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FIG. 1.

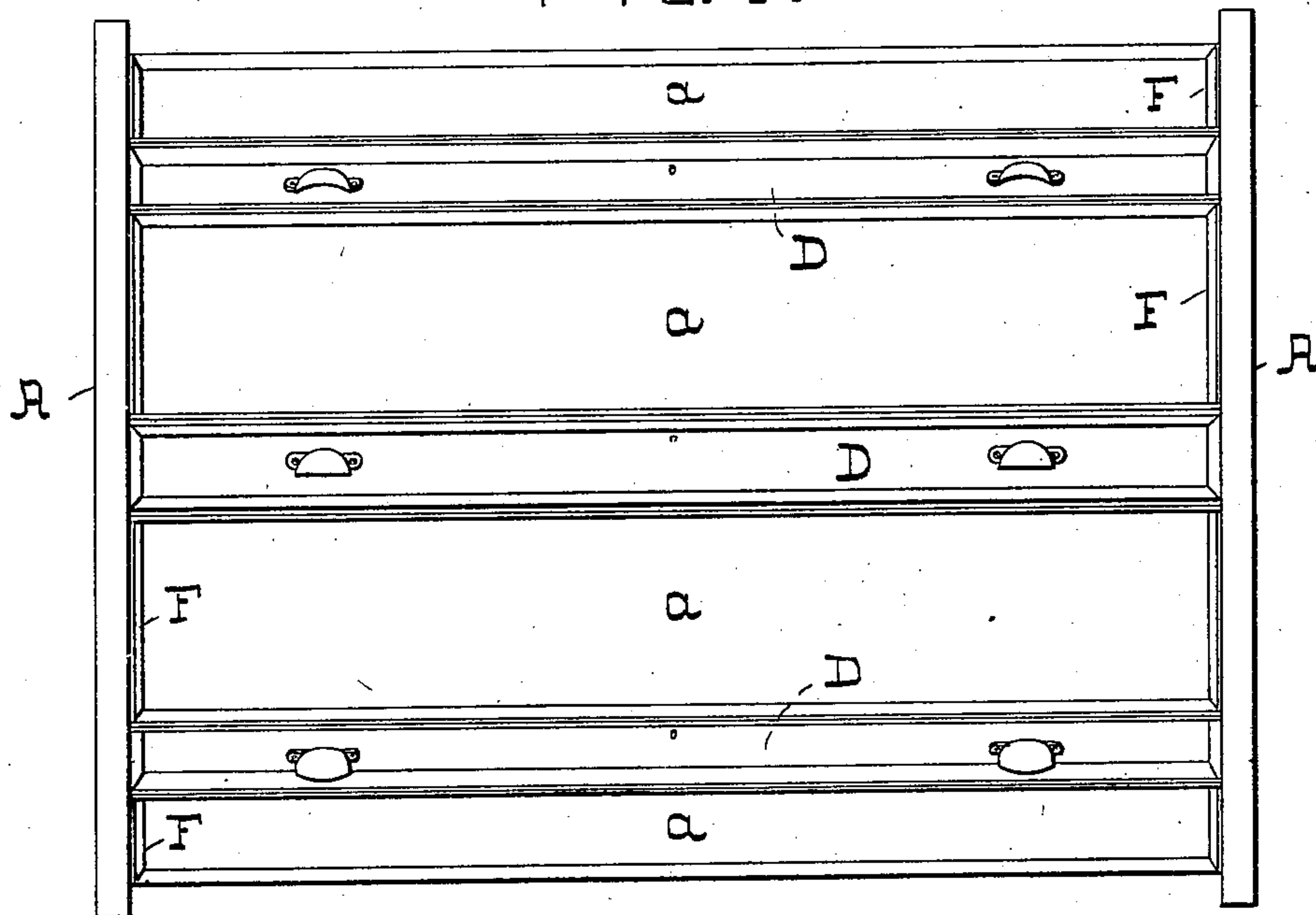
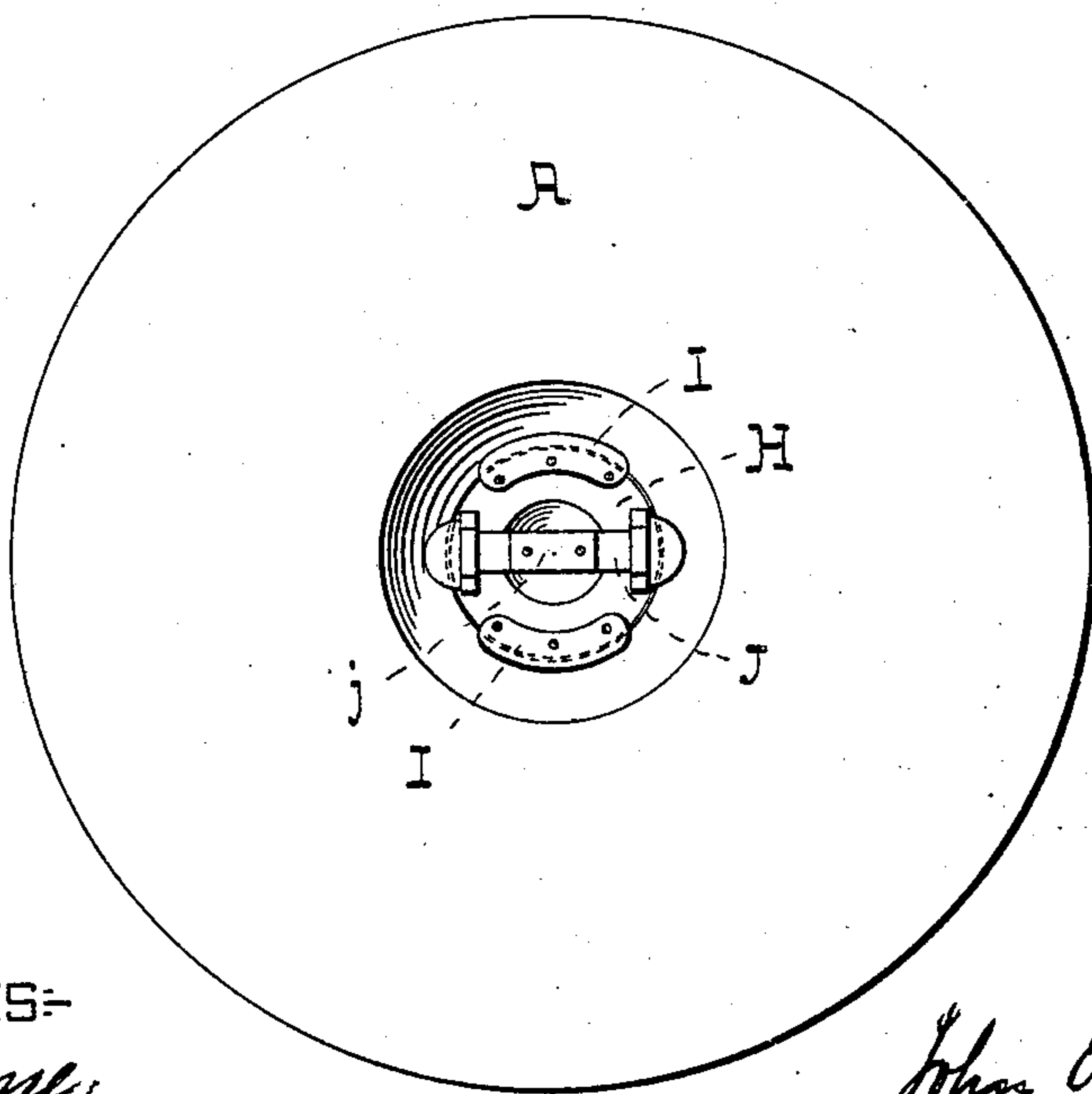


