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Fruit Box,

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Fig. 1.

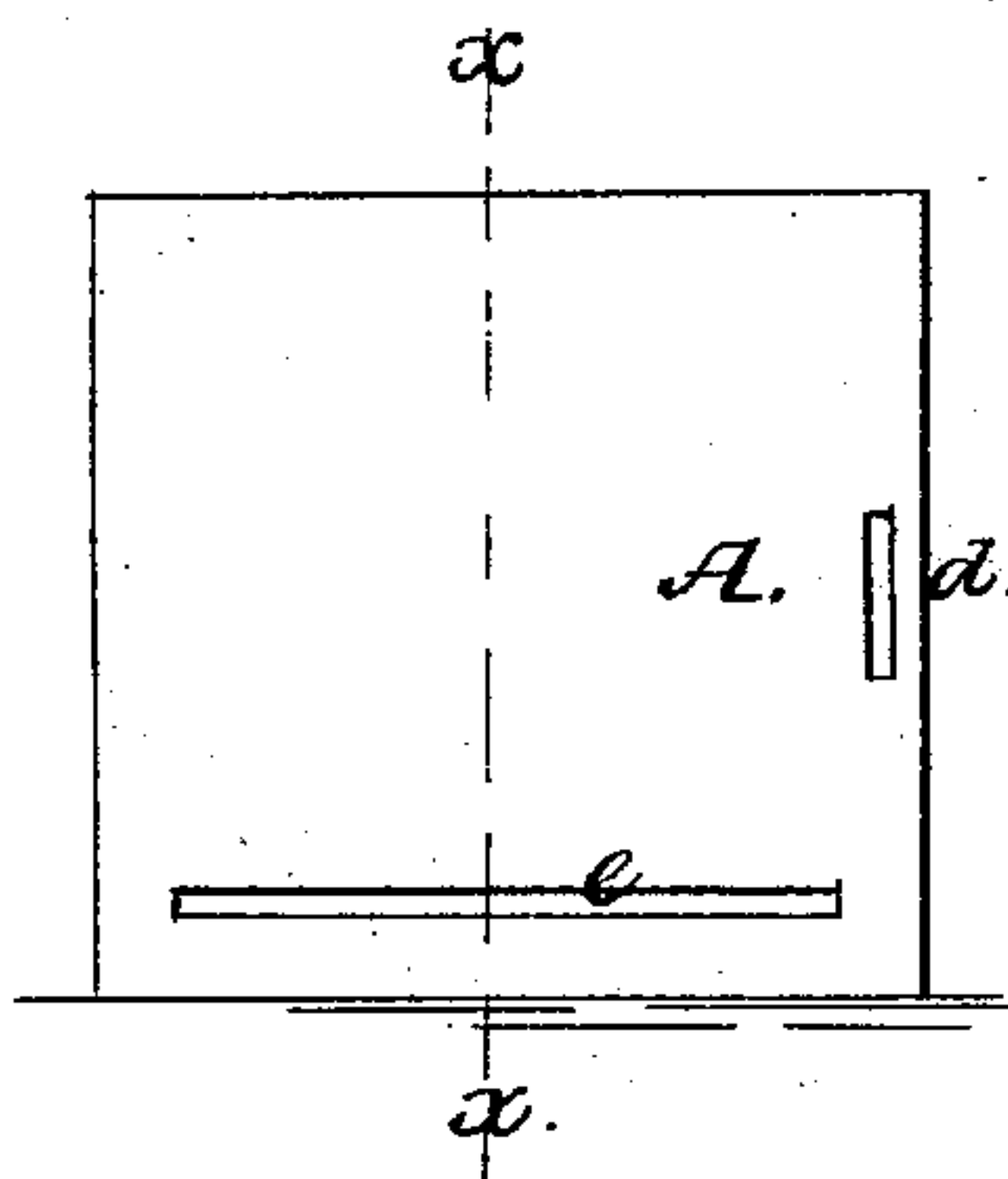


Fig. 2.

