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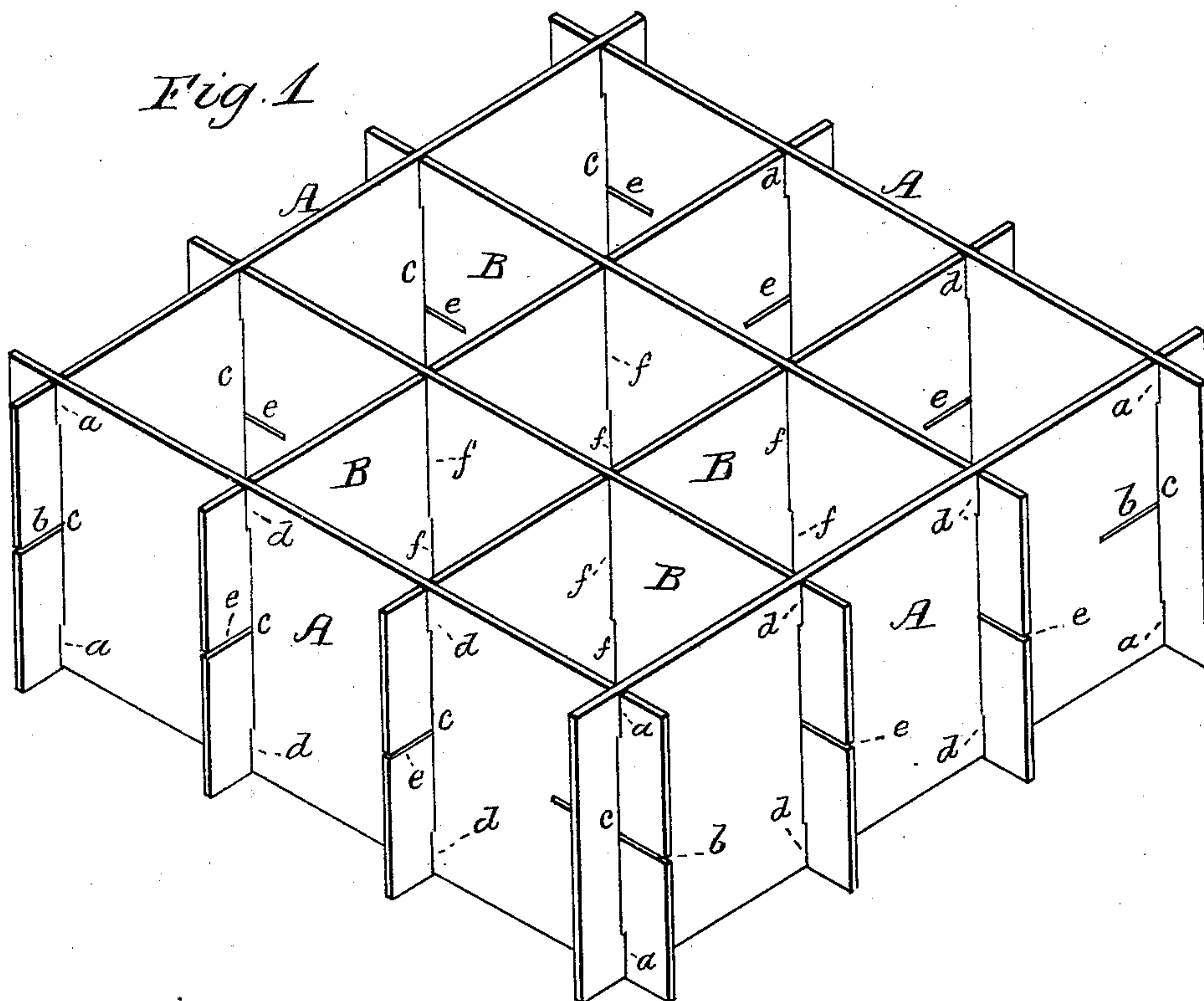


Fig. 2.