FIG. 2.



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FIG. 3.

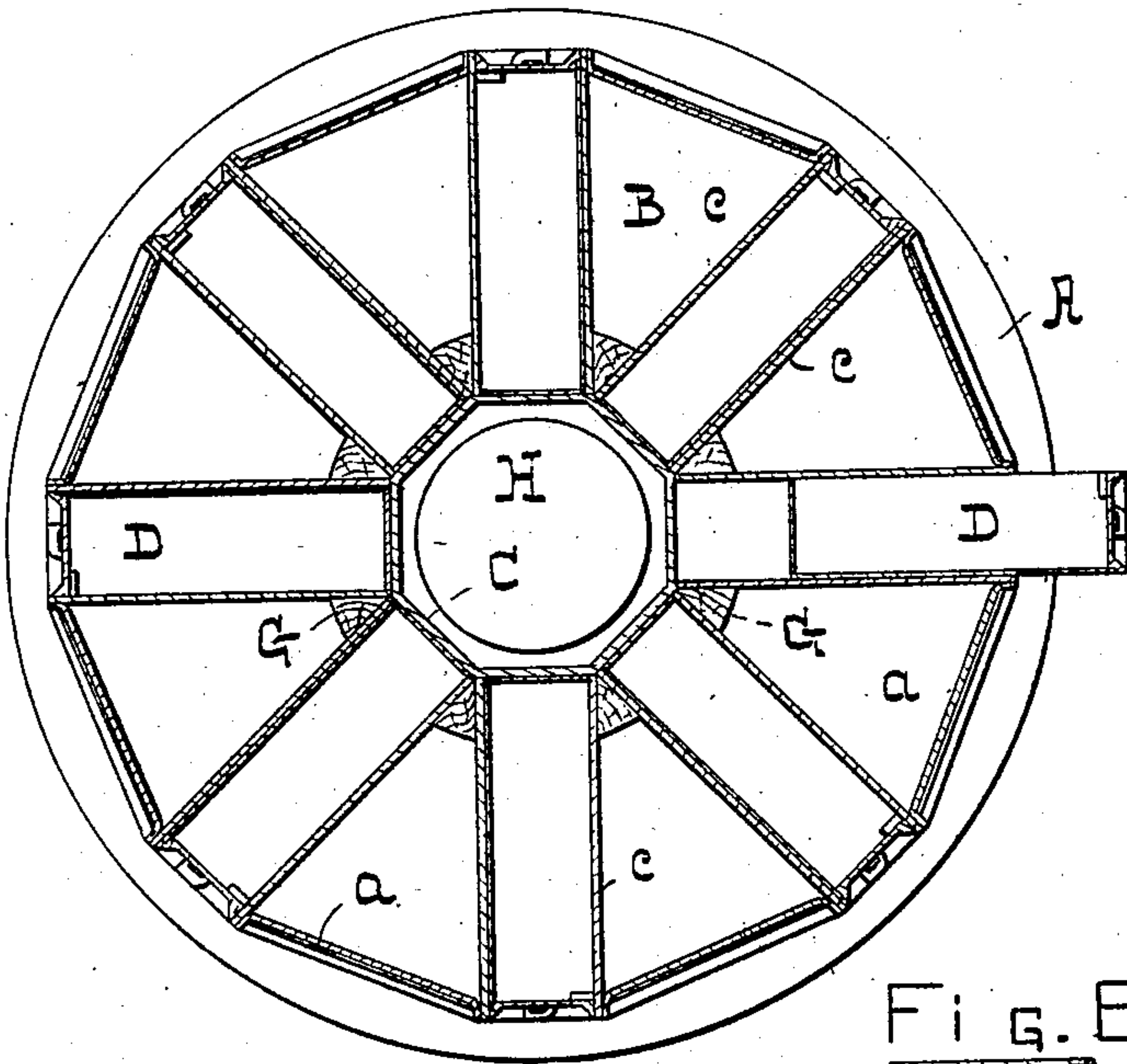


FIG. 6.

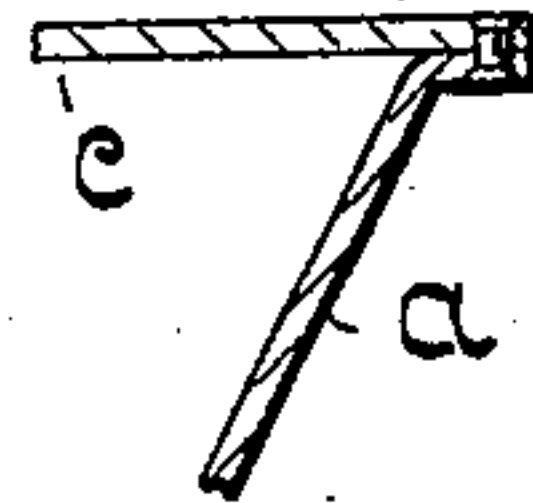


FIG. 4.

