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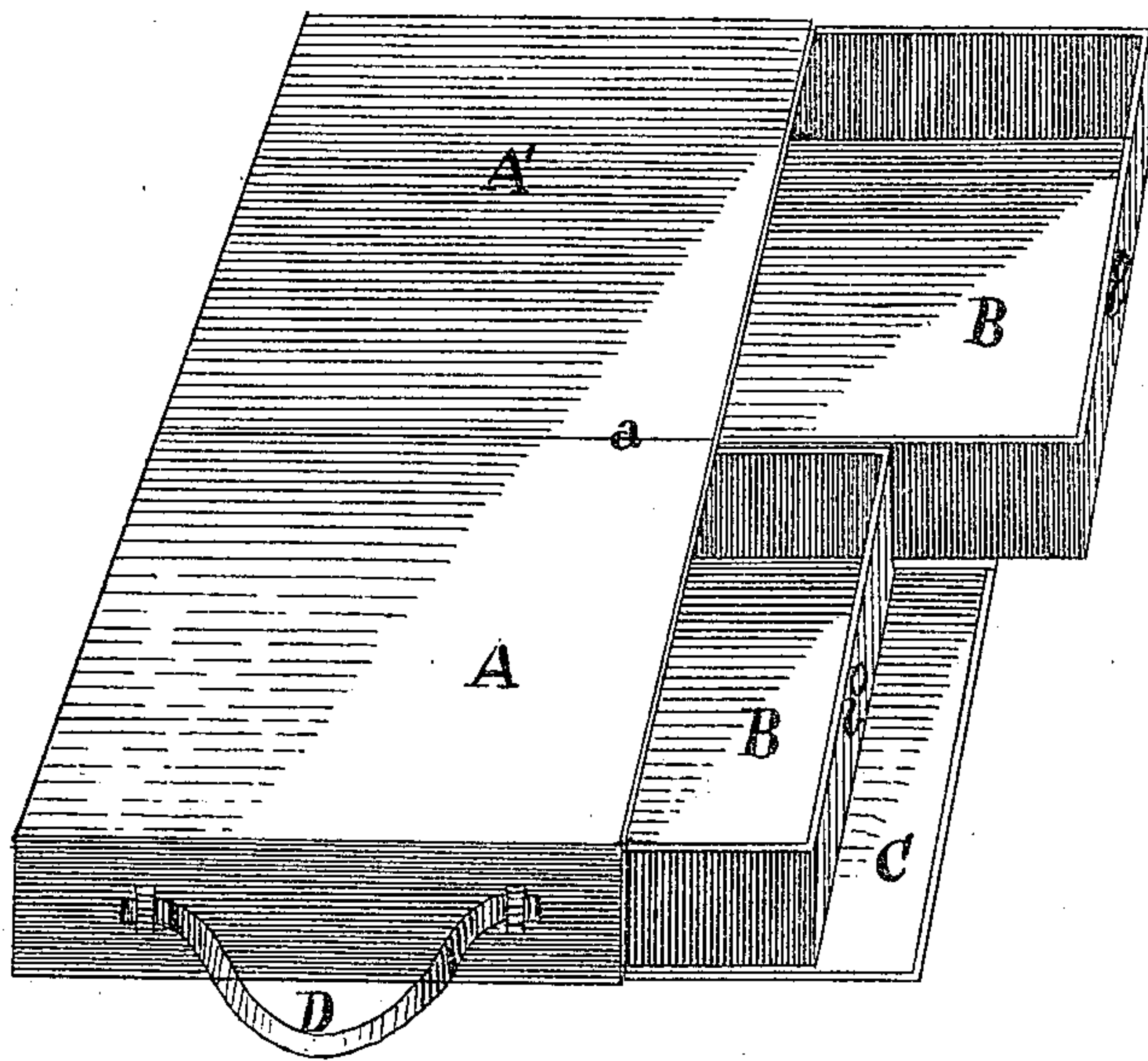


