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Tobacco Box.

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Fig. 1.

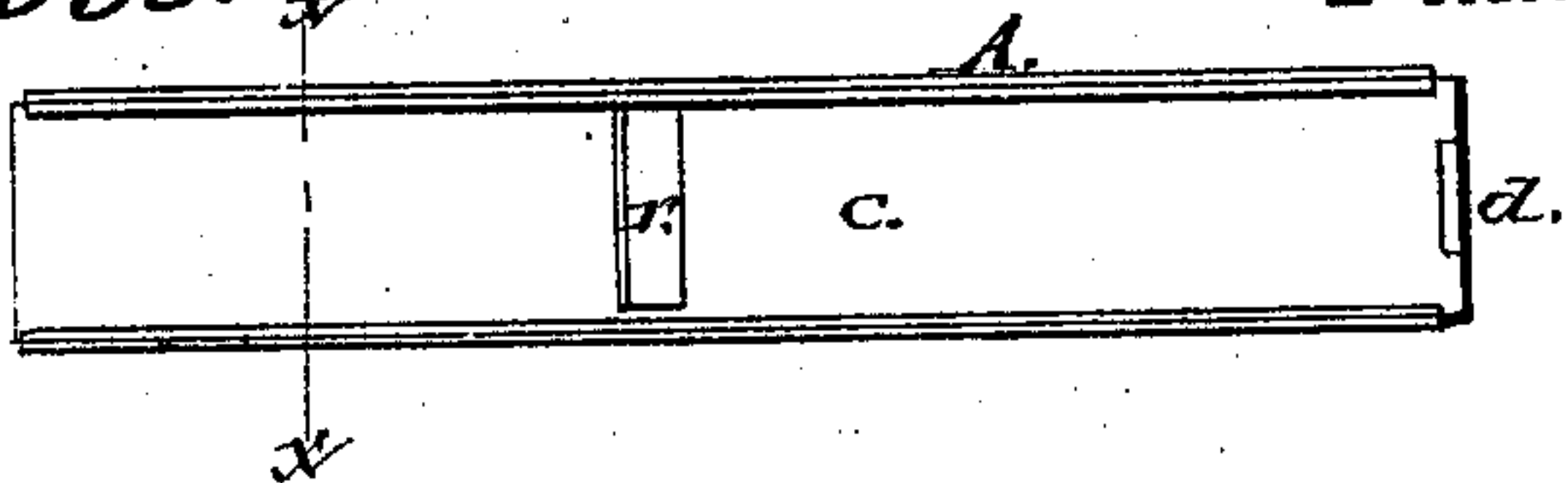


Fig. 2.

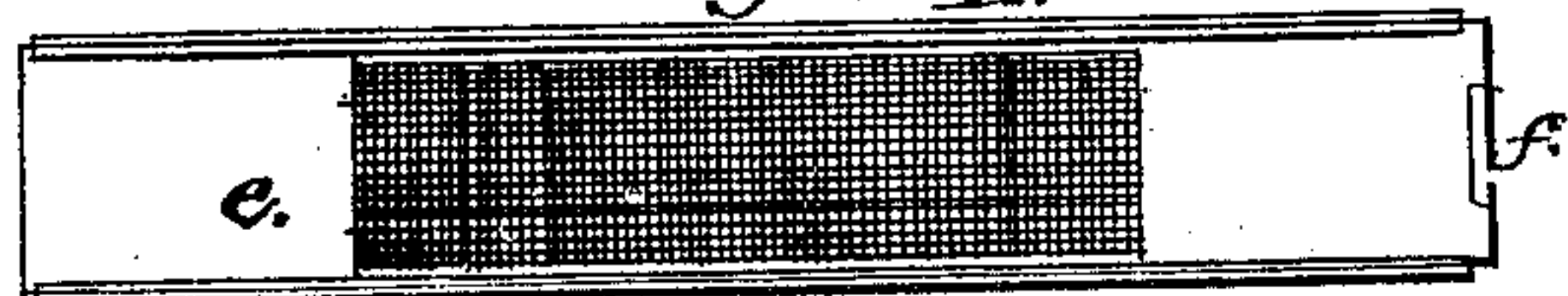


Fig. 3.

