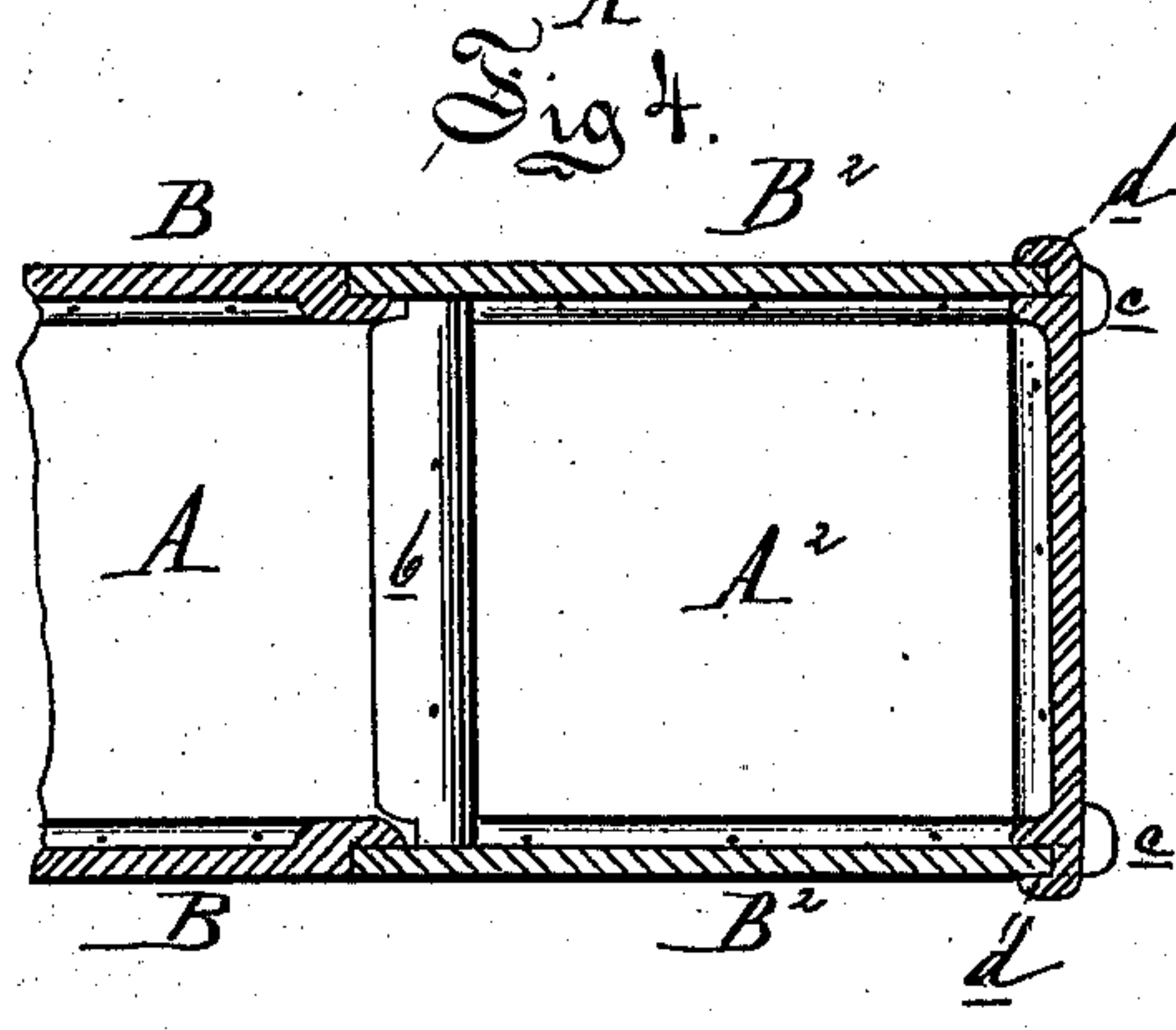
