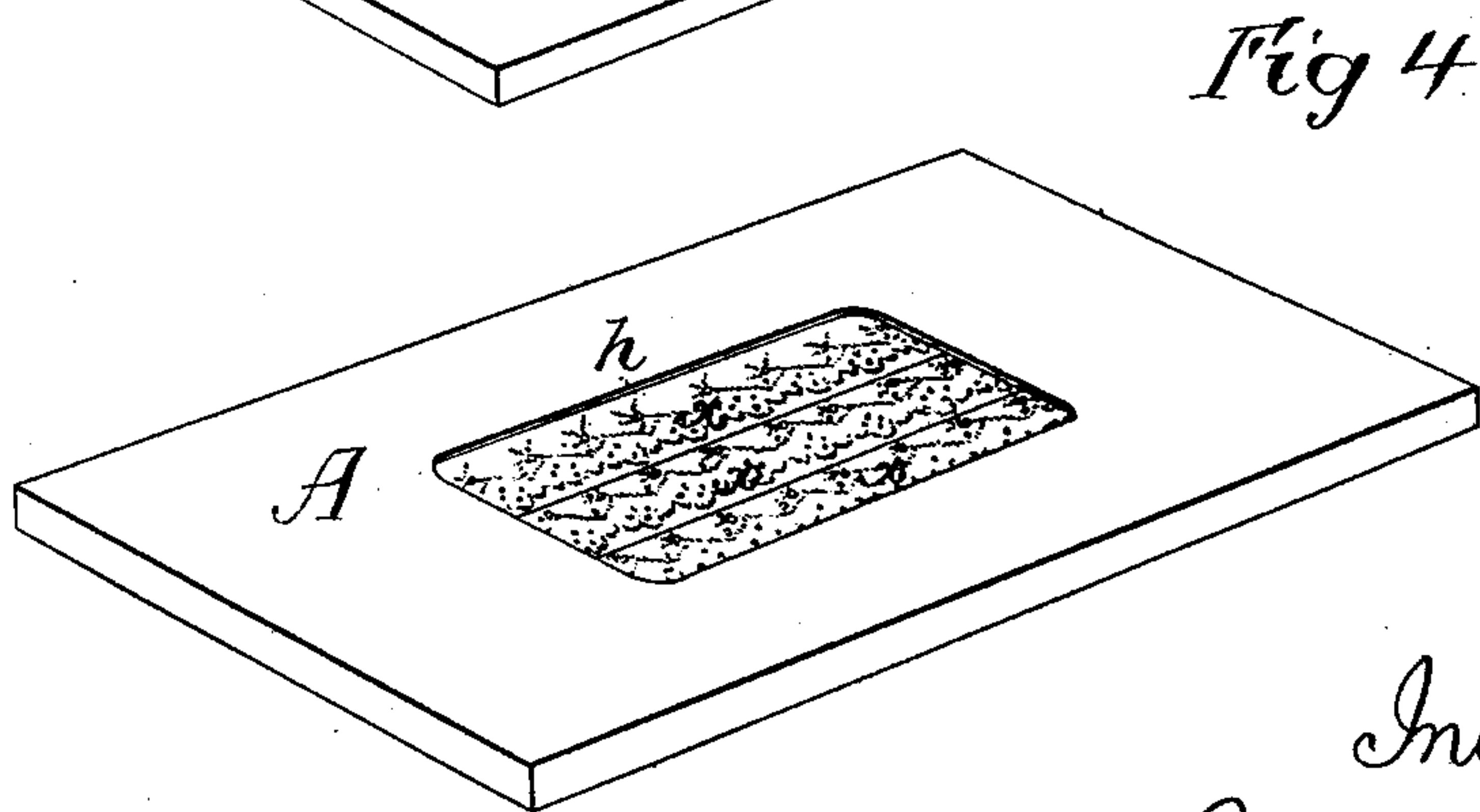
