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Trunks.

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Fig. 1.

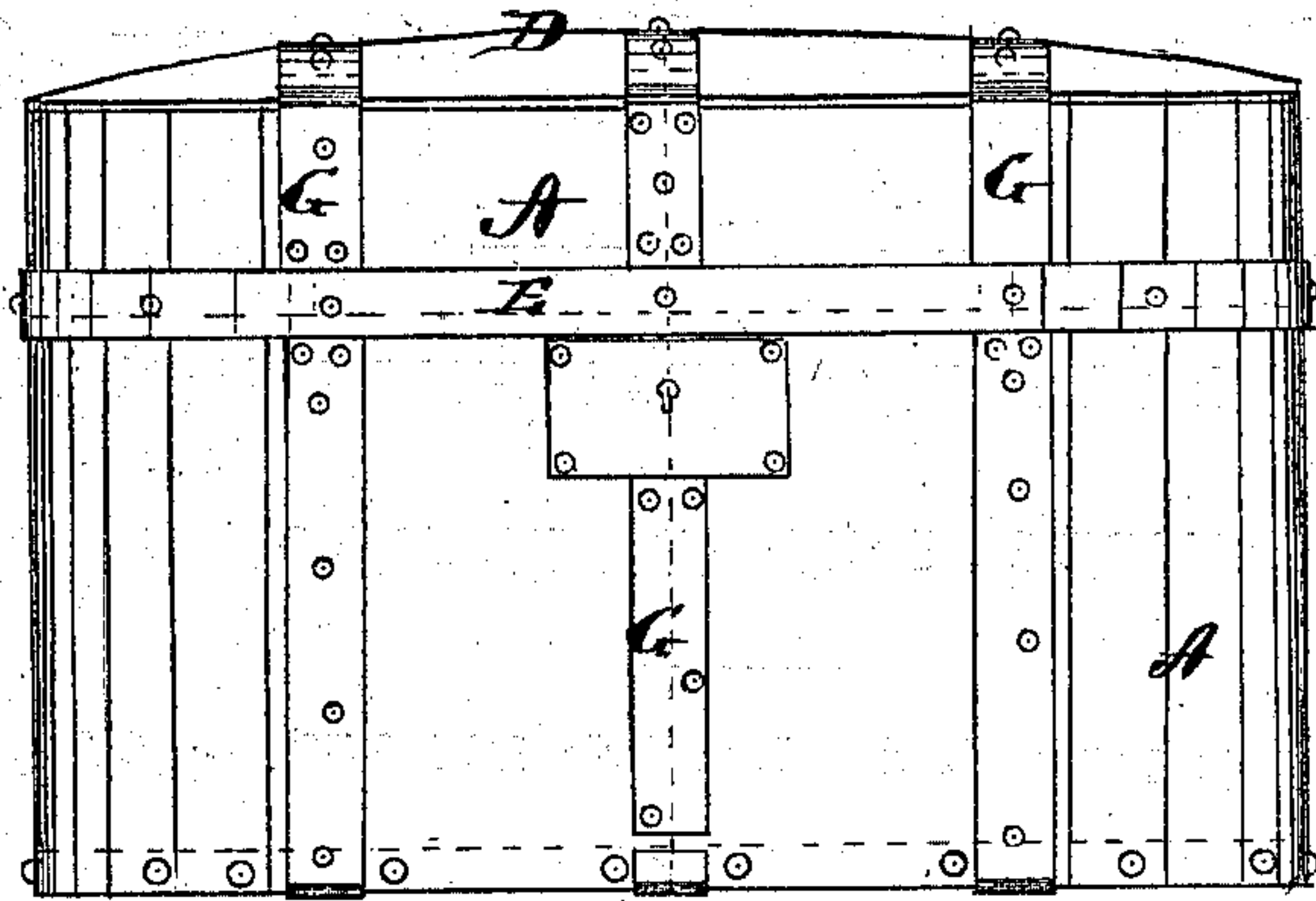


Fig. 2.

