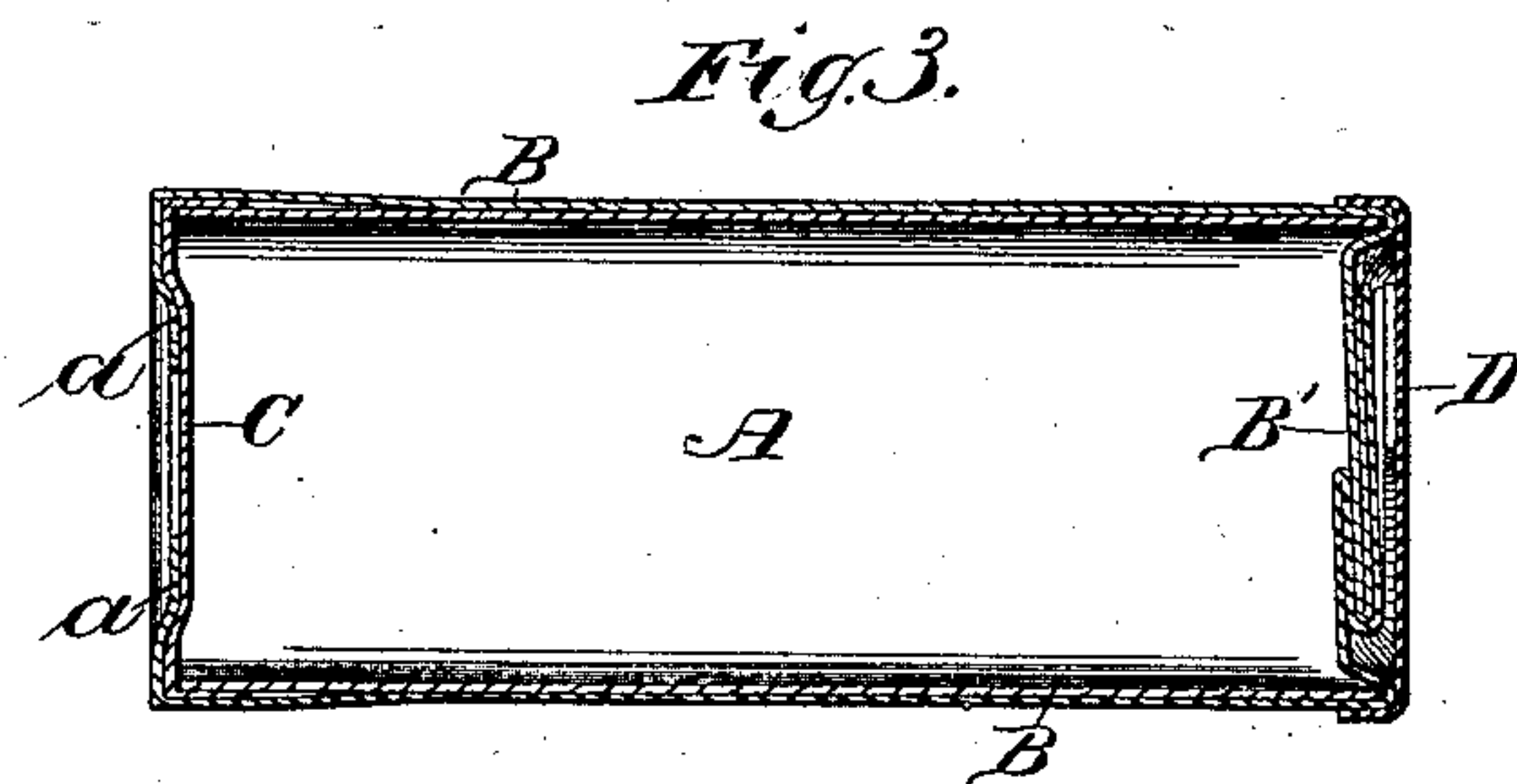
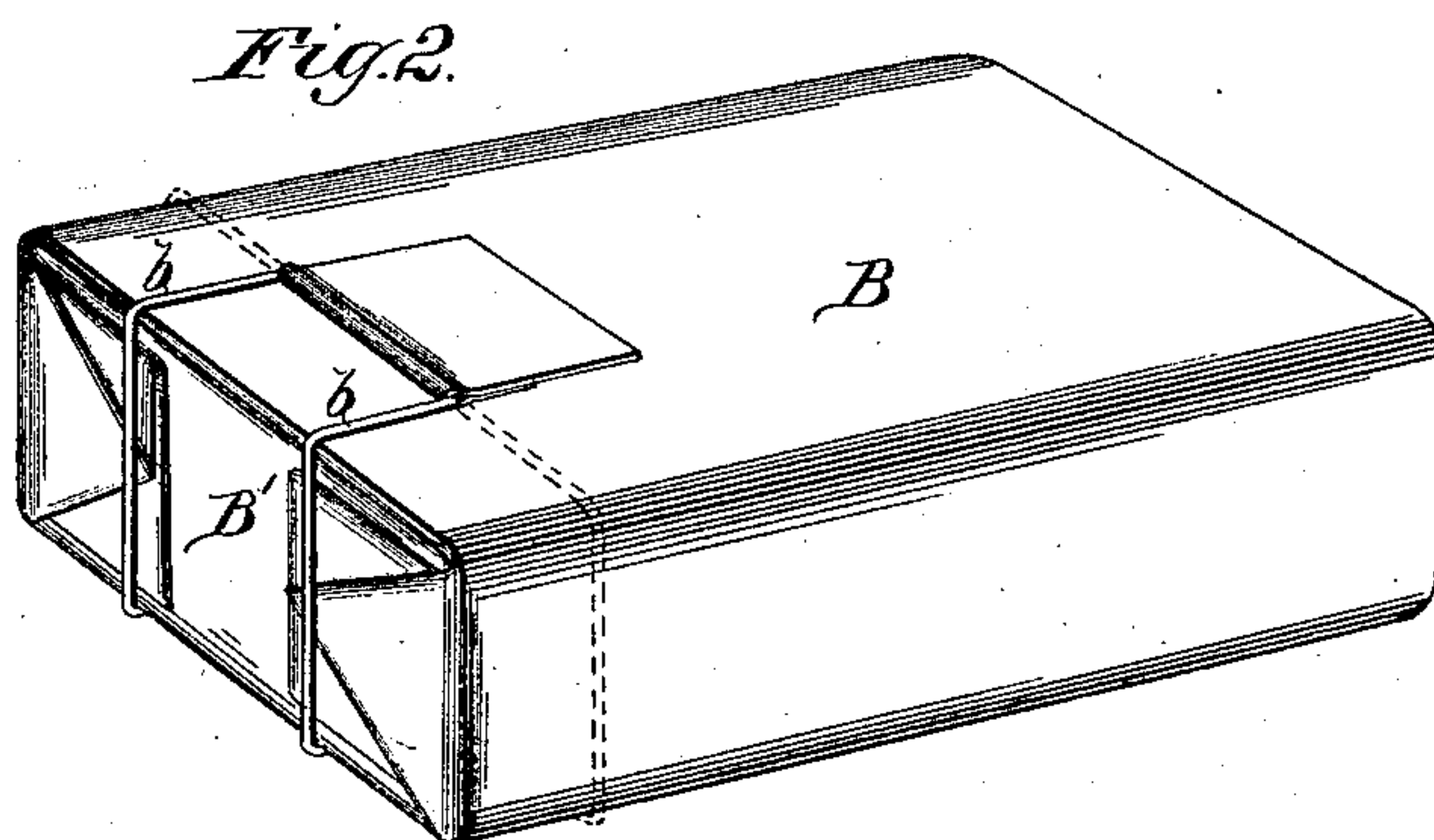
