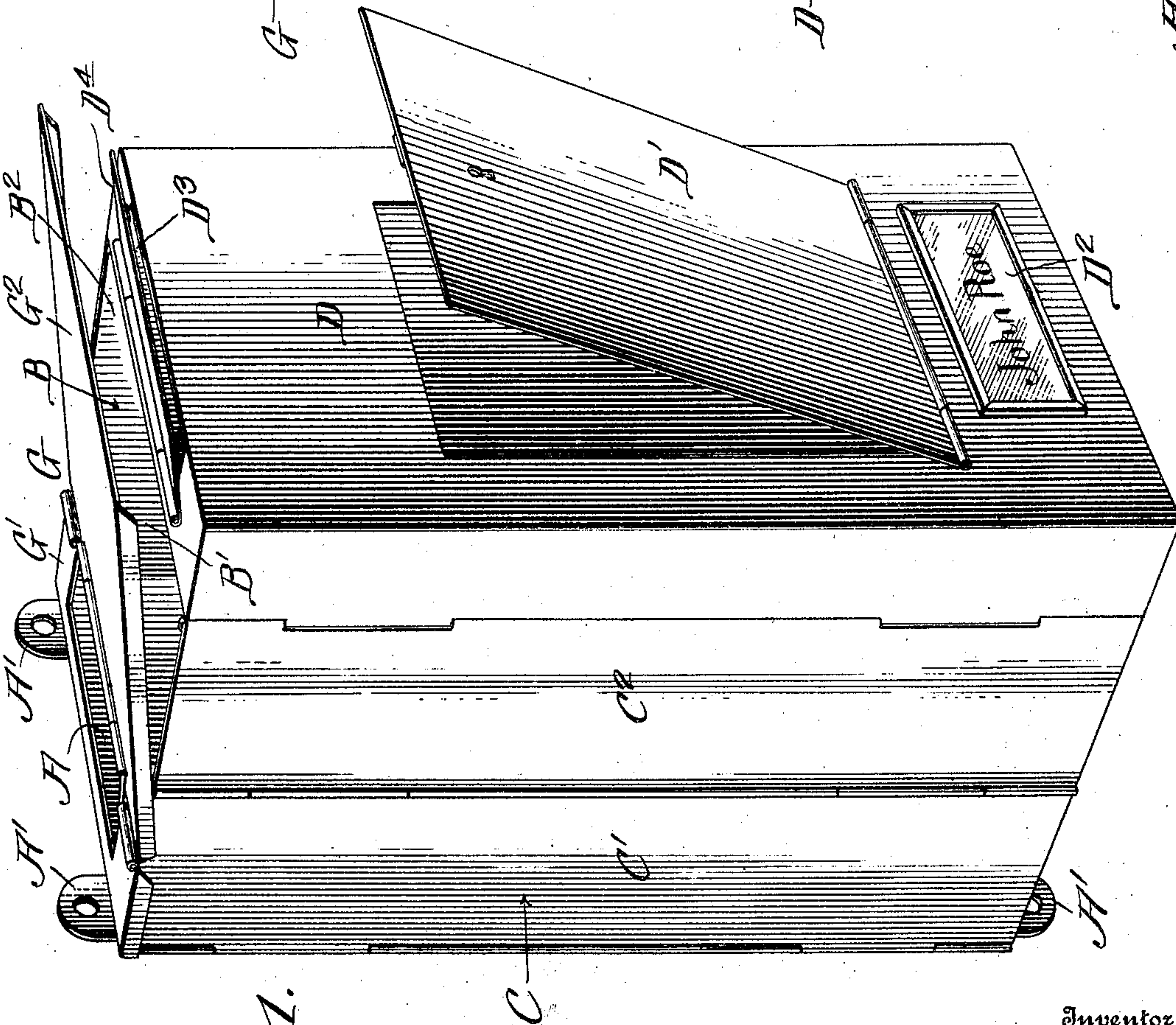