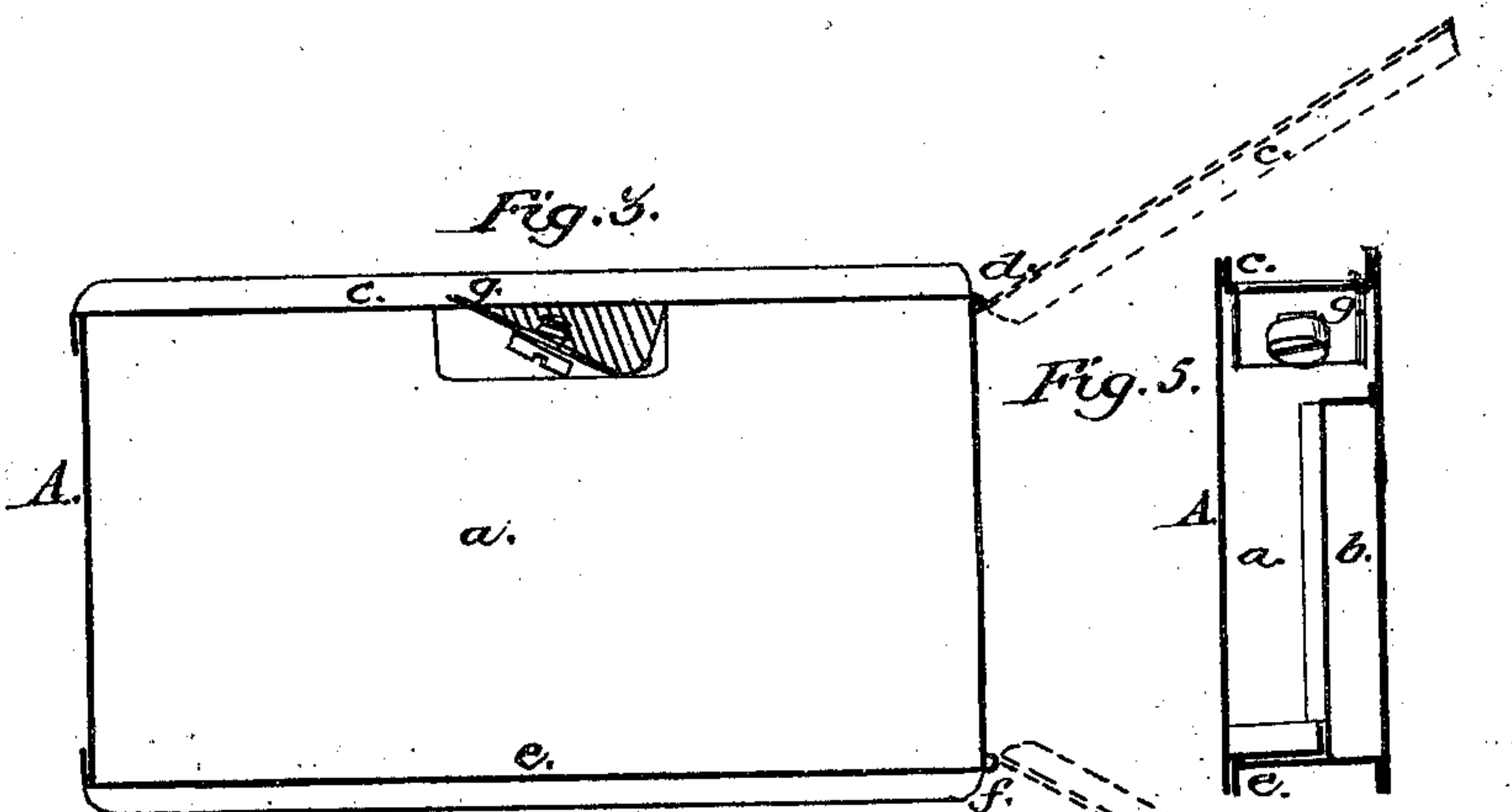
