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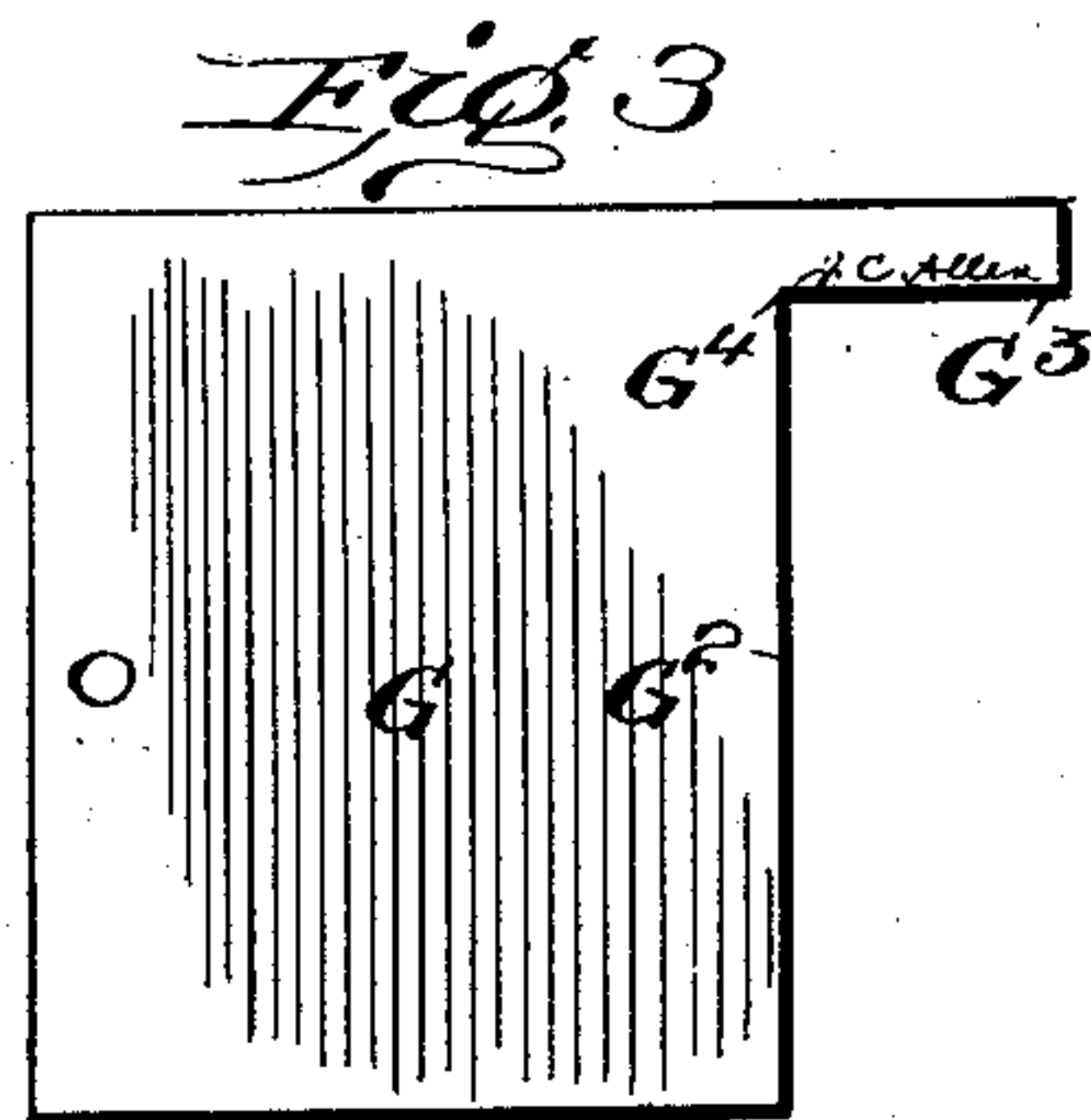
