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Fig. 1.

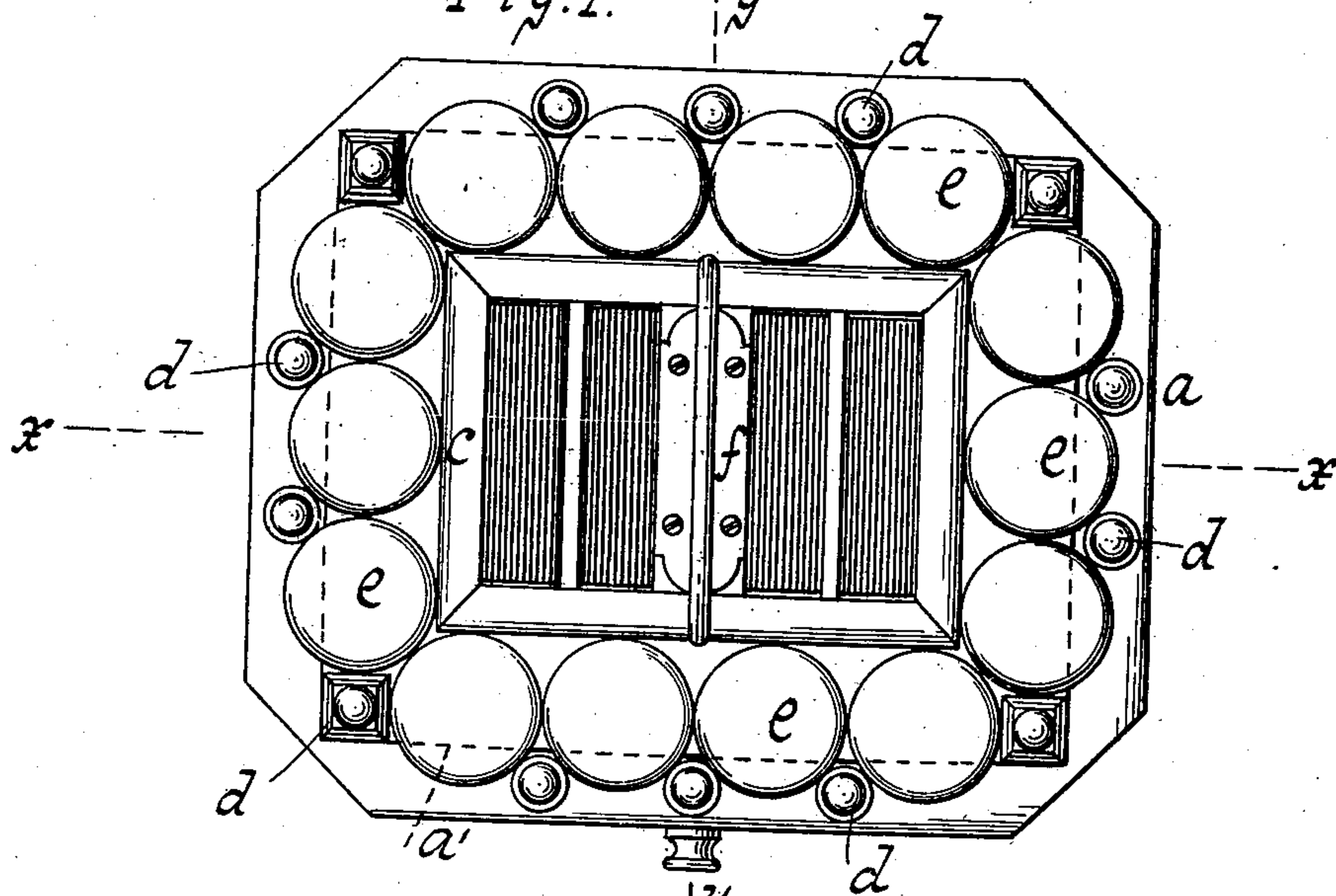


Fig. 2.

