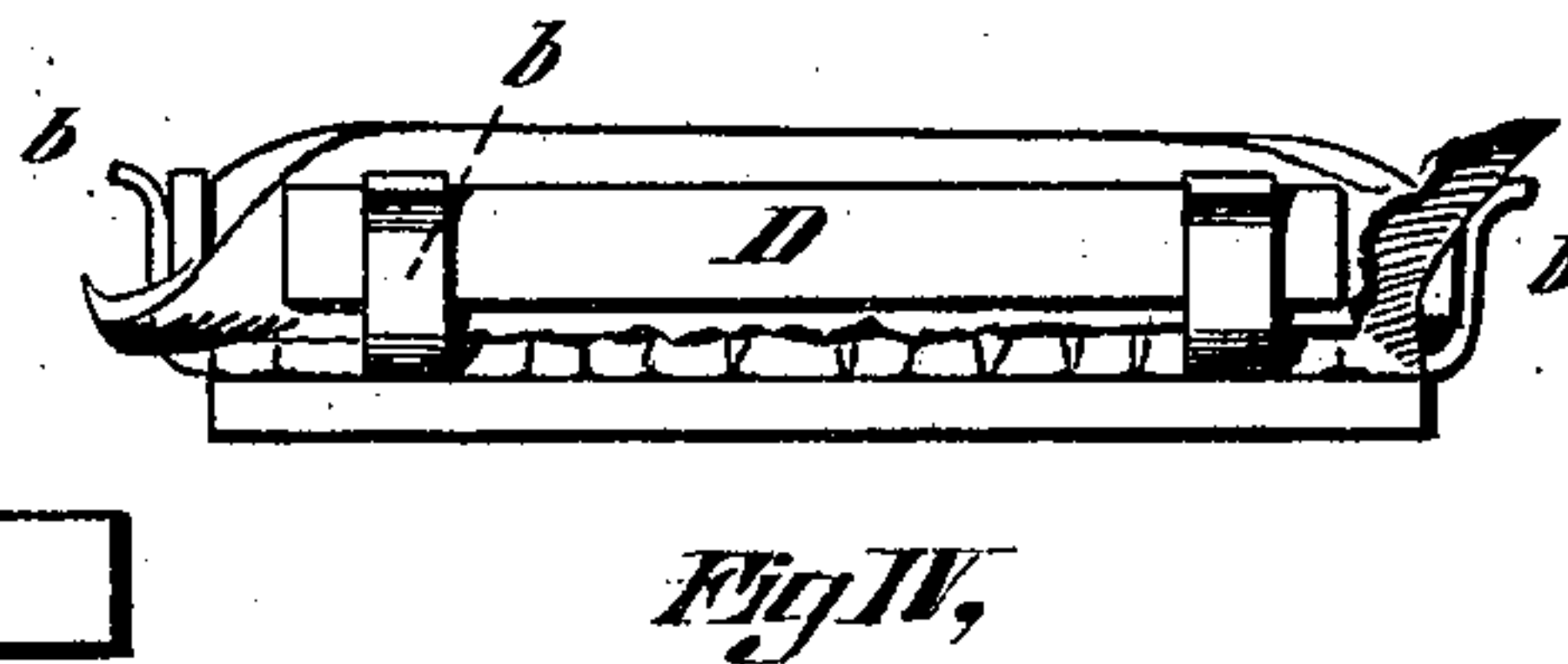