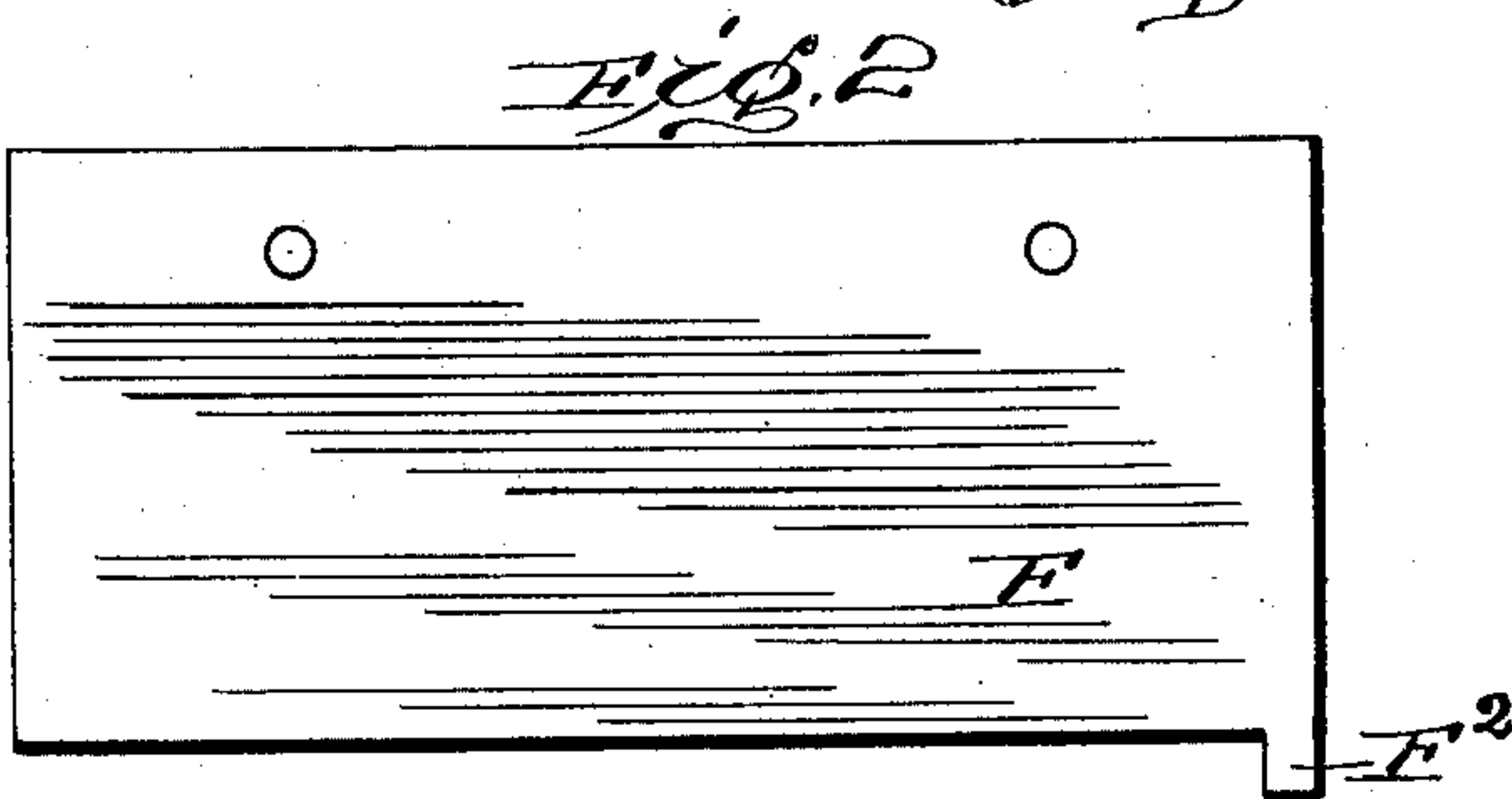
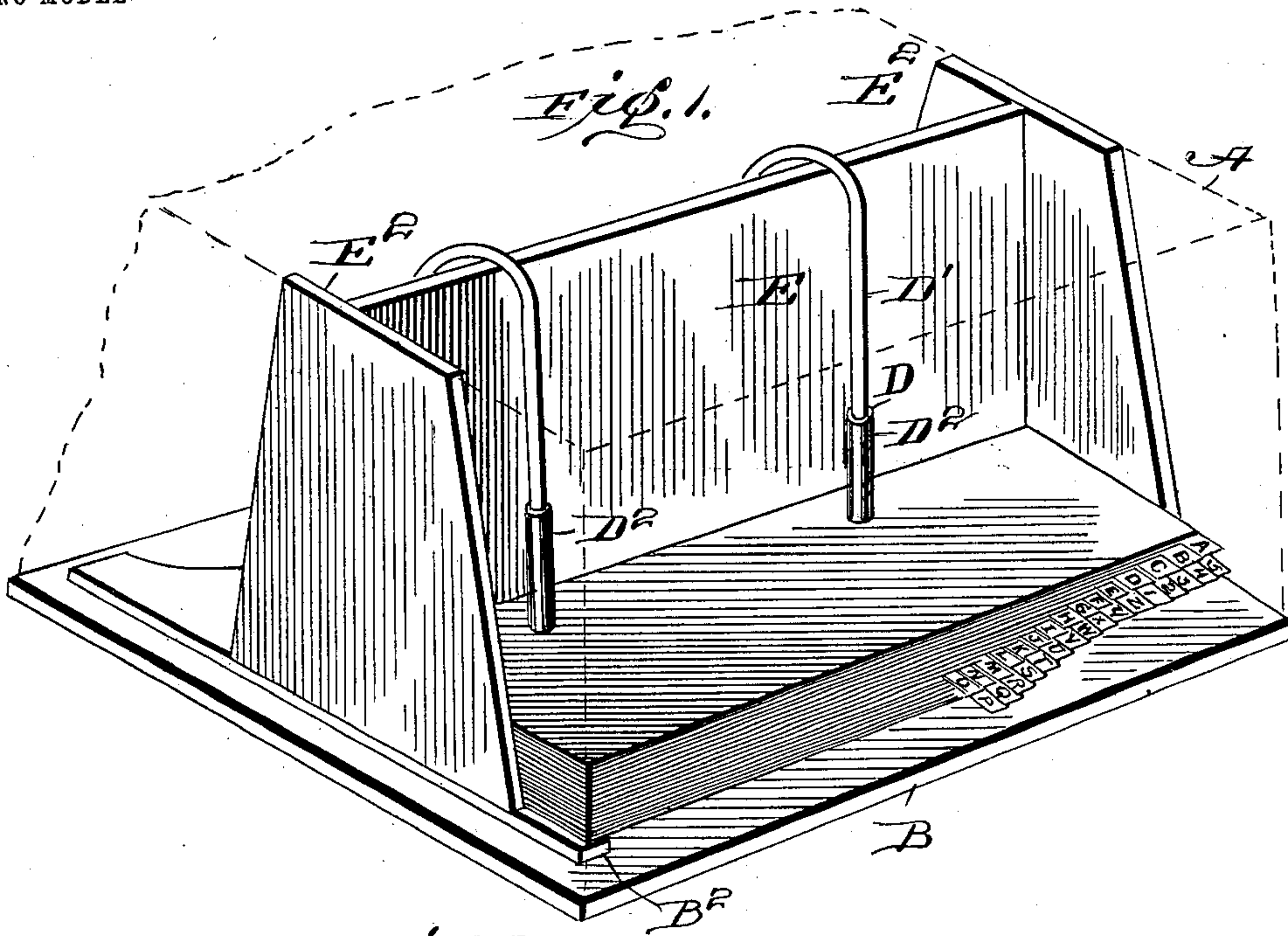