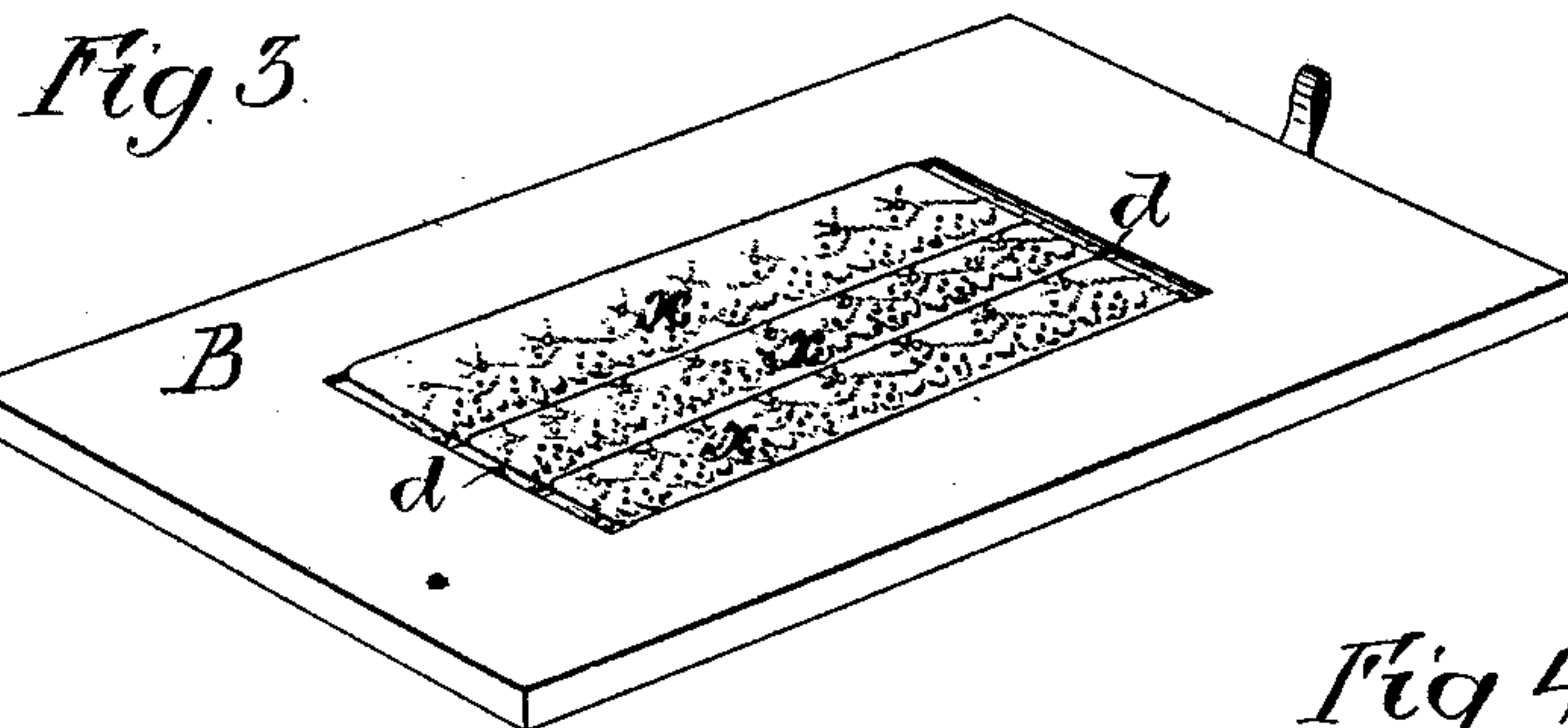
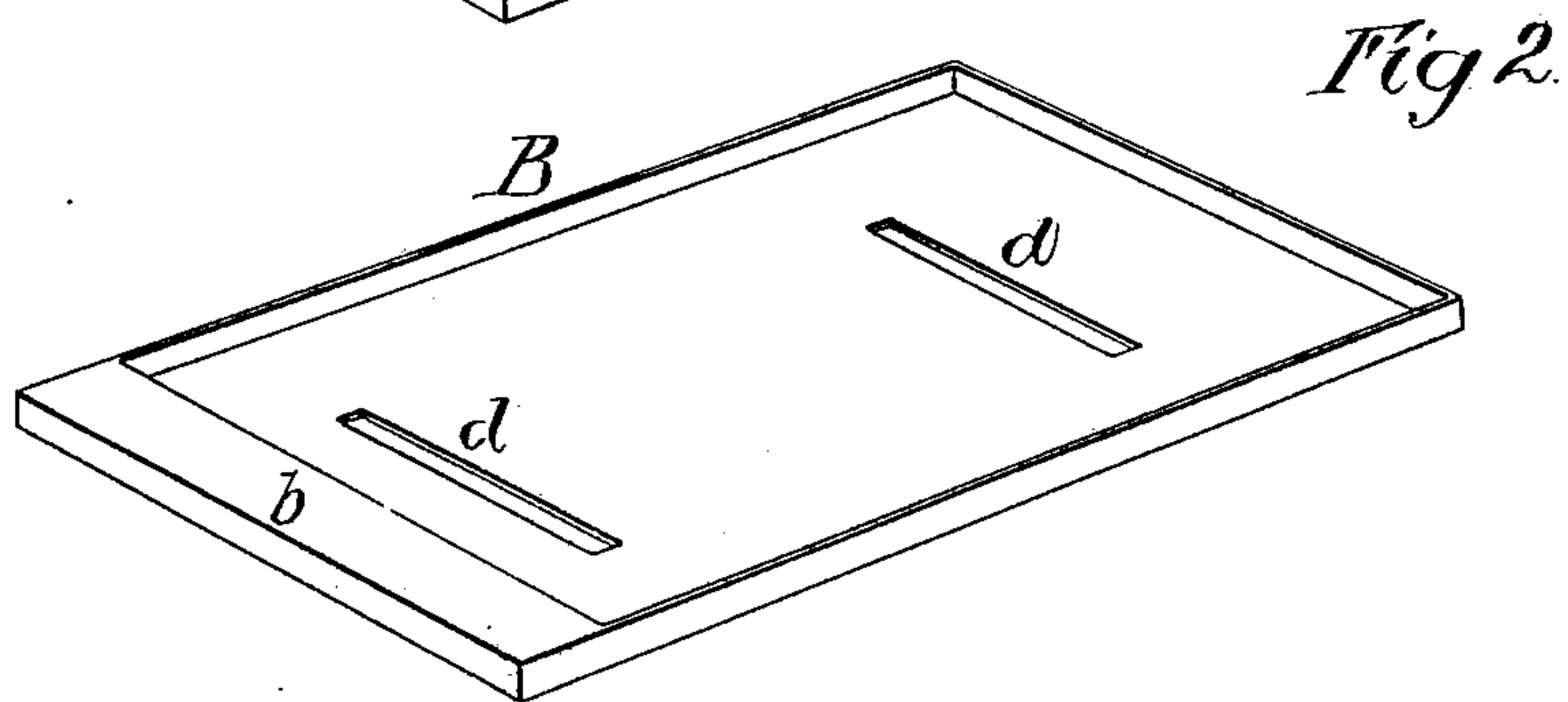
