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Soap-Holder.

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Fig. 1.

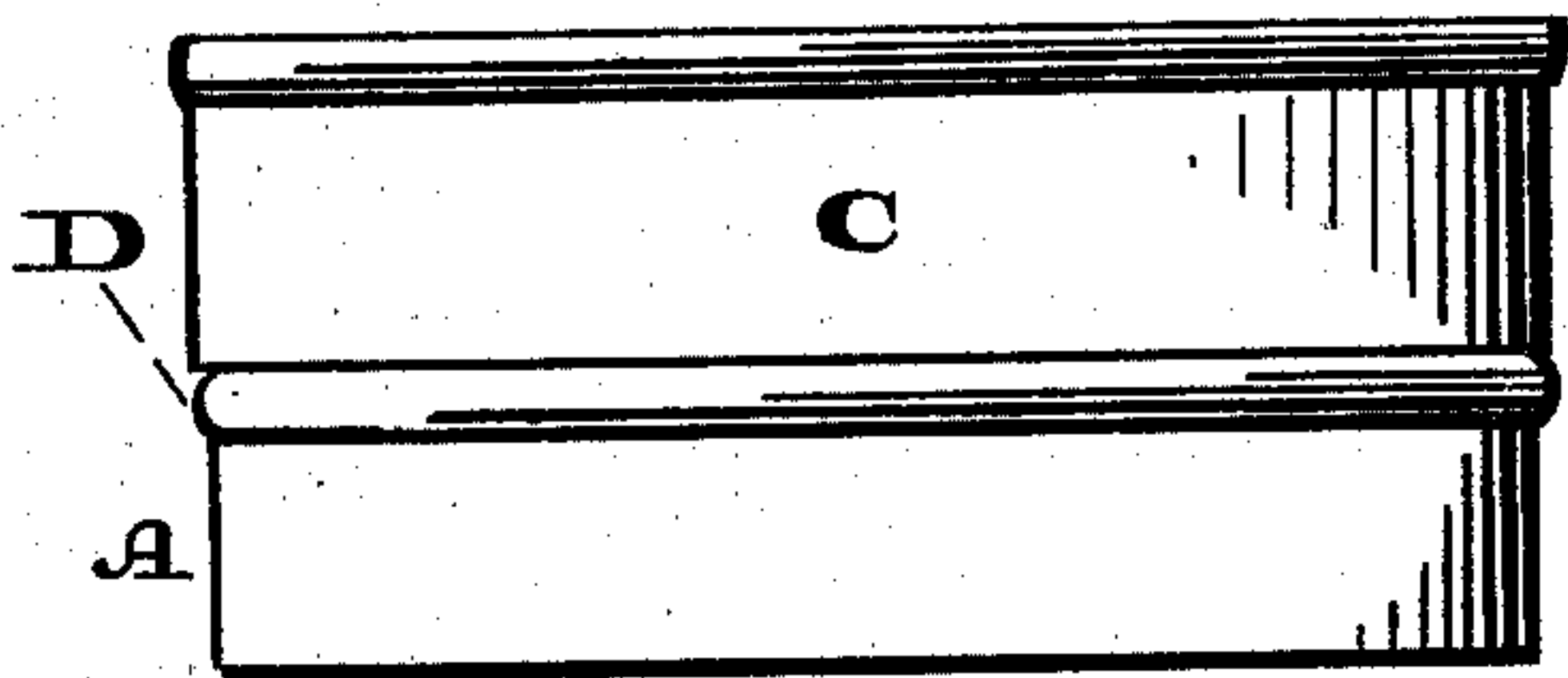


Fig. 2.

