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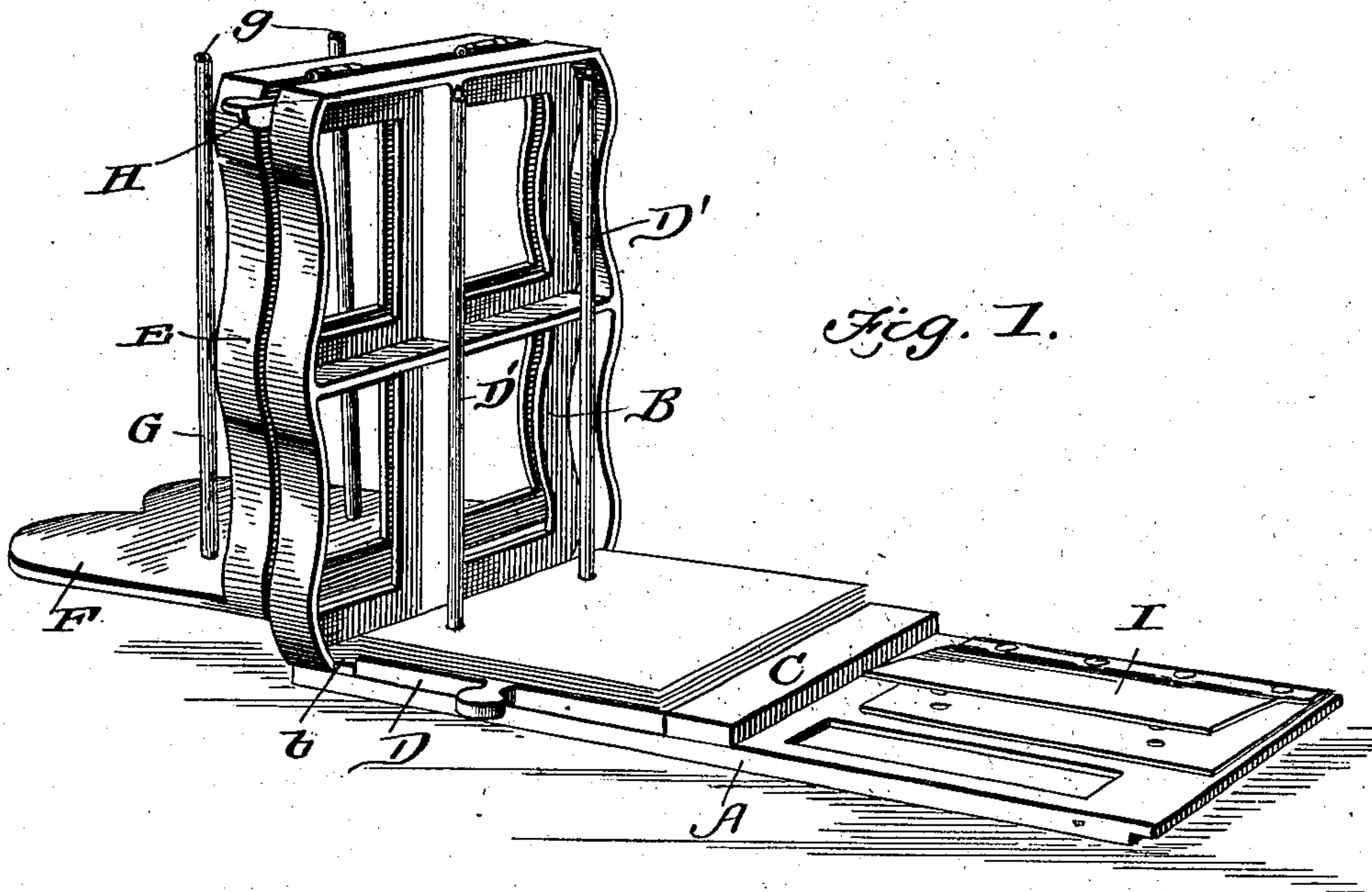


