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Cigar-Box.

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Fig. 1.

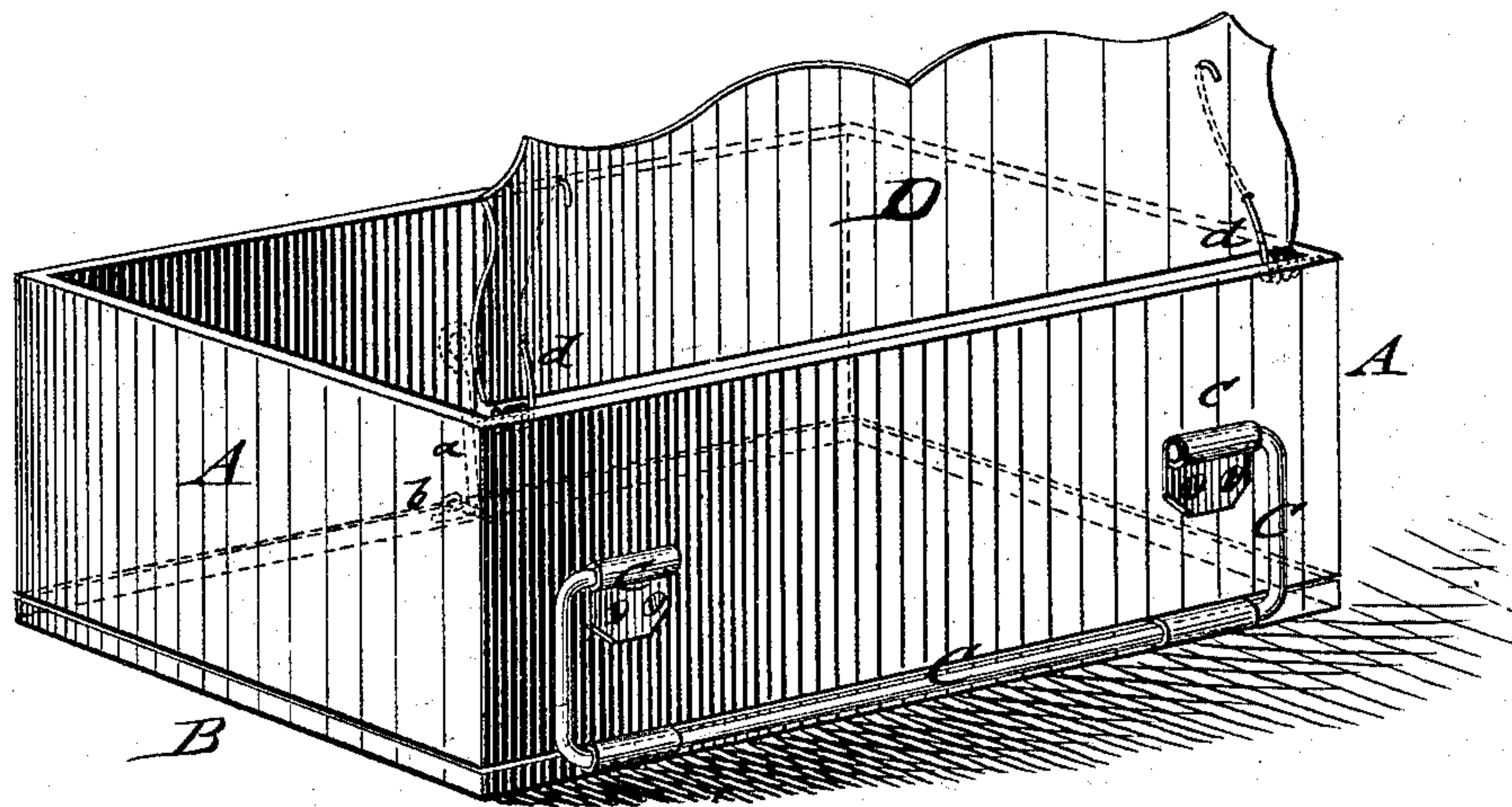


Fig. 2.

