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Fig 1.

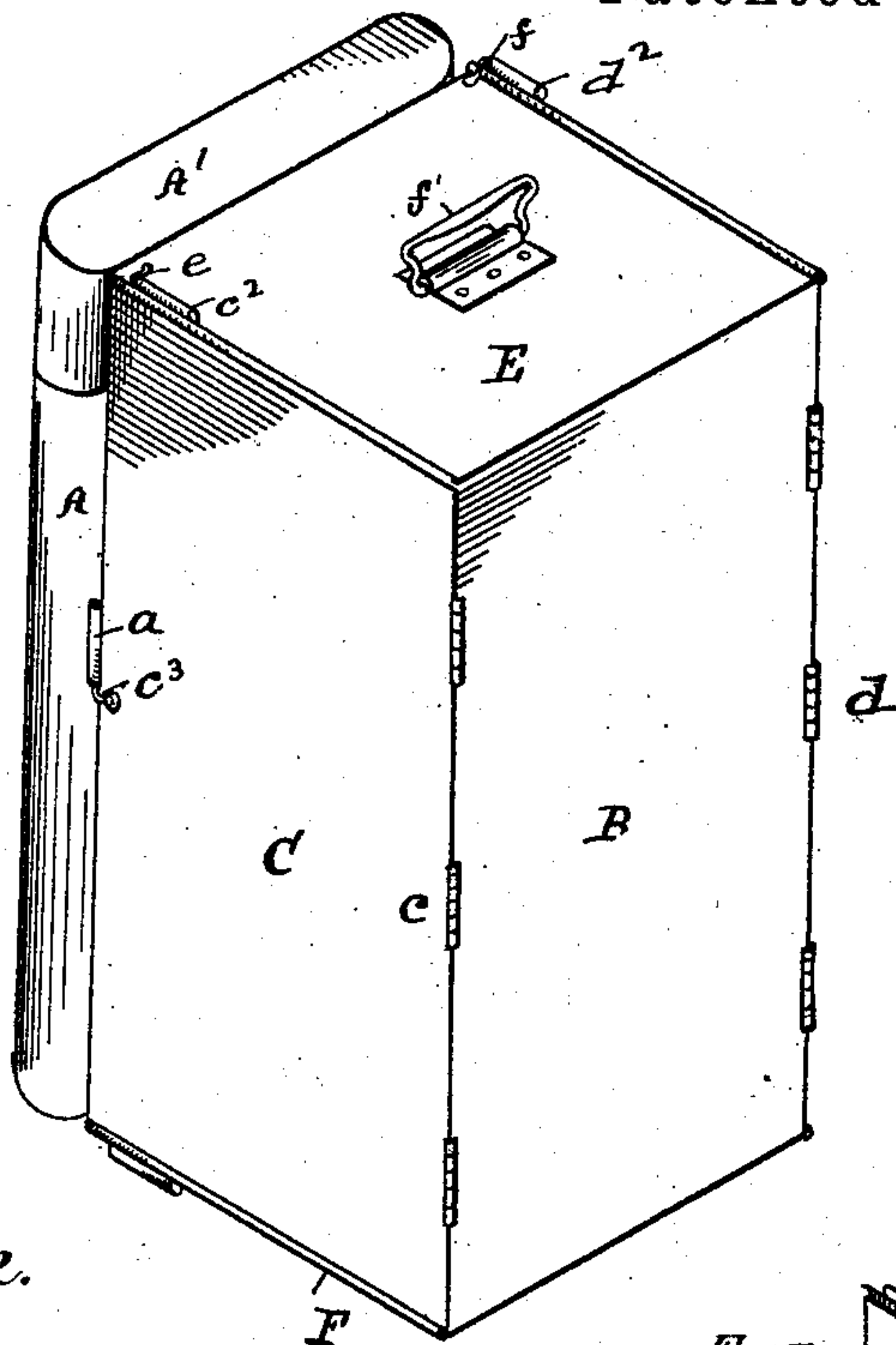


