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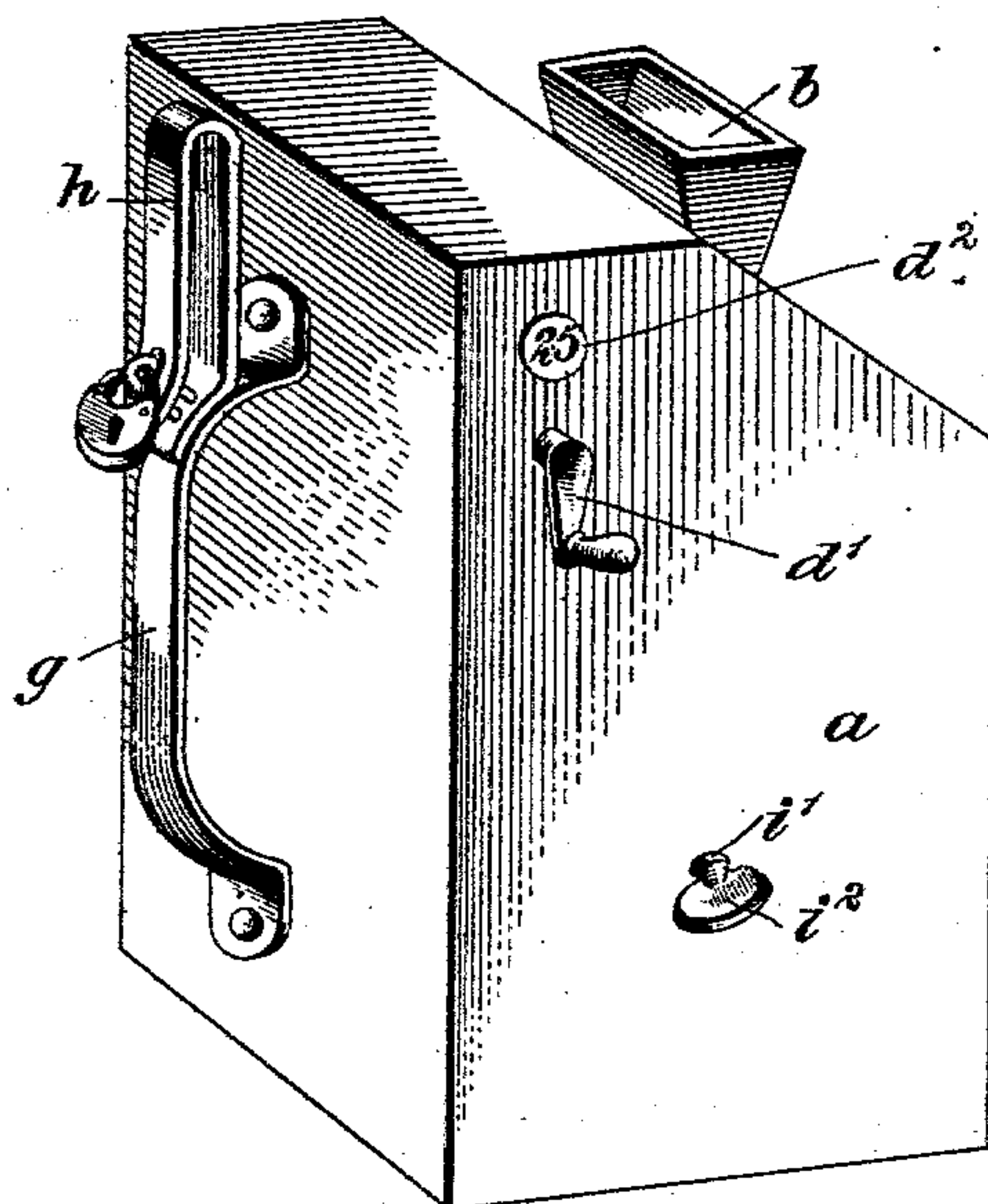


