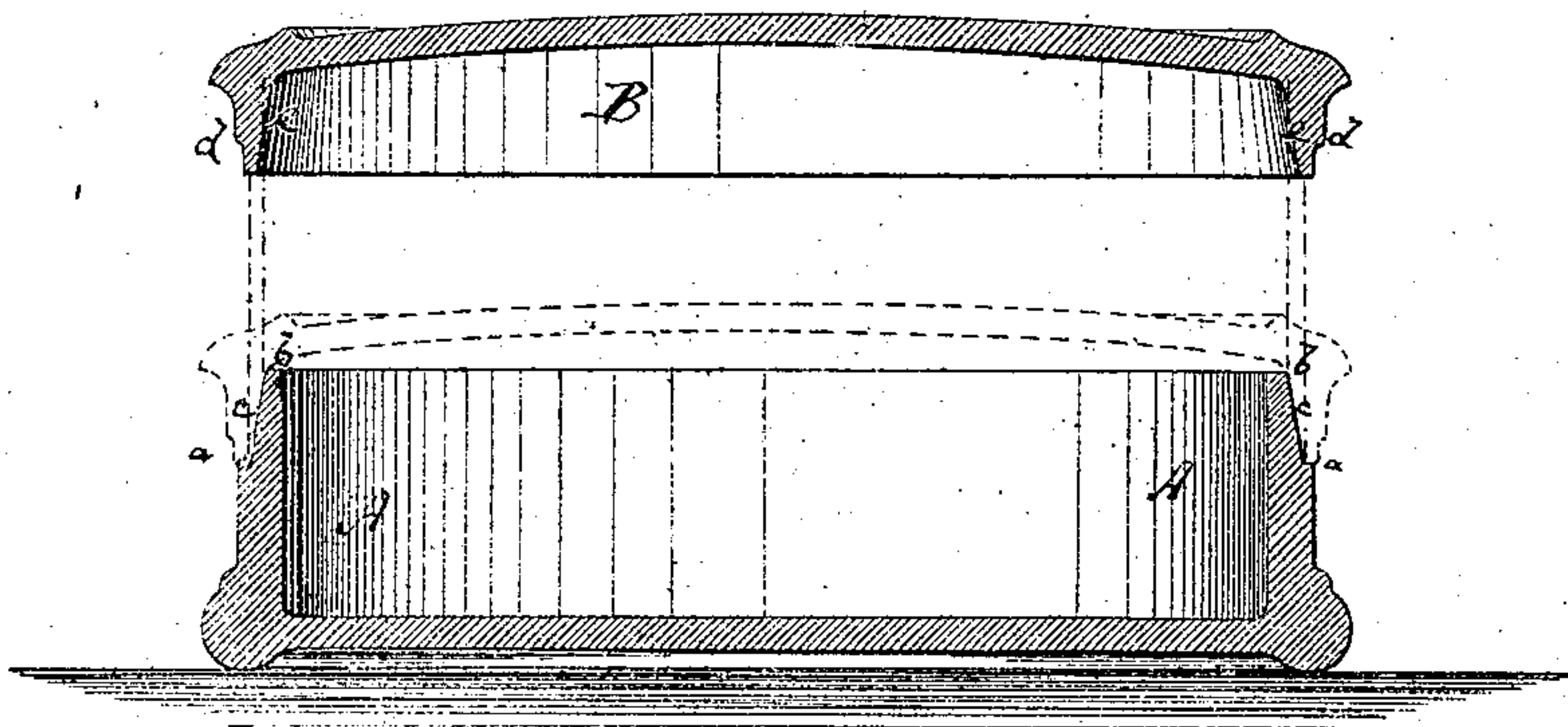


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS BRIAN GUNNING, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Boxes; 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 drawing forming part of this specification.

My invention consists in an improved mode of constructing boxes so that the covers will tightly and automatically clasp the bodies thereof and form a joint, as hereinafter fully described and pointed out in the claim.

The drawing is a vertical and central section of my improved box-joint.

A represents the body of the box, which may be of any desired form, but is preferably made circular. *a* is a projecting shoulder; *b*, the upper edge; and *c*, the outer face of this body. B is the cover, which has a rim, *d*, and inner side *e*.

The essential requirements of my invention are two—first, that the box shall be made of rubber or other elastic material; second, that the outer face *c* of the body and the inner side *e* of the rim of the cover shall be correspondingly beveled.

The advantage of constructing a box of elastic material with beveled-edged corner and body is, that it forms a clasp-joint that will hold firmly and yet can be easily separated.

Having thus described all that is necessary to a full understanding of my invention, what I esteem to be new, and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is—

A box formed of elastic material, with the outer face *c* of the body and the inner face *e* of the rim of the cover correspondingly beveled, as and for the purpose specified.

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