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Fig. 1.

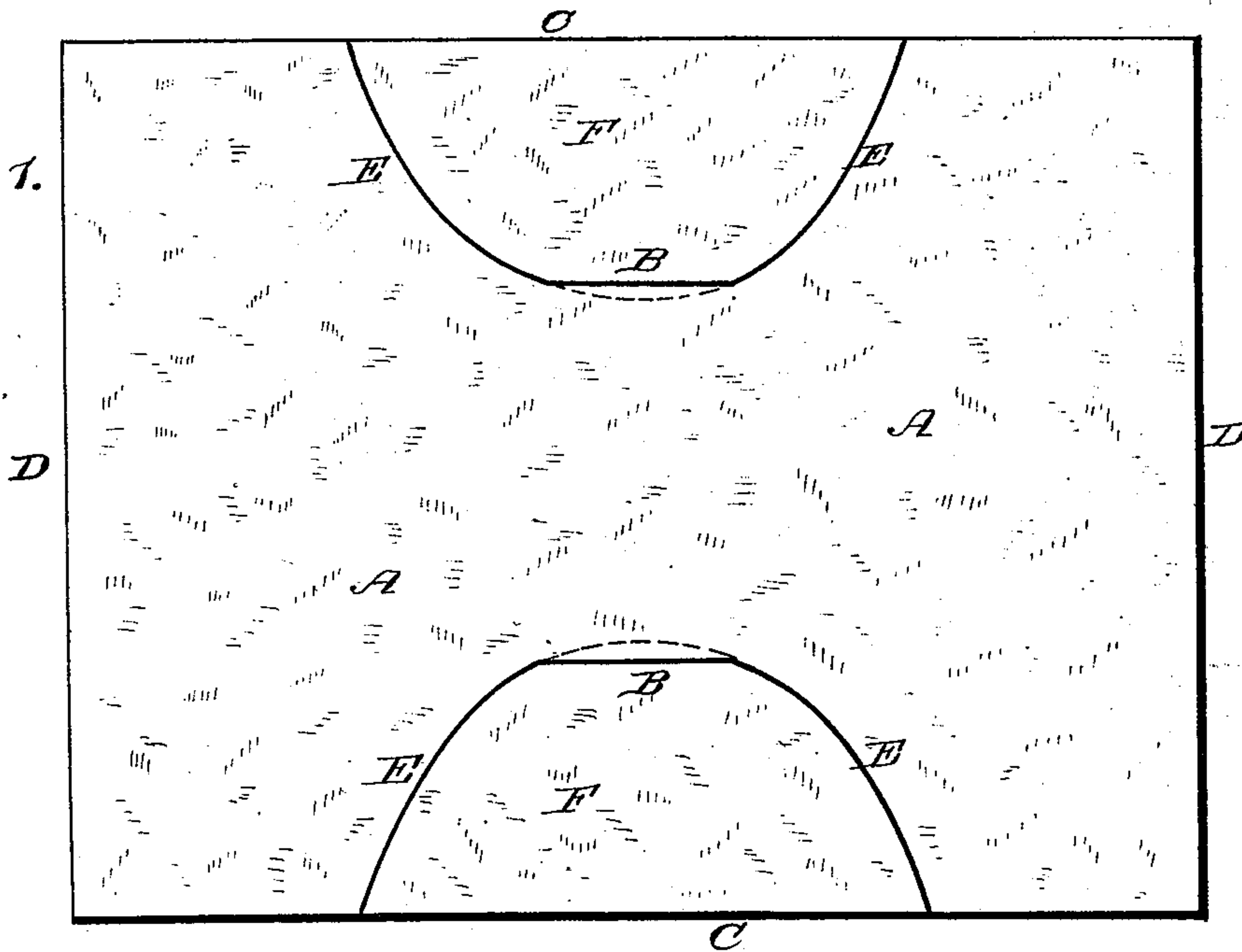


Fig. 3.

