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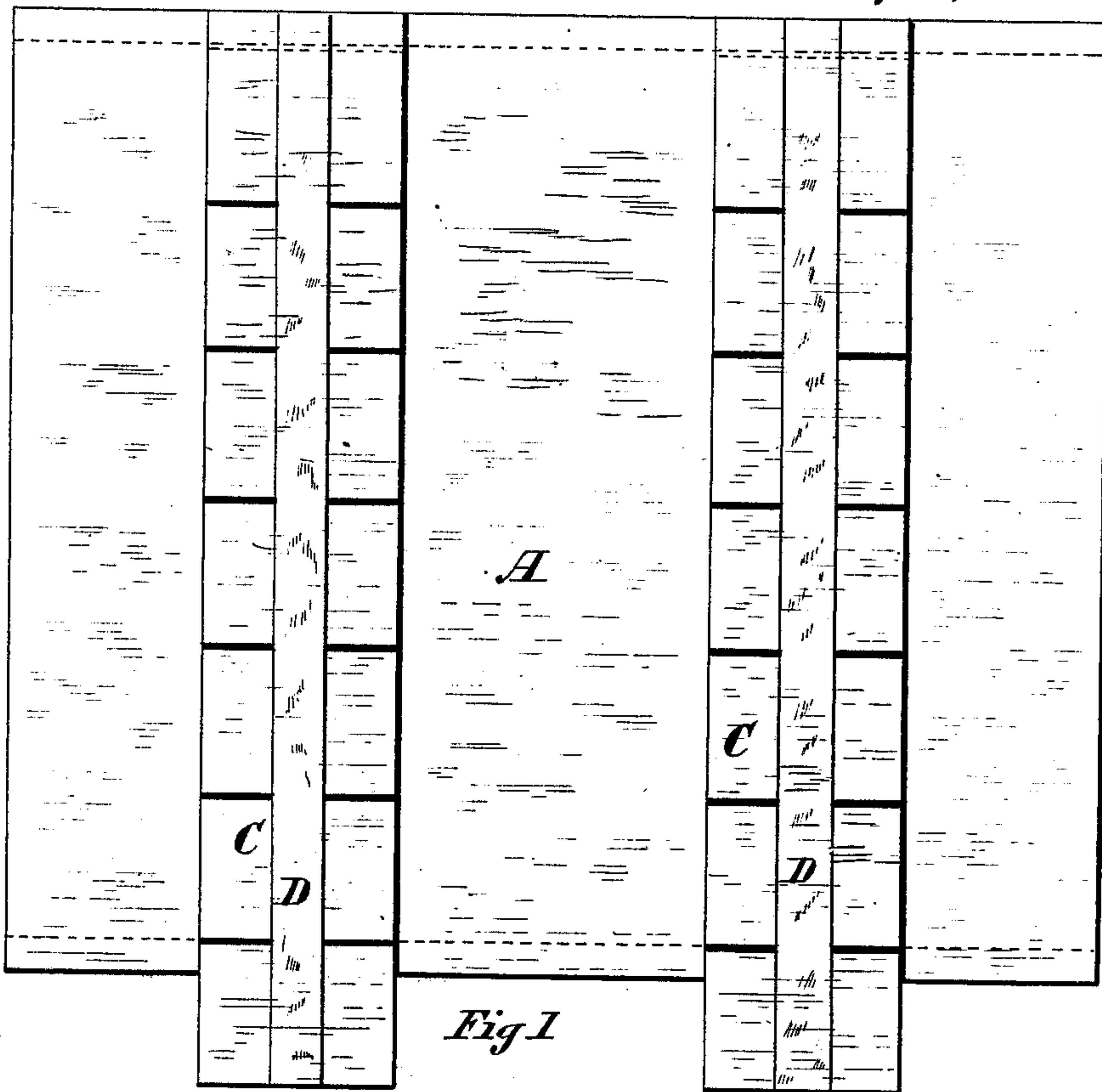


