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Fruit-Box.

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Fig 1

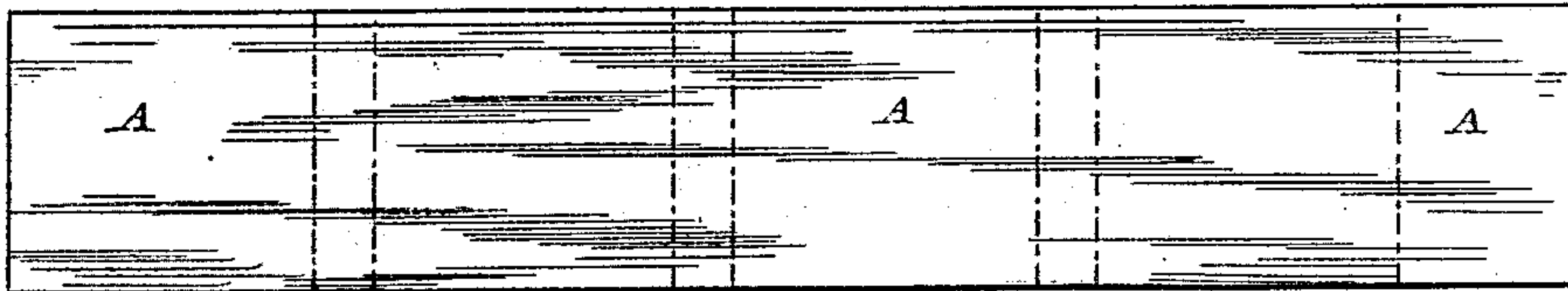


Fig 2

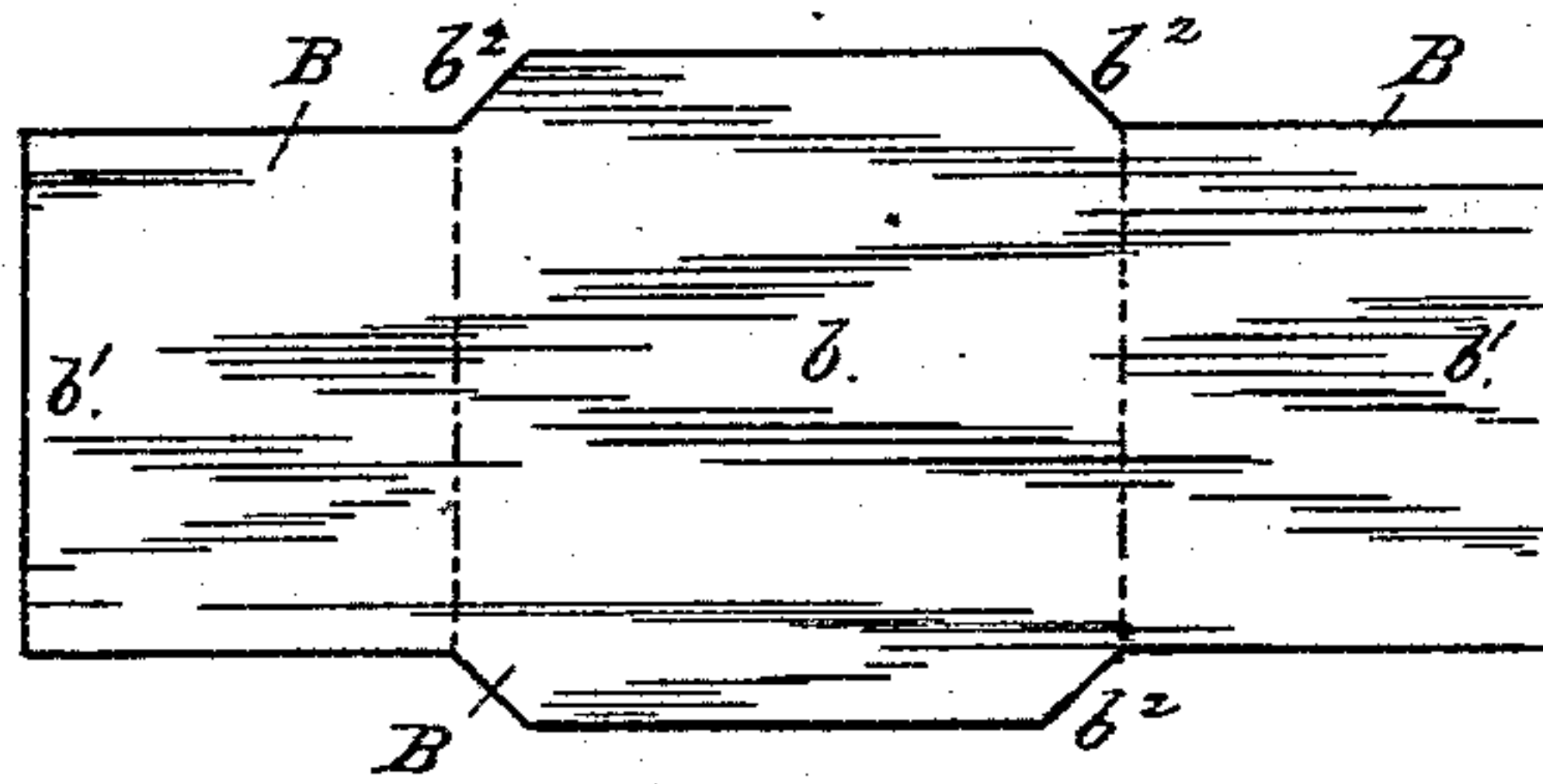
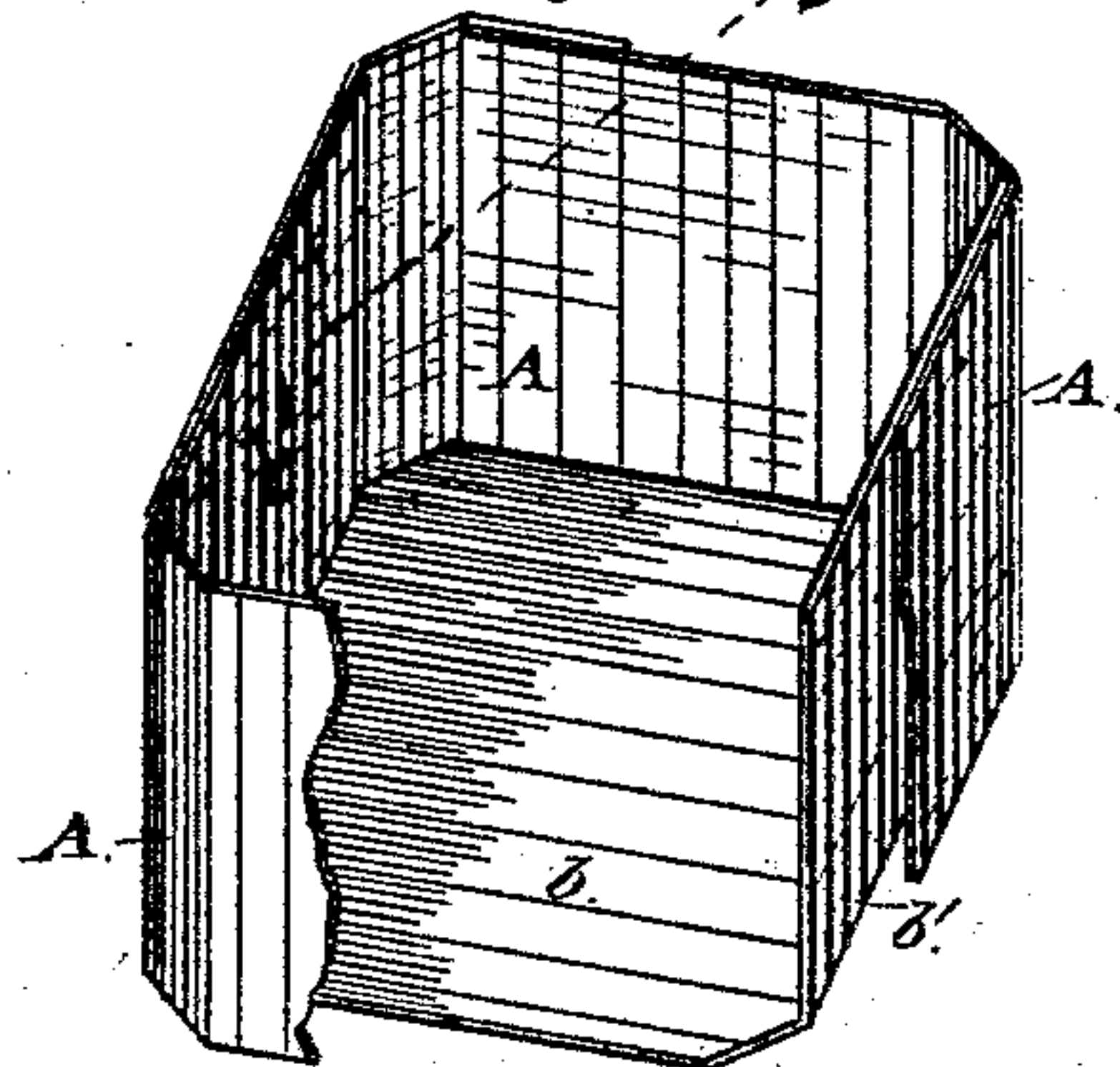