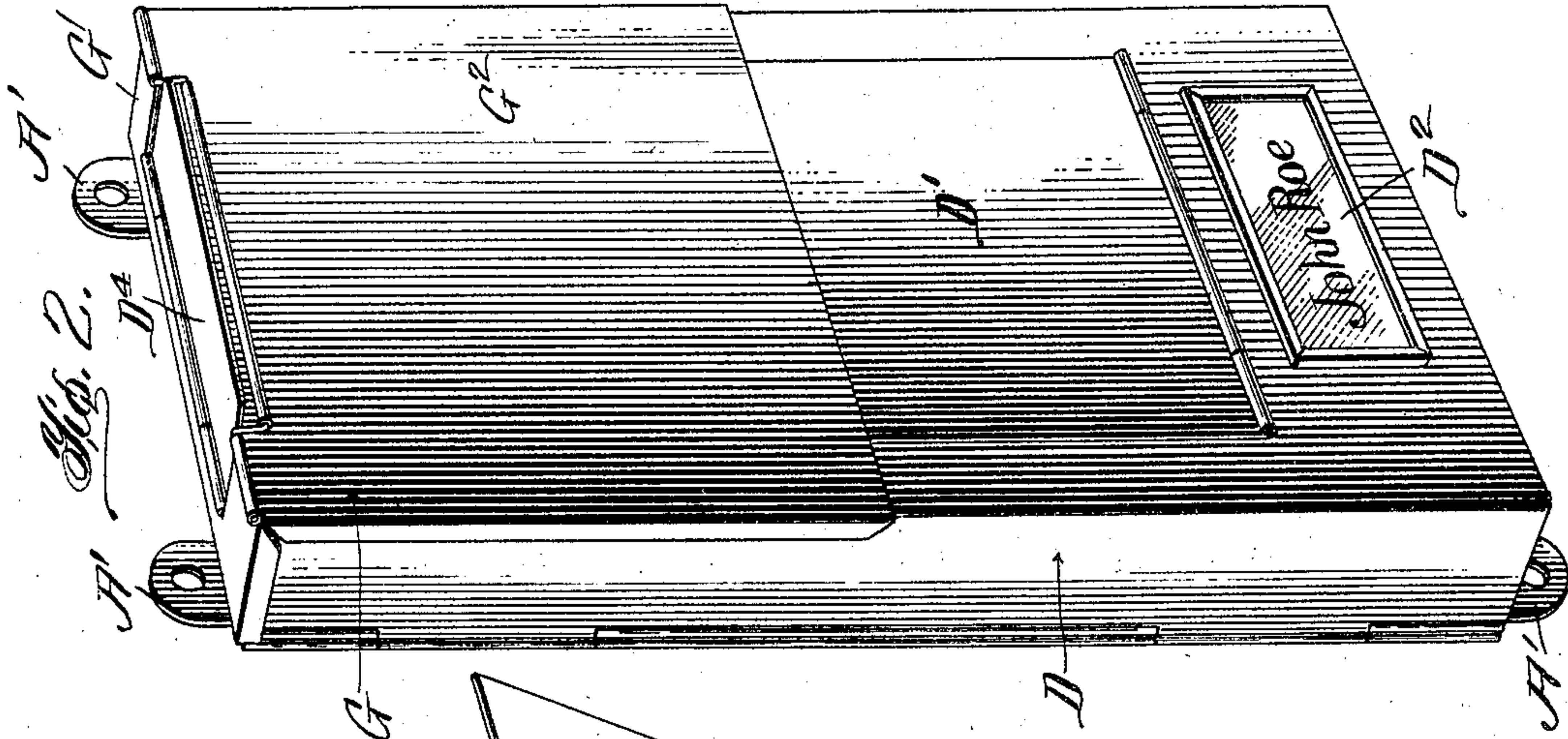


