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Fig. 1.

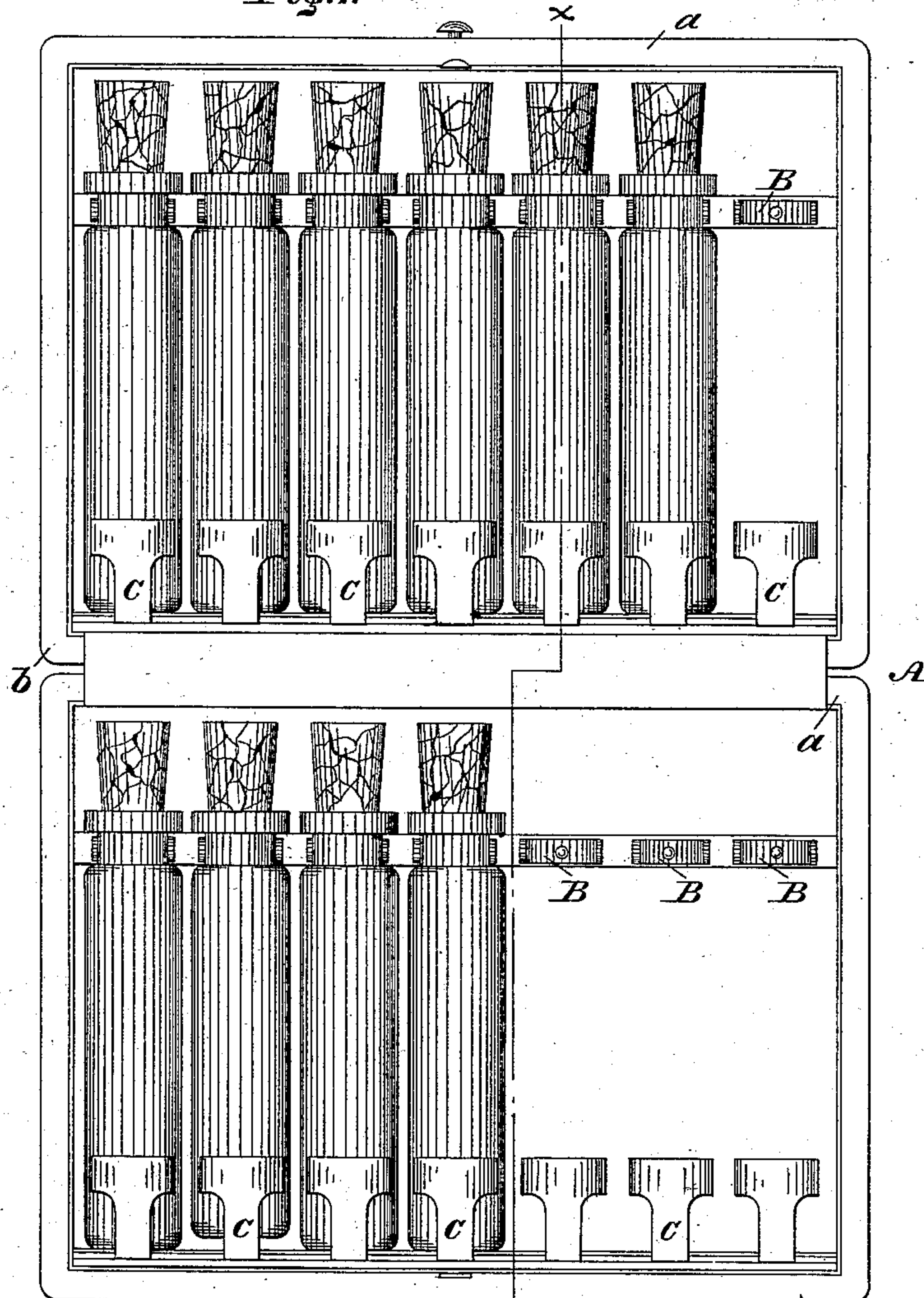
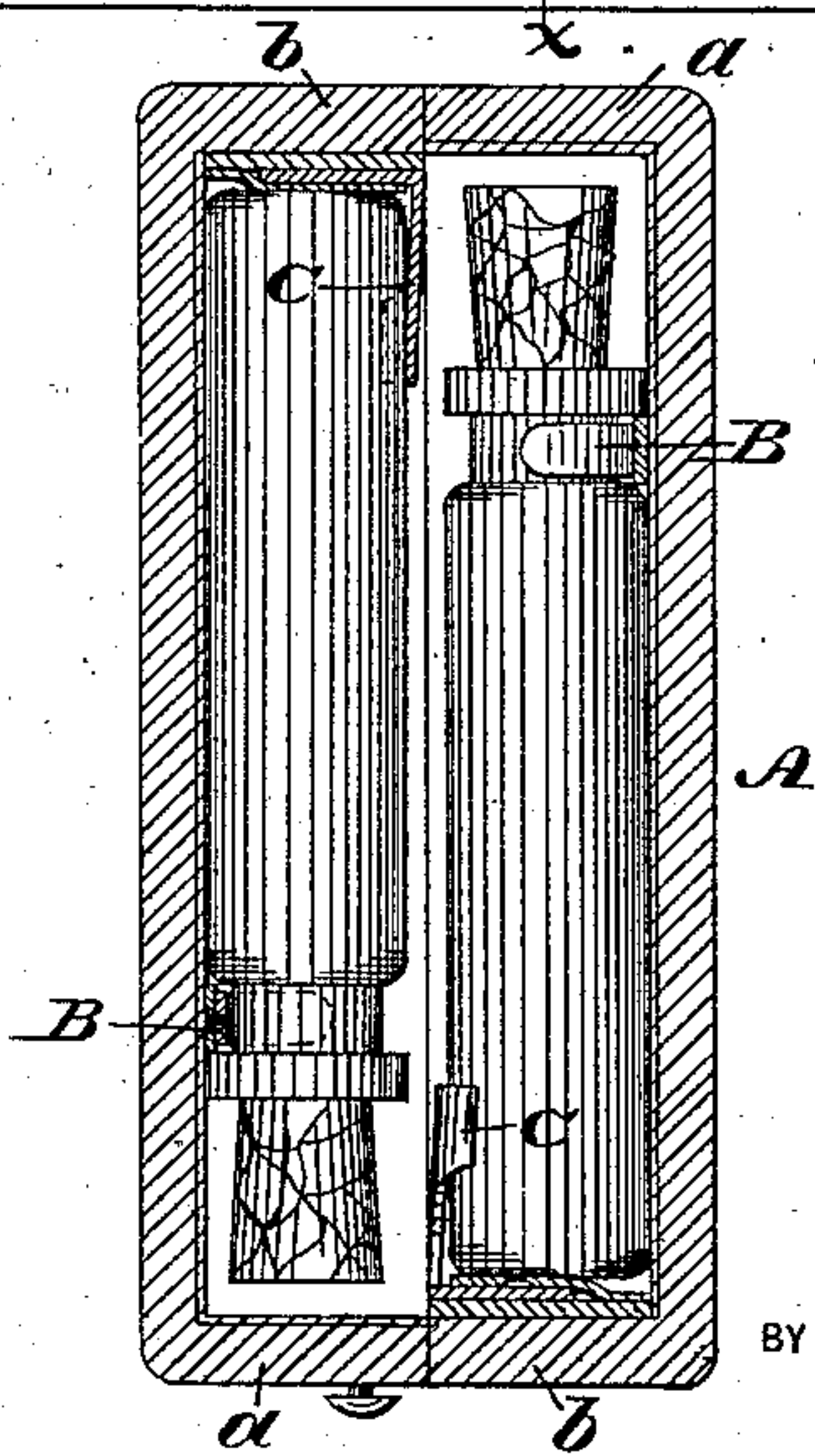