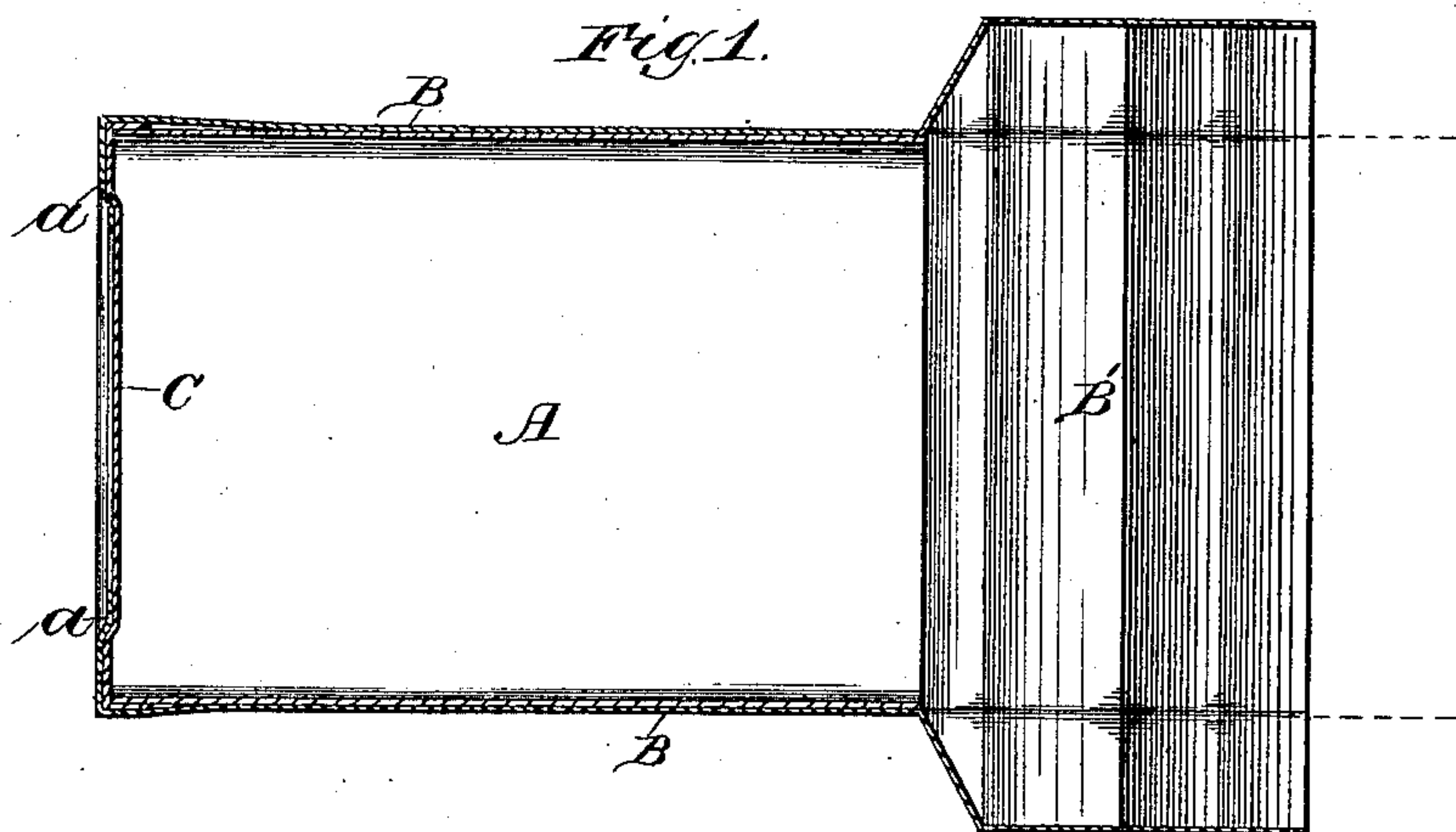


