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Fig. 1.

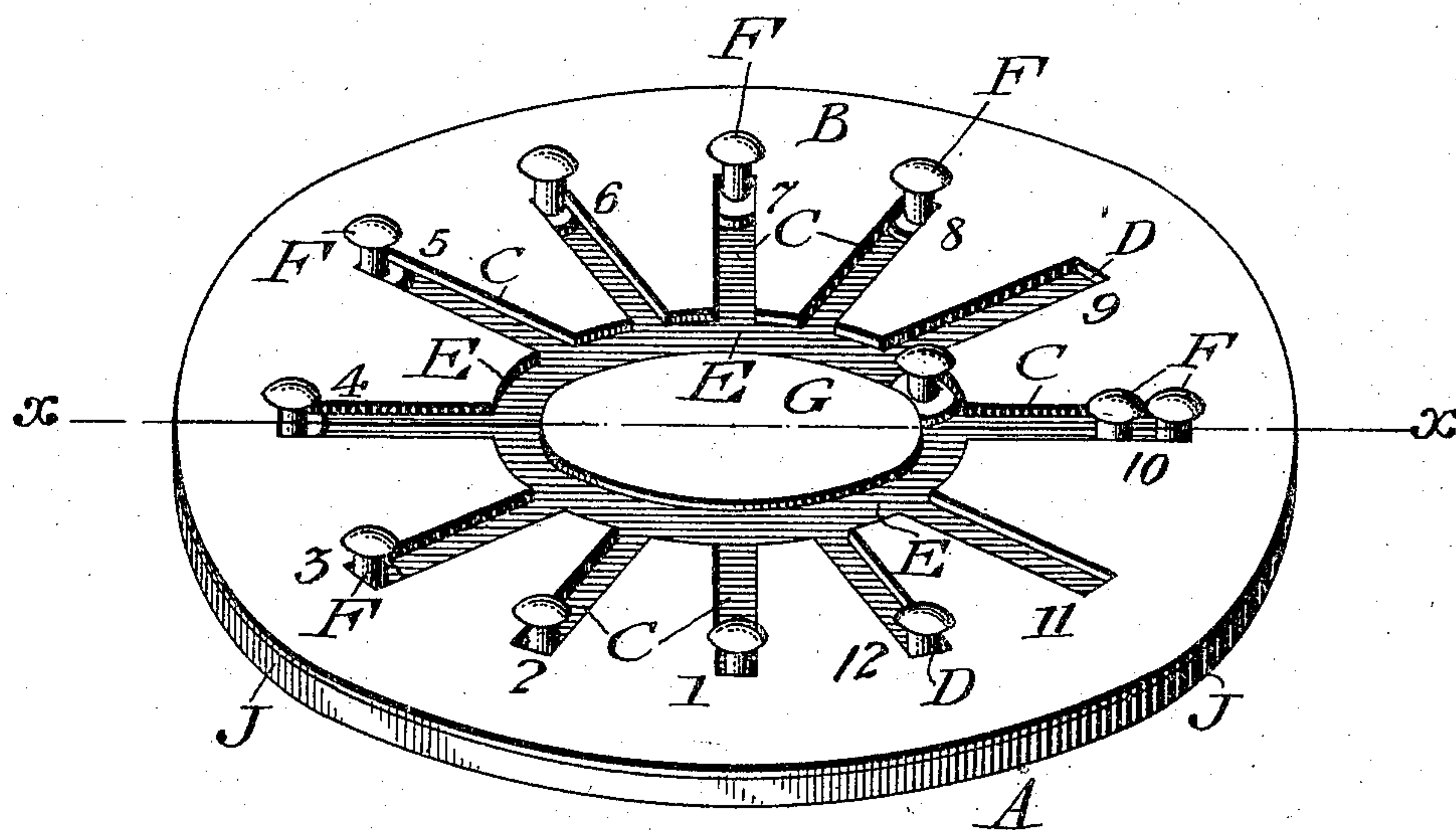


Fig. 2.

