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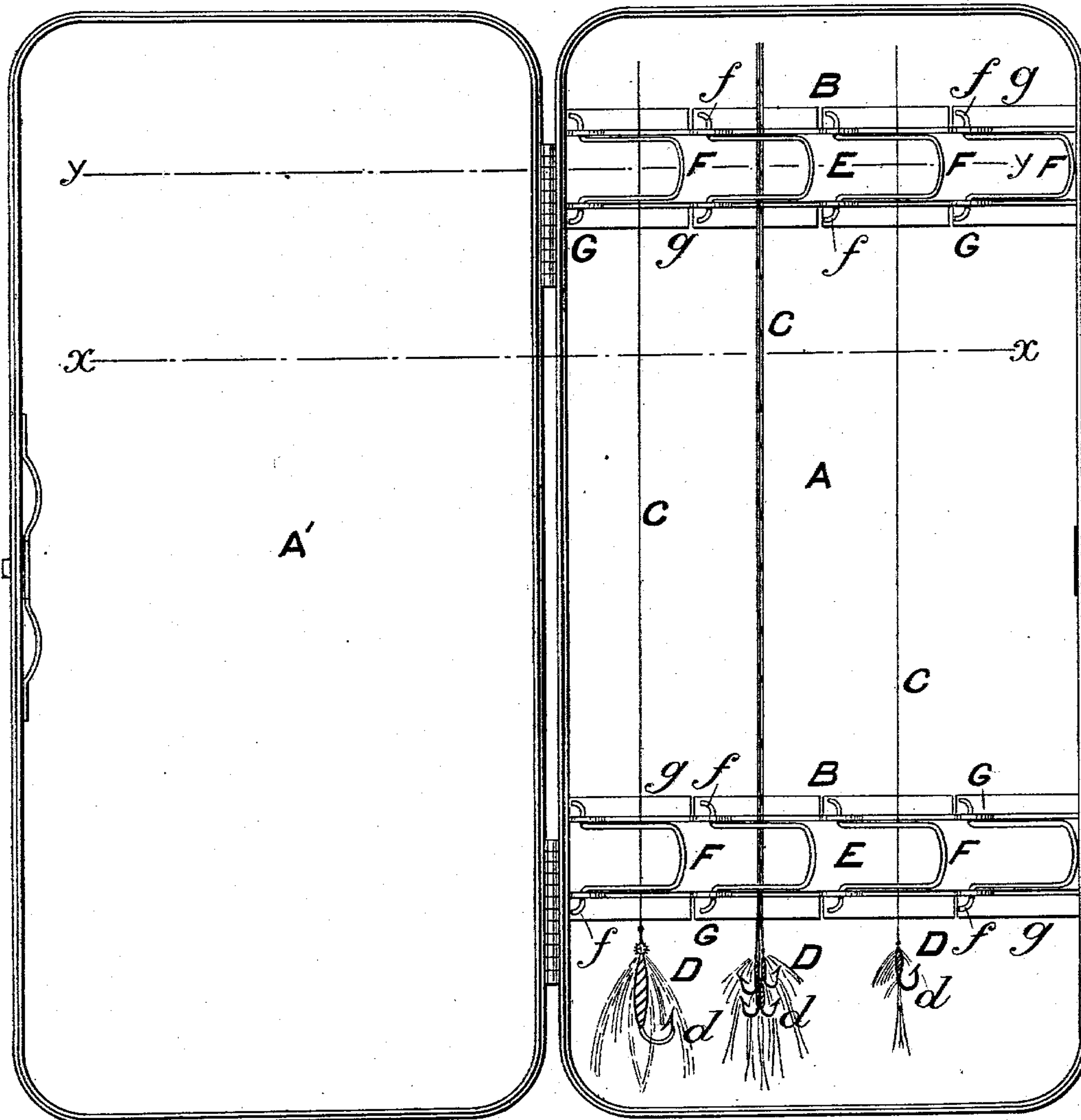
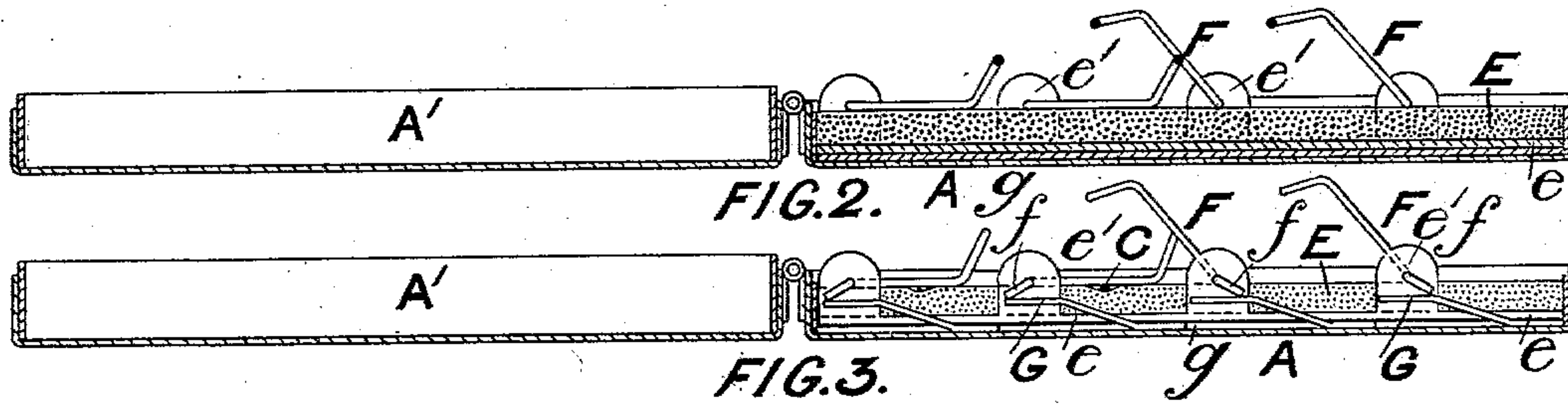