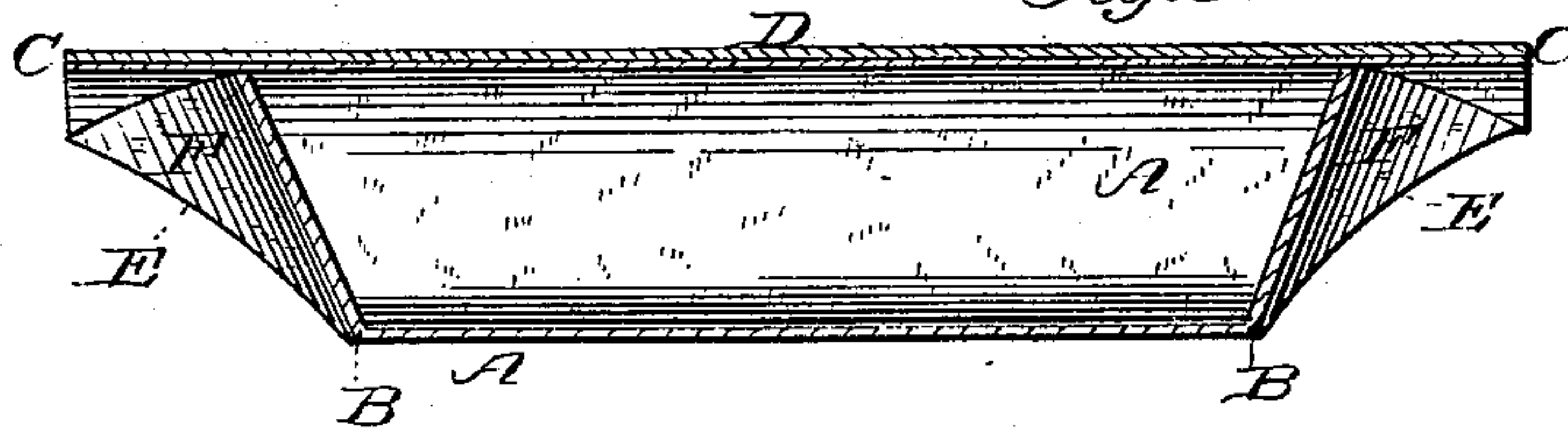
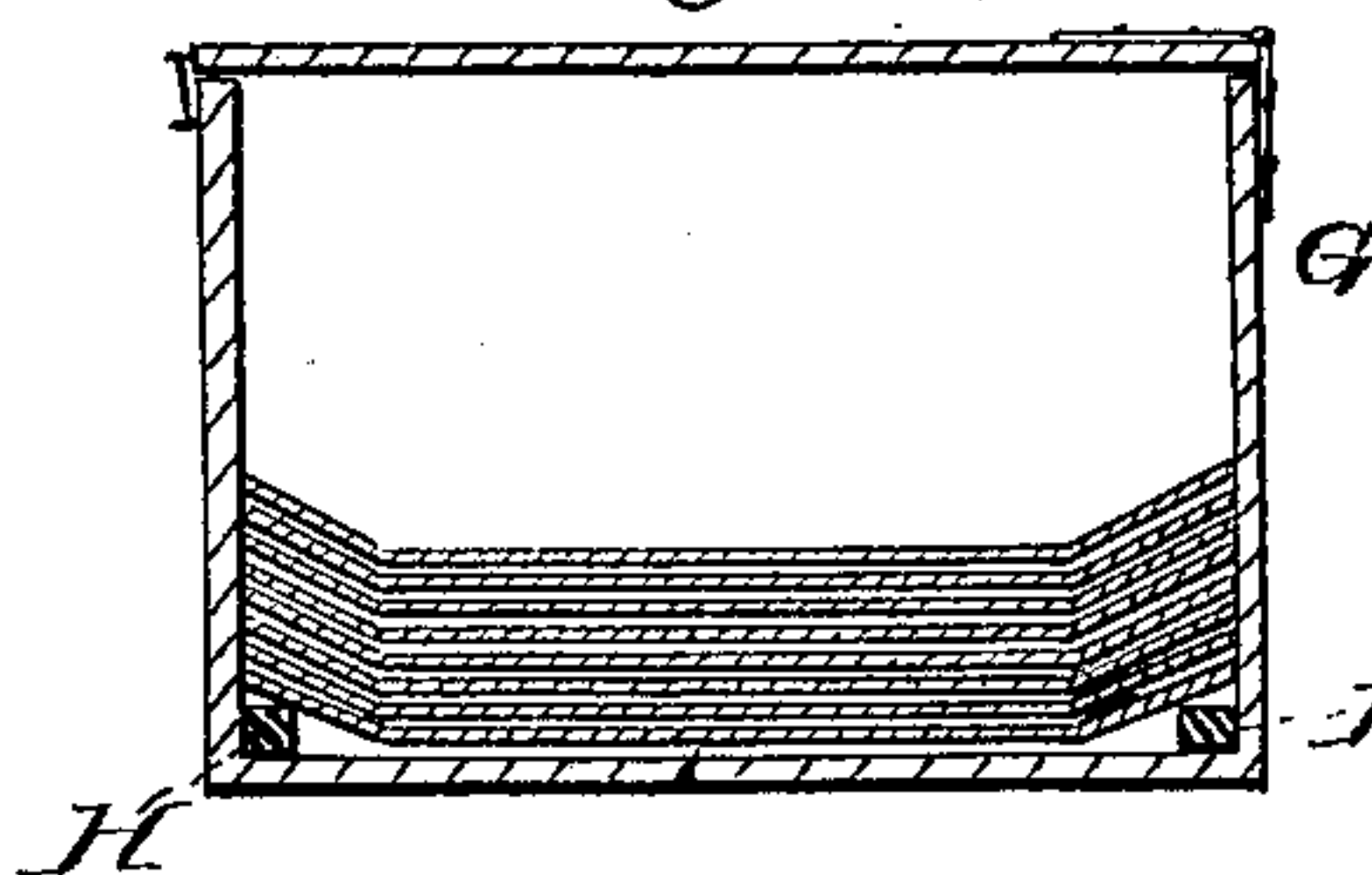


