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Fig. 1.

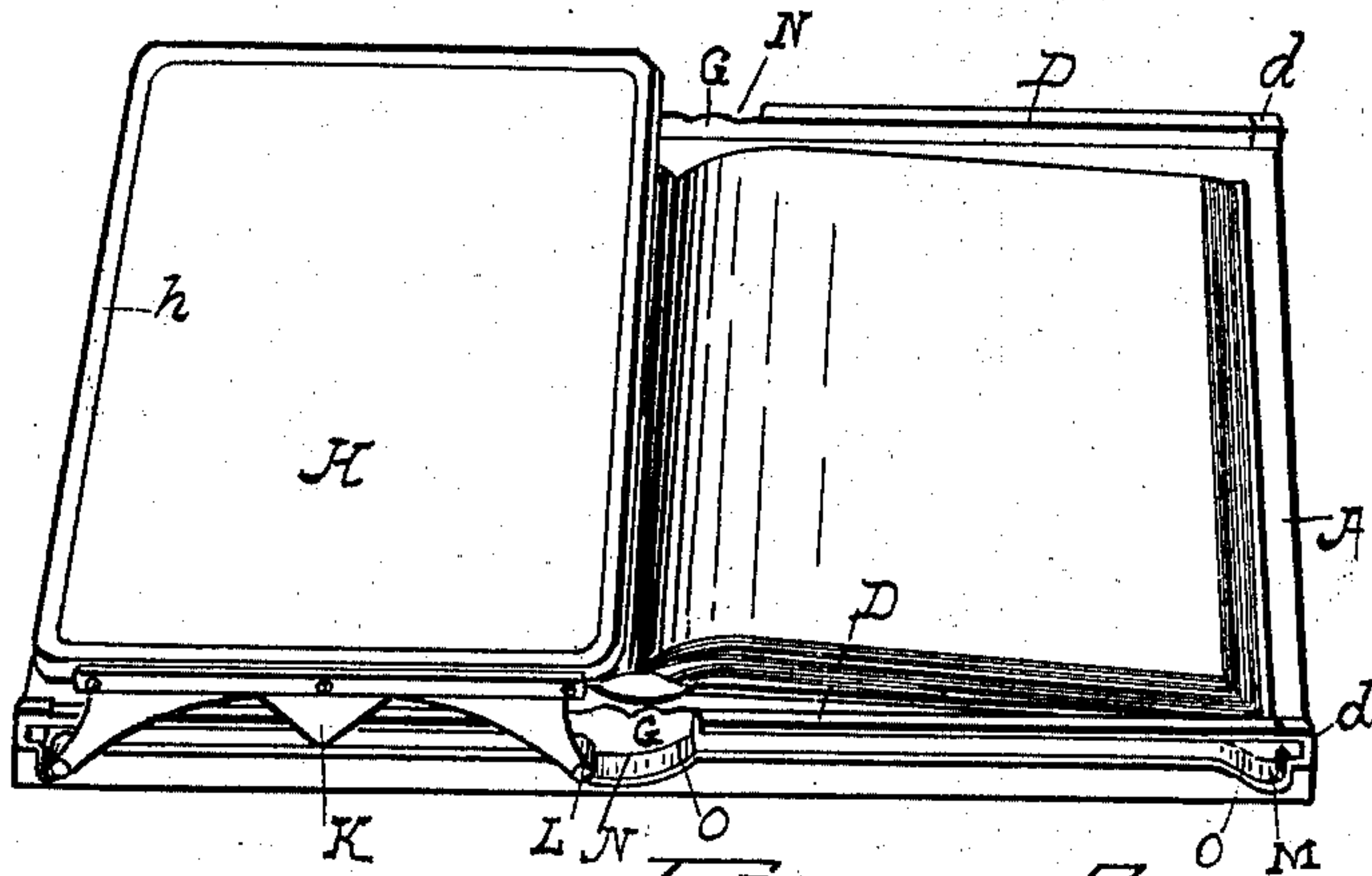