Fig 1

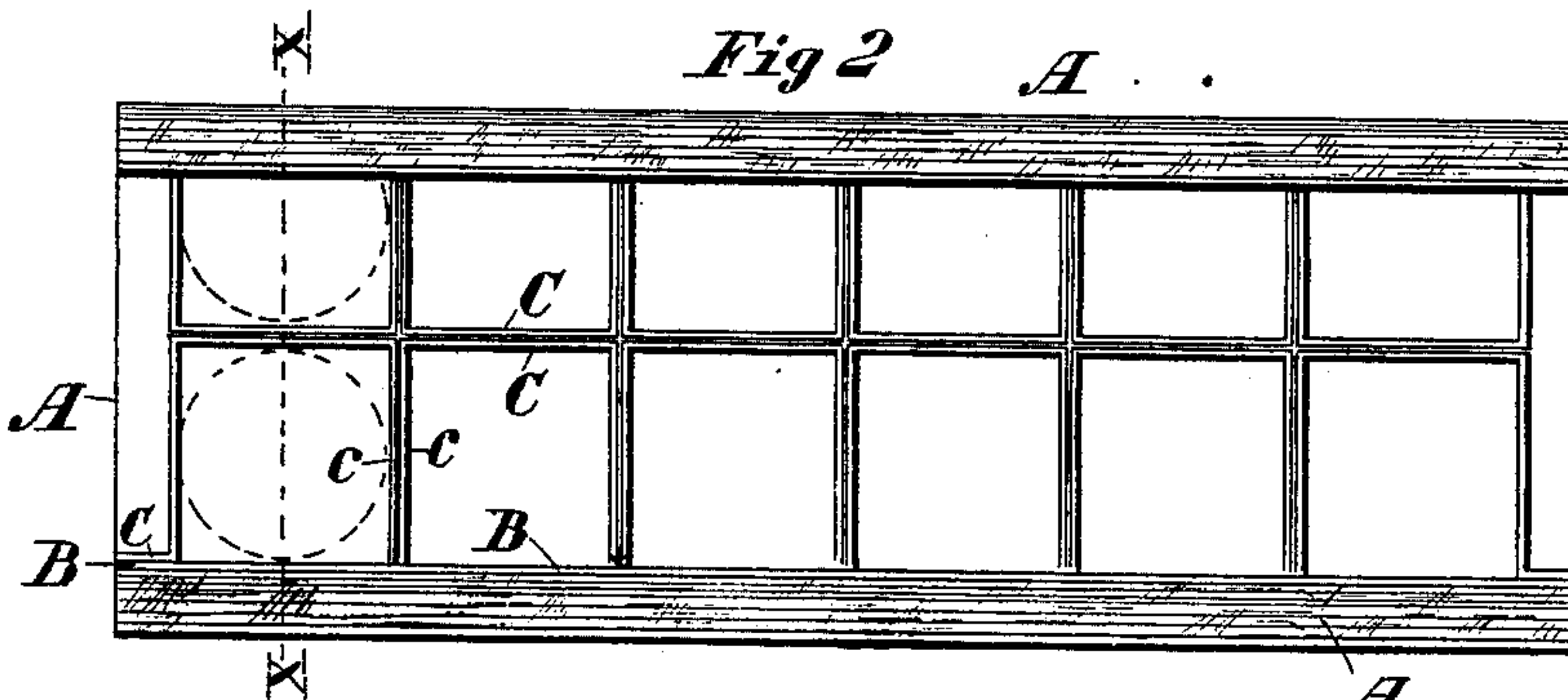


Fig 2 A

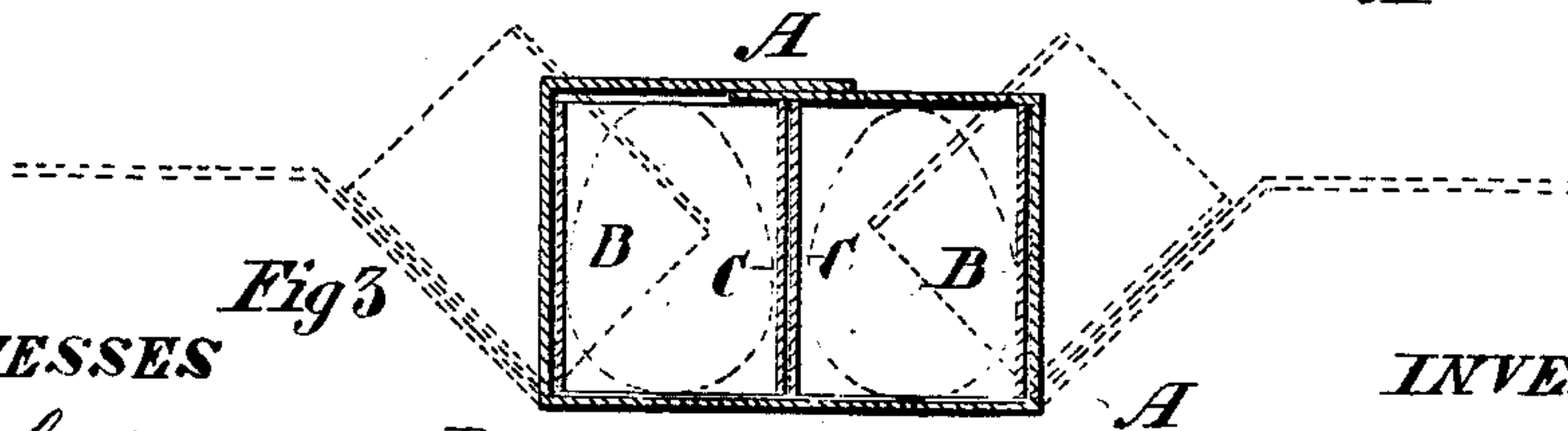


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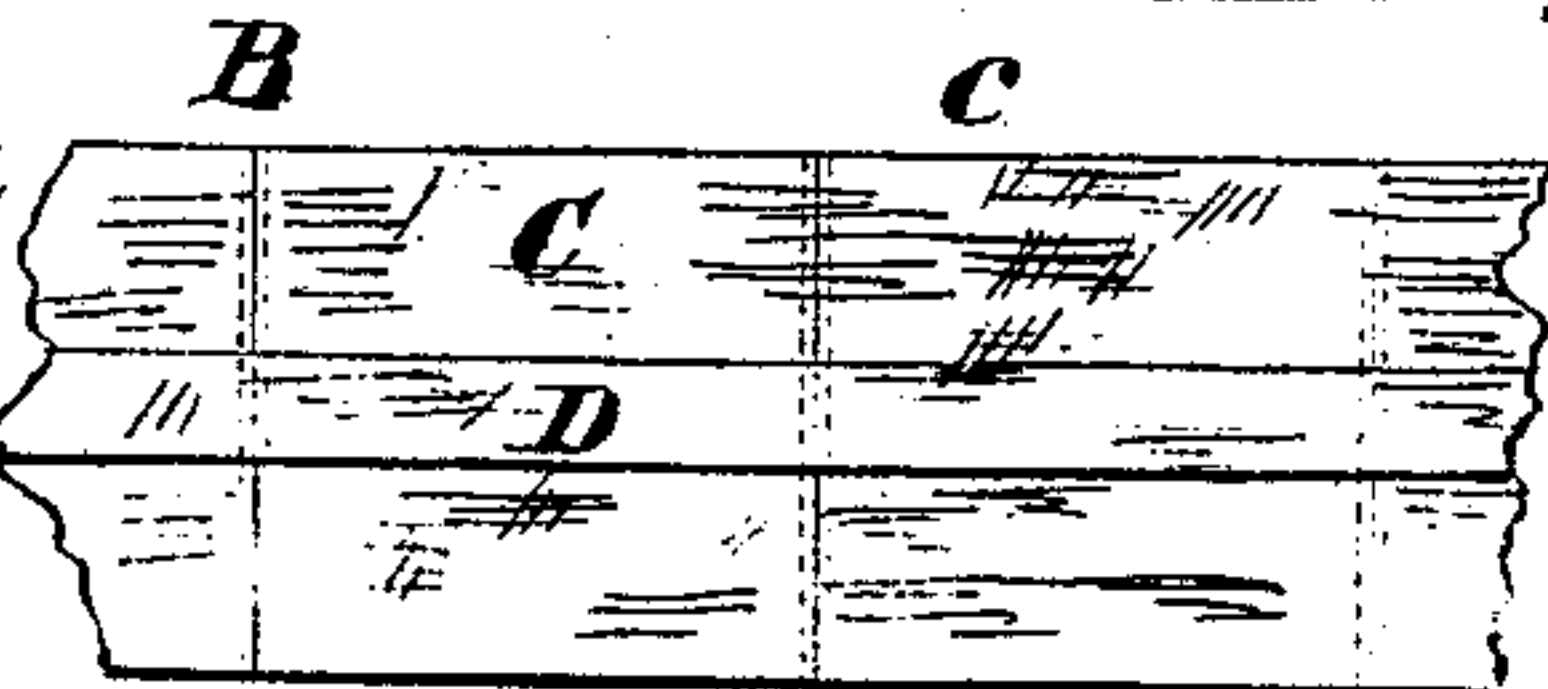
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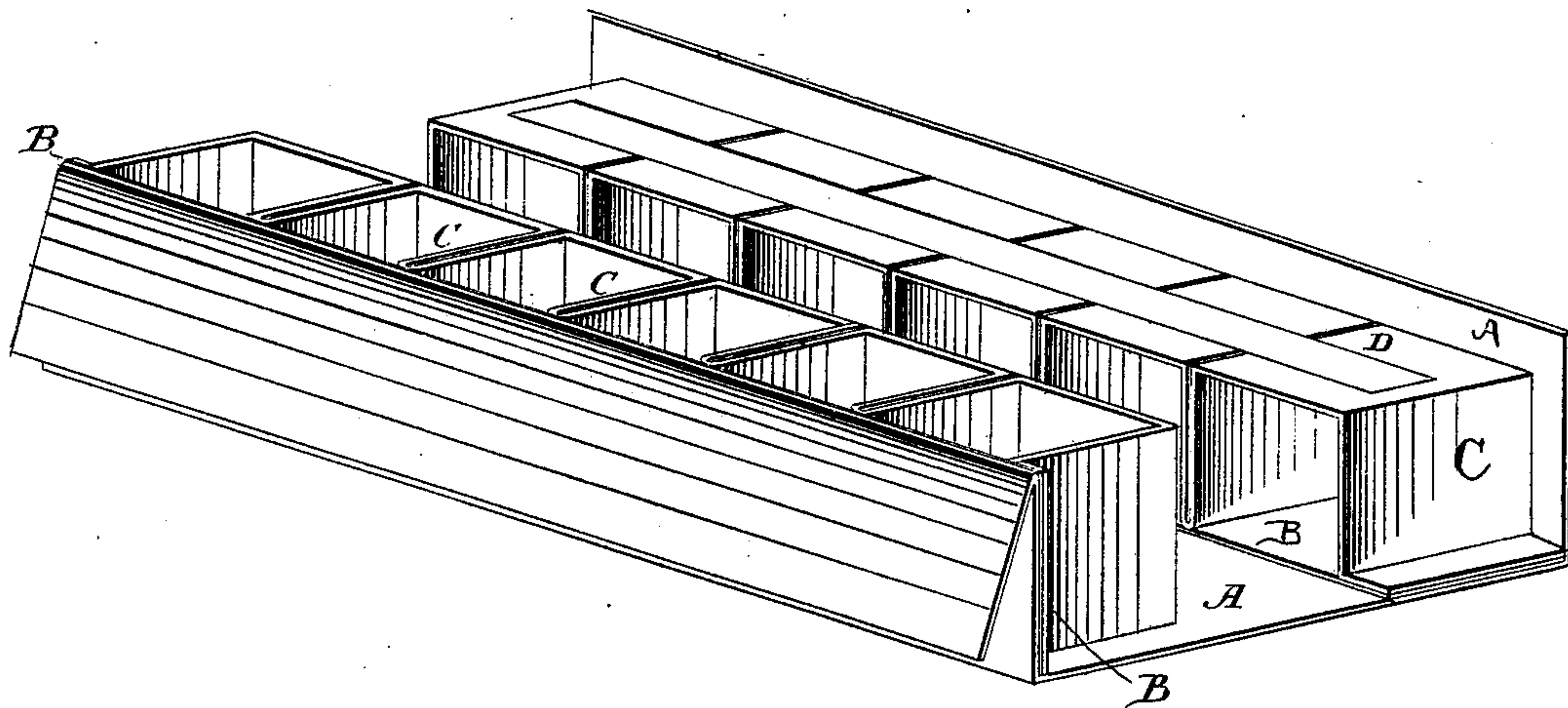
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IMPROVEMENT IN EGG AND FRUIT CARRIERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ORVILLE L. PARMENTER, of South Evanston, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in an Egg and Fruit Carrier, which is fully described in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a plan view of my carrier spread out for packing in bulk; Fig. 2, a plan view of the same in position for transporting eggs or fruit, the top or covering being turned back; Fig. 3, a cross-section of the same taken on the line *xx*, Fig. 2; and Fig. 4, a detached view of a portion of a receptacle-strip, showing the method of fastening the strips to form the receptacles. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the carrier.

