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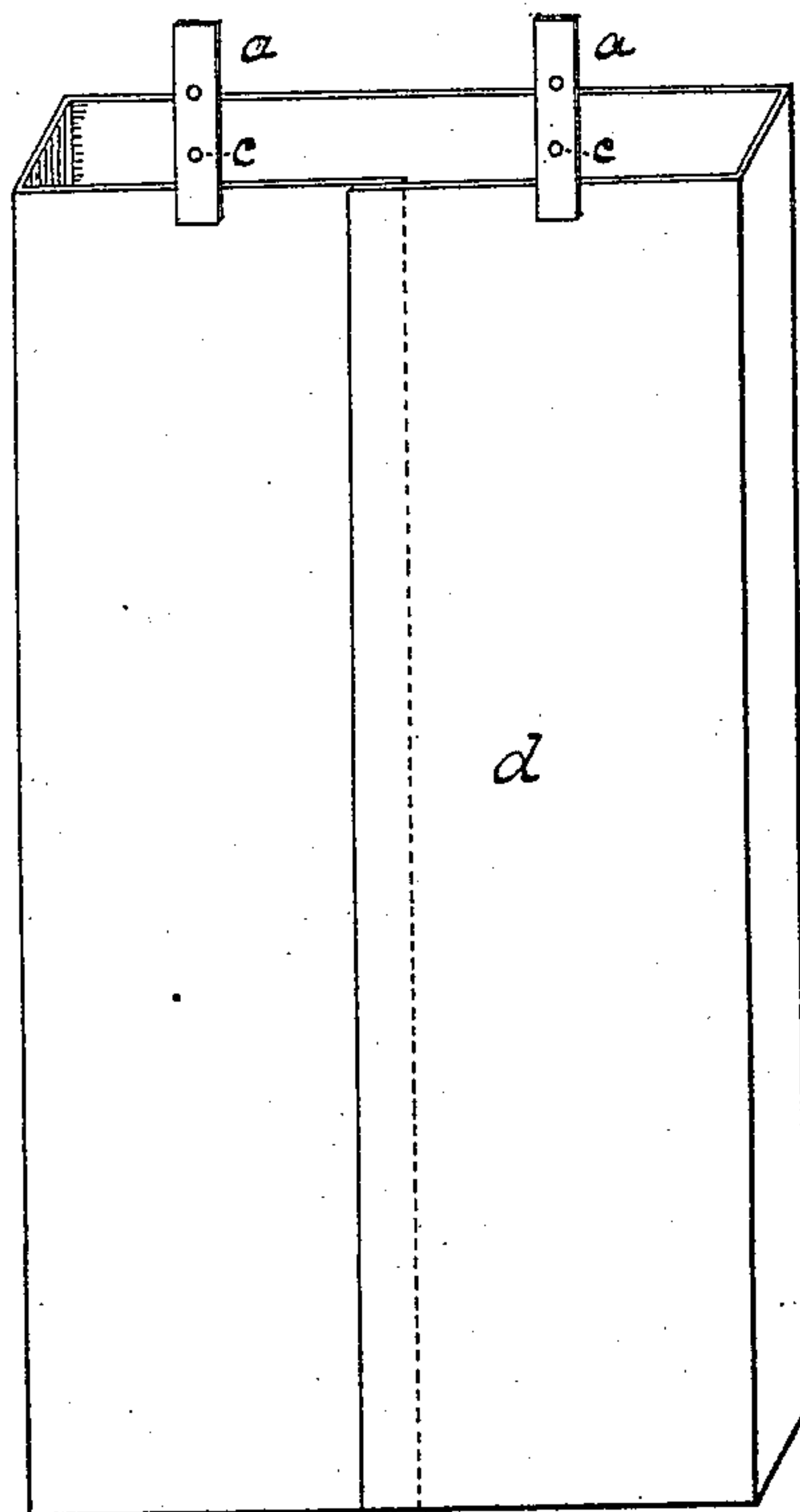