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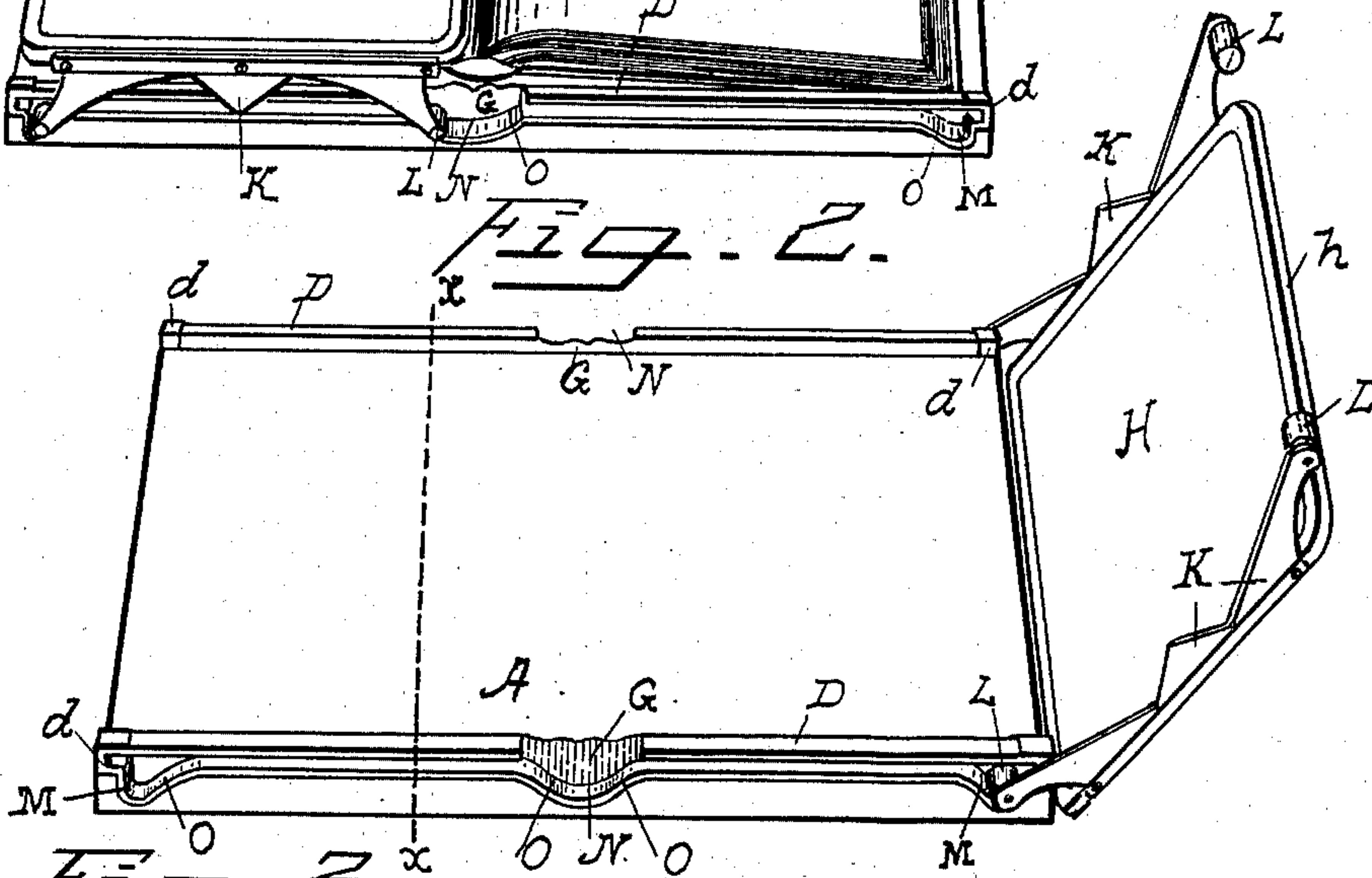


