

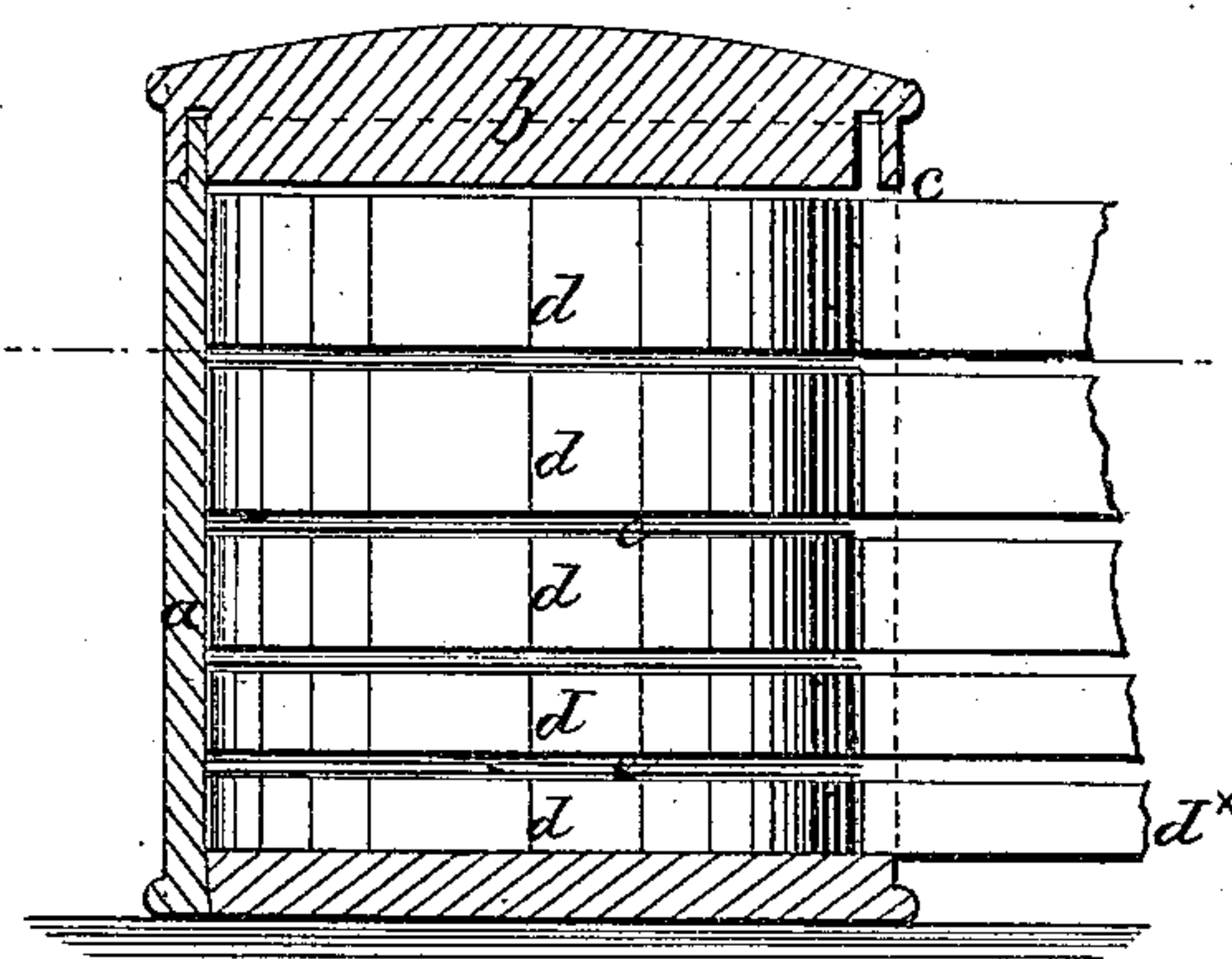
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*Tape Box,*