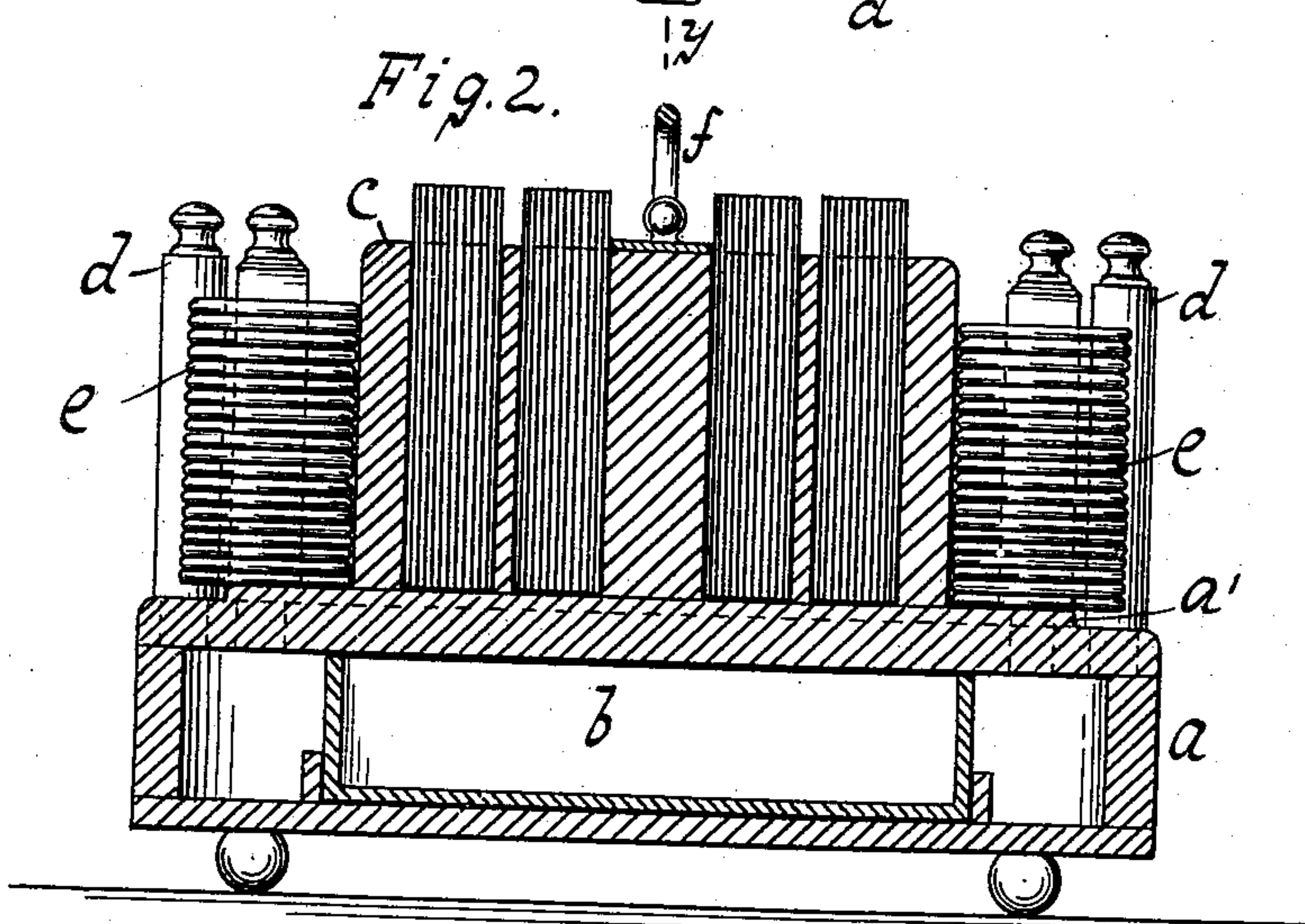
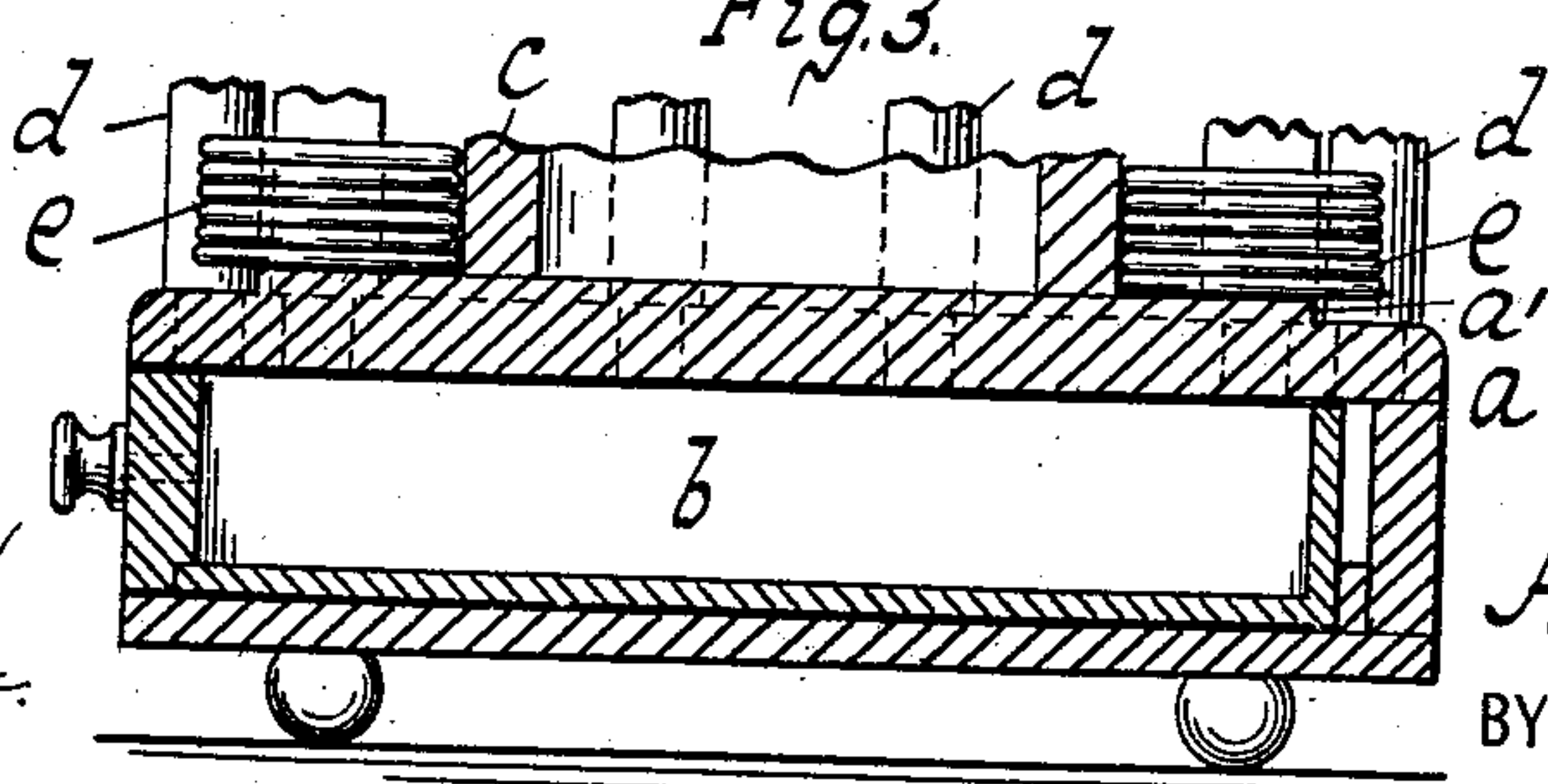


