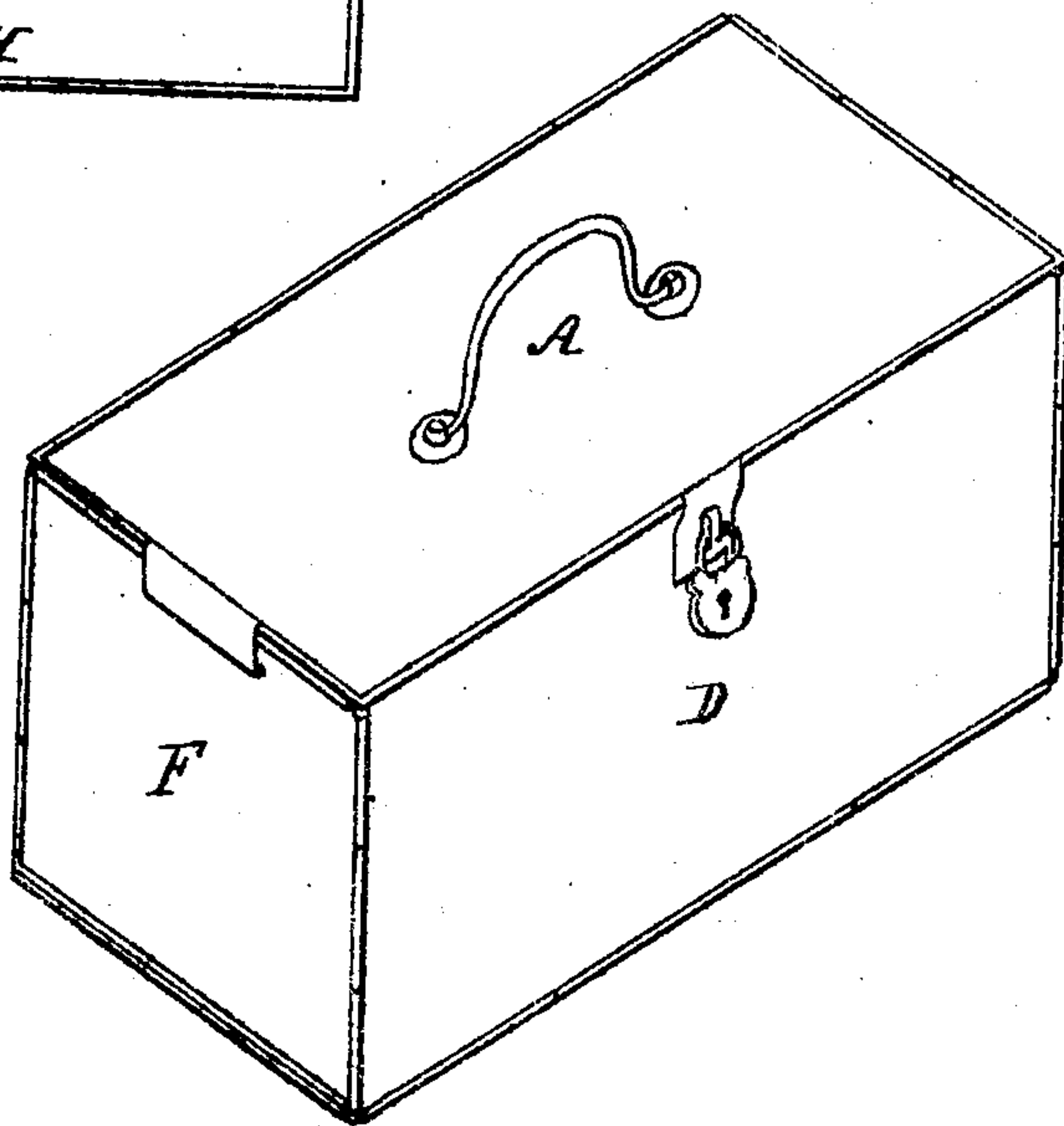
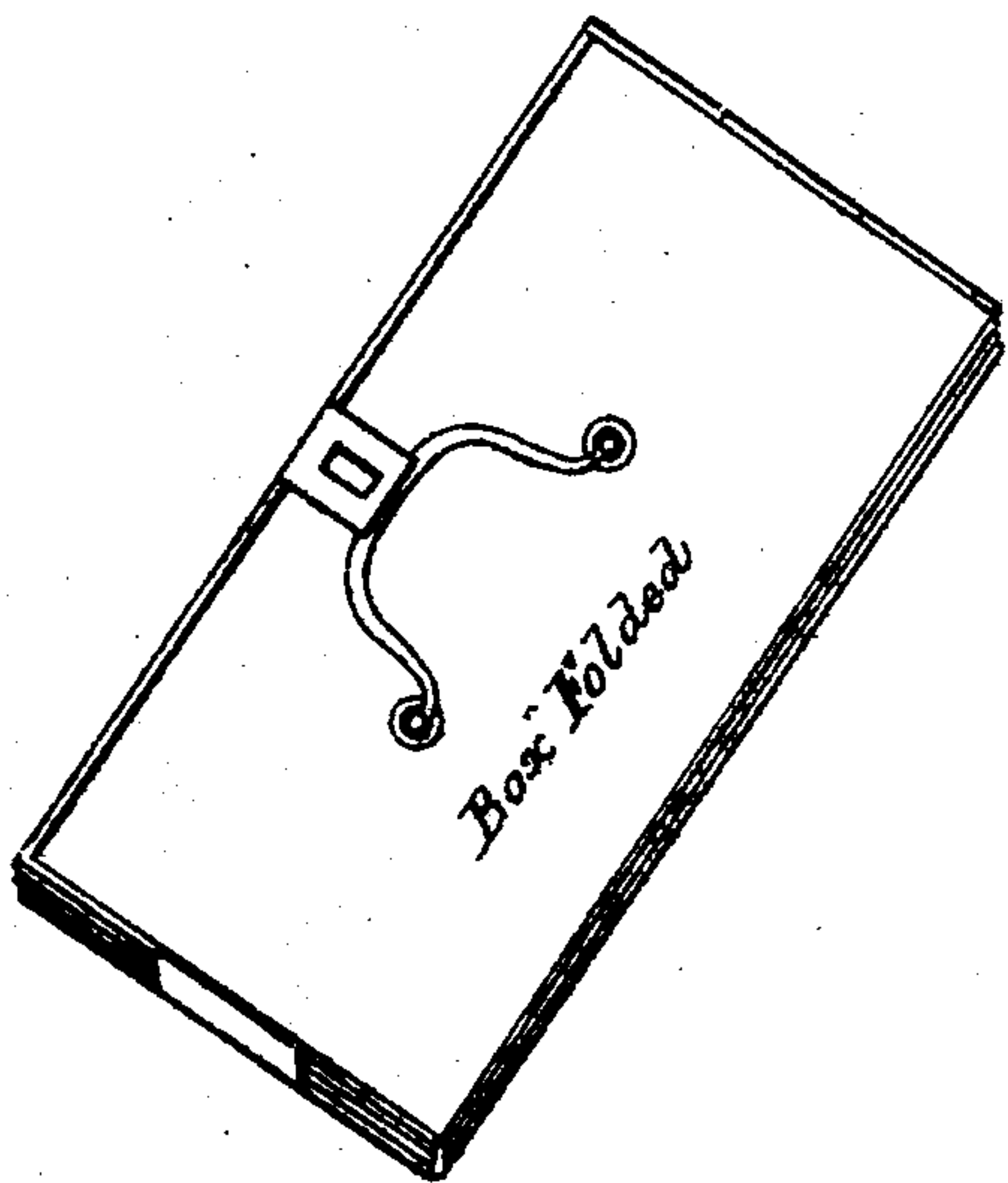
