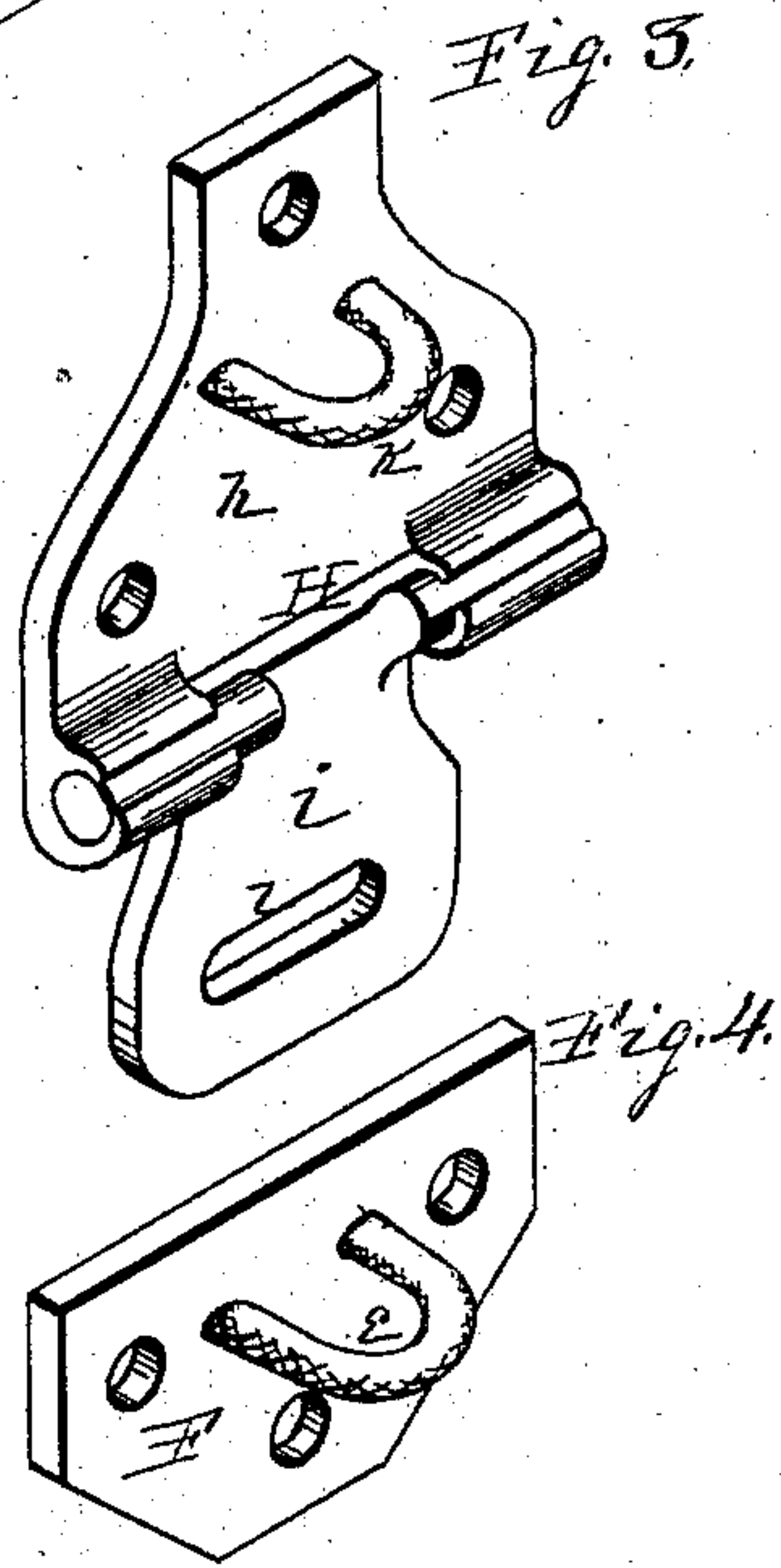
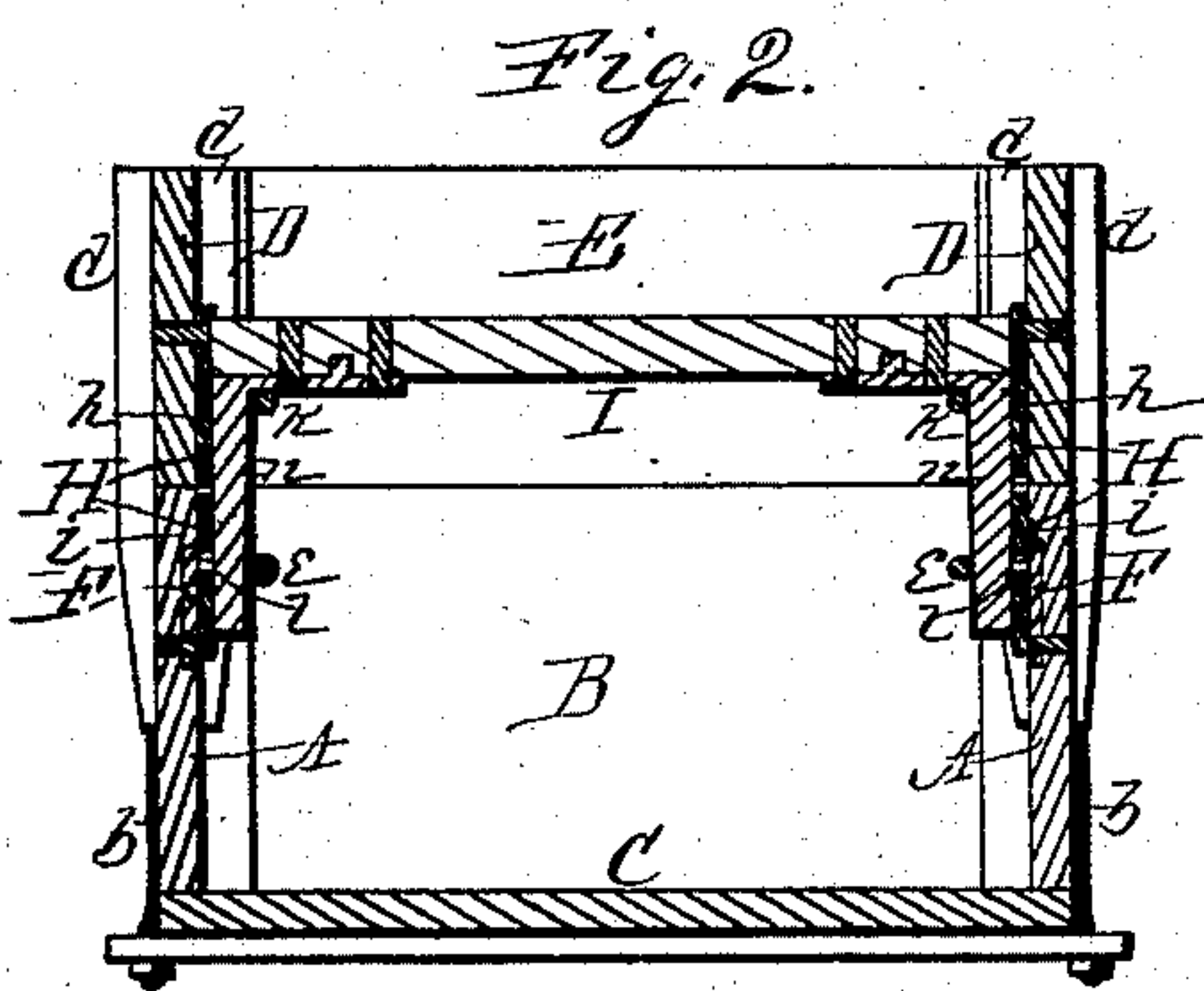
