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Fig. 1. B.

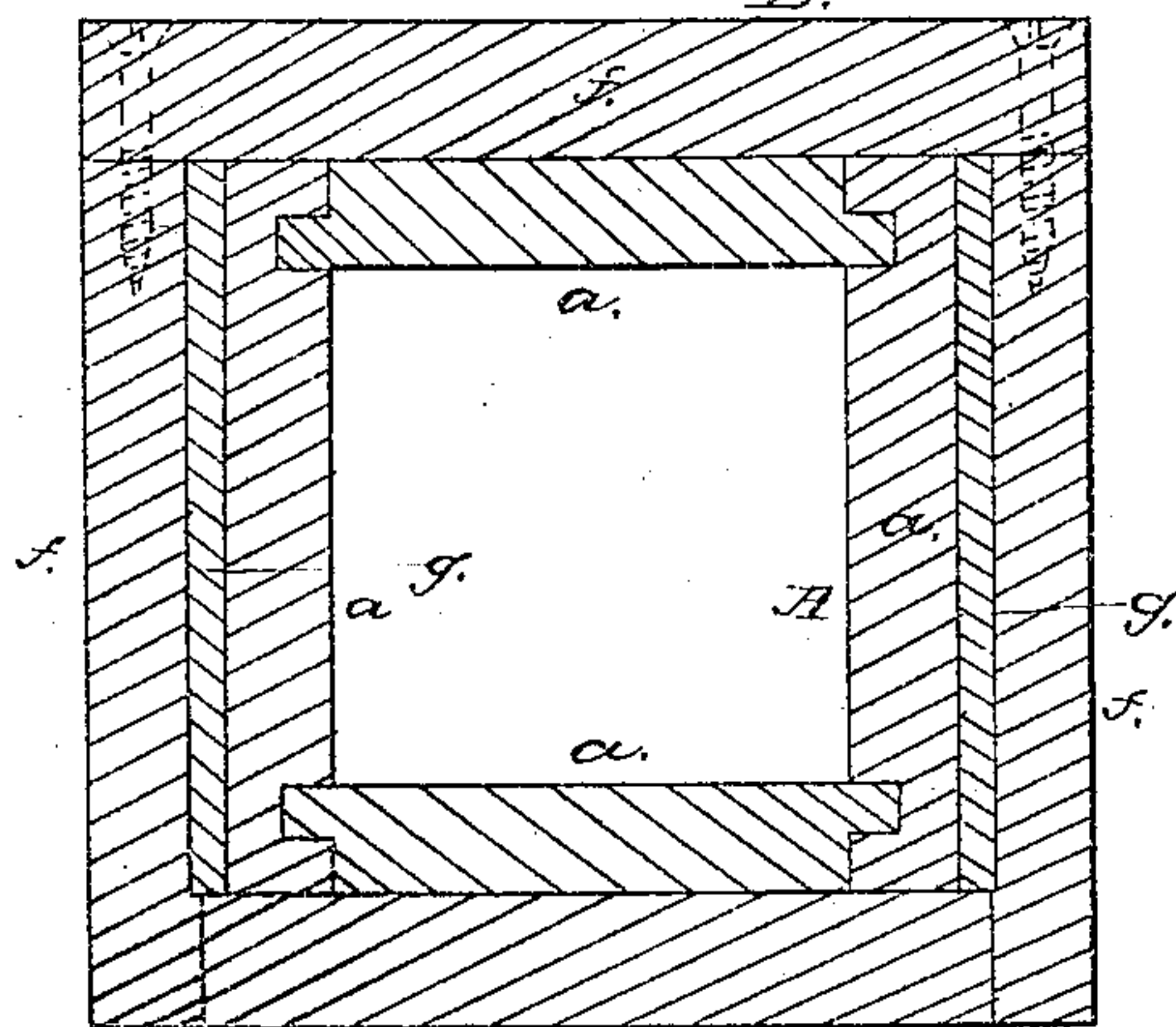


Fig. 2. B.