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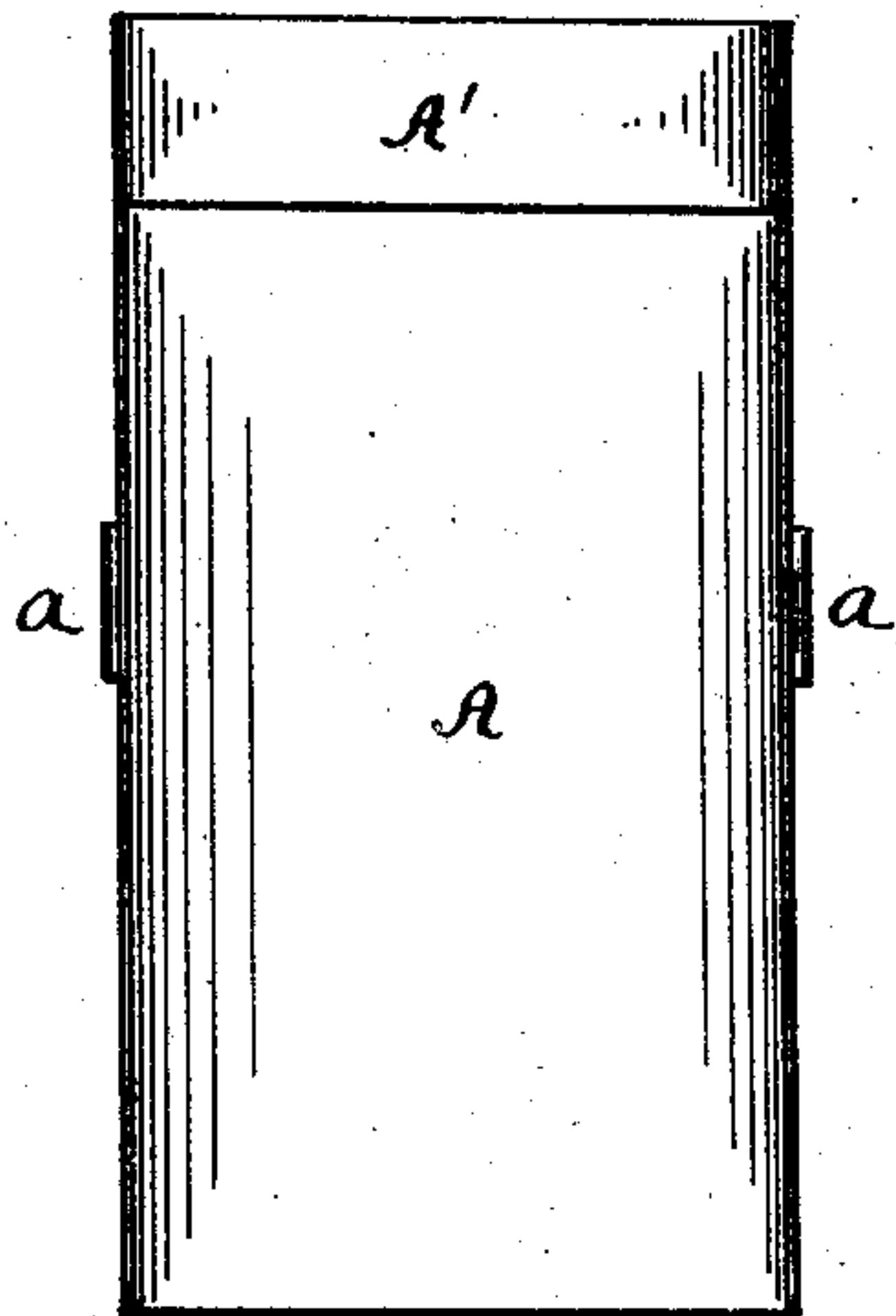