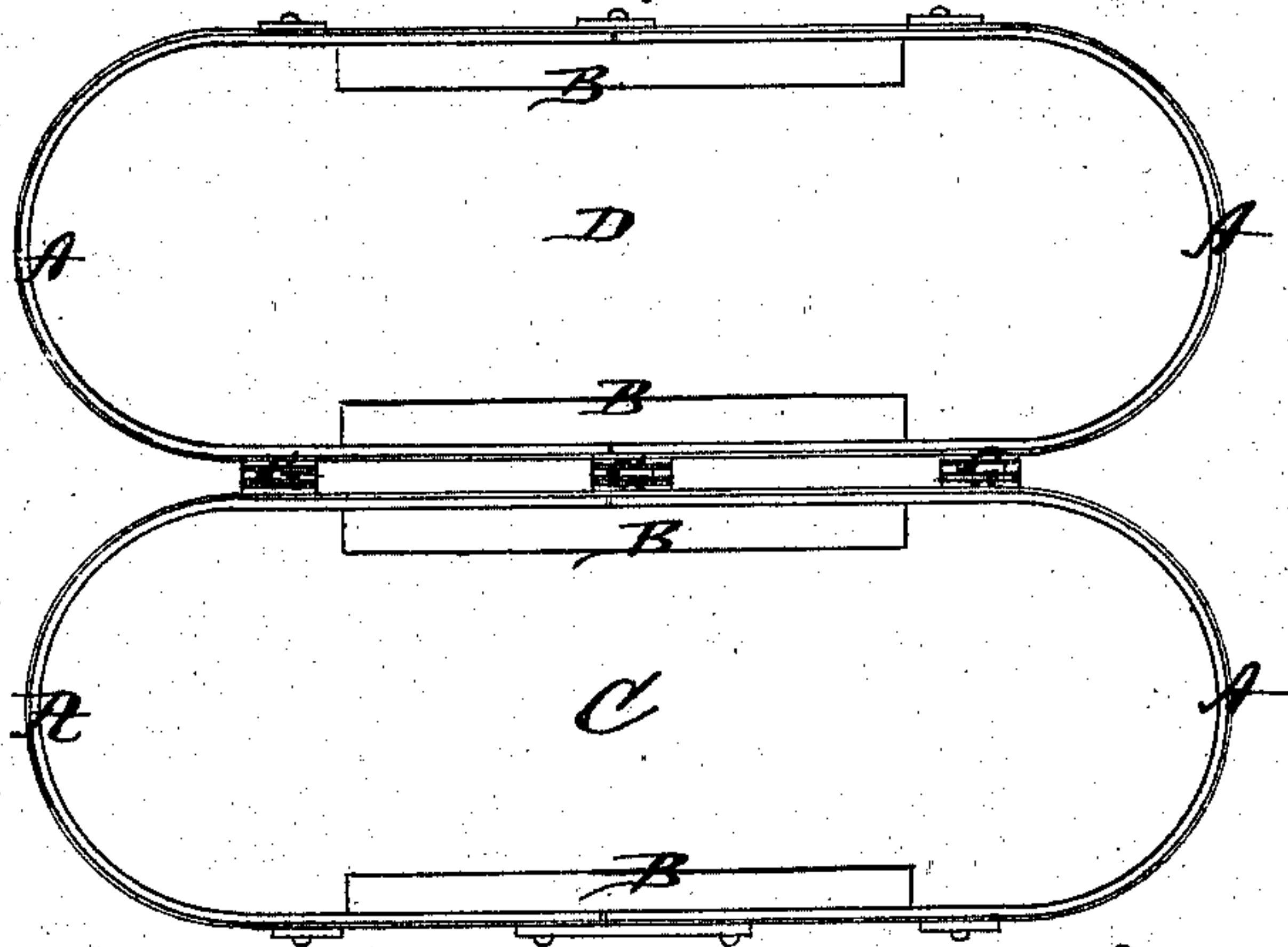


Fig. 3.