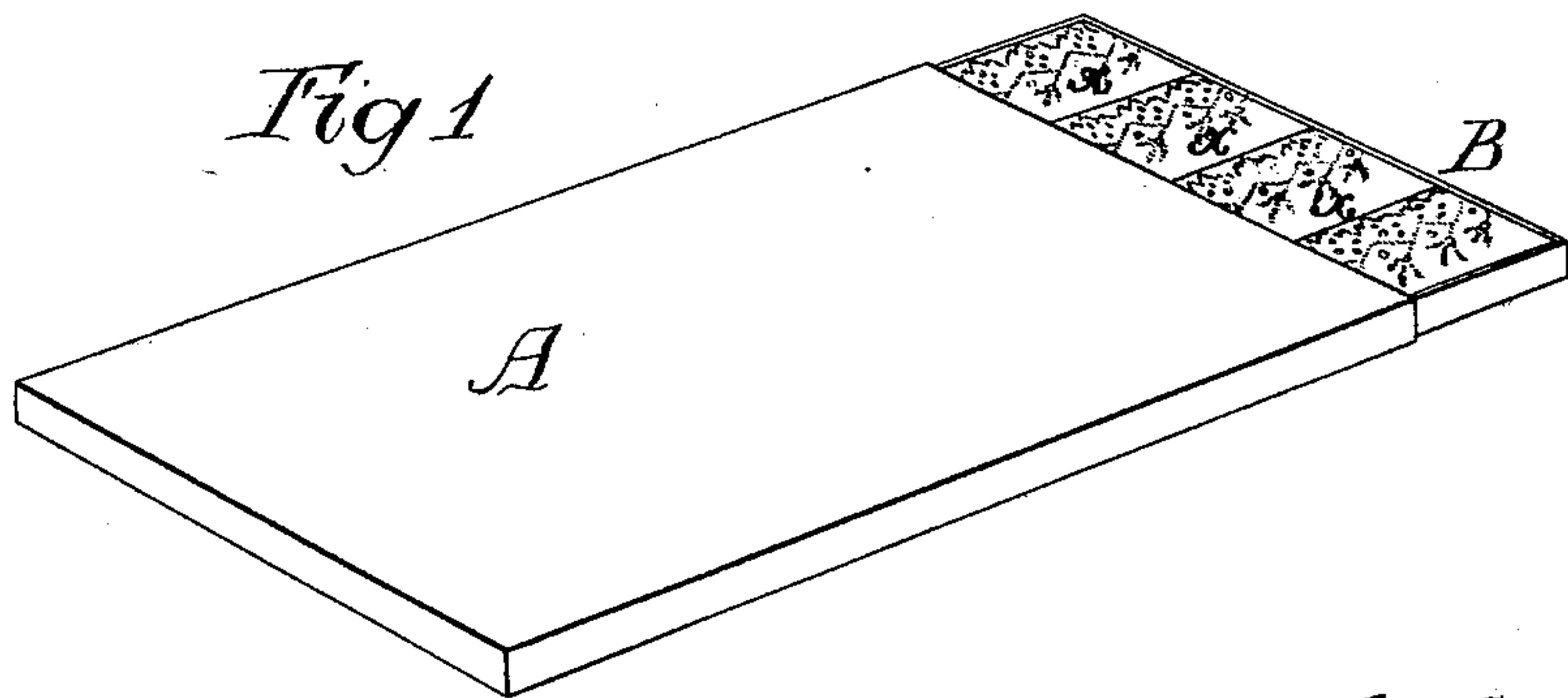


