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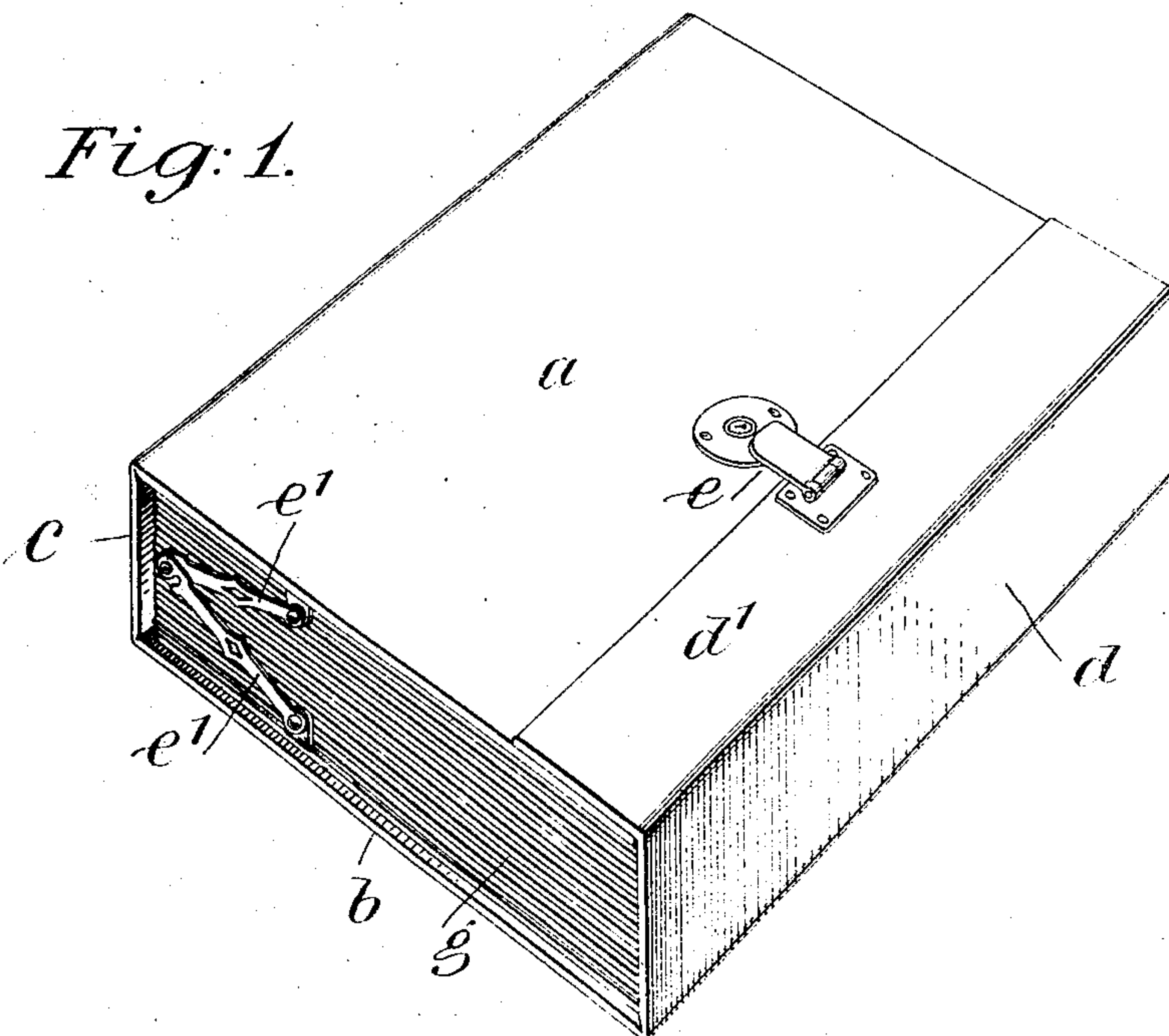
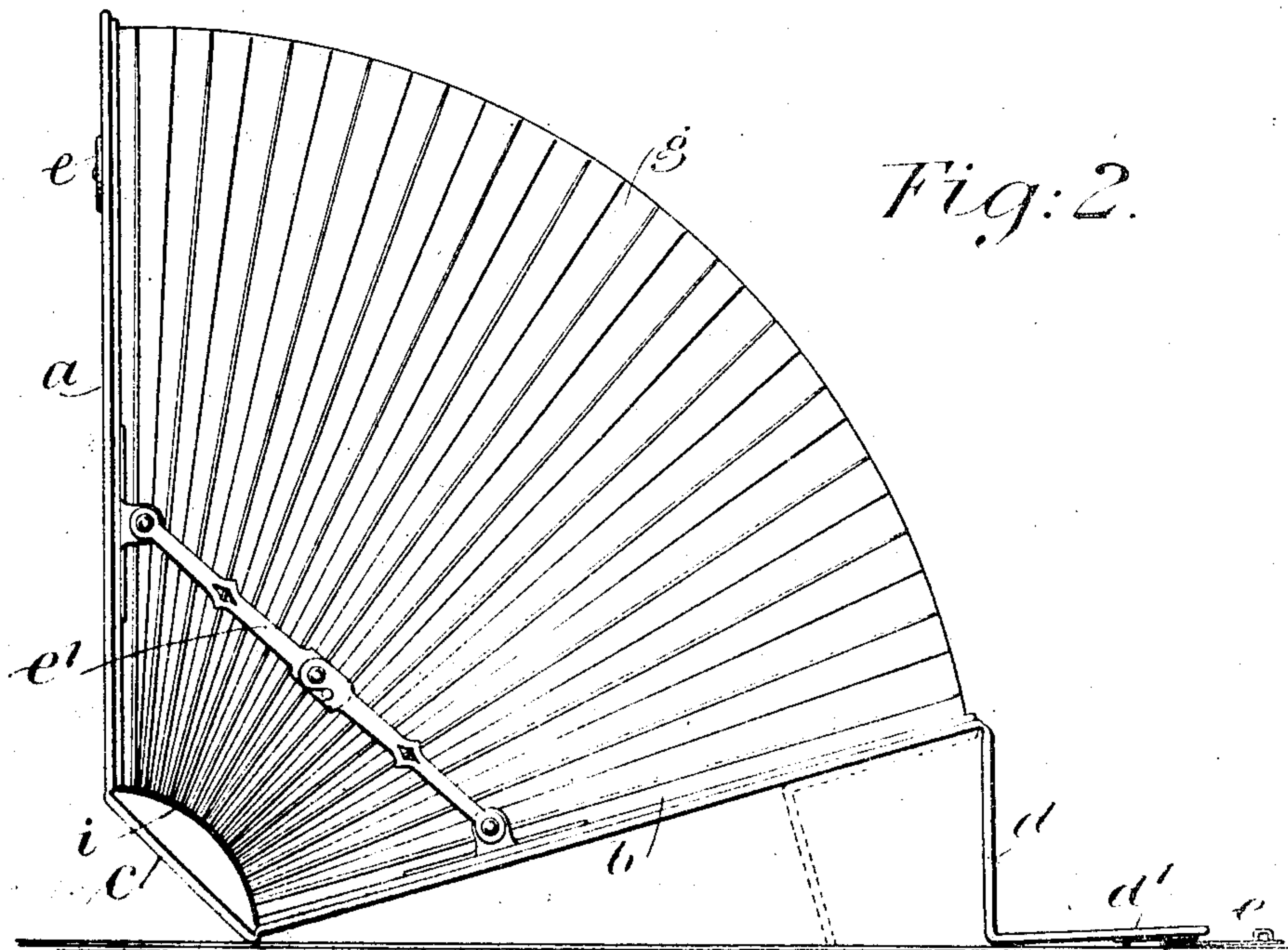


