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FIG. 1.

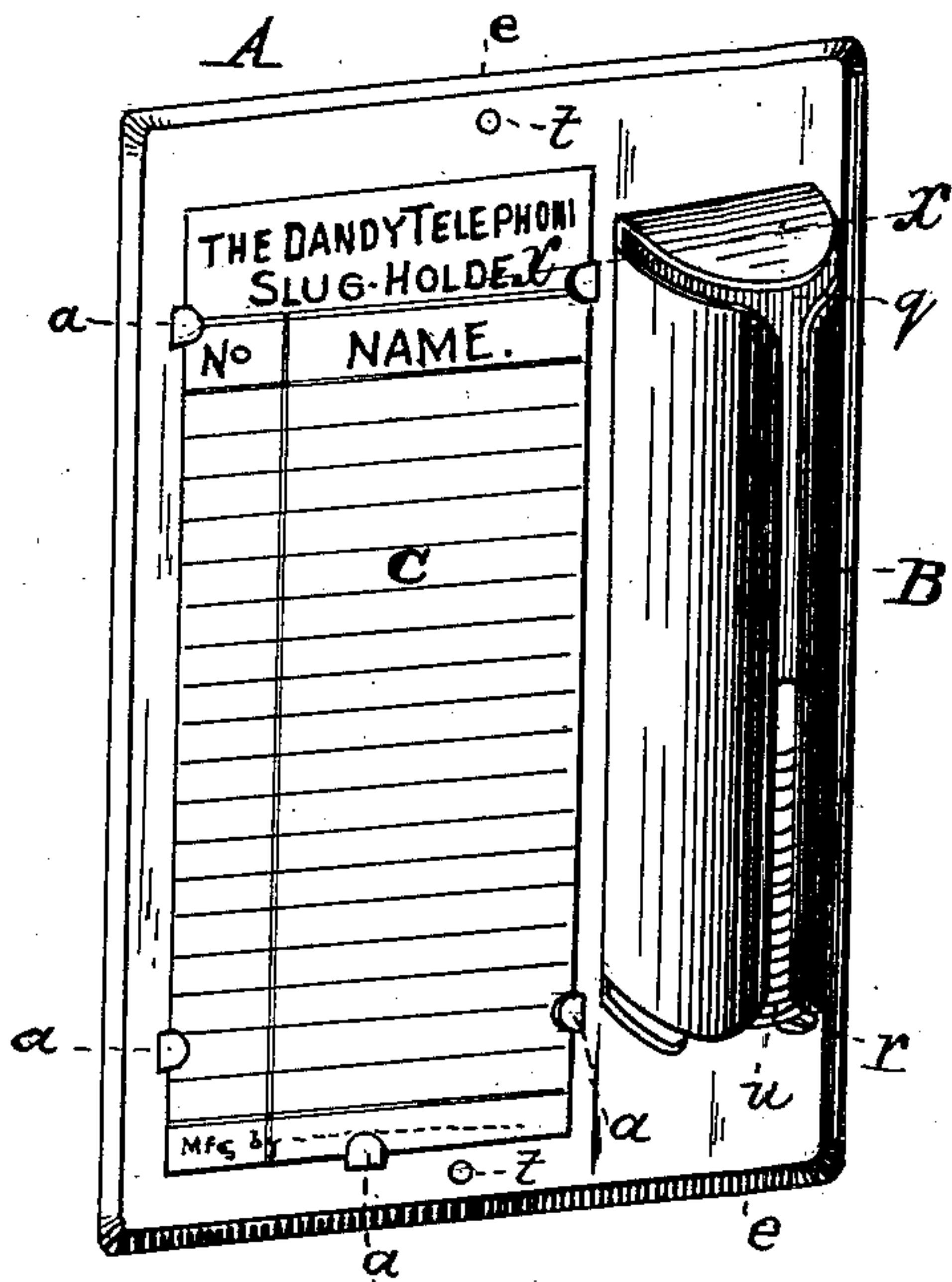


FIG. 2.