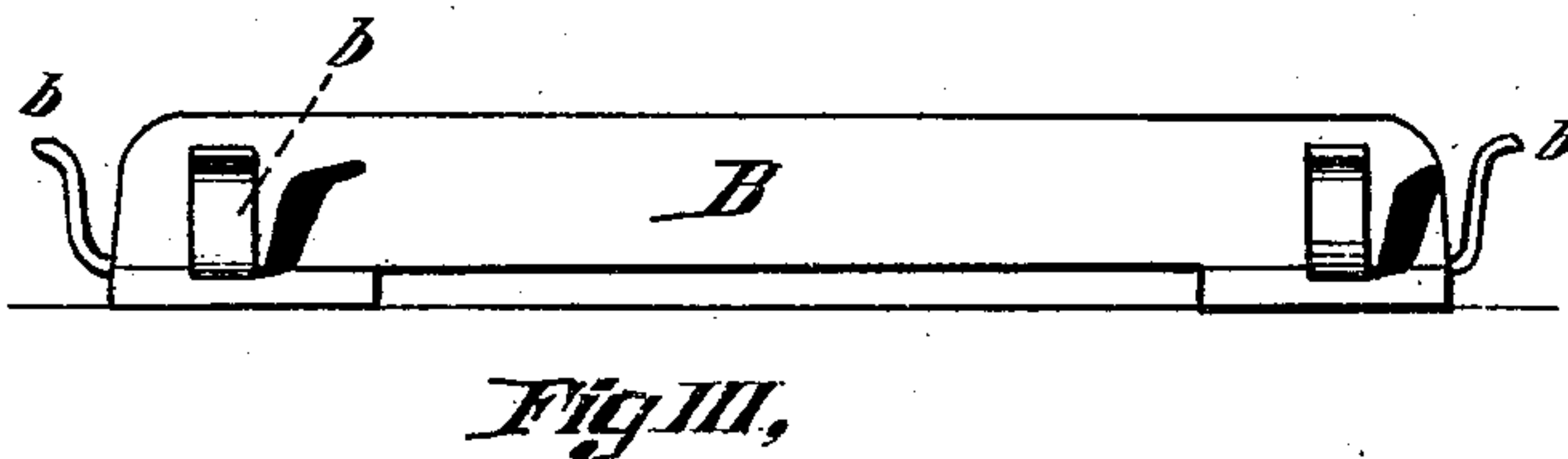
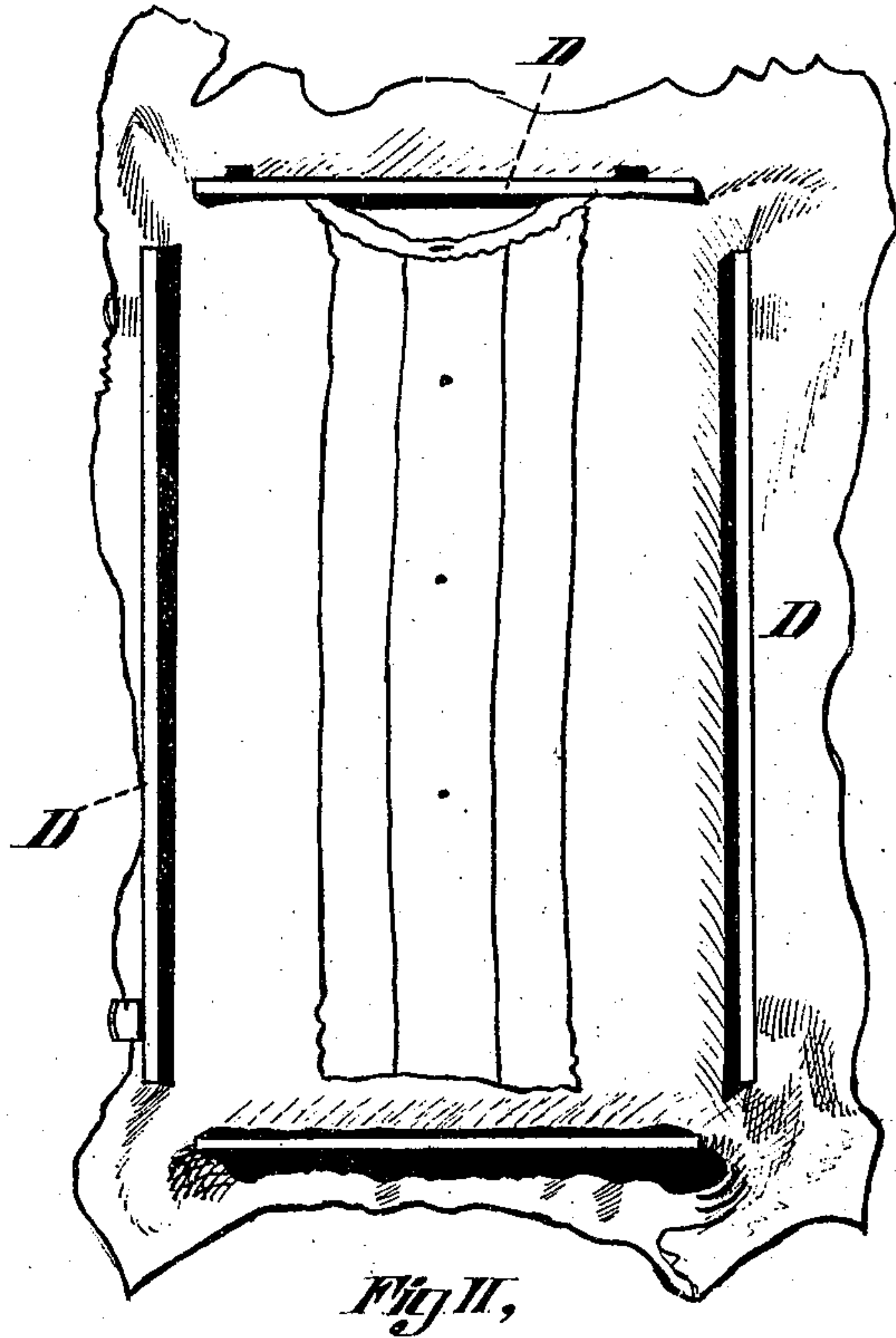