Fig. 4.



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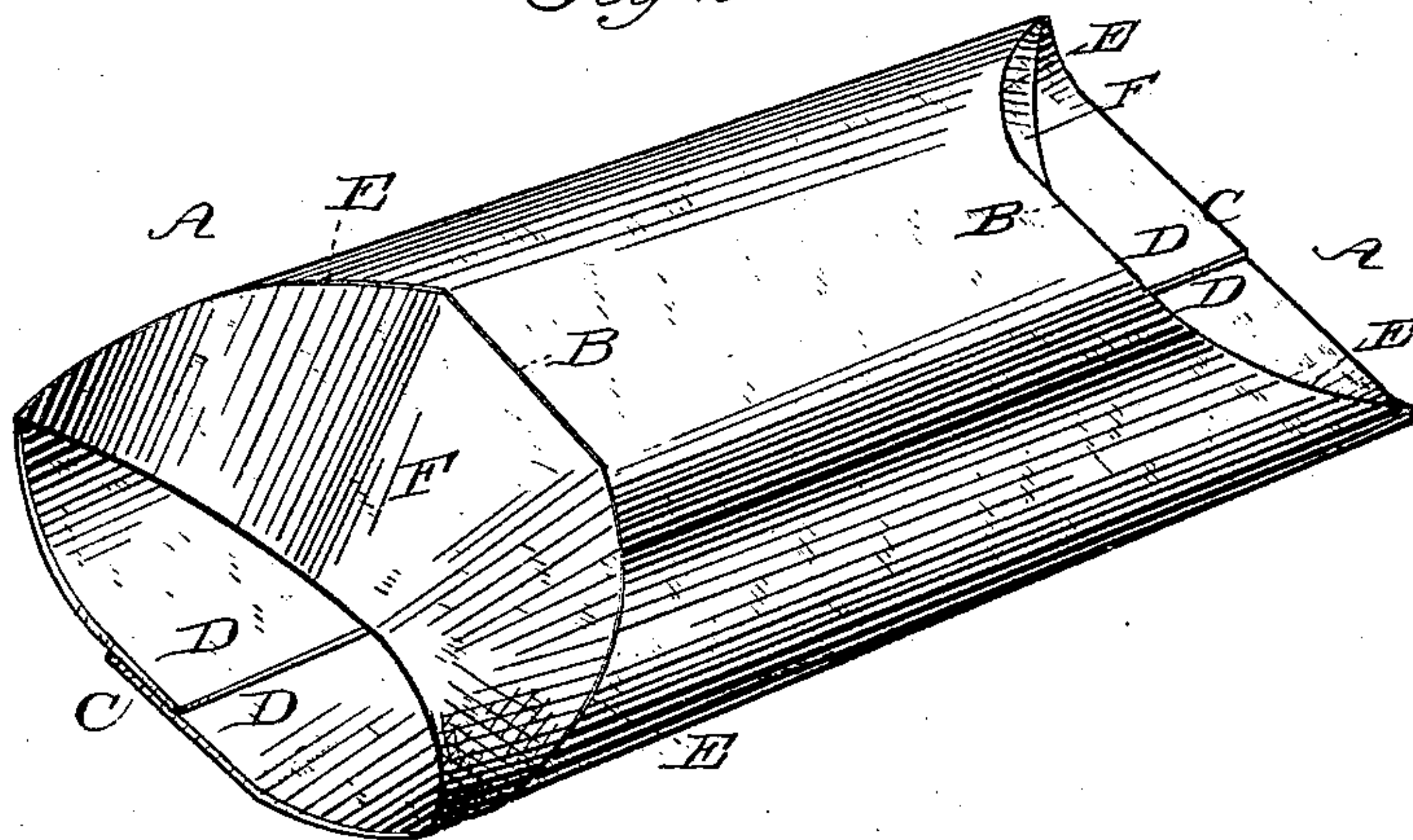
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## WRAPPER AND PACKAGE FOR BUTTER, &c.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SETH H. SMITH, of Delta, in the county of Fulton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wrappers or Packages for Butter, Berries, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the blank or sheet constituting my improved package or wrapper for butter, berries, and the like. Fig. 2 is a perspective view, showing the sheet folded so as to form the complete package. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same; and Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view, showing the method of packing the wrappers for transportation.