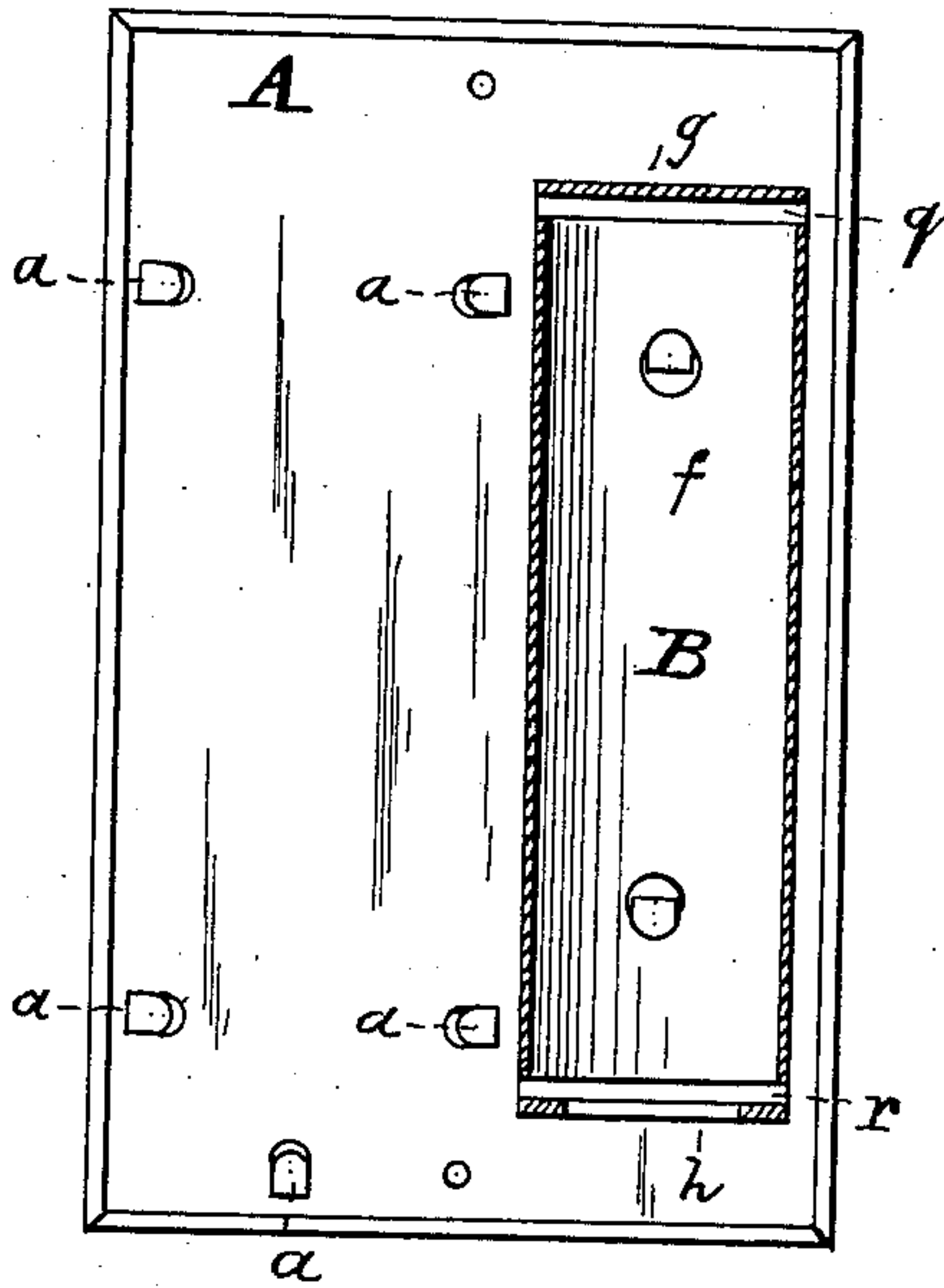


FIG. 3.

