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BILLIARD CHALK-HOLDERS.

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Fig: 1.

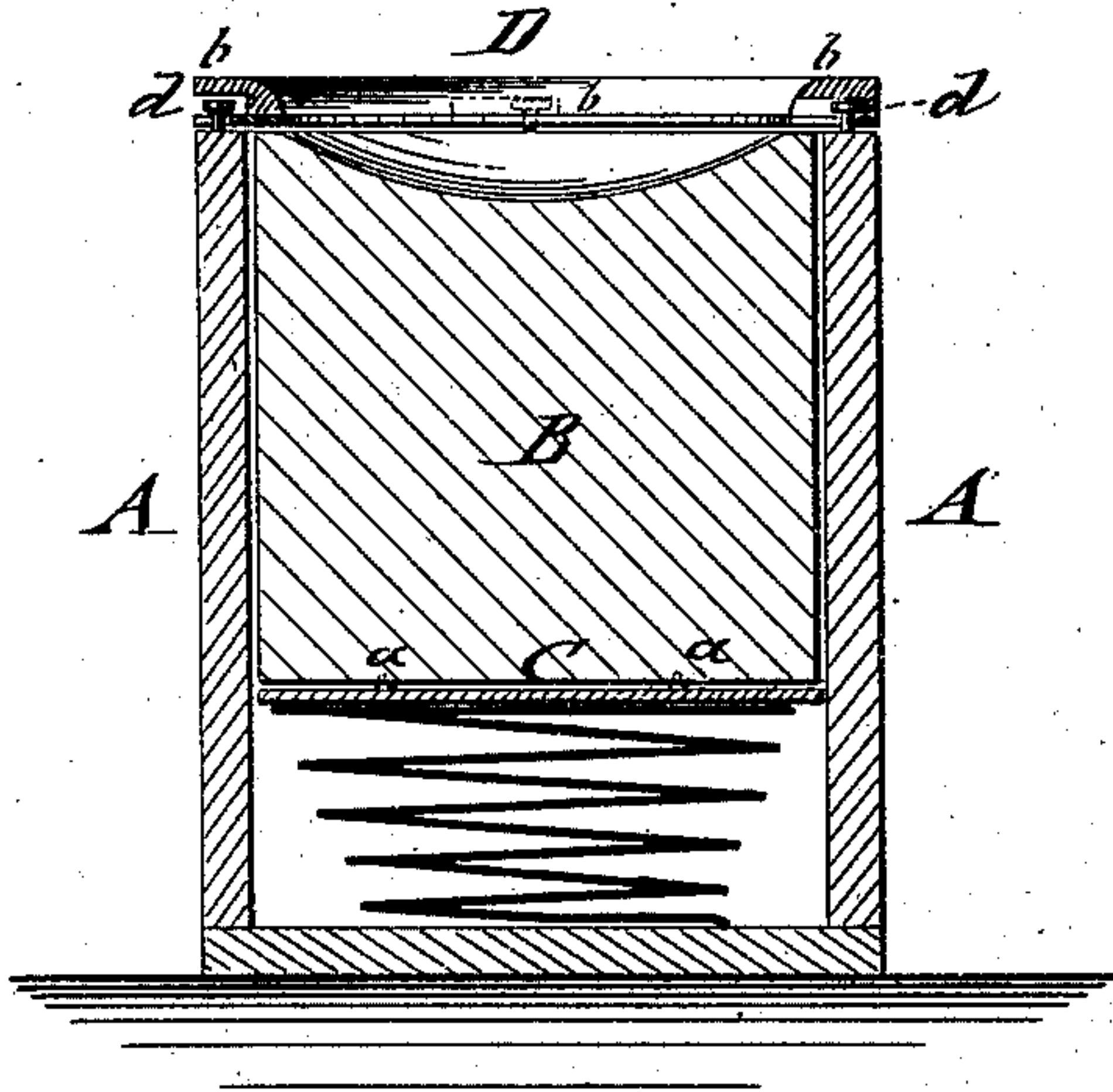


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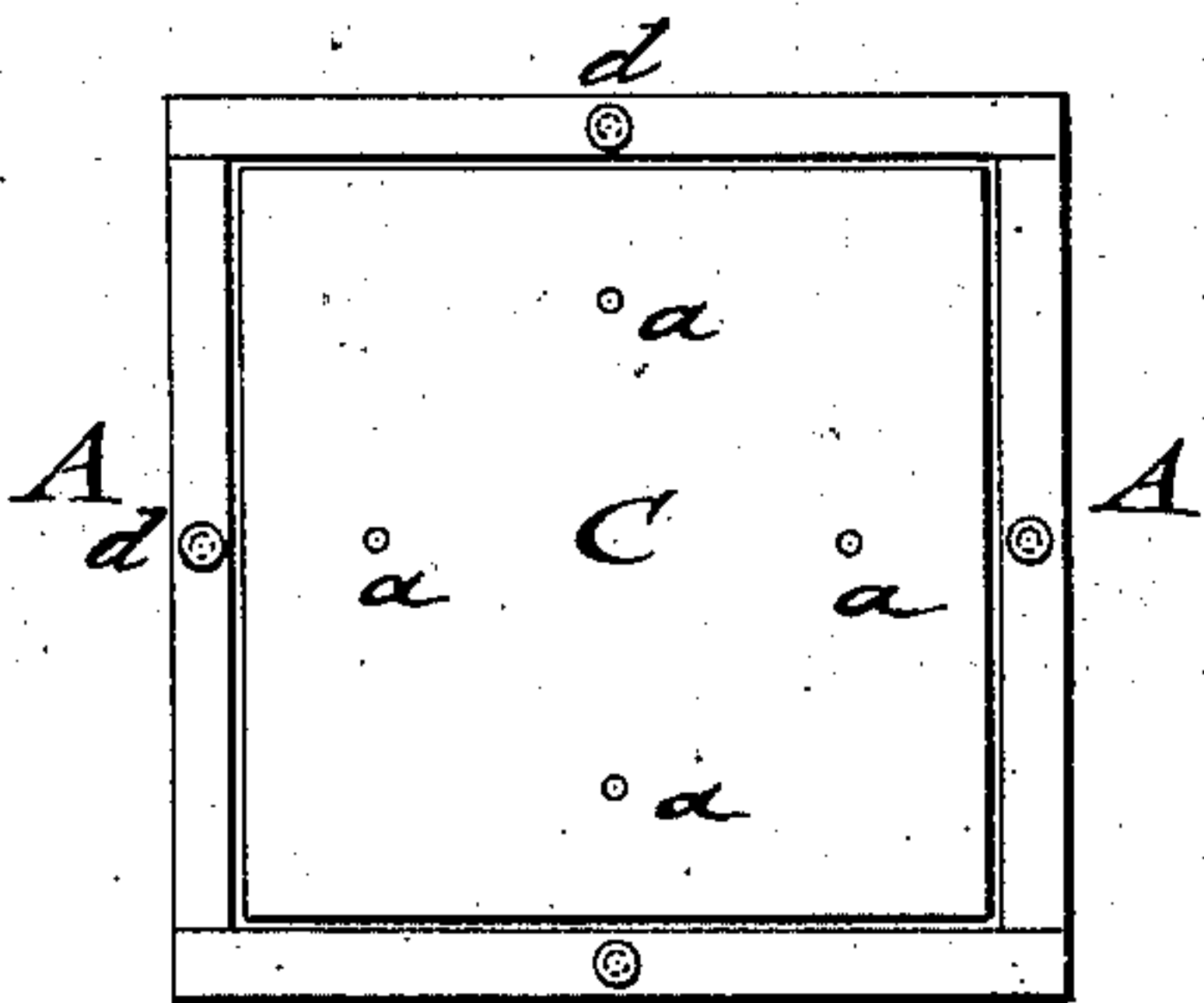
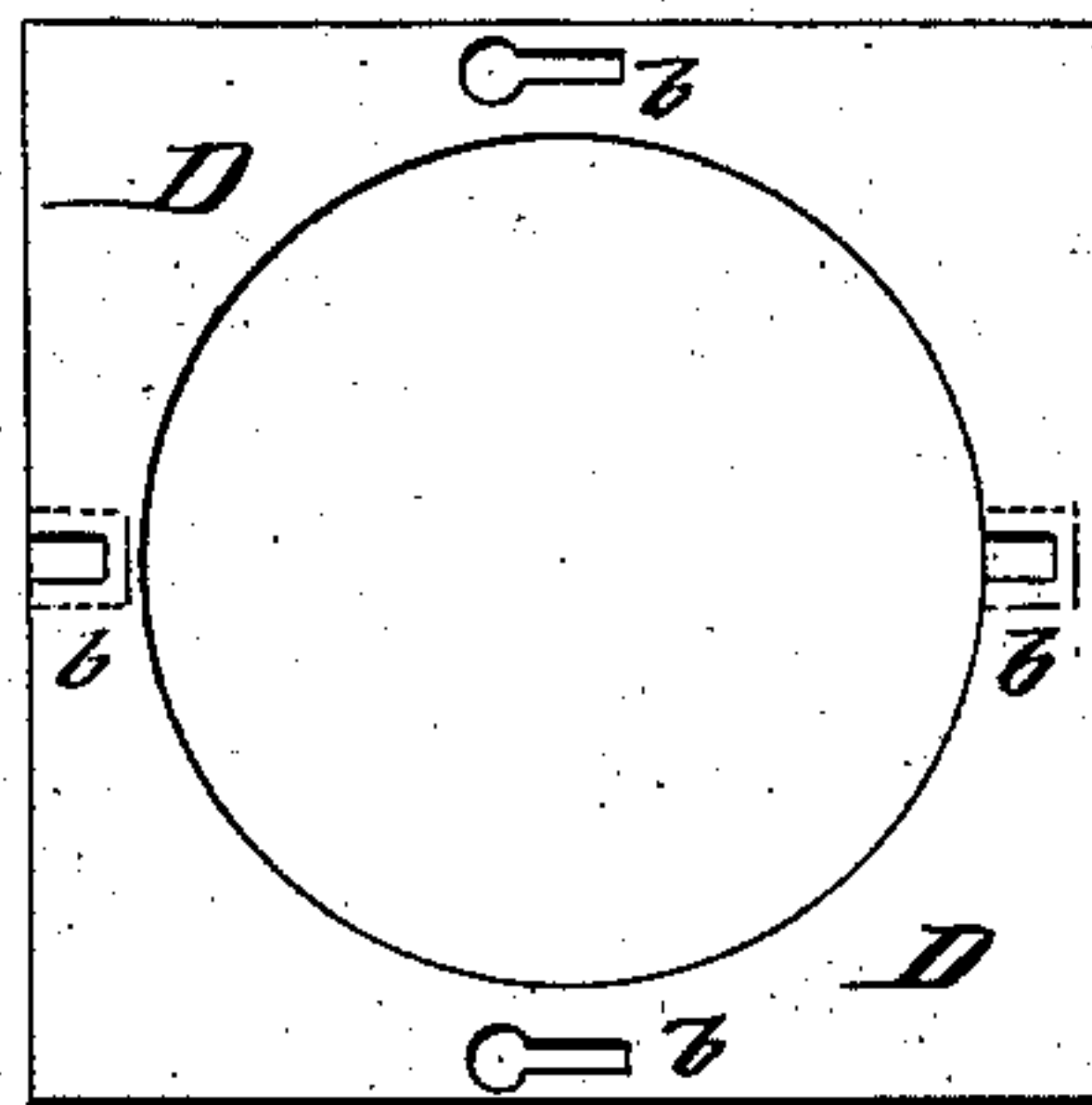


