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Cigar-Box.

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Fig: 1

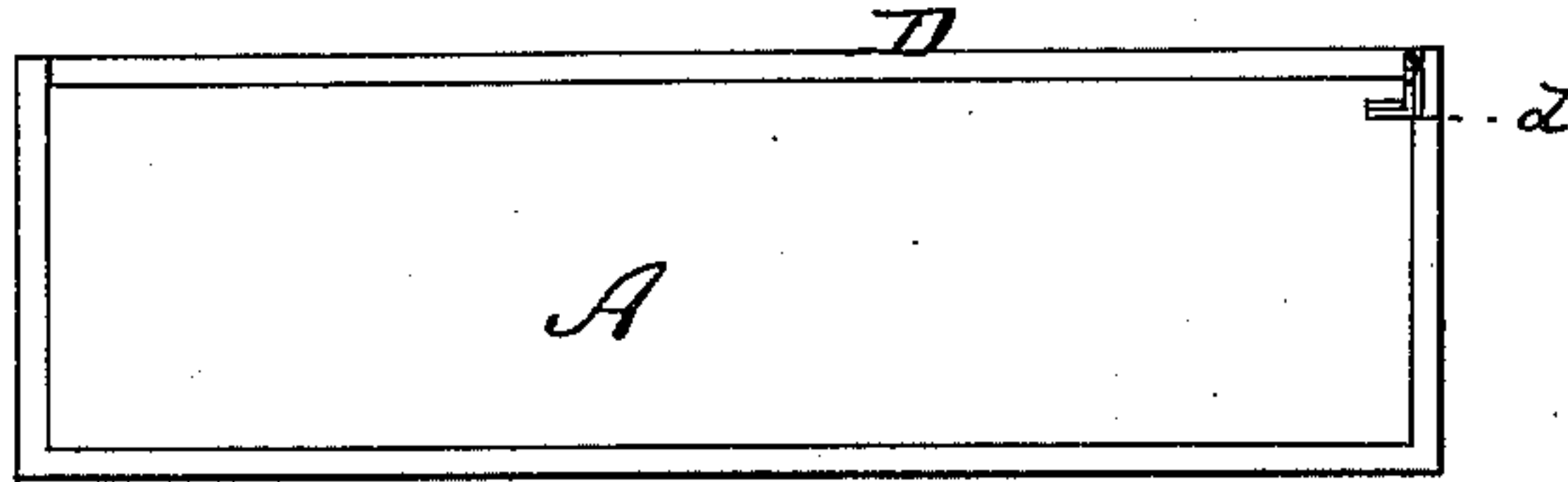


Fig: 2

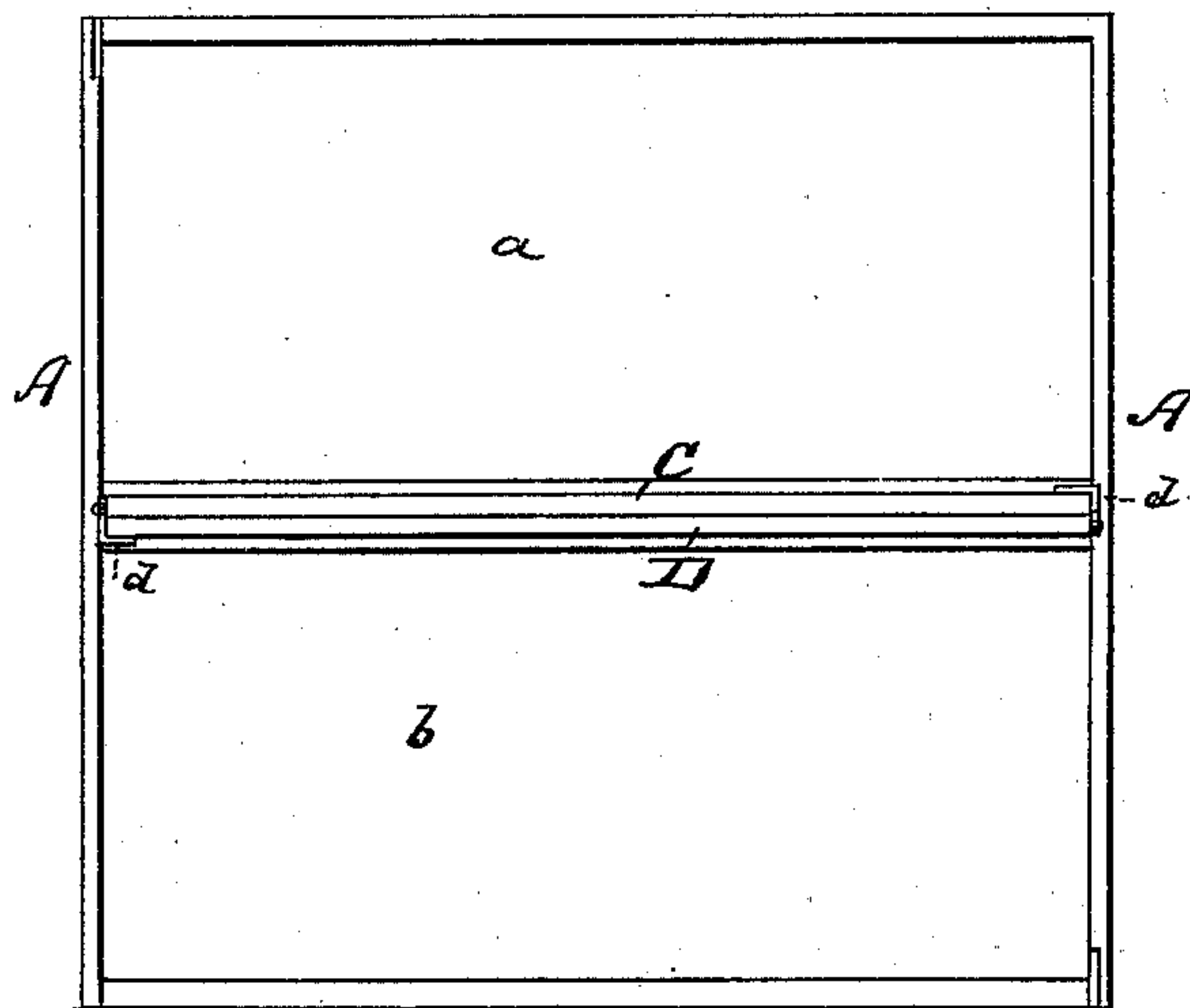