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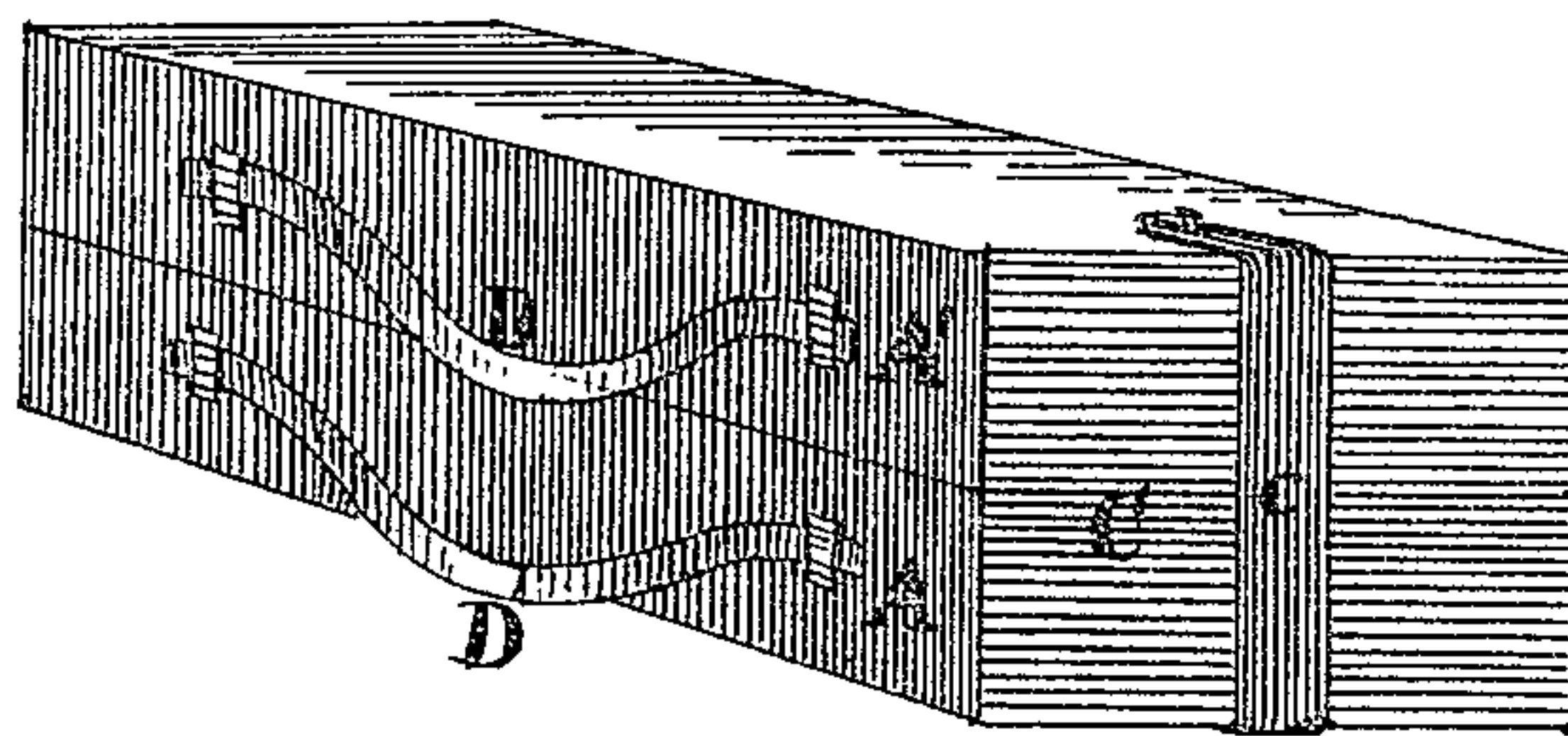


Fig. 2.