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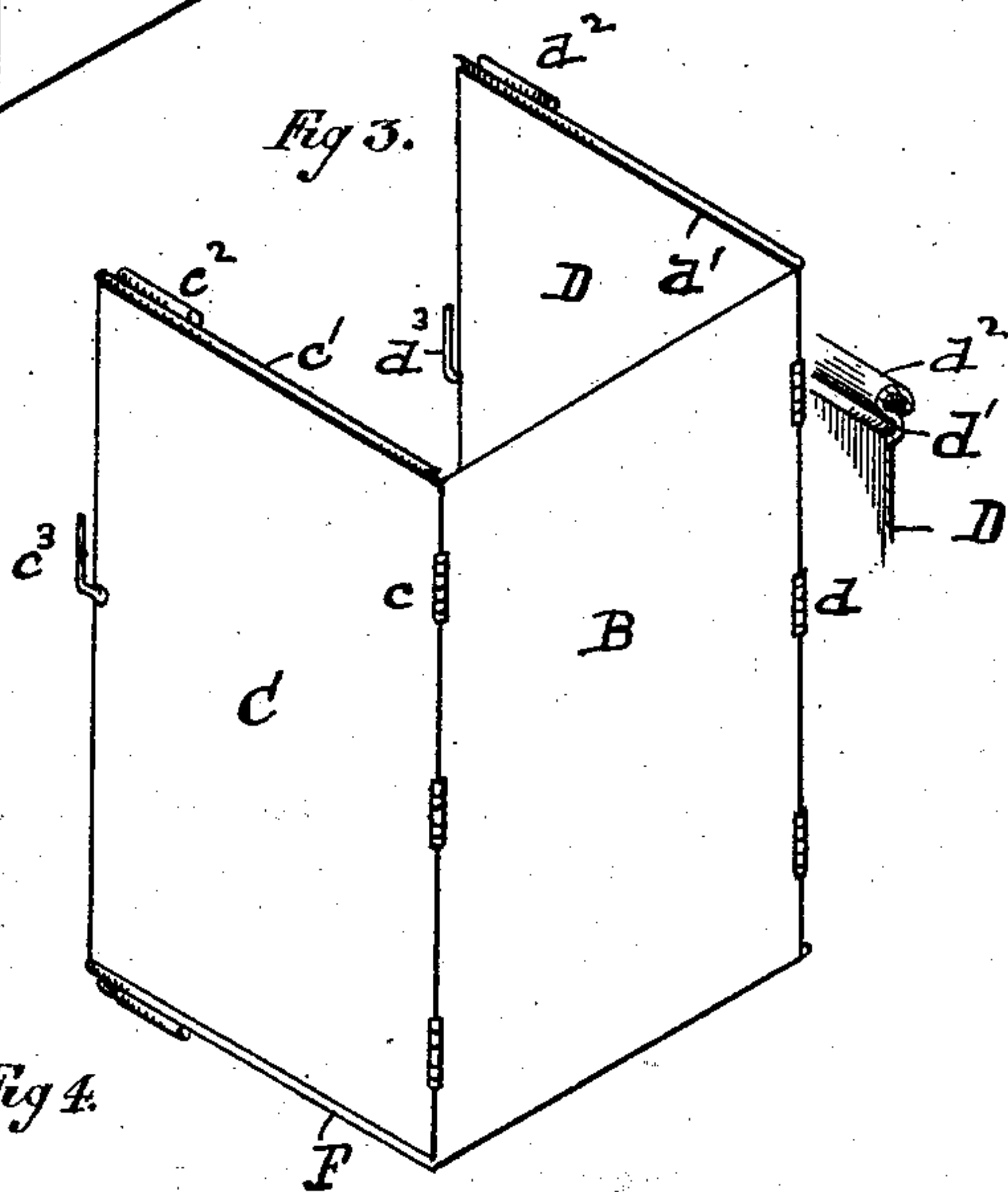
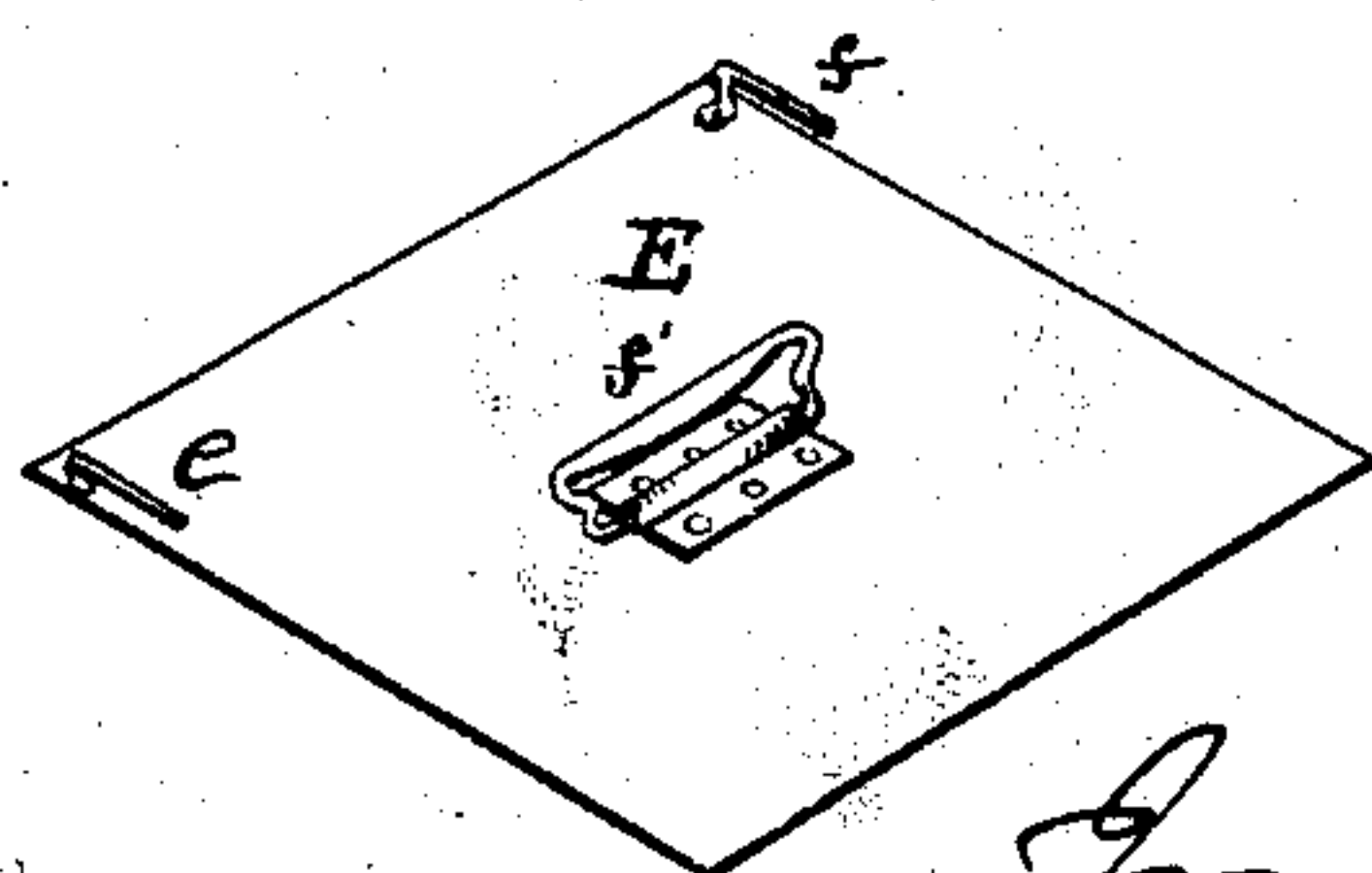