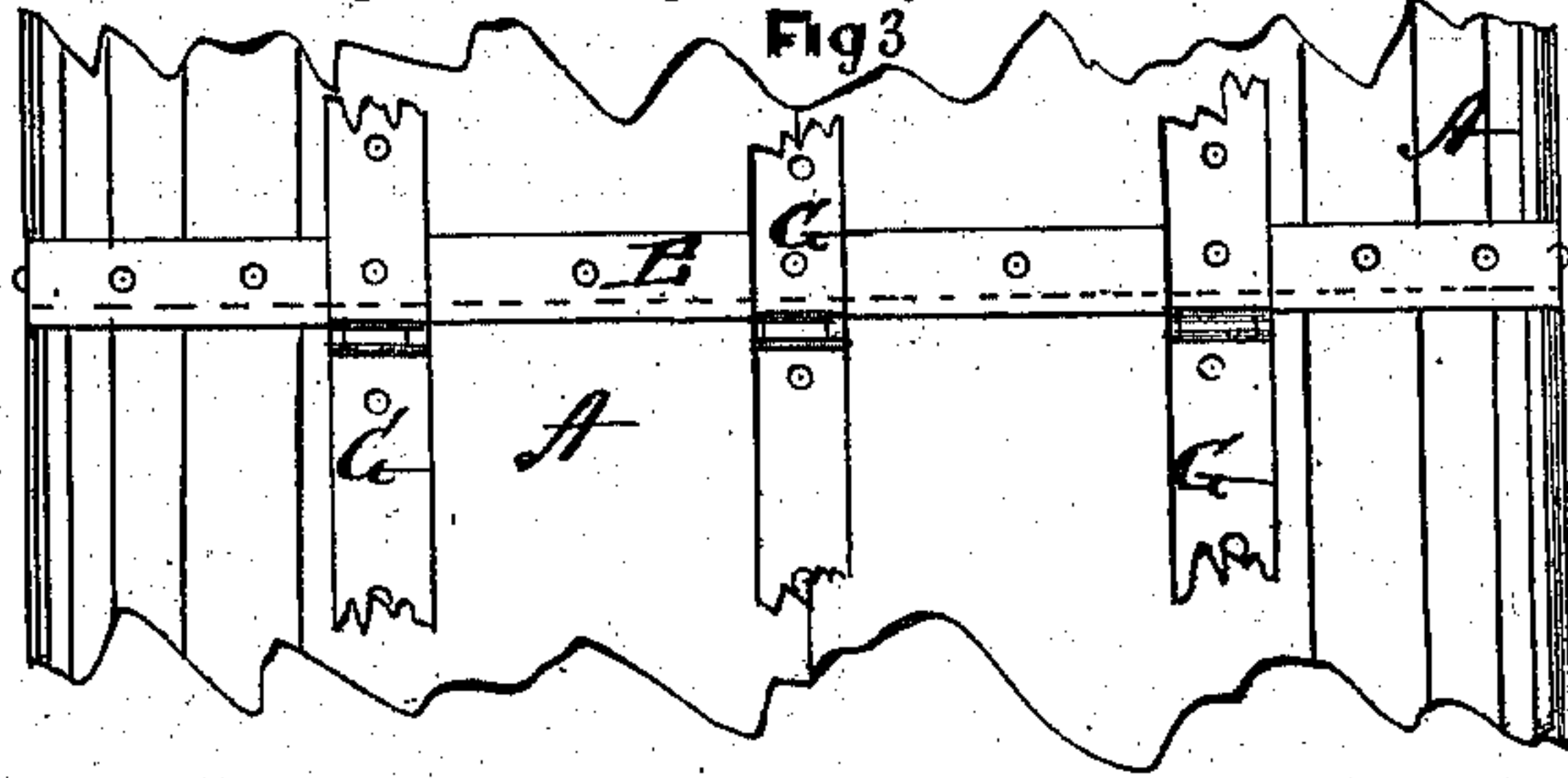
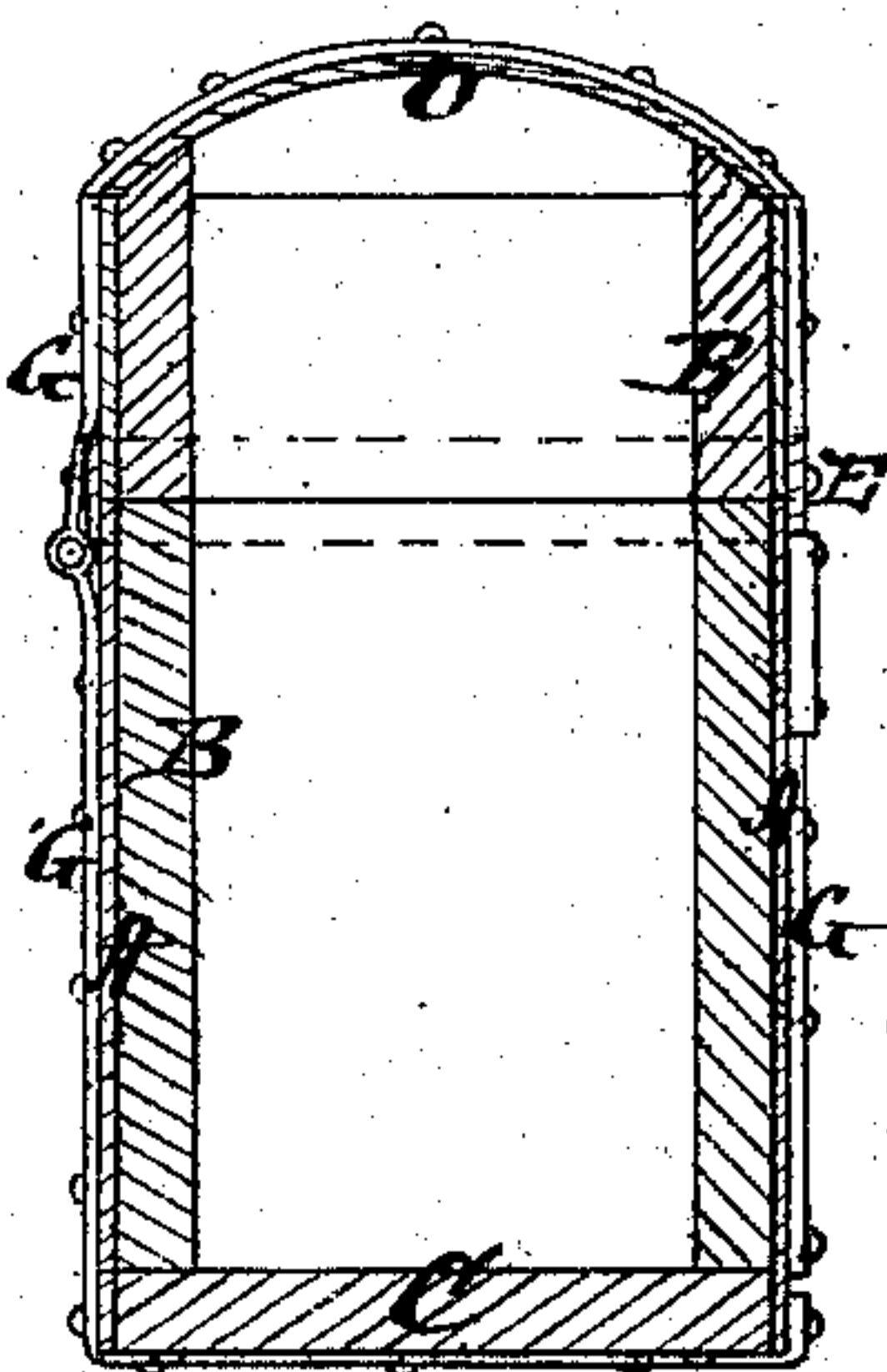