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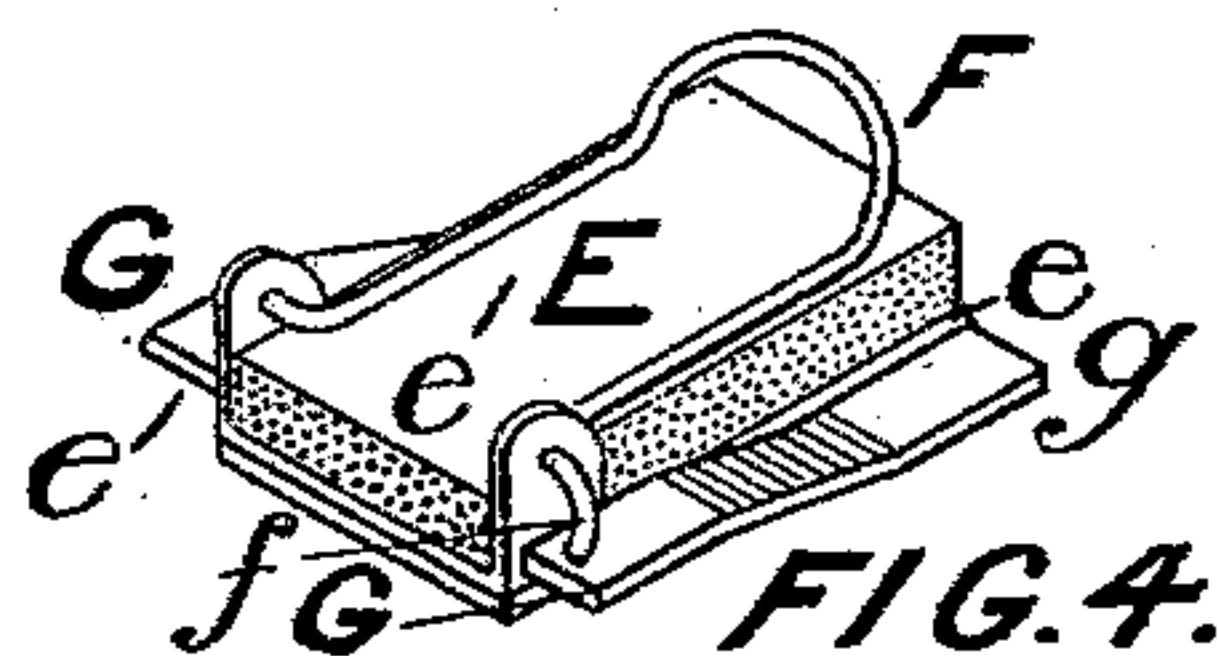