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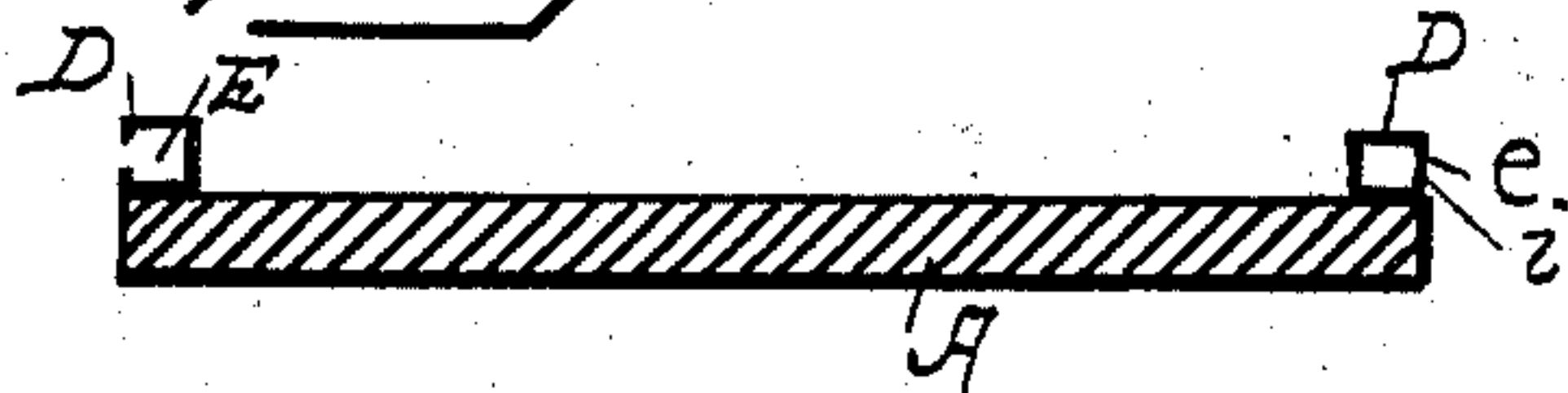


