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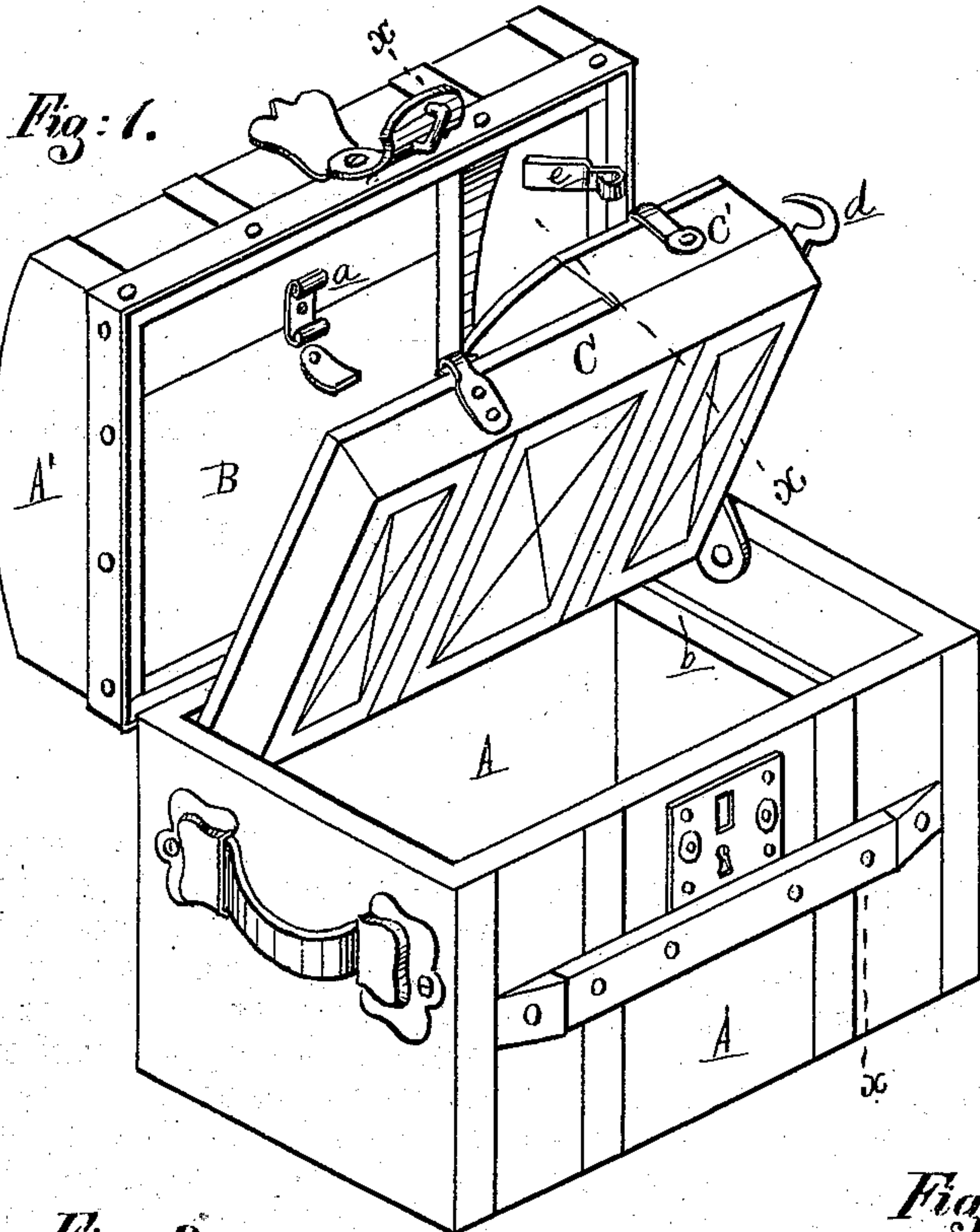


