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fig. 1.

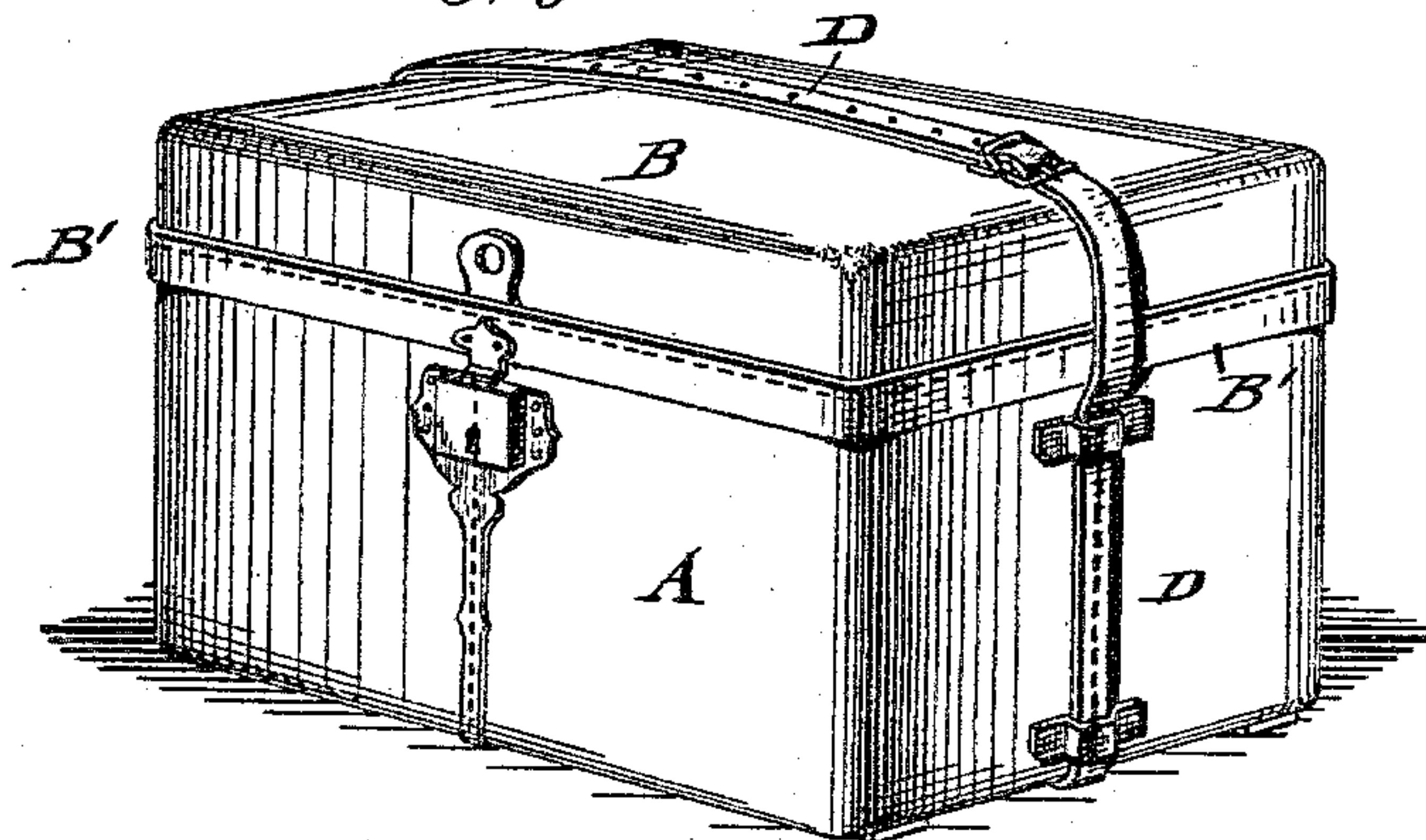


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