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## IMPROVEMENT IN SHOW-BOXES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JACOB LOEB, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Boxes for Embroidery, &c., of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in boxes for containing trimmings, braids, &c., and for exposing a small portion of the contents while the main body of the same is protected from being soiled; and the object of my invention is to so make a box that the exposed portion of the contents shall not be crumpled or abraded.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved box for containing and exhibiting trimmings, Hamburg edgings, and analogous narrow fabrics, the tray in this view being partly drawn out from the outer casing of the box; Fig. 2, a perspective view of the empty tray; Fig. 3, an inverted perspective view of the same, showing the exposed portions of the trimmings, and Fig. 4 an inverted perspective view of the box containing the tray and trimmings.

The box consists of two main parts, namely, the outer casing, A, and the tray B, one end of the former being open for the reception and withdrawal of the latter.

The trimming is deposited in the tray in a series of folds, *x*, and in such a manner that after sliding the said tray to a limited extent from the box, as shown in Fig. 1, any desired length of trimming may be withdrawn without disturbing the folds, which are retained within the limits of the tray partly by the edges of the same, partly by the top *a* of the outer casing, and partly by a ledge, *b*, Fig. 2, beneath which the ends of the folds are pushed.

In the bottom of the tray, Fig. 3, are made two slits, *d d*, through which a portion of the trimming is passed and repassed and tightly wrapped around that portion of the bottom of the tray which intervenes between the two slits, so that a number of lengths of trimming (three in the present instance) will appear on the outside of the tray when the latter is inverted, as in Fig. 3, the lengths preferably overlapping each other.

In the bottom of the outer casing of the box

there is an opening, *h*, Fig. 4, bearing such relation to the slits in the tray that when the latter has been pushed to its full extent into the casing the trimming exposed at the bottom of the tray will appear through the said opening, the length of which should be less than the distance between the slits in the tray.

The opening in the box should in all cases be narrower than the slits are long, for it is important that the exposed portion of the trimming should not sag when the box is in the position Fig. 1, and this sagging is prevented by such a contraction of the opening in width that the said exposed portion of the trimming will rest on the bottom of the outer casing at and near the edges of the opening.

In retail stores, and especially in country stores, where a number of boxes containing different trimmings are kept on hand for some time, it is important that the exposed portions of the trimmings should not be crumpled or otherwise defaced by placing one box on another and withdrawing any one or more boxes from a pile of the same; hence the desirability of preventing the said exposed portions of the trimming of one box from coming into close contact with and being abraded by another box. To prevent this there is the thickness of the bottom of the box in addition to the above-described prevention against sagging.

The character of the trimming can be noticed without opening the box, and hence the contents are prevented from being soiled by repeated exposure.

I claim as my invention—

The within-described box consisting of the outer casing, A, open at one end, having an opening in the bottom, and the tray B, having in the bottom the two slits *d d* of a length greater than the width of the opening in the bottom of the casing, the whole being otherwise constructed and combined as set forth.

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

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