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Fig. 1.

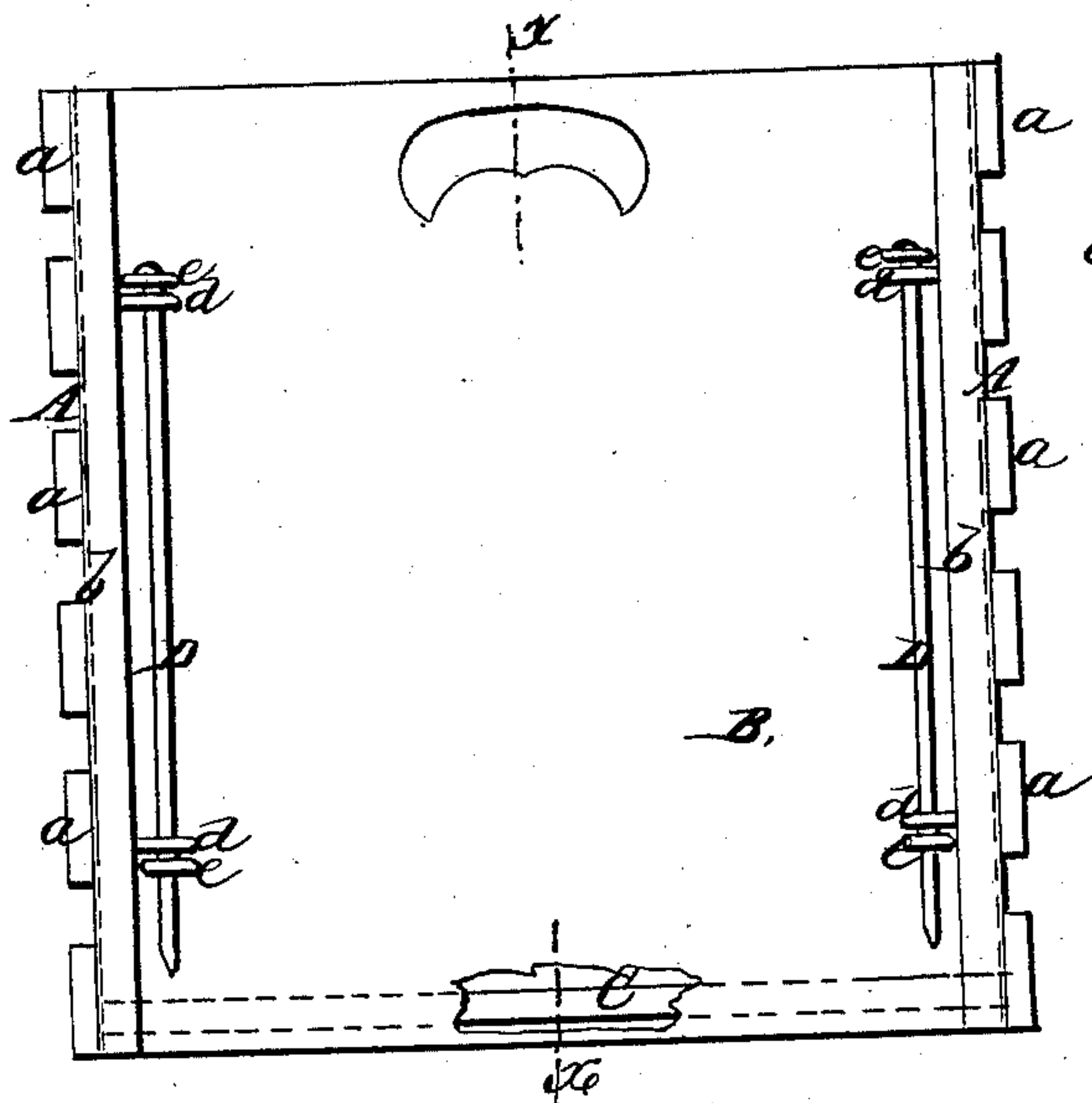


Fig. 2.

