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Pen Case, &c.

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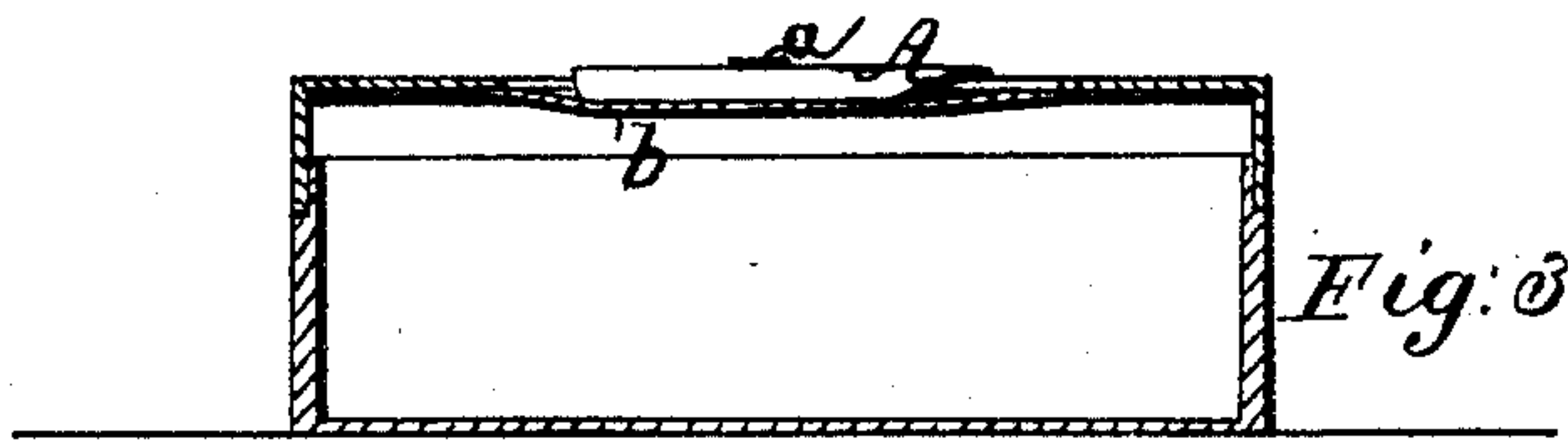