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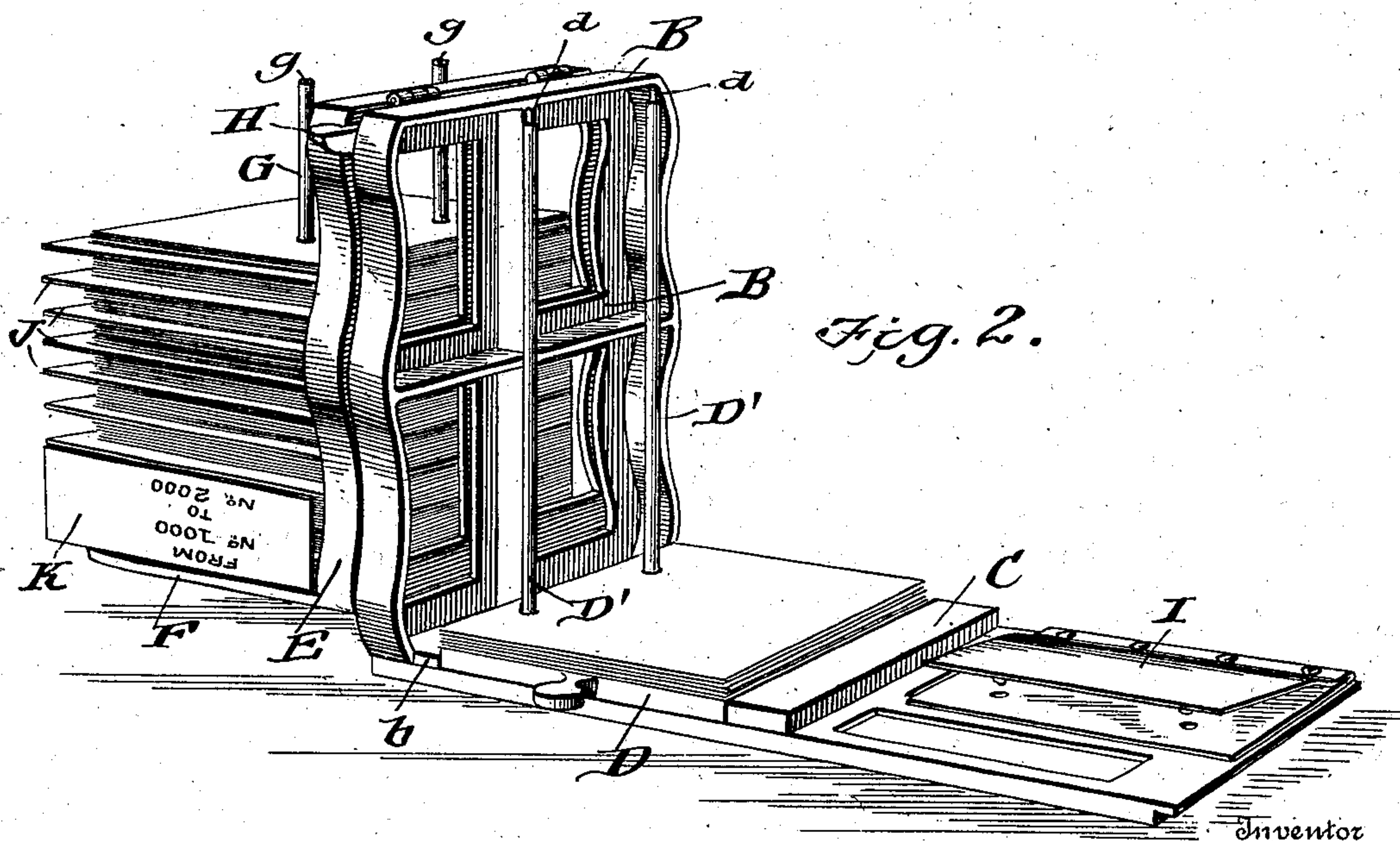


