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Fig. 1.

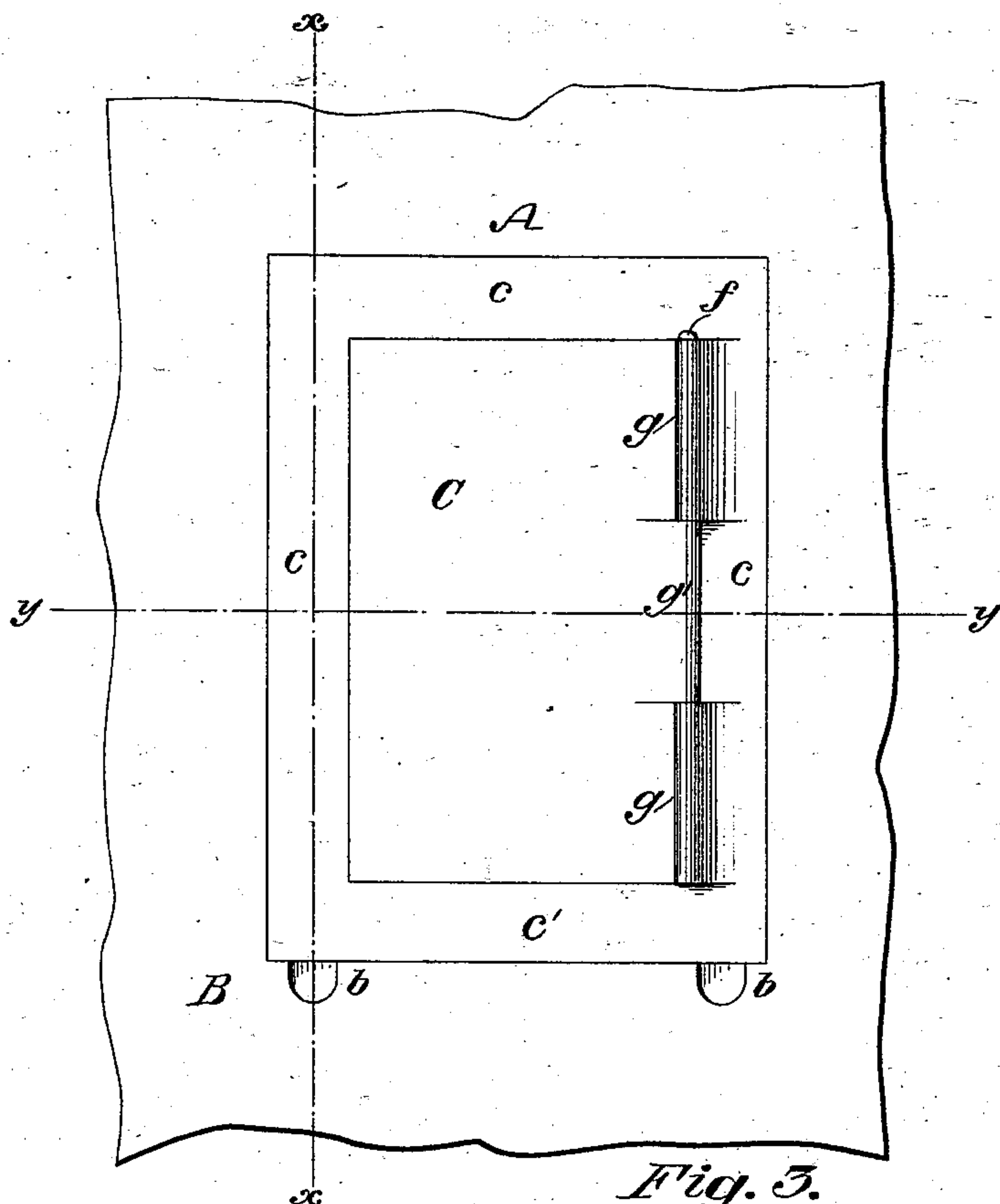


Fig. 2.

