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Fig. 1.

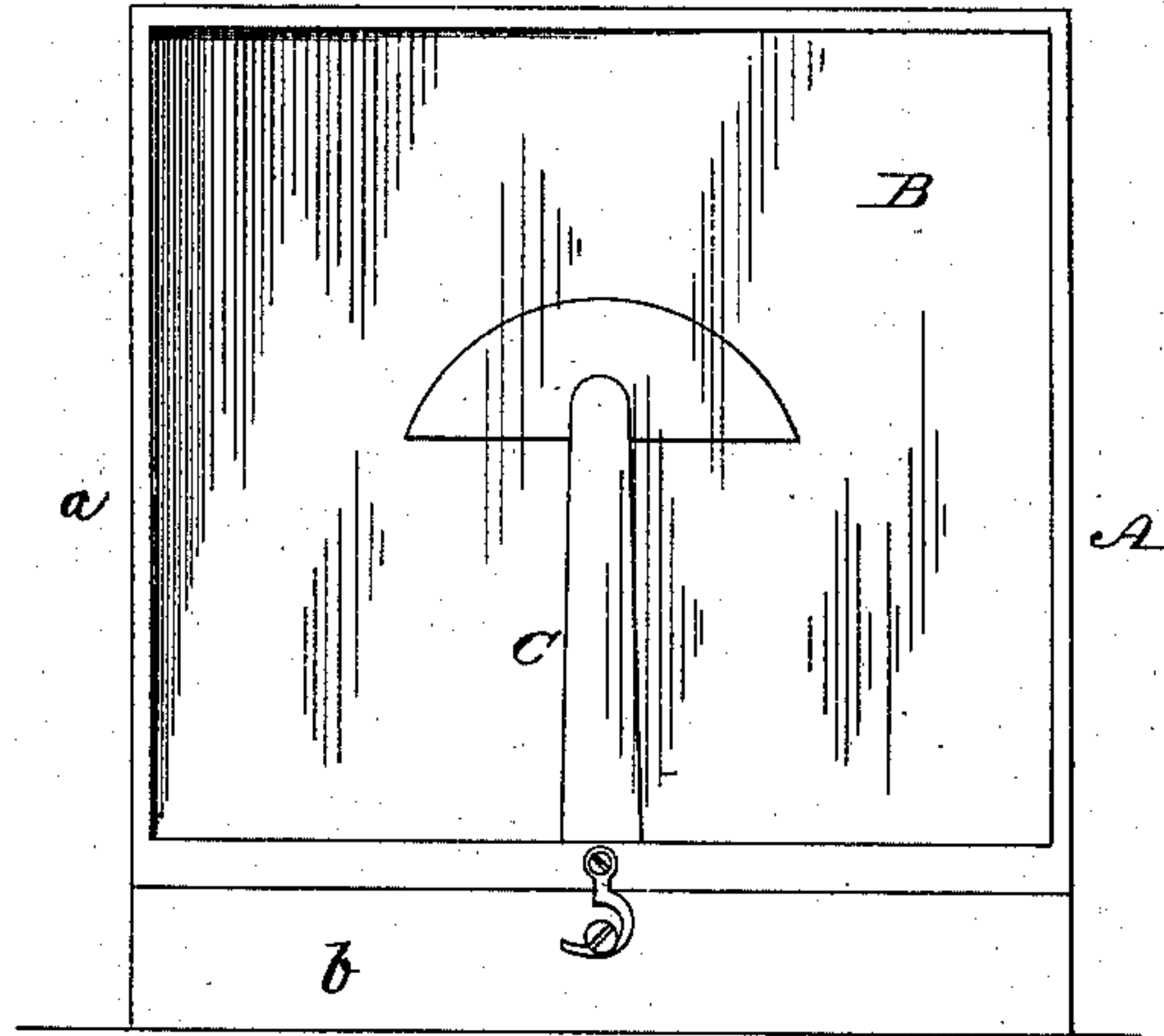


Fig. 2.