Fig 3



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IMPROVEMENT IN FRUIT-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM ANTHONY WILLIAMS, of Memphis, in the county of Shelby and State of Tennessee, have invented an Improved Method of Making Fruit-Boxes for Small Fruits, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists in a new mode of manufacturing octagon fruit-boxes from thin wood; also, in a peculiar blank for producing the bottom of the box and its attachments.

In order that my invention may be fully understood, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the blank to form the sides. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the blank to form the bottom and its attachments. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the finished box with a part of the exterior broken away.

In carrying out my invention, I form blanks A B of veneer in the shapes represented in Figs. 1 and 2, scored on the lines indicated. The blank A is then bent in the octagon shape which is partially represented in Fig. 3. The wide central portion *b* of the blank B forms the bottom to fit within the sides A, while the upturned ends *b'* form the attachments of the bottom, said upturned ends being secured within the sides of the box, as il-

lustrated in Fig. 3, by means of nails or rivets. A very small space is preferably left underneath the bottom for ventilation; but this space need not be great, as the demands of strength do not require the bottom to be set far above the lower edges, as in some other forms of box; nor does the bottom require to be of excessive thickness, as is the case with some octagon boxes heretofore made.

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

1. The octagon fruit-box constructed, as herein described, from a blank, A, transversely scored and bent to form the sides, and a second blank, B, formed, as shown, with a wide central portion, *b*, and narrow upturned attaching ends *b'*, united by oblique shoulders *b²*, so as to fit within the sides A A, as explained.

2. The blank B, constructed with a wide central portion, *b*, and narrow ends *b'*, united by oblique shoulders *b²*, as herein shown and described.

In testimony of which invention I hereto set my hand.

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