

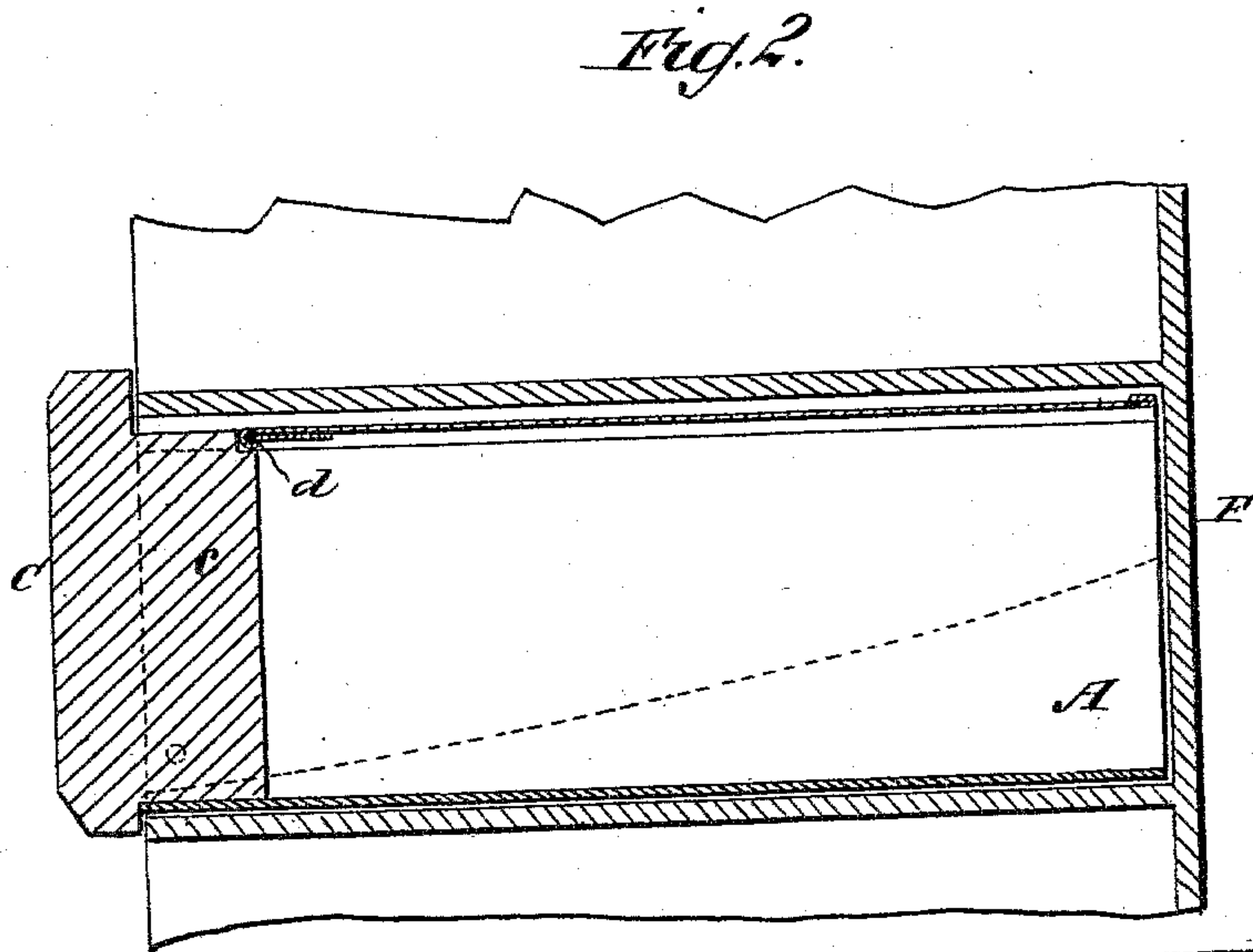
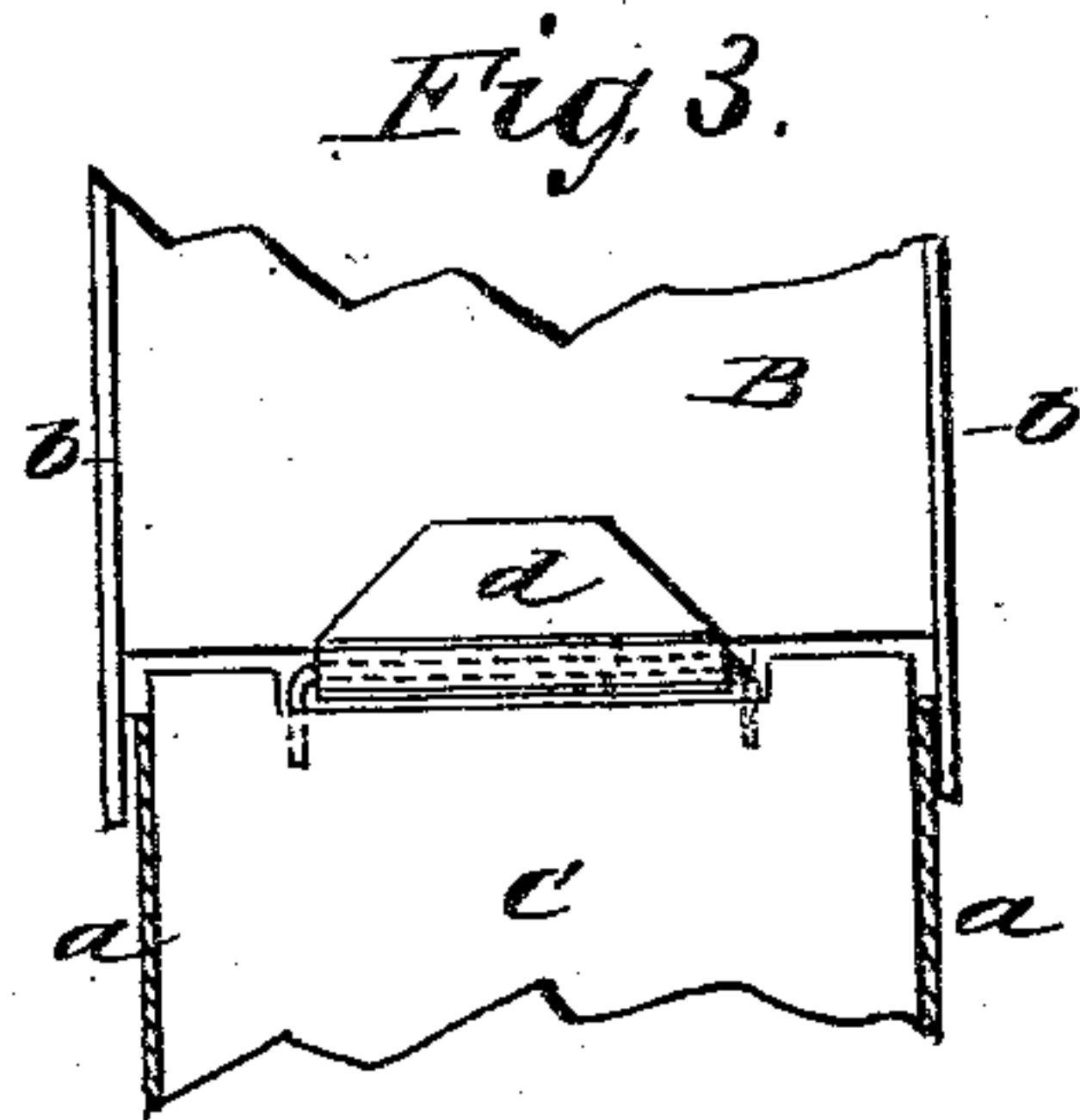
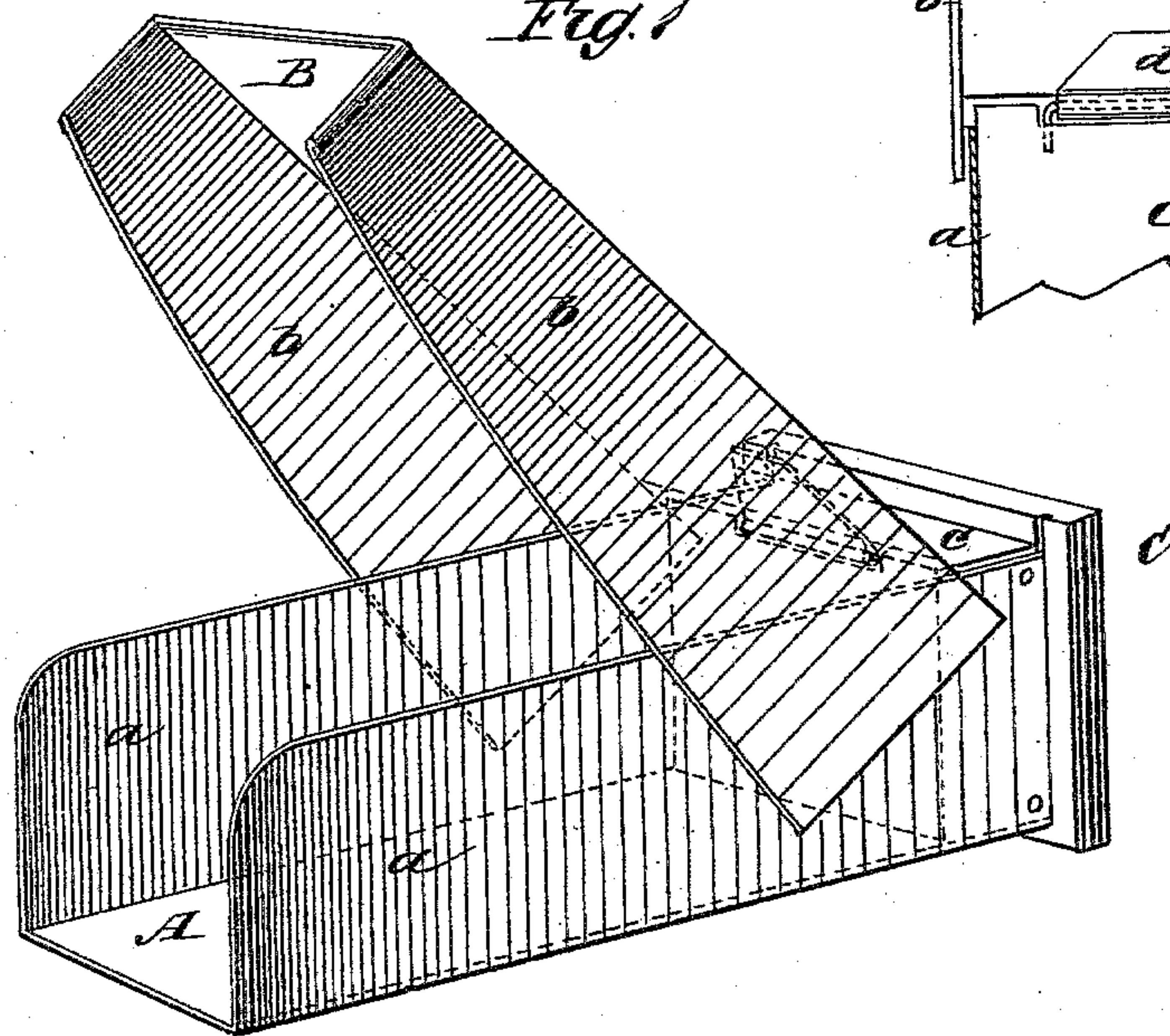
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HORACE J. HOFFMAN, of Neillsville, in the county of Clark and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful  
5 Improvement in Files for Papers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has reference to file-holders for papers, adapted to be placed in ordinary pigeon-holes.

