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Fig.1

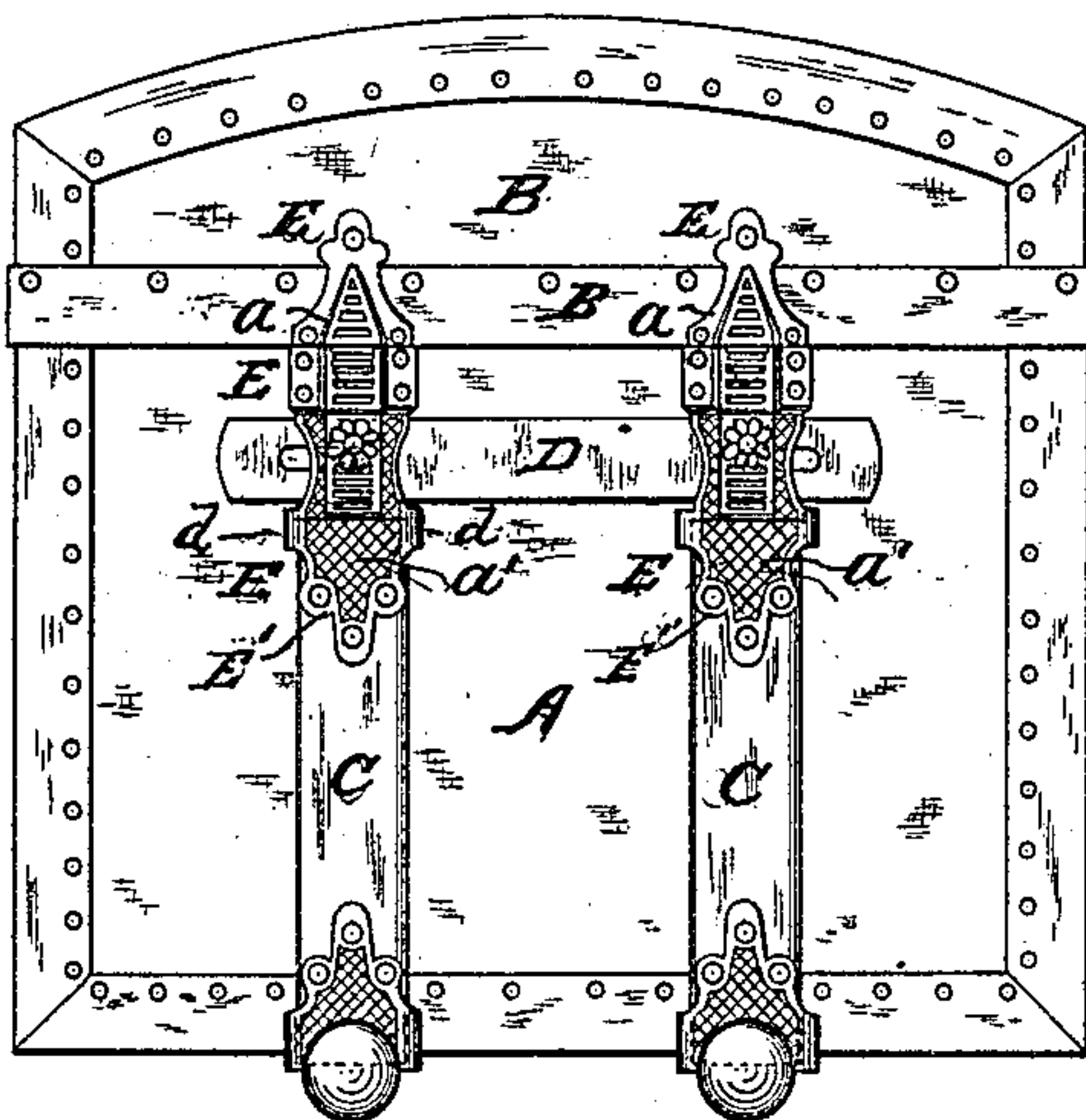