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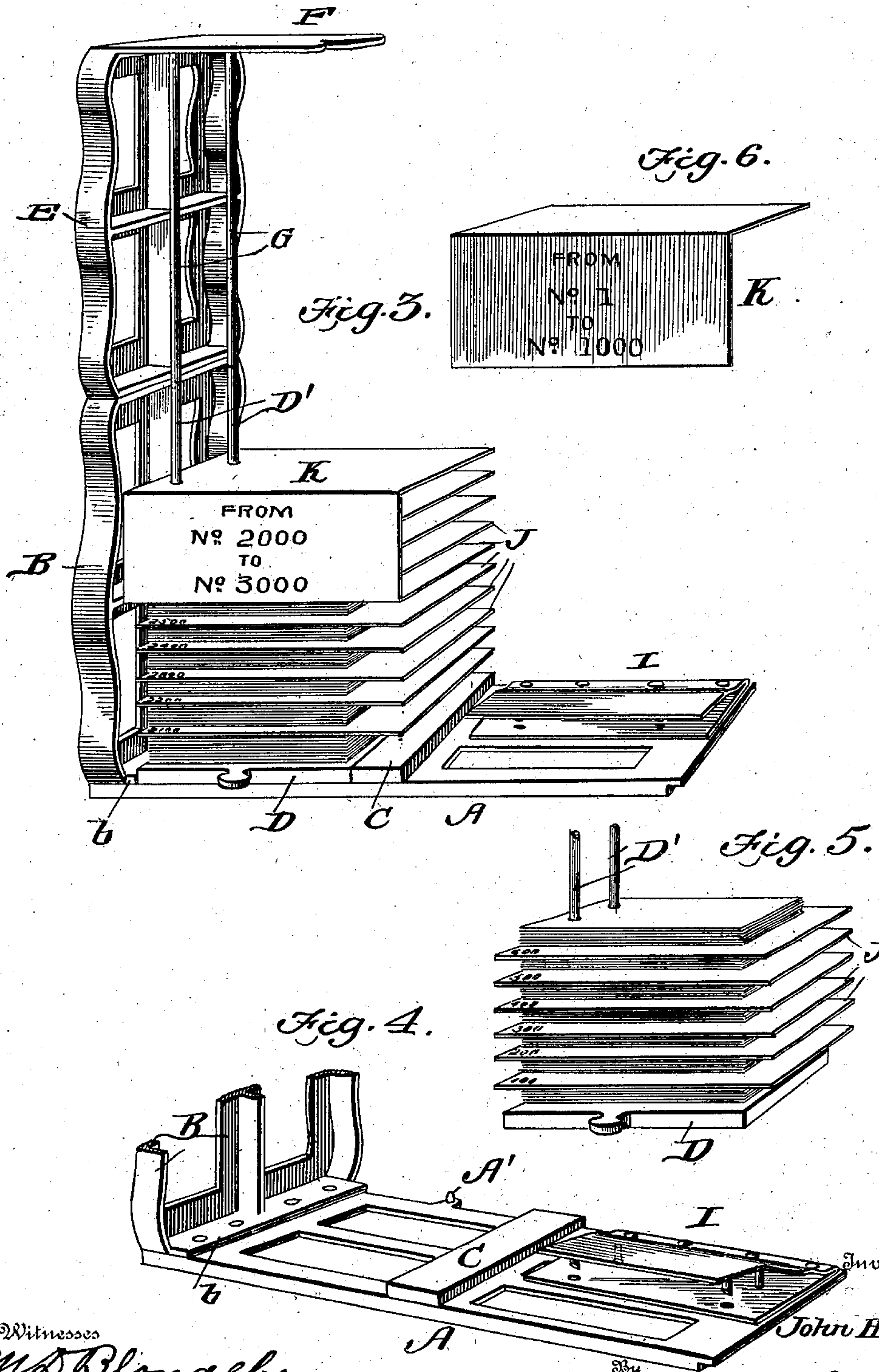