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## MAILING-PACKAGE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ARTHUR CRISTEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have made certain Improvements in Mailing-Packages, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a packet to securely carry through the mails samples of articles of commerce—such as flour or other impalpable or dust-like substances—so that no portion of it will escape or sift out, and thereby deface, discolor, or damage letters, &c., its construction being as hereinafter explained.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation, partly in section, of the box, with the flanged bottom slipped on and the whole enveloped in the paper cover, pasted to the bottom and sides and open at the top; Fig. 2, a perspective of the box inclosed by envelope, with the receiving end folded down and there held by rubber bands. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section, showing the cover slipped on over the folded-down end.

A represents a box, of metal, (such as tin,) wood, or pasteboard, of sufficient strength to meet the requirements of the Post Office Department, having a bottom, C, of the same material, that is either permanent or removable, as may be desired. This makes a receptacle to hold samples of flour, seeds, &c., which box of itself is not sufficient to prevent the sifting out of the contents even when a cover or covers of the same material is used, as any dust-like sample will surely work its way out through the usual interstices between the cover and box, and also through any minute defects in soldering. To get over this hitherto insuperable difficulty for such samples going through the mails, also to allow of such boxes or packets being opened, when desired, by authorities, also to be written on for address and stamped, I make a tight-fitting envelope, B, of the same general shape as the box A, but longer, so that at the bottom the envelope will allow of pasting, gumming, or gluing on the bottom, so as to entirely cover the interstices between the bottom and box when the bottom

C is in the nature of a cover. This paper envelope thus folded over and pasted down will prevent at this end any escape of the contents of the box A, no matter how impalpable. The envelope may be of any easily-folded material. The mouth or open end of the envelope B is made to extend a suitable length beyond the mouth of the box, as shown in Fig. 1 at B', so as to allow this part to be doubled over itself several times, if necessary, and thus form a complete protection and cover at that end, and will be held down by an elastic band or bands, *b b*. (See Fig. 2.) Through these folds nothing dry, however fine, can emerge, and by the removal of the bands *b* it is easily opened and as speedily closed. The elastic band is held onto the paper of the box-envelope by a (paper) flat loop pasted one each side of said box. In this position the elastic band encircles said box, leaving the top open. When fastening the top down the sides of the elastic band are lifted up over the top, as shown in Fig. 2, and pulled over at the sides when it is desired to open the top. When additional protection at this end is required, I provide a metal (or other material) cover, D, to go over the folded-down end B'. This gives not only that double safety to this end that the other end has, but also the additional doubly-folded end B'. To hold the cap D on for ordinary handling, I merely put an elastic band or cord over the whole packet.

A great advantage of an inner metal box, A, is that it is mouse-proof, if left any time in the warehouse or post-office, as well as making a stronger package.

I claim—

In a mailing-packet, in combination with the box A and envelope B B', the extra cover D, made larger, so as to fit over the paper envelope and box at the opening end, all substantially as specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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