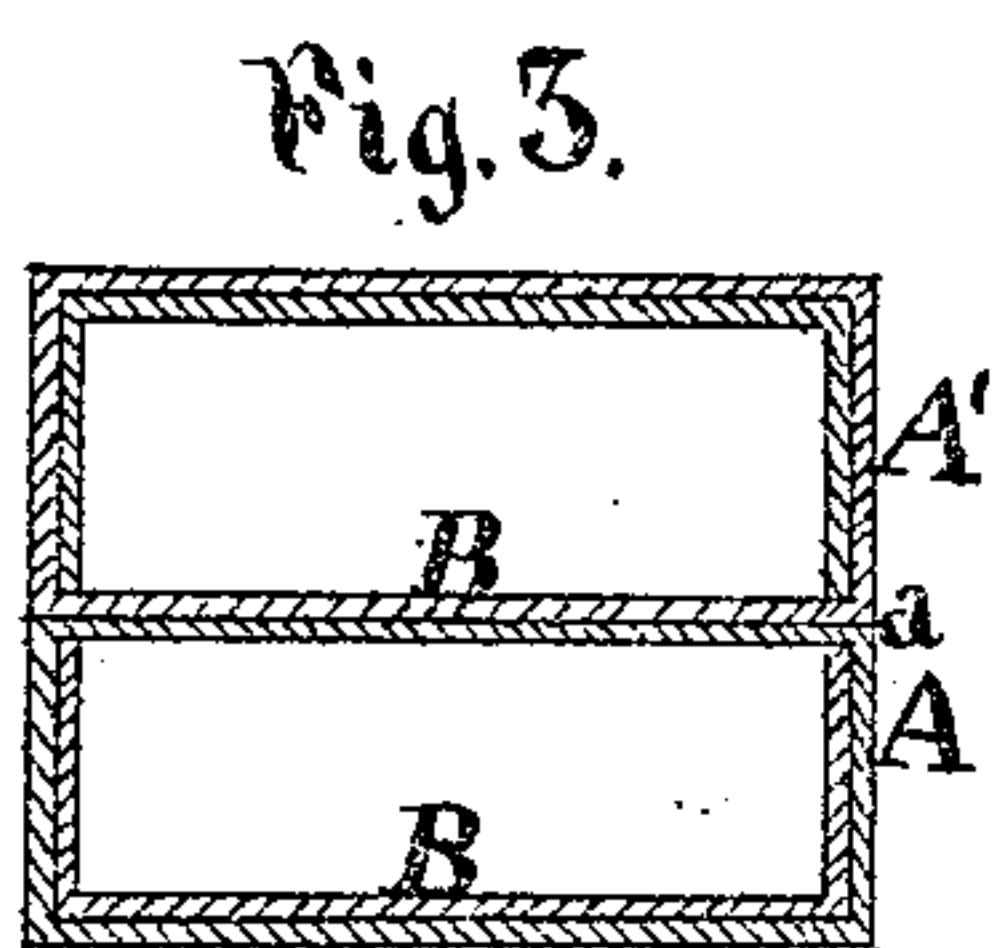


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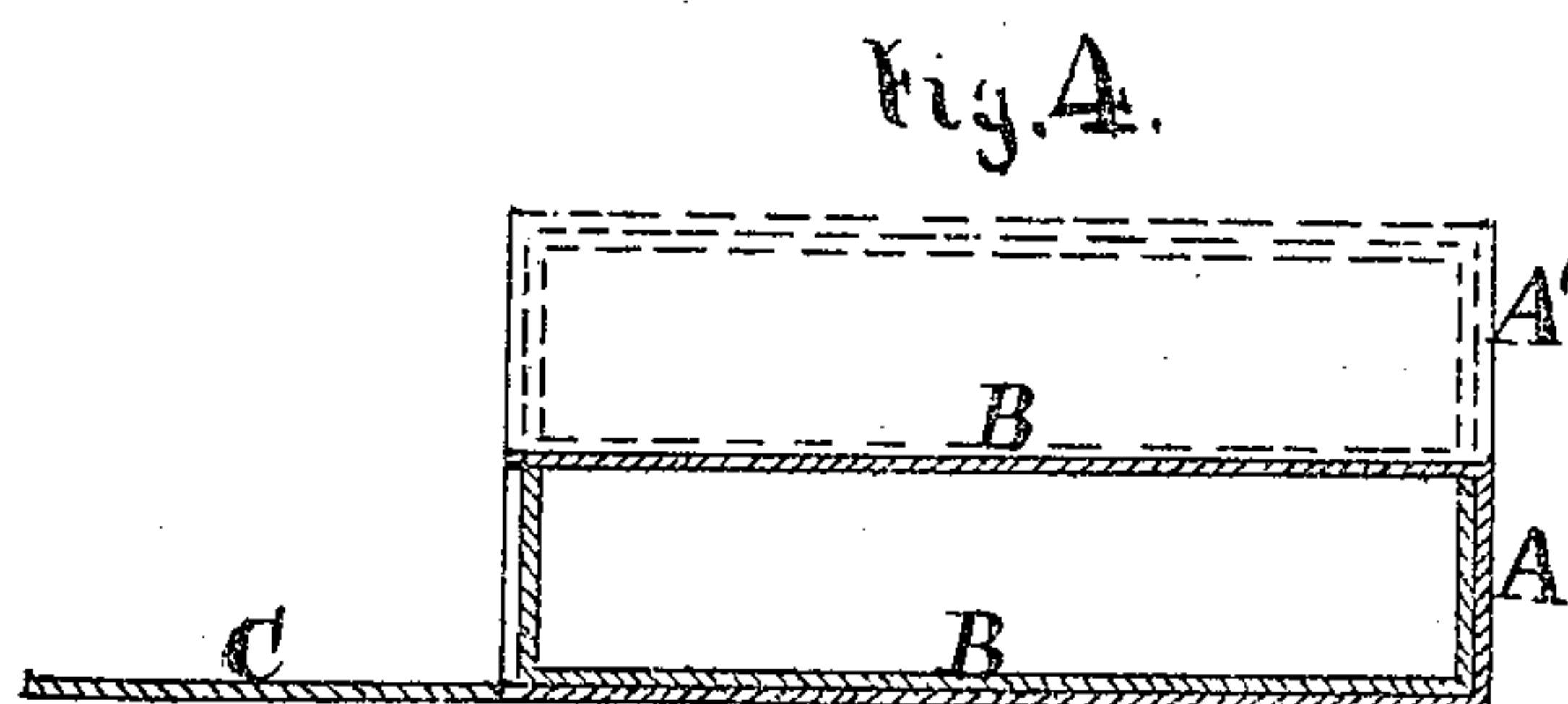