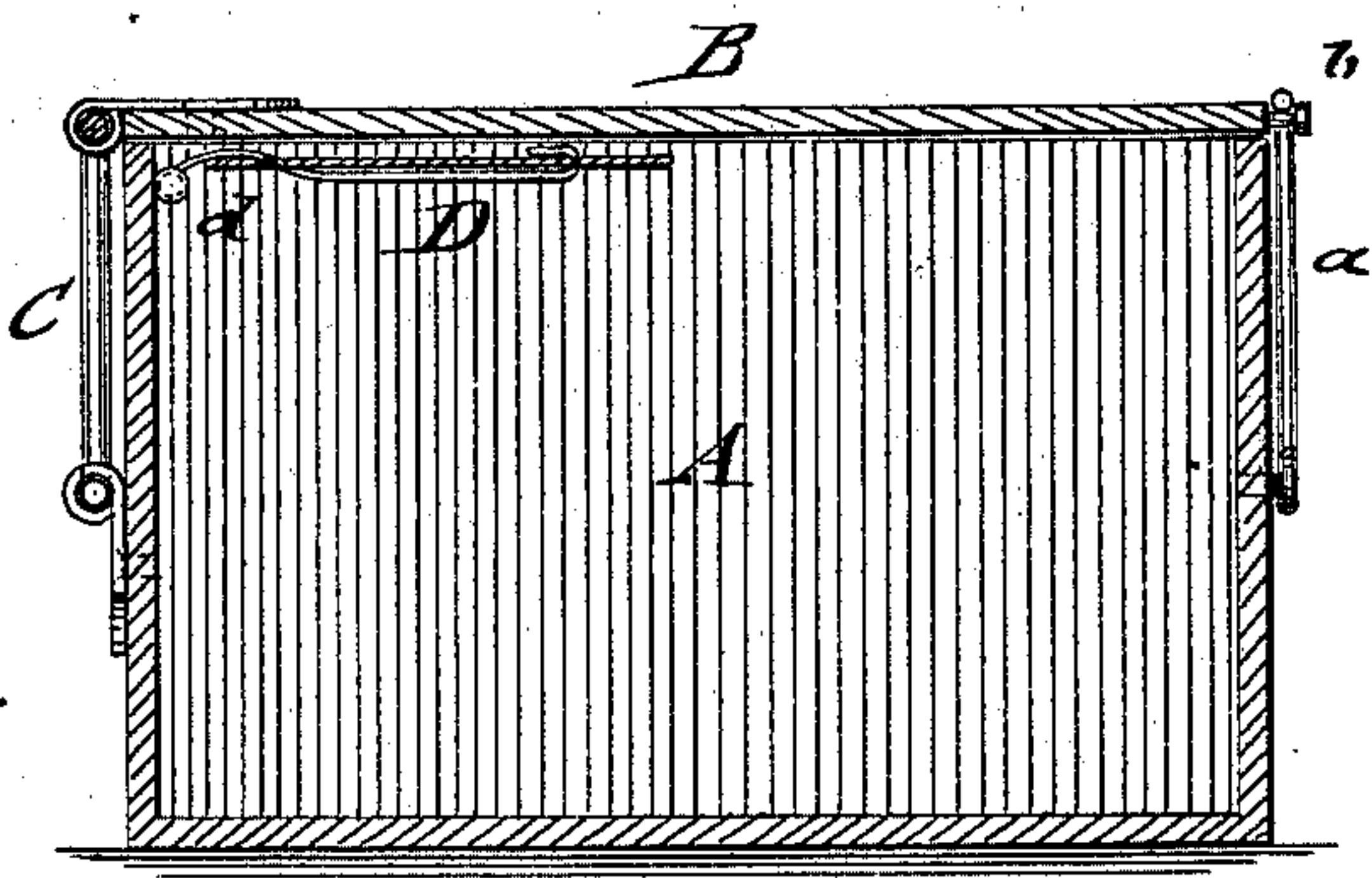
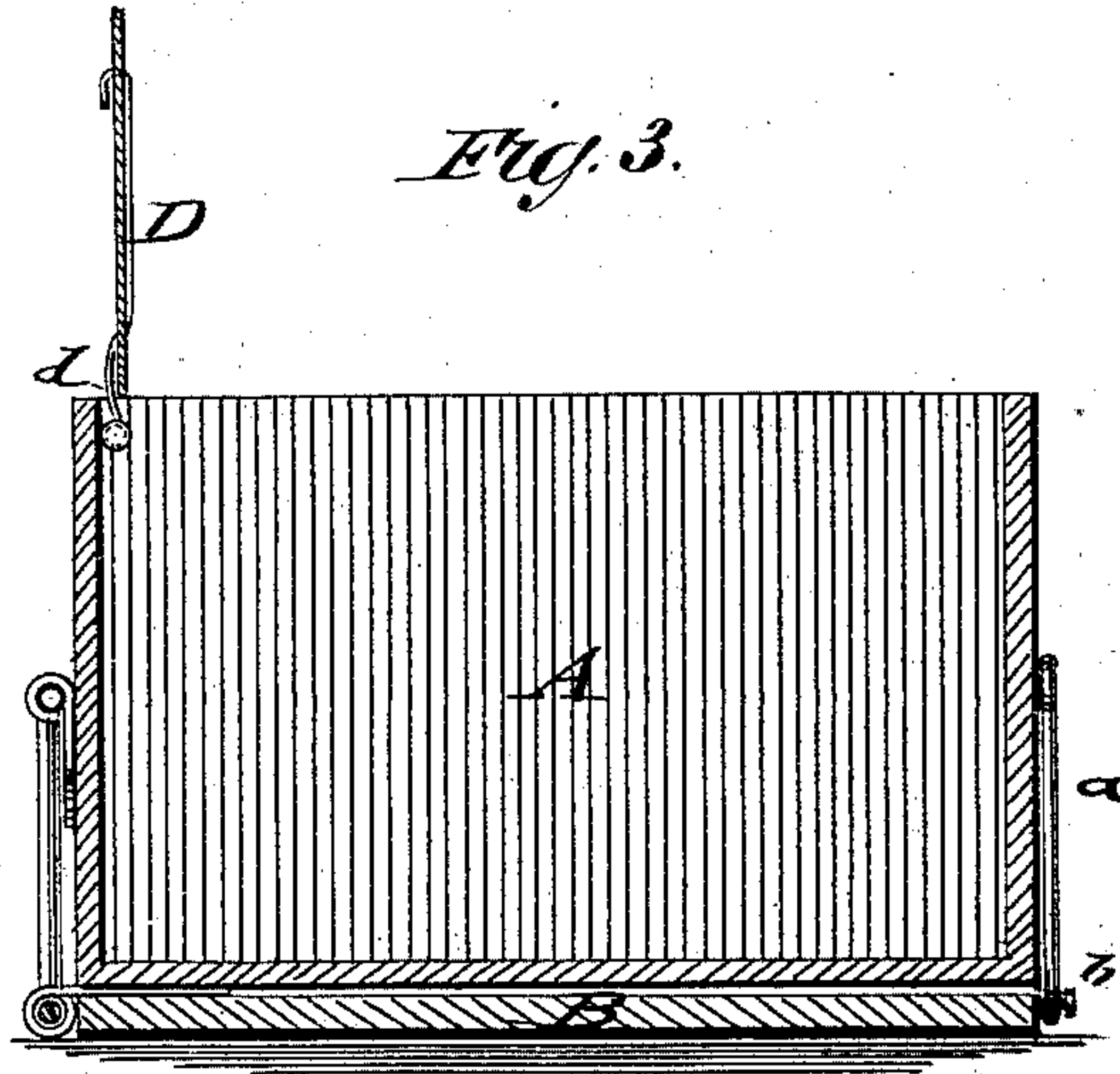