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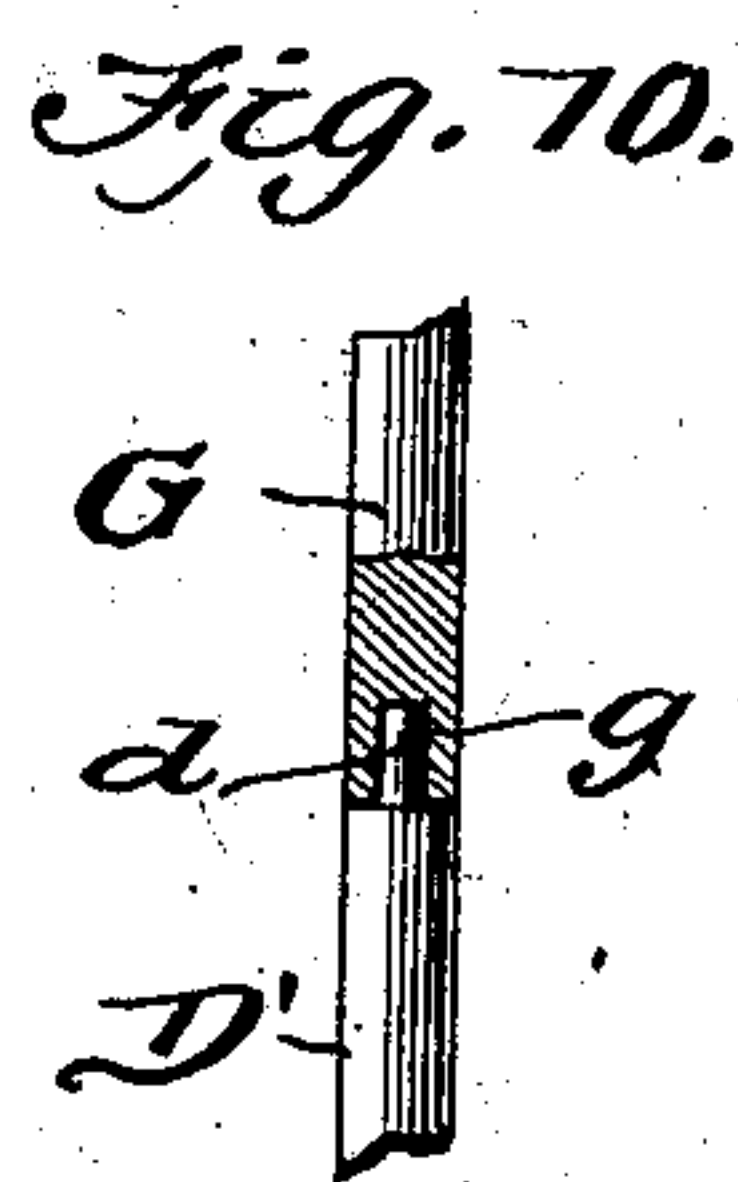