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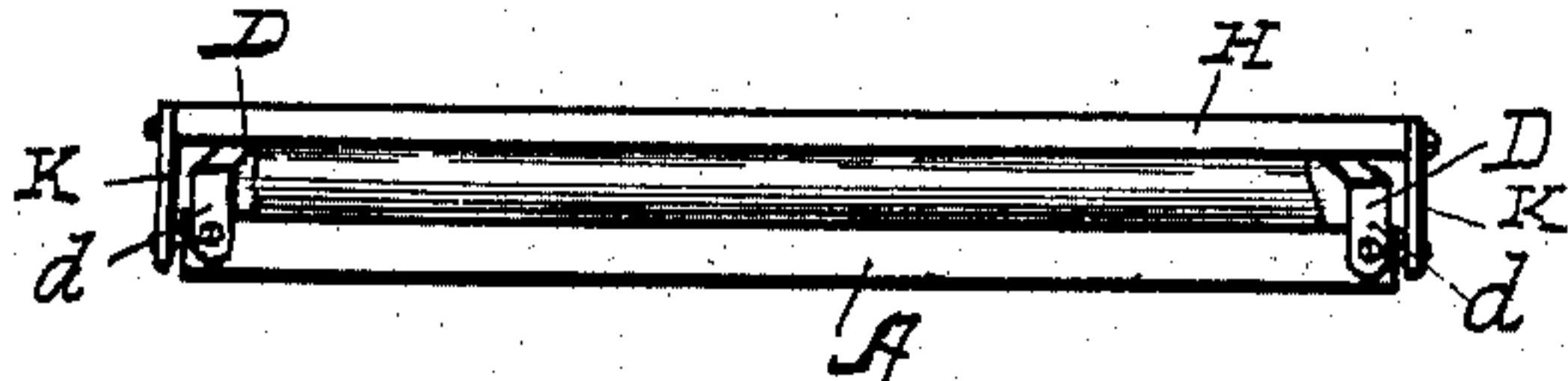
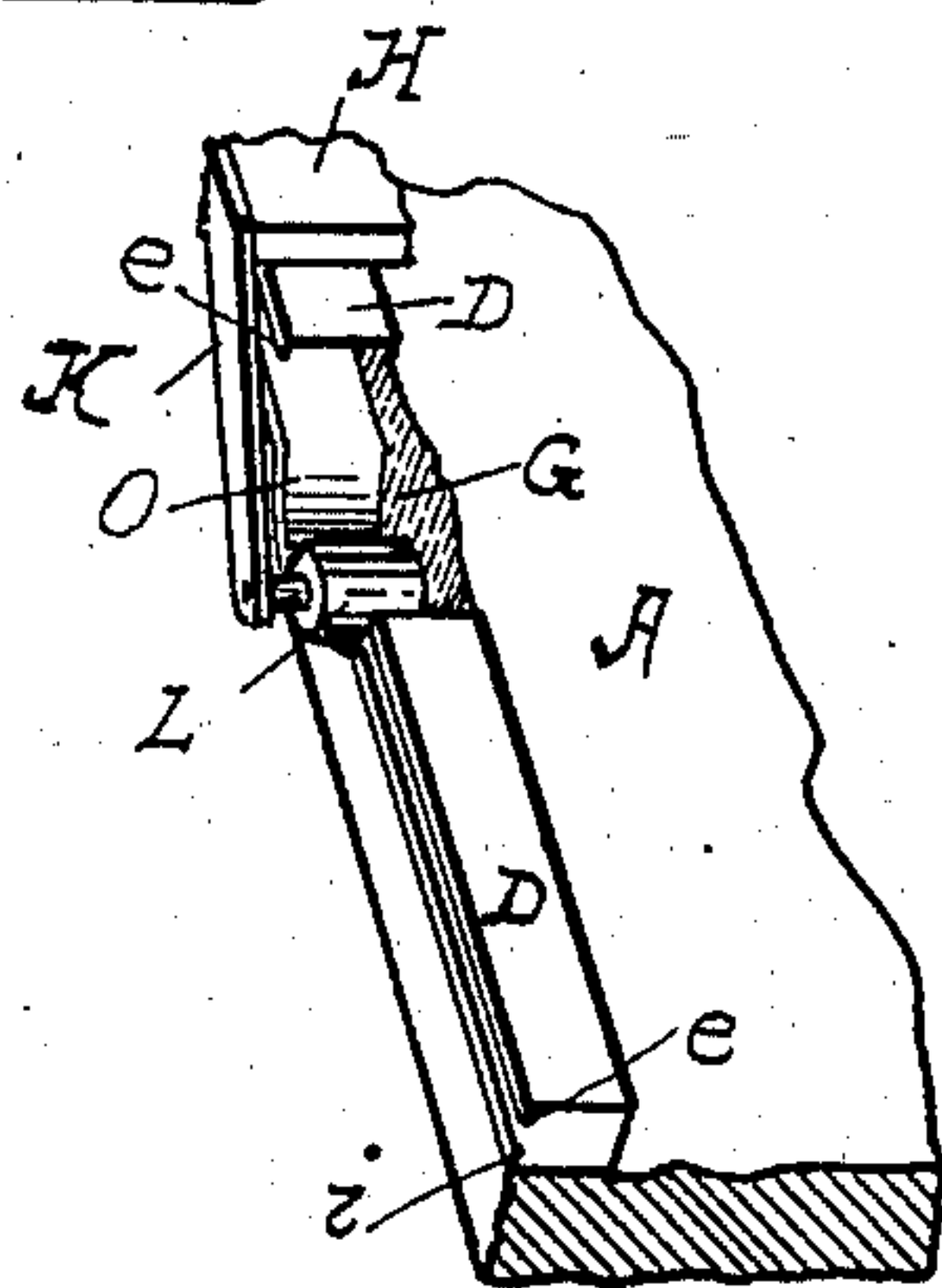


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DESK FOR HOTEL-REGISTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE P. ROSE, JR., a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Dubuque and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Desks for Hotel-Registers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The object of my invention is to provide an attractive and substantial hotel-register desk with show-case which is removably attached to the desk and adapted to be shifted from side to side of the desk above the register-book and rest on either page of the register or turned off from the register.

