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Tobacco-Box.

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Fig. 1

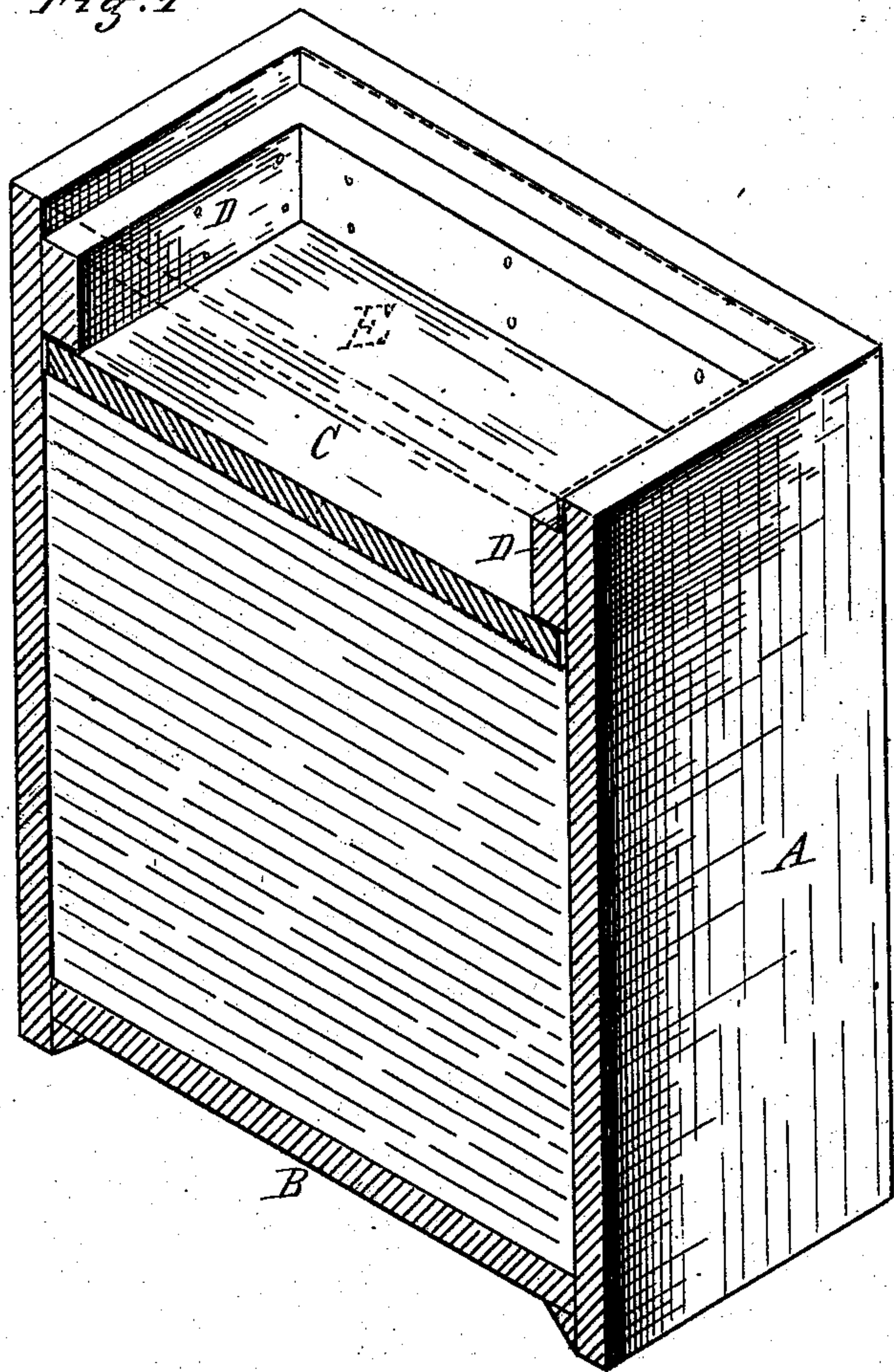
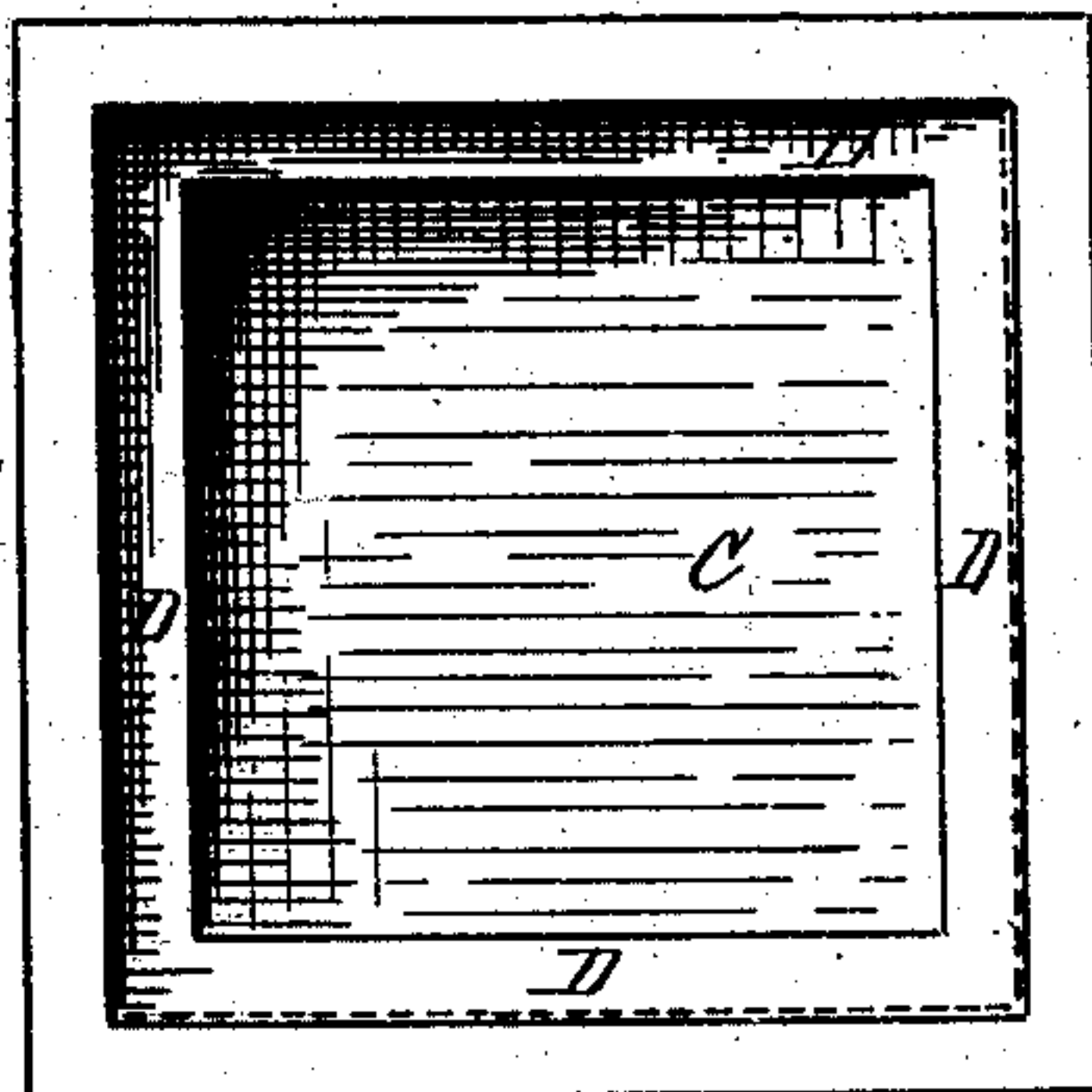


Fig. 2



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## TOBACCO-BOX.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 224,508, dated February 17, 1880.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, THOMAS BALMER, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, and LAWRENCE LOTTIER, of Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have invented an Improvement in Tobacco-Boxes for packing purposes, of which the following is a specification.

The nature of our invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in the construction of packing-boxes for the shipment of tobacco, by means of which a separate compartment is obtained, in which samples of the contents of the box may be packed and shipped, if desired.

The invention consists in the peculiar construction of the box, as more fully hereinafter described.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of our improved tobacco-box with one side removed, and with the cover shown in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the top of the same.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, A represents a tobacco-box for packing plug-tobacco, in which the head B is secured in the usual manner.

After the box has been filled with plugs which have been pressed into the box the head C is placed on the top of the tobacco and held in place while the cleats D are nailed to the sides of the box, as shown, by which means the head C is secured. These cleats are narrower than the projecting sides of the box, and form a seat or rest for the cover E, (shown in dotted lines,) which fits within the sides of the box and is secured therein by nailing. By this construction an additional chamber is formed in which to ship samples of the contents of the main compartment of the box.

What we claim as our invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A tobacco and sample packing box, substantially as described, having in its top the sample-chamber, composed of the cover E, cleats D, and the head proper, C, constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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