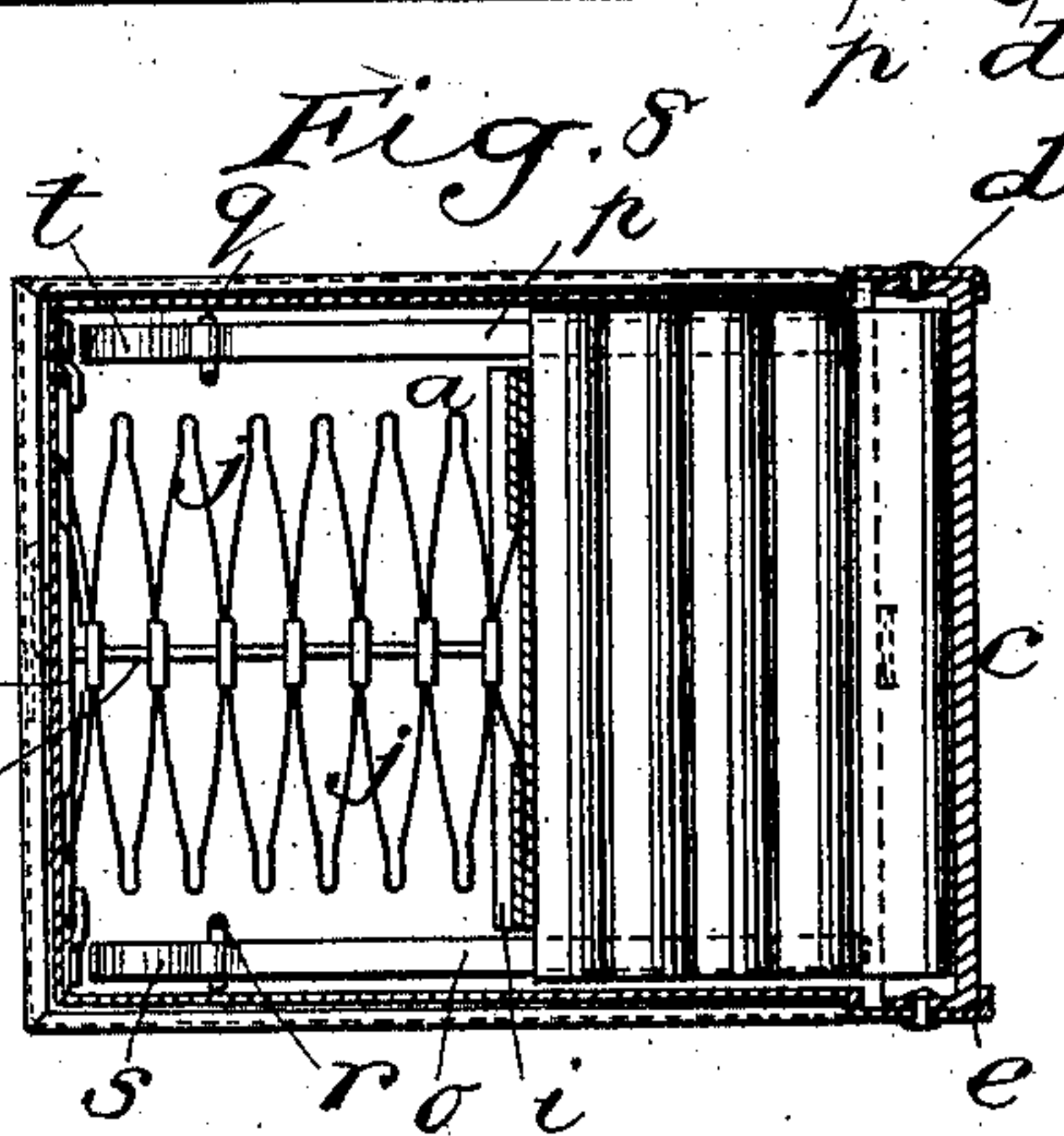
