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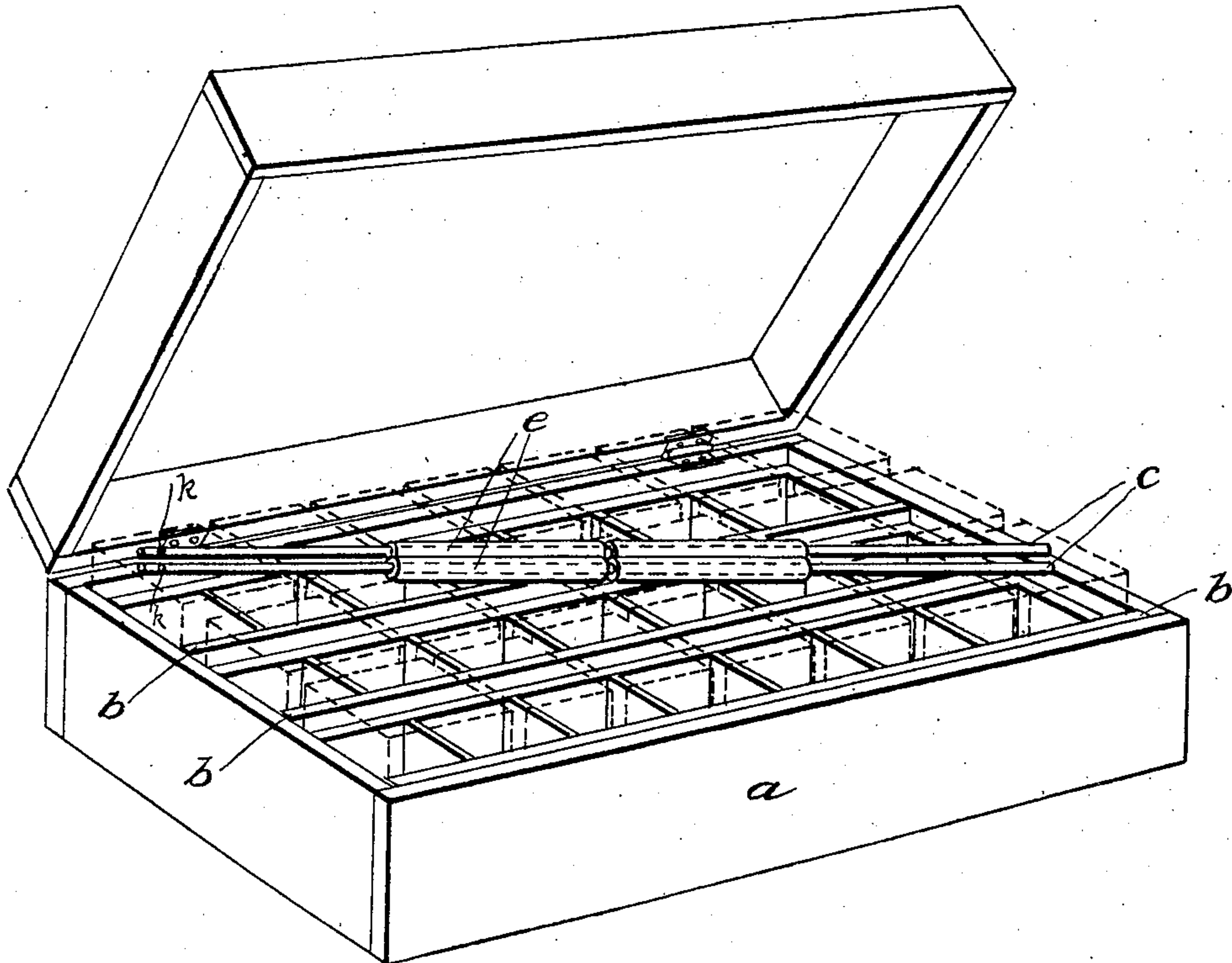
