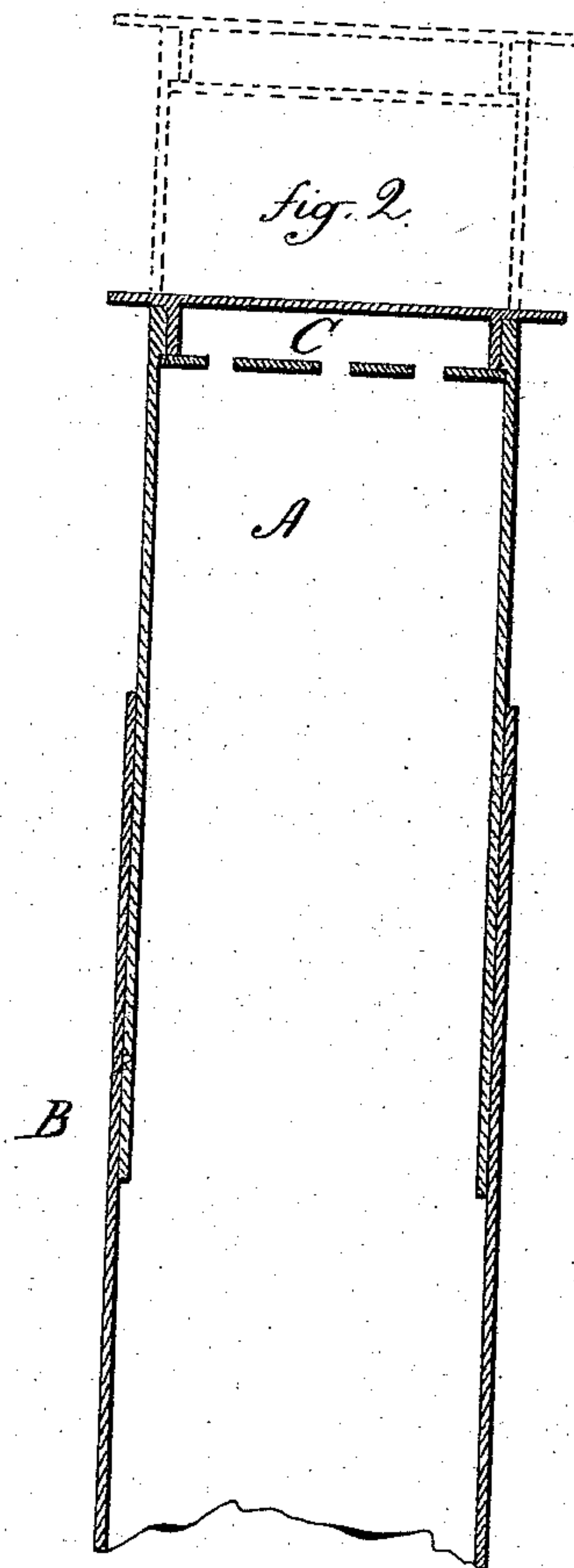
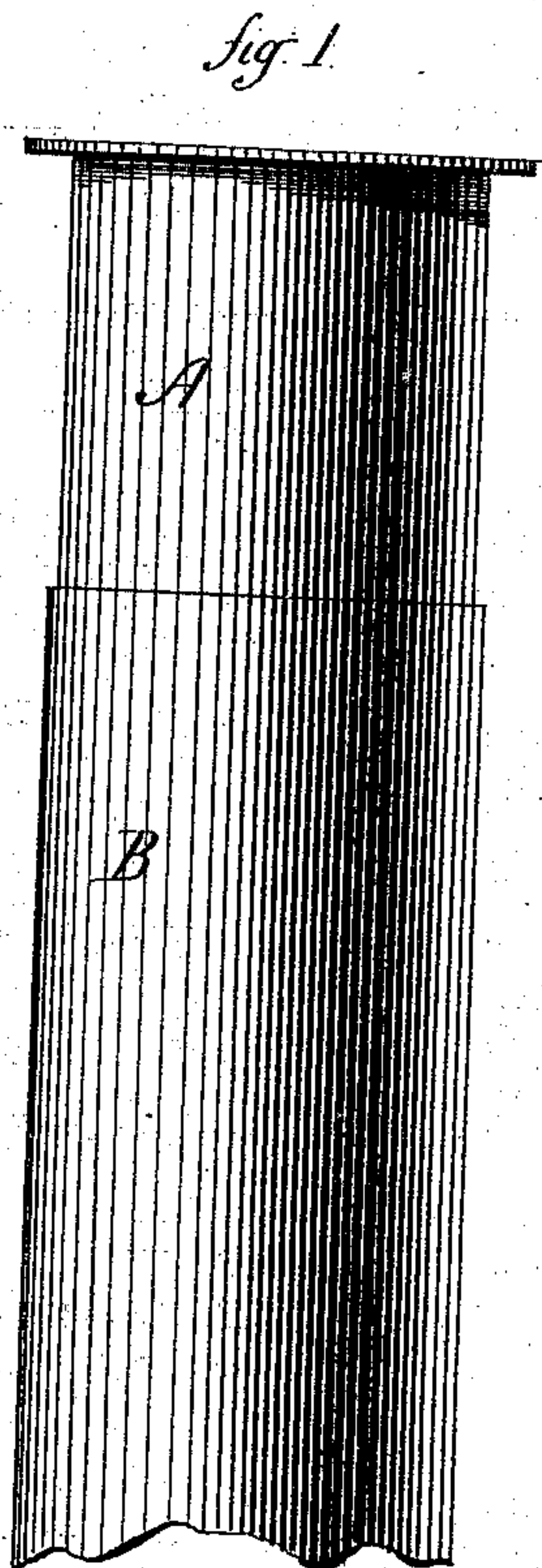


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## IMPROVEMENT IN STREET-WASHER BOXES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH A. LATHAM, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Street-Washer Box; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a side view, and in Fig. 2 a vertical central section.

This invention relates to an improvement in the box or case which is placed in the earth around the pipe and valve stem, through which water is led from the supply-pipe to the surface, commonly called street-washer boxes. These have usually been made of wood, fitted to receive the iron cover at the top, and as the depth of the supply-pipe from the surface is variable in different places the boxes must be cut or fitted to the required depth. These boxes soon decay, so as to require frequent renewal.

The object of this invention is to produce a box which will not decay, and be adjustable as to length; and it consists in a box formed from two or more sections of metal, the upper section constructed to receive the

cap or cover, one section fitting into the other so as to be adjustable as to length.

A is the upper section; B, the second section, the two formed, preferably, from sheet-iron galvanized or otherwise prepared to prevent oxidation, and so that one will slide into the other, as seen in Fig. 2. The upper section A is constructed at the top to receive the cap C, which may be of the usual form. When not required for use, or for transportation, the parts may be closed together; then, when required for use, drawn out, as seen in broken lines, Fig. 2, and set into the earth; then the upper section pressed down until the desired level is attained.

This box costs little more than the common wood box, but will outlast many such, besides possessing the advantage of ready adjustment.

I claim as my invention—

A street-washer box, consisting of two or more sections, A B, made adjustable one within the other, and the upper section constructed to receive the cap, substantially as described.

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