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Show Box Cover.

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Fig. 1.

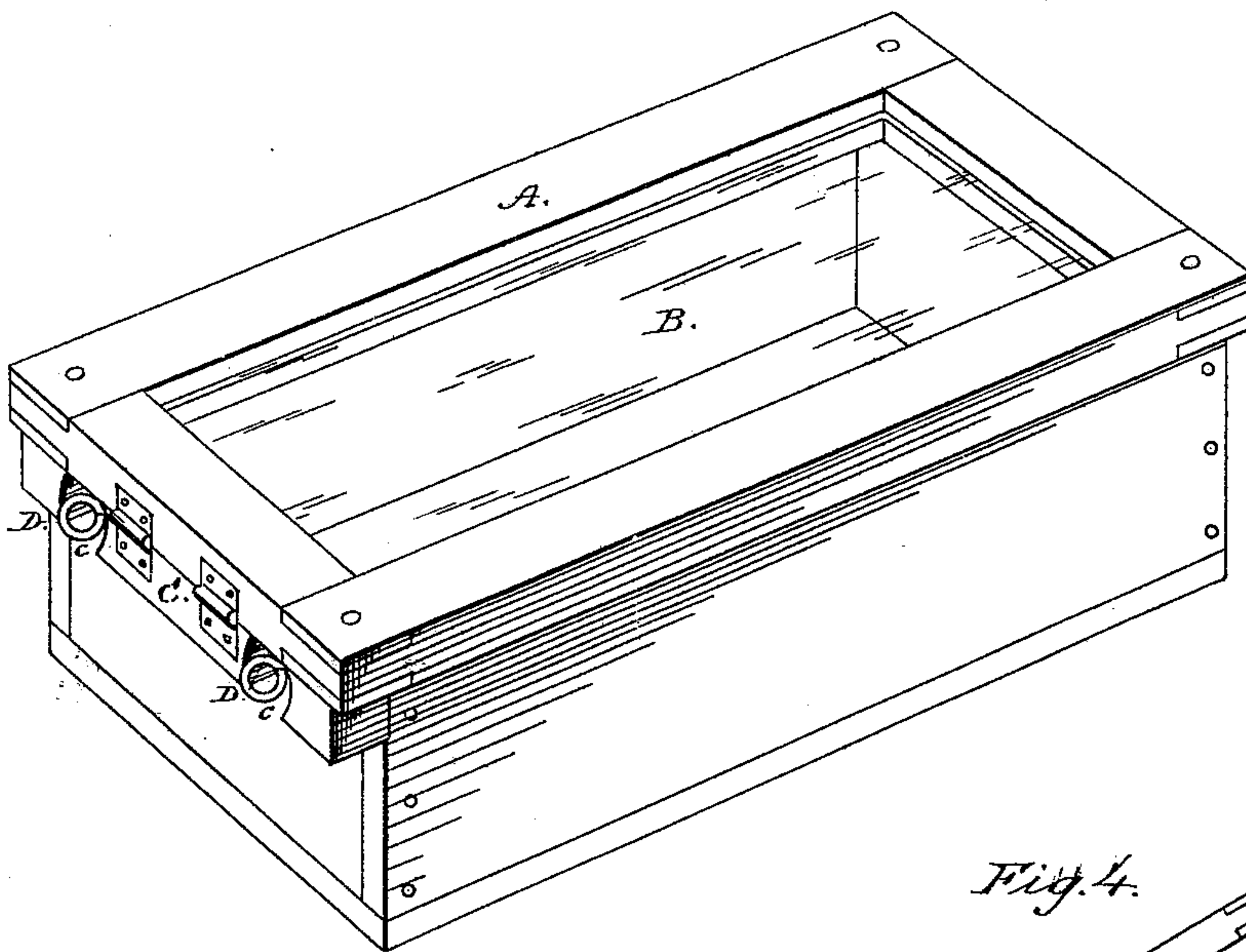


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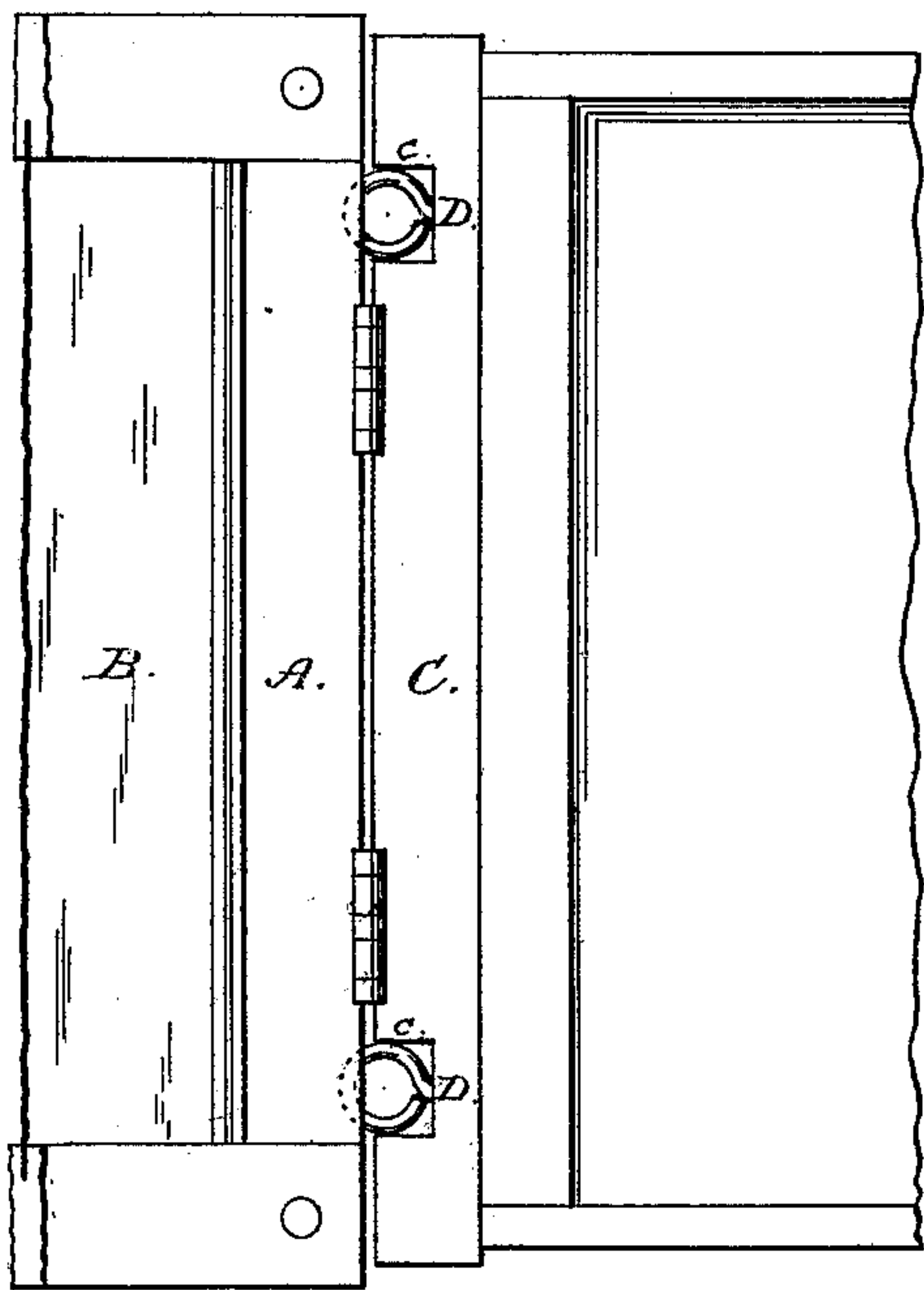


Fig. 4.