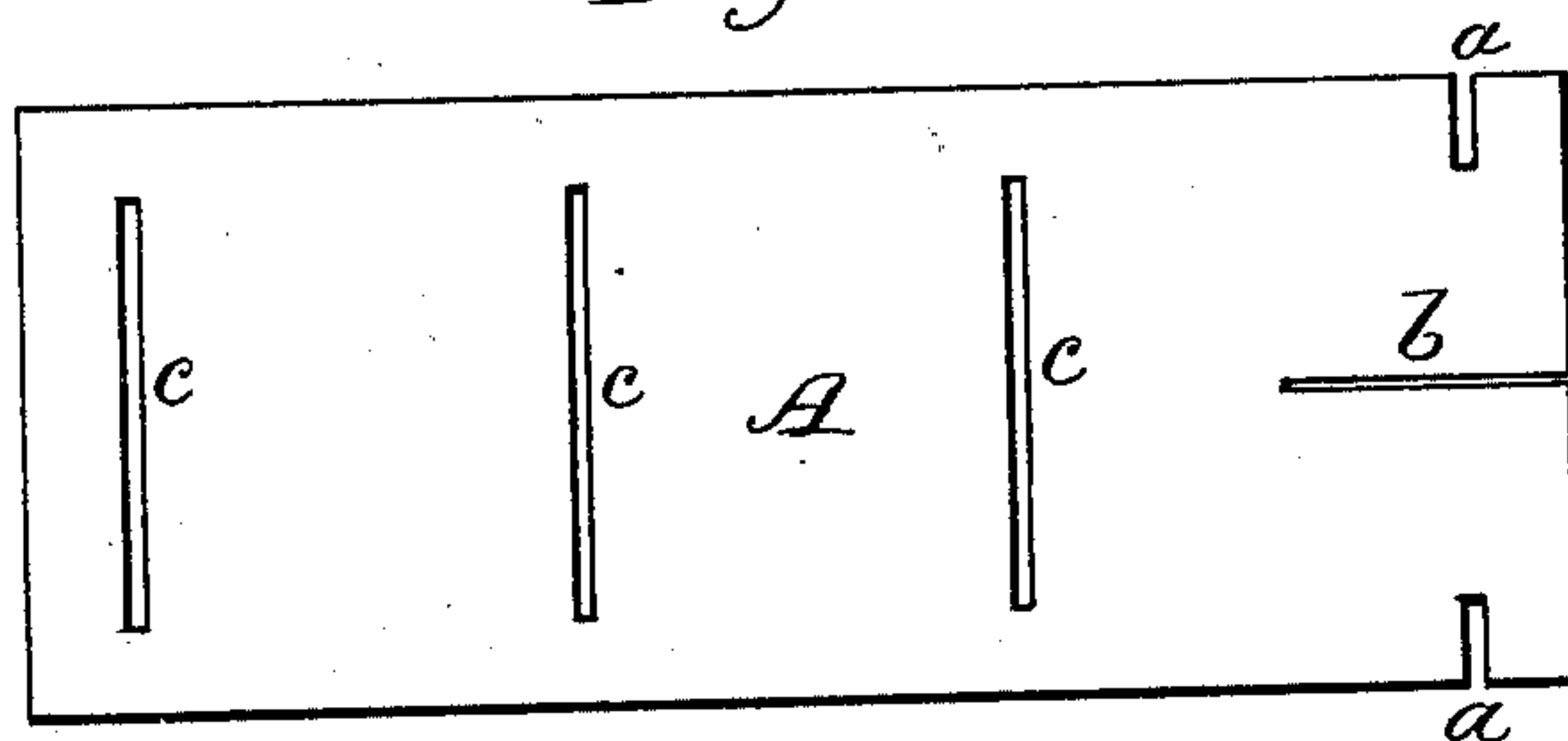
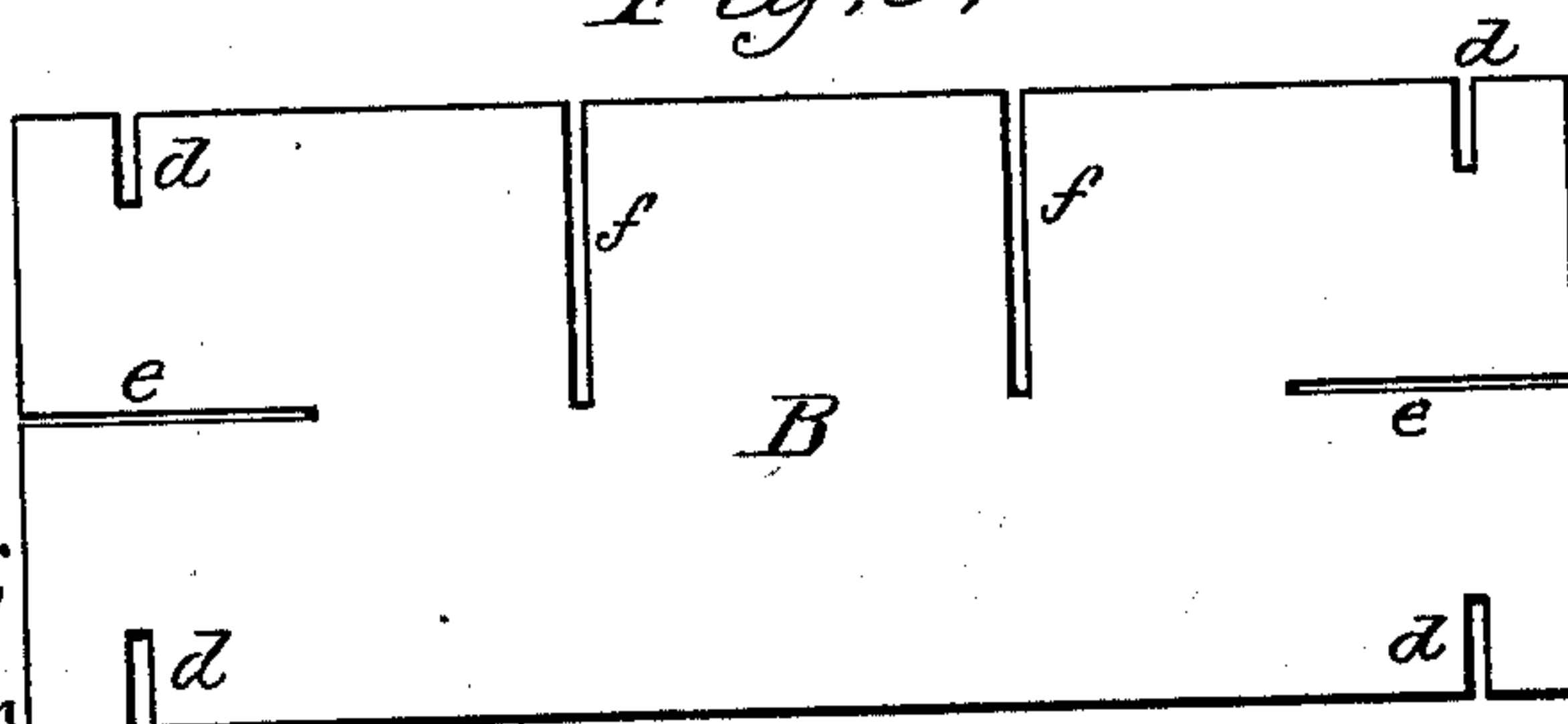