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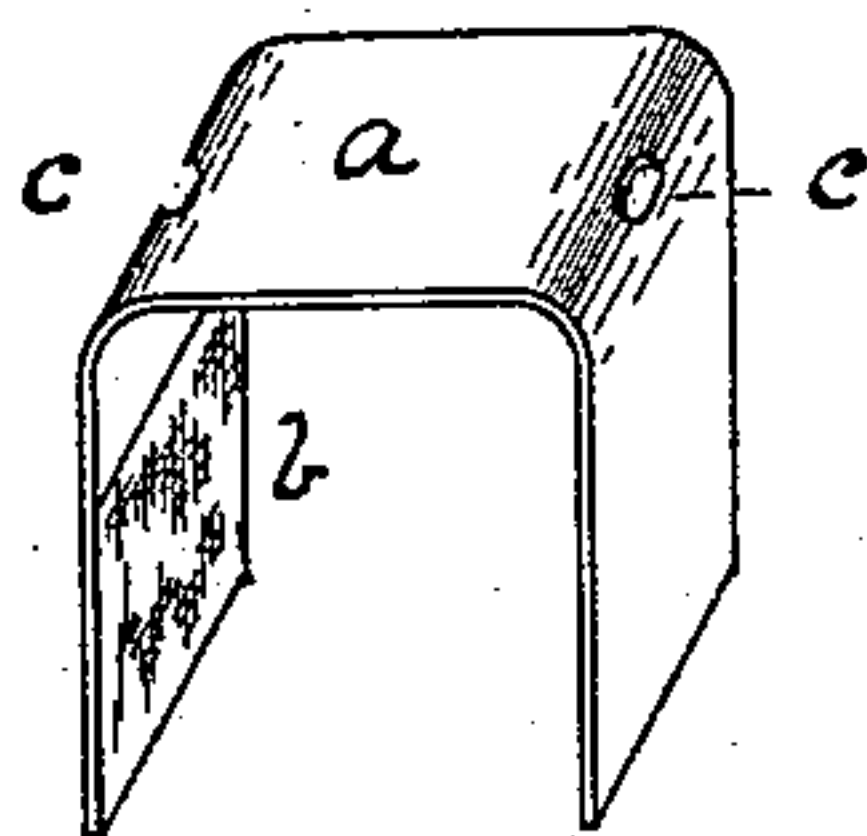