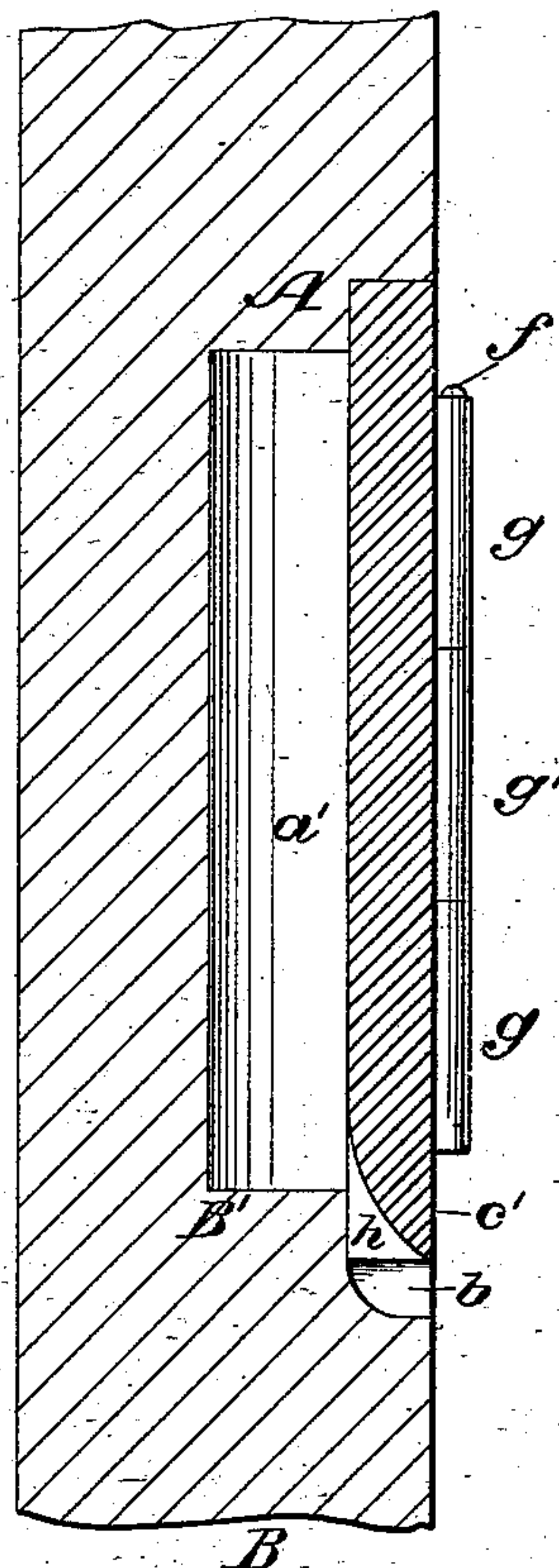
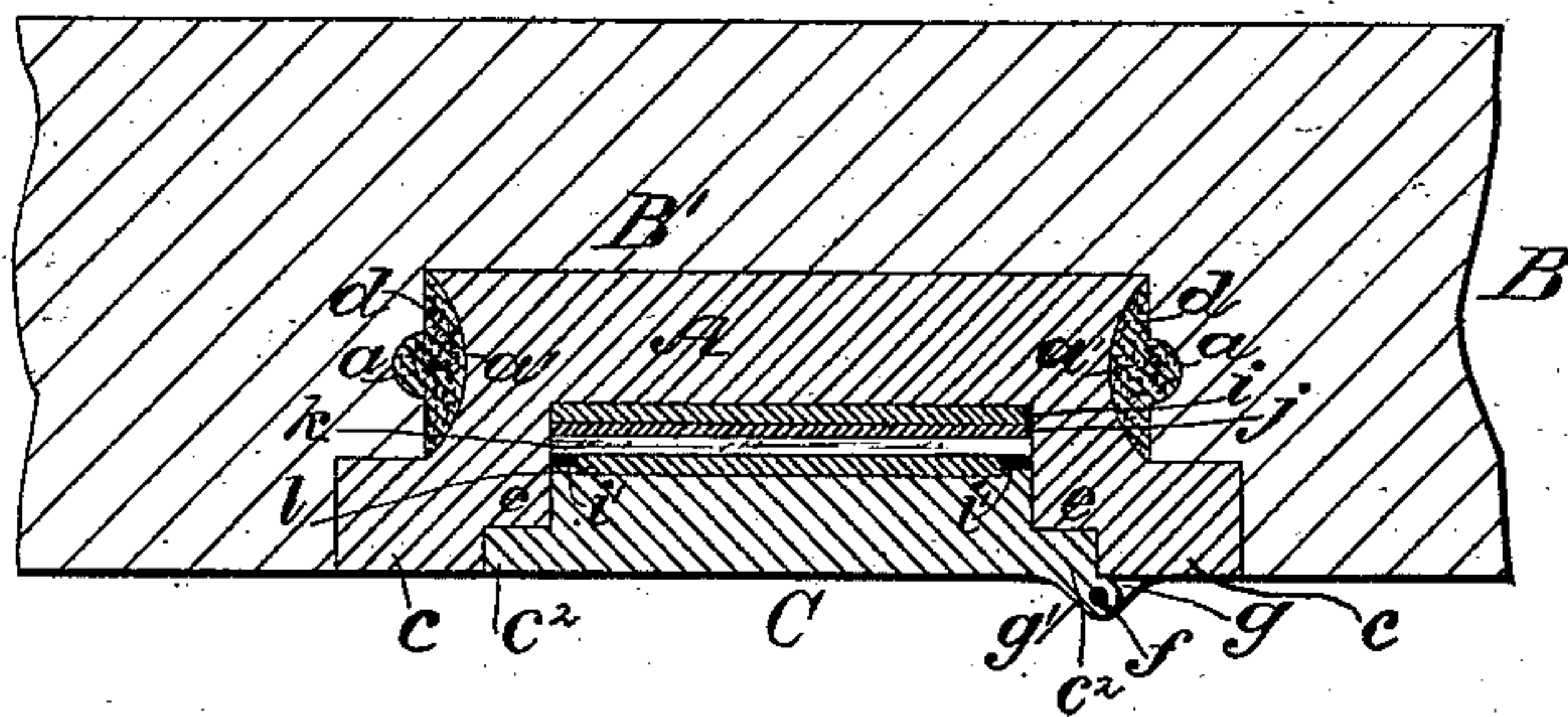