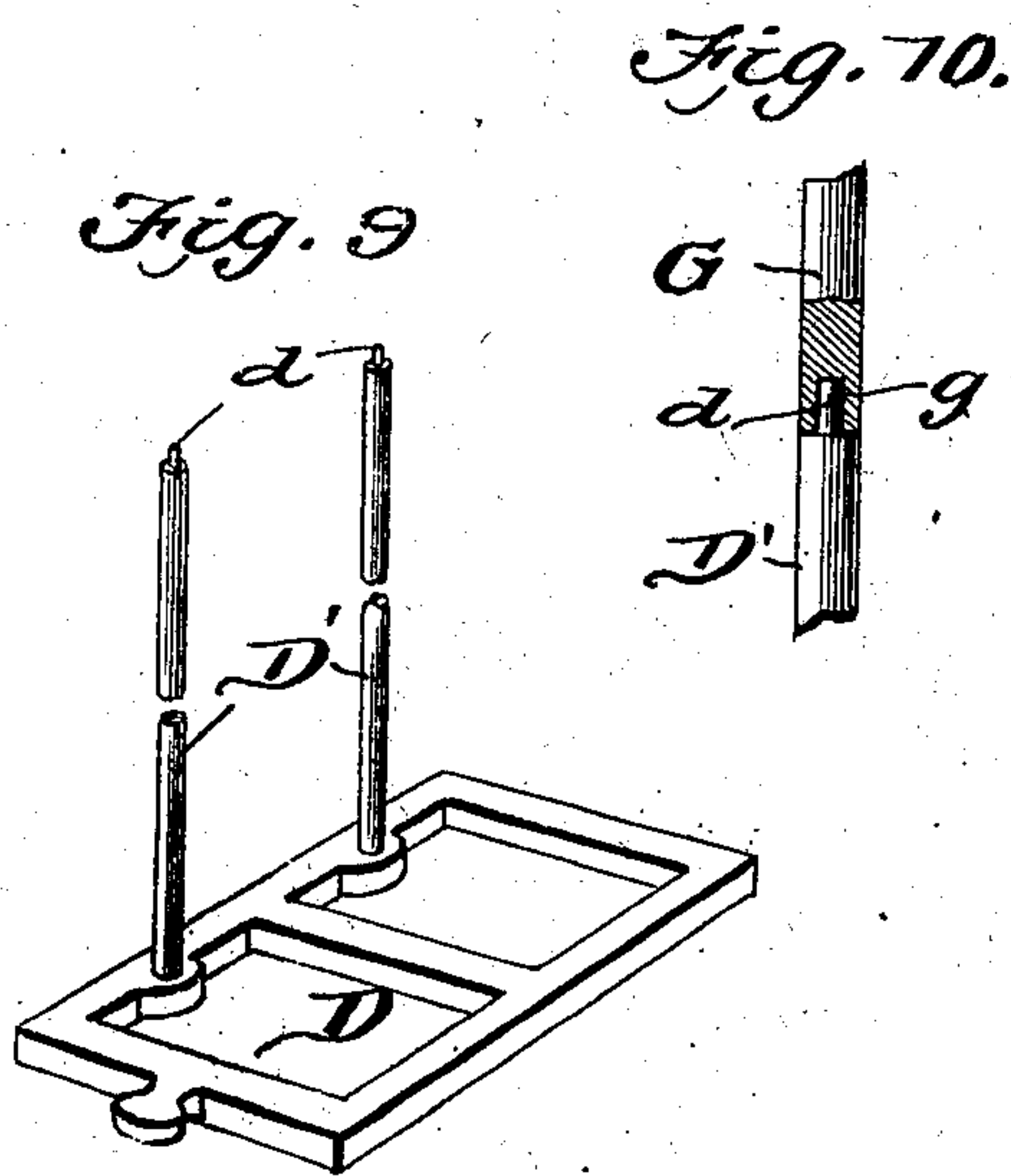
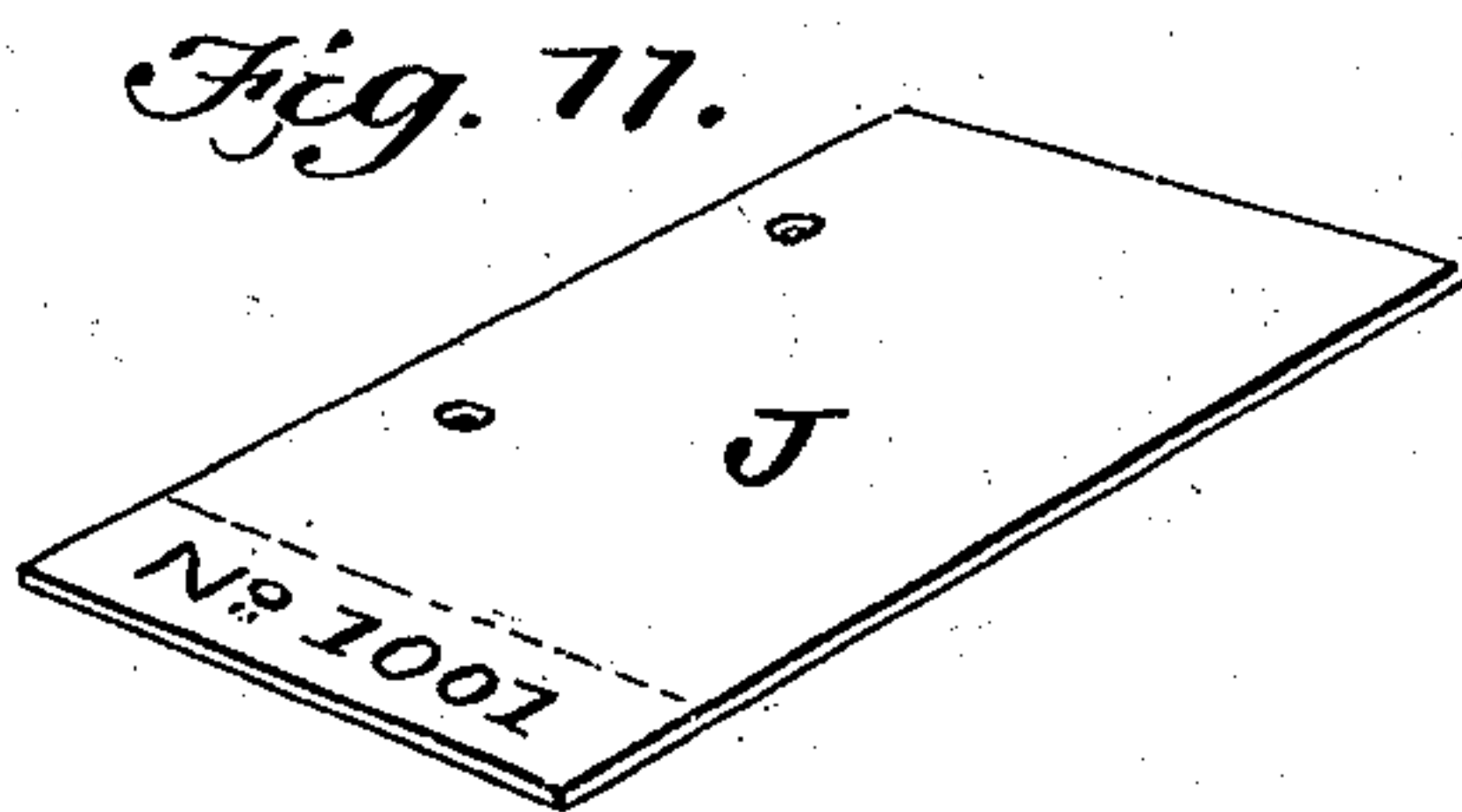
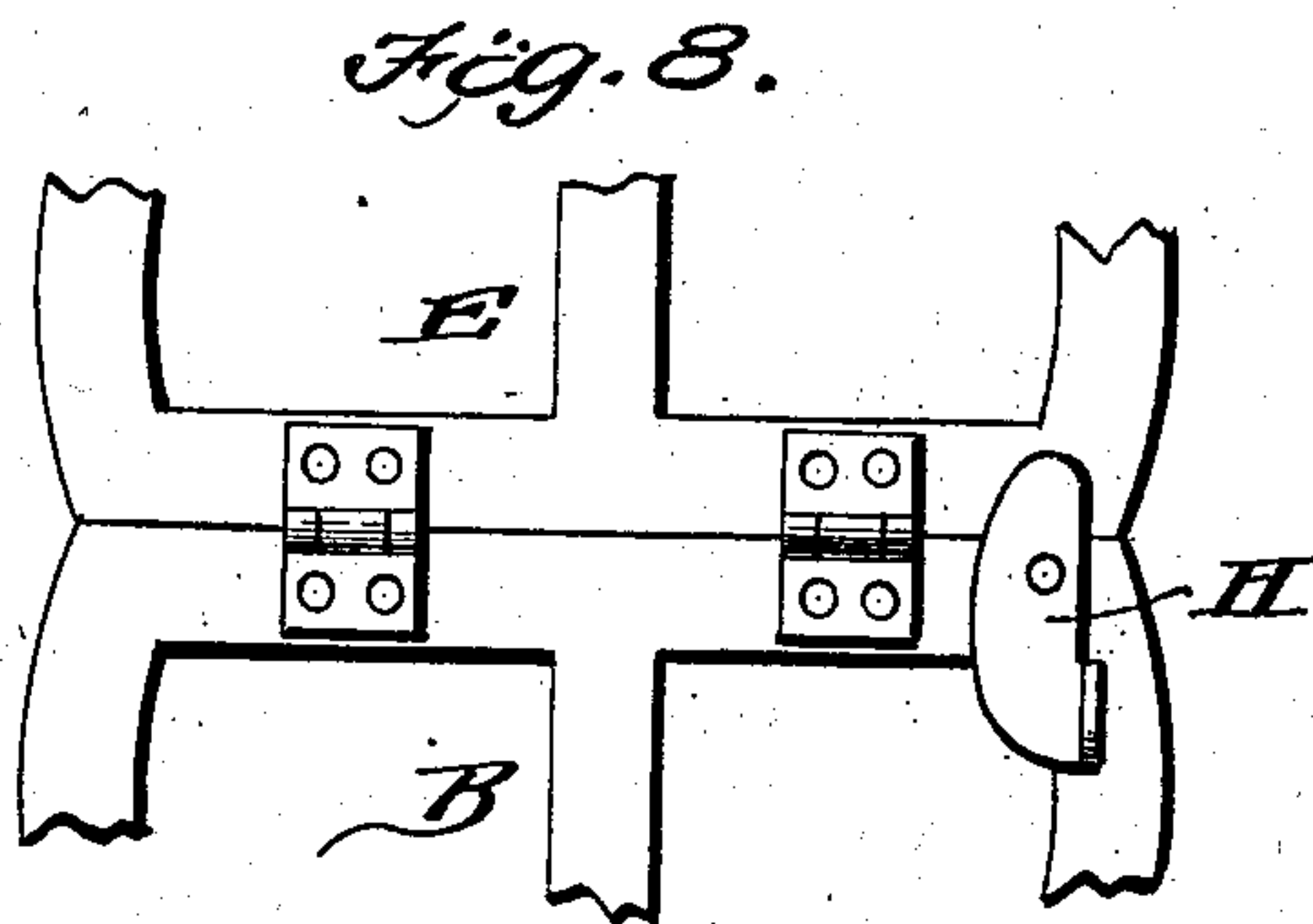