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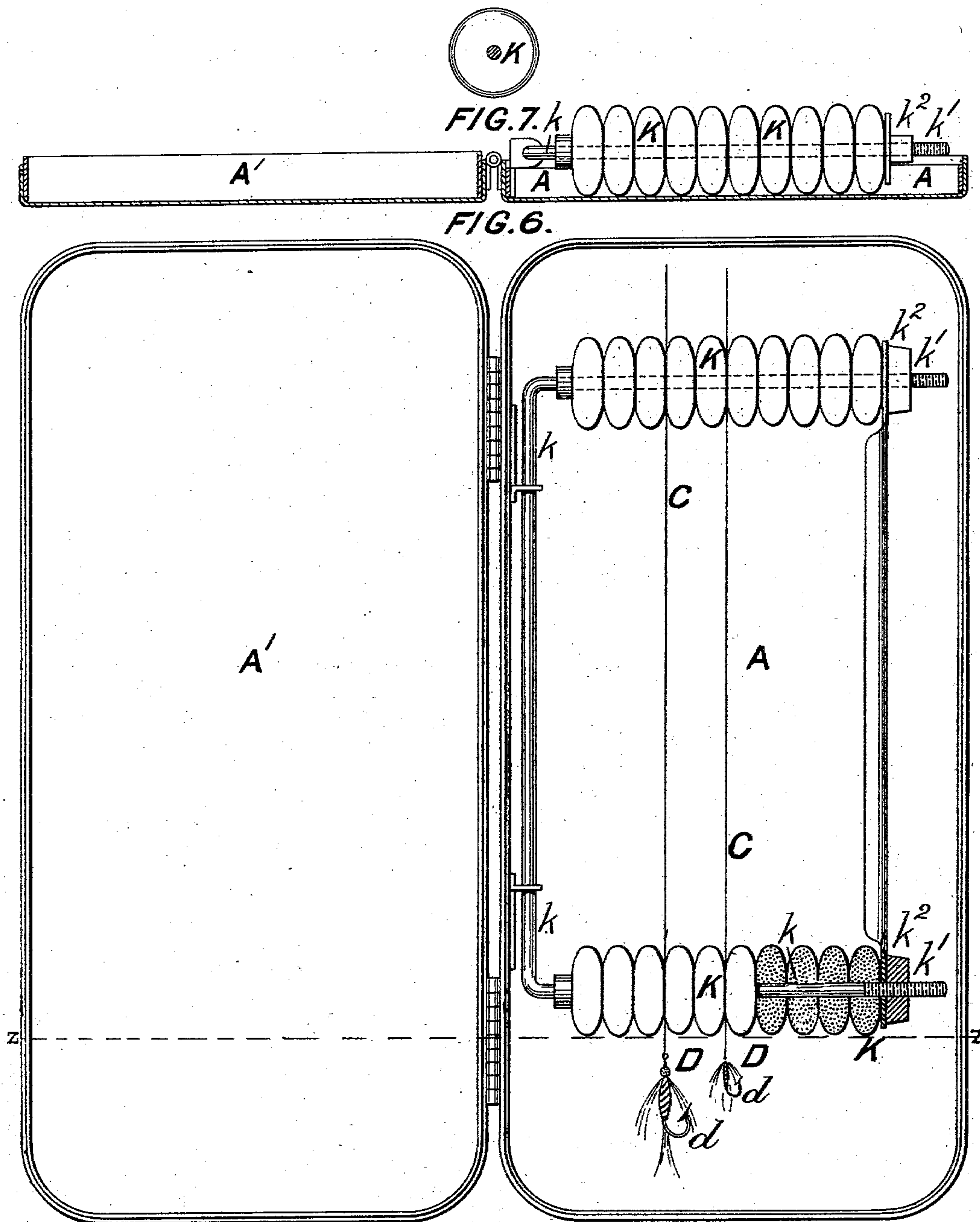
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE ARTHUR PICKARD, a British subject, and a resident of Altrincham, in the county of Chester, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Apparatus for Storing or Carrying Anglers' Artificial Flies Mounted on Gut, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is designed to provide a case or receptacle for storing or carrying anglers' artificial flies and hooks mounted on gut in such a way that the gut lines are held straight or not curled into a loop and so that each fly and its gut line can be separately removed and, if need be, replaced without interfering with, removing, or disturbing any of the others.