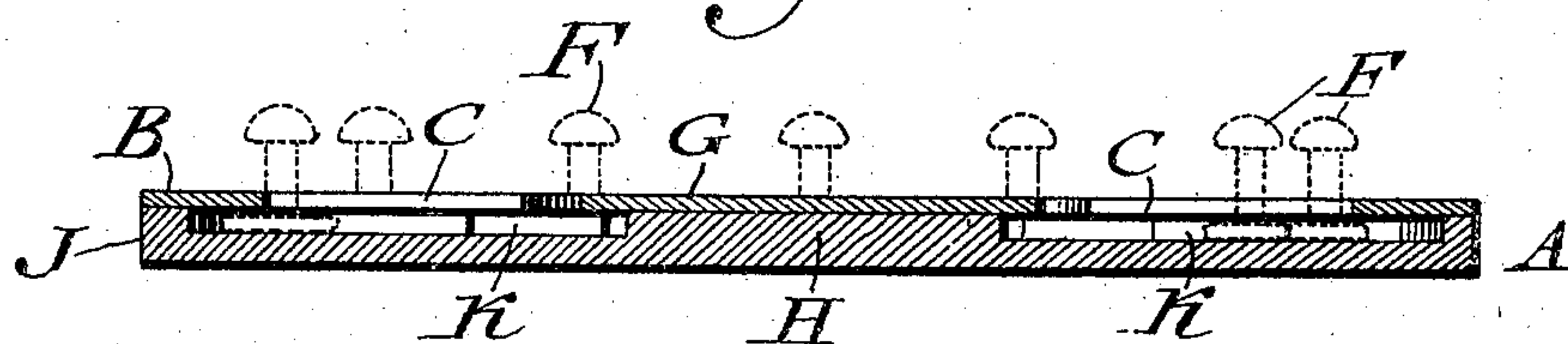
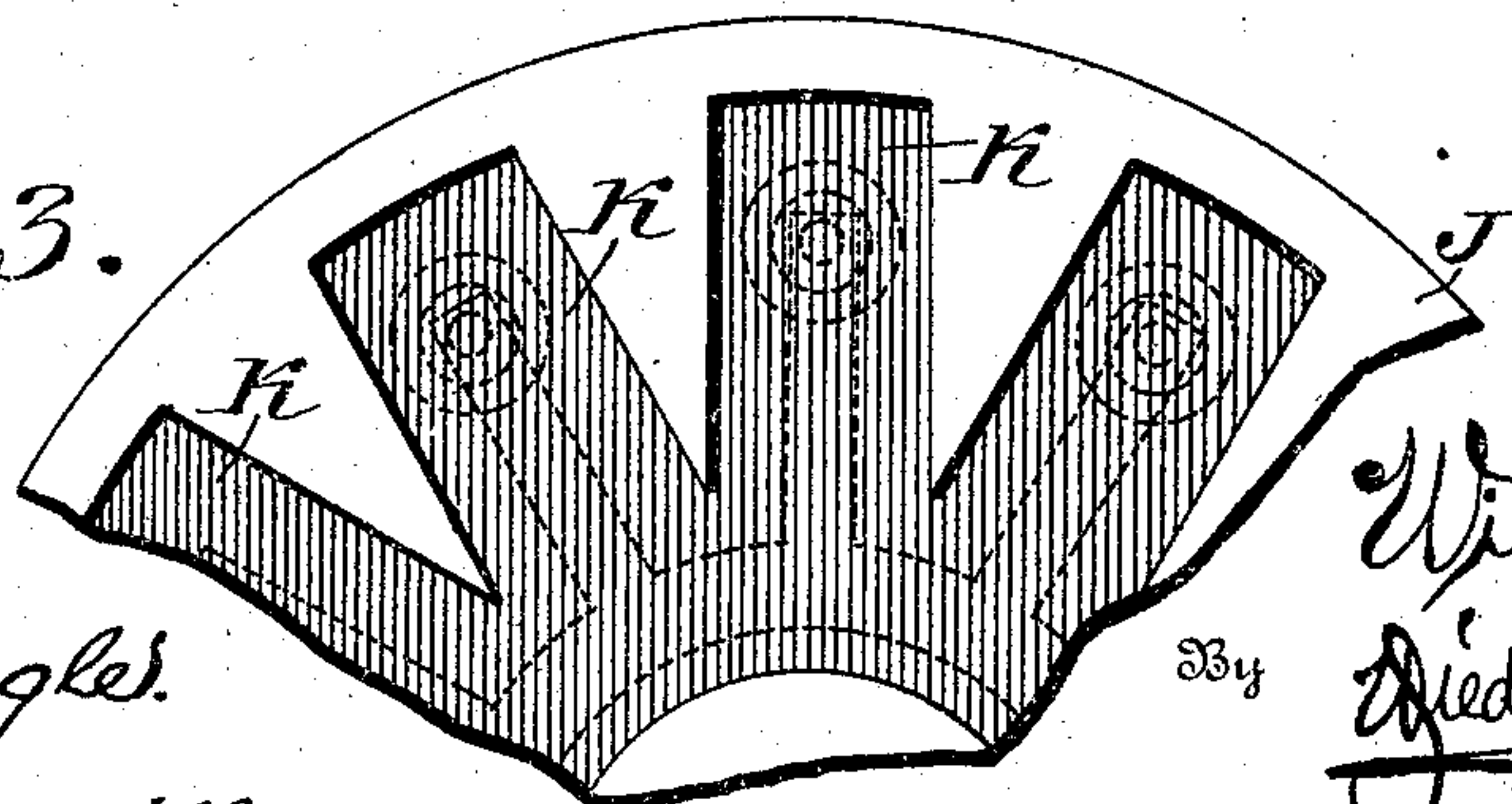