My invention relates to a case or carrier for the purpose of transporting eggs, fruit, and other like articles, made of paper or other like material, which can be easily filled and emptied and packed compactly for shipment in bulk in original packages, or returned empty for use again.

The invention consists in a sheet of paper, with strips attached thereto, bent so as to form open receptacles, which are covered by folding the sheet over them in the form of a box or case.

In the drawings, A represents a plain sheet of paper, paper-board, or other like material, which constitutes the main casing or covering of the carrier. A series of receptacles is formed from two strips of similar material, one of which, B, is straight, and the other of which, C, is bent or folded in different directions, two bends being made in one direction, and every third one, *c*, in the opposite direction, the spaces between the folds being about the same and of the requisite width to suit the articles for which the carrier is intended.

The bent strip C is stitched to the straight strip B along the line of the third bends *c*, the distance between the stitching on the strip B being the same as the distance between the bends in the bent strip C.

It will be evident that these two strips, thus fastened together, will make a series of rectangular receptacles, open at each end. Two of

these strips of receptacles are fastened to the sheet A at such distance apart that when the receptacles are opened out, and the sheet bent up so as to bring the two series opposite each other, they will fill space between them and touch along their outer sides, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings.

Now, the sheet A being creased at the proper places to permit it to be folded up along lines just inside of the receptacle-strips fastened thereto, it is evident that when thus folded up two rows of pockets will be provided, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, the lower ends of which are closed by the casing-sheet A, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, each pocket being adapted to receive a single egg, as shown in the drawings. The sheet A is also creased just outside of the pocket-strips, so that after the compartments have been filled the outer edges or flaps of the sheet A may be turned over upon the top of the pockets to form a cover, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, thus making a completely-inclosed case, which may be secured in any way when used separately, or left without fastening if the holder is to be packed with others in a larger box or case.

To discharge the contents of the holder it is only necessary to turn back the covering-flaps and pull the sides outward, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3 of the drawings, when the eggs or other articles will slip out at the bottom of the pockets onto the central portion of the main sheet A.

The holder may be arranged so that there will be but one flap for the cover, which, if desired, may be bent down over the edge of the other side.

The creases in the pocket-strip permit the pockets to be folded down flat upon the sheet and the latter spread out, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, when the carrier may be packed in large quantities for shipment to dealers.

To prevent the pockets from kinking or buckling when thus bent down, a narrow strip of paper, D, may be pasted or otherwise secured to the front sides of the pockets, holding them all in the same relative position.

The pockets may also be stitched together

at their outer corners, if desired, and the back strip B may be pasted along its entire length to the sheet A or simply stitched at the end. The strips B and C may be secured together by gluing or some other means than stitching; but all these modifications are merely optional, and not essential features in the carrier.

The carrier thus provided is especially adapted for eggs, but will also be found useful for the transportation of fruit and other like articles which it is desirable to isolate in transportation. The holders or carriers may be used separately or packed together in large boxes or cases for the shipment of large quantities.

Having thus fully described my invention,

what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An egg-carrier consisting of a sheet of paper or paper-board and a series of receptacles or pockets attached to one side thereof and arranged so that by folding up the sheet the pockets are closed and covered, substantially as described.

2. The sheet or covering A, in combination with the straight strips B and folded strips C, connected together, as described, and attached to the sheet A, substantially as set forth.

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