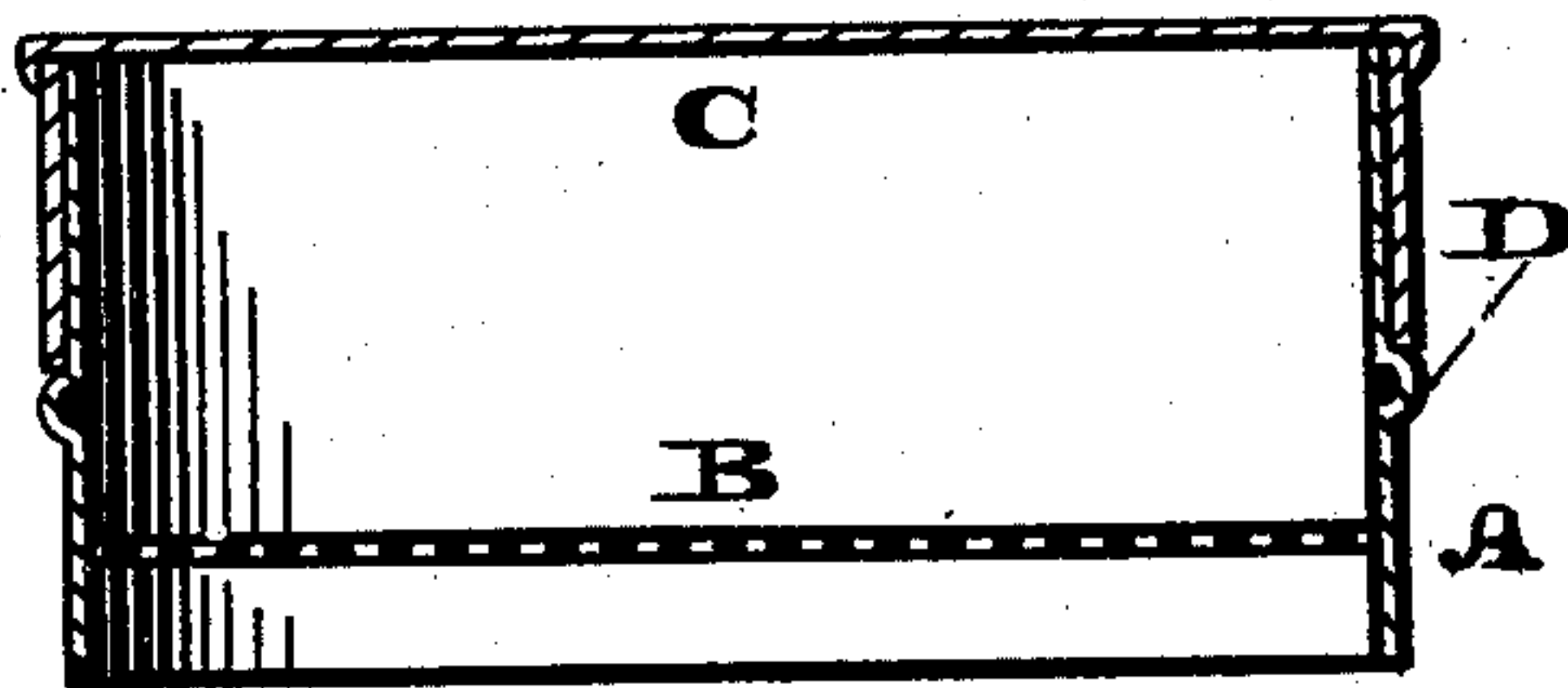


Fig. 3.

