

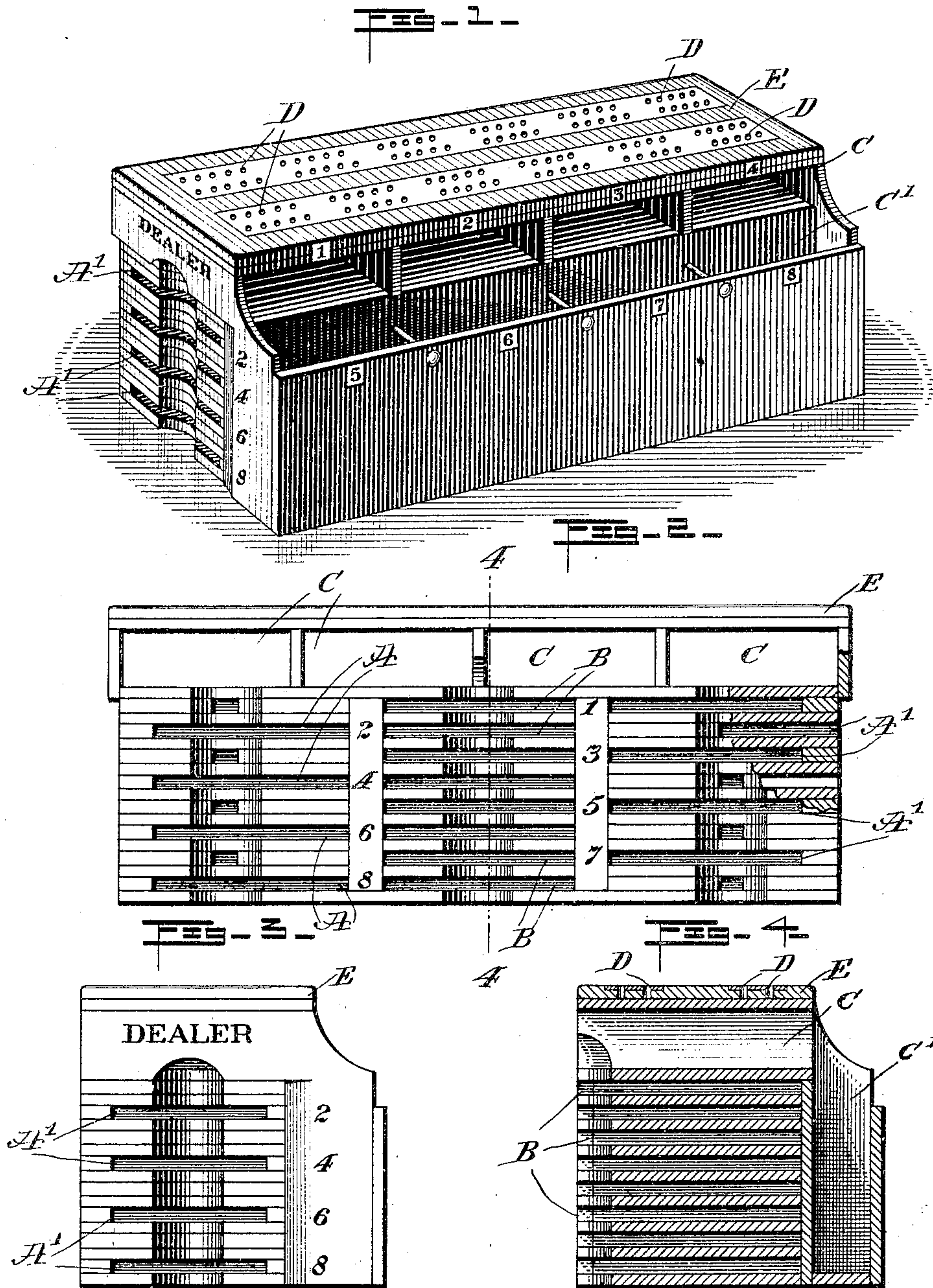
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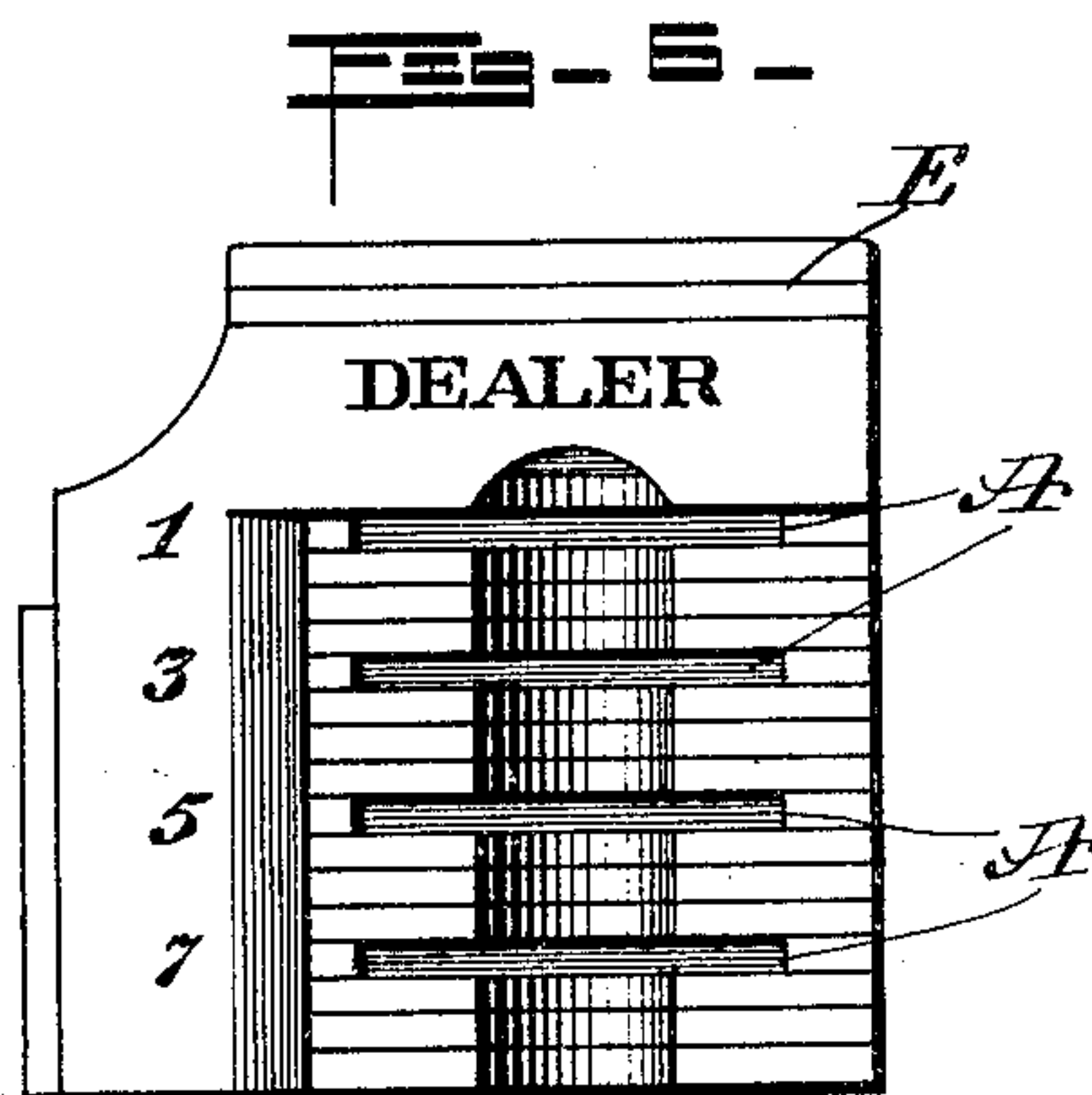
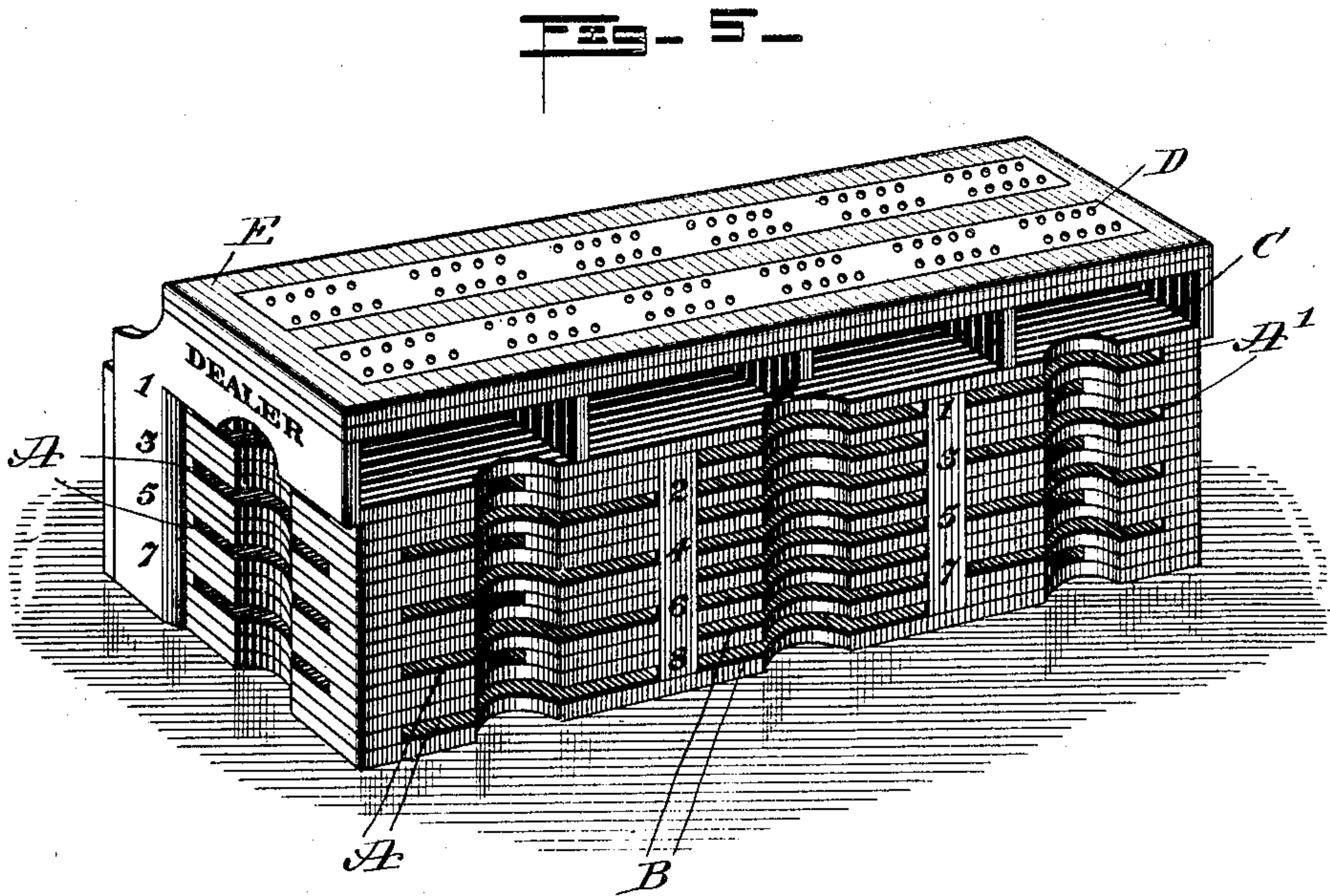
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS CALEB WILLIAMS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Card-Receptacle for Duplicate Cribbage, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to enable duplicate cribbage to be played—that is, a game of cribbage in which in a series of hands the cards will be exchanged and the respective hands be played first by one player and then by the opposing player. To this end I have produced a card-receptacle whereby the cards may be properly arranged and held for the playing of the game indicated.