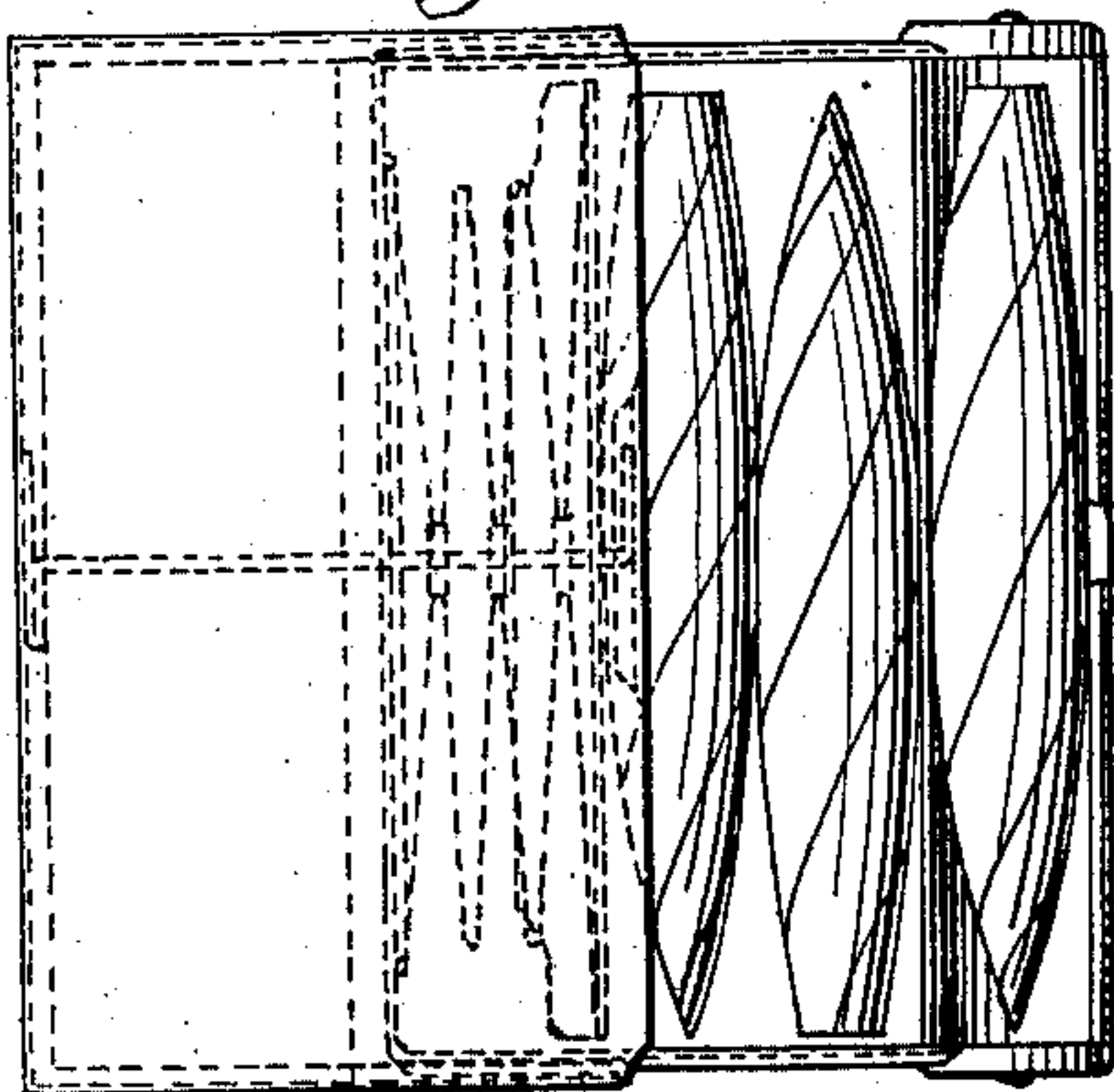