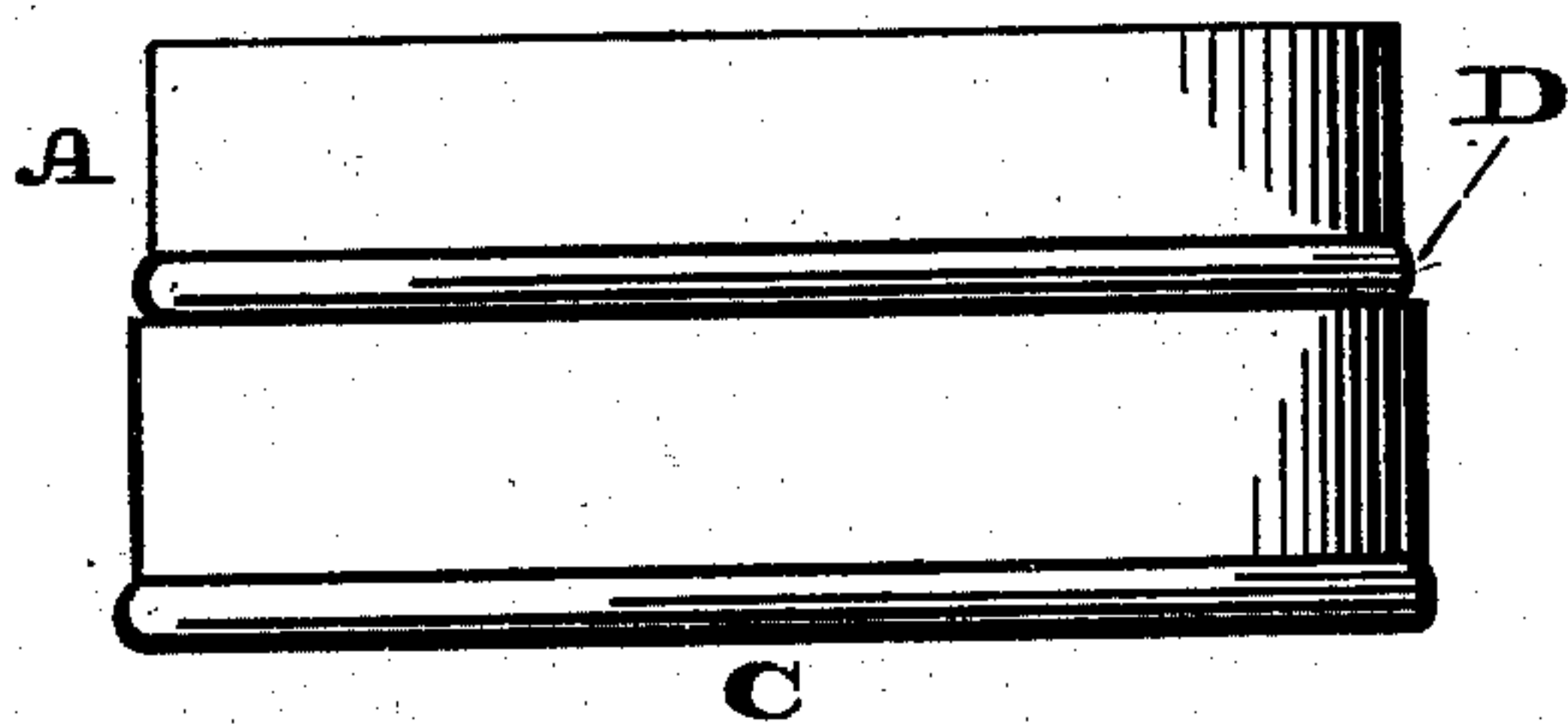


Fig. 4.