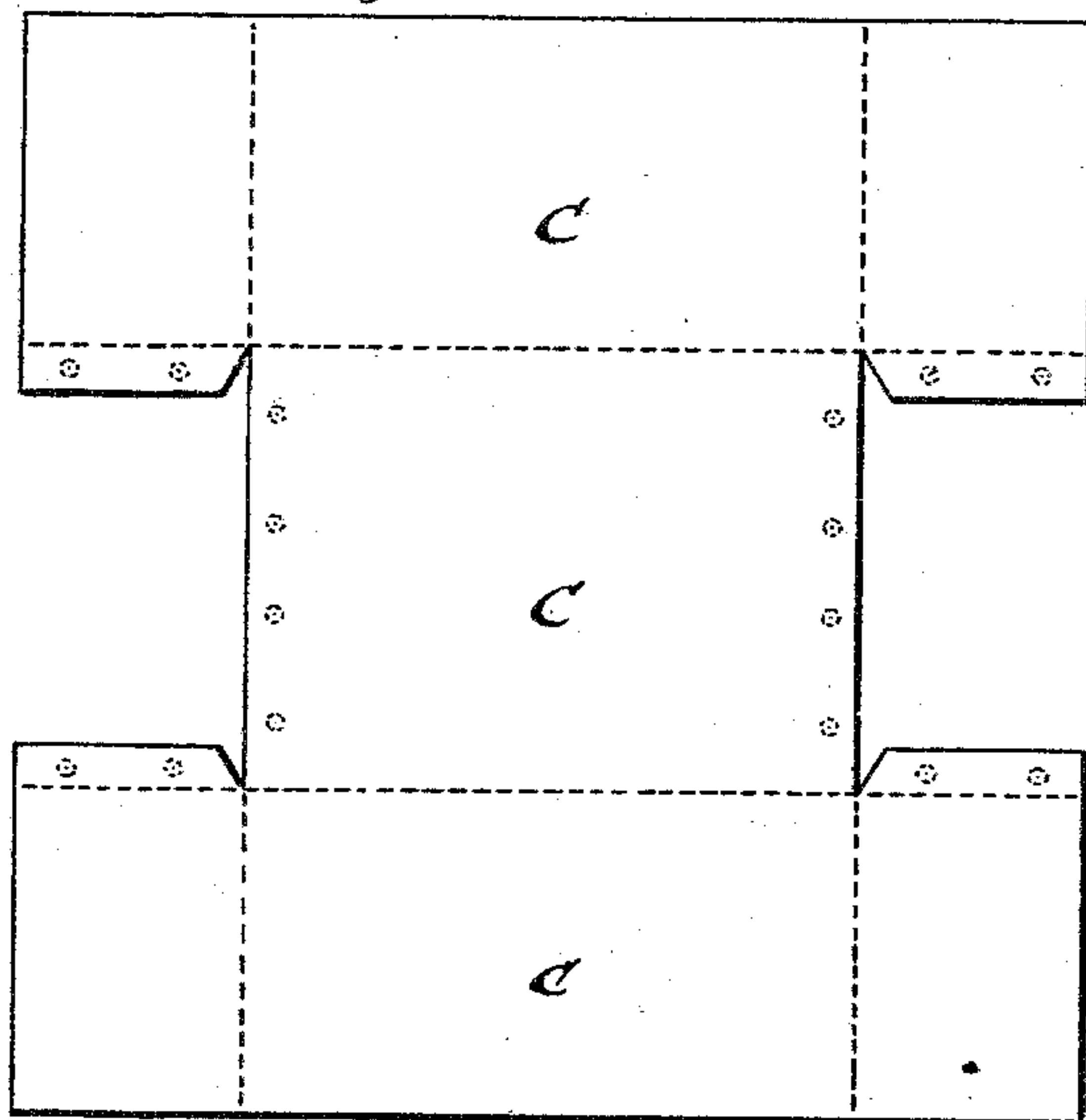
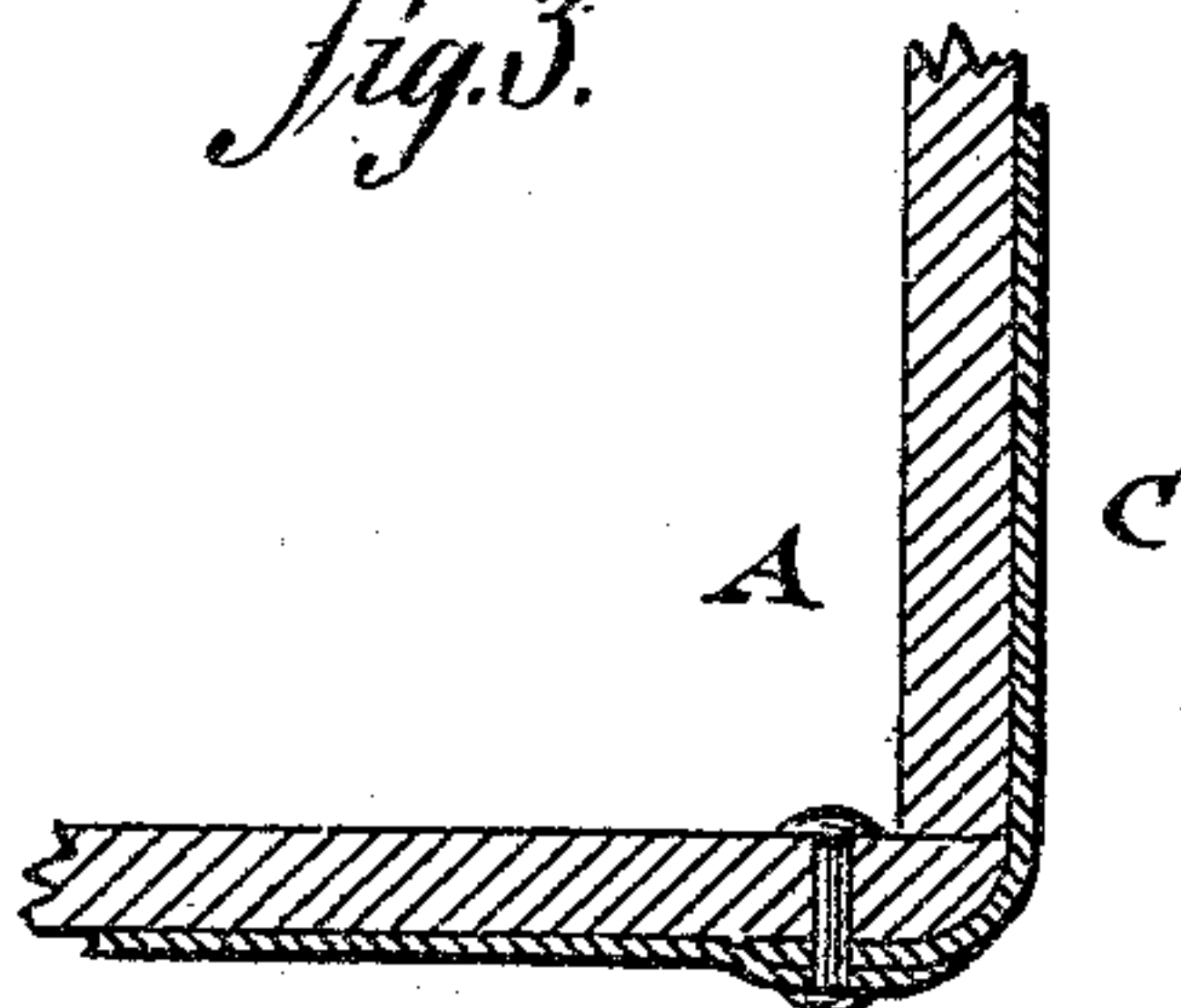