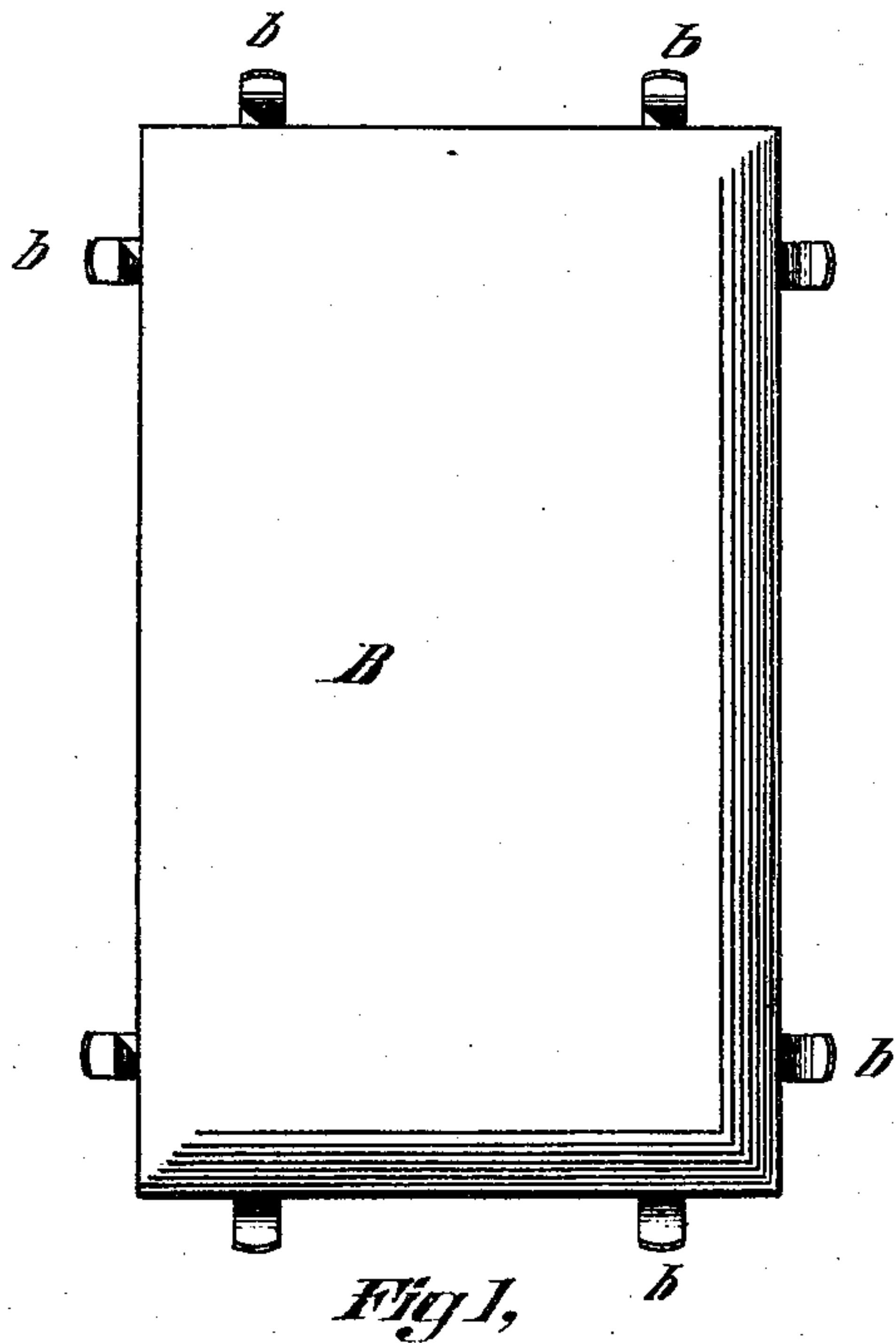


