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Fig. 1.

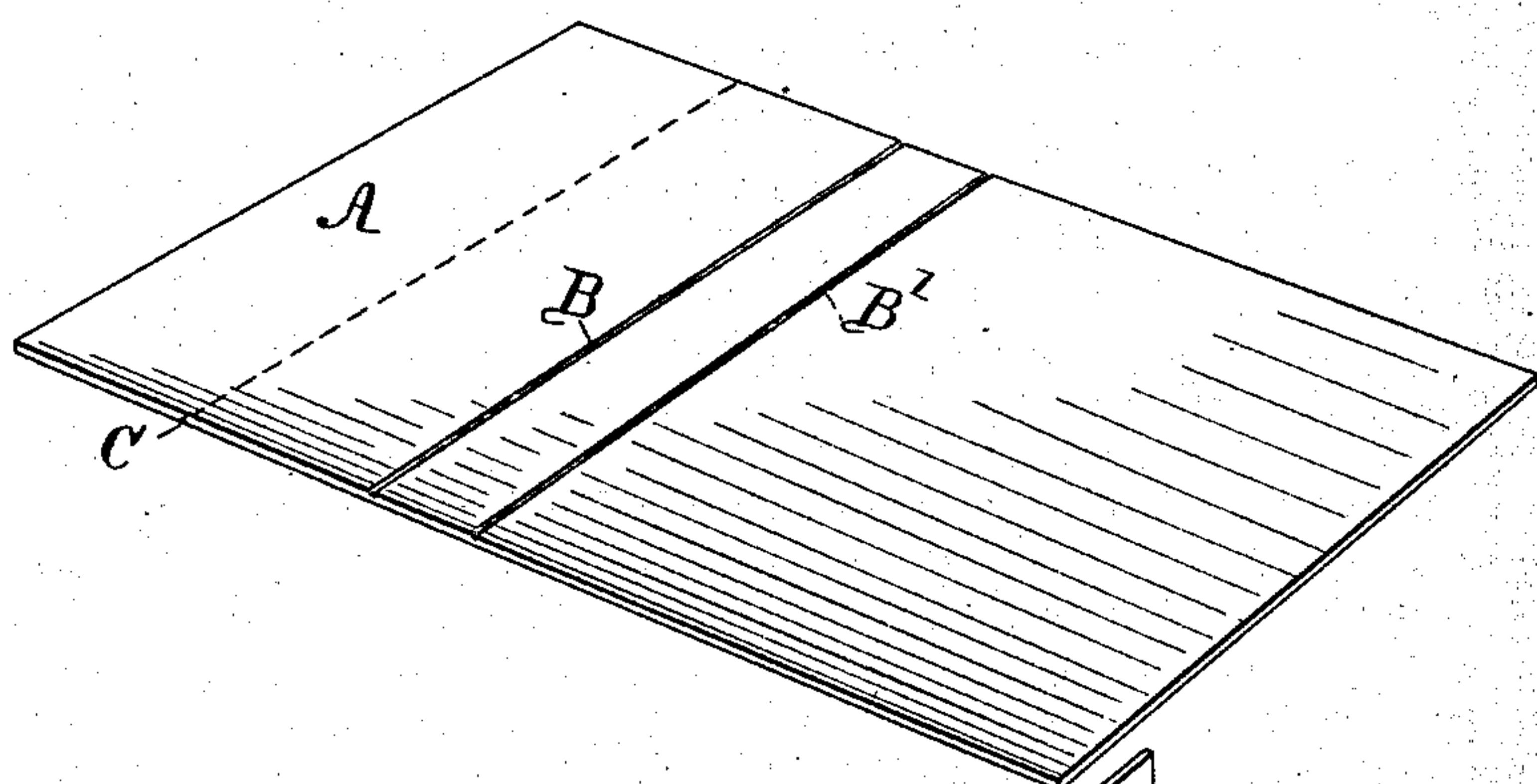


Fig. 2.