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

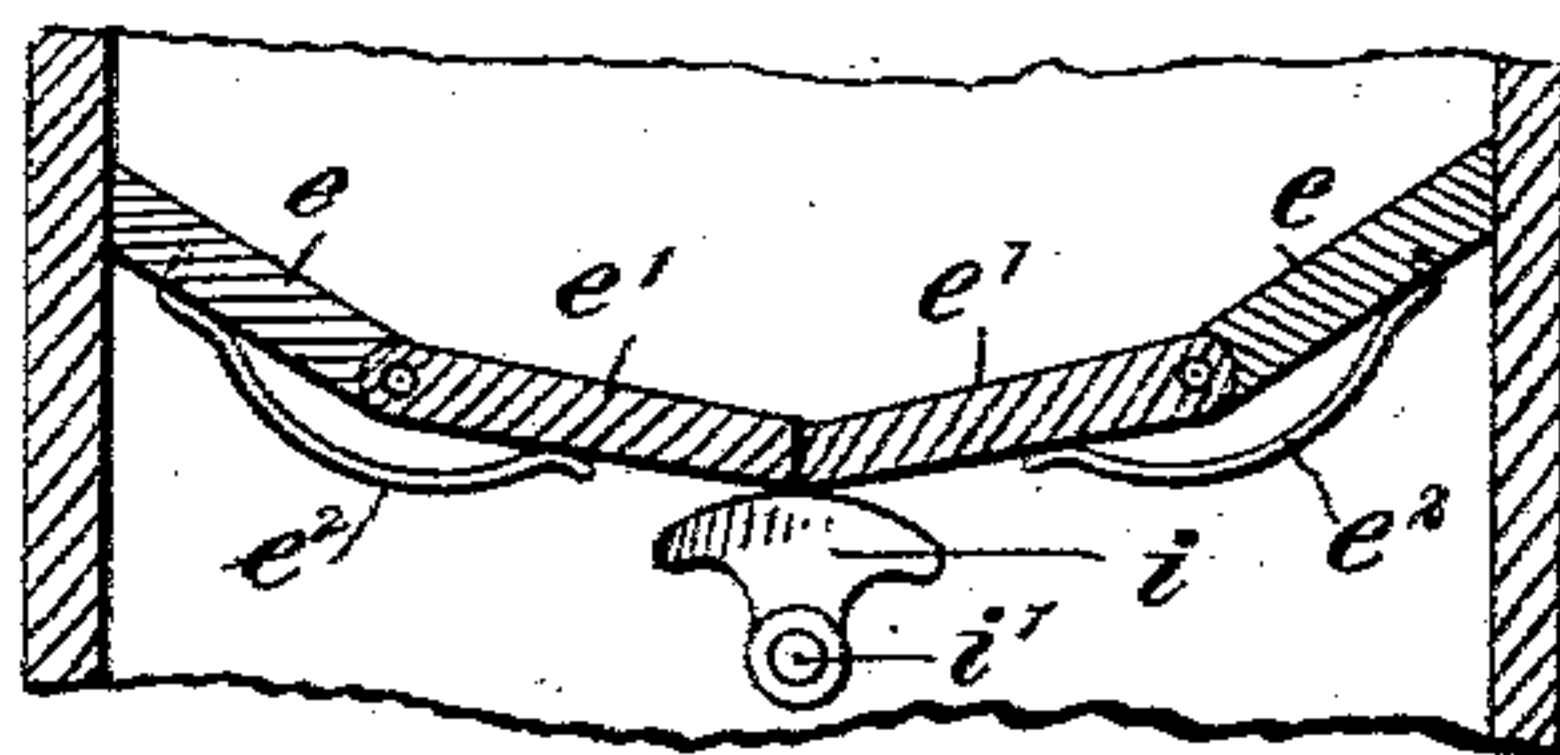
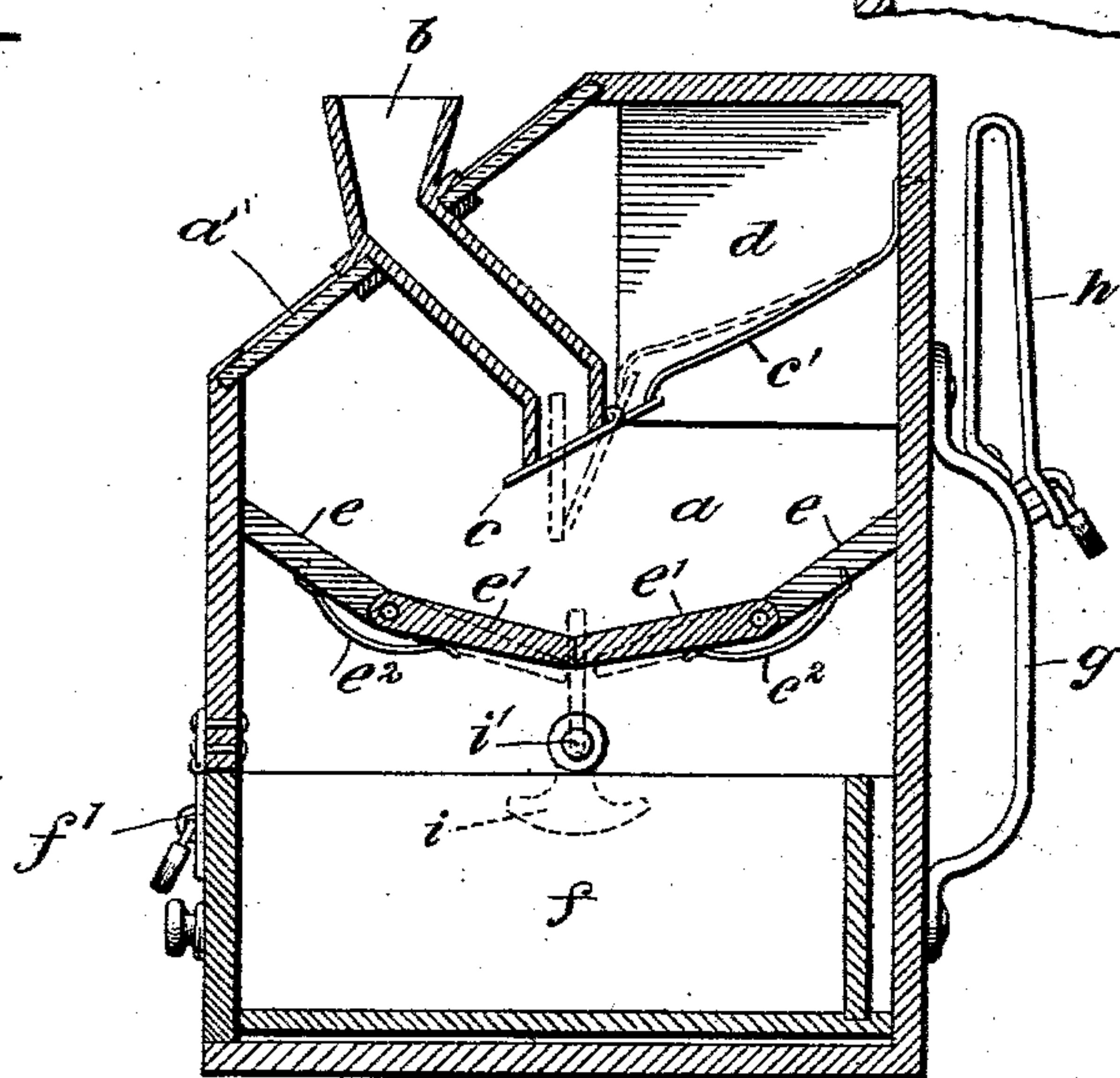