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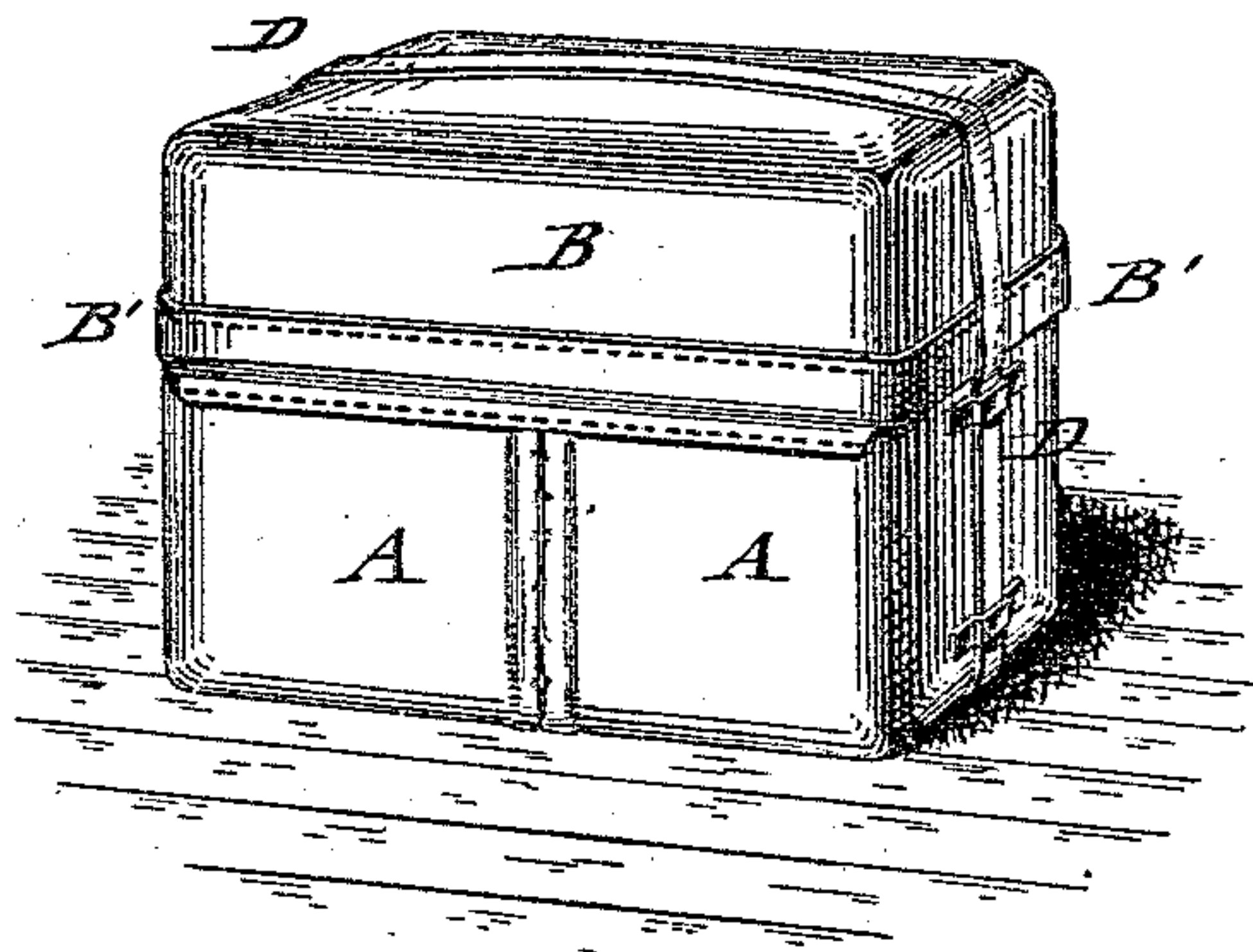