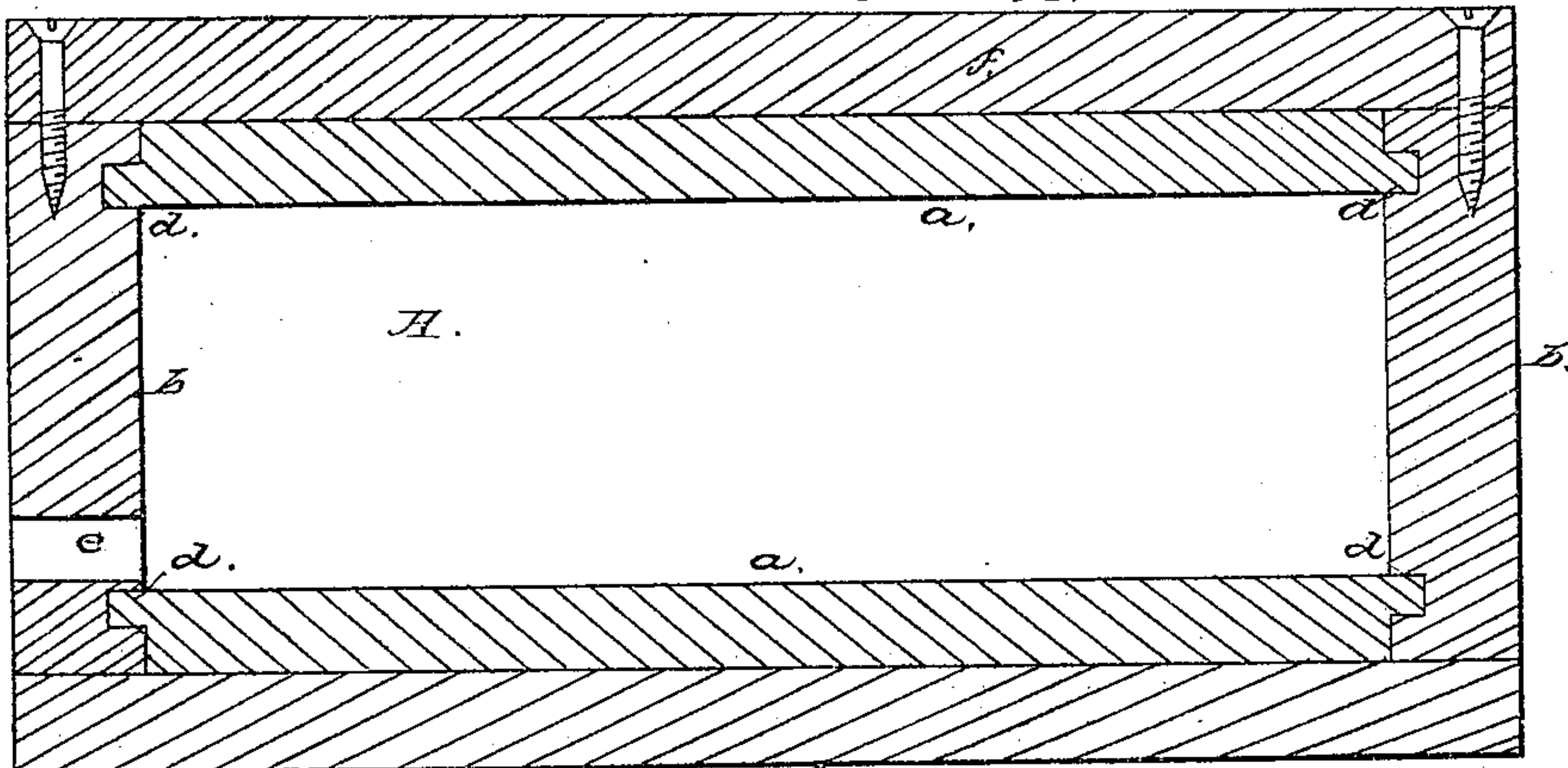
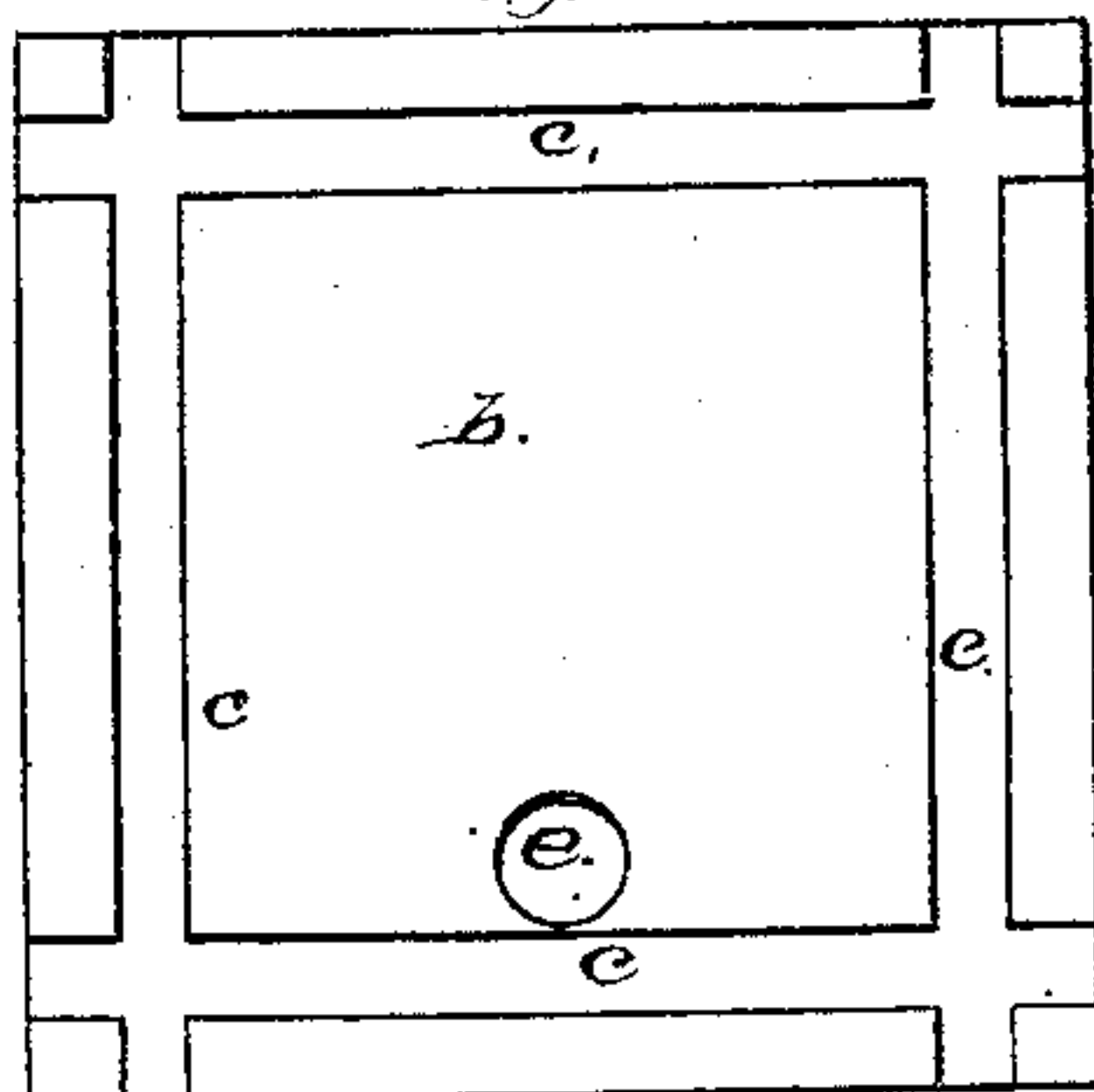