Fig. 4.

No Book		
John Doe		
Dealer in fancy groceries		
Mr. J. C. Allen		
No. SE		
Saleman No.	Date	1902
1. J. B. Lott	1.26	
2. W. H. B. B. B.	1.28	
3. B. B. B. B.	3.28	
4. Q. Total	6.00	
5. H. B.		
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN THOMAS RANDLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Springfield, in the county of Greene and State of Missouri, have invented and produced a new and original Invention in Account-Files; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof.

My invention relates to improvements in account-files or handy register-slips, the object of which is to provide in alphabetical form a complete itemized account with each individual without the necessity of book-keeping or copying. These objects I attain by means of a device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of the entire device open. Fig. 2 is a detail showing the separating-plates for each of the letters of the alphabet. Fig. 3 represents separating-tablets for each customer's account. Fig. 4 represents one of the account-slips on which the original entry is made.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

A represents an ordinary cover made any desired size and shape provided with a suitable handle and fastenings.

B represents the supporting-plate, any desired size and shape, for holding the file-pins. It is provided at its outer edges B² with an offset to permit the fingers of the operator to be placed between said plate and a lower separating-plate on the file-pins for convenience in turning the alphabet. File-pins D are preferably made in two parts D' and D², connected by a loop at the top and in any ordinary way. Between said file-pins D' and D² may be placed a partition or supporting division-board E, having suitable end pieces or braces or supports E². Said division-board E holds the accounts in position and prevents them from whirling or turning laterally when provided with a single hole, as shown in Fig. 3. Separating-plates F are made of any suitable material, preferably metal, and each is provided with an extension F² for an initial

letter and a hole through them, each arranged so that its projections F² will display the whole alphabet at a glance. Between each of these separating-plates F is placed all the accounts coming under the particular initial letter which is shown by said plate, so that in looking for an account the merchant can turn to the initial of his customer's name. By lifting the plate F, containing said initial, all of the accounts under said initial are exposed to view by means of the separating-tablets G, with their names on the extension of the separating-tablets G. Said tablets G are made narrower than the separating-plates F, and each has a notch G², leaving a projecting part G³, on which is written the name of the customer at near its lower edge G⁴. Said projections G³ are made graduated in width, so that when placed together the name of the customer, written close to the lower edge G⁴, will be exposed to view. Thus the customer's account is readily found. When found, it will be upon the slips or memorandum-sheets H, which are exposed by raising these separating-tablets. Any number of these sheets may be used for one customer's account, one with each bill, the last slip always drawing the balance left on the one previous, and thus the account always stands balanced, showing the amount remaining due, and each slip is a carbon copy of the original bill of sale. Said slips or sheets H are made the same width as the separating-tablets G. They are placed in book form and perforated at H² and provided with a carbon-paper for making a copy of the original bill of purchase. They are also provided with holes H³, there being preferably two of these holes in each slip for receiving the file-pins and holding them in place. Said slips H and separating-tablets G are made any desired length and width for convenience in use.

This device thus registers the itemized account of each customer, giving a true copy of the original bill, and keeps them alphabetically separated from other accounts.

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

The combination in an account-file of a

supporting-plate B, having an offset B², and
provided with file-pins D, passing over a cen-
tral support E, a central support E, separat-
ing-plate F, having projections for names,
5 for separating the tablets G, tablets G, hav-
ing notches G², with a part G³ extending out,
for displaying the name, and perforated slips
H, all constructed, arranged and combined

as shown and described for the purpose speci-
fied. 10

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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