

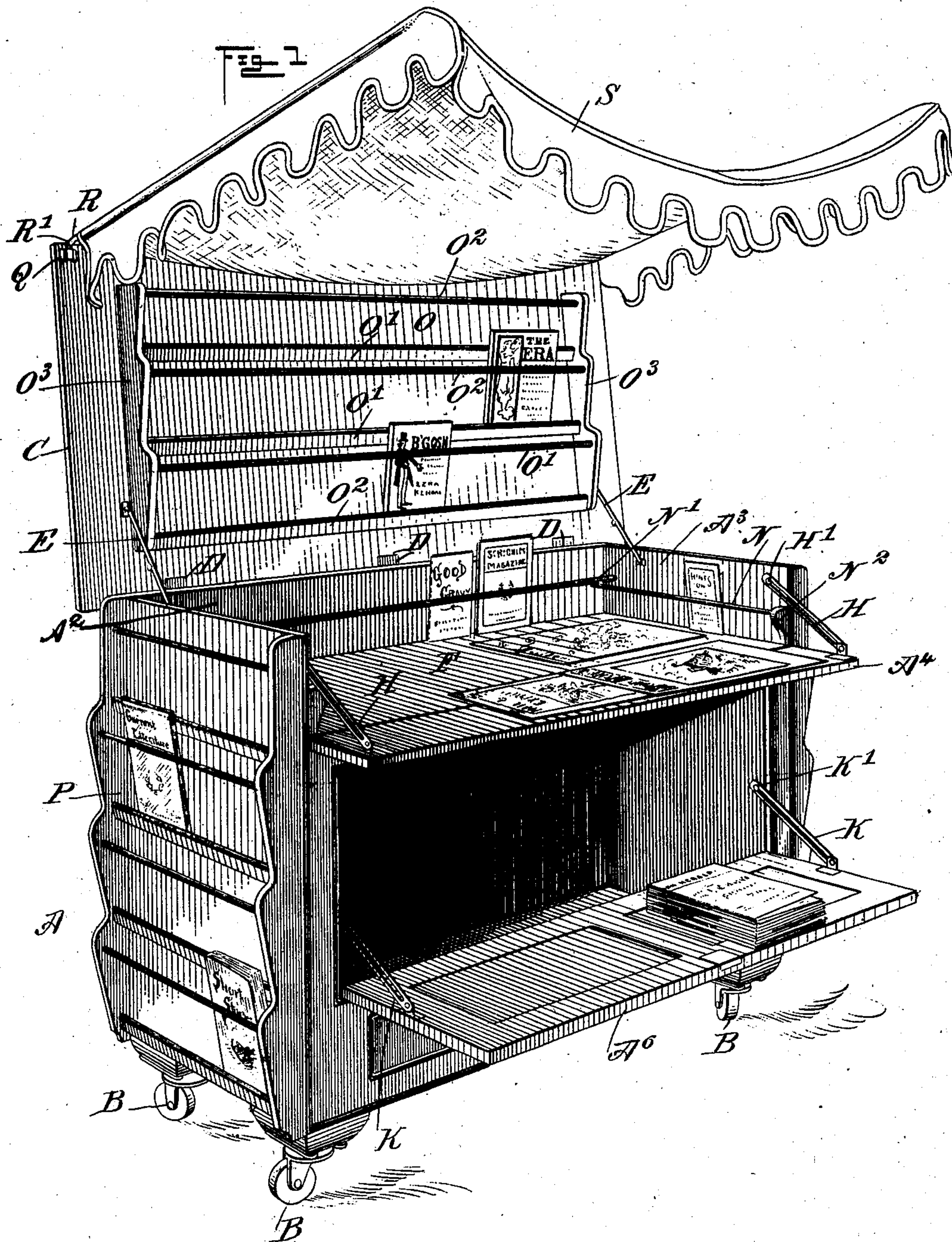
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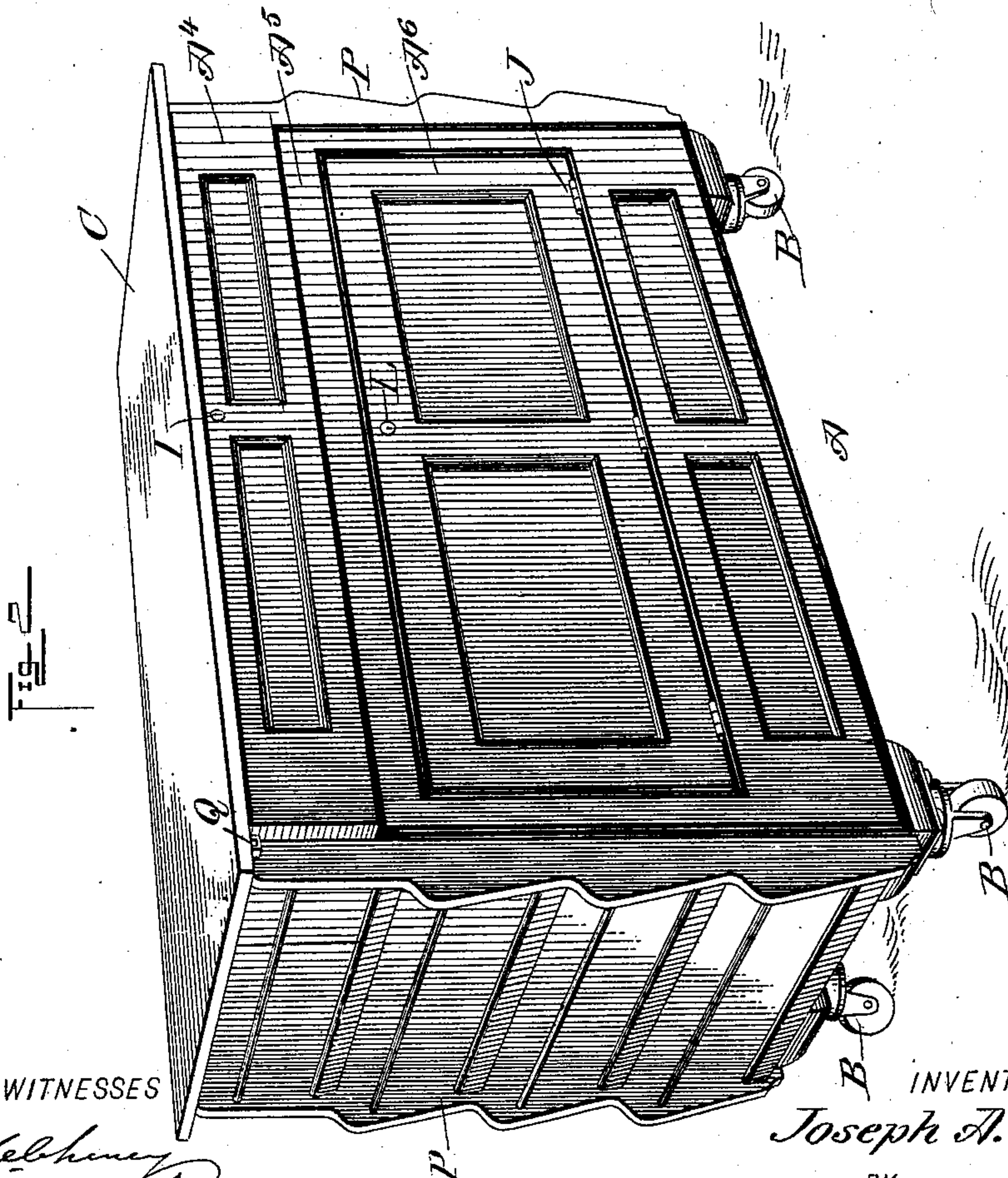
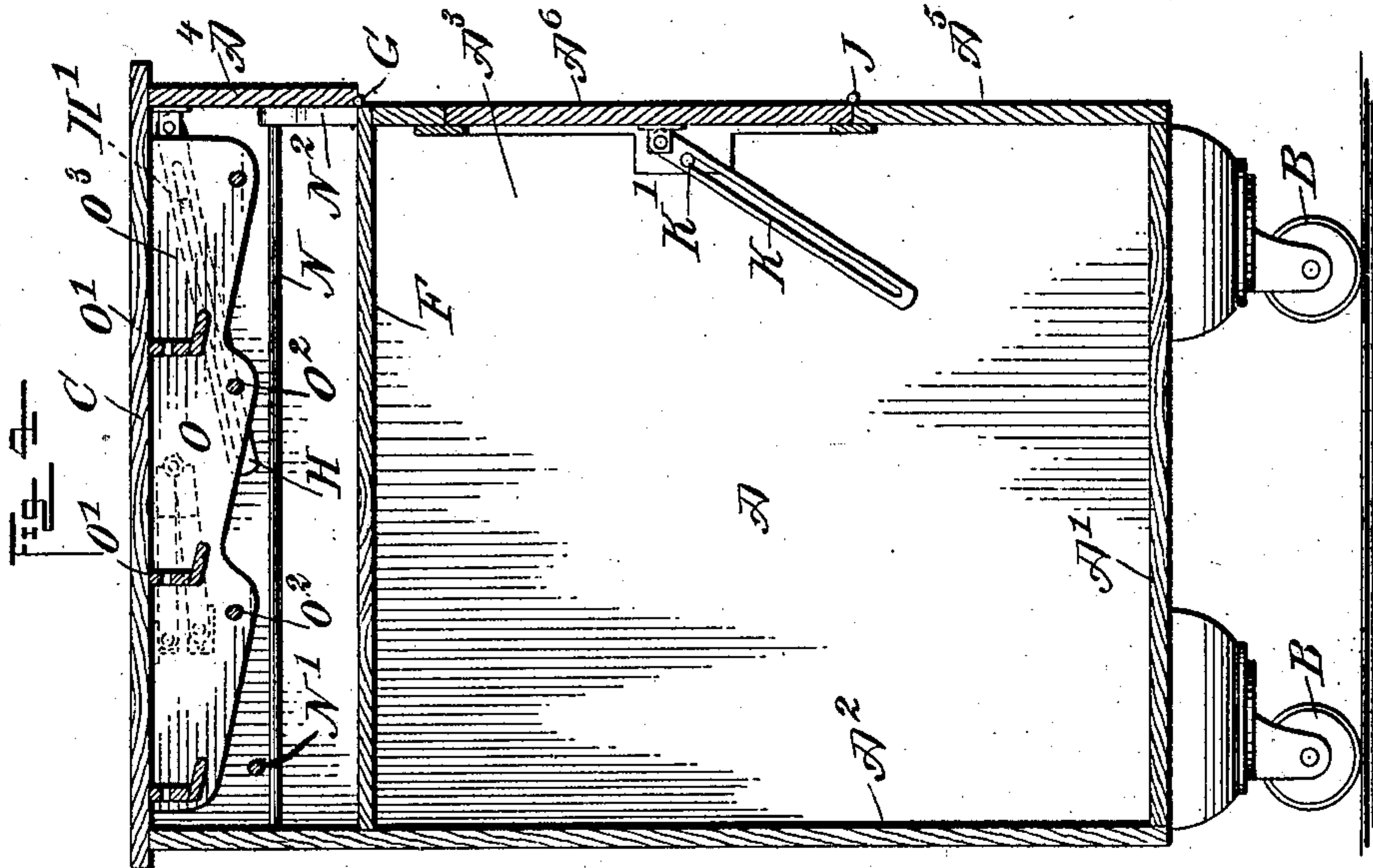
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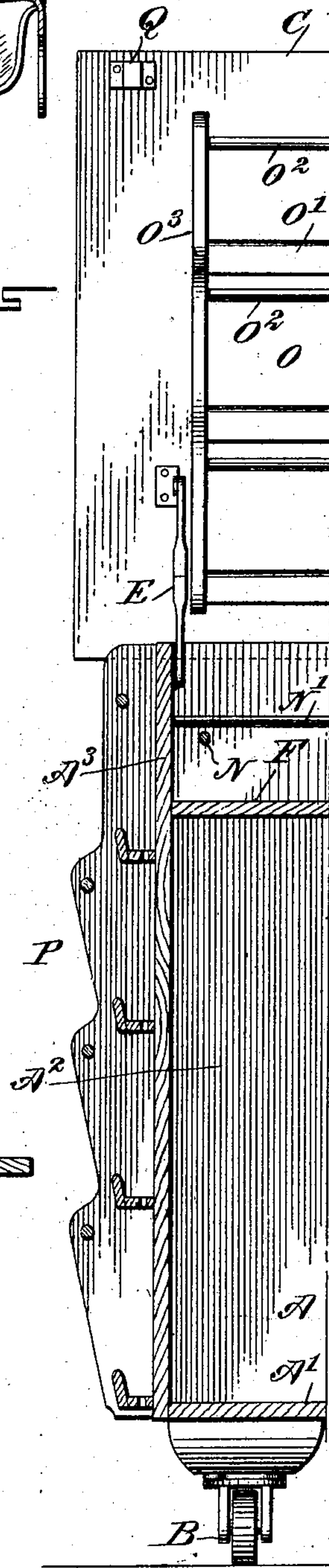
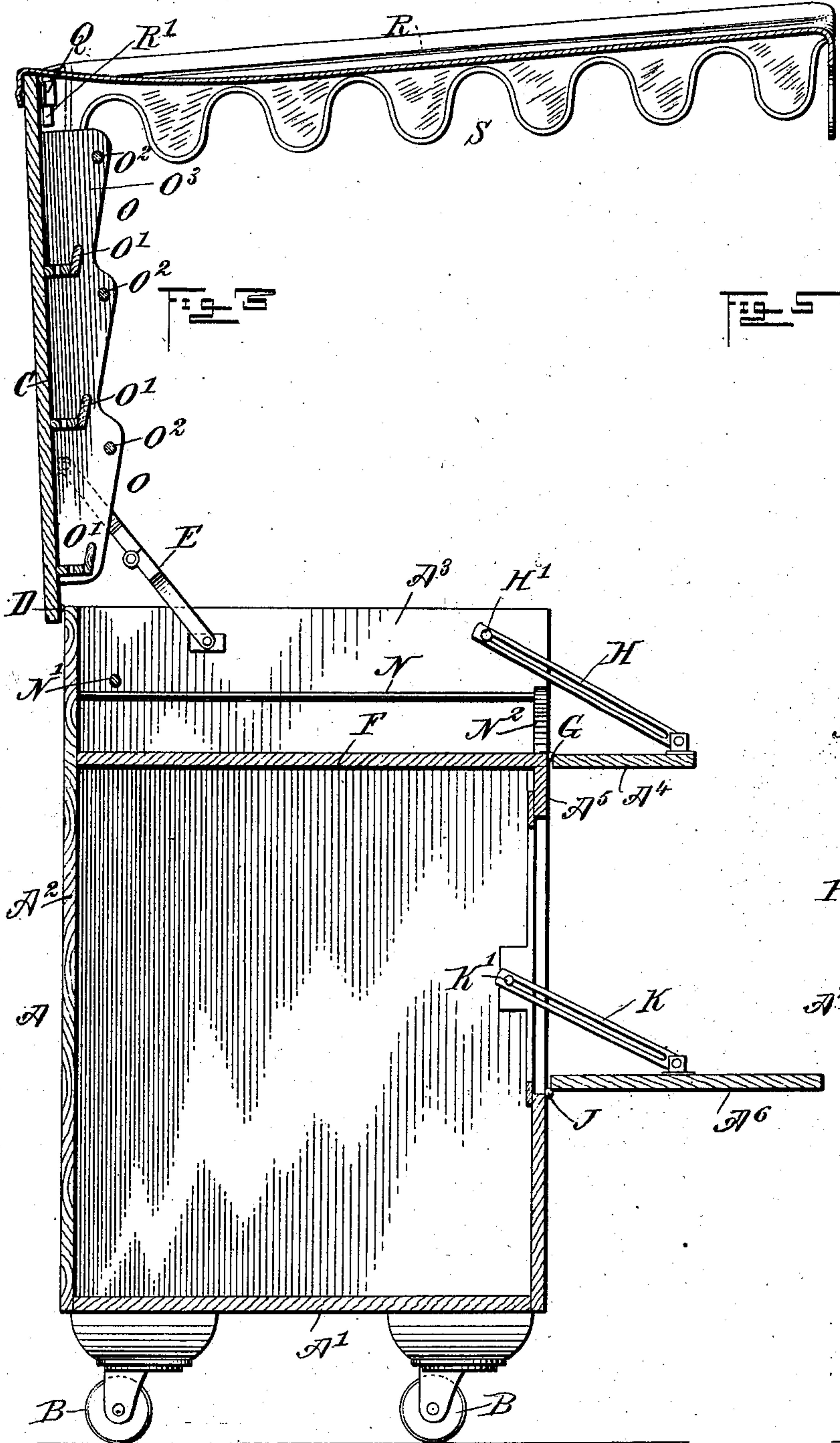
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## PORTABLE DISPLAY-STAND.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH ALFRED MARSH, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Portable Display-Stand, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved portable display-stand more especially designed for displaying newspapers, periodicals, and like articles in a very attractive manner and to allow of conveniently storing the articles in the stand and locking the latter up when not in use.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in 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 improvement in an open position. Fig. 2 is a like view of the same in a closed position. Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the same in an open position. Fig. 4 is a like view of the same in a closed position, and Fig. 5 is a longitudinal sectional elevation of one end of the improvement.