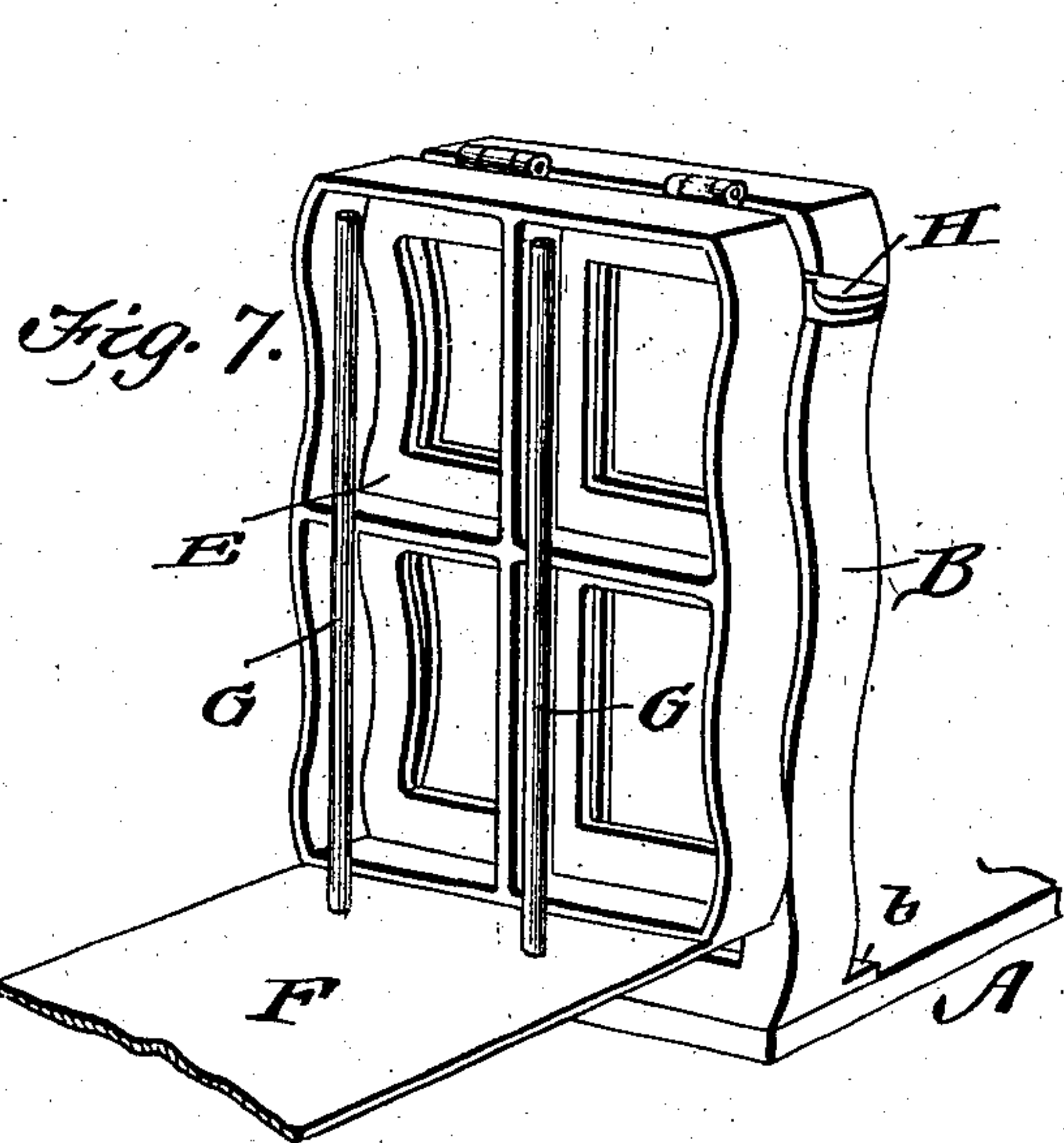
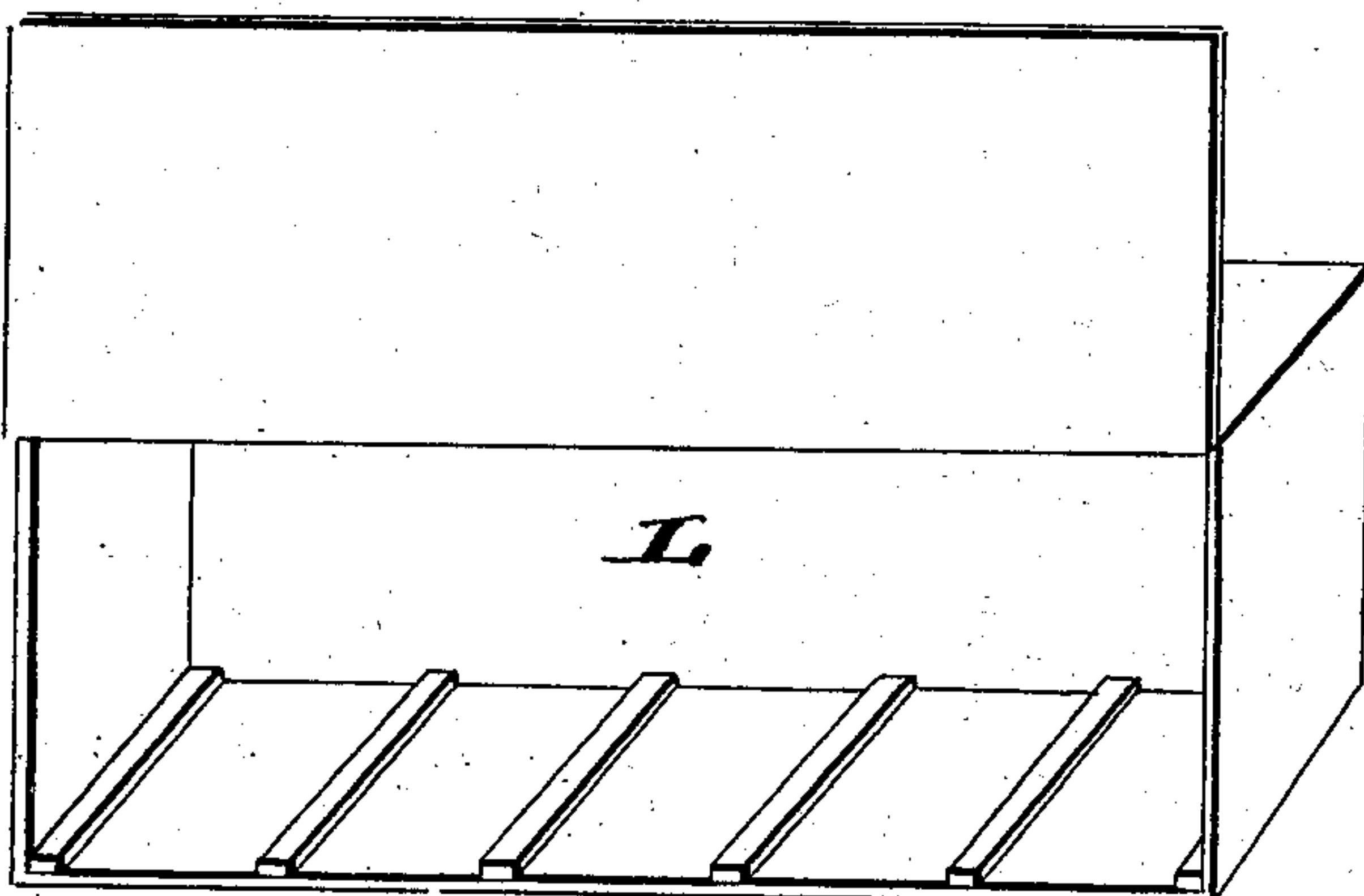