Fig. 4.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN TRUNKS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 129,787, dated July 23, 1872.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DANIEL J. CLARK, of Evansville, in the county of Vanderburg and in the State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a "wooden trunk," as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my trunk. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same thrown open. Fig. 3 is a view of a portion of the rear side, and Fig. 4 is a transverse vertical section of the trunk closed.

The trunk is made of two pieces or strips, A A, of wood, bent so that each strip forms one end of the trunk, and the ends of the two strips meet in the center on both front and rear, where they are fastened to two blocks, B B, of suitable thickness. These blocks are of such length that they will, at their lower ends, leave just room enough for the insertion of the bottom C, which is fastened to said blocks, as well as to the strips or pieces A A. The lid of the trunk may be formed of two bent pieces, similar to the main body of the trunk. In this case the upper ends of the

blocks B B should be beveled, as shown in Fig. 4, so as to form bearings for the top. The two bent pieces A A may be of any desired width, so that, if preferred, they may be sawed in two parts, so that one portion forms the body and the other the lid. E represents a metal strap, which forms the valance of the trunk. G G represent metallic bands, to strengthen both the body and the lid; said straps may be so made as to form the hinges for the lid.

I do not wish to be confined to the use of the valance, metal straps, or the particular mode of making the lid or top D.

A coffin or casket may be made in the same manner as above described for a trunk, and I reserve to myself the right to so make them.

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

1. The within-described wooden trunk, composed of the two strips A A, blocks B B, bottom C and top D, valance E, and straps G G, constructed and arranged substantially in the manner herein set forth.

2. The wooden body, composed of the two bent strips A A, their ends placed edge to edge, and secured together by the inner blocks B B, which break the joints, and the bottom C, all substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of March, 1871.

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