Fig: 2.



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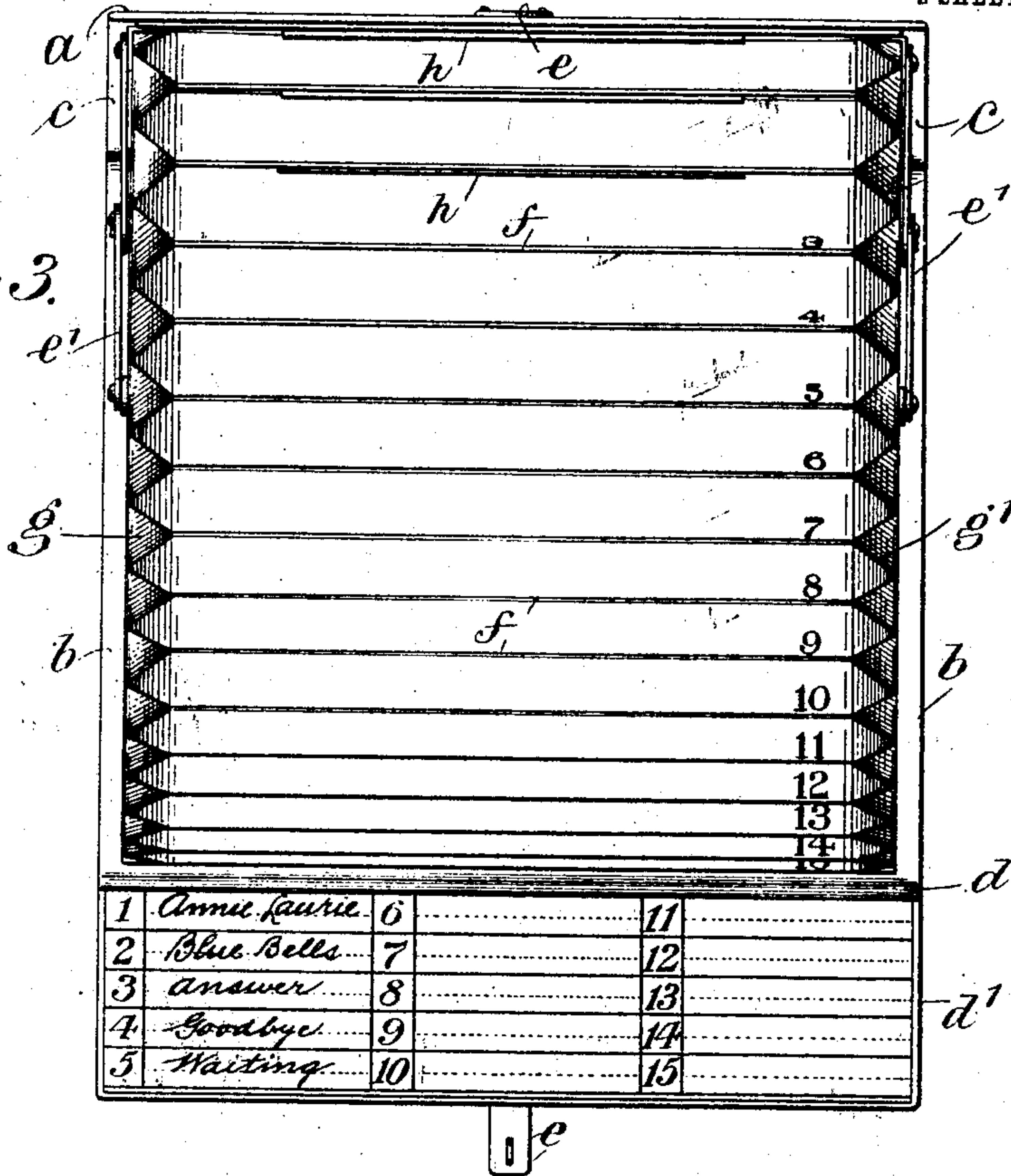


Fig. 4.