Fig: 3

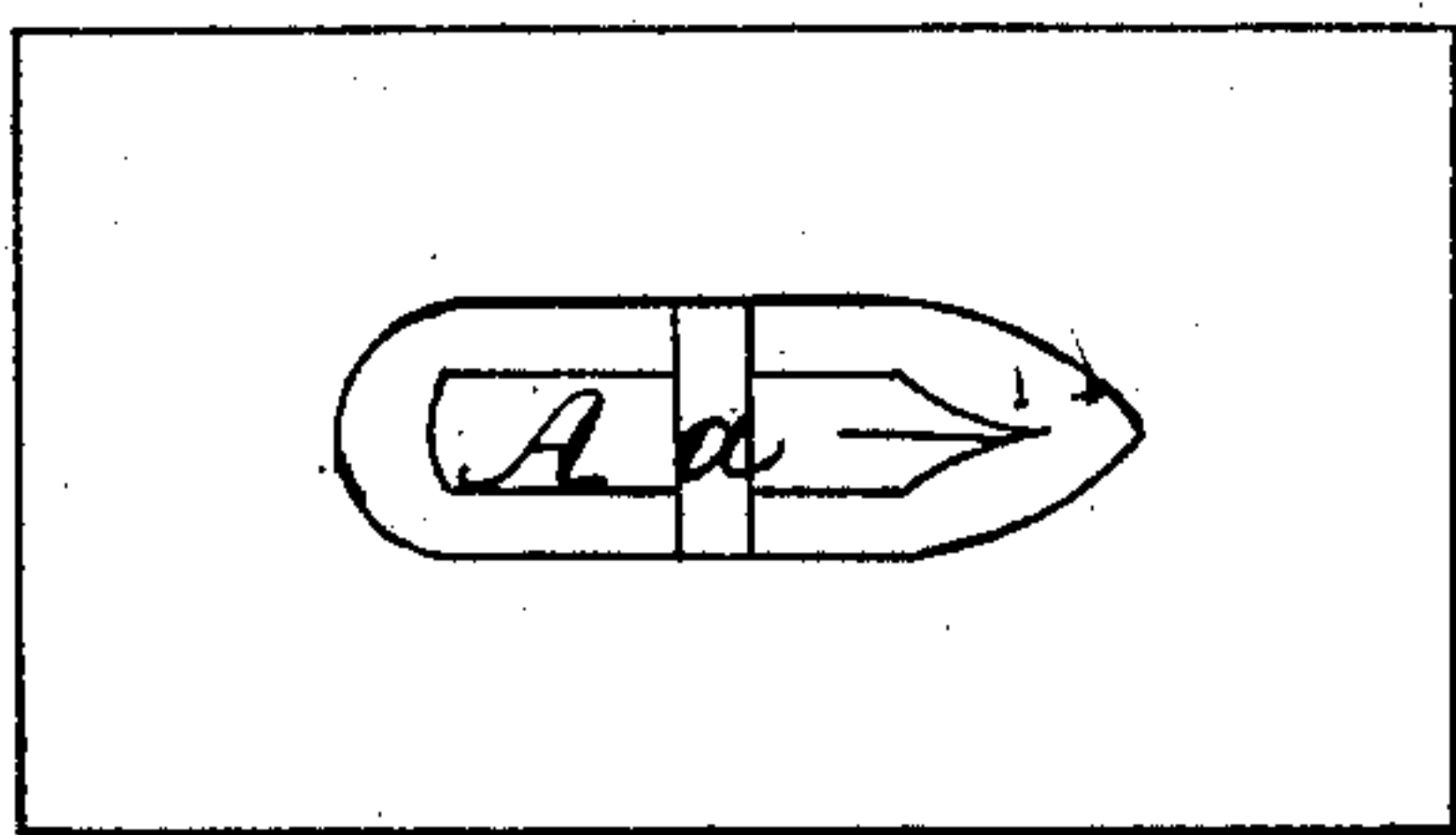


Fig: 4

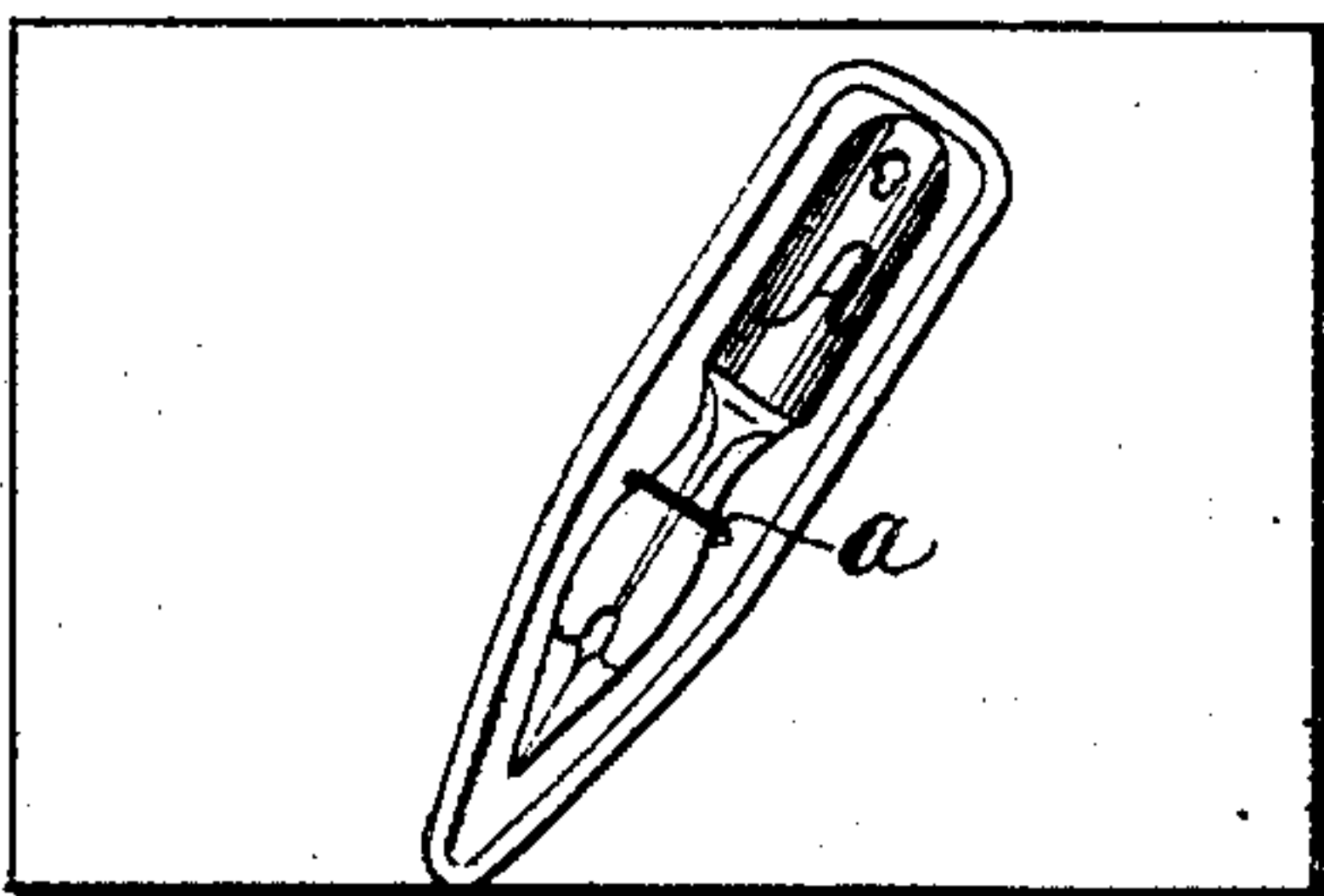


Fig: 1.