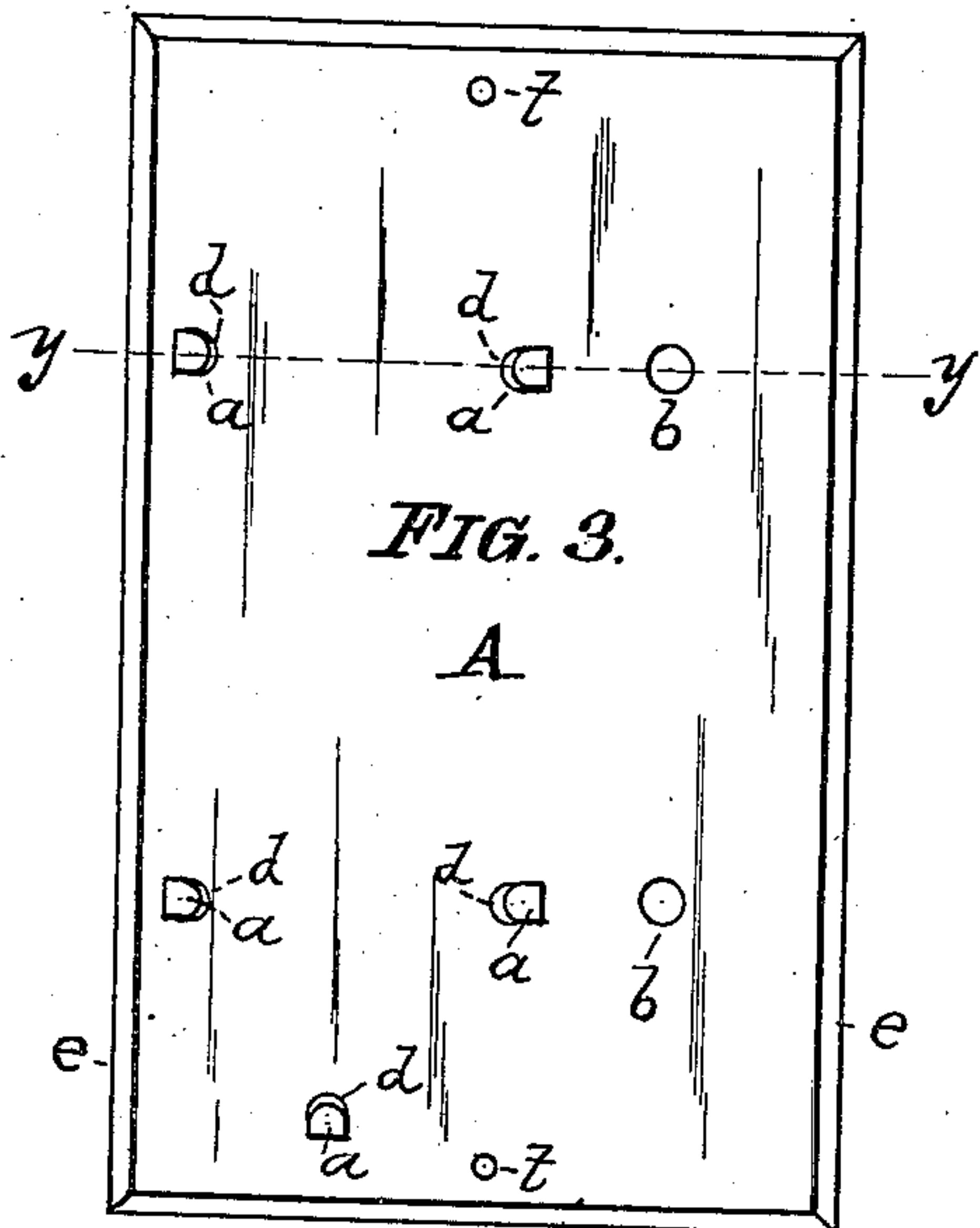


FIG. 4.