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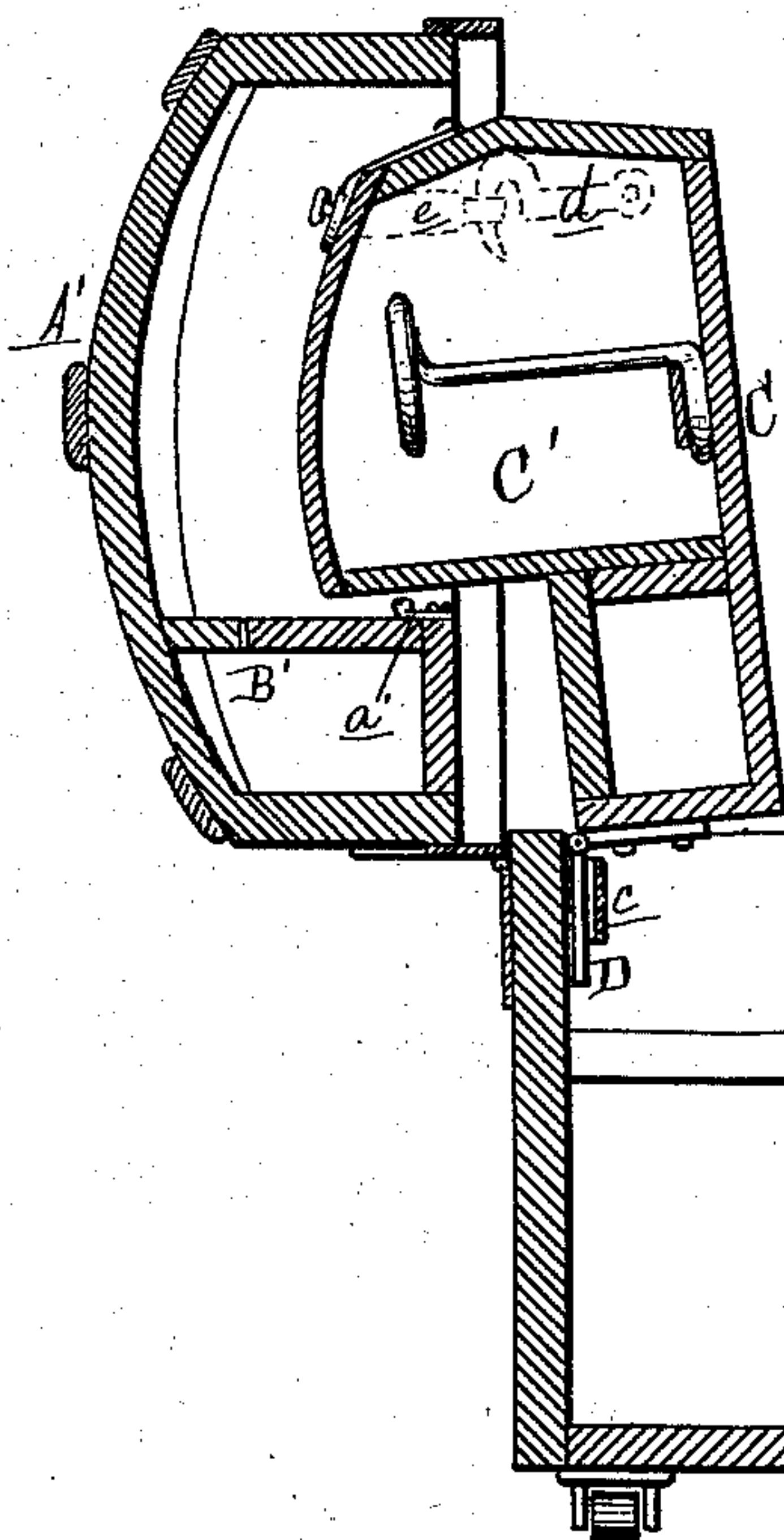
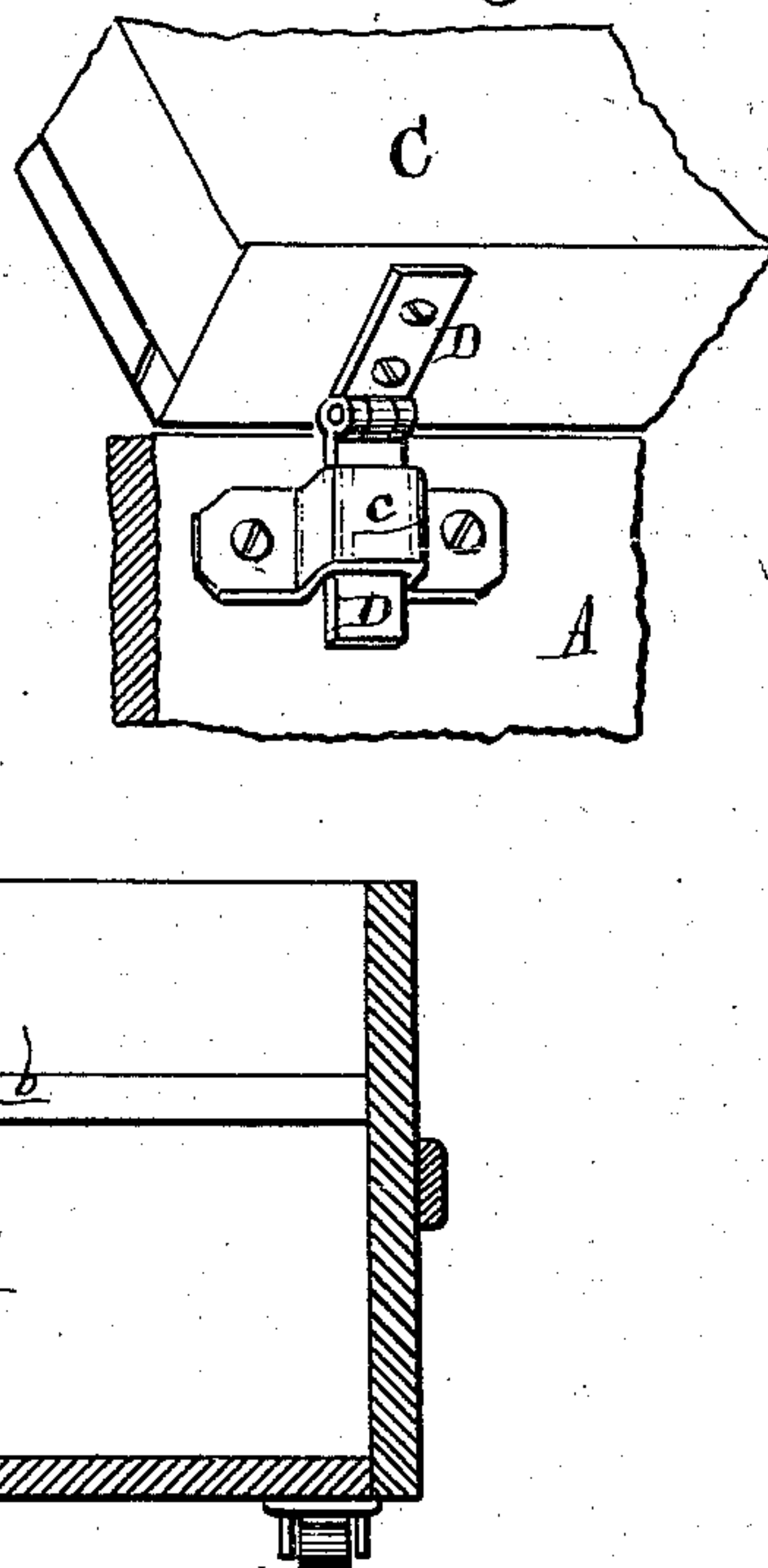