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HARVEY A. HOLLOMAN and WILLIAM R. GREEN, both of Kingston, in the county of Hunt and State of Texas, have invented a new and Improved Picture-Case for Tombstones, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 shows in front elevation our new and improved tombstone case or frame as it appears when set in the tombstone, and the lid or door of the case closed. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of the same, taken on the line *x x* of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a sectional plan view taken on the line *y y* of Fig. 1.

This invention relates to the general construction of the frame or case A, and to the method of securing the case in the tombstone B. The tombstone B is first recessed, as shown at B', at the spot where it is desired to have the case A placed, the recess B' being made of such size and form as to receive the case A, so that its outer surface will stand flush with the face of the stone B, as shown in Fig. 3. In the side surfaces of the recess B' are formed in the stone B the grooves *a a*, and in the stone B are cut, at the lower edge of the recess B', the sprue-holes *b b*, through which the metal or cement *d d* may be poured, for holding the case or frame A in place in the recess B'.

The case or frame A is cast of any suitable metal in box form, with the surrounding flanges *c c'*, and with the ledge or jamb *e*, against which the flange *c'* of the lid or door C is adapted to shut, as shown in Fig. 3. The door or lid C is also cast of suitable metal, and is hinged to the frame or case A by the hinge-pin *f*, that passes through the sleeves *g g*, cast upon the frame or case A, and through the sleeve *g'*, cast upon the edge of the lid or door C, as shown.

For furnishing a hold for the metal or cement *d d* upon the case or frame A, for holding

the frame in the recess B', the side surfaces, *a' a'*, of the case A are grooved or hollowed out, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and the lower edge of the flange *c'* of the case or frame A is cut away, as shown at *h h*, to admit the molten metal or cement from the sprue-holes *b b* into the spaces formed by hollowing out the said surfaces *a' a'*, and also into the grooves *a a*, so that when the case or frame A is placed in the recess B', and molten metal or cement is cast around the case or frame, by cooling in the grooves *a* and concaves *a'*, it will effectually lock the case in the recess B' in the stone B.

j represents the memento or picture—photograph or other picture—of the person deceased. The memento or picture *j* is placed in the case or frame A upon the cushion *i*, which protects the picture from the metal back of the case A. Over the picture or memento *j* is placed the glass *k*, which is held in place, preferably, by the strips *i' i'* of putty. Upon the inner surface of the door or lid C is placed the cushion *l*, which protects the glass *k* from being broken by the lid or door C, and when the lid or door C is closed effectually excludes the light from the picture or memento. The door or lid C may be provided with any suitable lock operated by a key, by which the door or lid may be securely locked, if desired.

Constructed in this manner it will be seen that the case is cheap and strong, and will perfectly protect the picture or memento, and that when in place in the tombstone its outer surface will stand flush with the outer surface of the stone, and by securing the case or frame in the stone by means of the metal or cement *d*, cast around the case, it will be seen that the case cannot be removed from the stone without breaking the stone, so that there will be no danger of the memento or picture being meddled with or taken out of the case or frame.

We do not abandon or dedicate to the public any patentable feature set forth herein and not hereinafter claimed, but reserve the right to claim the same either in a reissue of any patent that may be granted upon this ap-

plication or in other applications for Letters Patent that we may make.

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

The tombstone B, recessed at B', oppositely grooved at *a a*, and having at the lower end the sprue-holes *b*, in combination with the case A, provided with surrounding flanges

c c', of which the latter is cut away at *k*, and the grooved side surfaces, *a' a'*; whereby the case may be cemented in the stone, as described.

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