

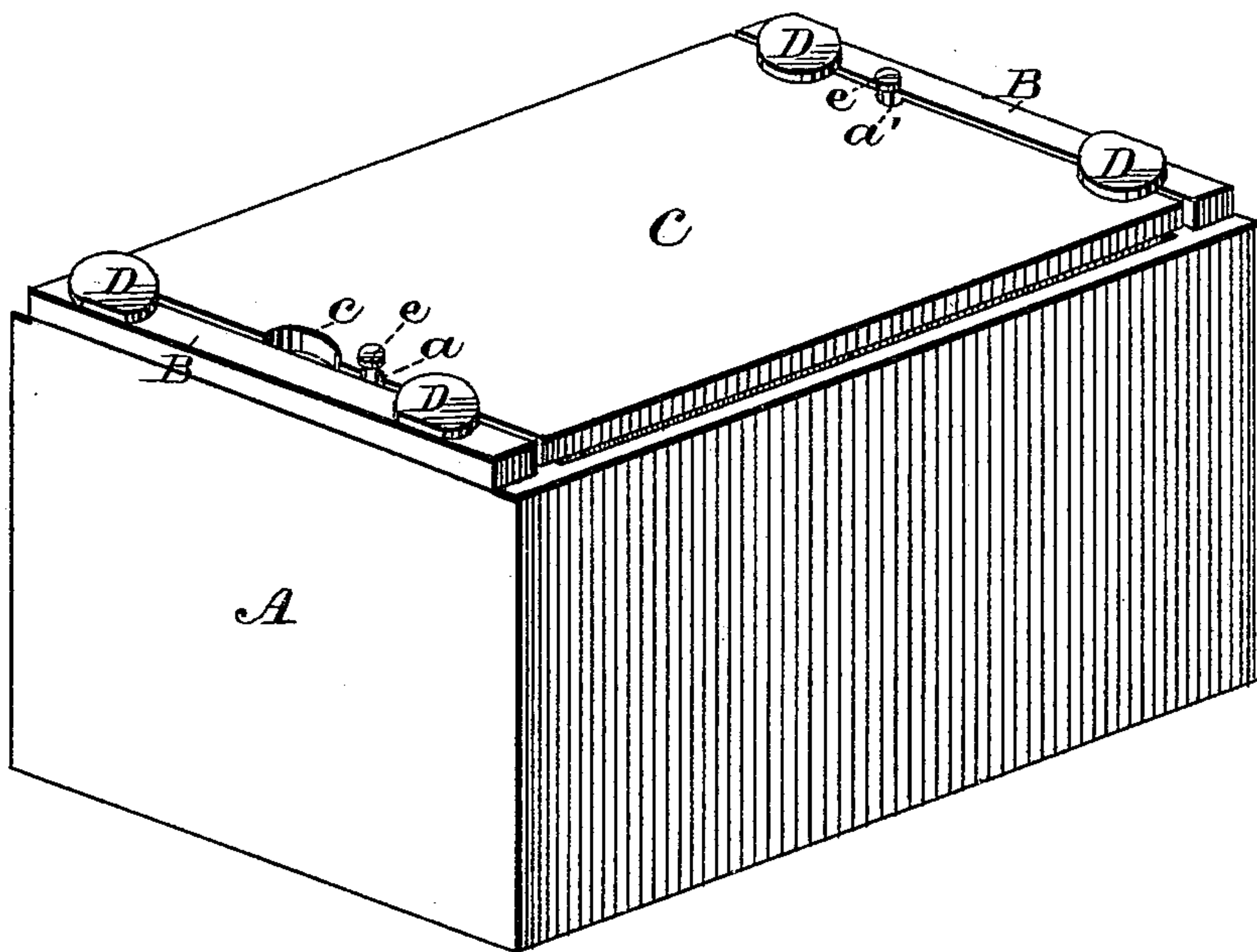
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, STEPHEN MARTINELLI and MARTIN E. MARTINELLI, of Watsonville, county of Santa Cruz, State of California, have
5 invented an Improved Packing-Box; and we hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

Our invention relates to a certain improvement in packing-boxes; and it consists in a
10 means of readily securing the cover to the box in such manner that it may be as easily removed without injuring the cover or the box, as will hereinafter fully appear.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, the
15 figure is a perspective view of our device.

A represents an ordinary box. Its ends on top are provided with guides or cleats B, the height of which should be about equal to the thickness of the cover or lid C. Into these
20 guides are driven nails D, having large flat heads, the edges of which extend inwardly over the edge of the guides. Their outer edges should be made flush with the edge of the box.

C is the lid or cover. In length it is adapted
25 to fit the ends of the box between the guides B. At one end it has cut out a recess, *c*, beside which is a smaller one, *a*. Upon the other end of the box is a small recess, *a'*, similar to the recess *a*. In fitting the cover on the box, if
30 the contents are well pressed down, the cover may be entered at one side between guides B and pushed into place; but, as we particularly intend this device as a fruit-box, this manner of fitting the cover will not always answer.
35 It is seldom that the fruit is packed low enough to allow the cover to slide over. It must be pressed down. Herein is the advantage of our cover. We first insert one end under the nail-head in such a position that the recess *c* in its
40 other end will pass down by the opposite nail-head. In doing this, pressure alone is required. Having fitted down the cover, as described, it will already be half-way on, and it can be pushed

the rest of the distance, its edges fitting under and being secured by the nail-heads. In
45 order to keep it from moving to either side when once in place, we put nails *e* through the small recesses *a a'* and drive them down into the ends. It is an easy matter to remove these nails and slide the cover out.

We are aware that it is an old device to secure a cover to a box by sliding it in guides or channels made in said box; but in all these cases the guides or channels are continuous, and to insert the cover it must be introduced
50 from one side or end and pushed the entire distance. It cannot be inserted otherwise; but our cover, by reason of the peculiar channels formed by the guides B, the flat heads of the nails D, and the recess *c* in the cover, may
55 be inserted from above, as described.

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

1. The box A, having end guides, B, and the
65 separate nails D in said guides, extending inwardly over the edge of the guides, in combination with the cover or lid C, having a recess, *c*, in one end and fitting the box, as described, all arranged and operating substantially as
70 herein described.

2. The box A, having end guides, B, and the nails D in said guides, having flat heads extending inwardly over the edge of the guides, in combination with the cover or lid C, having a
75 recess, *c*, in one end for fitting down past the nail-head, and small recesses *a a'* in its ends to receive nails *e*, substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

In witness whereof we hereunto set our
80 hands.

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