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Impr. Jewelry Case.*

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Fig. 1.

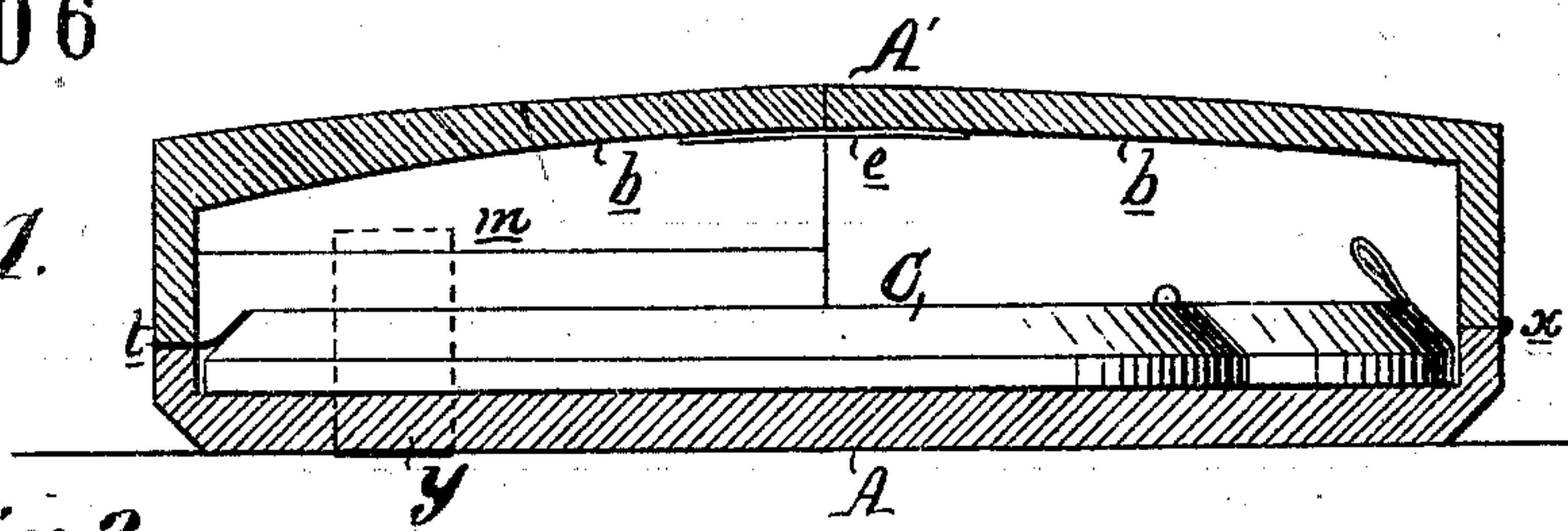
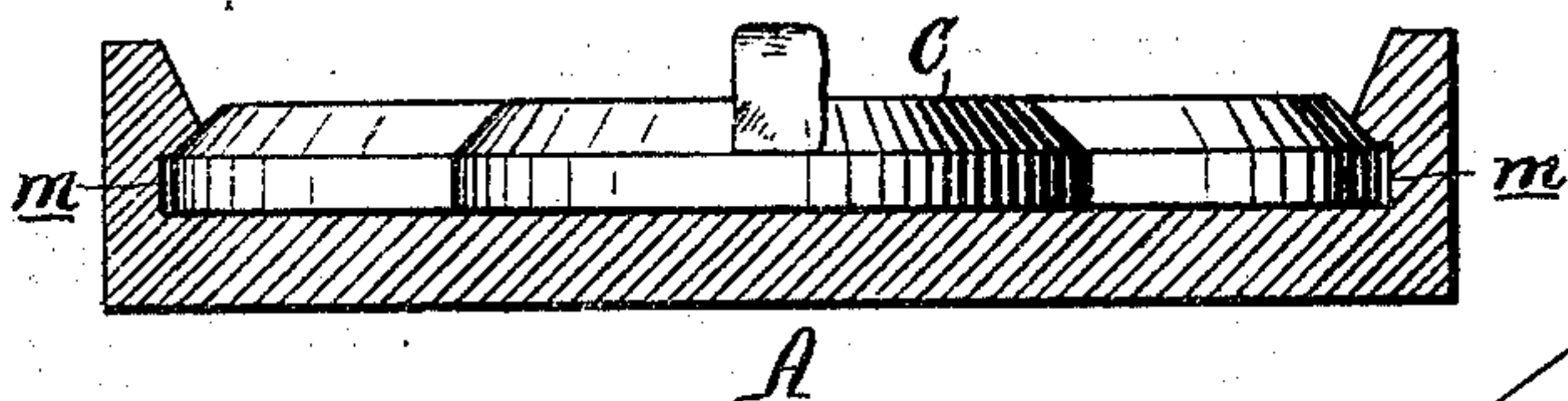


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Fig. 2.