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## POCKET-CASE FOR CIGARS OR CIGARETTES.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 693,621, dated February 18, 1902.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BARNET RAPAPORT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the borough of Manhattan, in the city and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pocket-Cases for Cigars or Cigarettes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in pocket-cases for cigars and cigarettes, and has for its object to provide a case in which the articles contained therein may be readily brought, one by one, into position to be removed from the case without exposing the remaining articles, thus entirely protecting the remaining articles from dust and dirt and also preventing the same from being injured by handling.

A practical embodiment of my invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the pocket-case for containing cigarettes, the rotary reciprocating distributor being shown in its closed position. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the distributor open ready to permit the removal therefrom of a cigarette. Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal central section through the case with the distributor in its closed position. Fig. 4 is a vertical longitudinal section through the case near one side thereof to show more clearly one of the spring-actuated presser-arms for keeping the cigarettes in alinement. Fig. 5 is a similar section with the cover of the case partially removed. Fig. 6 is a transverse vertical section taken in the plane of the line A A of Fig. 3. Fig. 7 is a top plan view of the case with the distributor closed and the cover partially removed. Fig. 8 is an inverted section through the case; and Fig. 9 is a view of a case adapted to contain cigars, the distributor being shown in its open position and the cover partially removed.

The case for containing the cigars or cigarettes is preferably of oblong rectangular form of the desired size for containing a predetermined number of cigars or cigarettes. The case as a whole comprises an open-ended box portion *a*, a cover *b*, and a rotary reciprocating distributor *c*, which distributor is of hollow cylindrical form having an open side.

The ends of this hollow cylindrical distributor are pivoted in ears *d e*, projecting from the open end of the box portion *a* of the case. The forward end of the bottom of the box portion *a* of the case is preferably curved upwardly for a short distance in snug engagement with the curved wall of the cylindrical distributor, as shown at *f*, so as to form an extended bearing for the said cylindrical distributor. The hollow cylindrical distributor *c* is provided with a suitable thumb-piece *g* adjacent to its open side for use in reciprocating the distributor, so that its open side may be brought into open communication with the interior of the case and into open communication with the exterior. The distributor is further provided with a lug *h* on its exterior, located in position to be engaged by the upturned forward end of the bottom of the box *a* of the case when the distributor is closed for yieldingly holding the distributor in said closed position. A spring-actuated follower *i* is mounted within the case for feeding the cigars or cigarettes one by one into the interior of the hollow cylindrical distributor when the distributor is opened to the interior of the case. In the present instance I have shown the spring-actuated follower as provided with a series of elliptical springs *j*, confined in position by means of loops *k*, which travel along a rod *l*, secured to and spaced from the cover *b*.

The cover *b* preferably has a sliding engagement with the top of the box portion *a* of the case, and the means which I employ for yieldingly holding the cover in its closed position comprises a nose or abutment formed near the inner end of the spring-retaining rod *l*, which is caused to engage a yielding portion of a rod *m*, located within the box near its back, the upper portion of the box being cut away, as shown at *n*, in alinement with the said rod *l*.

When the articles to be contained in the case are required to be kept in alinement in front of the follower—as, for instance, when the case is used for containing cigarettes—I provide a pair of spring-actuated presser-arms *o p*, located along the opposite sides of the interior of the case near the cover, the arms being hinged on extensions of the rod *m*, as shown at *q r*. The presser-arms *o p*



are provided with rearward extensions *s t*, which are held under compression by the cover *b*, so that when the cover is slid rearwardly and the free ends of the arms are released the said arms will be forced upwardly out of the box, as shown in Fig. 5, for permitting the ready insertion of a new supply of cigarettes. As the cover is slid rearwardly it will be seen that because of the engagement of the follower-springs with the cover the follower will be positively drawn back to the back of the box, so as to leave the space within the case free for the insertion of the cigarettes above referred to. As the cover is slid forwardly into its closed position the follower will be brought into operative engagement with the back, one of the group of cigarettes within the case tending to force the cigarettes forwardly into the rotary distributor when the distributor is opened to the interior of the case. When it is desired to obtain a cigar or cigarette, the distributor is partially rotated in a direction to bring its open side from the interior of the case to the exterior. This movement will cause its wall to cut off the remaining cigars or cigarettes within the case, and at the same time the distributor will present a cigar or cigarette in position for ready removal therefrom.

30 If so desired, the cover of the case may be sealed after the supply of articles has been placed within the case, so that after the supply has been exhausted the case cannot again be used.

35 It is evident that the case may be made of many different sizes and shapes, and it is also evident that slight changes might be resorted to in the construction, form, and arrangement of the several parts without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention. Hence I do not wish to limit myself strictly to the structure herein set forth; but

What I claim is—

1. A pocket-case for cigars or cigarettes

comprising a flat box portion for receiving the articles in a single line therein, the said box portion having an open end, a cover for the box portion, a rocking hollow cylindrical distributor mounted in the open end of the body portion independently of the cover, the said distributor having an open side communicating with its interior and arranged to be brought into communication with the interior of the box when in one position and into communication with the exterior thereof when in another position and a spring-actuated follower located within the case in position to feed the articles one by one into the distributor, substantially as set forth.

2. A pocket-case for cigars or cigarettes comprising a flat box portion arranged to receive the articles in a single line therein, a removable cover for the box portion, a rotary distributor mounted in one end of the box portion independently of the cover for removing the articles one by one from the interior of the case and spring-actuated presser-arms arranged to engage the articles to keep them in alinement when the cover is in its closed position and under the control of the cover to swing outwardly when the cover is open, substantially as set forth.

3. A pocket-case for cigars or cigarettes comprising a box portion, a distributor located in position to remove the articles one by one therefrom, a sliding cover for the box portion, a spring-actuated follower and a guide-rod for the follower carried by the cover, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 26th day of January, 1901.

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