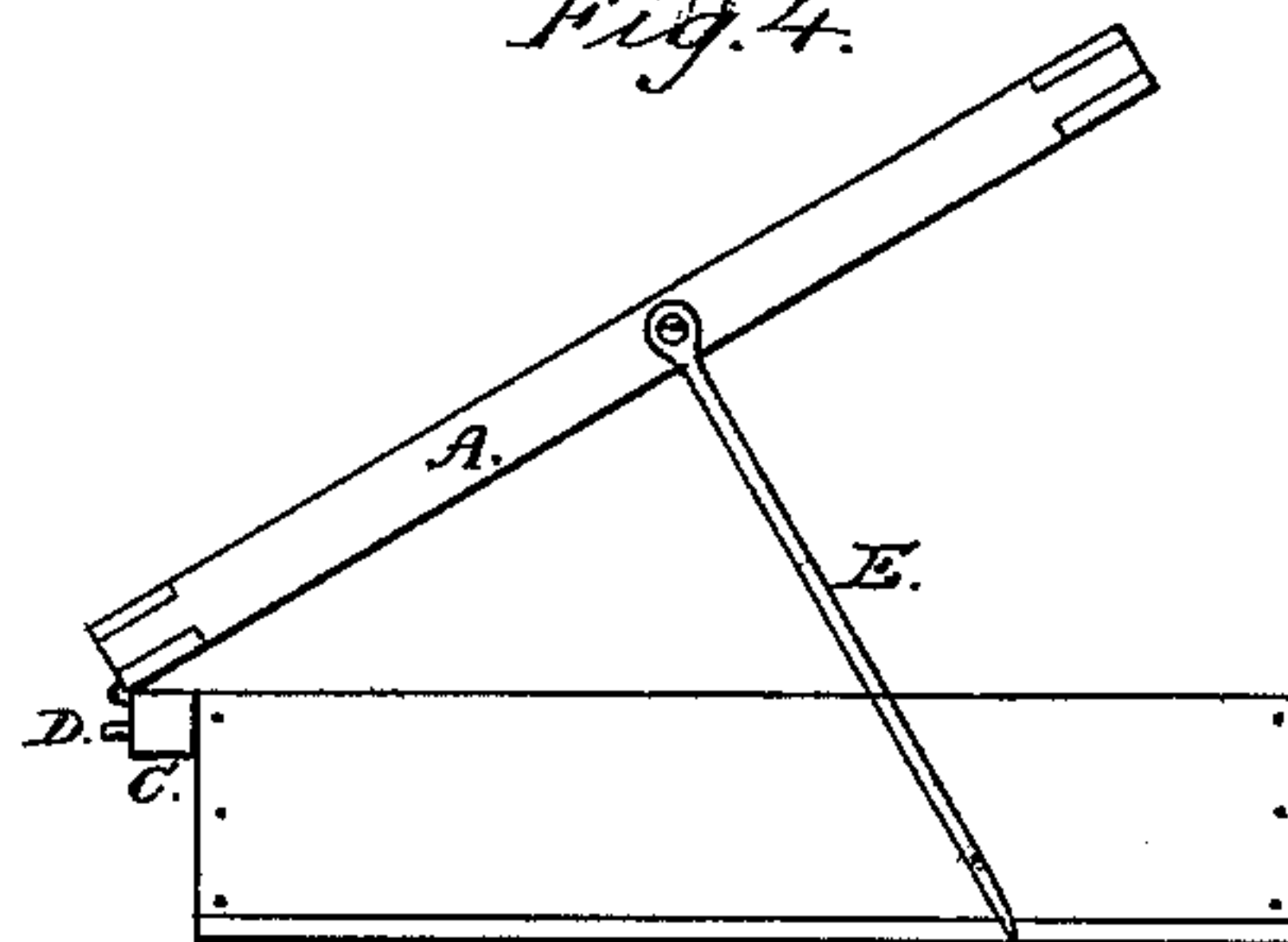
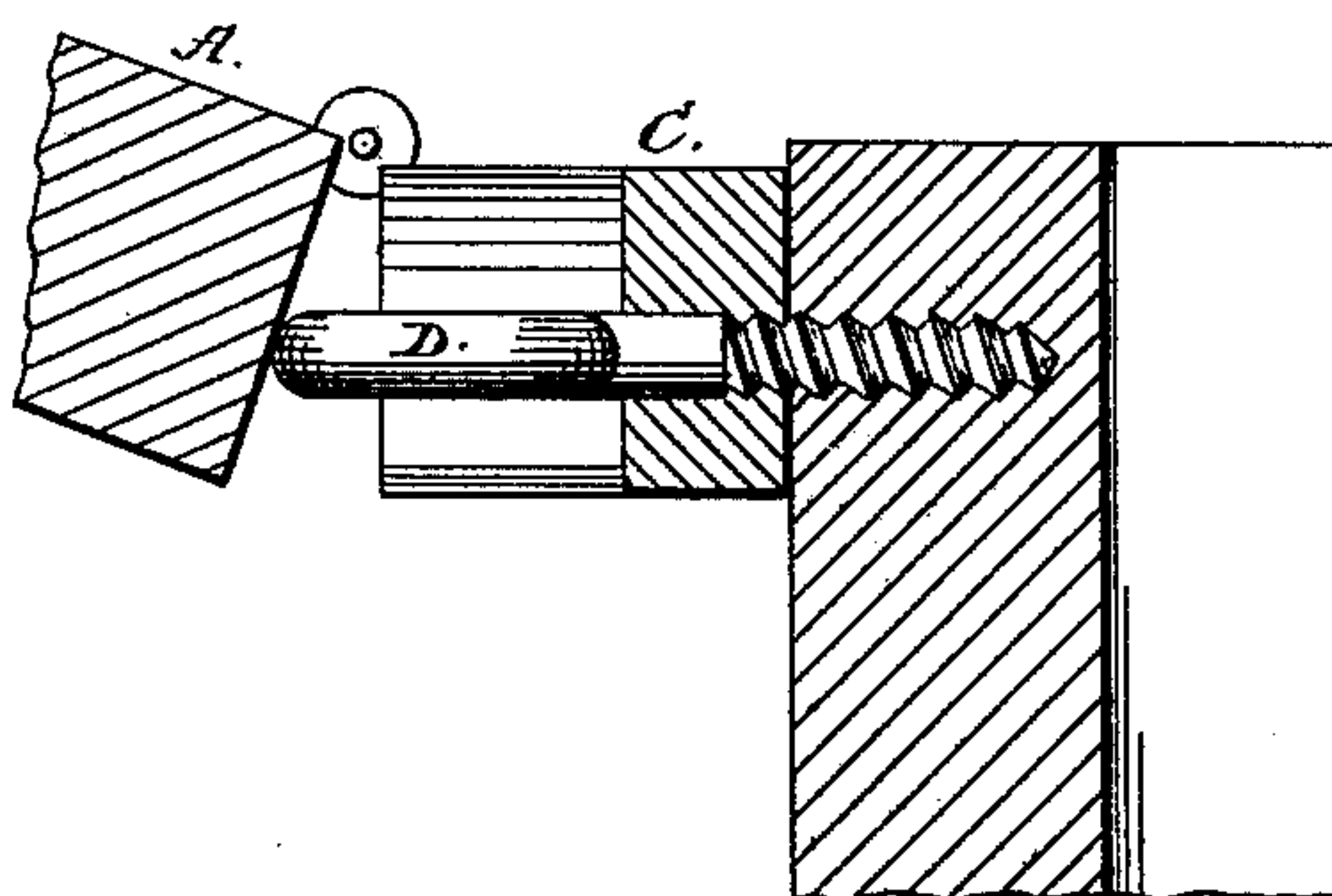