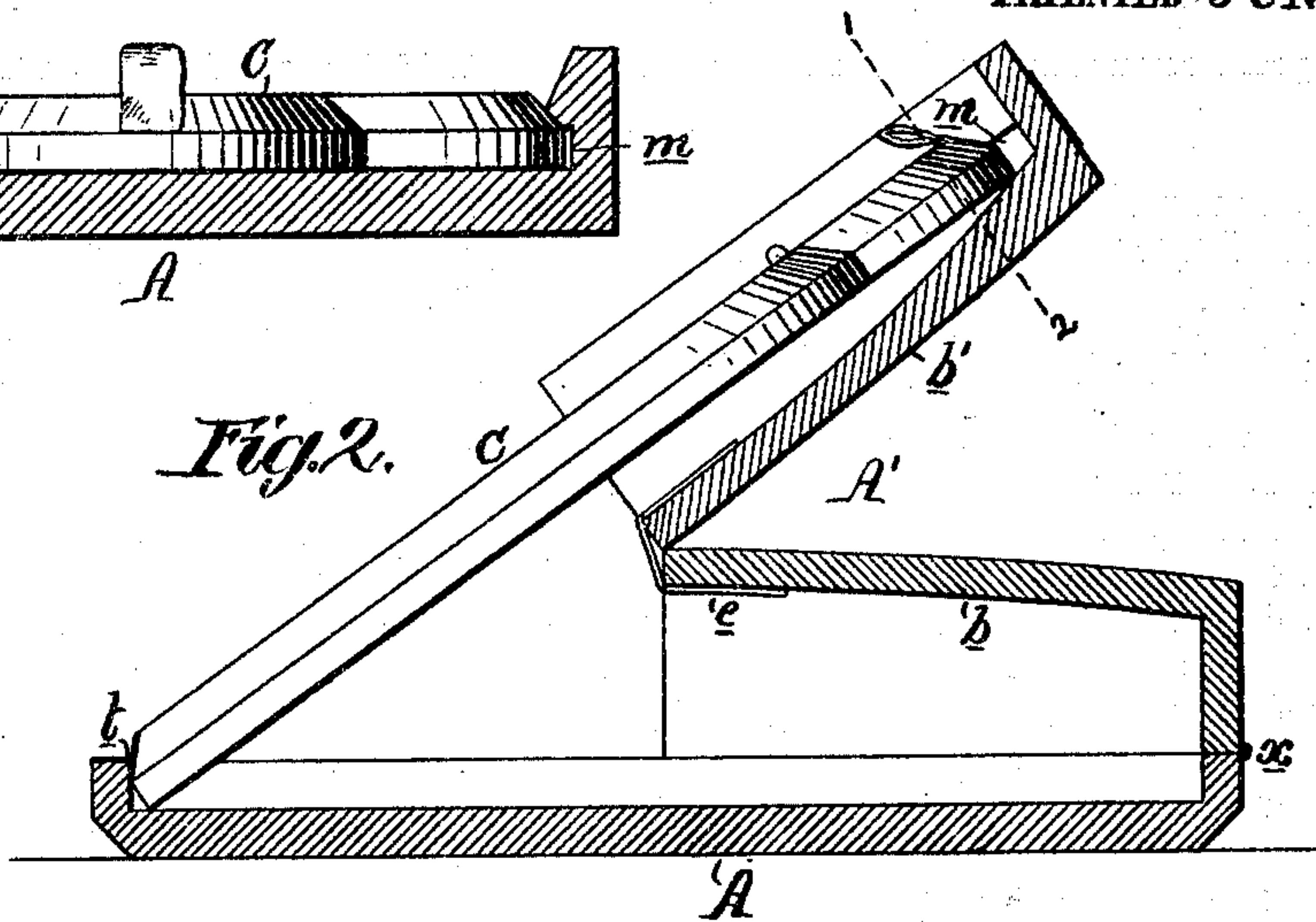
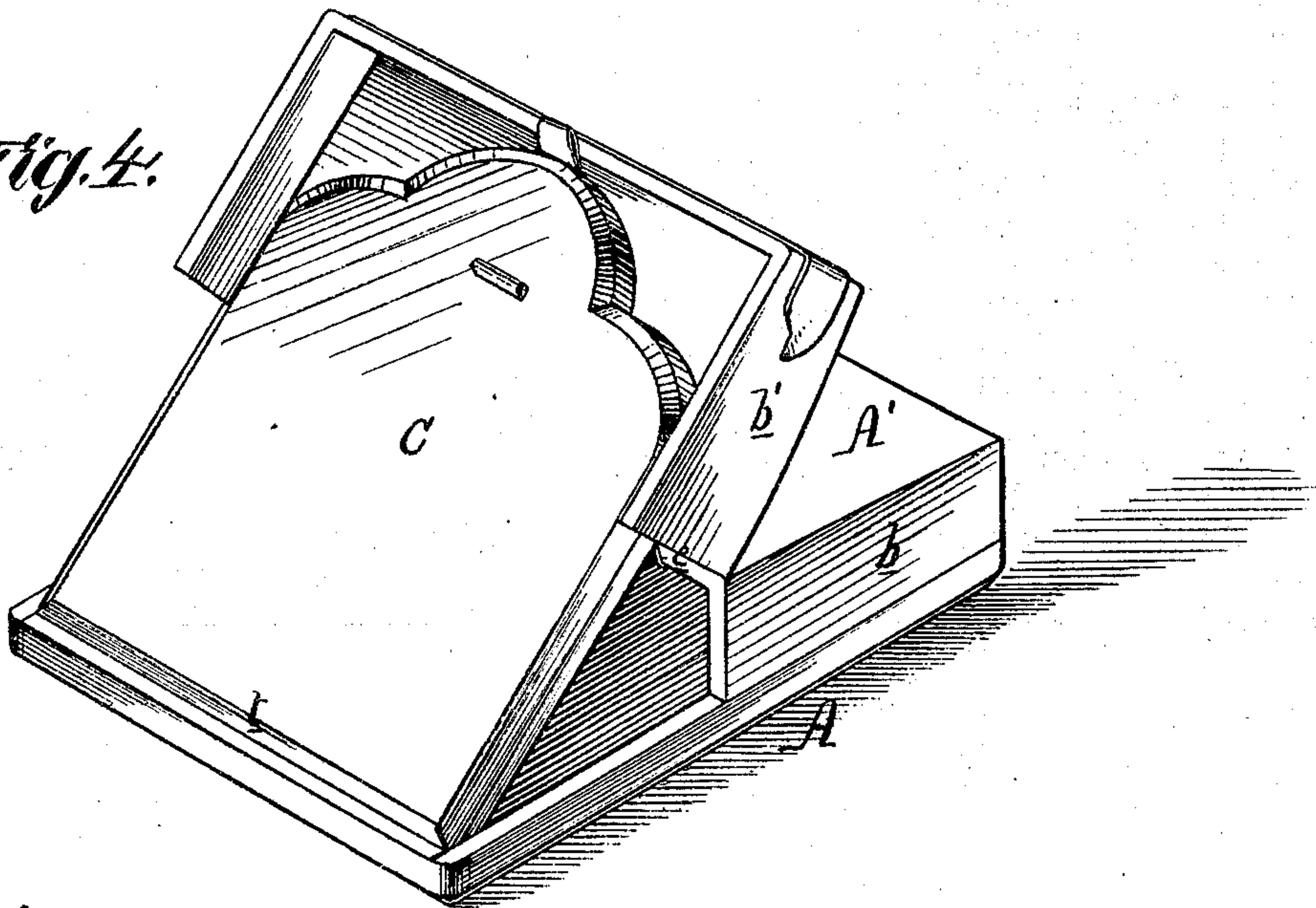