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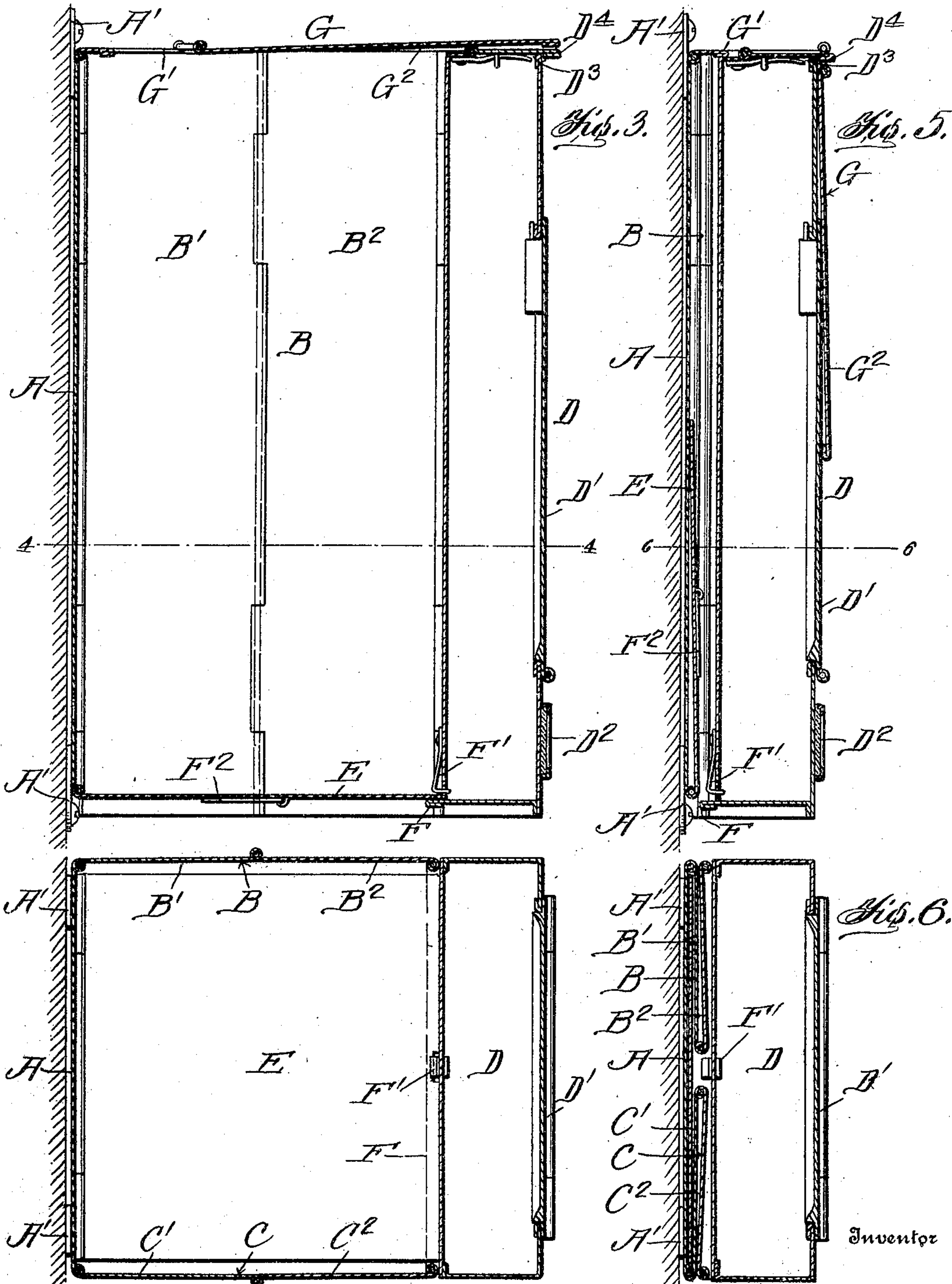
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARL OHLSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sacramento, in the county of Sacramento and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Letter and Package Mail-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in combined letter and package mail boxes, the object being to provide a packet box in connection with a mail box which is so constructed that it can be readily folded when not in use so that it will occupy a very small space.

