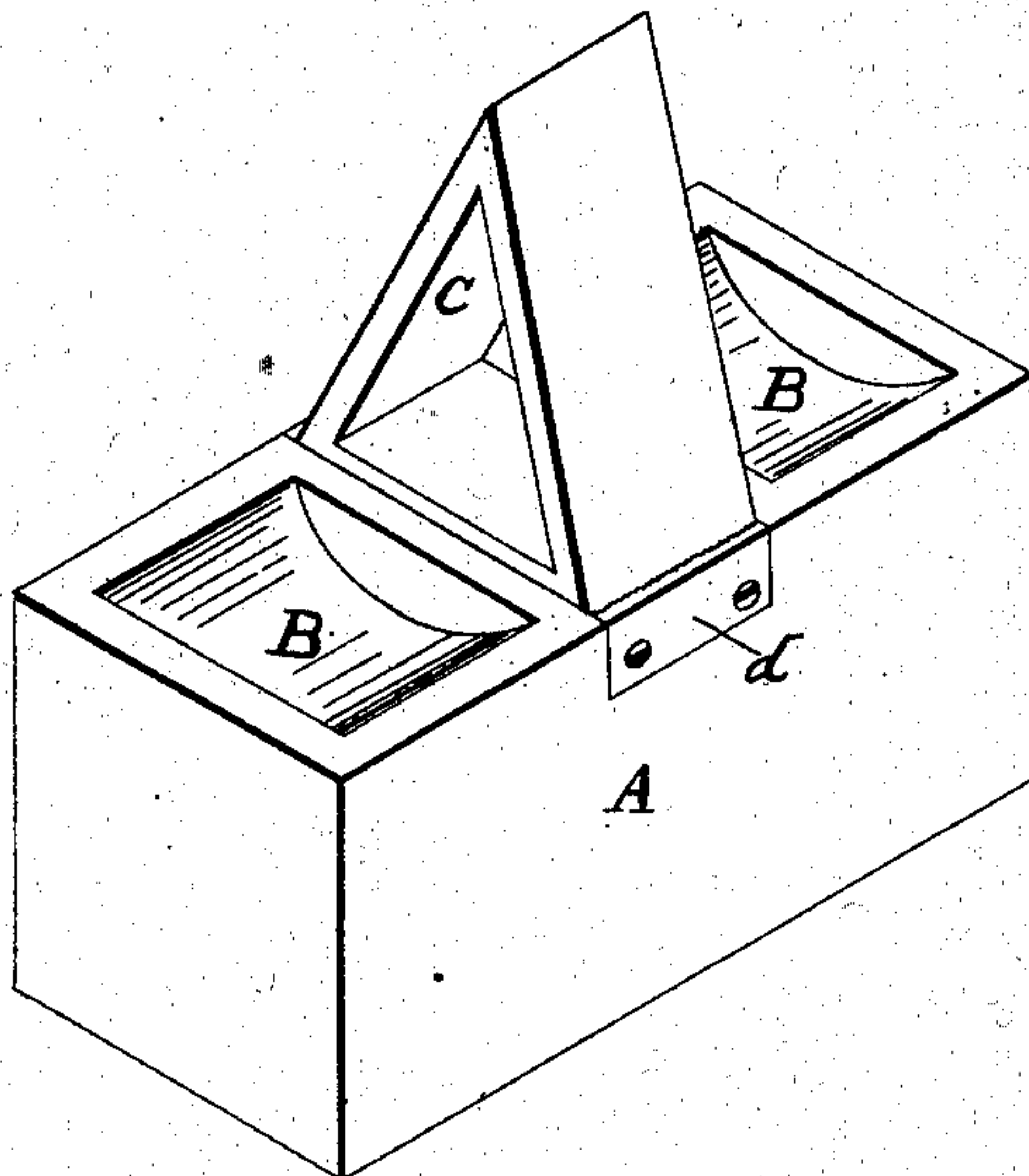


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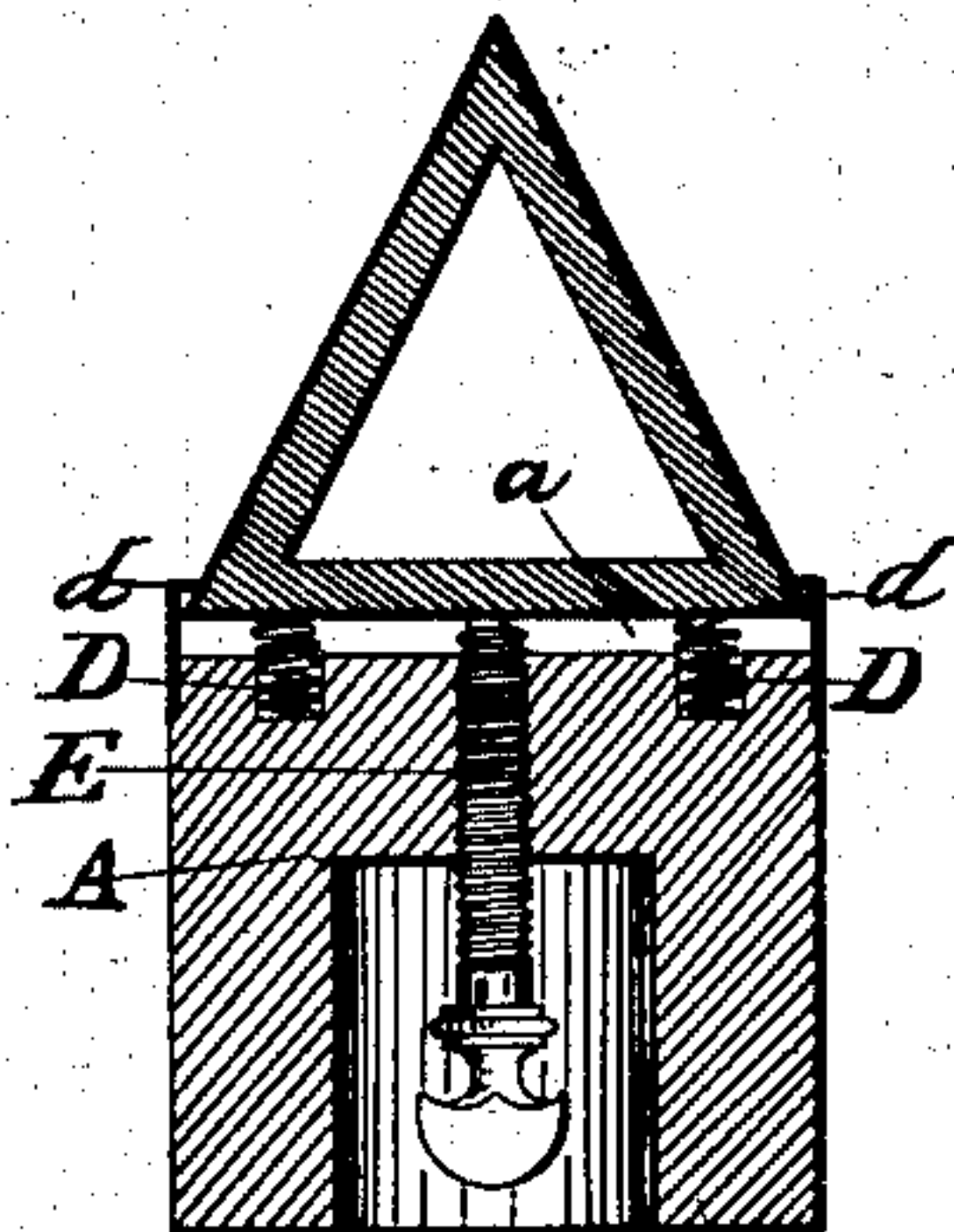
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN MATCH CASES.

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, HENRY ELLIG, of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Match Cases; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent in—

Figure 1, a perspective view; and in  
Figure 2, a transverse central section.

This invention is designed for a convenient arrangement for matches, and a roughened surface upon which to ignite the matches, to be placed upon counters, or similar locations, where matches are frequently required for use; and consists in combining with a case to contain the matches an arrangement for securing a strip of sand paper or similar material to the case, so that it may be drawn tightly upon the surface, or renewed at pleasure.

To enable others to construct my improvement, I will proceed to describe the same, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

A is a block of any material, having formed in its upper surface one or more cavities which serve as receptacles for matches. Upon the upper surface I form a recess, *a*, and place therein a triangular block, C, and there secured, so as to prevent removal, by metallic jaws *d*, seen in fig. 2, the said triangle forced upward by springs D, and firmly held in such position by a screw, E. Over the two upper surfaces of the triangle I place a strip of sand paper or similar material, as denoted in heavy black, fig. 2. To secure this paper I turn down the screw E, so as to permit the triangular block C to be depressed; then insert each end of the paper between the surface of the block and the serrated edge of the jaws; the springs D will force the triangle up so as to grasp the ends of the paper; then turn the screw up so as to securely hold the triangle in that position, and the case is ready for use. When the roughness has been worn from the surface of the paper, remove the worn paper by depressing the triangle from the jaws, as before described, and insert a new piece.

Having, therefore, thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the triangular block C with the block A and jaws *d*, when constructed and arranged substantially in the manner and for the purpose herein set forth.

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