Fig. 3.



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CASH-BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. PEETZ, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Galveston, in the county of Galveston and State of Texas, have invented a new and Improved Cash-Box, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a device adapted for persons making a great number of small collections, such as railway conductors; and it comprises a peculiarly - constructed box adapted to receive the cash and hold the same against the possibility of fraudulent removal.

This specification is a specific description of one form of the invention, while the claims are definitions of the actual scope thereof.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section thereof, and Fig. 3 is a detail view of the false bottom.

The box comprises a main part *a* with a glass front *a'*, through which the interior of the box and its contents may be viewed.

b indicates a chute for receiving the cash, which chute extends through the glass front *a'* into the upper part of the box *a*, and has a tortuous course to avoid the possibility of the coin being extracted from the box through the chute *b*.

c indicates a hinged plate which commands the lower end of the chute *b* and is actuated by a hair-spring *c'*, holding the plate normally in closed position, but said spring giving against the weight of a coin or the like.

d indicates a cash-register which may be of any form desired, this cash-register being arranged in the upper part of the box to be actuated by a handle *d'* at the outside thereof, and showing through the orifice *d''* (see Fig. 1) the amount collected, as well as recording the aggregate of the collections made.

About midway in the box is arranged a false bottom, comprising stationary parts *e* and movable parts *e'*, the parts *e'* being hinged to the parts *e* and kept in closed position by means of light springs *e''*. The hinged parts *e'* of the false bottom open downward to permit the passage of a coin below the false bottom and return to closed position by the ac-

tion of the springs *e''*. These springs are, however, sufficiently weak to permit the ready passage of a coin through the false bot-
tom.

f indicates a cash-drawer which is arranged in the lower part of the box and receives the money passing through the false bottom *e'*. This drawer may be provided with means (indicated at *f'*) for locking it securely, so that the person carrying the cash-box will be unable to open the drawer.

g indicates a handle for facilitating the manipulation of the cash-box, and *h* indicates a loop, which may be fastened and, if desired, locked around the belt of the person carrying the box so as to avoid the possibility of its loss. If desired, the loop *h* may be dispensed with and a mere hook substituted for hanging the cash-box on the belt of the person carrying it.

The movable parts *e'* of the false bottom may be locked in closed position by a latch *i*, carried on a shaft *i'*, which projects through one wall of the box *a* and carries a thumb-knob *i''*, (see Fig. 1,) by which the latch may be thrown from the inactive position (shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2) to the active position. (Shown by full lines in Fig. 3.)

Various changes in the form, proportions, and minor details of my invention may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention. Hence I consider myself entitled to all such variations as may lie within the scope of my claims.

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

1. A cash-box, comprising a box proper having an opening in its upper portion for the introduction of a coin, and a false bottom arranged in the box dividing it into upper and lower compartments, said false bottom comprising inclined stationary parts fastened to opposite walls of the box, movable parts mounted to swing on the respective stationary parts and closing against each other, and springs holding said movable parts yieldingly closed.

2. A cash-box, comprising a box proper having an opening in its upper portion for the introduction of a coin, and a false bottom arranged in the box dividing it into upper

and lower compartments, said false bottom
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5 ary parts and closing against each other,
springs holding said movable parts yieldingly
closed, and a latch for locking the movable
parts of the false bottom closed, said latch
having a portion capable of bearing on each

movable part of the false bottom and being to
pivoted to swing toward and from the same.

In testimony whereof I have signed my
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