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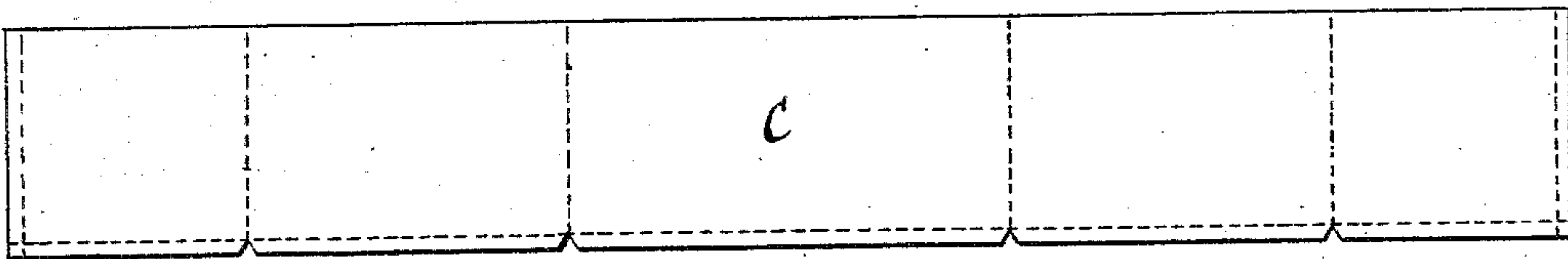
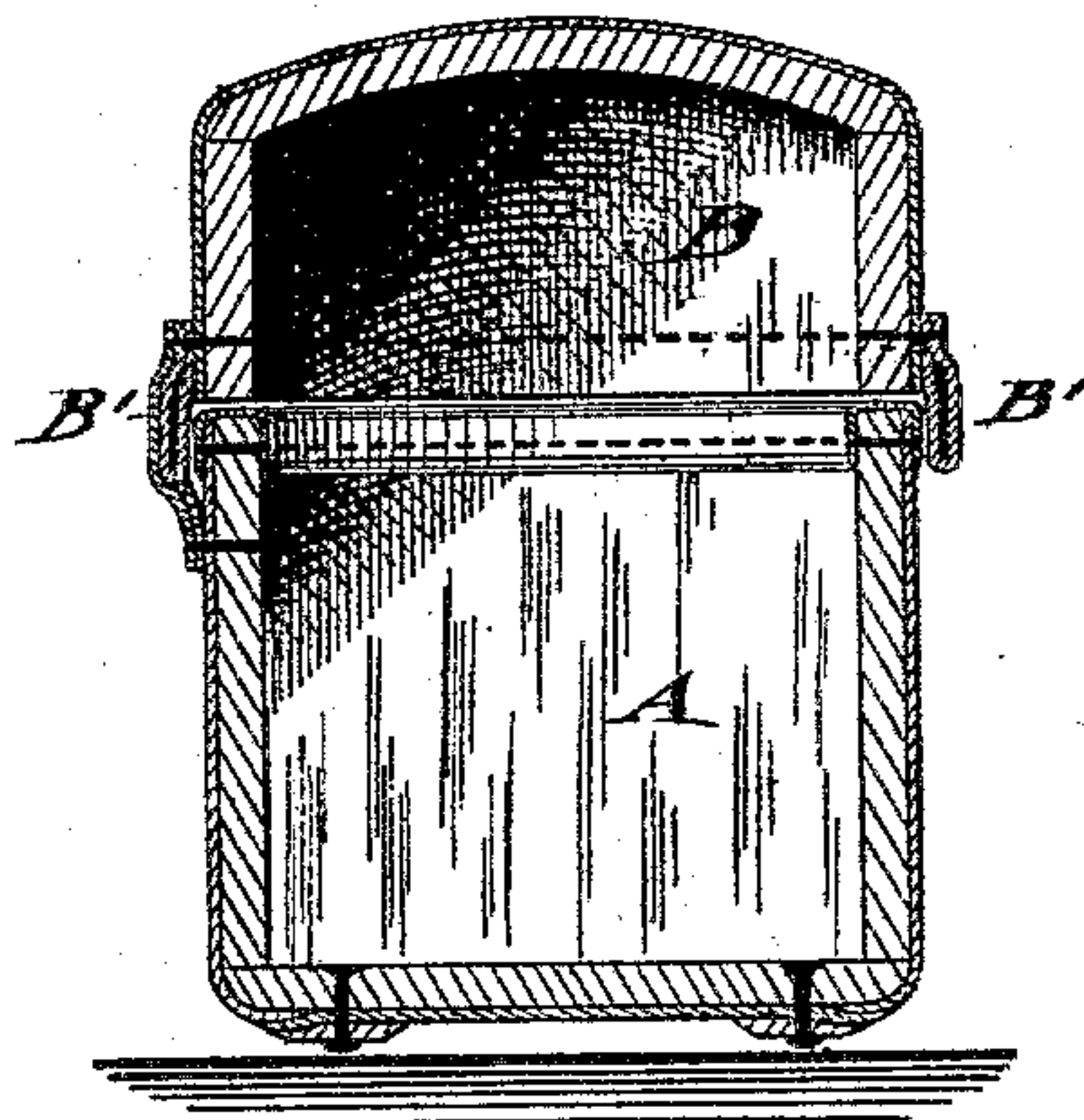


