

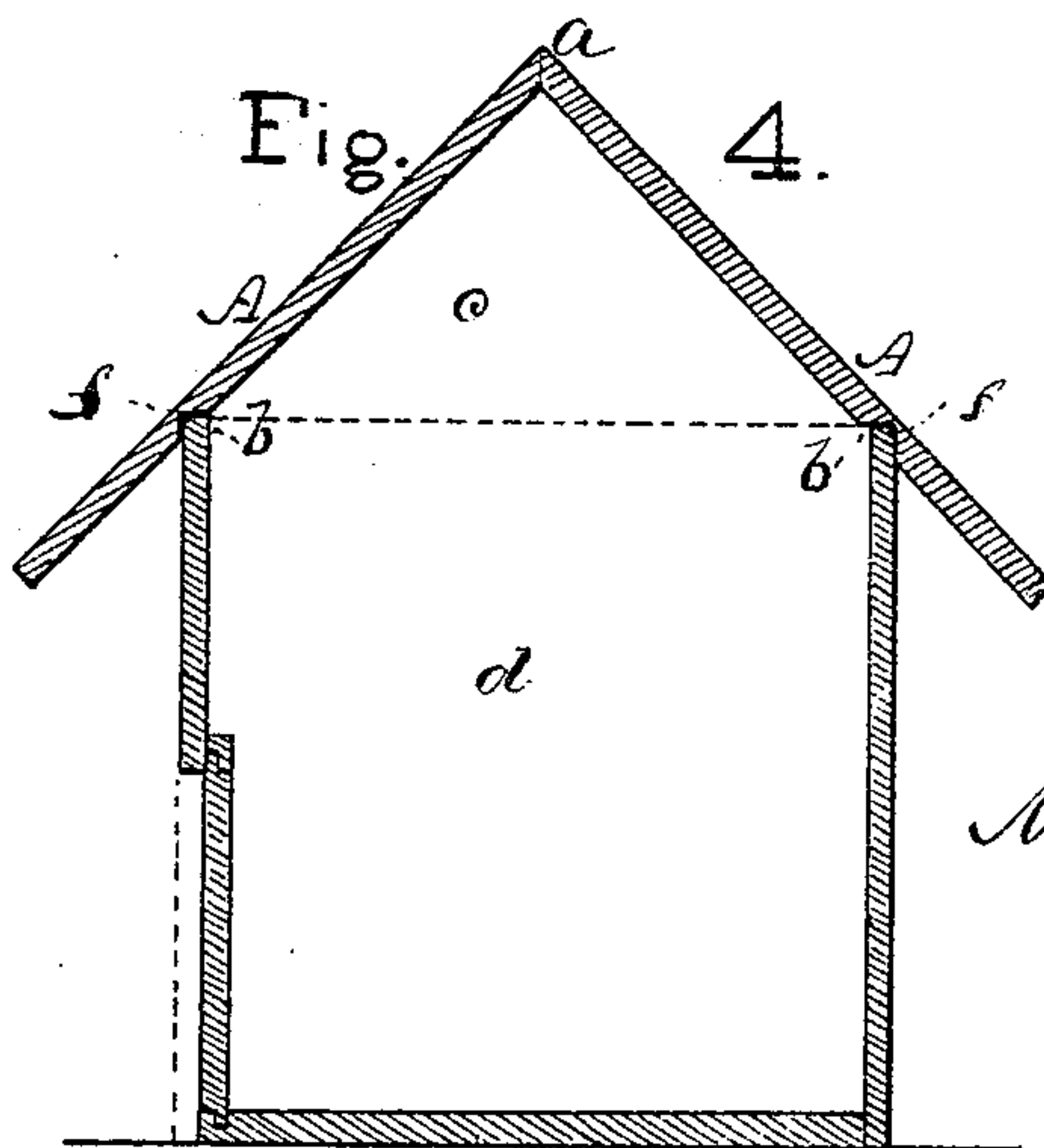
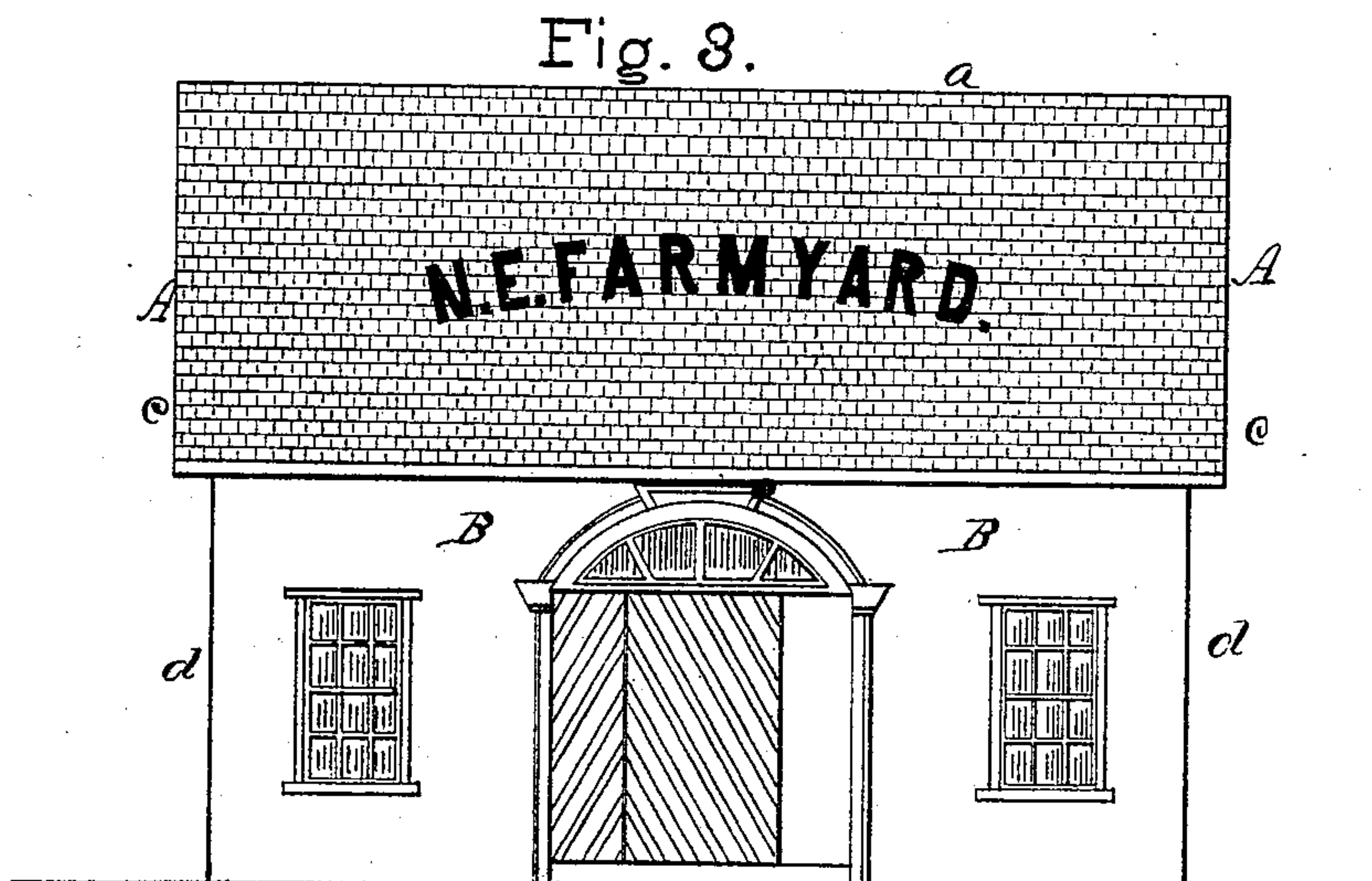
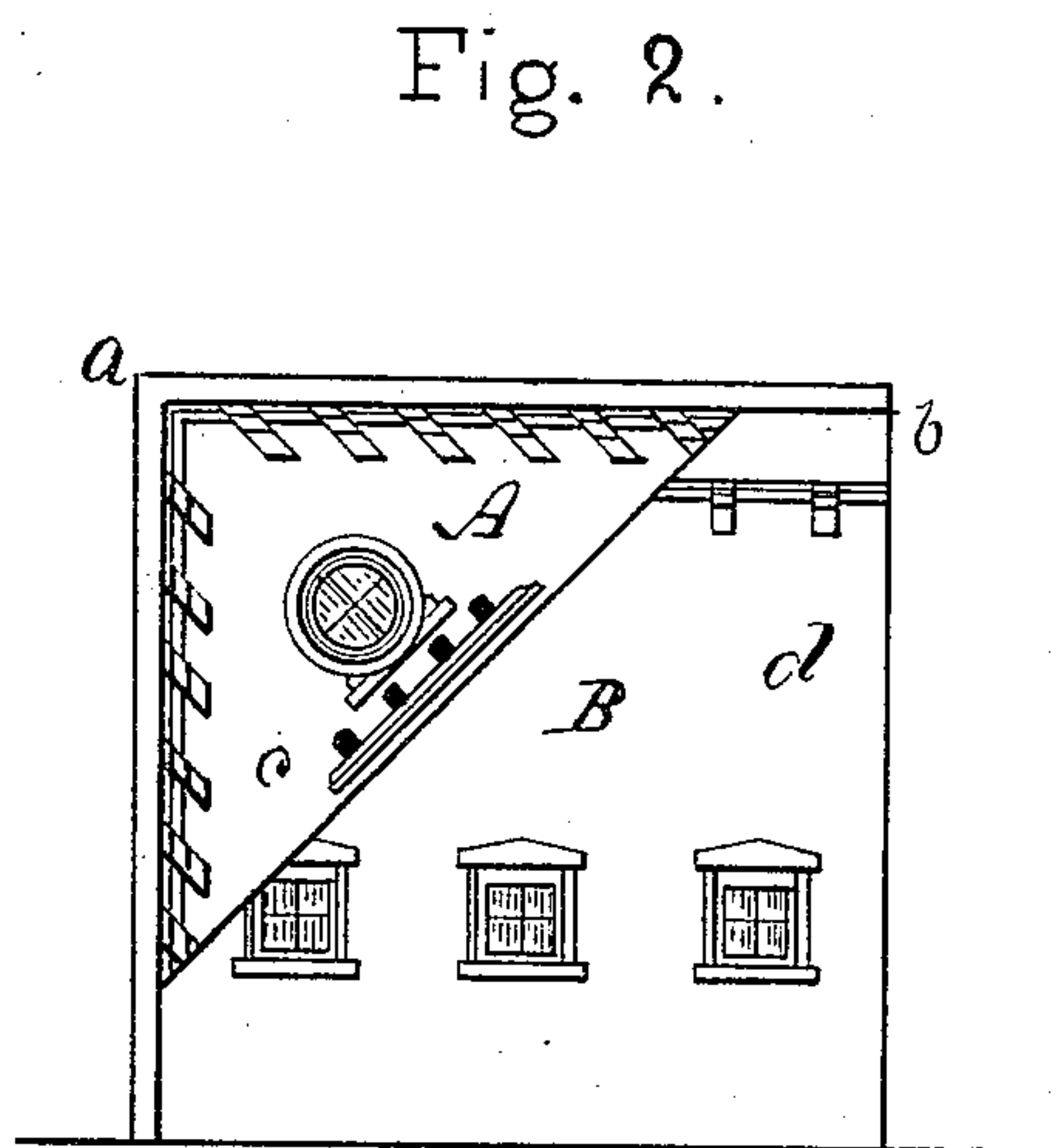