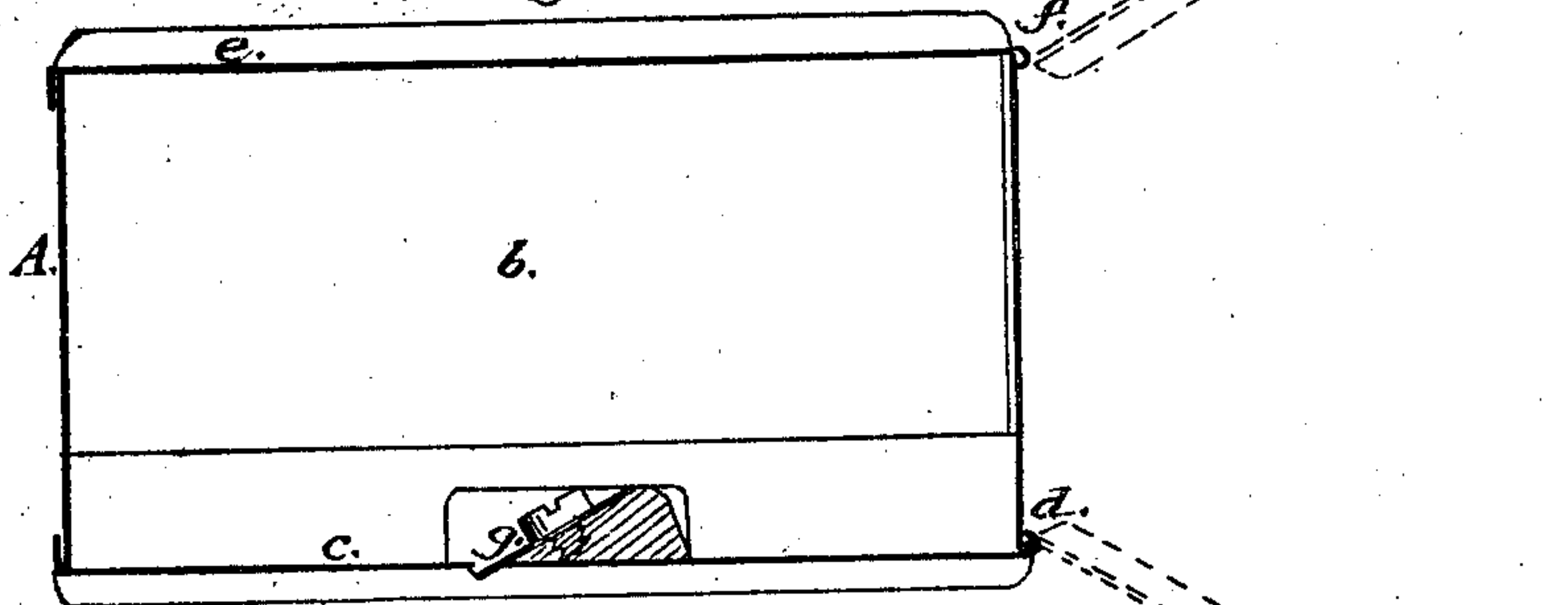