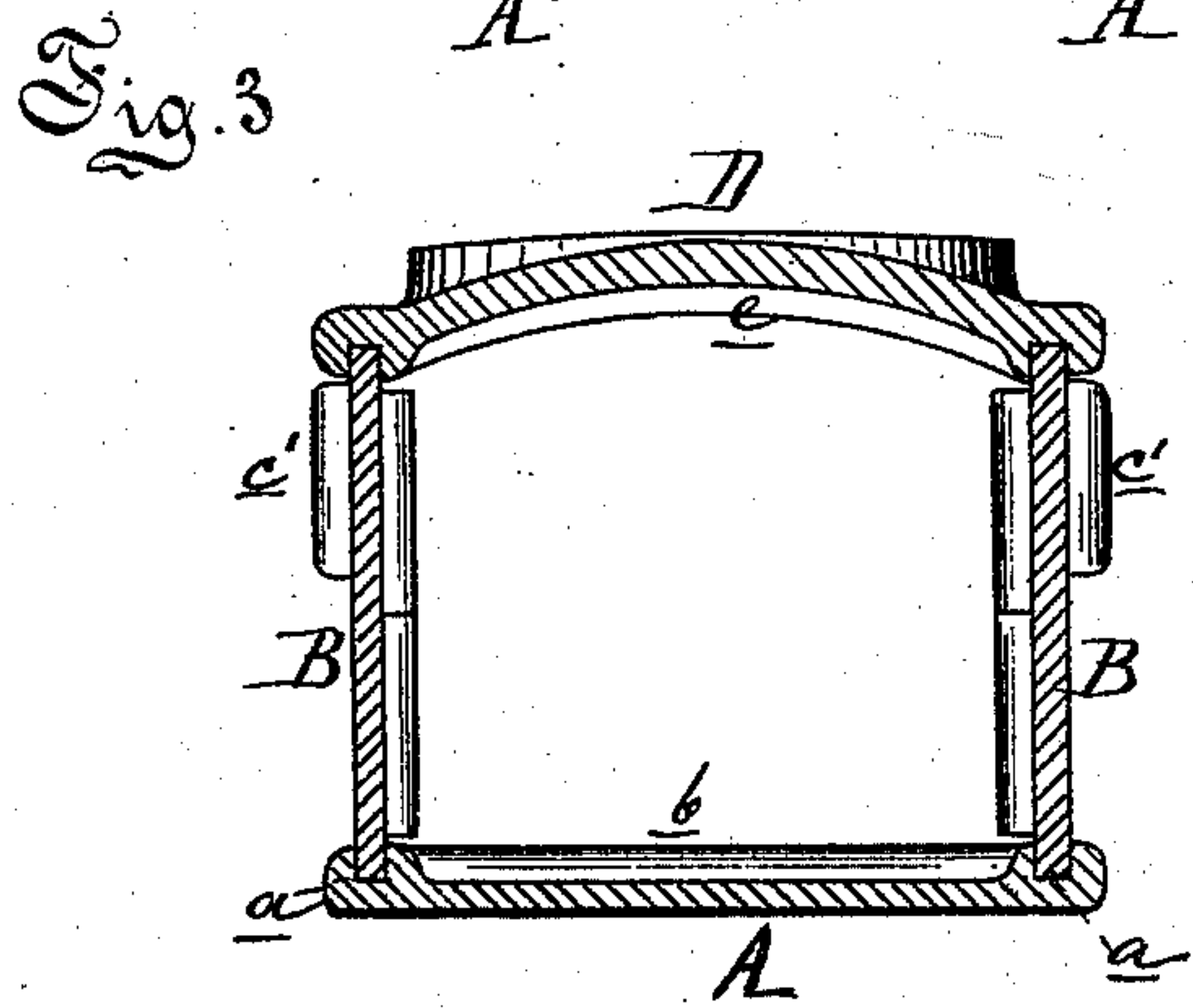
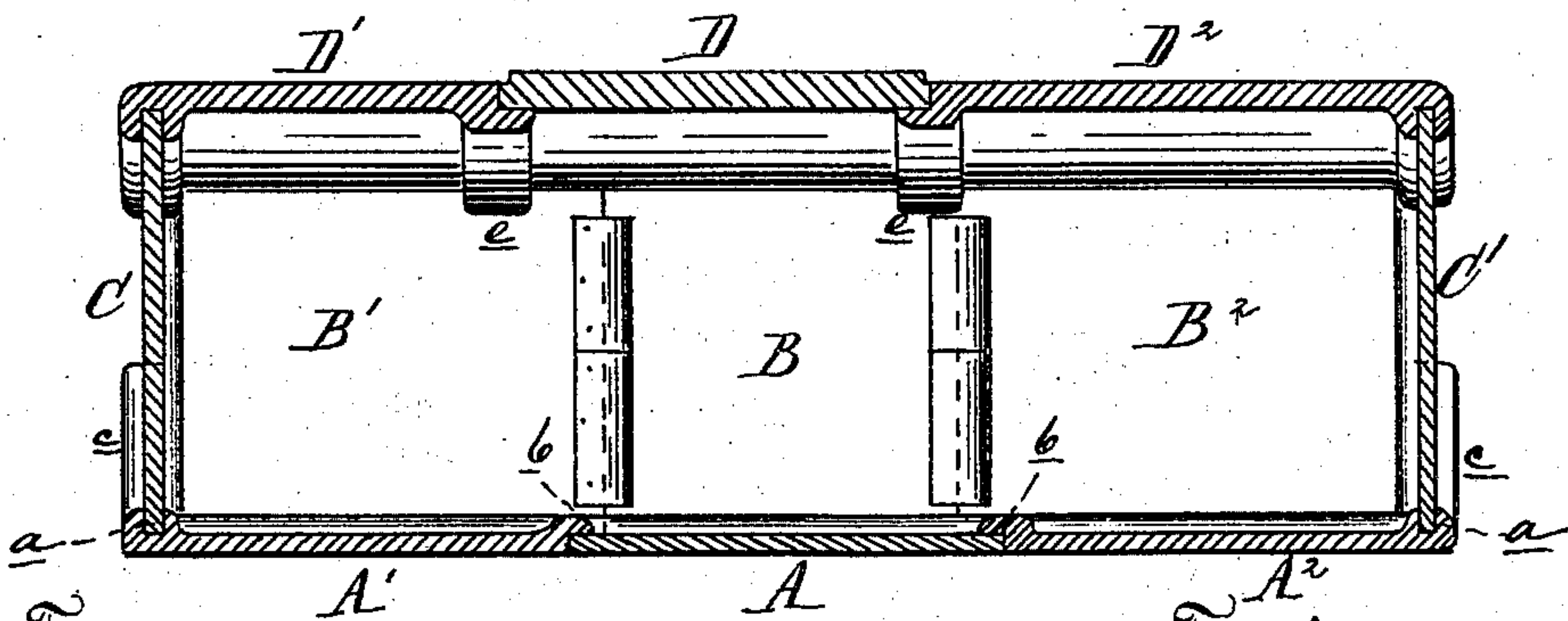