It consists chiefly in a base-board along each side of which is formed a guideway with which the show-case is adapted to engage and travel therein.

It also consists in providing means in the guideways whereby the show-case can be readily removed and, further, in details of construction for conveniently operating the same.

These various features will be fully developed in the following specification when taken in connection with the drawings accompanying the same and forming a part hereof.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention with the show-case shifted to one end of the desk. Fig. 2 is a perspective view with the show-case turned off from the register at one end of the desk. Fig. 3 is a cross-section through the line *xx* of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 shows a perspective view of the desk and rollers upon the show-case in guideways with a portion of the desk and show-case cut away. Fig. 5 is an end view of the desk, guides, and show-case with register therein.

Like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in each of the figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the base-board of the desk, which consists of a plain board, preferably covered with cloth and having ornamental edges.

Along each side of the desk A is secured a guideway D. These guideways consist of rectangular tubing with a slot E running the

entire length, leaving a portion *e* of the side projecting downward from the top of the guideway D and also a portion *i* of the part below the slot projecting upward, forming guides for the show-case, presently to be described. The upper sides of the guideways D are cut away at G near the center, and the ends *d* of the guideways are closed for the purposes presently to appear.

It is manifest that the slot or opening E may be along in the top or inner side of the guideways. I do not wish to be limited to the specific form of construction of the guideways shown, as it is manifest that various forms may be used and still be within the spirit of my invention, which consists, broadly, in a guideway at each side of the base-board, with which the show-case presently to be described engages and travels therein.

The show-case H is surrounded by a frame *h*, preferably of channel-brass, in the channel of which an advertising-sheet is placed, and above and below the sheet is also placed glass (not shown) to protect the sheet from becoming soiled. Upon each end of the frame is secured a plate K, which extends the length of the end of the show-case and is provided with rollers L, one at each end of the plate K, thus furnishing one roller at each corner of the show-case. These rollers are adapted to travel in the guideways D and prevent the show-case from being removed from the desk except when the rollers L shall coincide with the part of the guideways cut away at G.

For the purpose of bringing the show-case down to rest upon either page of the register the lower sides of the guideways are cut away and curved recesses N and M are formed in the guideways and desk. These recesses are formed three in each side of the desk. The recesses M at the ends have each a sloping side O, and the recess N in the center is provided with two of these sloping sides O. The object of this is when the show-case is shifted to rest upon one page of the register the rollers L will roll down to the bottom of the recesses M and N, and this will bring the show-case down to be sustained upon the open register, and when it is desired to shift the show-case to the opposite page of the register the

rollers L can readily be rolled up the sloping sides O of the recesses M and N, and thus the show-case may be easily shifted from one page to another of the register or entirely removed.

5 The manner of using my device is substantially as follows: The register is placed upon the base-board between the guideways. The two rollers L at opposite corners of the show-
 10 case are then introduced into the guideways through the openings G and moved along in the guideways till they come nearly to the end, when the other two rollers L will be brought to the openings G, through which they will enter into the guideways. Then the
 15 show-case can be readily shifted from end to end to rest upon either page of the open register. When it is desired to inspect both pages of the register, the show-case is shifted to one end and turned up, drawing one set of
 20 the rollers out of engagement with the guideways through the openings G. One set of the rollers will come in contact with the ends of the guideways and the side of the show-case against the end of the base-board and
 25 hold the show-case at an angle, as shown in Fig. 2. Whenever it is desired to remove the show-case, it is shifted to one end and one set of the rollers are removed through the openings G. Then the show-case is drawn to-
 30 ward the same opening G and the other rollers are released and the case removed.

It will be seen by this mode of construction that the show-case is readily removable without removing the guideways and may be
 35 shipped independent of the desk whenever broken or a new advertising-sheet is required. It can also be readily inserted in position by any one without any special tools or without removing the guideways and when in position
 40 can be shifted from end to end of the register or turned off at the end of the register. It will also be observed that since the guideways are permanently attached to the base-board at either side they serve to hold the register
 45 in proper position on the desk at all times.