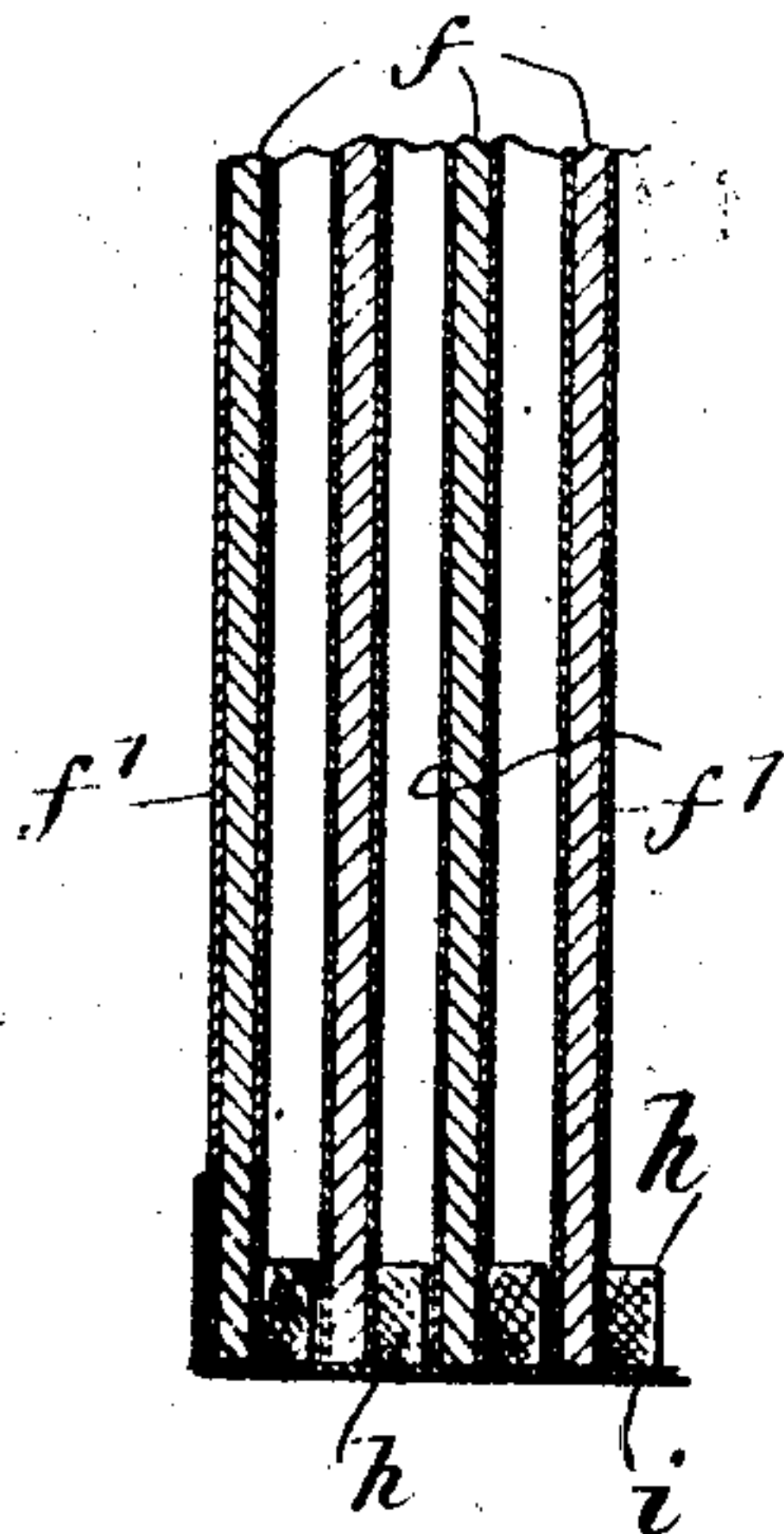


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