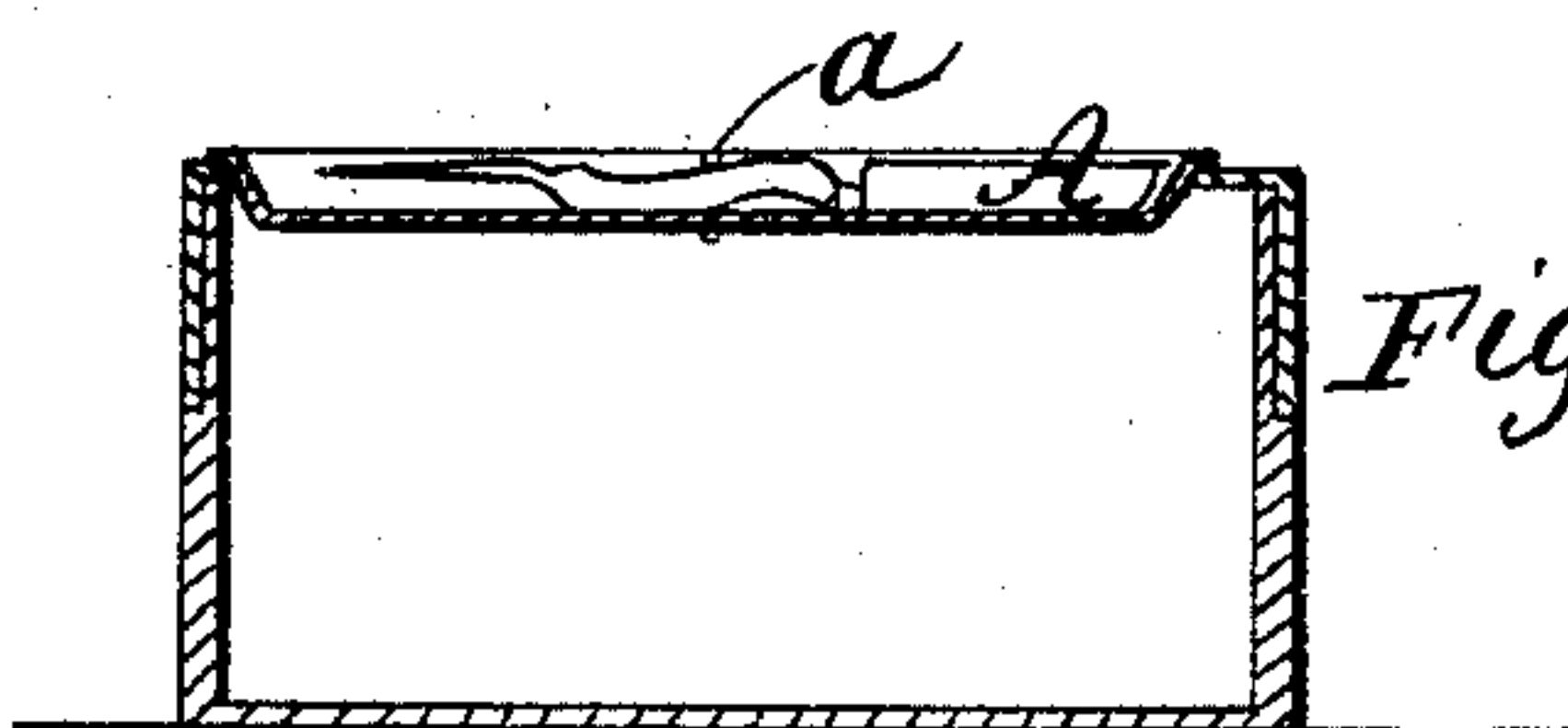


Fig: 2

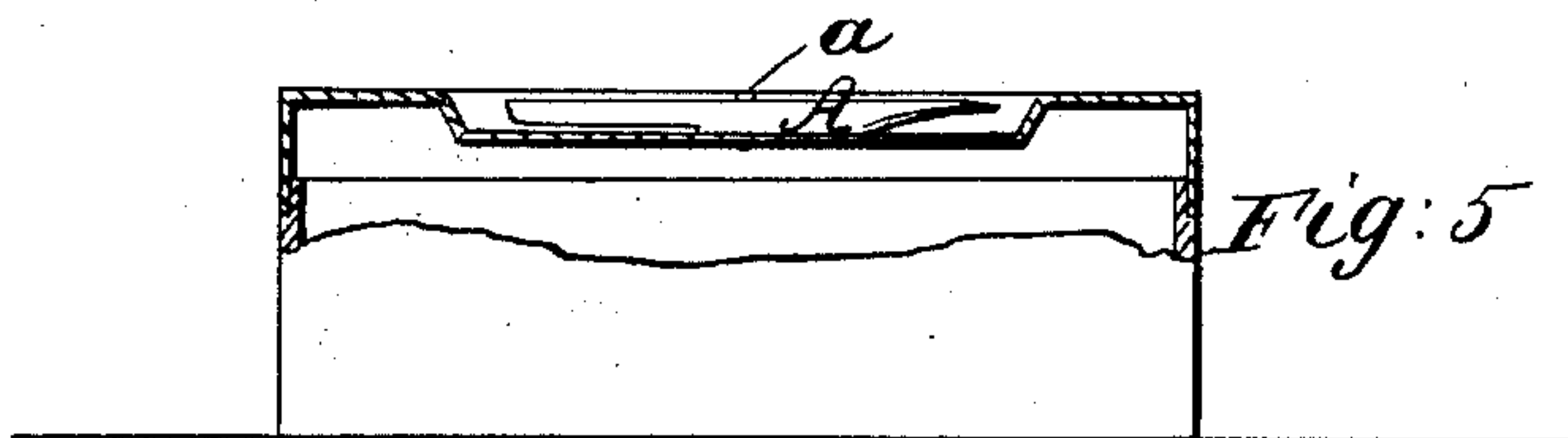


Fig: 5

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IMPROVEMENT IN BOXES, CASES, AND CARDS FOR PENS, &c.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 35,201, dated May 6, 1862.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSIAH MASON, of Birmingham, in the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Boxes or Cases and Cards for Containing Pens or other Articles, (the said invention having been patented in England September 12, 1859;) and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

In the sale of pens and other articles, a number of which are usually contained in one package, it is preferable to have them packed by the manufacturer or wholesale dealer in sealed boxes or cases for the protection of the purchaser, and it is desirable to place a specimen of the contents of each box or case on the outside of the same in such a manner that it can be readily removed for examination and as readily replaced, and so that the specimen may not be liable to injury when the box or case is packed with others.

My improvement consists in making each box or case with a recess or recesses of a proper form and size for receiving the sample of the articles contained in the box, the recess being furnished with a flexible or other suitable fastening, which confines the specimen, but conceals a small portion only of the same and permits its ready withdrawal from the recess.

In some cases I make a portion of the top or other part of the box of gum-elastic or other suitable material, on which the sample is laid, and to which it is confined with a suitable fastening. In this case the sample will be depressed when a number of the boxes are packed together, and will therefore be free from injury and will present no obstruction to the compact packing of a number of boxes.