Since the rollers L roll down into the recesses M and N, the entire show-case will be sustained upon either page of the open register, whether a few or nearly all the leaves of
 50 the register are on one end of the desk, and as the show-case is sustained by the register there will be little or no danger of the glass being broken by pressure thereon.

Having now described my invention, what I
 55 claim is—

1. In a desk for hotel-registers, a base-board, guideways set on opposite sides of the base-board and formed with openings, and a show-case adapted to engage said guideways
 60 and travel therein and be removed through the openings in the guideways.

2. The combination of a base-board, a guideway permanently secured along each side of the base-board and each provided with a cen-
 65 tral opening, and a show-case provided with

projections at each end adapted to engage the guideways through their openings and travel therein, whereby the show-case can be shifted from end to end of the base-board to rest on opposite pages of the register.

3. The combination of a base-board, a guideway attached to each side of the base-board and provided with an opening therein, a show-case adapted to be introduced into the guideways through the openings and travel in the
 75 guideways, and means for holding the show-case at an angle to the base-board when turned off from the register.

4. In a desk for hotel-registers, a base-board, a guideway permanently attached at
 80 each side of the base-board, a show-case adapted to be introduced into the guideways at its opposite ends, and be shifted from end to end of the base-board in the guideways, and means for permitting the show-case to be
 85 sustained upon the register.

5. In a desk for hotel-registers, a base-board, a guideway rigidly secured to each side of the base-board and provided with a central opening, a show-case adapted to be removably
 90 engaged in the guideways, and means for permitting the show-case to be disengaged from its contact with the guideways and turned off from the register.

6. In a desk for hotel-registers, a base-
 95 board, guideways consisting of tubes having a longitudinal slot in each tube, and a show-case provided with rollers at each corner and adapted to engage the slots in the guideways and travel therein.

7. In a desk for hotel-registers, a base-board, guideways each provided with an opening and secured on opposite sides of the base-board, and a show-case provided with projec-
 105 tions adapted to engage the guideways through the openings, whereby the show-case is readily introduced in the guideways and removed therefrom.

8. In a desk for hotel-registers, a base-board provided with recesses in the opposite
 110 ends of said base-board, a guideway in each side of the base-board with recesses coincident to and adapted to enter the recesses in the base-board, a show-case, and projections upon said show-case adapted to travel in said guide-
 115 ways and to enter the recesses in the guideways, whereby the show-case may be sustained upon the open register.

9. In a desk for hotel-registers, a base-board provided with recesses in opposite ends
 120 of said base-board, a guideway formed with recesses coincident with the recesses in the base-board and set upon opposite sides of the base-board, and a show-case adapted to travel in said guideways and enter said recesses in
 125 the guideways.

10. In a desk for hotel-registers, a base-board provided with recesses in opposite edges of said board, a guideway upon the opposite
 130 edges of said base-board having openings co-

incident with the recesses in the base-board, and formed with a central opening in each of the guideways, and a show-case adapted to engage the guideways through their central openings and rest upon the open register and be removed from the guideways.

11. In a desk for hotel-registers, a base-board, a guideway on opposite edges of the base-board and each provided with a central opening, and a show-case provided with rollers on each of the corners, adapted to be introduced into the guideways through said central openings and travel in the guideways and be removed therefrom.

12. In a desk for hotel-registers, a base-board, guideways consisting of tubes each having a longitudinal slot and closed at their ends and each provided with a central opening, and a show-case provided with projections adapted to engage said guideways through the opening and hold the show-case at an angle to the desk when it is turned off

from the open register by the engagement of the projections on the show-case with the ends of the guideways and engagement of the show-case with the end of the base-board.

13. A desk for hotel-registers, consisting of a base-board provided with recesses in opposite edges of the base-board, a guideway at opposite edges of the base-board and formed with a central opening in each guideway and provided with openings in said guideways coincident with the recesses in said base-board, a show-case provided with rollers to travel in said guideways, and means for sustaining the show-case at an angle when it is turned off from the open register.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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