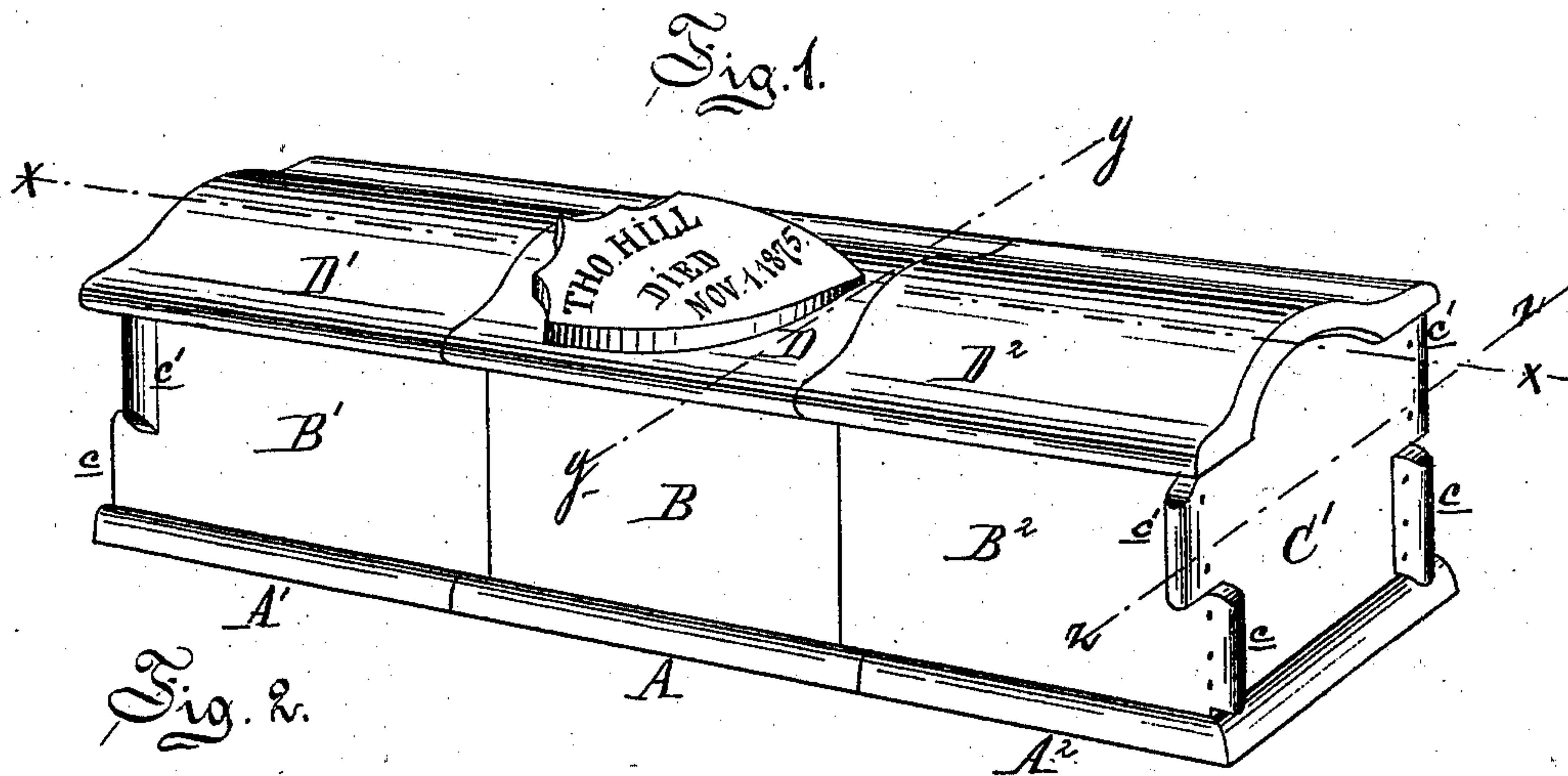


