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Dashboard for Vehicles.

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Fig. 1.

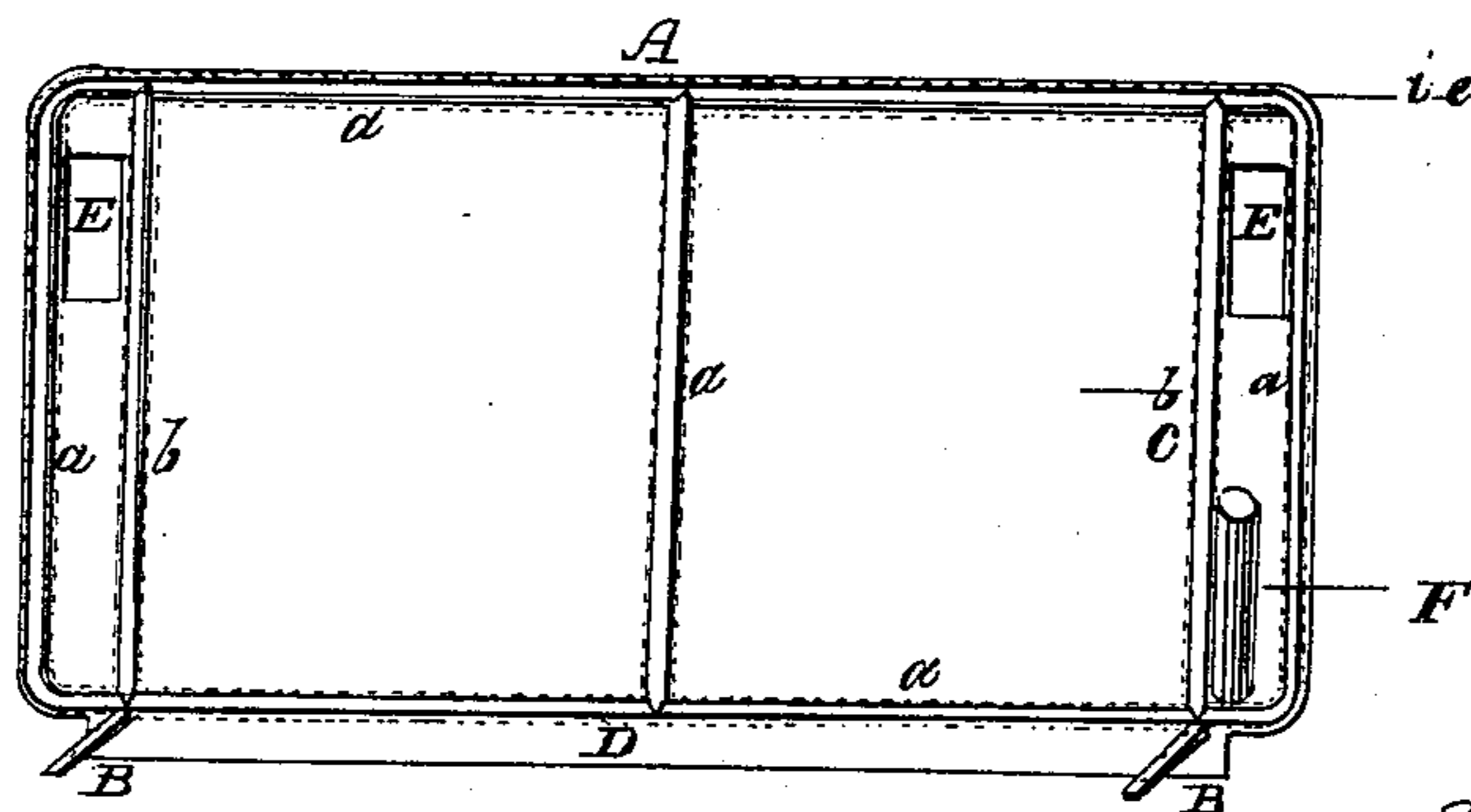


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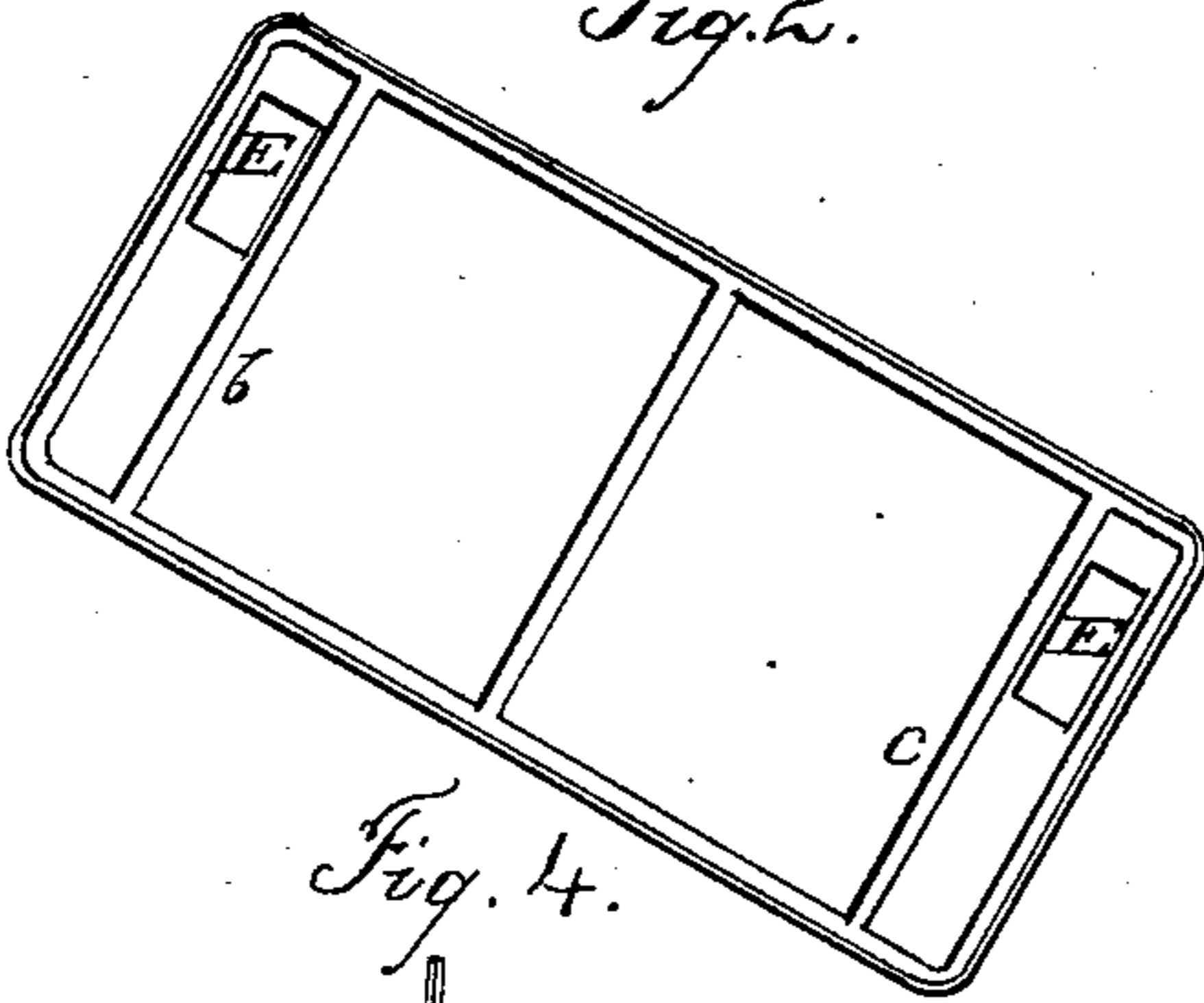