10 The invention consists in the construction and combination of parts as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section, showing the file in a pigeon-hole; and Fig. 3 is a detail view, showing the hinge.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

20 A represents the body or receptacle proper of the file, which is of any suitable size and preferably formed of a suitable blank of tin or similar sheet metal, or material of any kind, struck up to form the open trough, as shown,  
25 one end of which is secured by nails, screws, or similar device to the reduced portion *c* of the square wooden head or block C; and B represents the hinged side or lid. The hinged lid B is also formed of a suitable blank of tin or  
30 other sheet metal, or other similar material, and is of such size relative to the size of the box A that the curved side pieces *b b* thereof fit snugly outside of the side pieces *a a* of the box A. The under side of the lid is provided  
35 with the hinge *d*, which is secured to the upper edge of the portion *c* of the block C, and is thus adapted to be opened and closed for the inspection and preservation of the papers, and when closed the files may be placed horizontally in the pigeon-holes F, as shown in Fig. 2. When thus constructed papers of every  
40 description may be conveniently examined

without taking them from the file or disturbing their order, by simply turning them back from the box into or upon the lid, where they are held ready to fall in their places in the file upon closing the lid.

Though I have shown my invention open at the end, it is obvious that any means might be used for closing the end of the file for thoroughly protecting the papers against dust, and not depart from the spirit of my invention.

I am aware that it is not new to use a series of compartments arranged side by side and a hinged lid covering the tops and front ends of all, or to use indexed leaves with spaces between them and fitted detachably in a case, or to form a file-holder of a box and interior file-case, the latter provided with a wire holder and spring-catch; but

What I do claim as new and of my invention is—

1. A file-holder cover having sides *b b* and hinged to the upper edge of the inside portion, *c*, of the end head, C, in combination with file-box having the sides *a a*, whereby said cover can be turned back and made to rest on the upper rear edge of said head, so as to support the papers in a convenient position for inspection, as described.

2. In a file-holder, the bottom, sides, and cover, combined with and secured on the reduced portion *c* of the head C, as shown and described.

3. The hinged cover B, having sides *b b* extending down over the box and to the rear of the pivot or hinge, whereby the cover will be guided in opening and closing as well as prevented from swinging laterally when papers are on it for inspection.

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