Fig: 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BILLIARD-CHALK HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY L. WHARTON, of Youngstown, in the county of Mahoning and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Billiard-Chalk Holder, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a vertical central section of my improved billiard-chalk holder; Fig. 2, a top view of the holder, with lid and chalk removed; and Fig. 3, a bottom view of the lid detached.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention relates to an improved chalk holder for billiard-cues, by which the chalk may be conveniently applied to the tips without getting on the hands or clothes, or without breaking and scattering when dropped on the floor.

The invention consists of a chalk-holding casing, with detachable lid and sliding chalk, placed on a spring-acted base-plate or follower, having projecting teats or roughened surface.

In the drawing, A represents the casing of my improved chalk-holder, which may be made of wood, ivory, rubber, papier maché or any other suitable material, and of square, round, or other shape.

A piece of chalk, B, of corresponding size and shape, is placed into the casing on a spring-acted plate or follower, C, which presses the chalk forward against the centrally-perforated lid D.

The plate C has a roughened surface or projecting teats, *a*, for the purpose of preventing the turning of the chalk with the billiard-cue when the holder is made of round shape.

The lid D is placed on the casing or box by means of slots, *b*, locking over the heads of retaining-studs *d*, so that the lid may be readily taken off for replacing the chalk. The lid may, however, be attached in any other suitable manner, provided that it may be conveniently removed for putting in a new piece of chalk when the old one is worn out.

The chalk-holder supplies chalk to the tip merely, and not to the cue, preventing thereby the marking of the billiard-table by the cue. It may be attached to the table by a small chain or cord applied to the holder, so that the player cannot inadvertently put it in his pocket and carry it off, which is frequently of great annoyance to proprietors of billiard-tables.

The chalk is inserted by pressing down on the same with the finger passed through the hole of the lid until the lid is in position. When the lid is to be detached the chalk is retained in similar manner until it is taken off.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The box A, having fixed screw-heads and detachable recessed lid D, the bottom plate or follower C, and its spring, all combined and arranged to operate substantially as described.

2. The combination of box or casing A, having fixed screw-heads, with a detachable lid having corresponding recesses to be locked to the box, substantially as set forth.

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