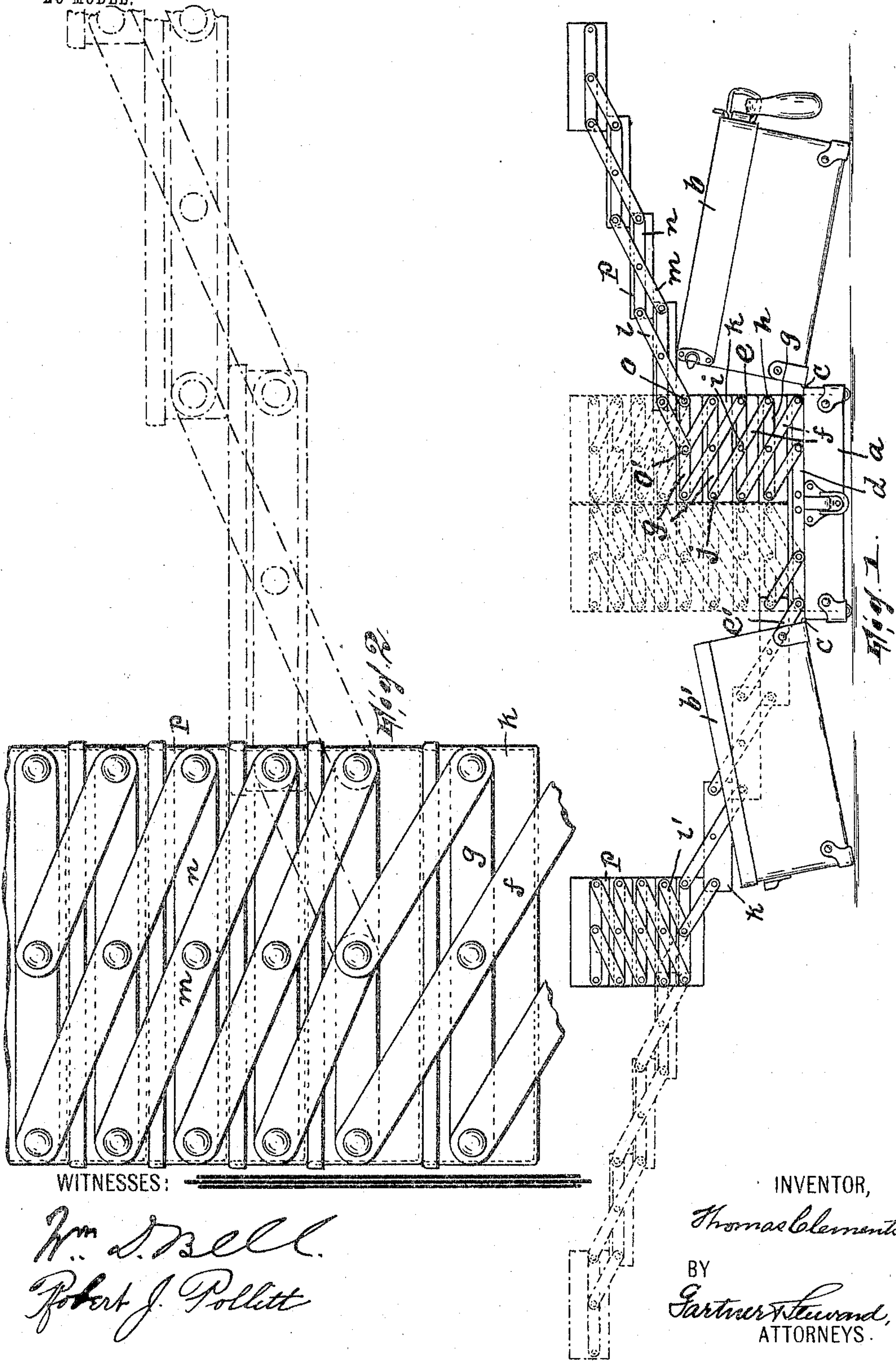


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## FOLDING SAMPLE-CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS CLEMENTS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Nutley, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Sample-Cases; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to folding sample-cases of the type illustrated in United States Letters Patent to Henry Braen, No. 574,130, in which a series of trays are coupled together by systems of parallel levers arranged and connected after the manner of lazy-tongs, so that the trays may be drawn out to uncover each other.

The object of the present invention is to provide for accommodating two or more series of trays of different depths, as well as for the opening out of one series of trays while the other remains in its closed arrangement.

My invention will be found fully illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 shows the improved sample-case with the sections of the cover in the open position and one series of each of two groups of trays opened out, while the other series in each group is in the closed position; and Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail view showing so much of a portion of one group of trays as comprises the connection between its two series.

In said drawings, *a* designates a base, and *b b'* two sections of a cover, hinged on opposite sides of said base, as at *c*, and adapted to be secured together by suitable catches or clasps when brought together over said base in the manner illustrated in United States Letters Patent No. 606,893. The base *a* may comprise a bottom compartment or tray *d*, of dimensions approximating that of the base *a*. The side walls of this compartment form a

support for two pairs of lazy-tongs *e e'*, each comprising parallel oblique levers *f* and parallel horizontal levers *g*, each lever *f* being pivotally connected to three adjacent levers *g* at points *h*, *i*, and *j* in a manner illustrated in the drawings. The levers *g* carry trays or boxes *k*. *l l'* designate two other pairs of lazy-tongs, comprising oblique parallel levers *m* and horizontal parallel levers *n*, in which the oblique levers *m* are connected with the horizontal levers *n* in the same manner that the oblique levers *f* are connected with the horizontal levers *g* of the pairs of lazy-tongs *e e'*. The lower ends of the lowermost oblique levers *m* of each pair of lazy-tongs *l l'* are pivoted to the uppermost pair of levers *g* of the pairs of lazy-tongs *e e'*, as at *o o'*.

*p* designates a series of boxes or trays, which are carried by the levers *n* of each pair of lazy-tongs *l l'*. Upon a view to the drawings it will be seen that each group of boxes or trays comprises two series, in which the members of each are pivotally connected by a separate set of lazy-tongs. The result is that in using the sample-case it is only necessary to open out the series of trays whose contents are to be displayed, while the other series of boxes in one or both groups can be left standing in the original or "nested" disposition. The arrangement also makes possible the employment of trays of different depths, as will be seen best in Fig. 2.

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

1. The combination, with a base, of a series of separate compartments pivotally connected between each other and with said base-compartment, and another series of compartments pivotally connected between each other and with the uppermost compartment of the first-mentioned series and movable independently thereof, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with a base, of a series of separate compartments pivotally connected between each other and with said base-com-

partment, and another series of compartments  
pivotally connected between each other and  
with the uppermost compartment of the first-  
mentioned series and movable independently  
5 thereof and having a different depth from those  
of said first-mentioned series, substantially as  
described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I  
have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of  
April, 1904.

THOMAS CLEMENTS.

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