Fig 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH F. MORAN, of Detroit, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Combined Lunch-Box and Drinking-Flask; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention consists in the combinations of devices and appliances hereinafter specified, and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an apparatus embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of some of the parts. Fig. 4 is a separate view of one of the end pieces.

The object of my invention is to provide a combined lunch-box and drinking-flask, the construction being such that the box may be packed when emptied and inclosed within the flask.

I carry out my invention as follows:

As illustrated in the drawings, A is a flask. A' is its cover.

B represents one side of a lunch-box. C and D represent two other sides, hinged to the side B, as shown at *c* and *d*, the construction being such that the sides C and D may be folded together upon the side B.

E and F represent the two ends of the box. Said ends are removable, and for this purpose the sides C and D are constructed with suitable grooves or channels, *c'* and *d'*, adapted to receive the end pieces.

e and *f* represent arms or hooks upon the end pieces, adapted to be inserted into suitable sockets, *c''* and *d''*, on the side pieces, C and D, to more securely hold the end pieces in place, and also to prevent the box from spreading. The side pieces, C and D, are provided with any suitable means whereby the box may be secured upon the side of the flask—as, for instance, with arms *c'''* and *d'''*, adapted to enter into suitable recesses, *a*, upon the side of the flask, whereby the box may be firmly secured to the flask, the flask thus forming one face of the box when the two are secured together.

f' is a handle for carrying the combined box and flask.

The operation of the device is as follows: When it is desired to fill the box, the two side pieces, C and D, are properly extended, and the two end pieces inserted in place. When the box is filled, the flask is laid thereon, forming one side of the box, and is secured thereto, and holds the end F in place, when, by securing the top of the flask in place, the end E of the box will be held in position, the whole construction being secure. When it is desired to get at the contents of the box, by removing the cover of the flask the end E may be removed, or the whole box be disengaged from the flask. When emptied, the two end pieces, E and F, are removed, the side pieces, C and D, are folded upon the side B, when the whole box may be inserted within the flask, the flask being without a neck, and the size of the box being made to correspond with the interior of the flask. Said box may readily be inclosed in the flask, the flask preferably being of suitable size to be carried in the pocket.

A combined flask and lunch-box as thus constructed is simple in its arrangement, economical in its construction, and convenient in its operation.

What I claim is—

1. A combined lunch-box and drinking-flask consisting of a box with three sides, a top, and a bottom, the construction being such that said sides, top, and bottom may be packed together, and in connection therewith a flask having a removable top, said flask forming the fourth side of the box, and means for connecting the box to the flask, the flask being of a size adapted to receive within it the parts constituting the box, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with the three sides of a box, of top and bottom pieces adapted to engage with and hold the sides in place, and be packed together with said sides, and a flask adapted to engage the box and constitute a side for its open face, substantially as described.

3. A combined lunch-box and flask consisting of a flask with a removable top, a box with three hinged sides and removable top and bottom, the flask forming the fourth side, and means for connecting the box to the flask, the flask being of a size adapted to receive within

it the parts constituting the box, substantially as described.

4. The combination, with the three sides of the box, of top and bottom pieces adapted to
5 be slid into place from the open side to engage and hold the sides in place, and a flask adapted to engage the box and constitute a side for its open face, and at the same time serving to hold the sliding top and bottom pieces in place, sub-
10 stantially as described.

5. The combination, with a flask, of a box consisting of three hinged leaves and sliding top and bottom pieces, and means for engaging the box to the flask so the latter will con-

stitute the fourth face of the box, and in com- 15
bination therewith a removable top for the flask, said top, when in place, adapted to secure the top plate of the box, the construction being such that when removed the top of the box may be slid out over the flask, substan- 20
tially as described.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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