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. LYTLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Delphi, in the county of Carroll and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Prescription-File, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improved prescription-file, and has for its objects, first, to provide a device upon which the current number of prescriptions are held, so that the one in use may be plainly within sight while the prescription is being filled; secondly, to so arrange the holder proper that it may be withdrawn from its place after a certain period or number of prescriptions have been filed and properly marked or recorded and filed away in a suitable box or case to be preserved, as required by the law; thirdly, to so arrange the device that any one of the current prescriptions may be arranged in sight, so that it may be easily read without removing the prescription from the file, and, fourthly, to provide the device with a punch by which the prescriptions are evenly perforated, so that they are equally and evenly positioned on the holder.

With the above briefly-stated objects my invention also consists in certain details of construction and novel combinations and arrangements of parts, as will be fully described in the following specification and pointed out in the claims, reference being had to the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved holder, showing the manner of holding a prescription. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing how the file of prescriptions are folded back in order to expose a prescription of old date or number. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the position of the holder prior to the prescription being pushed up on the rods and the folding section thrown back to the position shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the holder with the file-plate removed. Fig. 5 is a detail view of the file-plate having a number of prescriptions filed thereon. Fig. 6 is a detail view of an index-card, upon which is written the number of prescriptions held on the file. Fig. 7 is a detail perspective view of a portion of the holder,