Fig. 3.



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SHOW-BOX COVER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN W. ALBEE, of Dubuque, in the county of Dubuque and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Removable Covers for Boxes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The object I have in view is to produce a removable transparent cover for boxes which can be easily and quickly attached to the open top of a box to display the goods contained in the same, and can be readily detached when the box is empty and secured to a full box, and at the same time will be neat and compact in appearance, the cover being constructed in such a manner that it is simple and cheap to manufacture and adapted to fit boxes differing somewhat in size, and being secured by devices which are not dependent upon any particular construction of the box or upon its size, and can be attached conveniently and firmly to any box.

It is intended to do away with the special show-boxes or cases now used for displaying crackers, cakes, dried fruits, and other edible articles of sale, and to attach directly to the boxes in which the goods are originally packed and shipped, after their tops are removed, my improved removable covers, which protect the articles from dirt and flies, and also from the dampness of the air, and can be transferred to other boxes when the first are empty.

My invention therein consists in the peculiar construction of the cover and the means for removably attaching it to the open top of a box, as fully hereinafter explained.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a box with my cover attached; Fig. 2, a top view, with the cover thrown open, of one end of the box and a part of the cover; Fig. 3, a sectional view, on a larger scale, through one of the screws which holds the cover to the box; and Fig. 4 is a side elevation, on a smaller scale, of the box, the cover, and a pivoted prop for holding the cover open.

Like letters denote corresponding parts in all the figures.

A is the frame of the cover, made quite

wide, so as to fit boxes varying somewhat in size, and having the transparent glass center B. This frame is hinged at one end to the outer edge of a securing-piece, C.

The securing-piece is a straight piece of wood, and is attached to the end of the box by eye-screws D, which turn in recesses *c* in the securing-piece, so as to allow the cover to be thrown back upon such piece. These eye-screws are sharp-pointed, so that it is not necessary to bore holes in the box for their reception; but they can be turned into the box with the thumb and finger, or by putting a nail or other small article through the eyes of the screws.

The cover is intended to project a little beyond the sides of the box, so that it can be readily opened.

It is evident that the securing-piece could be hinged to the side of the cover-frame instead of to the end, and that the cover and securing-piece could be made of different shape from that shown, to fit boxes of other shapes or barrels.

It will be seen that the principal advantages of my cover lie in its extreme simplicity and cheapness, the convenience with which it can be attached and removed from a box without requiring any special construction of the box, and the firmness with which it is held.

I am aware that it is not original with me to provide removable transparent covers for boxes.

When the cracker-box is placed so that its cover cannot be thrown open against the wall or some other support it is desirable to provide a simple device for supporting the cover. For this purpose I use a propping wire or rod, E, (shown in Fig. 4,) which I secure by a screw to the frame of the cover so that it will be pivoted thereto. This prop has a forked end with sharpened points, which rest on the floor when the cover is lifted up, or the prop may be secured to the cover so that its forked end will catch on the edge of the box, or the prop may be secured to the box and engage with the frame of the cover, as may be desired.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The removable box-cover A B, extending

entirely over the box, hinged to the securing-
piece C, having recesses c, said securing-piece
being placed at the end or side of the box, in
combination with the holding eye-screws D,
5 entering into said recesses and serving to
hold the box-cover in a removable condition,
and to support the cover A when thrown back,
substantially as described and shown.

This specification signed and witnessed this
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