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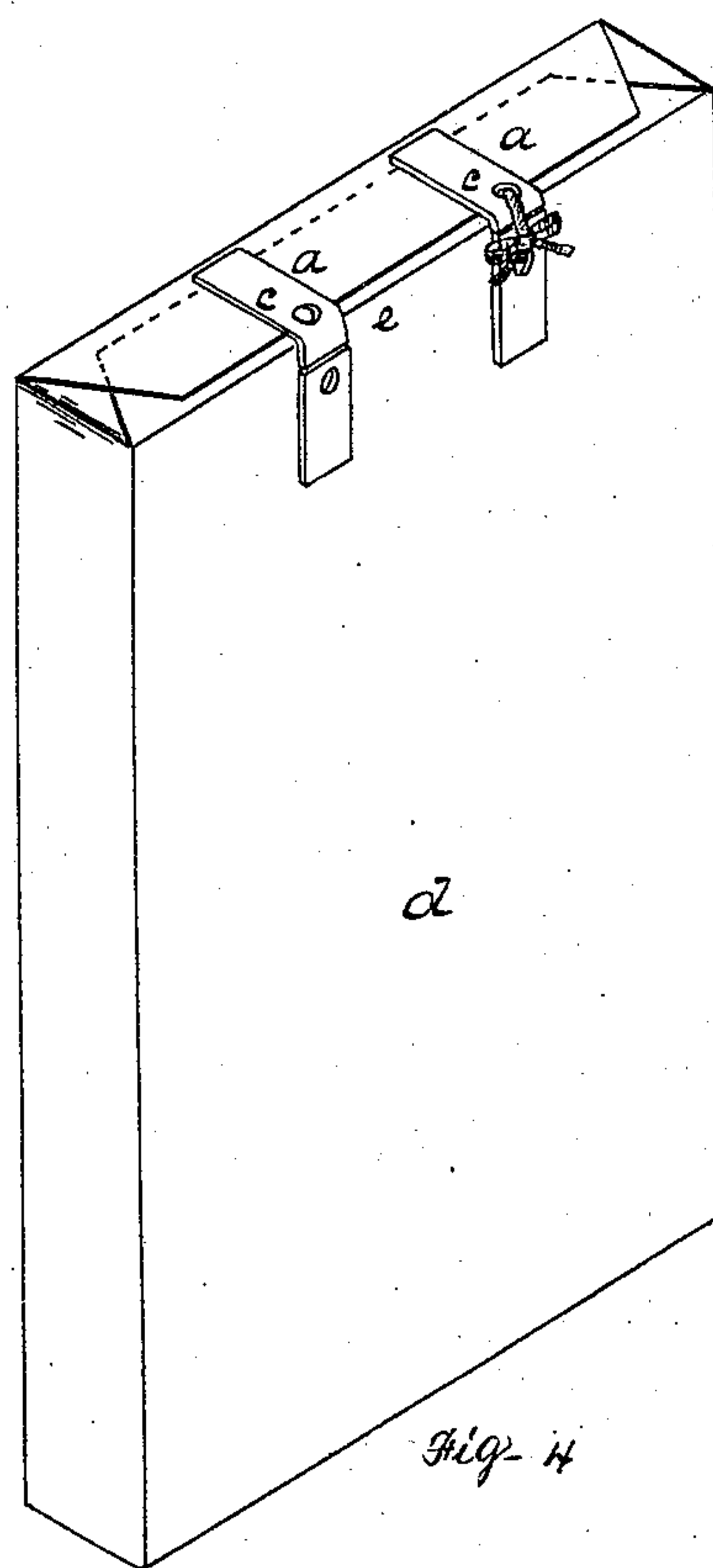
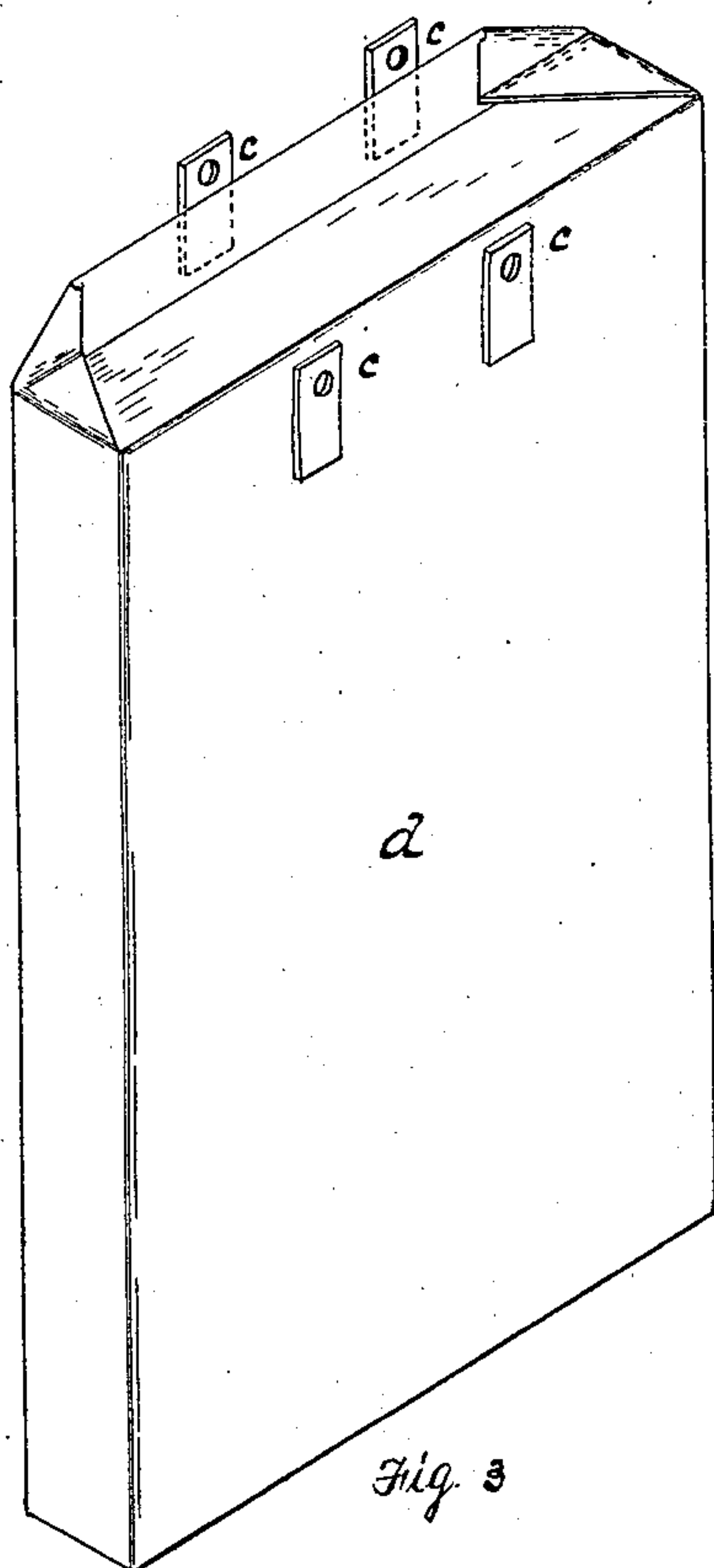
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SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 287,394, dated October 23, 1883.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID A. SWANEY, of Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Putting up Blankets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to an improvement in paper bags for putting up blankets; and it consists in a fastening for sealing the bags, so as to keep out moths and dust, and yet allow of easy access to the blankets without defacing or injuring the bags or destroying the fastening devices, all as will hereinafter more fully appear.