showing the section when folded back. Fig. 8 is a similar view of the sections locked. Fig. 9 is a detail view in perspective of the file-holder proper. Fig. 10 is a detail sectional side view of the meeting ends of the rods. Fig. 11 is a detail perspective view of one of the cards which is inserted between every one hundred prescriptions, and Fig. 12 is a perspective view of the box or case in which the old prescriptions are preserved.

In carrying out my invention I employ a base A, preferably made of metal, and from the rear of which projects a back B. The base is also provided with a cross bar or strip C, which together with the base portion *b* of the back forms a guide in which is slidably retained a file-plate D, having vertically-arranged posts or rods D', upon which the prescriptions are filed. The base is also provided with a stop-pin A', against which the plate strikes, so as to insure its being held in a certain position upon the base for the purpose as will hereinafter appear.

Hinged to the upper edge of the back B is an extension E, whose free edge is provided with a horizontally-disposed plate F, from which extend posts G, whose free ends are apertured, as at *g*, and adapted to receive the pointed ends *d* of the posts or rods D' when the extension is folded upon the back, as understood from Figs. 3 and 10 of the drawings, and in order to hold the extension in such position I employ a flat turn-button or plate H, that is pivoted to the back and adapted to swing up against the extension, as seen in Fig. 8.

A suitable perforator I is arranged upon the base to perforate the prescriptions, so that they may be easily and evenly arranged upon posts.

The manner of using my improvement is as follows: When a prescription is received by the druggist, it is first numbered and then perforated by the perforator and placed upon the file, which has been previously arranged upon the base, and in this position the prescription is in plain view of the druggist and can be easily read while being filled. This method is repeated until a certain number of prescriptions—say one hundred—are filed,

when a card J, bearing the number "100," is placed upon the last prescription, or No. 100. This operation is also repeated until a thousand prescriptions are filed, when an L-shaped card K, bearing the numbers "1" to "1,000," is placed on the last prescription. The file is then removed and placed in a suitable box or receptacle L, where they are kept, as required by the law. Now should an order for an old prescription be received the file is removed from the box and placed on the base and the extension folded over upon the back, so that the rods will join each other and form practically one continuous post. The druggist then slips the prescriptions up on the posts of the extension until the desired prescription is reached, when the extension is folded back, leaving the certain prescription in plain sight, and after the prescription is filed the extension is again folded upon the back and the remaining prescriptions shoved down on the file, and the latter is removed and stored in the box, and by providing the division or index cards it will be clearly understood that the prescription wanted may be easily and quickly found.

The manner and operation of the device for refilling a prescription before the file is removed is the same as that just described. My improvement will be found particularly advantageous, as only the prescription being used will remain in view, and also by providing the perforator to puncture the holes in the margin of the sheet the latter will be evenly placed in position and the body of the prescription preserved.

I may add that the extension always remains back unless it is necessary to refill a prescription.

The posts or standards may be made solid, tubular, or of steel wire and are held to their respective places by welding, or they may be screwed into position, as may be found most practicable. Of course it will be understood that when the rods are made solid a suitable bore is provided in one of the rods to receive the reduced end of its respective meeting rod, and when the rods are made of tubular material a suitable end is welded or screwed into the opposite rod.

From the foregoing it will be seen that I provide an exceedingly cheap and efficient device upon which the prescriptions are filed and by which they are retained in a perfect or unmarred condition.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A device of the kind described comprising a base, a back projecting from one end thereof and having a folding extension hinged upon the upper end thereof, a plate secured to the back and having rods projecting therefrom, the free ends of which are provided with a bore, a bar arranged upon the base,

the lower portion of the back and the bar forming a guide, a file carrying rods slidably held in the guide, a stop-pin arranged upon the base and adapted to limit the movement of the base of the said file, the rods of the said file having their free ends reduced and adapted to enter the bores of the rods carried by the said extension when the latter is folded upon the said back, and a turn-button arranged upon the back for holding the said extension in its folded position, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a device of the kind described, the combination of the base portion, a back portion arranged upon one end thereof, whose lower end terminates in a base, a bar arranged transversely upon the base, the said base of the back portion and the bar forming a guide, a file-plate slidably held in the guide, and having rods projecting therefrom, and a stop-pin arranged upon the base for limiting the lateral movement of the said plate, substantially as shown and described.

3. A device of the kind described, comprising a base having a back portion extending from one end thereof, and a perforator arranged upon the opposite end, a file slidably held upon the base adjacent the back portion, rods projecting from the said file, an extension hinged to the back and having a plate projecting from the free end thereof, rods projecting from the plate, and adapted to register with the rods of the file when the said extension is folded upon the base, a turn-button carried by the base and adapted for holding the said extension in an upright or folded position, substantially as shown and described.

4. In a device of the kind described, the combination of a base having a back arranged upon one end, a hinged extension secured to the back, a turn-button pivotally held to the back and adapted for engagement with the said extension, the plate projecting from the extension and having rods secured thereto, a cross bar or strip secured to the base, the said bar forming with the base of the back portion a guideway, a file-plate slidably held in the said guideway and having rods arranged thereon and in position to be engaged by the rods of the hinged extension, a stop-pin arranged upon the base for limiting the movement of the said file-plate, and a perforator arranged upon the free end of the base, substantially as shown and described.

5. A device of the kind described the combination of a base having a back portion arranged upon one end thereof, an extension hinged to the back, said extension having a plate projecting from the free end thereof, rods whose free ends are apertured projecting from the extension, a turn-button carried by the base, a cross-bar formed upon the base adjacent the back, a file-plate movably held upon the base and retained in position by the

said cross-bar, a stop-pin for limiting the movement of the said file-plate, rods carried by the said file-plate, and having their free ends reduced to form points that are adapted to enter the apertures of the rods carried by the said extension when the latter is folded upon the back, and a perforator carried by the base substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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