In the game of cribbage as played by two players hands of six cards each are dealt and each player discards two cards, the four cards thus discarded going to make up the “crib” of the dealer, four cards being retained by each player. Then the pack of cards is “cut” and a card is faced to constitute the “turn-up.” As will readily be understood by one skilled in the game, the turn-up is a very important factor in determining the result of a given hand, and an important element in determining the relative skill of the players consists in the judgment displayed in discarding to the crib.

My card-receptacle forming the subject of this application provides series of card-receivers in which the respective cards, including the discards, are placed according as the hands are played and in the order in which they are dealt, and in connection with said series of receivers I provide a series of receivers for the turn-up cards of each hand, the said series of receivers for turn-up cards being common or pertaining equally to the two series of receivers for the hands as dealt.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a rear perspective view of a card-receptacle embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a front elevation, parts being shown in section. Fig. 3 is a view of one end of the receptacle. Fig. 4 is a transverse vertical section on line 4 4 of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a front perspective view of the receptacle, and Fig. 6 is a view of the opposite end from that shown in Fig. 3.

In constructing a card-receptacle in accordance with my invention two vertical series of trays or receivers A and A' are provided, one series at each end for receiving the hands dealt to the two players, and a series B of trays or receivers is provided, preferably at the front and central, for the turn-up cards of each deal. In the instance shown the receptacle is intended for the playing of eight hands by two players; but it will be understood that this particular arrangement may be varied. For each hand a different pack of cards is desirable.