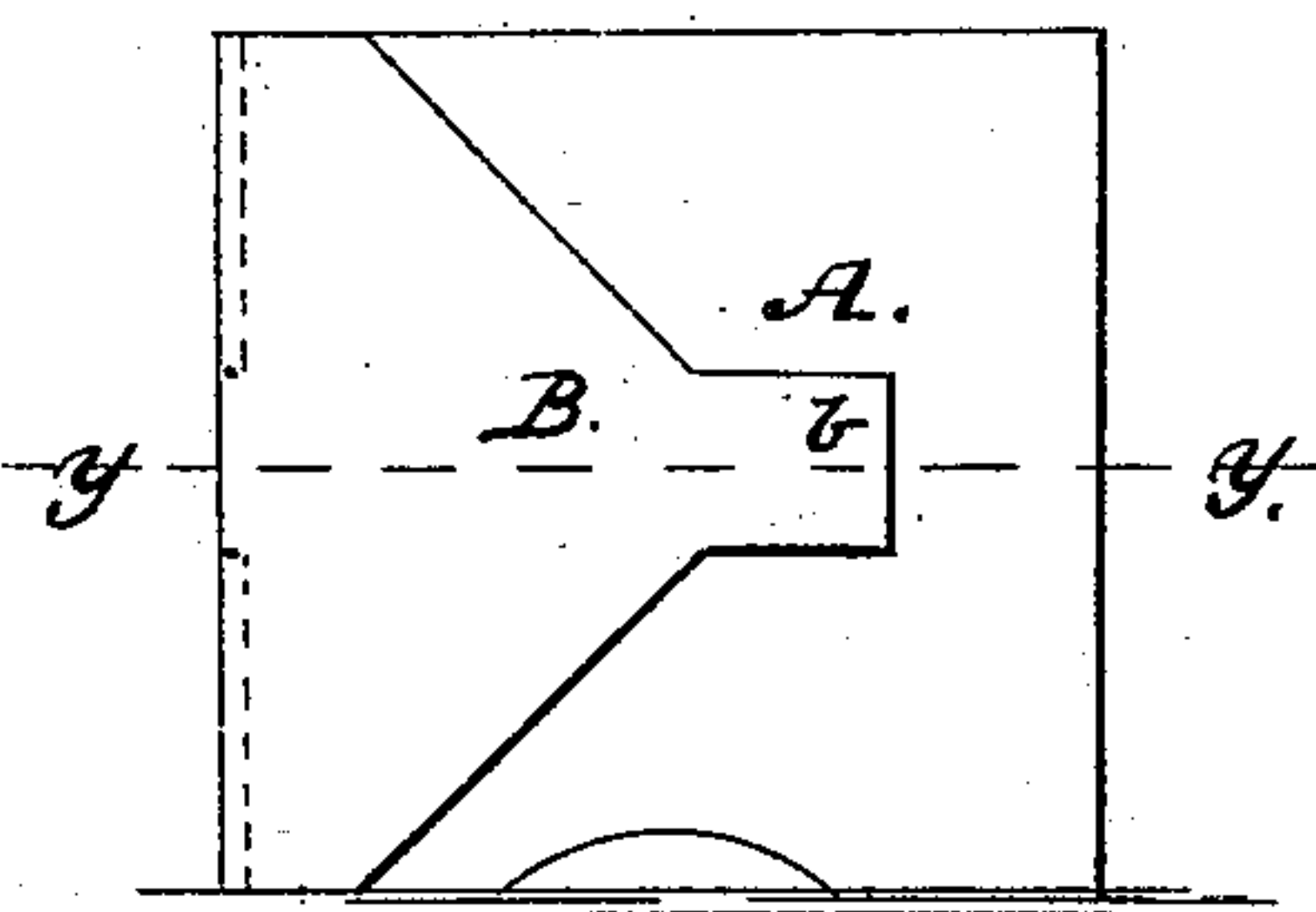


Fig. 3.