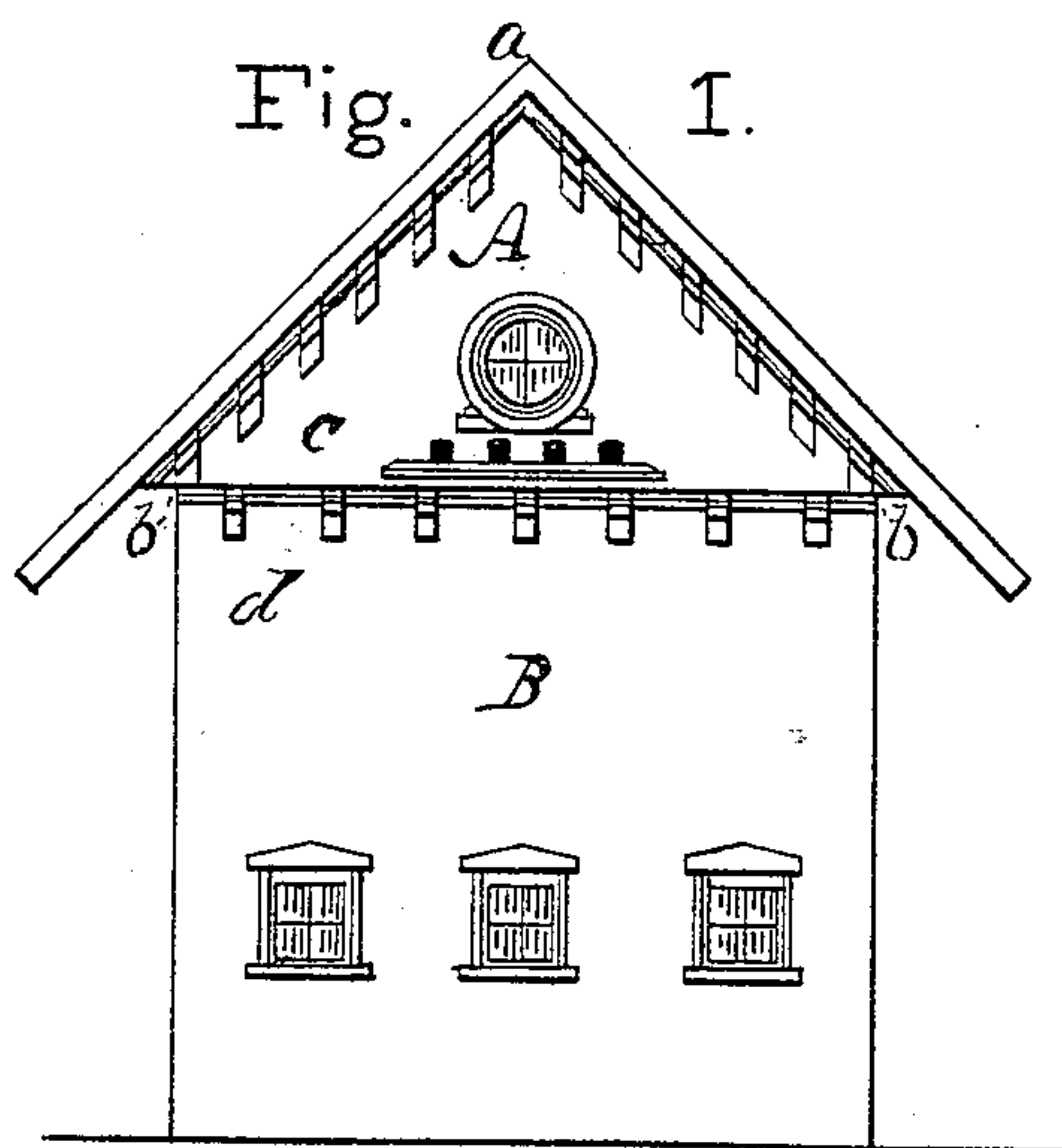
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORTON E. CONVERSE, of Winchendon, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Toy Building; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification—

