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BOX.

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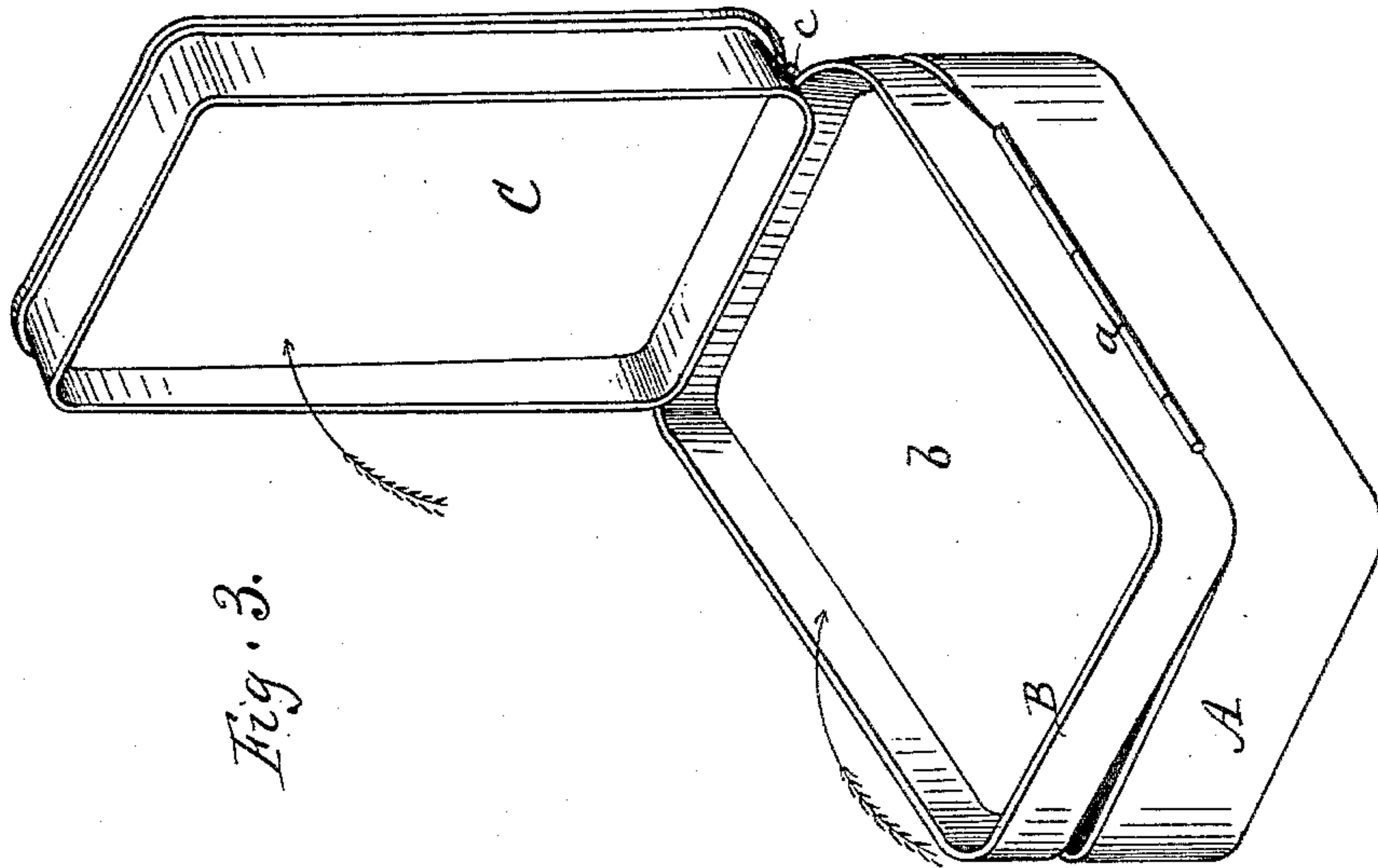


Fig. 3.