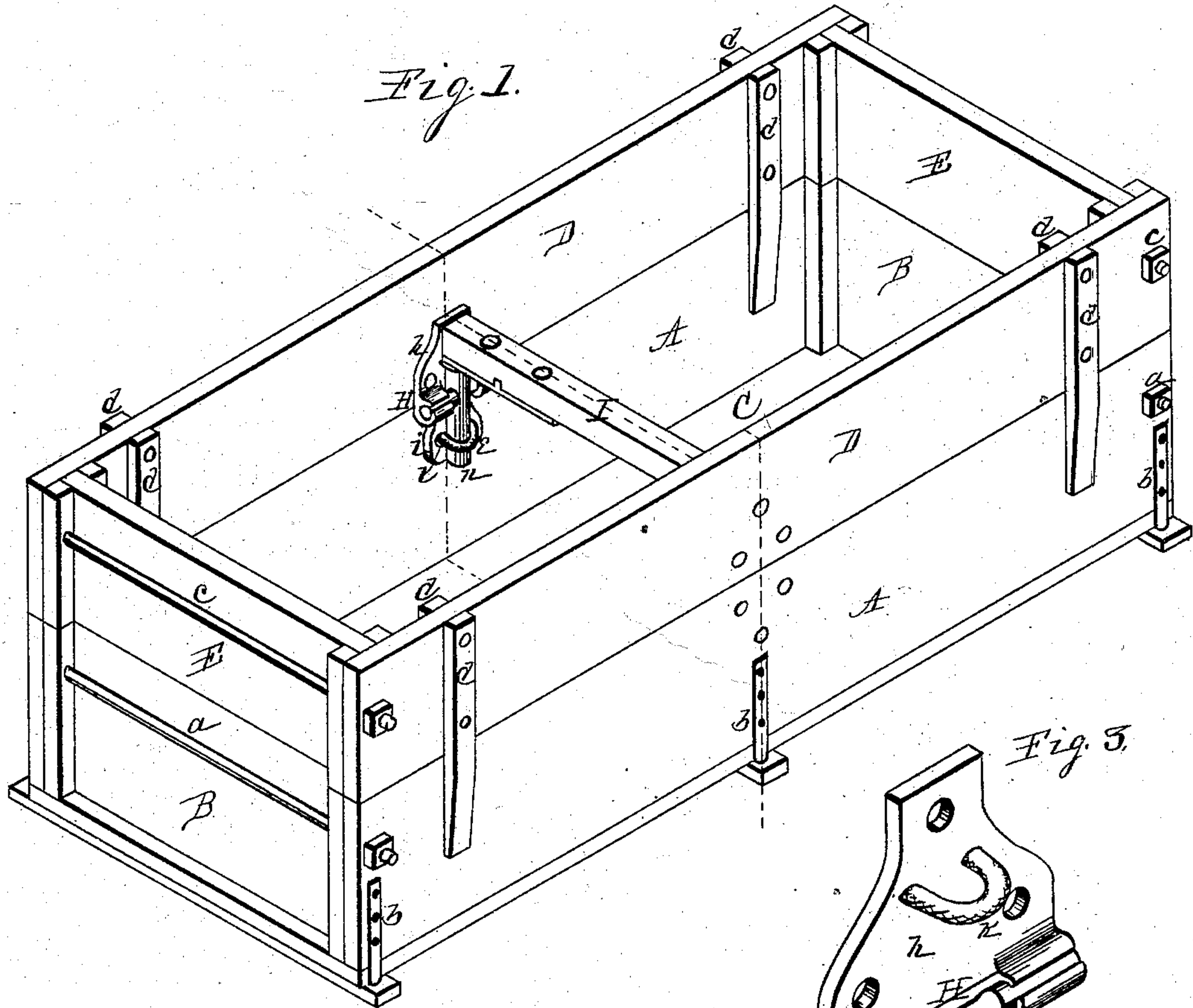