Fig: 3

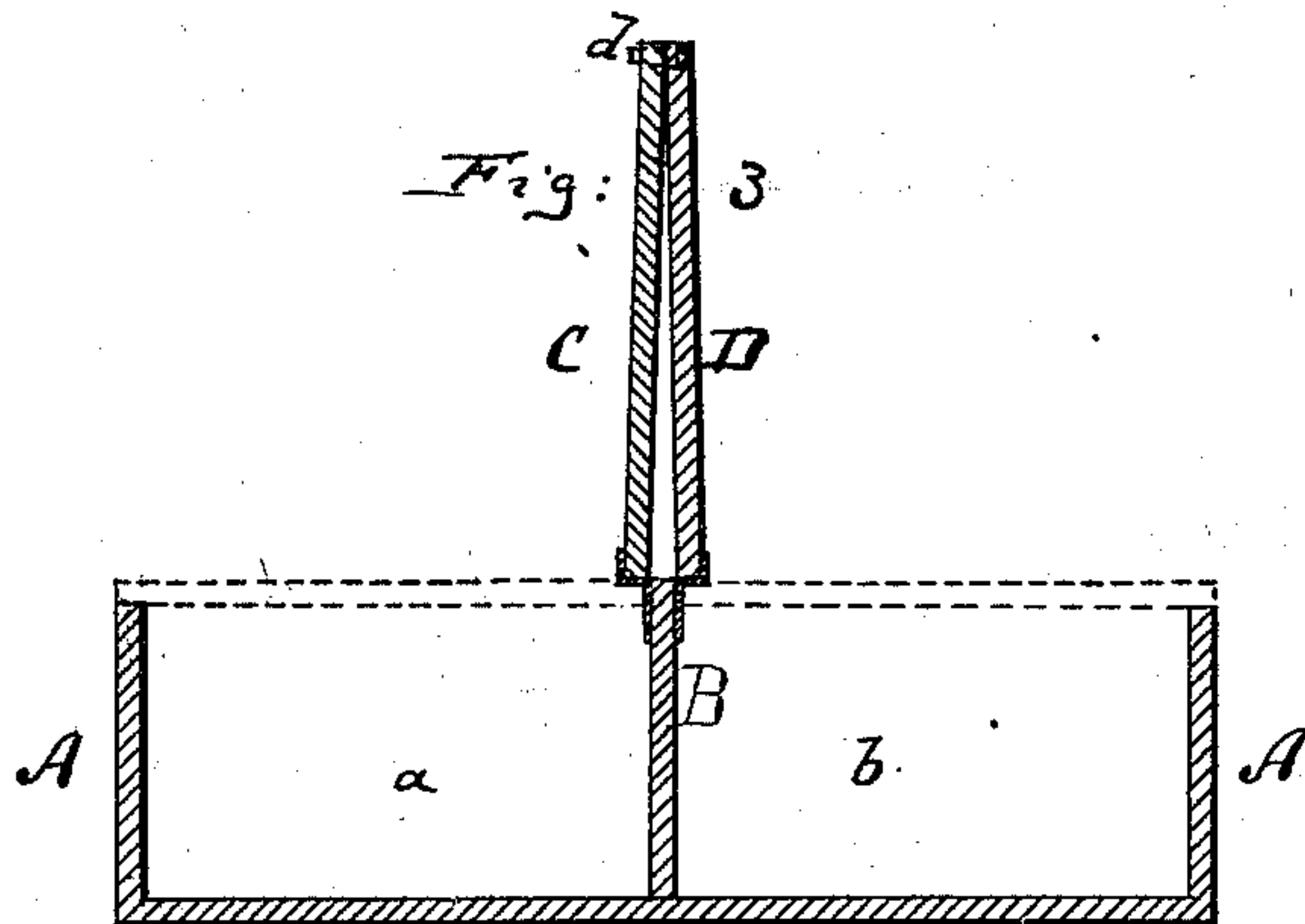
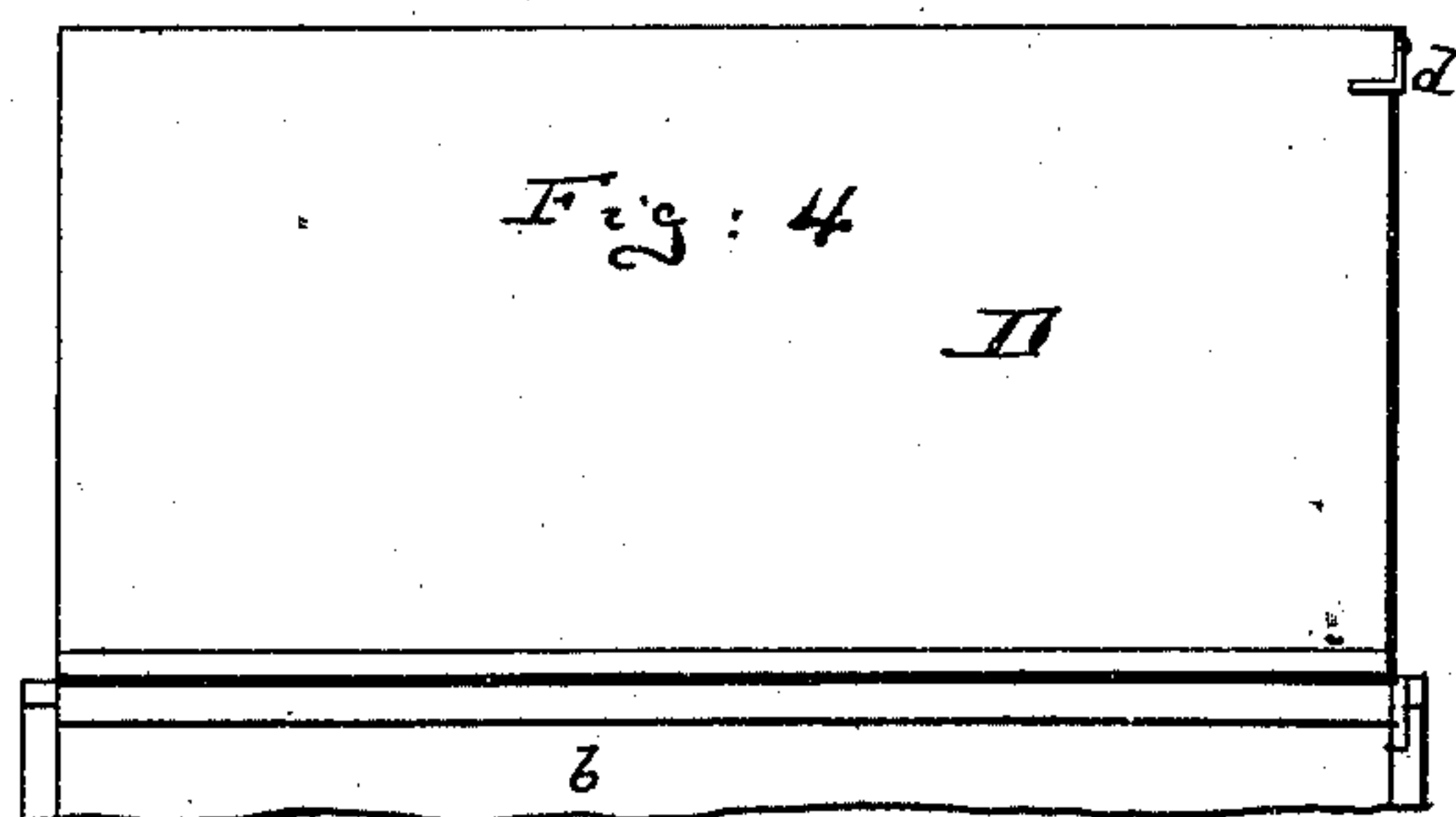


