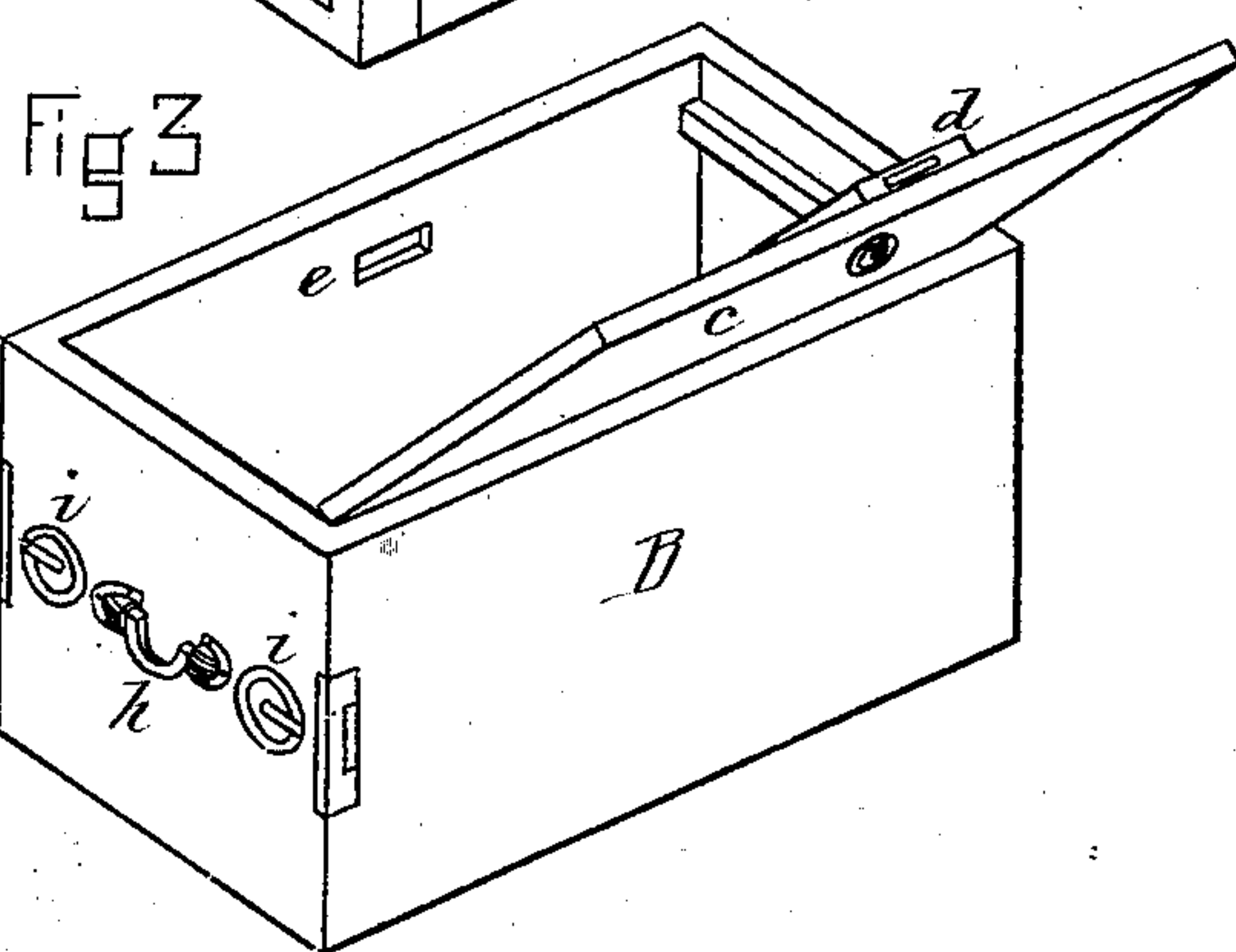
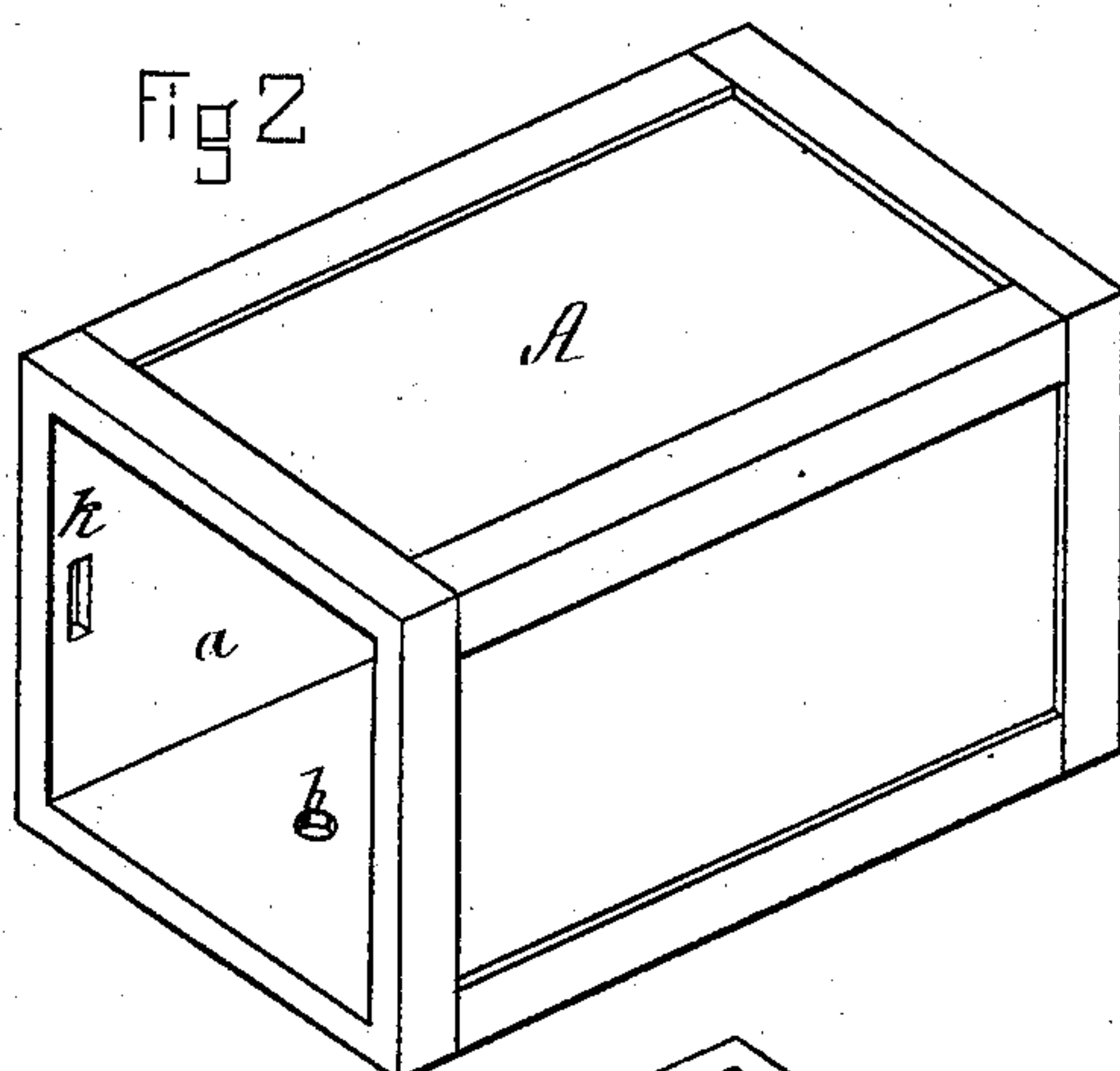