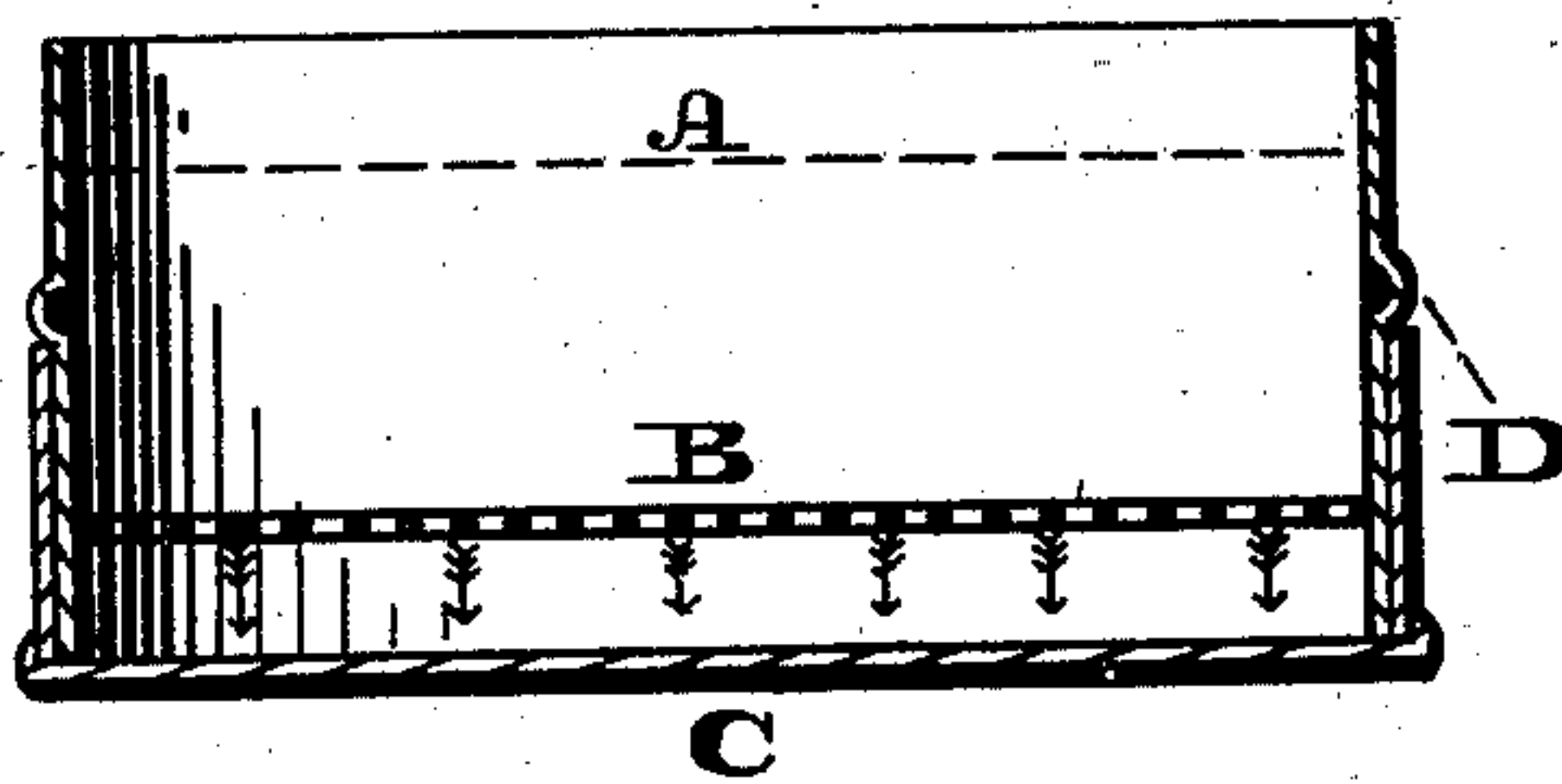
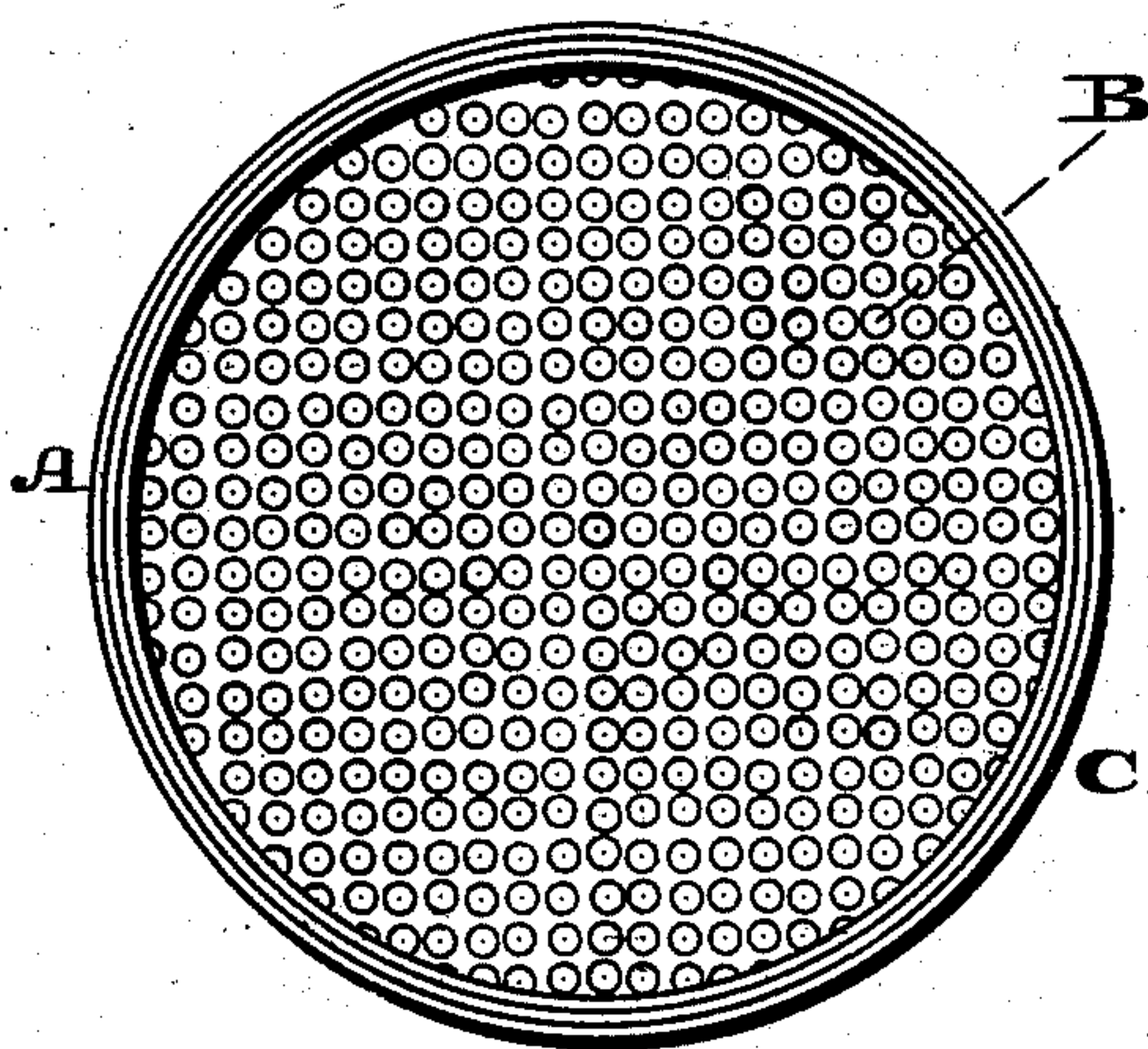