Fig: 4



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IMPROVEMENT IN CIGAR-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEOPOLD KAUFMANN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Cigar-Boxes, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to a new cigar-box, which is, by a partition, divided into two compartments, and provided with a separate lid for each of the compartments, the two lids being so applied to the partition and provided with fastening-catches that they can be held open in a vertical position, each lid supporting the other, or closed and held down in suitable manner.

In the accompanying drawings similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Figure 1 represents a front view of my cigar-box, showing it closed. Fig. 2 is a plan or top view of the same, showing both lids opened; Fig. 3, a vertical transverse sectional view of the same, showing both lids opened; Fig. 4, a front view of the same, showing one lid open.

A represents the body of the cigar-box, the same being of rectangular or other suitable form. This box is, by a partition, B, divided into two compartments, *a b*. For each of these compartments there is a separate lid, both lids C D being hinged to the upper part of the partition B, so that the lid C can close the compartment *a*, and the lid D can close the compartment *b*. When the box is closed these lids reach to the respective faces of the box, and the dealer or purchaser may open that one of the compartments from which he intends to take a cigar, and leave the other, meanwhile, properly closed and undisturbed; but when the cigars are exposed for sale the two lids are preferably opened, as in Fig. 3, and raised vertically above the partition, so

that one leans against the other. In this position the two lids are maintained by the L-shaped catches *d*, with which they are provided at the upper ends, there being one such catch at one end of the lid C, and another such catch at the diagonally-opposite end of the lid D, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. The catches are used to lap or extend from the lids to which they are respectively applied around the adjoining lid, in the manner shown in Fig. 2, and thus to hold the two lids vertically upright. The same catches may also be used when the box is temporarily to be closed to enter notches in the face of the box, as in Fig. 1, and thus to hold the lids closed down over the box.

Dealers in cigars will find these self-supporting lids of advantage, because the same disclose the labels or trade-marks that are usually applied to the inner sides of the covers of cigar-boxes to best advantage, and enable the purchaser to know at a glance the brand of cigars with which he is served.

Another advantage of this cigar-box is, that the cover, when folded open, will not occupy any space at the back of the box, and thus actually double the room occupied by the body of the box, as is the case with the old common cigar-boxes.

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

The combination of the cigar-box A with the partition B, two lids, C D, and with the catches *d* on said lids, all arranged so that said lids will support each other and hold each other by their catches in vertical position, substantially as specified.

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