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY WALTON, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bottle-Cases, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the case opened. Fig. 2 is a section in line *xx*, the case being closed.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the two figures.

My invention consists of a series of spring-clasps secured within a case so as to embrace on opposite sides the necks and lower parts of bottles or vials placed therein, whereby the bottles are securely held, present a uniform appearance, and may be readily removed, as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a case, formed, as usual, of two parts hinged together and provided with a fastening, the case being more especially adapted to hold bottles or vials to contain or containing medicine. On the inner face of the back of each part of the case is secured a series of spring-clasps, B, which are preferably formed of metal and arranged at intervals in the direction of the width of the case near the rims or sides *a* of the case, and to the opposite rims or sides, *b*, of the case are secured a series of spring-clasps, C, which are also preferably formed of metal and extend parallel with the clasps B, it being noticed that the two series of clasps extend in planes at a right angle to each other, and the clasps B are at the backs of the parts of the case, while the clasps C are at the front of said parts, so that the clasps B may grasp the necks of the bottles on the inner faces thereof, and the clasps C may grasp the portions of the bottles near their bottoms, on the outer faces thereof.

In order to fit a bottle in the case, it is inserted behind a clasp C and pressed toward the side or rim *b* of the case. The top of the bottle is then forced against the coincident clasp B, and its neck is thus grasped by said clasp B, it being seen that, as the clasps B face outward and the clasps C face inward, the bottle is held at top and bottom both on the inside and outside, and thus securely held.

It will also be seen that while the bottles may be of varying length, so that their bottoms are nearer to or farther from the rims or sides *b* of the case, such variation will scarcely

be noticed, as the bottoms are behind the clasps C and in a measure concealed, and as the necks are grasped by the clasps B the tops of the bottles are comparatively in a right line, and the bottles thus present a uniformity of appearance within the case. Furthermore, the clasps which embrace the bottom portions of the bottles appear on the outside, so that the bodies of the bottles are unobstructed on the outside from said clasps to the extreme top or mouths, and their contents may thus be readily seen.

A bottle may be removed when desired by drawing it out at the top, the clasps B yielding laterally, so that the neck is disengaged, while the clasps C yield outwardly and permit the body of the bottle at the bottom to be cleared, whereby the bottle is freely disengaged.

Each series of clasps C may be made of one piece properly cut or shaped and bent into angular form, the lower limbs being riveted to a strip, which is fitted within the case and secured to the side *b*.

The case may be readily closed, the bottles then retaining their positions without liability to shift in lateral or longitudinal directions. The clasps are shown in both parts of the case; but it is evident that they may be applied to but one part, the other part being padded or otherwise finished, as desired.

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

1. A case for holding bottles provided with spring-clasps, formed in separate series, adapted to embrace the necks and bottom portions of the bottles on opposite sides, the clasps for the bottom portions being on the outside, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A case for holding bottles provided with spring-clasps, arranged in series, one series being adapted to embrace the necks or tops of the bottles on the inner sides thereof and the other series being adapted to embrace the lower portions of the bodies of the bottles on the outer sides thereof, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. A case for holding bottles provided with series of spring-clasps for the tops and bottoms of the bottles, the top clasps facing outwardly and the bottom clasps facing inwardly, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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