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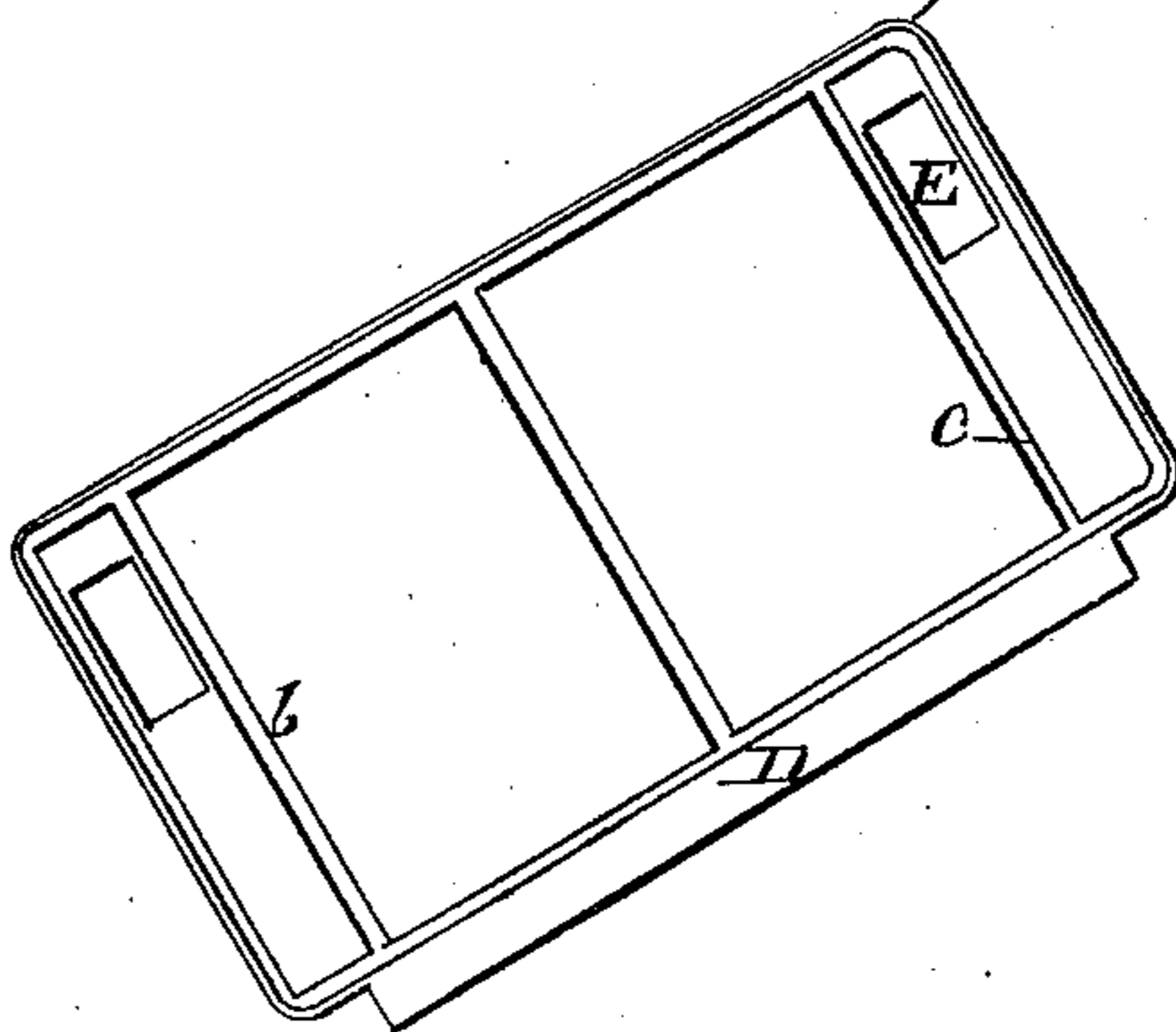


Fig. 4.