Corresponding parts in the several figures are denoted by like letters of reference.

This invention relates to an improved wrapper or package for butter, berries, and other articles, the construction of which wrapper will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

My improved wrapper or package is constructed of a square or rectangular sheet of pasteboard, veneer, or other suitable material of which packing-boxes, plates, and dishes are usually constructed. Said sheet, which in the drawings is denoted by letter A, is scored or cut through a part of its thickness, as shown at B B, Fig. 1, the said lines B B running longitudinally, parallel to and a short distance from the sides or edges C C of the sheet. From the ends of the scored lines B B, which are but short and located about centrally between the ends D D of the sheet, other scored lines E, E, extend to the edges of the sheet. The lines E E may be straight or curved, and may be at any desired angle to the lines B, according to whether it is desired to make the package deep or shallow.

In lieu of the lines B E, the scoring may be composed of continuous curved lines, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1. They may, in fact, be of any desired size and shape, according to the size and shape of which it is desired to make the package.

When the sheet is folded the sections F, embraced by the scored lines, may be folded upward and inward, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, forming, as it were, the ends of a box-like package, the top of which is formed by the flaps or ends D of the sheet A, the center of which forms the sides and bottom. The end sections, F, serve to brace the other parts, thus preventing the contents of the package from being squeezed and damaged.

My improved wrappers are to be packed in boxes the size of the sheet, one such box being represented at G, Fig. 4. In the bottom of said box, adjoining two of the sides, I place two short strips, H H, of wood or other material, about one inch thick, more or less. The sheets are packed flat in the box and pressed down tightly, when the strips H H will force the end sections, F, upward and, as it were, start them, so that they will easily and naturally adapt themselves to their proper position when the sheet or wrapper is folded in the act of putting up the articles which they are to contain.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the drawings hereto annexed, the operation and advantages of my invention will be readily understood. It has no joints, and is therefore absolutely water-tight. It is simple and inexpensive. It forms practically a combined box and cover, and it may be packed for transportation in a space not exceeding its actual bulk, being actually nothing but a simple flat sheet suitably scored or indented.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. The wrapping or packing sheet A, scored at B E, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A wrapper or package composed of the sheet A, scored at B E, and folded so as to form a box-like package, the ends of which are formed by the parts F of said sheet embraced by the scoring B E, said parts being turned upward and inward to form ends or braces, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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