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN JEWELRY-CASES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 116,506, dated June 27, 1871.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS SMITH, of Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved Jewelry-Case, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists of a jewelry-case constructed in the peculiar manner, too fully explained hereafter to need preliminary description, with the view to the attainment of compactness and of proper means of displaying the contents.

Figure 1 is a vertical section of the case as it appears when closed; Fig. 2, the same as it appears when open; Fig. 3, a transverse section on the line 1 2, Fig. 2; and Fig. 4, a perspective view of the open case.

The case consists of the base A and the lid A', the latter being hinged to the former at *x*, and the lid being composed of two sections, *b* and *b'*, connected together by elastic strips *e e*, or otherwise. A leaf, C, for supporting the jewelry, is hinged at *t* to the front end of the base A, the leaf resting on the bottom of the base, as shown in Fig. 1, when the lid of the case has to be closed and no exhibition of the jewelry is required. When the jewelry on the leaf has to be exposed to view, however, the lid A' is raised and its section *b'* thrown back until the edges of the leaf will enter the grooves *m m* in the said section *b'*, when the lid is permitted to fall, and the several parts will assume the position shown in Fig. 2, the leaf being retained in an inclined position by the section *b'* of the lid. When the case has to be again closed, both sections of the lid are elevated until they are clear of the leaf C, when the latter, with its jewelry, will fall to the bottom of

the base, and the lid can be closed and secured by a rubber band or other suitable fastening. The case may be made of wood or other material and covered with morocco, as usual, the interior being lined with satin or other attractive fabric, and the upper surface of the leaf may be clothed with the velvet, plush, or other material heretofore used for the display of jewelry. The bases of ordinary jewelry-cases are so built up as to form permanent inclination for the proper exhibition of the jewelry, the lid being made in accordance with this elevation of the bases; hence ordinary cases are always more or less clumsy and cumbersome. In my improved case, however, sufficient space only is required above the leaf C to prevent the lid, when closed, from coming in contact with the jewelry; hence the case is very shallow and compact when closed, while the leaf can be readily adjusted, in the manner described, to a proper inclination for the display of the jewelry.

I claim—

1. The combination of the base A, leaf C, and lid A', hinged to the base, and composed of two sections hinged together, all substantially as set forth.

2. The combination of the said leaf C with the grooved section *b'* of the lid.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

JULIUS SMITH.

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