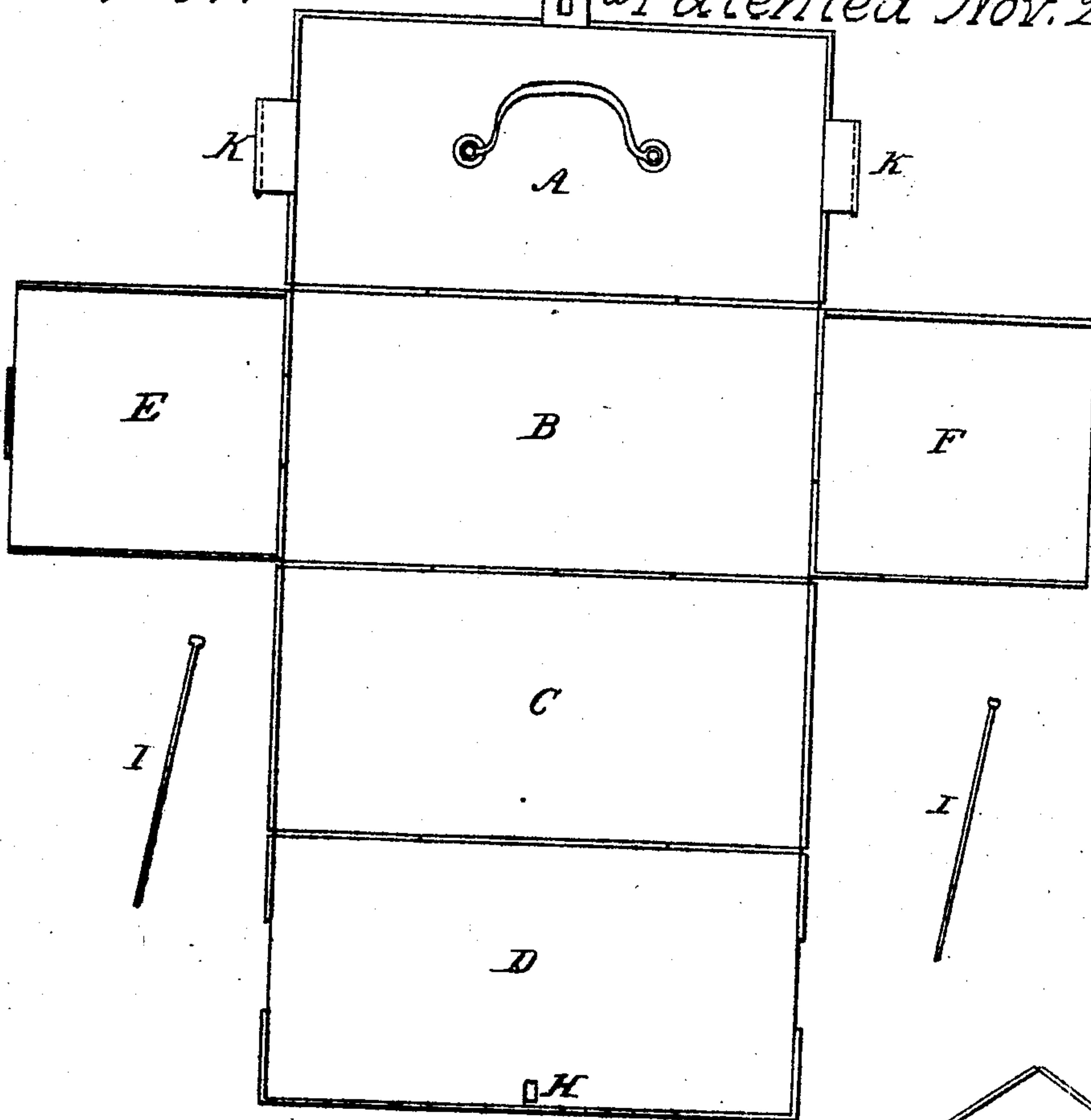