10 Figure 1 being an end view of a toy building—such as a “stable” or “depot”—constructed according to my improvements; Fig. 2, a similar view, showing the roof arranged on the main part of the building so as to make a rectangular form suitable for packing and transportation; Fig. 3, a front view of the same in its normal position, as in Fig. 1; Fig. 4, a transverse vertical section in the same position.

Like letters designate corresponding parts in all the figures.

This invention is intended for any toy buildings where a roof is required, such as depots, saw-mills, stables, and others; and it consists in such a construction of the roof part that it 25 can be removed from its normal position on the body part and be placed in another position on the body to make the whole substantially rectangular, and consequently more compact and convenient for packing and transportation, an important desideratum in toy structures.

The roof A, having its pitch or ridge *a* nearly or exactly right-angled, rests upon the upper side edges, *b b*, of the body B of the building, 35 and its ends *c c* lap over and embrace the ends *d d* of the said body. To render its position exact and firm on the body there are preferably grooves or rabbets *f f* cut in the inner surfaces of the roof, to fit upon the said edges *b b* of the body, as shown in Fig. 4. Cleats or other equivalent stops secured to the under sides of the roof, over the edges of the body, 40 may be used instead of the grooves or rabbets.

When, as for original packing in the manufactory, the toy building is to be transported, 45 the roof A is to be placed, not in this normal position above described, but in the position shown in Fig. 2, the ridge *a* fitting over one of the side edges or corners of the body, one side of the roof fitting over the top of the 50 body and the other side of the roof fitting close to one side of the body. One side of the roof might fit over the bottom. The use of one of the sides of the roof, however, is intended to cover and close the upper and otherwise un- 55 closed part of the building, so as to securely retain inside the articles which go in and are packed with the building. The width of each or one side of the roof is made sufficient to cover the width of the body for this purpose. 60 If one side of the building, also, is to be made open, wholly or partly, the side of the roof is to be made wide enough to cover the opening.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 65

1. A toy building having a separate roof, A, constructed to overlap and embrace the ends of the body B of the building, and adapted to be shifted to a position on the body where its ridge will fit upon one of the side corners 70 thereof, and its sides lie respectively close to one side and the top or bottom of the said body for compact packing, substantially as herein specified.

2. The roof A, constructed to overlap and 75 embrace the body B and provided with grooves or rabbets *f f*, in combination with the body, substantially as and for the purpose herein specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my 80 hand in presence of two witnesses.

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