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVED CASE OR BOX FOR HOLDING OIL, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL SELDEN, of Erie, in the county of Erie and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Oil-Package; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a transverse vertical section of my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same. Fig. 3 is an inside view of one of the heads.

Similar letters of reference in the three views indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in an oil-package, consisting of two boxes, one fitting closely into the other, the inner box to be made of four sides rabbeted together and provided with heads, one at each end, which are rabbeted to the sides, and the outer box consisting of four sides only, which are dovetailed or otherwise secured together and strengthened by transverse strips in such a manner that oil or other liquid filled in the inner box can be safely kept and forwarded to any distance without danger of leakage.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

A represents the inner box, which is made of four boards, *a*, about twenty-four inches long and ten inches wide and rabbeted together, as clearly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The heads *b* of this box are made of thicker stuff than the sides, and they are rabbeted to the ends of the boards *a* by means of grooves *c* in the heads, as clearly shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, and tongues *d* projecting from the ends of the side boards, as shown in Fig. 2. One of the heads is provided with a bung-hole, *e*, to introduce the oil or draw out the contents of the box.

The box A is surrounded by the casing B, which is made of four sides, *f*, without heads. The sides *f* are screwed and dovetailed together, and they are strengthened by strips *g* of hard wood. These strips are dovetailed into the inner surface of the boards *f*, to prevent them for warping or cracking when thrown about or exposed to the weather. When the casing B is properly secured around the box A, it forms a proportion of the same, leaving at the same time the heads *b* free, so that free access can be had to the bung-hole, and through it to the interior of the box.

A box of this description can be made cheap and with little loss of time, and when properly constructed and protected by the casing B, it is capable to hold petroleum or other liquid without leakage, and it can stand considerable throwing about without being injured or becoming leaky. Furthermore, a package of this description will admit of being packed much closer and with a great deal less trouble than the ordinary oil-barrel, and a much larger quantity can be thus crowded into a given space than with barrels of the ordinary construction.

To make the package still more secure against leakage, all the joints of the inner box might be covered over with a narrow strip of cloth or paper dipped in glue, and perhaps the whole inner box might be advantageously enveloped in a covering of this character.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An oil-package consisting of a box, A, made of four boards, *a*, rabbeted together, and to heads *b*, and of a casing, B, surrounding the box A, in the manner and for the purpose substantially as shown and described.

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