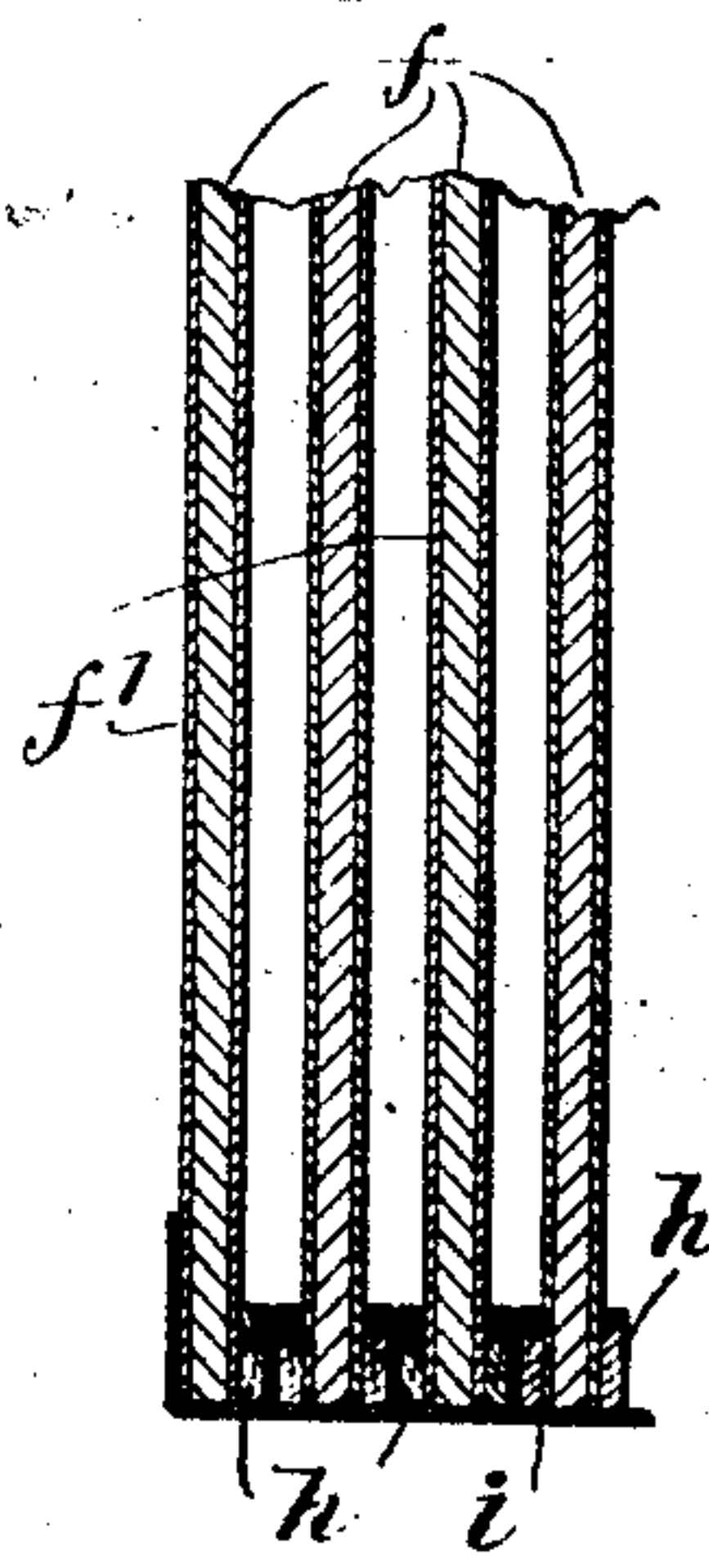
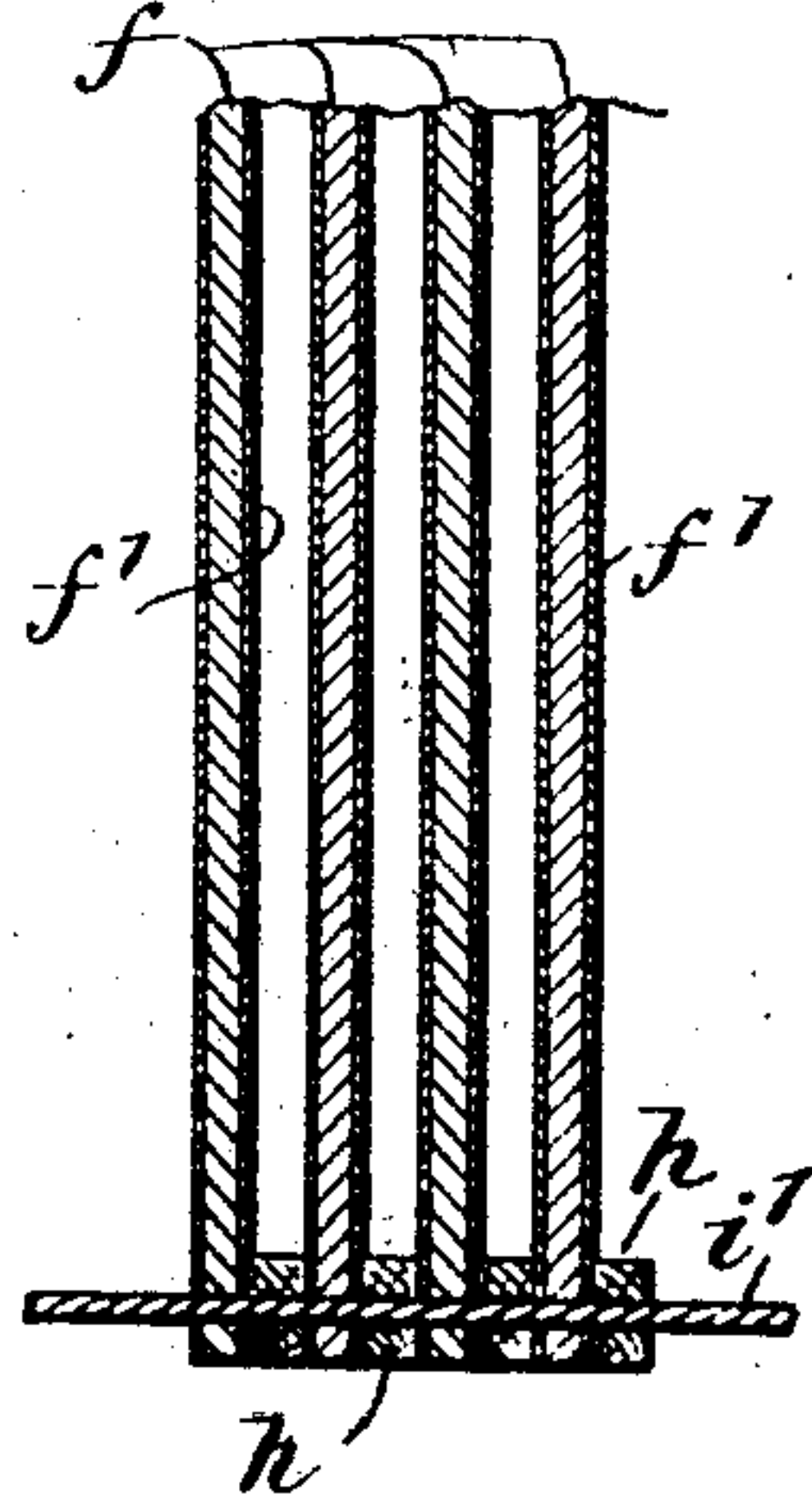