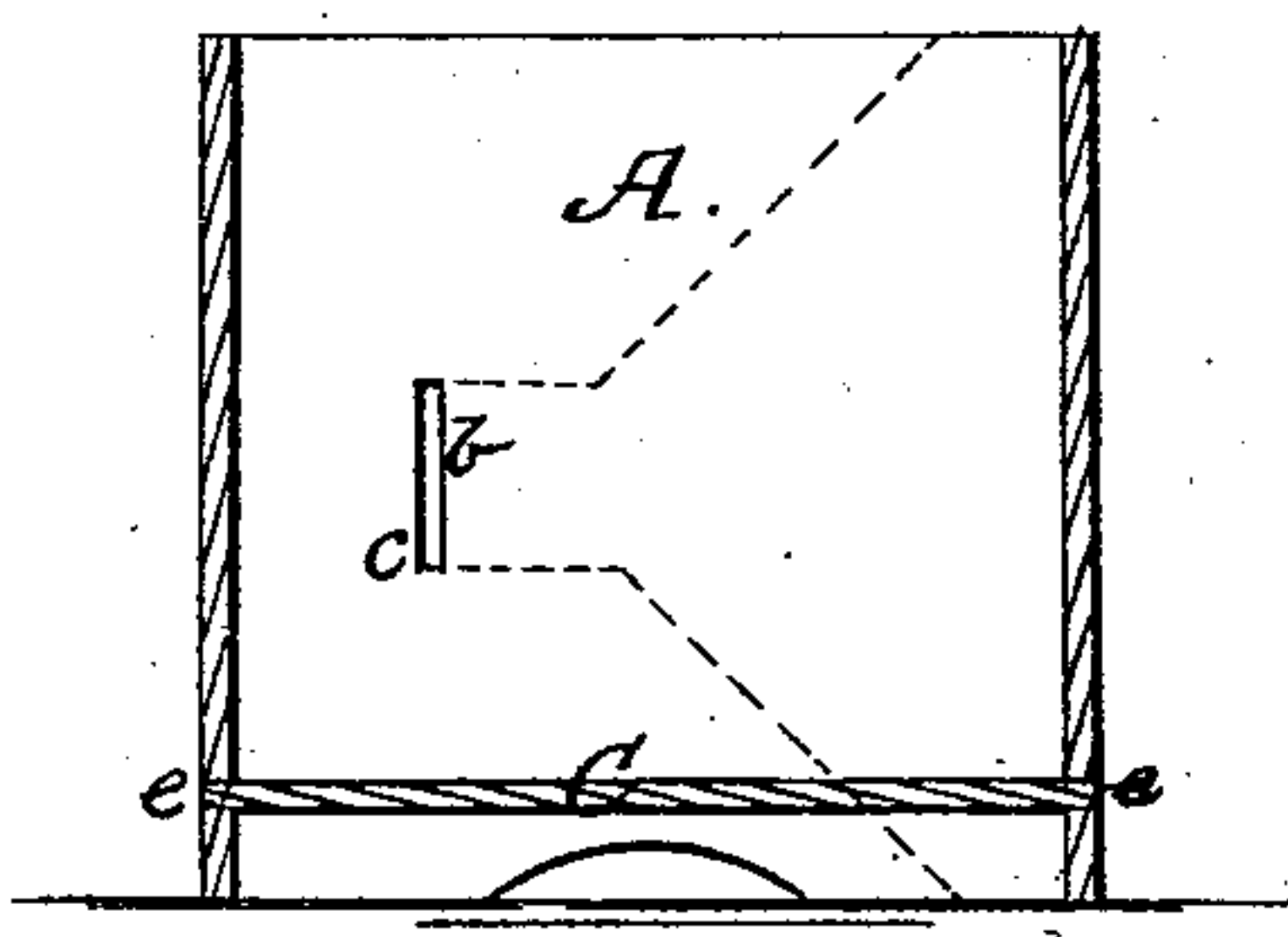
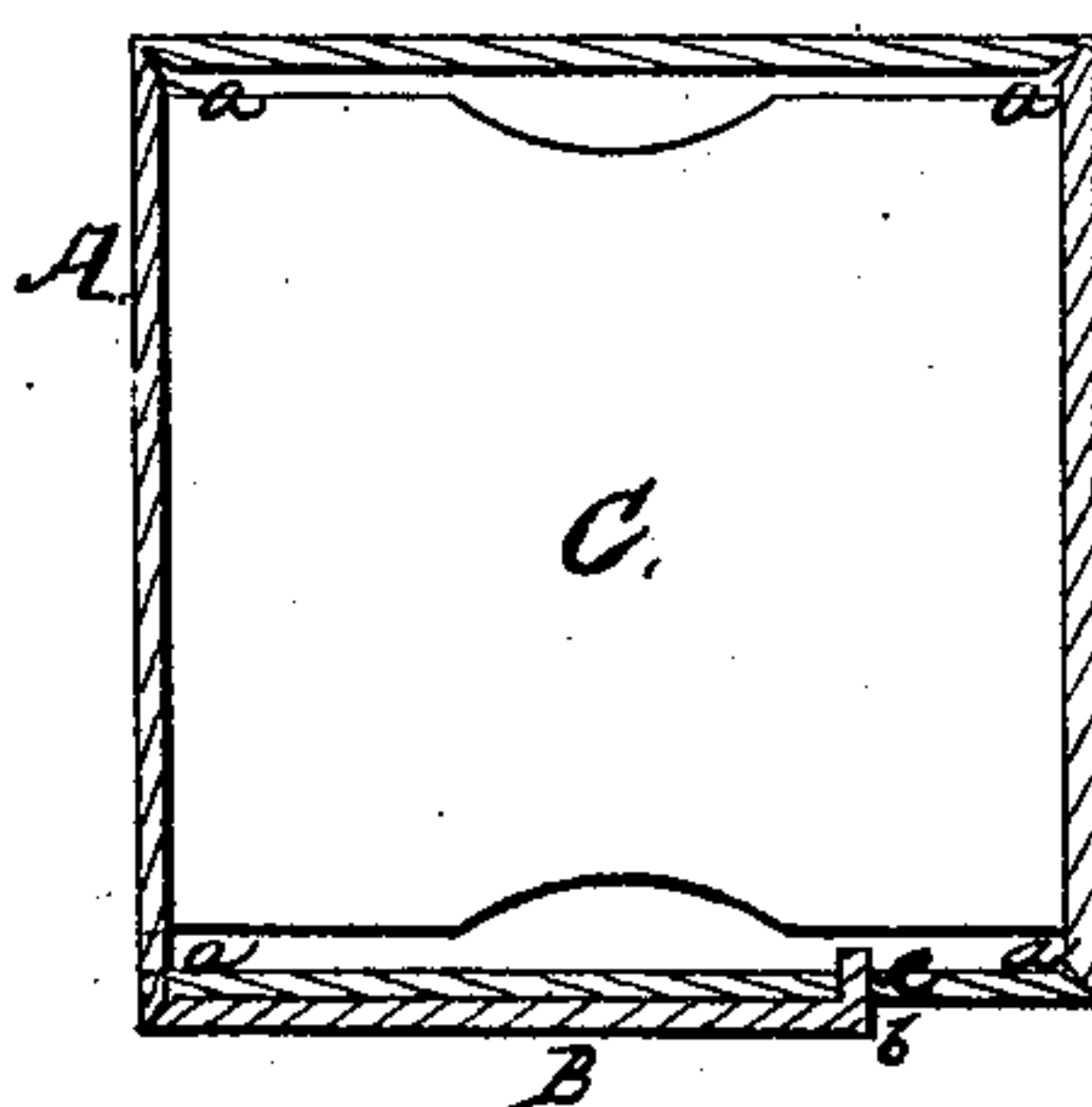