Fig: 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TRUNKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMANN VOGLER, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented an Improvement in Trunks, of which the following is a specification:

The nature of this invention relates to an improvement in trunks of that class which are provided with trays in the upper part of the box, and the object of the invention is to so hinge the tray to the body of the trunk as to enable it to be lifted out of the latter if it be desired to remove it.

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing my trunk open and the tray partly swung up. Fig. 2 is a cross-section at *xx* in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an enlarged perspective view of the tray-hinge.

In the drawing, A represents the box or body of a trunk, having a top, A', hinged to the back thereof in the usual way. One part of the top is partitioned off to form a top locker, which is closed by a flap-cover, B, hinged thereto and fastened by a turn-buckle, *a*. The back part of the open end is divided from the main recess by a longitudinal partition into a small receptacle closed by a flap-cover, B', which is secured by a turn-buckle, *a'*, Fig. 2. C is the tray of the trunk, supported therein at each end by a cleat, *b*, across the ends of said trunk-body. It may be divided off into compartments, as convenience or fancy may require, with a hat-box, C', at one end, which is received in the open part of the top when the latter is shut or the former is raised up, the hat-box and the several compartments being provided with the usual flap-

covers. To the back wall of the tray two strap-hinges, D D, have one leaf of each secured thereto, the other leaf hanging free. To hinge the tray to the trunk, the loose leaves of these hinges are inserted in sockets *c*, secured to the upper part of the back wall of the trunk, when the tray may be swung up against and into the top when the trunk is open, thereby giving free access to its interior for packing or unpacking.

The particular advantage of this method of hinging the tray is, that it permits the latter to be lifted out and removed from the trunk if it becomes necessary. This makes it very convenient for travelers stopping at hotels, for the tray, with the toilet conveniences contained in its several receptacles, may be placed on a stand or table in the room occupied.

I do not wish, however, to be confined to the particular form of hinge shown, as it is evident that any ordinary hinge may be used if the tray be stationary. A hook, *d*, at one end of the tray, engaging with an eye, *e*, in the top, holds the former in its raised position.

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

A trunk having a compartment-tray, C, provided with slip-hinges D and sockets *c*, attached to the back and inside of the trunk-box, as described, for the purpose of removably hinging the tray, substantially as described and shown.

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