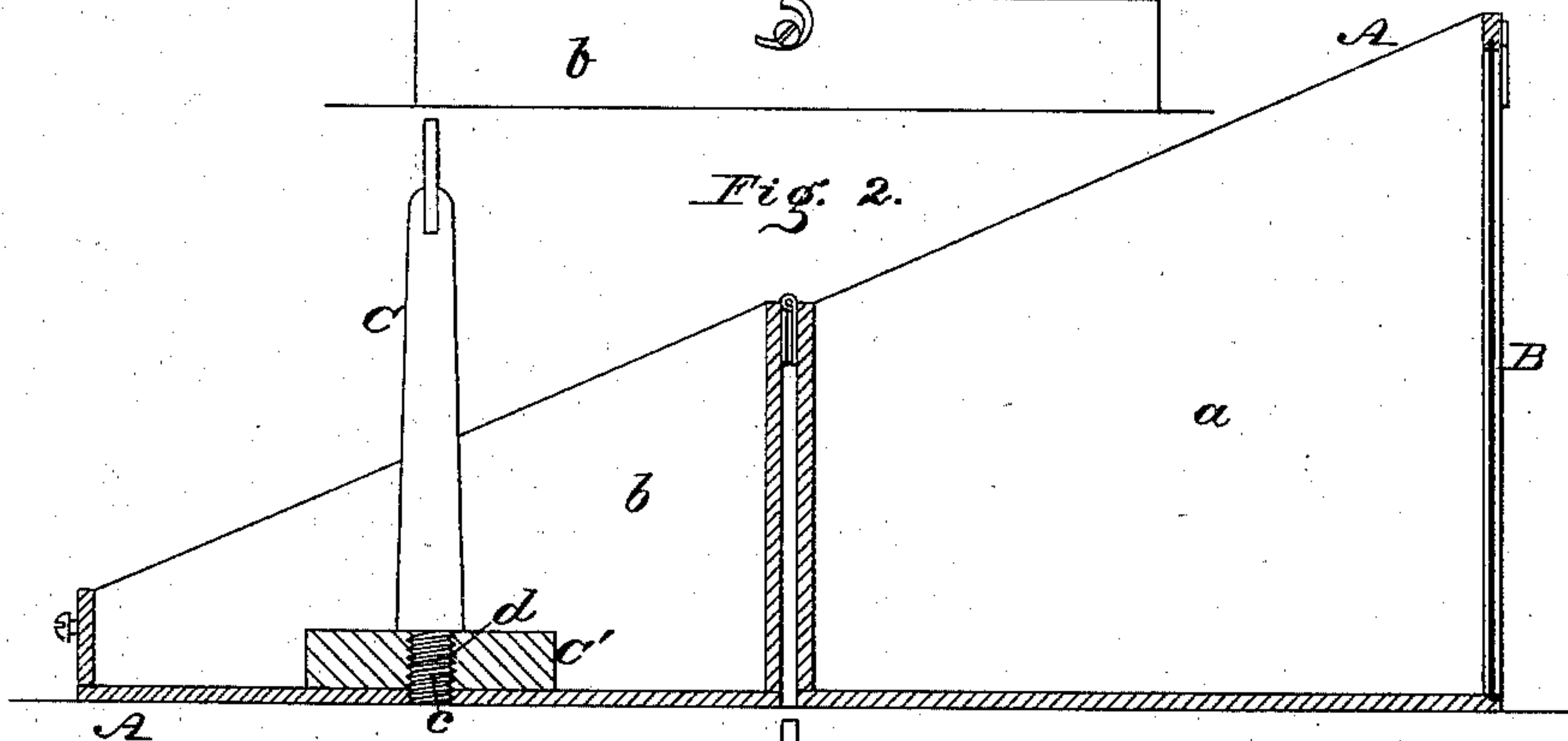
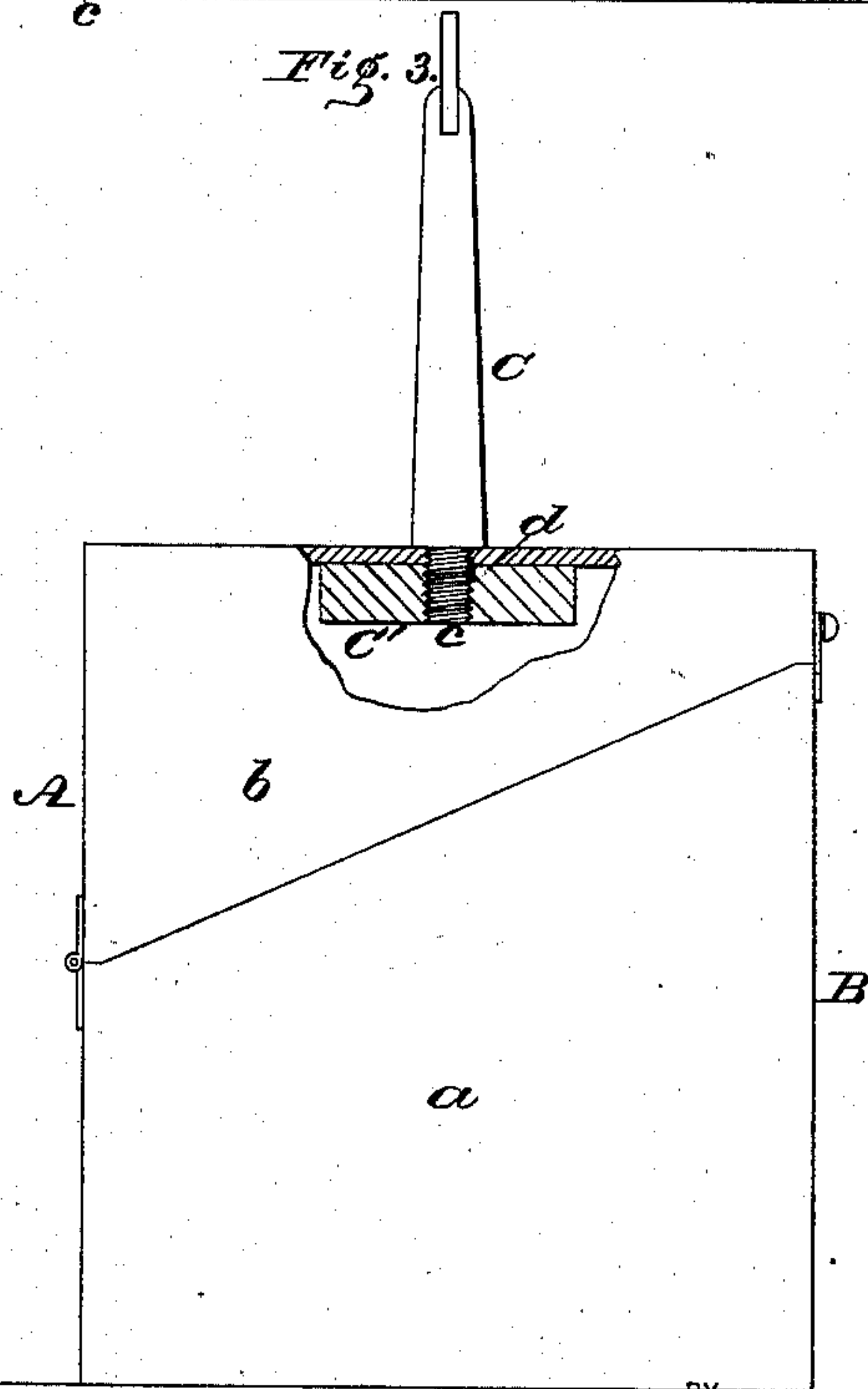