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GRAVE-VAULT.

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IMPROVEMENT IN GRAVE-VAULTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. PECKHAM, of Troy, in the county of Miami and State of Ohio, have invented an Improvement in Grave-Vaults, of which the following is a specification:

My invention has for its object to substitute for the grave-vault heretofore constructed of brick or stone masonry a sectional vault, constructed of earthenware, cement, or any plastic material, the sections of which will overlap, and, if necessary, lock at the joints.

Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section at $x x$. Fig. 3 is a cross-section at $y y$. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section of one end at $z z$.

In the drawing, A represents the middle bottom section, formed with a groove, a , at each side, to receive the lower edge of the middle side panel B. A^1 is the head-section of the bottom, and A^2 the foot-section, each of which is provided with the side grooves a , and one at the end to receive the head and foot panels $C C'$. The ends of the sections $A^1 A^2$, where they abut against the middle sections, overlap the latter, as at b . The side panels $B^1 B^2$ at the head and foot have prolongations c at the ends, to interlock with similar ones c' on the end panels, whose ends or sides are provided with vertical grooves d , to receive the ends of the side panel, so that the vault will be self-sustaining. $D D^1 D^2$ are, respec-

tively, the center, head, and foot panels of the cover, grooved under the sides and ends to receive the top edges of the side and end panels of the vault. The inner ends of the panels are formed with lugs e , to receive and support the ends of the center panel D, which may be provided with a raised shield, having grooves to receive pattern-letters, indicating the name of the deceased, date of decease, &c., which letters are held in their grooves by filling around them with hydraulic cement.

Each vault will be constructed of two or more sets of sections, according to the size of the coffin it is to contain.

I do not wish to confine myself to the use of any single material in the construction of these vaults, as it is evident that any plastic material can be used for the purpose.

What I claim as my invention is—

The grave-vault described, consisting of the end sections A^1 and A^2 , provided with grooves, the side panels $B^1 B^2$, having projections, the head and foot panels C and C' , provided with projections, and the head and foot cover panels $D^1 D^2$, having grooves, with or without the central section, all substantially as described and shown.

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