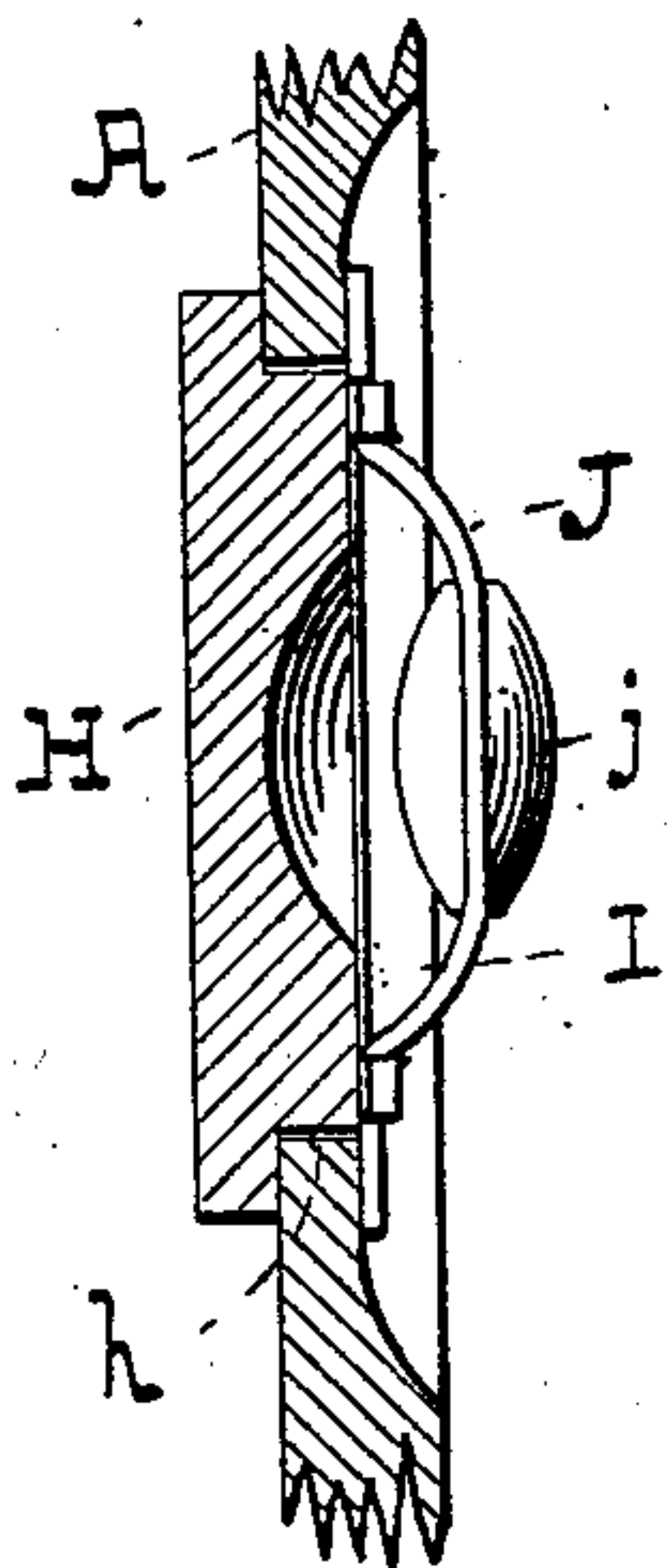
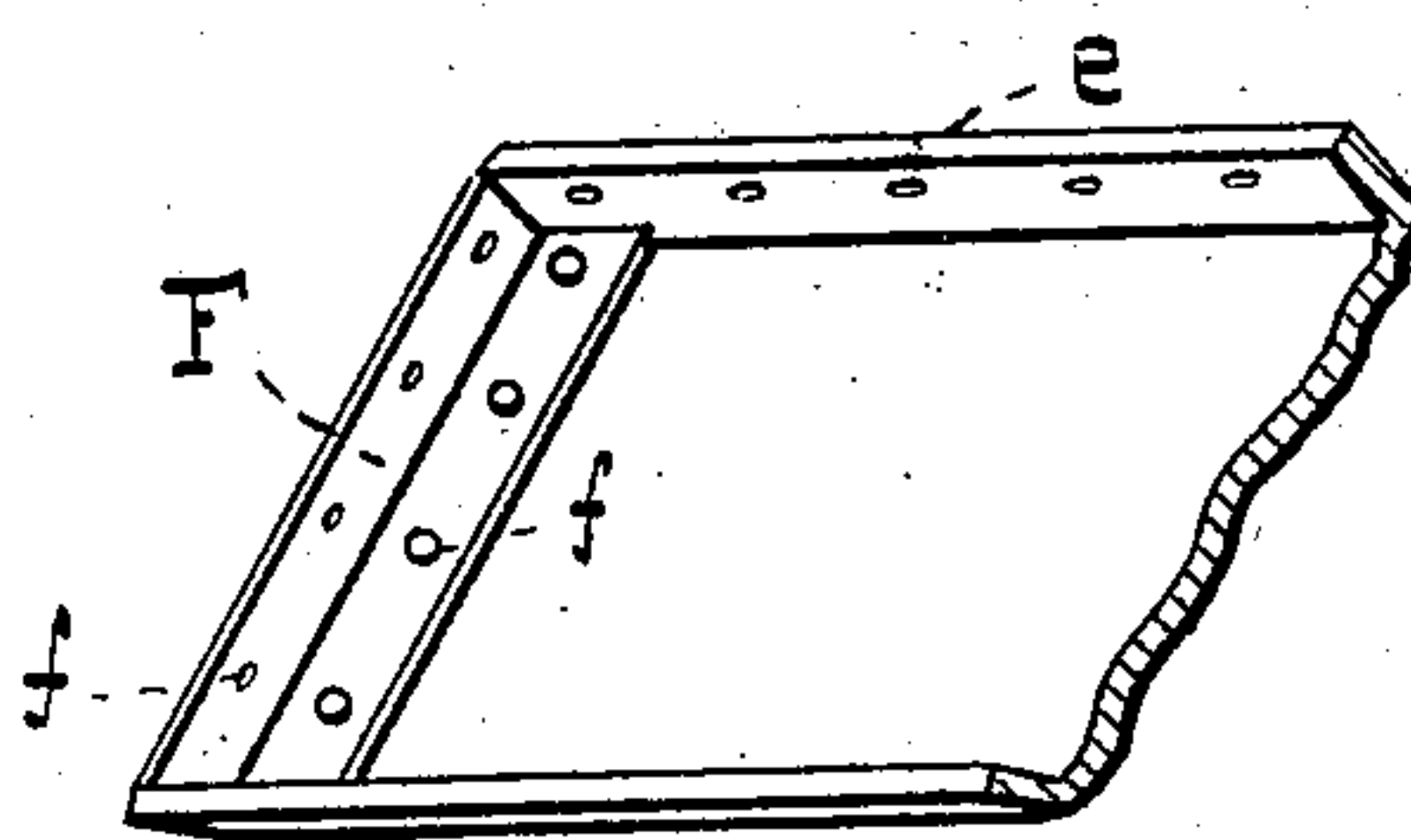