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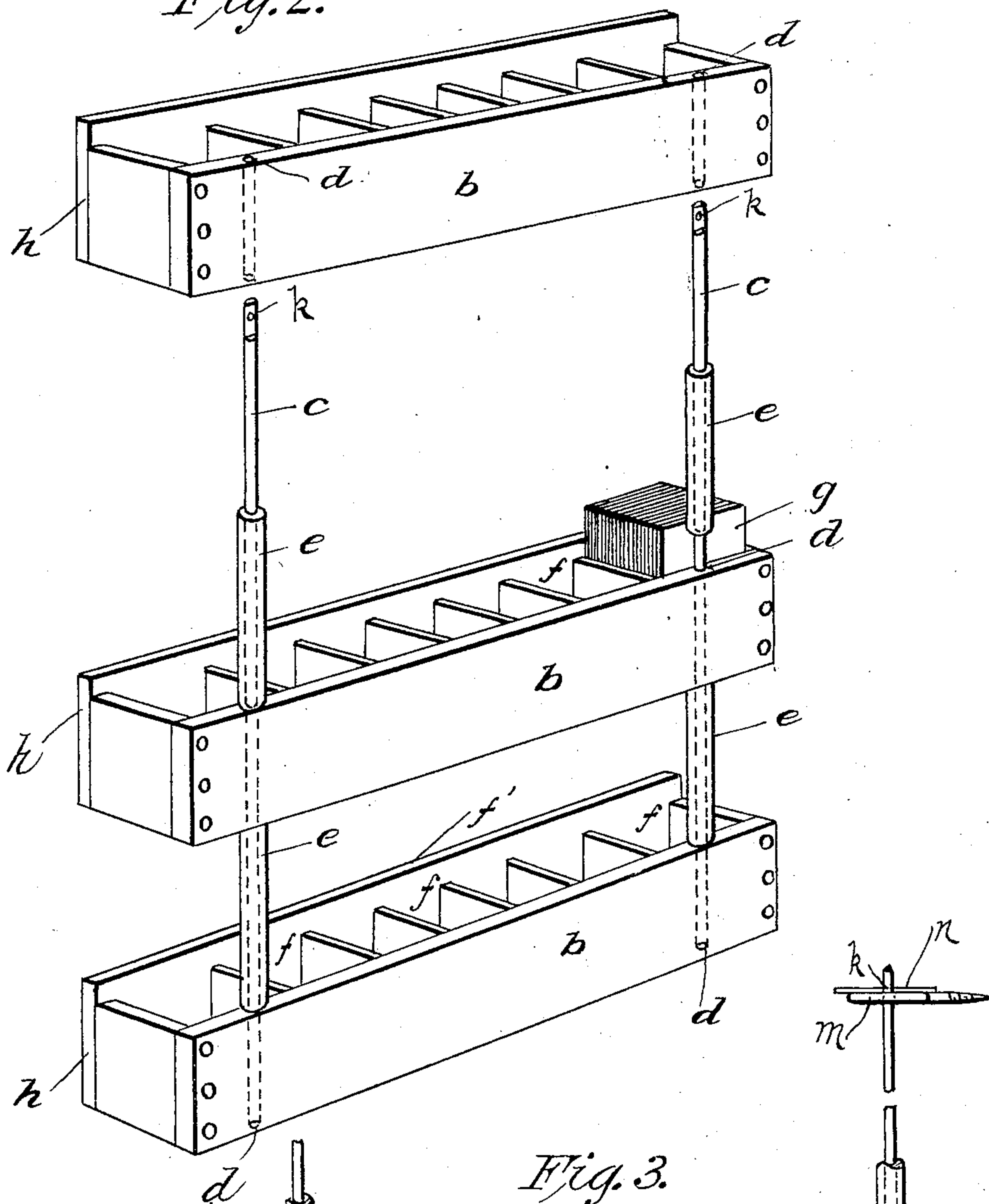
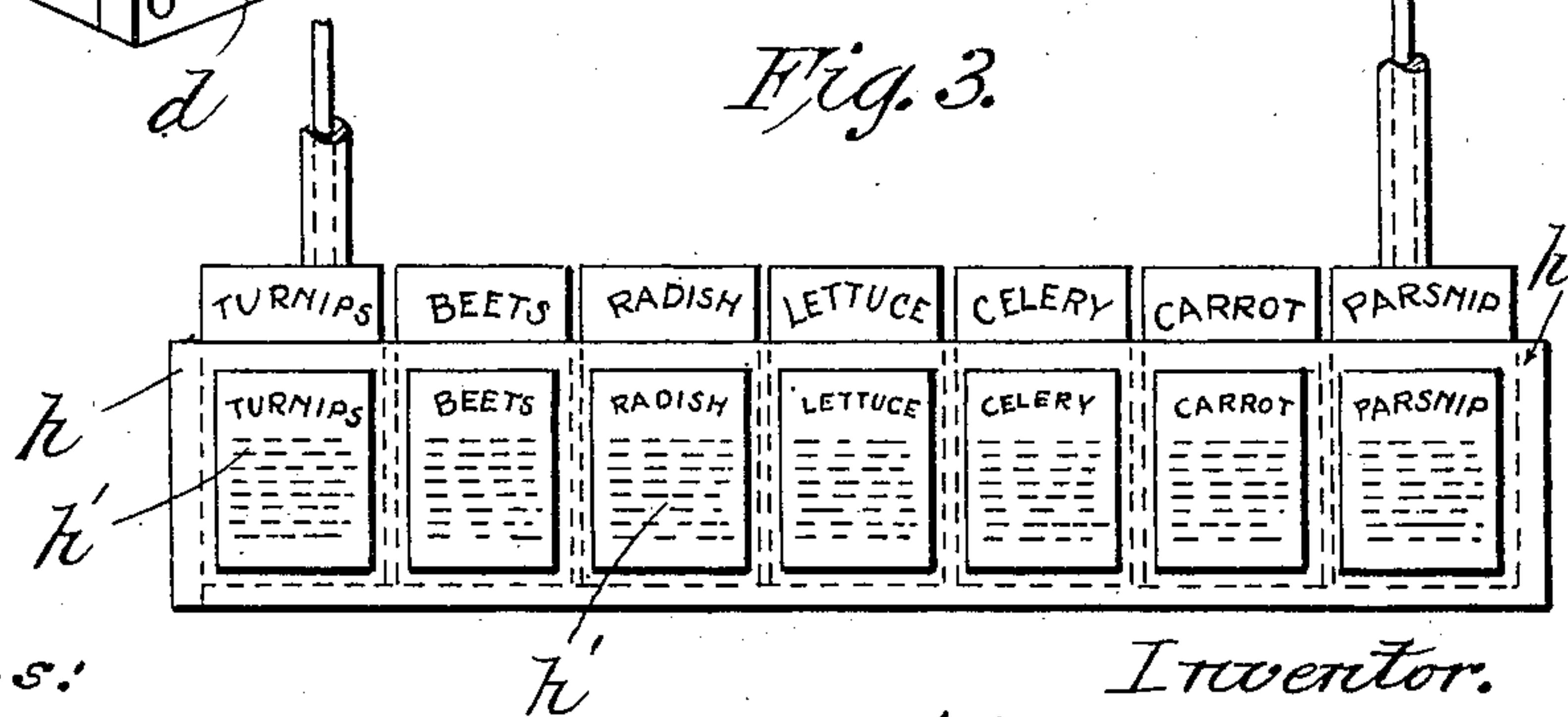