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. LOZIER, of Sioux City, in the county of Woodbury and State of Iowa, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Egg-Carriers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a detail view of one of the strips forming the outside walls of the tray. Fig. 3 is a similar view of one of the inner strips which form the pockets.

This invention has reference to that class of egg-carriers in which are employed a series of strips of board interlacing each other at right angles to form a tray, with a series of bottomless compartments or pockets for the reception of the eggs.

The object, therefore, of the present invention is to so construct the several strips as will admit of their being easily secured together to form the tray, and at the same time render the tray strong, firm, and durable; also, securing the strips together in such manner that they will not become accidentally separated, as will be hereinafter described, and subsequently pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the strips forming the outside walls of the tray, and B the inner strips, which, together with the strips A, form a series of compartments or pockets for the reception of the eggs.

The strips A are formed at one of their ends with slits *a*, running vertically upon opposite edges of the strips, and also with a longitudinal central slit, *b*, extending some distance down the end, or in length about equal to the width of the strip.

The strips A are also formed with vertical

slits *c*, wholly within the body thereof, and in numbers to correspond with the number of the strips B employed. These strips B are of the same length as the strips A, but otherwise unlike them, as both their ends are formed alike, having the vertical slits *d* and longitudinal slits *e*; also, in place of the slits *f* being formed wholly within the body of the strips, they extend across one of their edges and half-way across the strips.

In securing the strips together to form the tray two of the strips A are first locked together by bending the two portions formed by the longitudinal slit *b* until they partially overlap each other sufficiently to pass through the slit *c* at the end of the adjoining strip, thereby firmly locking them together at their ends.

The inner strips, B, are secured to the outer strips, A, by bending their ends (which are alike) in a similar manner and inserting them through the slits *c* of the strips A, the slits *f* interlocking with each other, as illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

The strips A B are preferably of straw-board, but may be composed of any suitable material and of any length and width desired, according to the size of the trays required.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An egg-carrier consisting of the strips A, forming the outside walls of the tray, and having at one end thereof vertical slits *a* and longitudinal slit *b*, and having slits *c*, in combination with the inner strips, B, formed at both ends with slits *d e*, and with the slits *f*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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