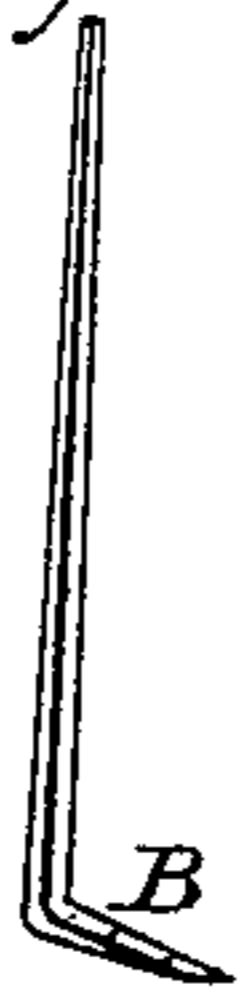


Fig. 5.



Fig. 6.



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IMPROVEMENT IN ADJUSTABLE METALLIC DASHES FOR VEHICLES.

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, GEORGE M. PETERS, of Columbus, of the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dashes for Vehicles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings making a portion of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a dash constructed according to my invention.

Figures 2 and 3 are longitudinal sections through the center of the same.

Figures 4, 5, and 6 are detached views, showing modifications of several parts of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding facts in all the figures.

The object of this invention is to provide an adjustable metallic dash for vehicles, that will be cheap, durable, and stylish.

The invention consists in a movable metallic dash, constructed of sheet-iron, or any other metal, having the edges formed over a wire.

The invention further consists in a dash-foot having a continuation in an upright bar, constructed so the dash may be placed over it.

The invention further consists of an imitation of stitching, molding, and ornamental work, and openings for handles, as applied to the dash, although the same may be used in leather dashes, and also the dash-foot. I claim all as new when applied to metallic dashes.

To enable others to understand the nature and construction of my invention, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the drawings.

A represents the dash-board as constructed of sheet metal, the same being composed of two sheets, as shown in figs. 2 and 3.

The ribs or raised places, represented by the letters *a*, *b*, and *c*, are to strengthen or stiffen the metal plates, and are constructed as represented, and also to imitate stitching, by pressing the metal in a die made for the purpose, forming grooves or concaves on the inner side of the metal sheets.

To furnish further strength to the dash, an iron frame may be placed in the said grooves, but I prefer

only to insert an iron bar, as shown in fig. 5, in the rib or groove across the top.

The two parts or sheets, as shown in figs. 2 and 3, are joined together by turning the edge or edges over a wire, fastening the same with solder, making a good finish, and also giving additional strength to the dash, first, however, placing between the sheets a layer of canvas or cement, to prevent rattling.

B B represent the dash-feet, as shown in fig. 4, the upright bar of which passes upward in the grooves or ribs *b* and *c*, furnishing additional and sufficient support to the dash, and fastened to the same, as may be necessary, by small screws or bolts.

To prevent the upright bars of the dash-feet from spreading the plates apart rivets are placed along on either side of the grooves, into which said bars are inserted.

D represents a projection or continuation of the front part of the dash, which serves to prevent water or mud from entering a vehicle.

E E represent openings in the upper corners of the dash, and serve as handles to the same.

Although a dash may be constructed of a single sheet of metal with the edges turned over an iron frame, I prefer to construct the same with two, or double sheets, as described.

The advantages of this novel invention are, that it is more durable than any other kind of dash, is easier constructed, and much cheaper; that it can be easily removed by simply raising it up from the bars which pass through the grooves *b* and *c*; and that it is capable of higher finish, and can be made to represent any kind of molding or design.

F represents the whip-socket, constructed of metal, being soldered to the dash. The same may also be fastened in the usual way of attaching whip-sockets.

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

An adjustable dash, constructed and operating as described.

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