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISIDORE BIRGÉ, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Show-Boxes, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the box embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section thereof, the box being opened. Fig. 3 is a view of the box in an inverted condition, partly broken away.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

My invention consists of a show-box, more especially for bonnets, hats, and caps, having a transparent front, an opening through its bottom, and a removable standard, which latter is adapted to be sustained in the opening within or on the outside of the box.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a box consisting of the top and bottom sections *a* and *b*, the top section being hinged to the bottom section and constituting the lid of the box, the upper edges of the sides of the bottom section and lower edges of the sides of the top section being preferably diagonal, so that when the lid is turned up in order to open the box it has a large sweep, thus avoiding the striking of the bonnet, &c., sustained within the box, and the box, when fully opened, presents the appearance of an inclined plane, which increases the attractiveness of the box. The front face, B, of the upper section of the box is occupied by a pane of glass, whereby when the box is closed the bonnet, &c., within the same may be readily viewed without exposing the article to dust, handling, &c., and when the lid is thrown back said glass front is at

the rear of the box, whereby it is not liable to be struck and broken while the contents of the box are being inspected. Furthermore, as the front of the upper section occupies almost entirely the front of the box, the greater portion of the interior of the box is exposed, and the article therein may be seen to the best advantage.

C represents a standard or support for the bonnet or other article within the box, the same having its lower end, *c*, threaded to engage with a threaded opening, *d*, passed entirely through the bottom of the box, whereby said standard is securely sustained in an upright position, and may be easily removed when required. When the standard is displaced the box is inverted and the standard screwed into the opening *d*, now at the top of the box, as in Fig. 3, whereby the bonnet, &c., may be placed on the standard and exhibited outside of the box.

In order to securely sustain the standard C, the bottom of the box has secured to it a block, C', having a threaded opening, which coincides with the opening *d* and provides an enlarged bearing for the end *c* of the standard.

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

The box A, having a glass, B, and an opening, *d*, through its bottom, in combination with the removable standard C, said standard being adapted to be sustained in the opening within or on the outside of the box, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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