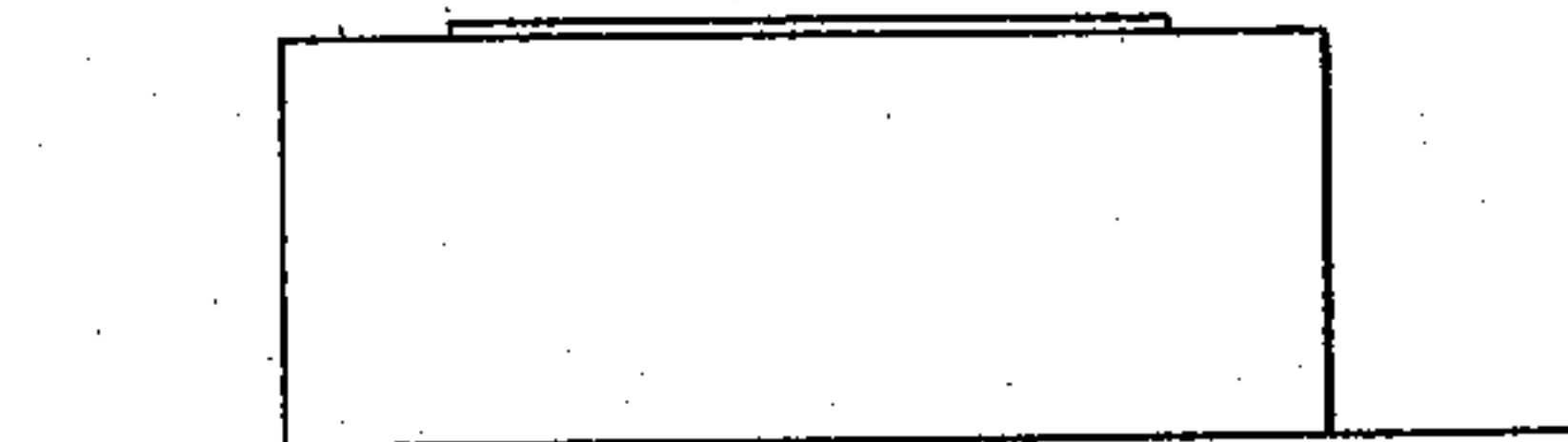


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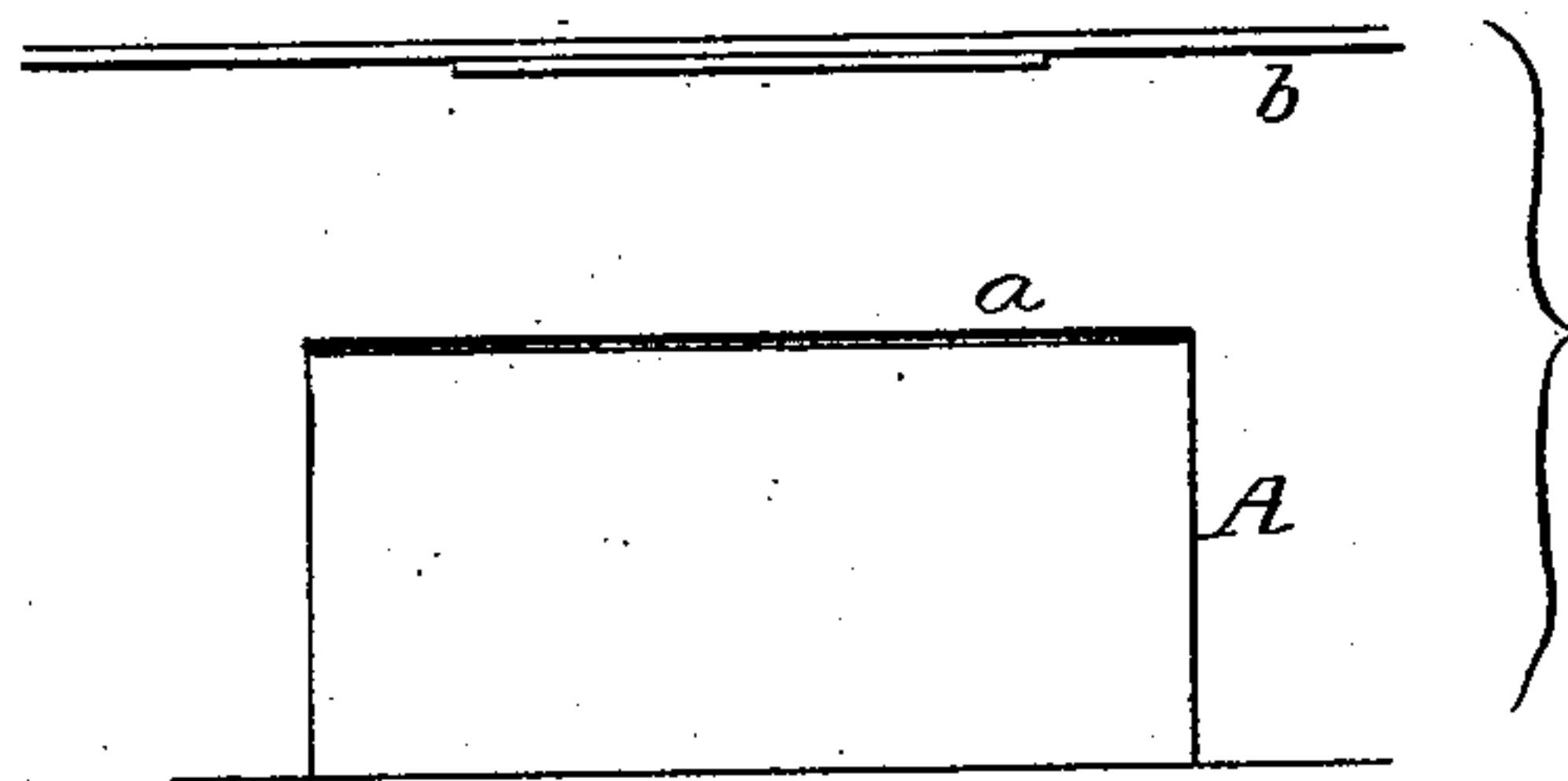
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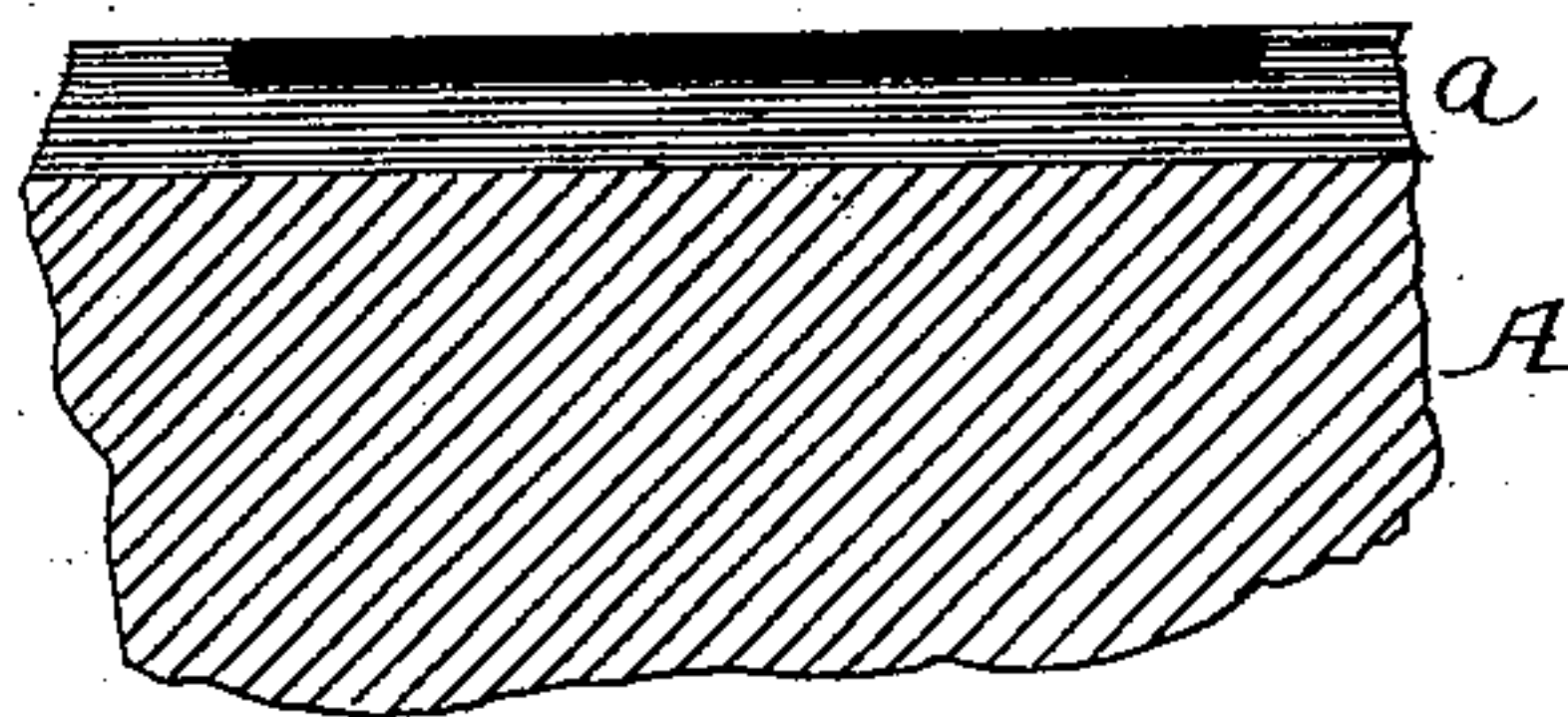
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN TOY BUILDING-BLOCKS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **208,047**, dated September 17, 1878; application filed October 12, 1877.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DANIEL E. STONE, of Indianapolis, Marion county, Indiana, have invented certain Improvements in Toy Building-Blocks, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to that class of children's illustrated or lettered blocks that are used for building, where it is necessary that the faces shall be absolutely level and flat, another requisite being cheapness.

Heretofore such blocks have been made either by painting the letter or figure on the face, which must be done by hand with each block, and renders the blocks too expensive for popular sale, or by pasting a lettered or figured piece of paper on the face of each block, as shown in Figure 1. This is objectionable, as the paper is apt to become detached when the blocks are wet, while the level of the face is destroyed, so that the blocks cannot be properly used in building.

I obviate all these difficulties by first coating the block A, Fig. 2, with varnish, *a*, and while the latter is in a sticky condition applying thereto a sheet of paper, *b*, upon which the letter or figure has been so printed as to transfer to the varnished surface, which is thus or-

namented at a fraction of the expense required for painting by hand, the ornamental figure being absorbed or embedded in the film of varnish or cement, so that it cannot be detached without removing the wood face of the block, forming a permanent figured face in various colors, if desired, that is absolutely level, as shown in the exaggerated section, Fig. 3.

I am aware that it is common to transfer prints from paper to wood in the manner above stated, and it is this mode of transfer, which I hereby disclaim, applied in connection with a building-block, which produces the improved article.

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, an ornamented or lettered building-block having a level face coated with varnish, in which is embedded the ornamented figure or letter, as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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