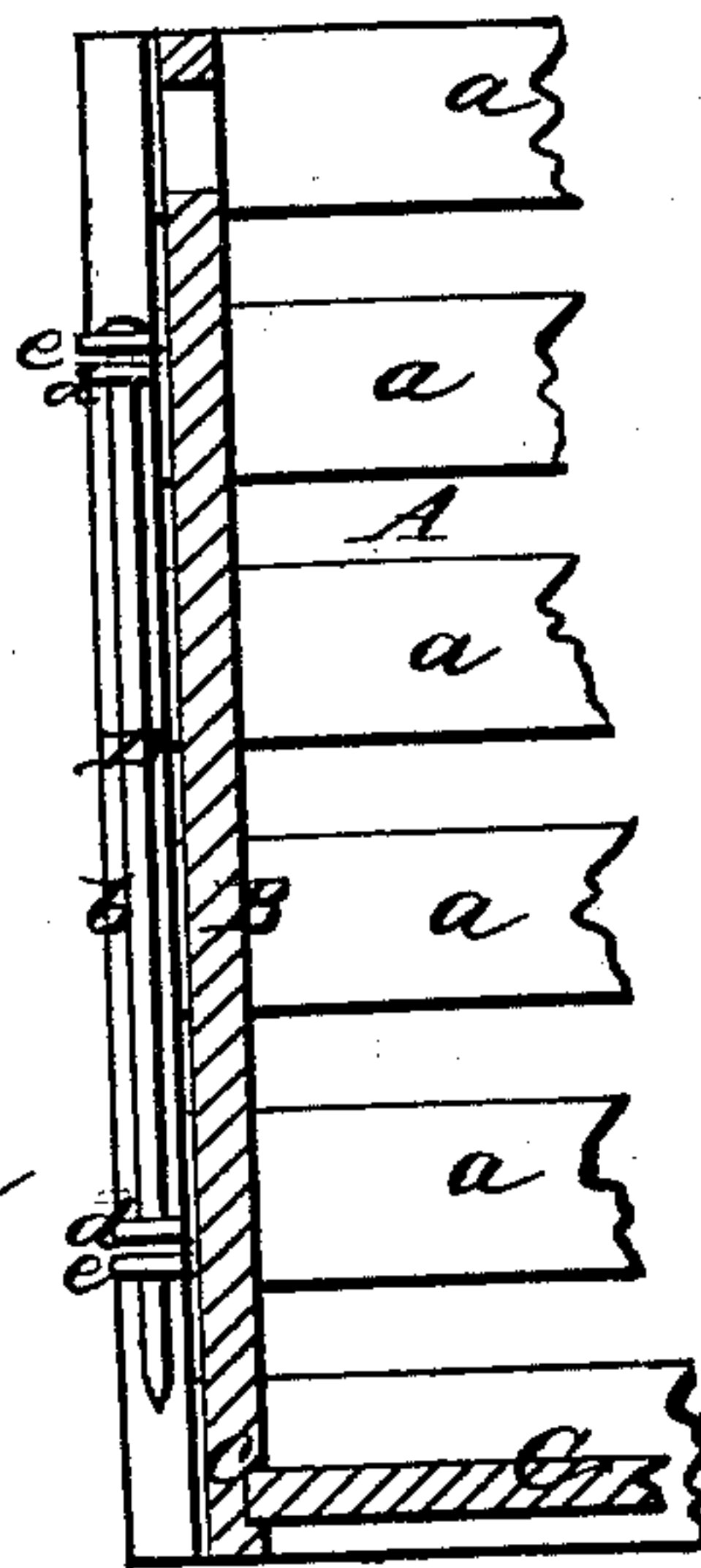
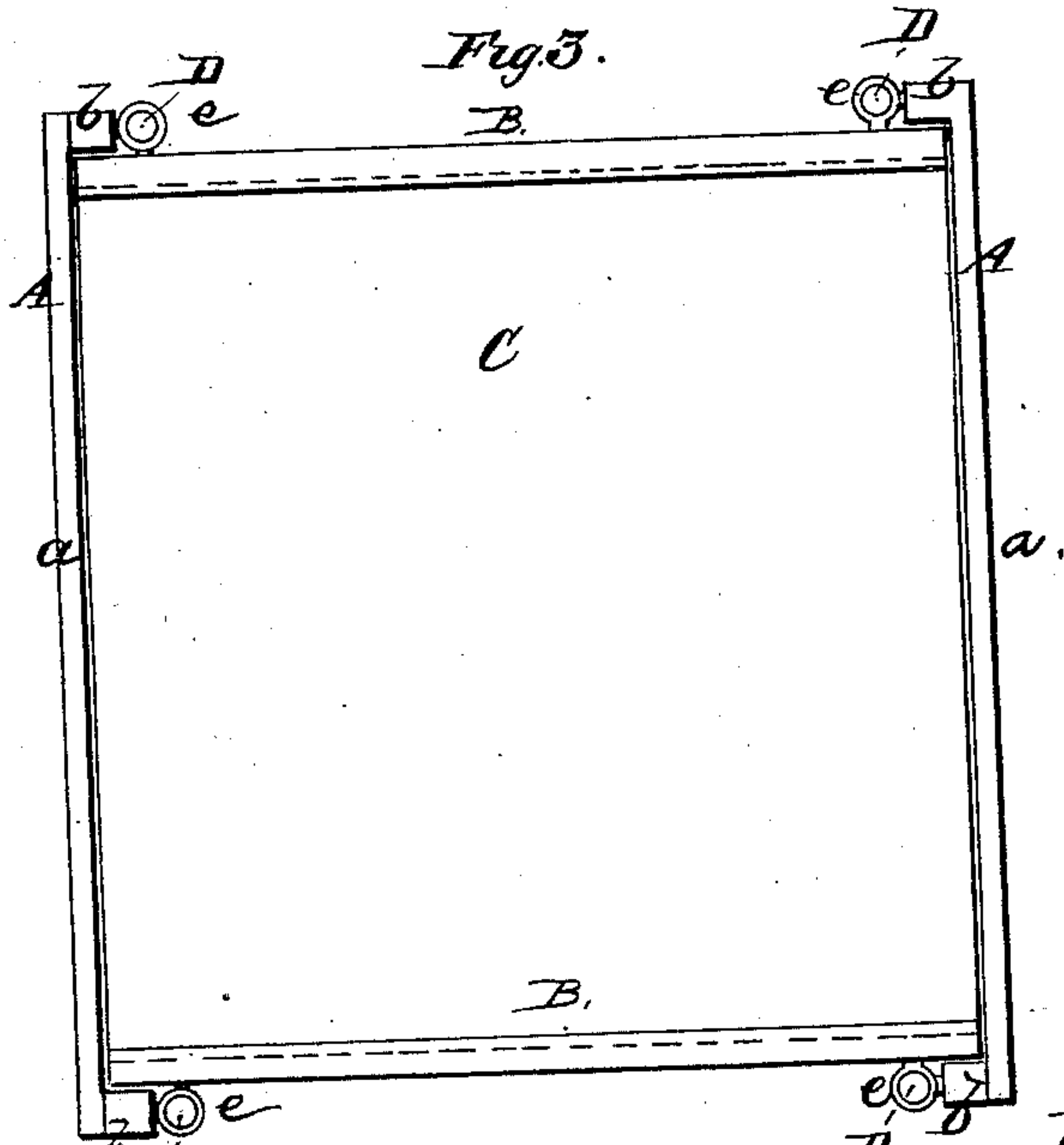