Fig. 5.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALFRED C. HAFELY, a citizen of the United States, residing at the borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, city and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Holders or Cases for Phonograph-Records and other Flat Articles, of which the following is a specification.

10 Holders or cases of various kinds have heretofore been made to receive letters, bills, documents, etc. Holders or cases have been made where the pockets were narrowest near the inner edges of the divisions and widest at the outer or entrance apertures, but in this structure articles would bind and be 15 pinched at the narrow part and it has therefore been difficult to readily remove or replace the same, and the object of my invention is to provide a spacing device of predetermined and fixed proportions, thus insuring the capacity of the pocket of the case or holder with particular reference to the articles the same are intended to receive. 25 In the device of my invention, I provide a plurality of divisional sheets and bellows-folded sheets or devices connecting the respective outer edges of said divisional sheets, and devices connected to the inner surfaces of the sheets near the bottom edges for maintaining the sheets a predetermined distance apart. The thickness of these sheets and the predetermined distance at which they maintain the divisional sheets apart bears a 35 direct relation to the articles to be received between the divisional sheets, as it is my intention that these spacing devices shall be slightly thicker than the phonograph records or other flat articles to be received between the divisional sheets so that the articles to be received may be readily inserted and removed and also so that when in position they shall not be clamped or held with force at any point, and I prefer in connection with these parts to employ a holder of 45 covers, a back and a hinged flap and also side braces; the object of the side braces being to keep the covers apart and the divisional sheets spread at their entrance opening, with the bellows sides under some tension, and I prefer to form the hinged flaps of two rigidly connected members at right angles to one another forming a support for raising one edge of the case into an inclined 50 position, and also a record upon which may be stated an index of the articles received

between the divisional sheets, all of which is hereinafter more particularly described.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view representing the holder or case of my invention in a compact and closed condition. Fig. 2 is a side elevation representing the holder or case opened up and occupying an inclined position and spread apart by the side braces. Fig. 3 is a plan view of Fig. 2, 65 showing the parts as opened up. Figs. 4, 5 and 6 of exaggerated size for clearness represent by cross sectional views at the bottom edges of the divisional sheets forms of my invention. 70

*a* and *b* represent the covers of the case or holder, and *c* a back of suitable character connecting the same at corresponding edges.

*d d'* represent the hinged rigid flap connected to one of the covers as *b* along one edge and adapted to reach from the connected edge with the cover *b* over the divisional sheets to the corresponding edge of the cover *a* and to overlap the same; the parts *d d'* being at right angles to one another and by preference rigidly connected, so that the relation of the parts is always maintained at this right angle, and I have shown a lock *e* for securing the flap to the cover *a*. 85

*e'* represents on one side a pair of brace arms respectively pivoted to the covers *a* and *b* and together, and adapted when the holder is opened into the position Fig. 2 to stretch across into a straight line and hold 90 the divisional sheets in a separated condition.