Fig.2

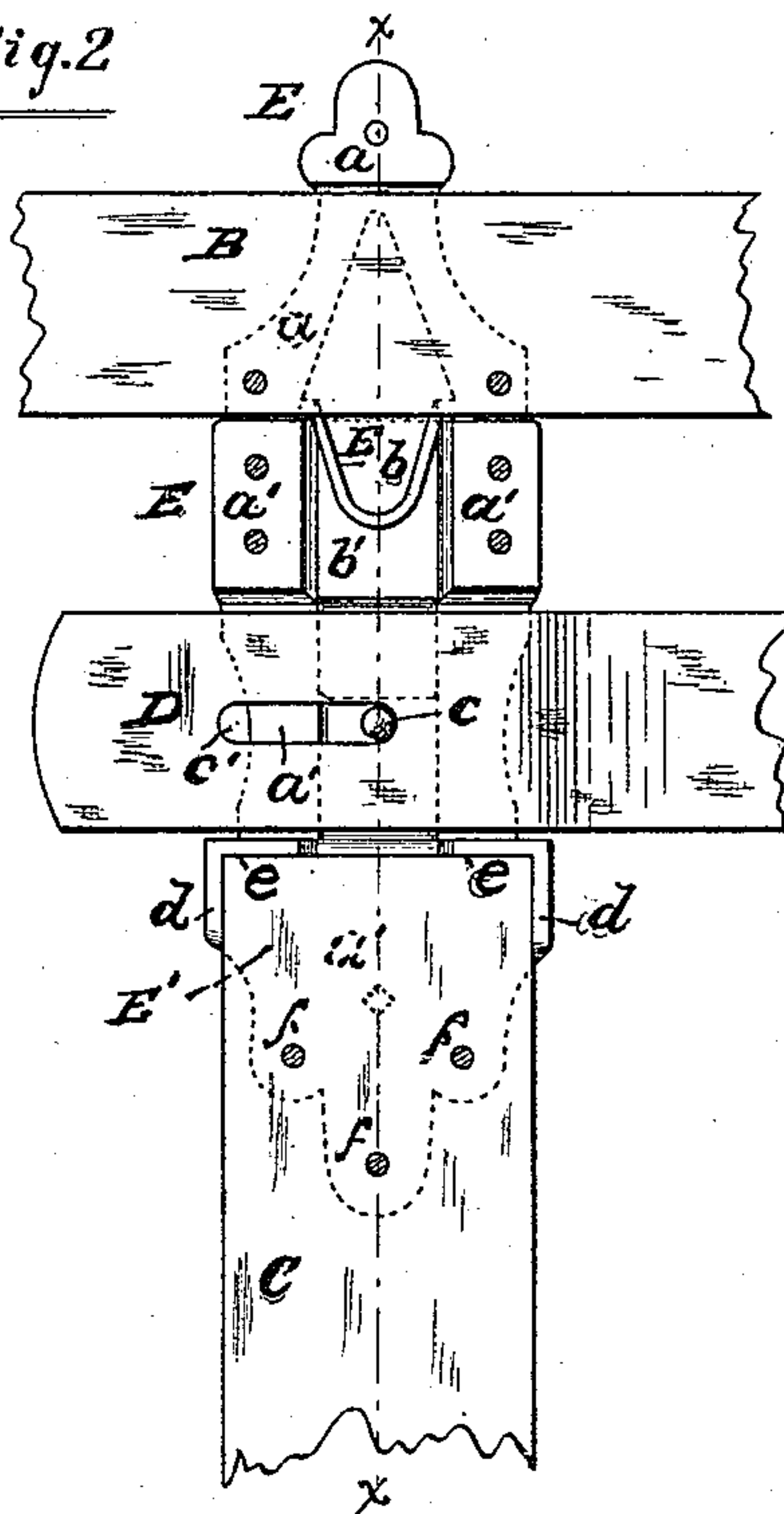
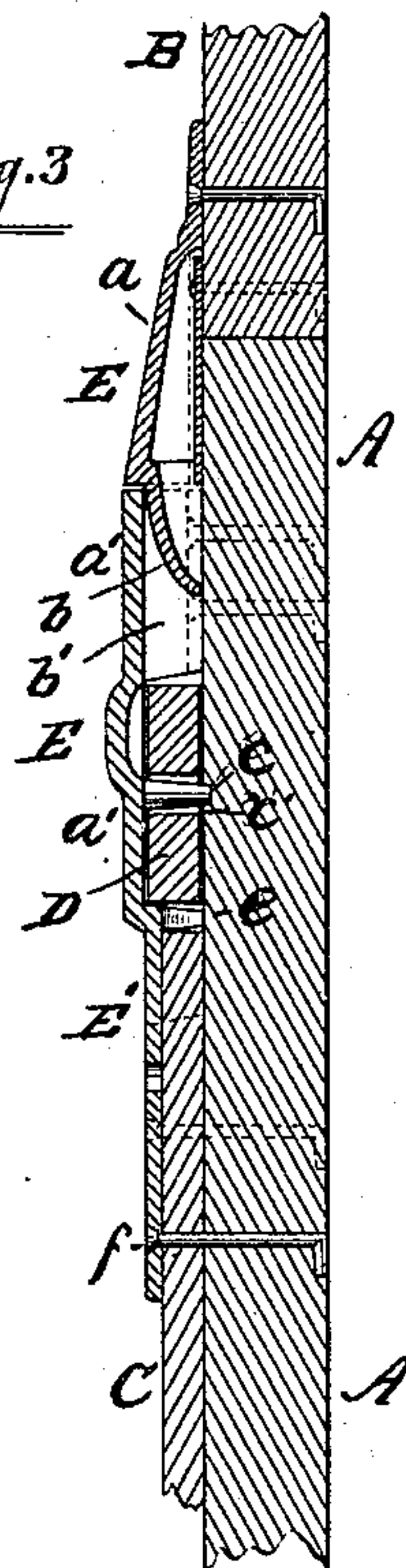