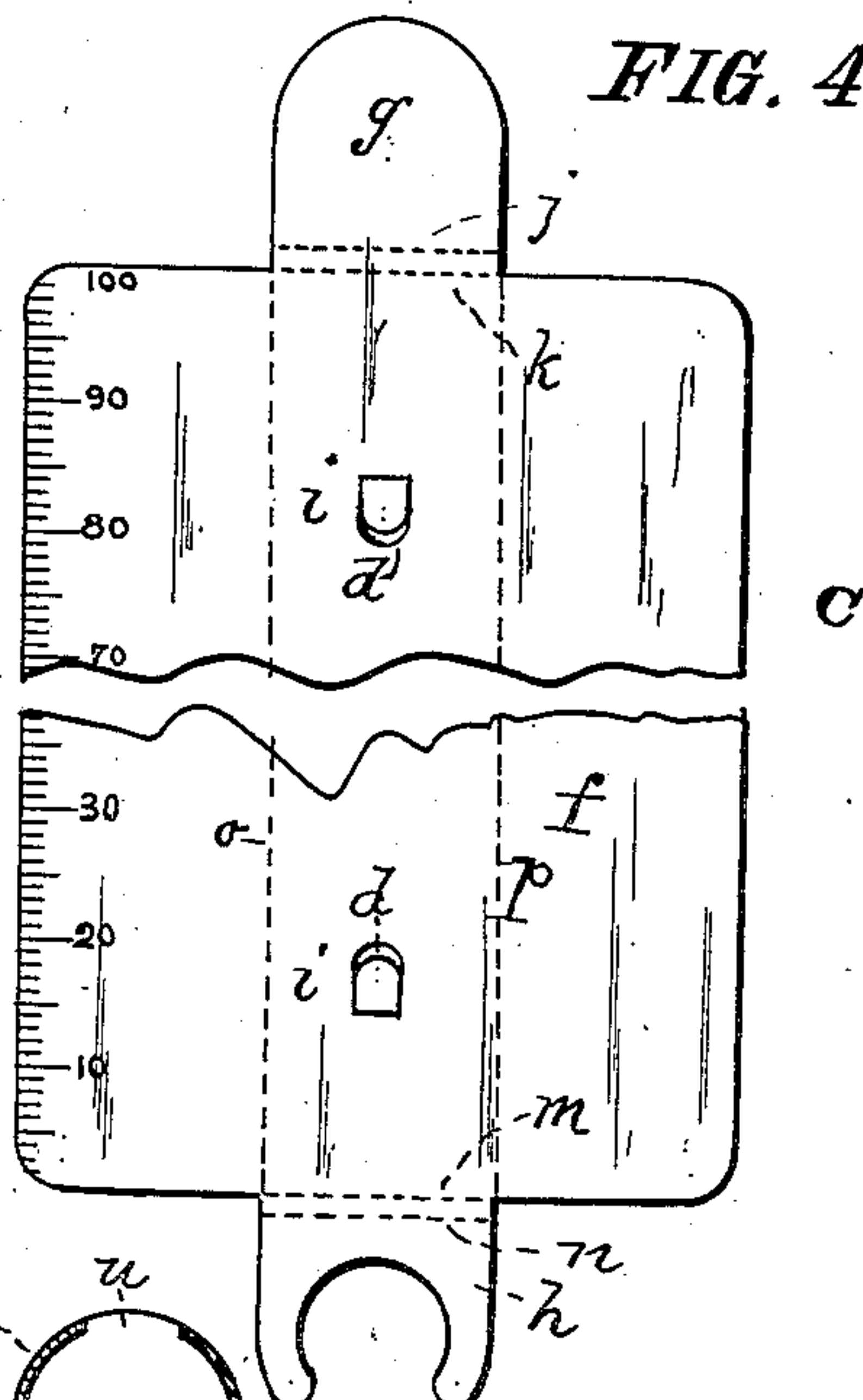
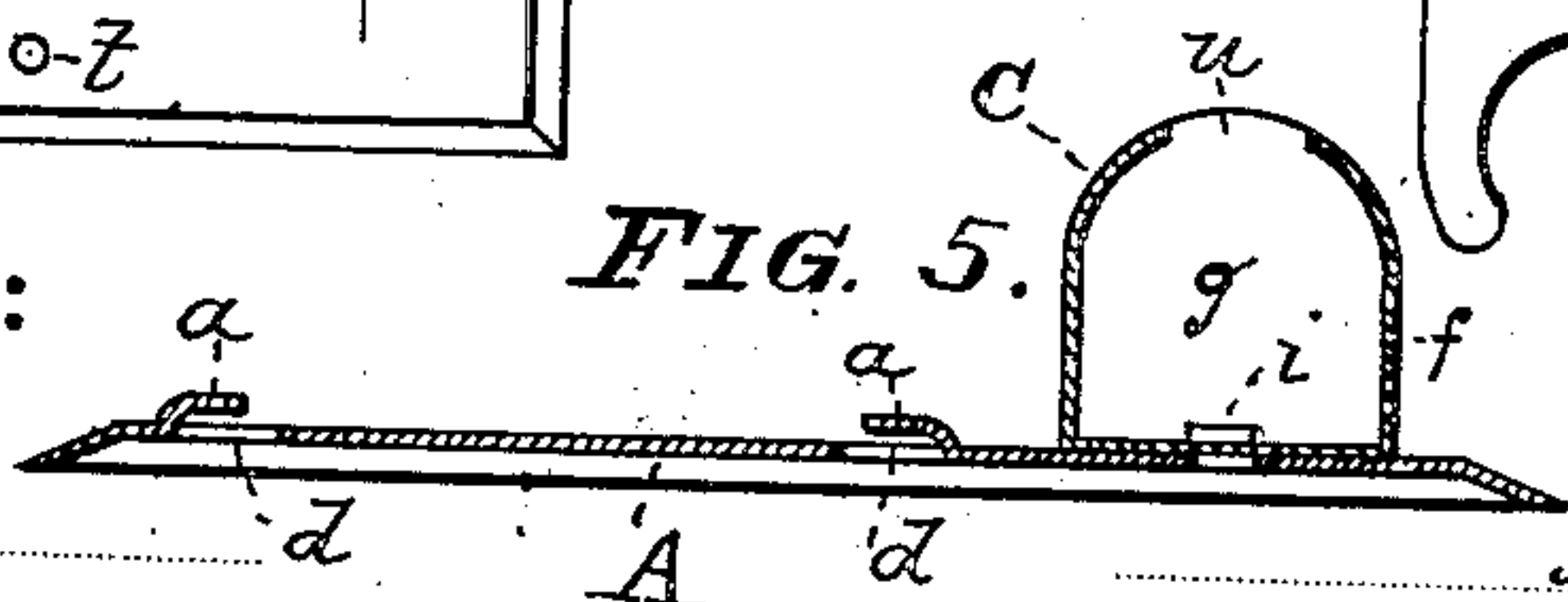