I prefer as will appear from Fig. 3, to prepare the inner surface of the flap member *d'* with spaces and numbers, the same agreeing with the number of pockets between the divisional sheets so that thereon can be written as illustrated in Fig. 3, the names of the records or other articles received in the pockets formed by the divisional sheets and their bellows sides. 100

*f* represents a plurality of divisional sheets all of the same size adapted in the closed position of the holder or case to lie in parallel adjacent planes. (See Figs. 1, 4 and 5). The opposite outer edges of these divisional sheets are connected by sheets *g g'* provided with bellows folds, and I have shown and prefer to employ linings *f'* of paper over the surfaces of the divisional sheets *f* and within the bellows folds of the sheets *g g'*. I employ strips *h* located near 105



the bottom edges of the divisional sheets and in Figs. 4 and 5 I have shown forms of my invention with reference to these divisional sheets *f* and the strips *h*. In Fig. 4 these strips *h* are shown as connected to similar faces of the sheets *f* but disconnected from the adjacent face of the opposite sheet, and in this form of my invention I have shown a flexible hinge strip *i* as connected to the outer face of the first divisional sheet and extending across the bottom edges of the several divisional sheets, and secured thereto and to the outer faces of the parts *h*. This strip in the nature of a hinge holds these parts in a close relation when the case is either closed or open, preventing any opening up tendency between the parts.

In the form of my invention shown in Fig. 5, I dispense with the hinge strip *i* and secure one opposite edge of each of the strips *h* to the surface of the divisional sheets *f* as shown in Fig. 4 and in lieu of the flexible hinge strip *i* I employ a cord *z* passing through the sheets *f* and strips *h*, the ends thereof being secured in any desired manner.

In the form of my invention shown in Fig. 6, the divisional sheets *f* each have narrow strips *h* secured to their opposite surfaces near their bottom edges, and which strips in their combined thickness are about equal to the thickness of the single strips *h* Figs. 4 and 5. The free faces of these strips come into contact and I employ the flexible hinge strip *i* in this form of my invention as in that shown in Fig. 4.

The strips *h* employed for spacing apart the sheets *f* are comparatively small in proportion to the height of the divisional sheets between their bottom and top edges, and the construction shown in Fig. 5 is one quite possible of realization for this reason. These strips *h* may be of any desired material; they are preferably made of wood and are slightly thicker between their connected faces than the thickness of a phonograph record or similar article to be received in the holder or case, and consequently it is impossible for the record to pass below the upper edge of the strip and it is also impossible when the case or holder is open for the record to be pinched at any place, and it may be removed and inserted with equal facility.

I claim as my invention:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a holder for phonograph records or articles of predetermined thickness, consisting of covers and intermediate divisional sheets and bellows-folded devices connecting said sheets

at opposite sides, strips of predetermined thickness connected to the surfaces of said sheets near the bottom edges and a hinge strip extending over and connecting the bottom edges.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a holder for similar articles of a given thickness, consisting of a cover or case, interior gusset members comprising divisional partitions and expansible bellows sides therefor, strips interposed between said partitions and secured thereto near the bottom edges for spacing said partitions apart the thickness of said strips, and a flexible hinged portion extending over the bottom edges of said partitions and secured thereto for holding said partitions in an intimate clamped relation as spaced apart.

3. A receptacle for talking machine records or other articles having a given or predetermined thickness, comprising connected covers, side supports or braces for the purpose of separating the covers apart and means for sustaining the covers at the desired inclination, a series of spaced apart partitions, expansible gussets or bellows-devices secured to the respective opposite edges of said partitions and series of inflexible spacing strips secured to said partitions near their bottom edges for the purpose of maintaining them in a fixed relation to one another and spaced apart a predetermined distance, and a flap composed of two parts rigidly connected and at right angles to one another forming an easel support for elevating one edge of the case or holder to the desired inclination.

4. A receptacle for talking machine records or other articles having a given or predetermined thickness, comprising connected covers, side supports or braces for the purpose of separating the covers apart, a series of spaced apart partitions, expansible gussets or bellows-devices secured to the respective opposite edges of said partitions and series of inflexible spacing strips secured to said partitions near their bottom edges for the purpose of maintaining them in a fixed relation to one another and spaced apart a predetermined distance, and a flap composed of two parts rigidly connected and at right angles to one another forming an easel support for elevating one edge of the case or holder to the desired inclination.

Signed by me this 5th day of March 1909.

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