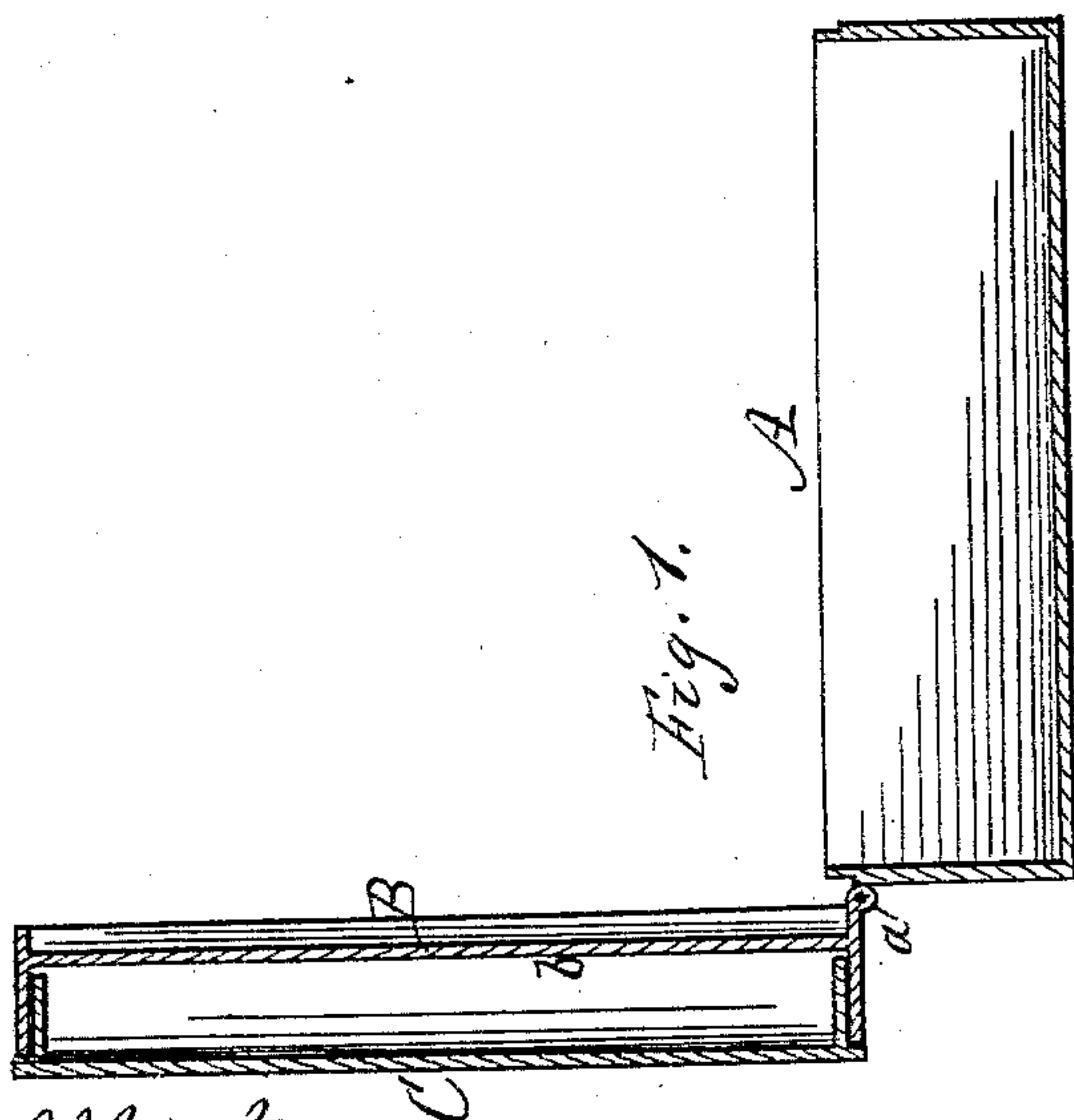


Fig. 1.