Fig. 4.



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## FRUIT-BOXES.

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, WILLIAM R. WILCOX, of Saint Joseph, in the county of Berrien, and State of Michigan, have invented a new and improved Fruit-Box; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in that class of fruit-boxes which are constructed of thin strips or veneers of wood, the sides of the box being composed of a single strip.

The invention consists in a novel manner of inserting and securing the bottom of the box in the body thereof, and in an improved mode of securing the lapped end to one of the sides of the box, as hereinafter fully shown and described. In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figures 1 and 2 are side views of my invention.

Figure 3, a vertical section of the same, taken in the line *x x*, fig. 1.

Figure 4, a horizontal section of the same, taken in the line *y y*, fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

A represents the body of the box, composed of four sides, and cut of a single strip or veneer of wood, the bends or angles of which are readily formed by cutting or grooving the strip or veneer as shown at *a* in fig. 4, the groove being in the inner sides of the angles or corners. The strip or veneer is of such a length as to admit of one end, B, overlapping one of the sides of the box, and this end B is cut or chamfered at its upper and lower edges to form a V, with a rectangular termination, *b*, and this termination is also grooved a short distance from its end to admit of it being passed through a slot, *c*, cut through the sides of the box. The other end of the strip or veneer is cut so as to have a tenon, *d*, to pass through a mortise in the sides of the box near the groove *a*, which admits of the end B being turned or bent over the adjoining side. The bottom C of the box is formed of a thin wooden strip, having tenons *e* on two opposite sides to fit into mortises made in the opposite sides of the body A, the bottom C being a short distance above the lower edge of the body A, so that it will not come in contact with the surface on which the box stands, and be thereby protected from injury. If necessary or desired the tenons *e* of the bottom C of the box, as well as the tenon *d*, at the end of one side of the termination *b*, may be secured by glue or any proper cement in their respective mortises.

I do not claim constructing fruit-boxes of a single strip or veneer of wood, grooved as shown and described, to admit of the strip or veneer being bent to form the sides of the box, for that has been previously done; but I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The securing and supporting the ends of the box by means of the bent end *b*, fitting into the slot *c*, and the tenon *d* fitting into the slot in the corner of the box, substantially as herein shown and described for the purpose specified.

2. In combination with the above I claim the bottom C, substantially as herein shown and described.

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