Fig. 3.



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Letters Patent No. 69,204, dated September 24, 1867.

IMPROVEMENT IN MARKET-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, FREDERICK GEARING, of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved Market-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, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in the construction of boxes for market gardeners.

The invention consists in constructing the boxes in such a manner that they may be readily taken apart and put together, as hereinafter fully shown and described, whereby the boxes, when their contents are sold or disposed of, may be taken apart and packed in a very small compass, and empty boxes therefore transported at a very small expense. In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figure 1 is a side view of my invention.

Figure 2, a vertical section of the same taken in the line *x x*, fig. 1.

Figure 3, a plan or top view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

The boxes are of square or rectangular form, two opposite sides, *A A*, being composed of horizontal slats *a* nailed to upright battens *b*, and the other two sides, *B B*, being solid and fitted within the battens *b*, as shown more particularly in fig. 3. The bottom *C* of the box has two opposite ends fitted in grooves *c* in the lower parts of the sides *B B*, (see fig. 2.) The battens *b* have eyes *d* fitted in them, and similar eyes *e* are fitted in the sides *B B*, said eyes being attached to their respective sides *A B* in such a position that they will, when the sides are fitted together, be in line with each other, to admit of rods *D* being passed through them, as shown clearly in figs. 1 and 2. By means of these rods and eyes the sides of the box are secured firmly together, and the bottom *C* also secured in position, and by withdrawing these rods the sides may be taken apart, the bottom *C* removed, and all packed snugly together within a small compass.

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

A market-box, having its sides connected or secured together by means of the eyes *d e*, rods *D*, and battens *b*, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this third day of August, 1867.

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