Fig. 5.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SOAP-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM HENRY DEWEES, of the city and county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tourists' Soap-Cases, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1 and 3 are side elevations of the case embodying my invention. Figs. 2 and 4 are central sections thereof. Fig. 5 is a top or plan view.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

My invention consists of a soap-case having a cover adapted to be fitted to either end thereof, whereby the soap may be properly inclosed and the drip thereof collected, thus providing a convenient, serviceable, and dry case for tourists, &c.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a cylindrical case, open at both ends, and having a reticulate bottom, B, which is secured to the case somewhat above the bottom edge thereof, as shown in Fig. 2. C represents the cover of the case, and D a bead projecting from the periphery of the case at or about the middle thereof, the cover fitting either end of the case, and stopping against said bead.

The operation is as follows: A piece of soap is placed in the case A and rested on the bottom B, and the cover C applied to the top of the case, so as to inclose the soap, in which

condition the case, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, may be readily placed in the trunk, bag, satchel, or other article taken or carried by the traveler without liability of loss of the soap.

When the soap is required, the cover C is removed and applied to the underside of the case, the top thereof now being open to permit access to the soap, and the lower side of the case closed by the cover C, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. The cover C, on which the case now rests, acts as a receptacle or drain for the water and drip of the soap, and, when the soap is no longer required, the cover is removed, the water and drip discharged, and the cover fitted to the top of the case, so that the soap will be again inclosed, the open end of the case being left comparatively dry and clean, whereby the case is in condition for packing or stowing away, the convenience of which will be appreciated by the traveling public.

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

The soap-case consisting of the case A, open at both ends, the reticulate bottom B, and the cover C, fitting both ends of the case, so as to alternately serve as top inclosure and bottom receptacle for the water and drip, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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