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IMPROVEMENT IN IRONING-BOARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH W. STANTON, of West Springfield, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Ironing-Board, of which the following is a specification:

My invention is fully illustrated in the following description and accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure I is a plan view of the board proper; Fig. II, a plan view of the board with the article to be ironed in position upon it. Fig. III is a side view of the board as shown in Fig. I; Fig. IV, an end view of the device as shown in Fig. II; and Fig. V, one of the movable side pieces.

Upon the side of the board B, which is properly padded and covered to present a good ironing-surface, are the slat-holders *b*, arranged two to each of the sides.

The shirt-bosom or other piece to be ironed is brought over the face of the ironing-surface, and the slats D are forced down between the sides of the board B and holders *b*, to draw the fabric upon the board from three or more directions, to secure it and insure an entire absence of all wrinkles in the surface to be ironed. These holders *b* I prefer to arrange upon the sides of the board B, as shown in Fig. I. They are secured to the bottom of the board, and, rising from the bottom, leave a space between them and the sides a little in excess of the thickness of the slats D, to allow for the double thickness of the fabric when the slats are crowded in place.

These holders *b* may be made to have a

slight spring, or be inclined a little from the sides of the board; or the slats may be slightly beveled, to permit a graduated pressure to be brought upon the slats to exert the proper tension upon the cloth.

For convenience of construction, I bring the cleats, upon which the board rests, over the ends of the holders *b*, when attached to the bottom of the board, which assists in securing them by acting as clamps to confine them against the board.

The free ends of the holders *b* are below the level of the face of the board, and when the slats D are in place no object projects to interfere with the use of the iron.

In this invention the object can be quickly and with certainty arranged in the best position to be ironed, and can be as quickly—by the mere removal of the slats—disengaged; and as the tension upon the fabric is released to any degree from the drying of the moisture by the iron, a slight pressure by the hand upon one or more of the cleats quickly restores it.

Now, having described my invention, what I claim is—

In combination with the ironing-board B, the spring slat-holders *b* and slats D, conforming to the sides of the board, when all arranged and constructed substantially as set forth.

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