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IMPROVEMENT IN LUNCH-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. VAN ALLEN, of the city and county of Albany, State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Lunch-Box; and I do hereby declare that the following is a description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the lunch-box embodying the invention when opened out; Fig. 2 represents the same when closed; Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the same; and Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the same.

The same letters of reference indicate like parts.

My invention relates to a lunch-box; and consists in two drawer-receptacles hinged together in such a manner as to enable the one to fold over the other, and provided with drawers, and a hinged flap on door, and a clasp-band or equivalent holding-piece, all of which are so arranged that the drawers will be capable of being drawn out of their receptacles, or being closed in, and the whole folded together in a compact form and secured in a reliable manner; the object of this invention being to provide separate and distinct receptacles or compartments for holding distinct and separate any articles which it is desirable to preserve unmixed.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe it in reference to the drawing and the letters of reference marked thereon.

In the drawing, A A' represent each a drawer-receptacle, which receptacles are hinged together at *a*, Figs. 1 and 3. The said receptacles are made of heavy straw-board well cemented at the several jointures of their several parts, and have one of their ends open to permit the introduction of the drawers B B. The drawers B B are also made of straw-paper, and are made of a size to correspond with the interior of the receptacles A A', in which

are the said drawers. *b b* are finger-pieces attached to the ends of the drawers B B to serve as a means for pulling the said drawers out. C is a flap-door hinged to one of the receptacles A at its open end, and made with a length sufficient to close over the open ends of both receptacles when folded over, as in Figs. 2, 3, and 4, and is intended to close over the drawers B B. *c* is a tie or clasp, which is secured with the bottom of the receptacle A, and is capable of passing over the flap-door C and being secured to the top of the receptacle A', as in Fig. 2. D D is any suitable handle or handles attached to the sides of the receptacles opposite their hinged sides, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3.

When it is desired to use this invention the tie *c* is unloosed and the flap C is thrown down to uncover the ends of the drawers B B. The two receptacles are then unfolded, as in Fig. 1, when the drawers can be withdrawn, and any desirable articles can be placed therein, after which the said drawers will be shoved back in place and the receptacle A' will be folded over the receptacle A, when the flap-door C will be turned up and secured by the tie *c*.

By my invention a cheap and convenient receptacle for holding and carrying any articles, such as lunches for picnics, excursions, or workmen's dinners, or small instruments or tools, such as are used by ladies in sewing, knitting, &c., or papers of lawyers, or other articles which may be received in the drawers, is produced.

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

The lunch-box consisting of the receptacles A A', hinged at *a* so as to be capable of folding over each other, and provided with drawers B B, flap-door C, and tie *c*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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