FIG. 5.



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TELEPHONE SLUG-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MICHAEL J. STARK, Jr., a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook, in the State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Telephone Slug-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following description of my said invention, taken in connection with the accompanying sheet of drawings, forms a full, clear, and exact specification, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention has general reference to improvements in slug-holders for telephone, &c. use; and it consists, essentially, in the novel and peculiar combination of parts and details of construction as hereinafter first fully set forth and described and then pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings already referred to, Figure 1 is a perspective view of this improved device. Fig. 2 is a plan of the same, the slug-holding tube being in section in line *x x* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a plan of the retaining plate detached, and Fig. 4 is a plan of the blank from which the slug-retaining tube is formed. Fig. 5 is a transverse sectional elevation of the device in line *y y* of Fig. 3.

Like parts are designated by corresponding symbols of reference in all the figures.

The object of this invention is the production of an efficient, serviceable, and convenient slug, token, or coin holder for use in telephone, prepaid gas, and other collectors which require the deposition of a coin, token, or other evidence of prepayment for services, &c., to be rendered. To accomplish this result I construct this device of only two separate pieces, A in the drawings being the back or retaining-plate and B the coin-tube of this device.

The retaining-plate A shown in Fig. 3, is a rectangular oblong sheet of metal of sufficient size to answer the requirements as to the number of coins or tokens to be retained. It has at suitably-disposed places five or more lugs, *a*, to retain an advertising card C, printed matter, directions for use, or other information which it is desired to circulate and which are printed, stamped, embossed or otherwise produced on said card, in proper positions. These lugs *a* are formed integral with said plate by pressing or stamping them and then raising them above the plane of

said plate as shown in Fig. 5, leaving apertures *d* at these places. In this plate there are also a number of holes *b*, the object of which will hereinafter appear. The outer edge *e* of this plate are revealed so as to stiffen the plate and to enhance its appearance.