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, AUGUSTUS HOFF and HENRY HOFF, both of Brooklyn, Kings county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Leather Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to an improved leather case for the use of physicians, traveling agents, and others of that class, in which the body of the case is made of such a size and height that it cannot be drawn from one continuous piece of leather. In leather cases of this kind the leather covering of the main part or body was stitched together at the corners where it formed unsightly seams, which are also exposed to injury by wear.

The object of this invention is to do away with these edge-seams and furnish a leather case of any desired size, in which the seams are so located as to be out of sight and not exposed to wear.

The invention consists of a leather case the top part of which is stamped or drawn up from one piece of leather stitched to a leather-covered metallic frame, which latter is hinged to the main part or body of the case. The leather covering of the body is made of one or more pieces of the leather, the lower edge of which is fastened to the bottom, while the seams of the covering are located at the back, sides, or front, and covered so as to be protected against wear.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of our improved leather case. Fig. 2 is a blank of the covering of the main part of the case. Fig. 3 is a detail section of the lower corner of the main part, showing the connection of the covering. Fig. 4 is a perspective rear view of a modified form of the case. Fig. 5 is a blank of the covering of the case shown in Fig. 4, and Fig. 6 is a vertical transverse section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

In the drawings, A represents the main part or body of our improved leather case, and B the cover or top of the same. The latter is made seamless by drawing or stamping it into proper shape and stitched onto a metal frame, B', which is covered with leather in the usual manner. The frame B' of the top

B is applied by a leather or other hinge to the main part or body A, and secured thereto by a suitable locking device. The case is preferably carried, for greater convenience, by a strap, D, extending around the body of the case, or by a handle applied thereto.

The body A is covered by a piece of leather, C, which is made either of the shape shown in Fig. 2 or of the shape shown in Fig. 5. The covering C is riveted or otherwise fastened to the bottom of the main part A, as shown clearly in Figs. 3 and 6. The covering may be made of one or more pieces, the seams being arranged either at the sides of the body A, as shown in Fig. 1, in which case they are covered by the strap D, or at the front or back, in which case the front seam is preferably covered by an ornamental extension of the locking device.

If a seam should be located at the back, it can also be covered by a metallic face-strip, though this is not necessary, as it is hardly observed and not exposed to wear. By this arrangement of the leather covering of the main part of the case the body becomes seamless in appearance. As the greater height of the main part prevents the leather covering from being stamped or drawn out of one piece, which can be done with the leather forming the top, which is of less height, a neat and uniform appearance is given to the entire case, as the seams are out of sight and fully protected against wear.

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

A leather case consisting of a hinged top part formed of one continuous piece of leather and a metal leather-covered frame entirely surrounding the same, and of a main part or body the covering of which is made of leather, the seam or seams of which are located at the front, sides, or rear of the case and protected by a suitable covering from wear, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our invention we have signed our names in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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