Fig. 3.



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## CHIP-RACK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AUGUST BLACH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented new and useful Improvements in Chip-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a holder or rack comprising a series of poles for holding columns of chips in place. Such pole chip-holder allows the chips to be readily taken as required and holds the columns or stacks of chips separate from one another.

This invention is set forth in the following specification and claims and illustrated in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a plan view of the rack. Fig. 2 is a section along  $xx$ , Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a section along  $yy$ , Fig. 1.

In the drawings is shown a base  $a$ , which can be made solid or hollow, and in the latter case can serve as a receptacle or have a drawer  $b$  for receiving dice, game-counters, and similar articles. To the upper surface of the said base is shown fastened a box  $c$  and a series of side, end, and corner posts  $d$ , said corner-posts being square, and the said side, end, and corner posts serve to hold the chips  $e$  in separate columns in the space between the said box and the posts, as shown. The box  $c$ , as shown, has an open top and is divided into a number of compartments, each compartment being of sufficient compass to hold a deck of playing-cards. A handle  $f$  can be used to carry the tray without disarranging the cards in the box or the columns of chips. The posts or poles  $d$ , forming chip-compartments in connection with a back or box wall  $c$ , retain the chips in columns separate from one another, while leaving the chips singly or in numbers readily accessible to be withdrawn as required.

The bottom or base  $a$  can have an offset or step shape, as indicated at  $a'$ . The chips or counters projecting somewhat beyond this offset the projecting circumference part of the lowermost chip is held somewhat clear of the main base  $a$ . The finger or finger-tip can thus be pushed or started in under the pile of chips to raise or slide the same up or out of its retaining-poles or allowing such pile to be readily grasped.

The back  $c$  is not necessarily in the form of a box, as shown; but the compactness and practicability of the structure, as shown, are manifest.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A rack comprising a fixed base, a box fixed upon the upper face thereof, and a series of poles surrounding the said box, fixed to the base at a suitable distance therefrom, and adapted to coact with the sides of the box to form compartments.

2. A chip-rack comprising a base having a ridge on its upper face, a receptacle carried by the base and provided with partitions forming compartments, a plurality of side posts arranged a suitable distance from the sides of the receptacle and coacting therewith to form compartments, a plurality of end posts arranged a suitable distance from the receptacle and coacting therewith to form compartments, and a square post arranged at each corner of the base and coacting with the said receptacle to form compartments.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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