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CIGAR-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES HEYLMANN, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Cigar-Box, of which the following is a specification.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved cigar-box, shown with lid thrown below the bottom and label-carrier thrown up; and Figs. 2 and 3 are vertical transverse sections of the cigar-box, shown, respectively, in closed and open position.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to an improved construction of cigar-boxes, by which the cigars may be more advantageously exhibited for retailing and the boxes arranged without any loss of space or inconvenience in the show-case; and the invention consists of a cigar-box, the lid of which is attached by a double-hinge arrangement to the center of the rear wall, so as to be swung around and be placed under the bottom of the box, to be there fastened by the same hook and pin that hold it in closed position. A hinged and spring-acted label-carrier is arranged at the inside of the box, and thrown into vertical position as soon as the lid is thrown back.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the body of a cigar-box of the usual size and shape, and B the lid of the same. The lid B, instead of being hinged, in the customary manner, to the upper edge of the rear wall of the box, is hinged by a double-acting hinge, C, which is made either of paper, sheet metal, wire, or other material, to the rear wall of the box, midway between the top and bottom edge of the same, so that the lid may be swung on the double hinge around the back and below the bottom of the box, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. In this position the lid may be securely locked by a pivoted hook, *a*, which is thrown over the pin *b*, the hook being pivoted midway to the

front wall, and serving also to lock the lid when the box is closed.

When it is desired to open the box and place the same into the show-case for exhibition, the lid is thrown under the bottom of the box, and thereby placed out of the way, without occupying as much room as in the common boxes, while admitting thereby the display of a greater number of boxes and a more tasty arrangement of the same.

For the purpose of exhibiting the brand, color, and price of the cigars, a label-carrier, D, is hinged to the inside, near the upper edge of the rear wall of the box, and acted upon by spiral, rubber, or other springs, *d*, so as to be thrown up into vertical position the moment the lid is thrown into open position.

The label D may be finished in any desired style and pasted to a backing of pasteboard, wood, or other material.

When the box is closed the label-carrier is thrown down on the cigars by the lid, but returned instantly into upright position as soon as the lid is thrown back.

By this box not only space is economized in the show-case, but also the cigars and their brands, price, &c., exhibited in a neat, convenient, and tasty manner.

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

1. A tobacco-box having the lid B connected by a double-acting hinge, C, with the back of box, to allow the said lid to be folded under the box, as shown and described.

2. In combination with the cigar-box, the label-carrier D, spring-held in upright position, and hinged to the inside upper edge of the rear wall of box, as and for the purpose specified.

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