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Fig: 1.

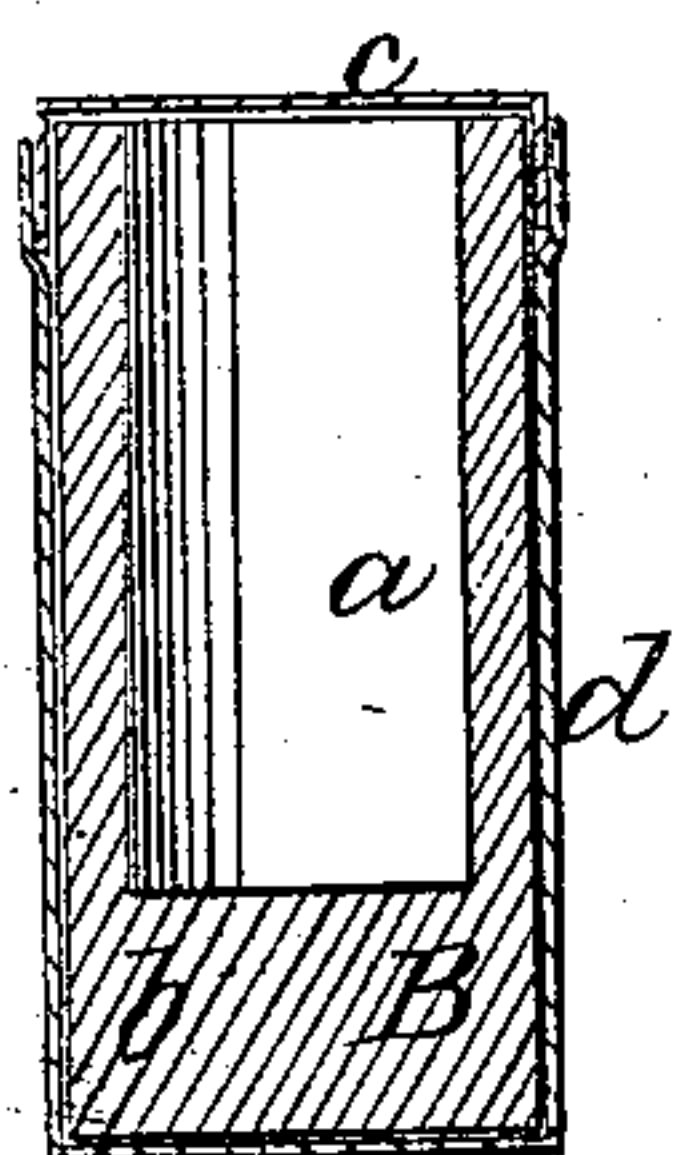
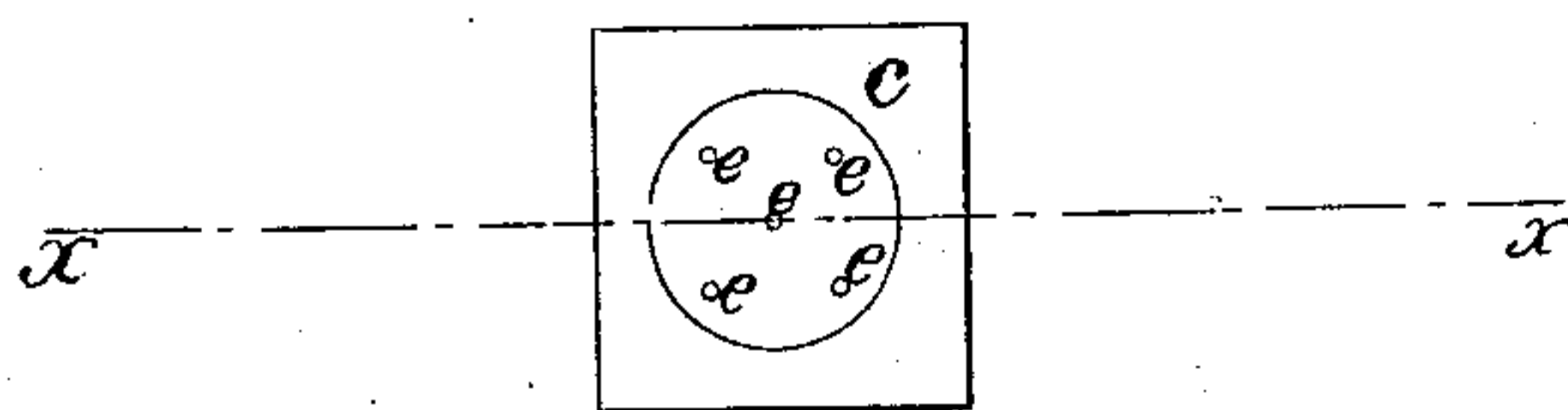


Fig: 2



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IMPROVED BOX FOR BLUEING AND OTHER POWDERS.

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, GEORGE A. MOSS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful improvement in Boxes for Holding Powder or Pulverulent Substances, and that the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, hereinafter referred to, forms a full and exact specification of the same, wherein I have set forth the nature and principles of my said improvement, by which my invention may be distinguished from all others of a similar class, together with such parts as I claim and desire to have secured to me by Letters Patent.

This invention relates to a new and improved box for holding powder or pulverulent substances, and is designed for putting up for sale those powders which are used, or applied for use, by sprinkling them from a perforated cover, such, for instance, as blue or indigo powder, used in the laundry for clothes, the box in which the powder is put up and sold answering, by simply perforating the cover, to sprinkle or shower the powder from. In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal central section of my invention, taken in the line *xx*, fig. 2.

Figure 2, an end view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

The box is constructed by boring a hole, *a*, in a piece of wood, *B*; soft pine will answer, and the wood may be of square or quadrilateral form, and the hole *a* round. The hole *a* does not extend entirely through the piece of wood, and consequently a bottom, *b*, is formed of the wood, as shown clearly in fig. 1. The cover *c* of the box is composed of a piece of foil, which is lapped over the sides of the box and glued thereto, the box of course being filled with the powder before the cover is secured upon it. The exterior of the box may be covered with paper, *d*, having labels and directions printed upon it; and the foil may be printed with five dots, *e*, indicating where the foil is to be punctured with a pin, five perforations being sufficient for most purposes. These boxes may be very cheaply constructed, and they will answer equally as good a purpose as those constructed in a more pretentious and expensive way. The foil cover *c* is abundantly strong for the purpose, is impervious to moisture, and may be readily punctured with a pin. Other thin material, however, may be used possessing like qualities.

I am aware that wooden powder-boxes have been constructed with a perforated tin cover, and the perforations covered with sealing-wax; but before using the box the wax must be scraped off with a knife, and the perforations cleaned out with a pin. These boxes are more expensive than mine, and decidedly more troublesome to adapt for use.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A box for powders, of the class specified, constructed of wood, and provided with a cover of foil, or its equivalent, substantially as shown and described.

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