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILSON BROWN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Brooklyn, in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Game-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a game-board composed of certain passages or stalls and movable objects, which latter are adapted to be transferred from one stall to another or pocketed under certain rules which govern the game, the construction of parts being hereinafter described and the novel features pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a game-board embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a vertical section thereof on line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 represents a plan view of the base of the board, the top thereof being removed.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the base of the game-board, and B the top wall or cap thereof. In said wall are a series of slots C, which are open at one end. These slots I denominate as "stalls," the outer end of each of which is closed, as at D, and the inner end is in communication with a passage E, which is common to all of said stalls and substantially occupies the center of the board.

F designates movable objects, which I denominate as "men," the same in the present case being in the form of studs, the shanks of which movably occupy said stalls C, the lower heads of said studs being below the stalls and the upper heads thereof above the same, whereby the studs are prevented from displacement and disconnection from the plate B.

G designates a plate which is connected with the collar H, the latter rising from the base A, said plate thus overhanging said collar and having its periphery projecting partly into the passage E, so that when either of the objects F is moved into said passage its lower

head will come beneath said plate G, and so is prevented from disconnection from the board, while movably occupying said passage.

In the present case the base A has a peripheral rim J rising therefrom, and the upper face of said base is grooved, as at K, to form spaces to receive the lower heads of the objects F and permit the ready operation of the latter to cause the moves in the stalls C and passage E. It is evident that an object may be moved from its stall and by entering the passage E be directed to another stall, so as to cause a plurality of objects to occupy one of the stalls, and in moving said objects to the stall which they are to occupy it is to be done under certain rules, as that the men must be moved past a definite number of stalls but without passing more than a specified number of men in the stalls. In fact, the rules may be varied greatly, as by reason of the annular passage E the men may be moved from one stall to another in either direction. In the present case there are twelve stalls and twelve men, one for each stall. Now by six moves place two men in half the number of stalls—that is, six stalls; but it is requisite after the first move always to pass two men only. This requires considerable skill and forethought, it being evident that different combinations may be played and various rules made therefor without departing from the nature of my invention.

Various changes may be made in the details of construction shown without departing from the general spirit of my invention, and I do not, therefore, desire to be limited in each case to the same.

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

1. In a game apparatus, a continuous passage, an even number of stalls leading therefrom and a corresponding number of men adapted to travel in said passage and stalls.
2. A game-board provided with a substantially circular passage, and a plurality of stalls

radiating therefrom and a plurality of movable men located in the stalls and one man for each stall.

3. A game-board provided with a continuous passage, a plurality of radial passages connected therewith and a plurality of men corresponding in number to said radial passages,

said men being freely movable within said passages, and means for retaining the men in the passages.

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