The improved portable display-stand is in the form of a box A, mounted at its bottom A' on suitable casters B to allow of conveniently moving the stand about, and the box A is provided with a cover C, connected by hinges D to the back A<sup>2</sup> of the box, at the upper end thereof, and the said cover C is adapted to be held in an open approximately vertical position by braces E, preferably made in sections connected with each other by knuckle-joints, one end of each brace being pivoted on the inner face of the corresponding end A<sup>3</sup> of the box and the other on the under side of the cover C a distance from the end thereof.

A distance below the open top of the box A is arranged a horizontal partition F for forming a top display-compartment, the front of

which is formed by the portion A<sup>4</sup> of the front A<sup>5</sup> of the box, the said portion A<sup>4</sup> being connected at its lower end by hinges G to the front of the box, and the said portion A<sup>4</sup> is adapted to swing downwardly and outwardly into a horizontal position to form a shelf, held in the said horizontal position by slotted braces H, pivoted on the ends of the front portion A<sup>4</sup> and engaging pins H' on the inner faces of the sides A<sup>3</sup> of the box. The front portion or shelf A<sup>4</sup> when swung into a horizontal position, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, is flush with the partition F. When the cover C and the front portion of the shelf A<sup>4</sup> are closed, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4, they are adapted to be locked together by a suitable key-controlled locking device I.

The portion of the box A below the partition F forms a storage-compartment, access to which is had by a door A<sup>6</sup>, forming part of the front A<sup>5</sup> and connected thereto at its lower end by hinges J. The door A<sup>6</sup> when swung downward and outward into an approximately horizontal position forms a shelf for supporting newspapers and the like, and the shelf is held in this position by slotted braces K, similar to the braces H and pivoted on the ends of the box and engaging pins K' on the sides A<sup>3</sup> of the box. A key-controlled locking device L serves to lock the door A<sup>6</sup> in a closed position, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4.

On the inner faces of the ends and back of the top display-compartment of the box are arranged racks N and N', and tiers of racks O are arranged on the under side of the cover G, and tiers of racks P are arranged on the outer faces of the ends A<sup>3</sup>. Now when the display-stand is in an open position the several racks mentioned are adapted to support a large number of newspapers, periodicals, books, and like articles in an approximately vertical position, and a large number of said articles are placed on the partition F of the upper display-compartment and on the shelves A<sup>4</sup> and A<sup>6</sup>, of which the shelf A<sup>6</sup>, owing to its width, is especially serviceable for supporting and displaying newspapers. The racks N are preferably formed by transverse rods, supported at their rear ends in the back A<sup>2</sup> and at their front ends in brackets N<sup>2</sup>, at-



tached to the ends  $A^3$  of the box, and the rack  $N'$  is likewise formed of a rod attached to the ends  $A^3$  of the box.

The racks  $O$  are preferably formed with  
5 shallow bottom trays  $O'$  and rods  $O^2$ , located a distance above the trays  $O'$  and secured with the latter at their ends on brackets  $O^3$ , secured to the under side of the cover  $C$ . The racks  $P$  on the outer faces of the ends  $A^3$  of  
10 the box are similar in construction to the racks  $O$ , so that further description of the same is not deemed necessary. Each of the trays  $O'$  of the racks  $O$  and  $P$  is preferably provided in the bottom with a drain-aperture,  
15 as indicated in the drawings.