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER SAMES, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Rockford, in the county of Winnebago and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Wagon-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to wagon-boxes employed in connection, mainly, with farm or truck wagons, but more particularly to such wagon-boxes employing an upper removable section.

The object of this invention is to lock the upper or removable section, and to prevent spreading of the central portion of the box. To this end I have designed and constructed and applied the devices represented in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an isometrical representation of a wagon-box embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a central transverse vertical section cut on dotted line *x*. Fig. 3 is an isometrical representation of the hinged portion of the locking-hasps, and Fig. 4 is an isometrical representation of the staple portion which receives the hinged portion of the hasp.

In the figures, A represents the sides, B the ends, and C the bottom, of an ordinary wagon-box constructed in the usual manner, having the parts fixed to each other by means of the usual appliances of screw-bolt rods *a* and pendent screw-bolts *b*. The upper removable section of the wagon-box is of a form and size to correspond with the main portion of the wagon-box, consisting, in the main, of the sides D and the ends E, constructed in the usual manner, and joined by means of the screw-bolt rods *c*, passed through the ends of its sides. This section is also provided with battens *d*, fixed to the opposite sides of its side-boards at proper intervals, having depending ends to embrace the side-boards of the main box.

At F is represented a staple-plate of suitable dimensions, provided with a staple, *e*, projecting from its face side. One of the staple-plates is embedded in the upper edge portion of each side piece of the main wagon-box, on the inside thereof, at or near the center of their length, in such a manner that its outer face will be substantially flush with the face of the side. These staple-plates, in this in-

stance, are securely fixed in their position by means of sufficient rivets passed through the parts and properly riveted.

At H is represented a two-part hasp, consisting of the plate portions *h* and *i*, having a hinge-joint connection. The portion *h* of this hasp is provided with a staple, *k*, in form substantially the same as the staple *e* of the staple-plate F. The free end portion of the plate *i* of the hasp is provided with a transverse slot, *l*, of suitable dimensions to receive the staple *e* of the plate F. One of these hasps is employed in connection with each staple-plate F, and their staple-plates *h* are placed on the inside lower edge portion of the upper removable portion of the wagon-box in such relation to the staple-plate F, fixed to the main portion, that the slot *l* will receive the staple *e* of the plate F. In this position these two-part hasps are secured to the box by means of sufficient rivets passed through the parts and properly riveted, or they may be fixed thereto in any other proper manner.

At I is represented a transverse body-brace consisting of the bar I, having fixed to its end portions pendent arms *n*, fitted to enter the staples *k* and *e* in the plates F and *h* of the hasp snugly, but in such a manner as to be readily removed and replaced, when desired.

From the foregoing it will be seen that when the slotted free end of the hasp engages the staple *e* in the plate F, and the pendent ends of the transverse body-brace are inserted in the staples of the hasps, the two parts of the box will be securely locked in place, and the body-brace will support the center portion of the boxes and hold them in their proper position relatively with each other, and in such a manner that the boxes may be readily separated and united, when desired.

I claim as my invention—

The combination, with a hasp connecting the two portions of a two-part wagon-box, of a body-brace adapted to engage the hasps, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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