It consists, essentially, of a case or box constructed with one, two, or more sets of elastic or spring flaps or clips hinged thereto, which rest upon and hold the gut lines of the hooks stretched between them.

The invention will be fully described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is an elevation of the box or case with the lid open, showing the flies and gut lines in position therein. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of same on line *yy*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a transverse section of same on line *xx*, Fig. 1; Fig. 4, perspective view of one clip. Fig. 5 is an elevation of box or case with the lid open, showing a modified form of clips for retaining the gut lines, partly in section. Fig. 6 is a transverse section on the line *zz* of Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is an end elevation of one of the retaining-clips.

The case or box A is made of sheet metal, wood, leather, or other suitable material, and into it are fixed two parallel rows of elastic or spring clips B, one near either end, by which the gut lines C of the flies D and hooks *d* are held straight or stretched without any curl or loop therein. Should the gut lines C be longer than the case, they may be doubled back to the other end of the case and secured at the end by another clip. When in position and not required, they are inclosed by the lid A', which shuts over them.

In the construction shown in Figs. 1 to 4 I attach to the base of the box or case A at either end a soft pad E, preferably made of

rubber, cloth, felt, leather, wood, or other suitable material. The pad E is held in position by a plate *e*, riveted or otherwise fastened to the case A, with lugs *e'* projecting at the side. Above the pad E are pivoted elastic or spring clips F, which rest against the surface of the soft or elastic pad E with any desired degree of pressure and hold the gut lines between them. The clips F may be held by a metallic, rubber, or other spring. They are formed of loops of brass or other wire pivoted at the ends in eyes in the lugs *e'*, the free ends *f* projecting through the eyes resting on metallic springs G, which give the desired amount of pressure. The springs G project upward from the base of the case A, being attached thereto, being preferably cut or stamped from the edges of a plate *g*. To insert the gut lines C of the flies D, the clips F may be raised, as in Figs. 2 and 3, and to remove the flies they are simply drawn out one at a time from between the clips in a longitudinal direction.

In the construction shown in Figs. 5 to 7 the spring-clips are formed of a number of elastic pads K, preferably circular, secured upon a rod or spindle *k*, hinged to the case A. The elastic pads K are of rubber or other yielding material, and the desired amount of pressure is maintained by a screw *k'* upon the end of the rod *k* and a nut *k*<sup>2</sup>. The gut lines C are secured between each pair of the elastic pads, and the flies D can be drawn out as required in a longitudinal direction. To insert the gut lines C, the pressure may be removed and the pads K separated by unscrewing the nut *k*<sup>2</sup>.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is—

1. A receptacle for storing and carrying anglers' artificial flies comprising in its construction, a case such as A, an elastic pad at both ends of such case, and spring-clips engaging the elastic pad, whereby and between which the gut lines are held straight and extended, substantially as described.

2. In a receptacle for storing and carrying anglers' artificial flies, the combination with the case A, of the elastic pads E, one placed at either end of the case A, and the spring-clips F which rest upon the elastic pads with



a certain amount of pressure, and means for applying the pressure to the clip, substantially as described.

3. In a receptacle for storing and carrying  
5 anglers' artificial flies, the combination with  
the case A of two elastic pads E, means for se-  
curing same to the case, a plurality of spring-  
clips F which rest upon the elastic pads, means  
for pivoting the spring-clips, and means for  
10 applying pressure thereto, substantially as de-  
scribed.

4. A spring-clip for securing the gut lines  
of artificial flies constructed with a soft pad,  
means for securing the pad, a spring-wire rest-  
15 ing thereon, and a spring G by which pressure  
is applied thereto, substantially as described.

5. In a receptacle for storing and carrying  
anglers' artificial flies, the combination with  
the case A, of two elastic pads E, plates *e* to  
secure the same to the case provided with lugs 20  
*e'*, spring-wire clips F pivoted in the lugs *e'*  
and resting upon the elastic pads, and springs  
G upon which the free ends *f* of the clips F  
rest and by which pressure is applied to the  
clips, substantially as described and shown. 25

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed  
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