Another object of my invention is to provide a very novel top for the package receptacle, which when the receptacle is folded will extend down over the mail box so as to be out of the way.

A further object of the invention is to provide a combined letter and package mail box which is exceedingly simple and cheap in construction and one which is very effective in use.

Another object of the invention is to provide a letter and package mail box which is especially adapted to be used in large buildings, the package box being so constructed that it can be collapsed whereby it will lie flatly against the back supporting plate so as to be entirely out of the way.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved combined letter and package mail box. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the package box in a folded position. Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken through Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a vertical section taken through Fig. 2. Fig. 6 is a section taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

In carrying out my improved invention, I employ a back A which is provided with ears A' through which screws are adapted to pass for securing it to any suitable support. Piv-otally connected to the side edges of the back A are sides B and C formed of two sections B', B² and C', C² pivotally connected together and pivotally connected to the free edges of the sections B² and C² are the side edges of a mail box D which is provided with a hinged door D', and a name plate D² which is preferably formed of glass so that the letters within the box can be readily seen without opening the same. The top of the box is provided with an ordinary letter receiving

opening D³ which is closed by a spring actuated lid D⁴.

Connected to the lower edge of the back A is a bottom E which is adapted to rest on a flange F extending outwardly from the bottom of the box D when the sides are in extended position, the bottom being locked in position by a spring catch F' carried by the box D. A bail F² is connected to the under side of the bottom E so that it can be readily drawn down in position. Connected to the upper edge of the back A is a top G formed of two sections G' and G², the section G' having an opening formed therein through which packages can be readily deposited into the box. The sections are pivotally connected together and when the package receptacle is in a folded position the opening in the section G' registers with the letter receiving opening D³, the section G² dropping down over the front of the mail box and holding the sections in a closed position. When it is desired to collapse the box, it is only necessary to throw the lid back and insert the hand into the same so as to press the spring catch out of engagement with the bottom and by forcing the bottom up with the other hand and pressing the sides inwardly, it will be folded back upon the back plate.

From the foregoing description it is seen that I have provided a combined letter and package mail box which is so constructed that the package box is so connected to the mail box that it can be readily collapsed so as to be out of the way when not in use. It will be seen that when it is desired to use the package box, it is only necessary to raise the top and draw the letter box outwardly and by pulling the bottom downwardly by the bail, it will be locked into an extended position ready to receive the packages.

What I claim is:—

1. The combination with a back carrying sectional sides, a mail box connected to the free edges of said sectional sides a bottom pivoted to the back adapted to engage said mail box, and a sectional cover carried by the back extending over said sides and mail box.
2. The combination with a back, of sectional sides pivotally connected to said back, a mail box connected to the free edges of the sectional sides, a bottom pivotally connected to the back and adapted to rest on a flange of the box, and a cover carried by the back for closing said package box.

3. The combination with a back provided with ears for securing it to a support, of sectional sides pivotally connected to said back, a mail box pivotally connected to the free edges of said sides, said box being provided with a letter receiving opening in its top, a bottom pivotally connected to the back and adapted to rest on a flange of the box, and a sectional top pivotally connected to the back and provided with a package receiving opening adapted to register with the opening of the letter box when in a folded position.

4. The combination with a back, provided with ears for securing it to a support, of sectional sides pivotally connected to said back, the sections of the sides being pivotally connected together, the free edges of the outer sections being pivotally connected to a letter box, a bottom pivotally connected to the lower edge of the back and adapted to rest on a flange of the box, means for locking said bottom, and a sectional top pivotally connected to the back, said top being formed of two sections of unequal width pivotally connected together.

5. The combination with a back carrying

sectional sides, of a mail box carried by said sectional sides and provided with a letter receiving opening, a bottom hinged to the back and adapted to engage said box, and a sectional top pivotally connected to the back and adapted to extend over said box, one of the sections of said top being the same width as the box.

6. The combination with a back, provided with sectional sides, of a letter box carried by said sides provided with a letter receiving opening in its top, a bottom pivotally connected to the lower edge of the back and adapted to rest on a flange of the box, a spring for locking said bottom thereon, a sectional top pivotally connected to the back, said sections being of unequal width, the smallest section having an opening formed therein, said opening registering with the letter receiving opening when said sides and bottom are in a folded position.

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