If a box is intended to contain more than one description of article, then it should be provided with a corresponding number of recesses or flexible surfaces. In like manner

cards for holding steel pens, pen-holders, pencils, fish-hooks, and other articles may be recessed or provided with elastic surfaces and proper fastenings, so that each article may be placed in a separate recess and be retained more securely and advantageously, and more free from liability to injury than by the ordinary mode of attaching pens and other articles to cards.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 represents a plan view, and Fig. 2 a vertical section, of a box, with a pen, A, confined to a recess by the elastic strip *a*, Fig. 3 representing a section of a box with an elastic surface, *b*, to which the pen is held by a strip, *a*. Fig. 4 is a plan view of Fig. 3; and Fig. 5 a modification of Fig. 2, representing the recess as being formed by a simple depression of the lid of the box, instead of being made of a separate piece attached to the box, as in Fig. 2.

The views will be readily understood without further description. It will also be evident that my invention is as applicable to boxes, cases, &c., for containing fish-hooks, buttons, and a variety of other objects too numerous to mention, as to boxes and cards for containing pens.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A box, case, or card having a recess or recesses, either permanent or formed by elastic surfaces, and having suitable fastenings for receiving and holding a sample or samples of the articles contained in the box, or, in the case of a card, for holding the articles themselves, as herein set forth, for the purpose specified.

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

JOSIAH MASON.

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