In packing blankets and like articles for transportation and storage, and for purposes of trade, it is desirable that the fastening of the package should be of a more or less permanent nature, so that the dealer can readily determine whether the same has been disturbed, and whether the contained article probably agrees with any mark which may have been placed on the envelope; but it is also desirable that when the seal is once broken it should still retain the properties of a fastening for securing the envelope. After the blankets have been sealed in the bags at the factory, as described in Letters Patent No. 252,540, granted to me January 17, 1882, they are forwarded to the retailer, who, in order to exhibit them to his customers, is forced to break the fastening of the bag, and when, afterward, they are stored away at the end of the season dust and moths are apt to enter through the opening. By the use of my improved fastener the bags may be easily opened and then securely closed again without trouble and without defacing or injuring the bag itself.

I will now describe my invention, so that others skilled in the art may manufacture and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the bag and fastener. Fig. 2 is a view of the fastener

detached from the bag. Fig. 3 is a view of the bag opened after having once been sealed. Fig. 4 is a view of the bag refastened.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts wherever they occur.

In the drawings, *a* represent the fasteners, which are strips of strong paper, leather, cloth, or other suitable material, the ends of which are gummed, as at *b*, and between the gummed ends are two eyelet-holes, *c*.

This fastener is used as follows: It is first secured by one of its gummed ends to the side of the paper bag *d*, as shown in Fig. 1. The bag is then folded, as shown in Fig. 4, and the other end of the fastener *a* is by the gum secured to the other side of the bag. The bag is thus securely sealed, so that neither dust nor moths can find access to the blankets. When the retailer desires to open the bag, the strips *a* are cut across between the eyelet-holes *c*, as shown at *e*, and the bag is opened, as shown in Fig. 3. When it is desired to reclose the bag, the two ends of the strip are brought together and tied by strings passing through the eyelet-holes.

Although I have described the fasteners as first attached to the side of the bag by gum, they can be fastened by eyelets or other suitable means, and instead of two eyelet-holes, one, and a string attached to the fastener, may be used.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with a bag, of a fastening-strip having one end attached to the bag, a series of eyelet-holes at or near the middle, and a free end adapted to be attached to the opposite side of the bag, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of September, A. D. 1882.

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