The racks  $O$  are so arranged that when the cover  $C$  is swung downward into a closed position then the said racks extend in the upper portion of the top display-compartment,  
20 as indicated in Fig. 4, and hence it is not necessary to remove the contents of the said racks when swinging the cover down into a closed position.

The storage-compartment in the lower portion of the box  $A$  is used for containing the stock of the dealer, and the said compartment is also adapted to receive articles displayed when the dealer closes up the device at the end of a day's work.

30 On the under side of the cover  $C$ , near the free ends thereof, are secured keepers  $Q$  for receiving the angular arms  $R'$  of awning-supporting bars  $R$ , adapted to carry an awning  $S$ , extending forwardly a distance above the  
35 box to shelter the contents displayed therein from the rays of the sun and the inclemency of the weather.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the display-stand is very simple and durable in  
40 construction, can be readily opened up, and the shelves extended for properly displaying a large number of newspapers, periodicals, books, and other like articles to the greatest advantage and always within convenient  
45 reach of the dealer in charge of the stand.

By having the display-stand mounted on casters it can be readily rolled about from one place to another.

When the stand is closed and the cover  $C$   
50 and shelves  $A^4$  and  $A^6$  are locked, then the contents contained in the stand are safe against pilfering by unauthorized persons.

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

1. A display-stand provided with a box having a top display-compartment, a hinged cover for the top of the box, a hinged shelf forming a portion of the front of the box and  
60 adapted to extend outwardly, flush with the bottom of the top display-compartment, display-racks on the underside of the said cover, and display-racks on the inside of the ends and back of the display-compartment, as set  
65 forth.

2. A display-stand provided with a box having a top display-compartment, a hinged cover for the top of the box, a hinged shelf forming a portion of the front of the box and adapted to extend outwardly, flush with the  
70 bottom of the top display-compartment, a locking device for locking the said cover to the said shelf, to close the top display-compartment, and display-racks on the under side of said top lid having rack-bars positioned to hold displayed articles in an approximately horizontal position when the lid is shut down, whereby said articles remain in position in said racks when the stand is closed for the night, as set forth.  
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3. A display-stand provided with a box having a top display-compartment, a hinged cover for the top of the box, a hinged shelf forming a portion of the front of the box and adapted to extend outwardly, flush with the  
85 bottom of the top display-compartment, a storage-compartment in the lower portion of the box, and a hinged door for the said compartment, forming a part of the front of the box, the said door being adapted to form a  
90 shelf, as set forth.

4. A display-stand provided with a box having a top display-compartment, a hinged cover for the top of the box, a hinged shelf forming a portion of the front of the box and  
95 adapted to extend outwardly, flush with the bottom of the top display-compartment, a storage-compartment in the lower portion of the box, a hinged door for the said compartment, forming a part of the front of the box, the  
100 said door being adapted to form a shelf, and means, substantially as described, for holding the said cover and the said shelves in extended positions, as set forth.

5. A display-stand comprising a box having a top display-compartment, a hinged cover for the top of the box, a hinged shelf forming a portion of the front of the box and adapted to form the front of the said display-compartment, the said shelf being adapted to extend  
105 outwardly, flush with the bottom of the said top display-compartment, a storage-compartment in the lower portion of the box, a hinged door for the said compartment, forming a portion of the box-front, the door being adapted to  
110 form a shelf, braces for holding the said cover and the said shelves in extended positions, racks on the inside of the ends and back of the said display-compartment, racks on the under side of the said cover, and racks arranged in tiers on the outside of the said box ends, as set forth.  
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6. A display-stand comprising a box having a top display-compartment, a hinged cover for the top of the box, a hinged shelf forming  
125 a portion of the front of the box and adapted to form the front of the said display-compartment, the said shelf being adapted to extend outwardly, flush with the bottom of the said top display-compartment, a stor-  
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ment, racks on the under side of the said  
cover, racks arranged in tiers on the outside  
10 of the said box ends, and key-controlled lock-

ing devices for the said door, the said hinged  
shelf of the top display-compartment, and the  
said cover, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my  
name to this specification in the presence of 15  
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