Fig. 3.



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## DISPLAY-RACK FOR SEED-PACKAGES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT E. LYMAN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Display-Racks for Seed-Packages, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to the class of display racks or trays for exhibition purposes of wares of various kinds, and is particularly adapted for displaying the different kinds of seeds that are contained in small packages or envelopes as ordinarily put up by seedsmen.

It has for its object to provide a structure that can be readily taken apart and conveniently packed in a shipping or containing case without removing the packages from the pockets of the individual boxes; and, further, it has for its object to provide means so that labels can be pasted or otherwise secured to the face of the individual box, said labels showing the identical picture that is printed on the face of the packages that are contained in the pockets immediately back of the label, the depth of the box being such that the packages project above the top edge of the front portion of the same. Further, its object is to provide means for detachably connecting one box or tray to the other, with means for spacing the same from each other when used for display purposes.

In the drawings forming part of this application, Figure 1 shows the individual boxes nested in a shipping-case—three being shown in this instance—and with the different varieties of seeds arranged in the pockets of the individual boxes, the packages of seeds being shown in dotted lines. Fig. 2 shows the individual boxes or trays that contain a series of pockets for holding the different varieties of packages of seeds and assembled for display purposes. Fig. 3 is a detached front view of one of the boxes shown in Fig. 2, showing labels that are secured to the front of the box for indicating the various kinds of seeds for sale and also showing the packages containing the different kinds of seeds projecting above the top edge of the front piece of the box and located immediately behind the label.

Referring to the drawings in detail, *a* designates the shipping-box or containing-case for holding the smaller boxes or trays—

three in this instance—with the seeds arranged in the pockets of the individual boxes. The individual boxes or trays are indicated by the reference-letter *b*, *c* designating small steel rods that are adapted to be slipped through the vertical holes *d* in the rear side of the boxes *b*. The vertical hole in the lower tray is slightly smaller than in the other trays in order to obtain a good driving fit for the steel rod *c*.

*e* designates short pieces of metallic tubing that are slipped over the rods *c* for spacing one box or tray from another, as clearly shown.

It will be noticed that each box is divided into a series of pockets or package receptacles *f* for containing a quantity of the packages of the various kinds of seeds.

*g* designates a number of packages that have been placed in one of the pockets, as shown in the middle portion of Fig. 2. It will also be noticed that the front face *h* of each of the boxes is higher than the rest of the box.

Referring to Fig. 3, labels *h'* are secured (by pasting or otherwise attaching) to the front face of the box *b*, which designate by name and picture the different kinds of seeds that are contained in the pockets *f*. Immediately back of each face of the labels *h'* are nested in the pockets *f* a series of packages containing the same kind of seeds as the labels *h'* on the face of the box. The depth of the boxes *b* permits the series of packages to project above the upper edge *f'* of the box, as clearly shown, thus permitting the corresponding name on the package to be easily seen and read. By this arrangement it will be apparent that the purchaser can examine the different varieties of seeds offered for sale from the labels themselves on the front face of the box without being obliged to disturb the packages in the pockets *f*, since the label used on the box is an exact duplicate of the face of the package.

By reason of the steel rods *c* passing through the holes *d* in the back piece of each box *b*, a very rigid structure is secured when assembled and can be conveniently handled without any danger of the display device being broken.

After the boxes are taken down and assembled in the shipping-case *a* the rods *c* and the spacing-tubes *e* are placed in the box, as shown in Fig. 1. The hole *k* is for the pur-



pose of hanging the display-rack to a wall by pushing the rod *c* through an eye *m* and then passing a pin *n* through the hole *k*, as shown.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. In a display device, a container, a series of trays nested within the container, said trays having a series of package-containing pockets or divisions, and means for securing the boxes to each other in vertical alinement above each other when separated from the container, said securing means being located at the rear side only of the trays, as described.

2. In a display-case of the class described, a series of trays adapted to be assembled one above the other in vertical alinement, means for detachably securing one tray to the other, and tubular spacing means on the detaching means for separating one box from the other and extending from the top of one tray to the bottom of the next, the detachably-securing means being located at the rear side only of the trays.

3. In a display-case of the class described, a series of trays adapted to be placed one above the other, each tray divided into a series of pockets, the rear side only of each tray

having a vertical hole therethrough, means for engaging said hole to aline the series of trays, and spacing means on said alining means for separating one tray from another.

4. In a display device of the class described, a series of trays adapted to be placed one above the other in vertical alinement, means for alining said trays consisting of a pair of rods passed through holes in the vertical rear side of each tray, spacing-tubes placed on the rods to separate one tray from another.

5. In a display device of the class described, a series of trays having means for retaining the same one above the other in vertical alinement and in spaced relation, said means consisting of a series of parallel holes passing through the rear side of each tray, rods passing through said holes, spacing-sleeves on the rods and engaging the bottom of one tray and the top of the other, and means at the upper end of each rod whereby the series of trays may be suspended, the trays being divided by a series of partitions.

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