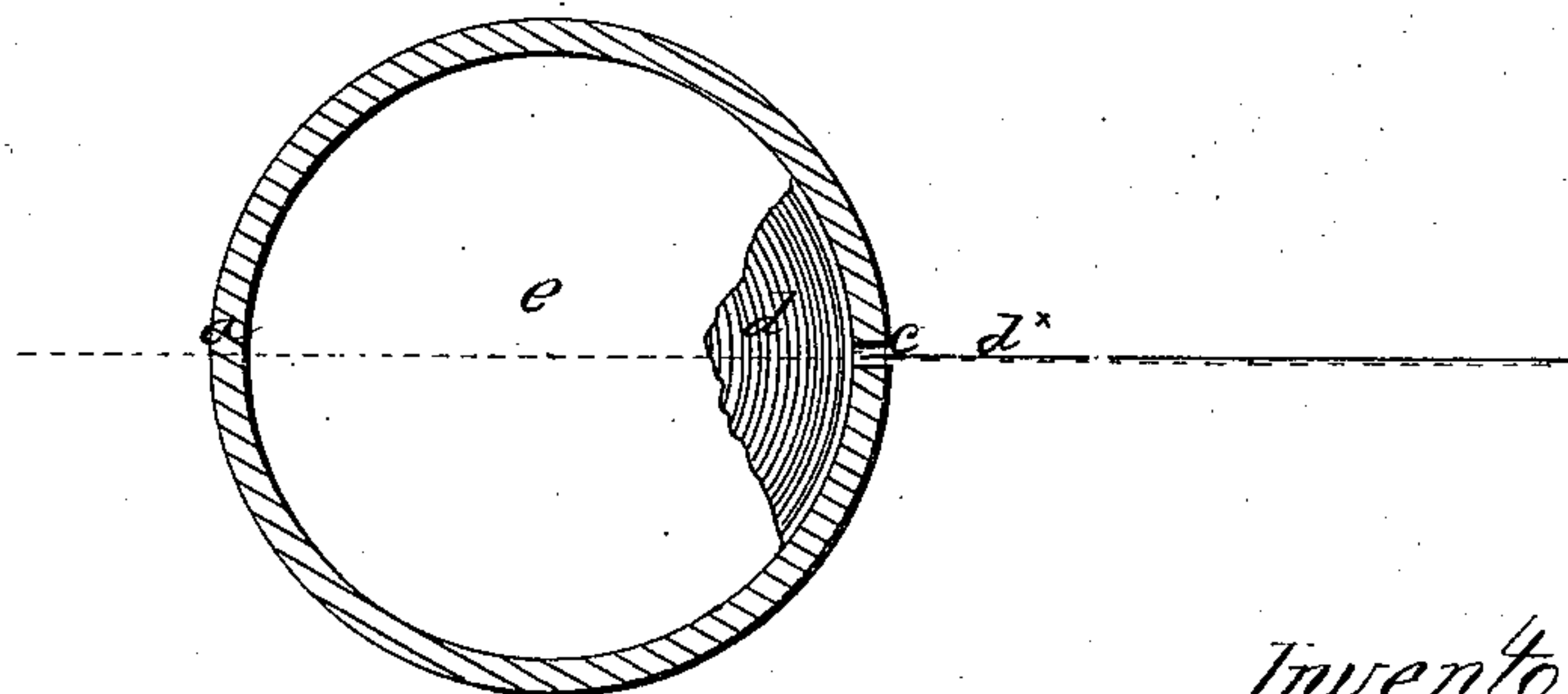
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*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 1.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN TAPE-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, MARCUS BROWN WESTHEAD, of Manchester, in the county of Lancaster, Great Britain, have invented a new and improved Method of Putting up Tapes, Ribbons, and other Narrow Fabrics for Use; 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 a part of this specification.

My invention has for its object an arrangement by which a series of coils of narrow fabric may be placed in a casket or box, from which any desired lengths may be drawn.

Figure 1 represents my invention in sectional plan, and

Figure 2 in vertical section.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

At *a* is a casket or box, provided with a lid, *b*, and having a vertical slit, *c*.

The tape or other narrow fabric, wound in coils in the usual manner, is at *d*; with an end, as at *d*\*, projecting through the slit *c*. Upon this coil *d* is then placed a disk of thin card-board or paper, *e*, shown in red color. Upon this, another coil, *d*, is placed, and so on, until the casket is full, intervening disks of paper, *e*, being adapted, as shown by the red lines.

I find that by this arrangement the protruding end of any of the coils, as at *d*\*, may be drawn so as to obtain any desired length of the narrow fabric without disturbing the other coils, and it will be seen that the casket may contain narrow fabrics of different widths.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a tape-holder, consisting of the slitted box *a*, containing a series of loose disks, *e*, to separate the rolls of tape, substantially as described.

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