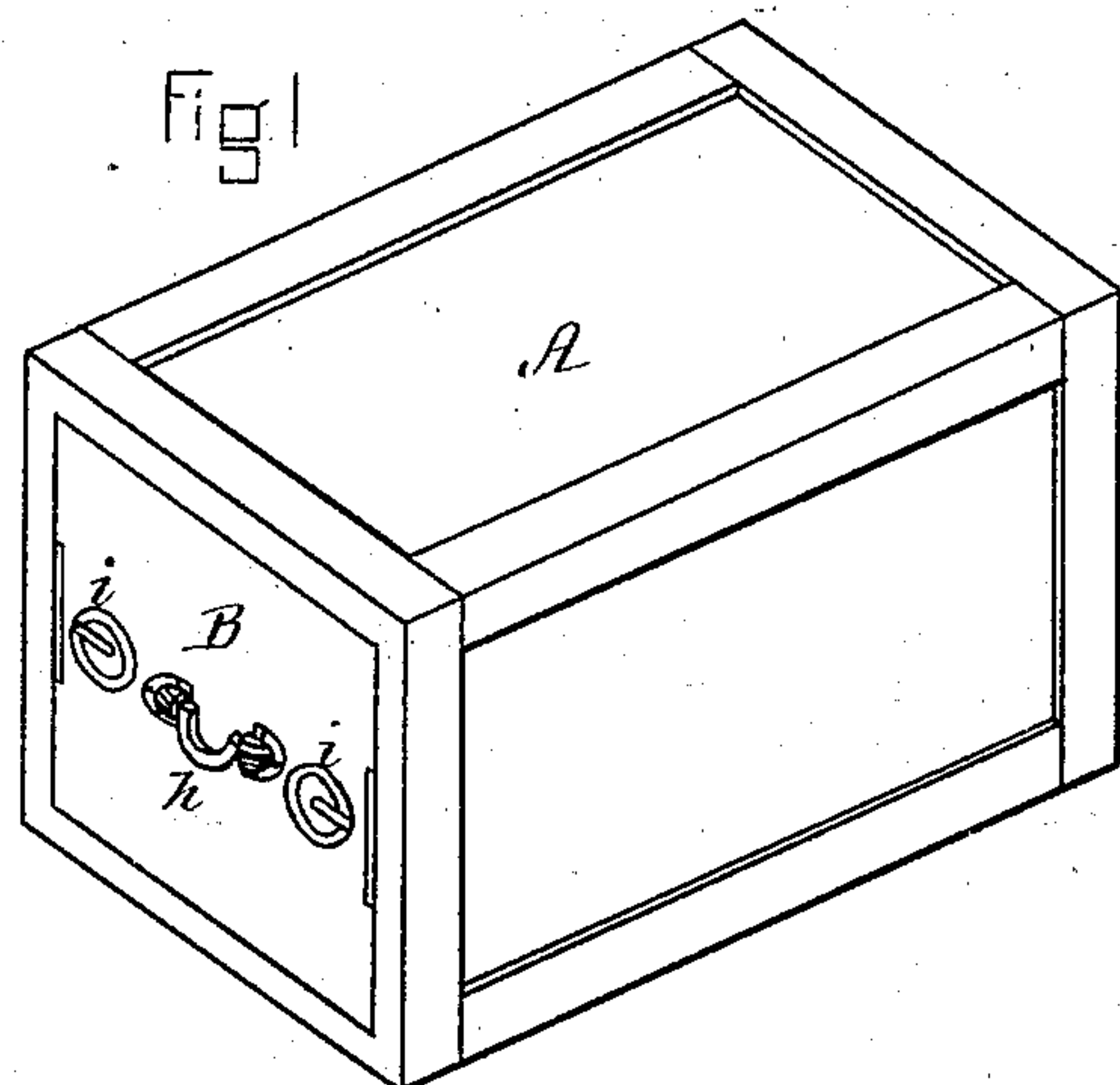