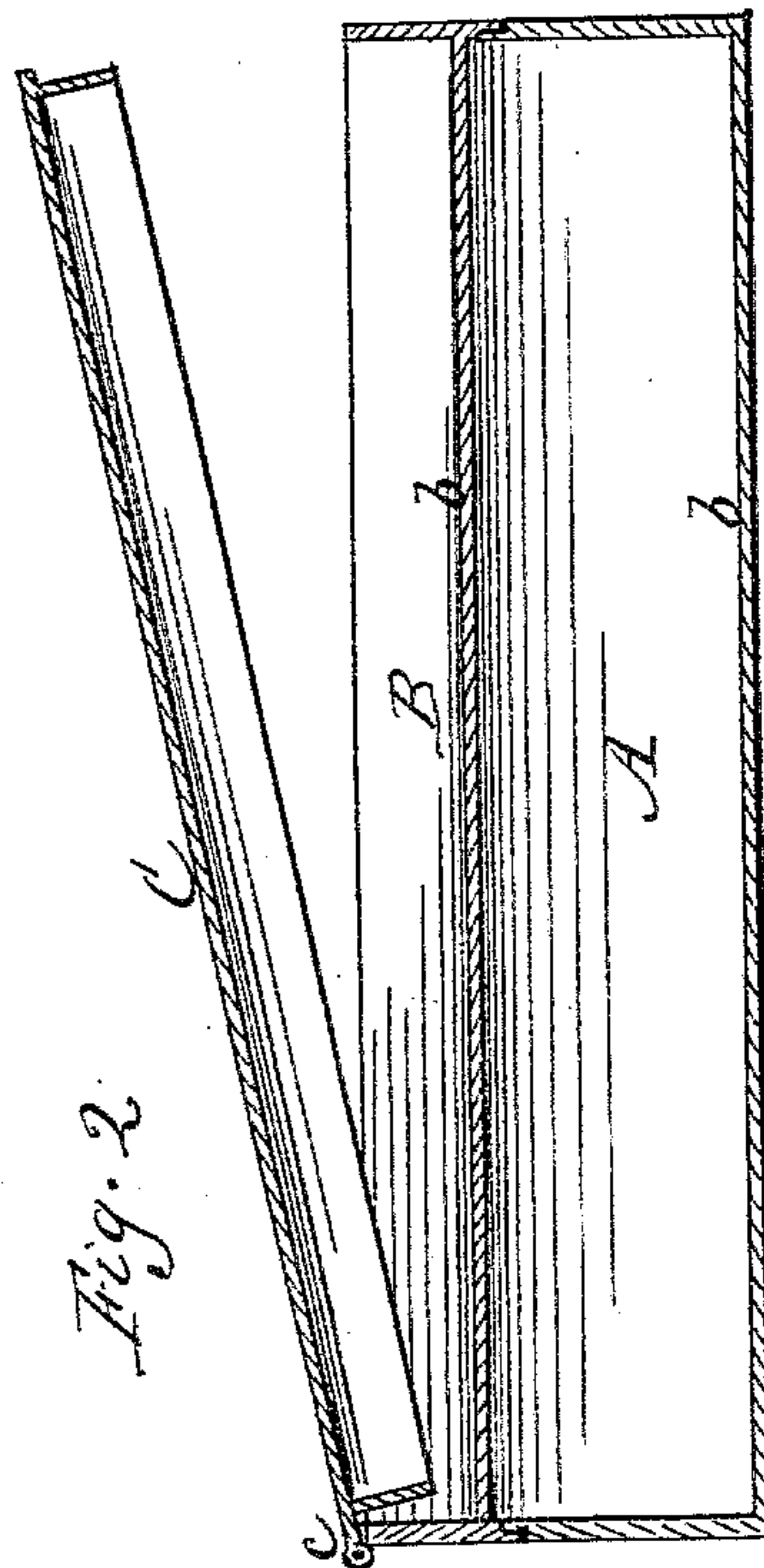


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE BORST, of Rochester, Monroe county, New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Boxes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a cross-section of the box. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view with the lid raised.

My improvement relates to small metallic boxes suited for carrying in the pocket, and for other purposes, and adapted to holding different materials and articles in the several compartments; and the invention consists, as a new article of manufacture, of a box consisting of two compartments or chambers hinged together at the back, so that one forms a cover to the other and turns laterally in opening, and a cover hinged at one end of the upper compartment and turning longitudinally in opening, the whole being so arranged that either compartment can be opened without inverting the box or turning it over, as hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawings, A shows the lower compartment of the box, and B the upper compartment, the two being hinged together at the back, as shown at *a*, so that the upper compartment serves as a cover to the lower one, and turns back laterally or crosswise to open it. The compartments are simply open-topped receptacles, each having a bottom, *b*.

C is a cover to the upper compartment, the same being hinged at one end to the upper compartment, as shown at *c*, and swinging longitudinally on its hinge to open the upper compartment. The two hinges thus turn at right angles to each other, one crosswise and the other longitudinally, as clearly shown in Fig. 3, which shows the upper compartment slightly raised from the lower one and the cover fully opened off at one end of the upper compartment. These compartments and the cover may be used for holding different materials and articles. A small mirror may be placed in the bottom of the upper compartment, and a comb or other article may be attached on the inside of the cover by elastic fastenings or other devices, and the lower compartment may be used for containing to-

bacco or other material where the box is used as a pocket-box. It is designed to make the box of metal, of small size, in ornamental form, to be used as a pocket-box, or for other purposes; and the invention consists in making the box of two compartments hinged together at the back to turn crosswise, and a cover to the upper compartment hinged at one end to turn longitudinally, whereby the parts will open at right angles to each other. By this means either or both of the compartments can be opened by holding the box right side up and without inverting it. A box is already known in which the body of the box is divided by a central partition forming two chambers, and a hinged cover is used on each side, both opening crosswise, but in opposite directions; but to use said box it must be inverted or turned bottom upward to open both sides, and this is a detriment when the box is used for containing materials or articles that would be injured by turning the box bottom upward. This difficulty is obviated in my device, where the box remains right side up in opening both compartments.

If desired, a strip of paper or other flexible material containing advertisements, a calendar, a list of fire-alarm boxes, or any other desired subject-matter, may be attached to the under side of the cover C, and be shut into the box when closed, and be exposed to sight when opened.

Having described my invention, I disclaim a box having two compartments with hinged covers on opposite sides of the box; but

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, a portable box consisting of two open-topped compartments hinged together at the back to turn crosswise, one compartment forming a cover for the other, and a cover hinged to the upper compartment at one end to turn longitudinally and at right angles to the other hinge, as herein shown and described, and for the purposes specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

GEORGE BORST.

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