It will be observed that in each series A A' the superposed trays or receivers have the entrance alternately at the end and the front of the structure and that they are numbered from “1” to “8.” The purpose of this is to enable the arrangement of the trays to indicate which player dealt first and which player is the next to deal at any stage of the game, and thereby prevent this detail of the game from being forgotten by either player, as might happen should a brief interruption occur. Thus in the structure shown as an example of my invention the number “1” of one series A of receivers appears at the end and in the other series the number “1” appears at the front, and the entrances to the receivers are reversely arranged to correspond with the numbering. It will thus be seen that after the playing of a given hand and the cards have been placed in the receptacle the last hand of one player will be in a front receiver and the last hand of the other player will be in an end receiver. If the next hand is the third hand, for instance, the deal belongs to that player

whose receiver No. 3 is at the end. The No. 1 end tray is designed to face the player who has the first deal in the game, and both ends are marked "Dealer," since, as above explained, the cards in the end receivers indicate the dealer. The series B of trays for receiving the turn-up cards separate the two series of trays A A', and the numbers of such of the trays A A' as open at the front serve also as numbers for the trays B, as will be readily understood from Figs. 2 and 5.

With a receptacle as described when a hand has been played the cards that were discarded by each player to the crib are taken up by him and the hands as originally dealt are placed face down in the respective receivers or trays numbered "1" in the series A A', while the turn-up card is placed in the first tray of series B—that is, in the tray opposite the front No. 1 of a series A or A'. In a similar manner each of the succeeding hands and turn-up cards are placed in their respective trays until the eight hands have been played. The respective total points made by each player are now noted. Then the receptacle is turned to bring the end No. 1 opposite the player who has the next deal in the regular order, and the second series of eight hands is played with an exchange of cards, each player taking a hand previously dealt to and played by his opponent. After cards have been discarded to the crib the turn-up belonging to the hands is taken out and the hands played as usual. In playing this second series of eight hands they may be played either in the same order in which they were first played or the individual hands may be taken out of the regular order, if desired, with a view to make it more difficult for the players to remember the turn-up cards belonging to the respective hands. In a similar manner the eight hands are played and the totals for the second and first series compared, whereby to ascertain which player has made the more points from a similar series of hands.

Since a different pack of cards is very desirable for the playing of the game, I provide receivers or pockets C C' equal in number to the series of hands for which the receptacle is adapted and of a size to receive each a full deck. These are preferably formed in series of four pockets, one series of horizontal pockets, as C, being on top and a series of four vertical pockets, as C', at the back, as will be understood from Fig. 1. This results in a compact structure and a convenient arrangement.

It is desirable to number the pockets C C' consecutively to correspond with the receivers A A', so as to facilitate restoring to the respective packs the hands taken therefrom.

The two series of holes D for receiving the usual pegs for indicating the count are pro-

duced in the top E of the receptacle, said top thus constituting a cribbage-board. The holes are preferably arranged in the conventional manner—that is, in two rows of thirty holes each for each player. In the ordinary game one hundred and twenty-one points constitute a game, while in the game that I design to have played as outlined above and which I designate "duplicate" cribbage the total points made in the complete series of, say, eight hands will constitute a game.

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

1. A card-receptacle comprising a plurality of series of receivers, the receivers of each series opening alternately from the end and front of the receptacle and furthermore being consecutively numbered, the numbers of one series beginning at the end and the numbers of the other series beginning at the front of the receptacle, a series of receivers between the first-mentioned series, the numbers on the front of the receptacle applicable to the first-mentioned series being also applicable to the third series, and a fourth series of receptacles provided with numbers corresponding to those of the other series and located partly above all of the first three series and partly at the rear thereof.

2. A card-receptacle comprising series of superposed trays or receivers for the several hands of each player, the receivers of each series opening alternately from the end and front of the receptacle, the receivers of each series being furthermore consecutively numbered, the numbers of one series beginning at the end, and the numbers of the other series beginning at the front, and a series of receivers for the turn-up cards between the first-mentioned series, and common or pertaining equally to each of said first-mentioned series.

3. A card-receptacle comprising a plurality of series of receivers for cards, each series having receivers both in the end and front of the receptacle and each series being consecutively numbered, the numbers being applied alternately on the end and front of the receptacle, and a series of receivers in the front of the receptacle between the first-mentioned series, part of the numbers applied to each of the first-mentioned series serving as numbers for the third series.

4. A card-receptacle having a plurality of series of receivers, a part of the receivers of each of said series being located in an end of the receptacle and the rest in the front, those in each end being arranged in alternate planes with respect to those of the same series in the front, and the receivers of each of said series being provided with designating characters reading alternately in succession upon the end and front of the receptacle.

5 5. A card-receptacle, comprising a plurality of series of receivers opening alternately from the end and front of the receptacle, the receivers of each series being consecutively numbered, the numbers of one series beginning at the end and the numbers of the other series beginning at the front of the receptacle.

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

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