Fig. 4.



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TOBACCO-BOX

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, JOHN P. JAMISON, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tobacco-Boxes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, and in which—

Figures 1 and 2 represent opposite-edge views of a tobacco-box constructed in accordance with my improvement;

Figures 3 and 4, longitudinal sections, in directions parallel to the sides of the box, with its opposite edges uppermost, and showing, by red lines, the lids thrown up or back; and

Figure 5, a transverse section, taken as denoted by the line *xx* in fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

In the use of cavendish, cake, plug, or lump-tobacco, for chewing or smoking-purposes, but more especially the latter, it has heretofore been usual to chip or cut from the plug, by a pocket or hand-knife, in strips more or less fine, the required quantity of tobacco for immediate use, and afterward to rub the same between the palms of the hands, to reduce the chips or cuttings to the necessary fineness to admit of the same being smoked in a pipe. This is a tedious, inconvenient, and often wasteful operation; and

My invention consists in a box, of convenient size and shape to carry in the pocket, constructed to hold the plug or cake of tobacco, and provided with a cutter, or shaver, so that, on taking out the plug, and drawing its edge repeatedly over the cutter, the tobacco falls, as it is cut or reduced, within the box, ready for use.

Likewise, the invention consists in the arrangement of the cutter in the lid, or one lid of the box, whereby the same is made readily accessible, either for clearance, if choked, adjustment to cut coarse or fine, or removal when requiring sharpening, repair, or renewal.

And furthermore, the invention consists in a certain chambered construction of the box, provided with reverse or opposite lids, arranged to form edges to the box, and serving to enclose compartments, the one of which holds the plug, and receives the tobacco as it is cut by the shaver, arranged in the lid thereto, while the other, or reverse compartment, is used to carry matches, for the convenience of the smoker, and which may be struck or lit by drawing them over a roughened surface on the lid to said compartment or other portion of the box.

Referring to the accompanying drawing—

A is a sheet-metal box, of oblong or flat form, and of a convenient size for carriage in the pocket.

Said box is divided into compartments, *a* and *b*, arranged side by side, and made to occupy reverse posi-

tions, as regards their bottoms, the one being accessible by a lid, *c*, hinged as at *d*, and the other by a lid, *e*, hinged as at *f*. These lids form opposite edges to the box.

The one compartment, *a*, should be of sufficient capacity to hold a plug or cake of tobacco, and its lid, *c*, be provided with an inclined cutter, or shaver, *g*, adjustable from the inside, and having its cutting-edge arranged to project through an opening in said lid, so that, on taking out the plug, and drawing it repeatedly over the edge of the cutter, when the lid is closed, the cut or reduced tobacco will fall or work its way into the compartment *a*, from which, when sufficient is cut, it may be taken and the pipe charged therewith, after which the plug is returned to said compartment for further use, as required.

By the arrangement of the cutter in the lid, it is readily accessible for clearance, if choked, also for adjustment to cut coarse or fine, or to meet wear, and for attachment or detachment when requiring sharpening, repair, or renewal.

The compartment *b* answers to hold matches, which, on being drawn out, as occasion requires, one by one, to light the pipe charged with the tobacco cut as described, may be lit by drawing them over a roughened surface on the back or outside of the lid *e*.

Here, then, is combined, in the one article, a box for holding the plug and match-safe, a cutter for reducing the tobacco as required, and a receptacle for catching and holding the tobacco as it is cut.

Apart from the convenience of always having the cutter ready at hand, by combining it with the box which holds the tobacco, instead of relying upon a loose or separate knife for the purpose, the tobacco is more regularly and finely cut, by the action of the fixed or stationary cutter, than is practicable by the use of a loose knife.

To the traveller, a tobacco-box thus constructed will be found exceedingly convenient.

What is here claimed, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. A tobacco-box provided with a cutter, arranged to project through it in such a manner as that, on drawing the tobacco over the outside surface of the box, it is cut or reduced, and the cut portions deposited within the box, substantially as specified.

2. The arrangement of the cutter *g* in or through the lid *c* of the box, essentially as and for the purpose or purposes herein set forth.

3. The combination of the compartments *a* and *b*, lids *c* *e*, and cutter or shaver *g*, substantially as shown and described.

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