FIG. 5.



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## SAMPLE-TRUNK FOR SALESMEN.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN O. HORSEY, of the city of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented certain Improvements in Sample-Trunks for Salesmen, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in trunks of the rolling type; and it consists in novel features of construction, as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the description of the said invention which follows reference is made to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, and in which—

Figure 1 is an exterior side view of the improved trunk, and Fig. 2 an exterior end view of the same. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a sectional view, on an enlarged scale, of a part of a head of the trunk, together with certain of its attachments. Fig. 5 is a perspective view, on an enlarged scale, of a part of the body of the trunk; and Fig. 6, an enlarged sectional detail of Fig. 3.

Referring now to the drawings, A A are the heads of the trunk, formed of circular plates, and B is the body, which is of polygonal form in cross-section. In the drawings the body is shown as composed of eight sides *a*, separated by parallelly-arranged partition-boards *c* in pairs, which terminate at the hollow polygonal center C. Each pair of partition-boards serves as a pocket for a drawer *d*, one of which to the right of Fig. 1 is shown partly open.

With a view to strength without great thickness the partition-boards *c* and the sides *a* are preferably made of a substance commonly known as "vulcanized fiber," and the sides are flanged outwardly at the edges where they unite with the partition-boards in order that rivets may be used in their attachment and applied from the outside of the trunk-body. Holes *e* for the rivets are shown in Fig. 5, which illustrates a part of one side, and the attachment of a side and partition-board by means of rivets is illustrated in Fig. 6. Where the sides adjoin the heads A the union is effected by means of angle-strips F and rivets, (see Fig. 5,) in which the holes for the said rivets are denoted by *f*.

G G are triangular blocks to which the inner ends of the partition-boards *c* are secured.

By reference to Figs. 1 and 3 it will be seen that the circumference of the heads A is considerably beyond the body. By this construction the trunk may be rolled without injuring or defacing the body.

To avoid the necessity of placing the trunk in any particular situation to bring the handles whereby it is lifted into a position in which they may be properly grasped, I make them rotatable independently of the heads, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4. Referring to the said figures, it will be seen that the head A is provided with a central hole *h*, in which is placed a flanged circular block H, adapted for rotation independently of the head and held loosely in place by two segmental plates I. To the block is attached a strap-handle J, carrying a handpiece *j*. I also recess the head and the circular block so that the handles may recede and not prevent the trunk standing firmly on either head. This construction is also an important feature of the invention.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a trunk comprising a body which is polygonal in cross-section having circular heads which extend beyond the corners of the polygonal body, and provided with separated partitions which project from the center of the body, in pairs so as to provide pockets for the reception of drawers, the sides of the body being outwardly flanged at their lateral edges, and secured to the partition by rivets, substantially as specified.

2. In a rolling trunk, each head thereof having a central circular depression and a circular central hole leading from the said depression, combined with a flanged rotary block with its body seated in the said circular hole and provided with means to prevent its removal without interfering with its rotation independently of the head, and a strap-handle secured at its ends to the said rotary block adapted to recede into the said central depression and not to interfere with the trunk standing on either head, substantially as specified.

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