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK H. CHARTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful improvements in receptacles for the safe-keeping of money, jewelry, bonds, valuable papers, &c., of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cash or jewelry box inclosed and locked within a metal shell or casing, the same being constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a shell or casing detached. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the cash-box detached, and with its lid open.

My present invention relates particularly to receptacles for the safe-keeping of money, jewelry, bonds, valuable papers, &c.; and it consists in a box provided with a cover, in combination with an outer shell or casing open at one end for the reception thereof, the end of the box also forming the end of the casing, and being provided with a lock for its cover, and with one or more locks at its outer end to secure it within the casing when not required for use, and with a handle to allow of its removal when unlocked, the construction and manner of using the same being hereinafter fully described.

In the said drawings, A represents a rectangular shell or casing of metal, preferably of wrought-iron or steel, having its front end, *a*, open, and with one or more circular holes, *b*, in its bottom for the reception of screws or other suitable fastenings passing from the inside of the casing into any object or thing where it is desired to be located—for instance, upon the side of a wall, on the floor, at the top or under side of a shelf, counter, or table, within or upon a sideboard, &c.

B is a rectangular box of a size corresponding to the interior of the casing, the front end of the box forming the front end of the casing when slid within it. The top of this box is provided with a strong lid or cover, *c*, having a lock, *d*, the bolt of which enters the recess *e* in the side opposite that to which the cover is hinged or pivoted. The front end of the box is provided

with a handle, *h*, at its center, and with a lock, *i*, at each side thereof, at the opposite edges of the front. The bolts of these locks *i* enter recesses *k* in the sides of the open end of the casing when the box is not required for use, and is locked in place therein. Instead of a shell or casing secured by fastenings to any object or thing in an apartment, the permanent cells or compartments of a safe or vault may constitute the shell or casing for the reception of the box to be locked within it.

Among the uses to which my invention may be applied are the following: For a bank director, when he wishes to examine his private accounts and papers, it is only necessary for him to unlock his box from its case or compartment in the vault, and, taking the box by the handle, carry it to his desk, where, by unlocking the cover, he can conveniently have access to its contents.

My invention is useful for cashiers, merchants, depositors in safety-deposit vaults, treasurers, Government paymasters, jewelers, and for individuals at their residences for the safe-keeping of valuables generally.

As the screws or other fastenings which secure the outer casing to the table, shelf, or other object are accessible only from the inside of the casing, and as the box is in place therein, they cannot be removed nor the casing unfastened, and therefore there is no danger of the valuables being surreptitiously abstracted, as the object to which the casing is attached is not of a conveniently portable character. It is evident that the fastenings, instead of passing through the bottom of the casing, may pass through its top, rear end, or either side, according to the position where it is located.

I claim—

1. A box or receptacle, B, for the safe-keeping of valuables, having a cover, *c*, provided with a lock, *d*, and with a handle, *h*, and one or more locks, *i*, at its front or outer end, in combination with an outer shell or casing, A, open at its front or outer end for the reception of the said box when it is to be locked therein, as described.

2. The shell or casing A, open at its front or outer end, and having its bottom, side, or

end provided with holes *b*, for the passage of screws or other fastenings accessible only from the inside of the casing, in combination with the box B, adapted to be locked thereto, and
5 provided with a locking-cover, constructed to operate substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

Witness my hand this 21st day of October, 1881.

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