Fig.3



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## TRUNK-FIXTURE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, ALBERT O. BUCKINS and CHARLES A. TAYLOR, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trunk-Fixtures, of which the following, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an end view of a trunk provided with trunk-fixtures embodying our invention. Fig. 2 is a detail, the same representing a back view of the fixture, and showing its relation to the trunk and handle; and Fig. 3 is a section in the plane of the line *x x* of Fig. 2.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts.

The object of our invention is to adapt trunk-fixtures to be applied securely and with facility to the slats of trunks.

In the example shown herein we have represented our improvements as embodied in a trunk-fixture of that class primarily intended for securing the handles to the trunk-body; and our invention consists in the means which we employ for the purpose of accomplishing the object above set forth.

A represents the body of the trunk, and B is the top or lid thereof.

C C are the slats.

D is a handle on one end of the trunk. All of these parts may be made and arranged together in any well-known or suitable way.

E E are the fixtures. These fixtures each consist of two parts, *a* and *a'*, the former of which is adapted to be applied to the lower edge of the top or lid B, and the latter of which is adapted to be applied to the body A. A bolt, *b*, depends from the part or plate *a*, and enters a socket or recess, *b'*, in the part or plate *a'*. A pin or stud, *c*, also projects from the inner face of the part or plate *a'* into a slot, *c'*, in the handle D, the latter of which is usually made of leather or other flexible material. The part or plate *a'* is also raised or offset to receive the handle D, as represented. The result of these features of construction and arrangement is that the lid, when closed, will be prevented from being wrenched from its proper position, the bolts *b b*, by entering the sockets *b' b'*, tending to prevent any torsional movement of the lid. The handles D D, while being firmly connected to the trunk in the man-

ner described, may be pushed flatly inward against the ends of the trunk, so as to be out of the way when the trunk is not to be lifted or carried, and they may also be drawn out easily, so as to be grasped with facility when the trunk is to be lifted or moved; but we do not here intend to claim any of these features of construction, broadly, as will hereinafter appear.

On the lower end of the part or plate *a'* we cast a tail-piece or clasp, *E'*, which depends from the main part of the plate *a'* and overlaps the slat C. This clasp or tail-piece has the vertical or lateral flanges *d d*, arranged to receive or lap the vertical edges of the slat C, and also has the flanges or shoulders *e e*, adapted and arranged to meet or lap the upper edge or end of the slat C. In other words, the tail-piece or clasp *E'* not only overlaps the face of the slat C at its upper end, but is also provided with rectangular shoulders or flanges fitting the upper corners of the said slat. Screw-holes *f f* are made in the part *E'*, to permit the part or plate *a'* to be secured to the slat C. By these means the part or plate *a'* may be very firmly secured to the trunk by means of comparatively light fastenings, as the part or plate *a'*, when secured to the slat in this manner, is prevented, by means of the flanges or lugs *d d*, from being drawn sidewise or laterally. The plate *a'* may also be located properly with facility, for the reason that the flanges or lugs *e e* determine its proper height.

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

A trunk-fixture consisting of the combination of a top-plate having thereon the depending tongue or bolt *b*, and a handle-plate adapted to receive the said bolt, and provided with a tail-piece or clasp adapted to receive the end of a slat, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we hereunto affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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