The coin-holder or tube proper, B, is formed of a single sheet of metal having the contour shown in Fig 4 being a rectangular portion *f*, having a U-shaped extension *g* centrally located at one end of said rectangular plate, and a U-shaped fork *h* at the opposite edge; between the prongs of this fork *h* being an opening large enough to admit of the passage of a finger of the person who desires to remove a coin or token from the holder proper. In the rectangular portion of this plate there are formed two lugs *i*, substantially like the lugs *a* already referred to which, when the two parts of which this device are composed are being assembled, are passed through the holes *b* in the back-plate and clenched at the reverse side thereof. As a substitute, the lugs *i* may be formed in the plate A and the holes *d* in the blank of the slug or coin-tube so that the lugs *i* are clenched upon the tube B, as shown in Fig. 5, this construction being but a reversal of the means described and within the scope of my invention.

The blank for the coin-tube is to be bent along the dotted lines *j* and *k*, and *m* and *n*, and also along the dotted lines *o*, *p*, and thereby a tube formed having a U-shaped transverse section, open in front at *q*, Fig. 1, and also having two slotted apertures *r* and *s* at the top and bottom, the former to facilitate the introduction of the coins or token to, and the latter the withdrawal of said coins &c. from, said tube.

The introduction of the advertising or recording card C affords a convenient means for entering such telephone numbers as are more or less frequently called so as to avoid reference to a telephone directory for the purpose of ascertaining the call-number and exchange-name of the party whom it is desired to reach by the phone.

The device is preferably produced in sheet-steel and when japanned, enameled, nickel or otherwise plated and finished in the various hardware finishes, forms a convenient repository for the slugs, tokens or coins which are required when a prepaid

phone call is desired. It obviates the troubles, vexations, annoyances and delays frequently met with when it is desired to use a phone at a prepay station and the proper coin or token is not conveniently at hand.

In use, the device is preferably secured to any suitable object near the telephone, by screws or similar means of fastening passed through the holes *t* in the back-plate.

10 A. The coins, tokens, slugs &c. are now placed into the coin-tube B through the opening *g*, Figs. 1 and 2, one at a time, it being a fact that any attempt to place a number of slugs into a retaining tube resulting almost invariably in their dropping in

15 side-wise and thus clogging the tube. These slugs rest upon the bifurcated bottom so that by passing a finger underneath this bottom into the U-shaped excision a single coin can

20 be pulled out through the slotted aperture *r* in a manner readily comprehended.

If desired, indexing marks may be placed on one or both longitudinal edges of the coin-tube, as shown in Fig. 4, so that the

25 number of slugs remaining in the tube, or the number of slugs removed may be readily ascertained, the slugs, &c. in the tube being clearly visible through the opening *u*, in said tube.

30 It will now be observed that a device of the kind described is adapted for use under many different conditions, such for instance, in connection with prepaid gas-meters &c., without change or modification, and that it

35 can be made to fit any size, and number of coins, tokens, &c. to be used.

Having thus fully described this invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

40 1. A slug-holder consisting of two sepa-

rate parts only, viz., a back-plate, there being a number of properly-disposed holes in said plate, and a coin-tube, said tube being formed of a single piece of sheet-metal formed into a substantially U-shape and

45 having projections formed to afford ingress and egress-slots, there being lugs on said tube adapted to engage the holes in the back-plate and to clench upon said back-plate whereby said tube is secured to the back-

50 plate.

2. In a slug-holder a blank for the coin-tube consisting of a substantially rectangular portion having at both ends U-shaped central extensions and centrally projecting

55 lugs, said blank being adapted to be formed into a longitudinally open tube, the said U-shaped extensions forming bottoms and covers for said tube, there being a U-shaped excision in one of the extensions.

3. A slug-holder consisting, essentially, of a metallic back-plate, there being projecting lugs on, and holes in, said plate; a card inserted between said lugs; a coin-tube secured to said back-plate, there being a cover

60 at the upper end of said tube and a slot below said cover for the introduction of the coin, and a bifurcated bottom at the lower end of said tube and an egress-slot for said

65 coin above said bifurcated bottom, said tube with its cover and bottom being formed from a single piece of sheet metal.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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