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## IMPROVED FOLDING OR LUNCH-BOX.

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

Be it known that I, GEORGE B. MERSHON, of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved Folding or Lunch-Box; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The box consists of six distinct parts or sides, hinged together as hereinafter described, the two ends E and F being square, and the two sides and top and bottom, A, B, C, and D, of double the length of the sides of the ends. The sides, top, and bottom, A B C D, are hinged together at their sides, when made of tin or any other thin metal, so as to fold one over the other in either direction. The ends E and F are hinged in the same way to the ends of the side B. The outer sides of the ends E and F each forms the male portion of a hinge which fits into corresponding female portions of hinges on the ends of the side D. Two pins, I I, each with a head at the top, to prevent its being drawn through from below, pass through the male and female portions just described, and form the hinges connecting the ends with the side D. The lid or top A has attached to it a hasp, G, which closes over the staple H, and can be locked with an ordinary padlock. When so locked, the lid closes over the heads of the pins I I, forming the hinges of the ends E and F with the side D, thus rendering it impossible to open the box without breaking it or the lock. When closed the two ends E and F fold outwardly over the side B, the side D folds inwardly over the bottom C, the bottom C folds outwardly over the ends E and F, and the top A folds inwardly over the side B. There is hinged to each end of the top or lid A, a male portion of a hinge, K K, extending sufficiently beyond the ends of the top A to embrace the thickness of the whole box when folded, and fit into the corresponding female portion of a hinge on each end of the side D, previously described. The same pins I I, used in forming the hinges of the ends E and F and side D, when the box is open, pass through the male and female portions last described, and secure the box firmly together when folded.

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

The arrangement of the sides A B C D, and ends E and F, and hinges attached to the sides D, E, and F, completed by the pins I I, when the box is in form for use, and the parts K K, for the purpose of closing the box, in connection with the pins I I and the hinging at the ends of the side D when folded.

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