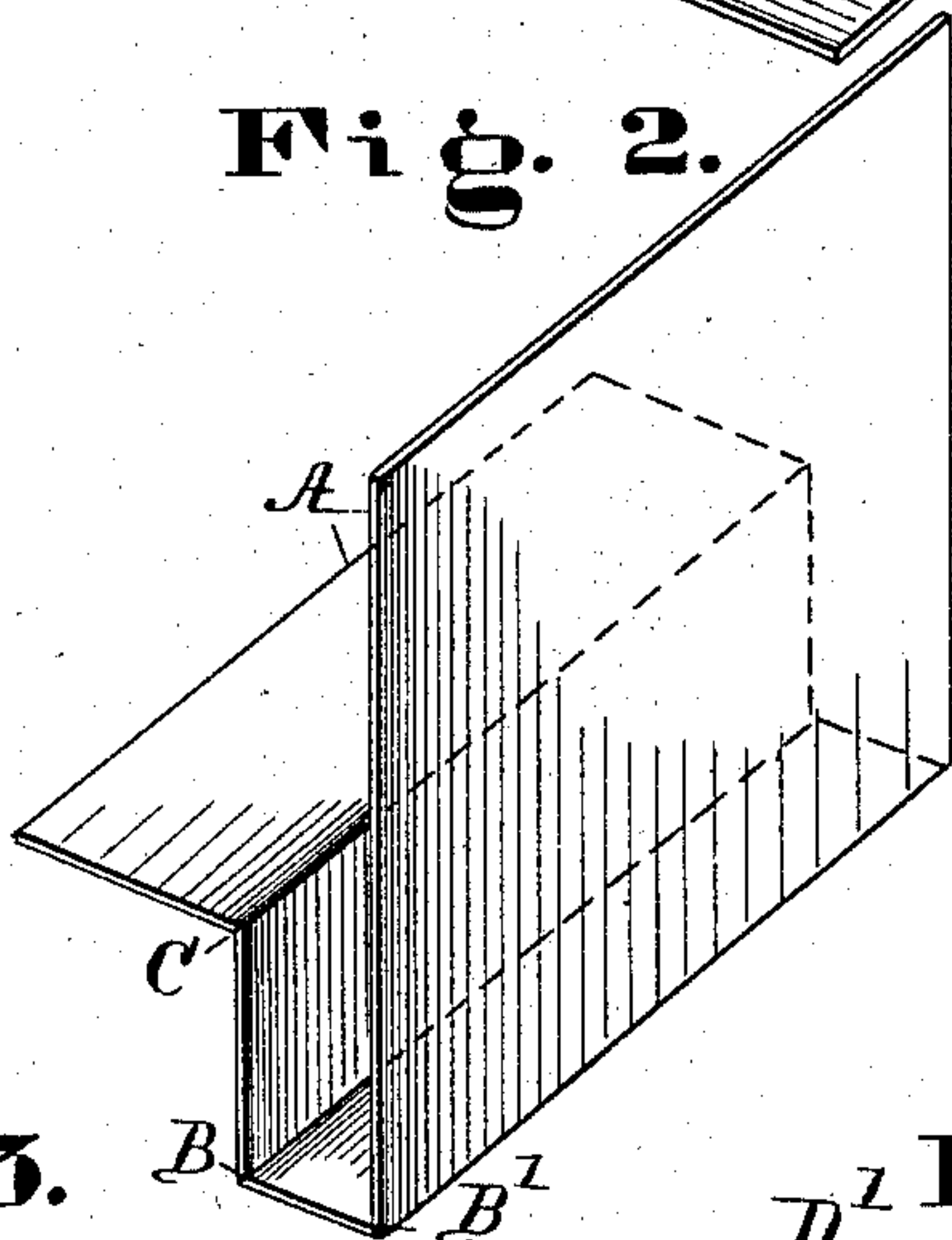


Fig. 3.

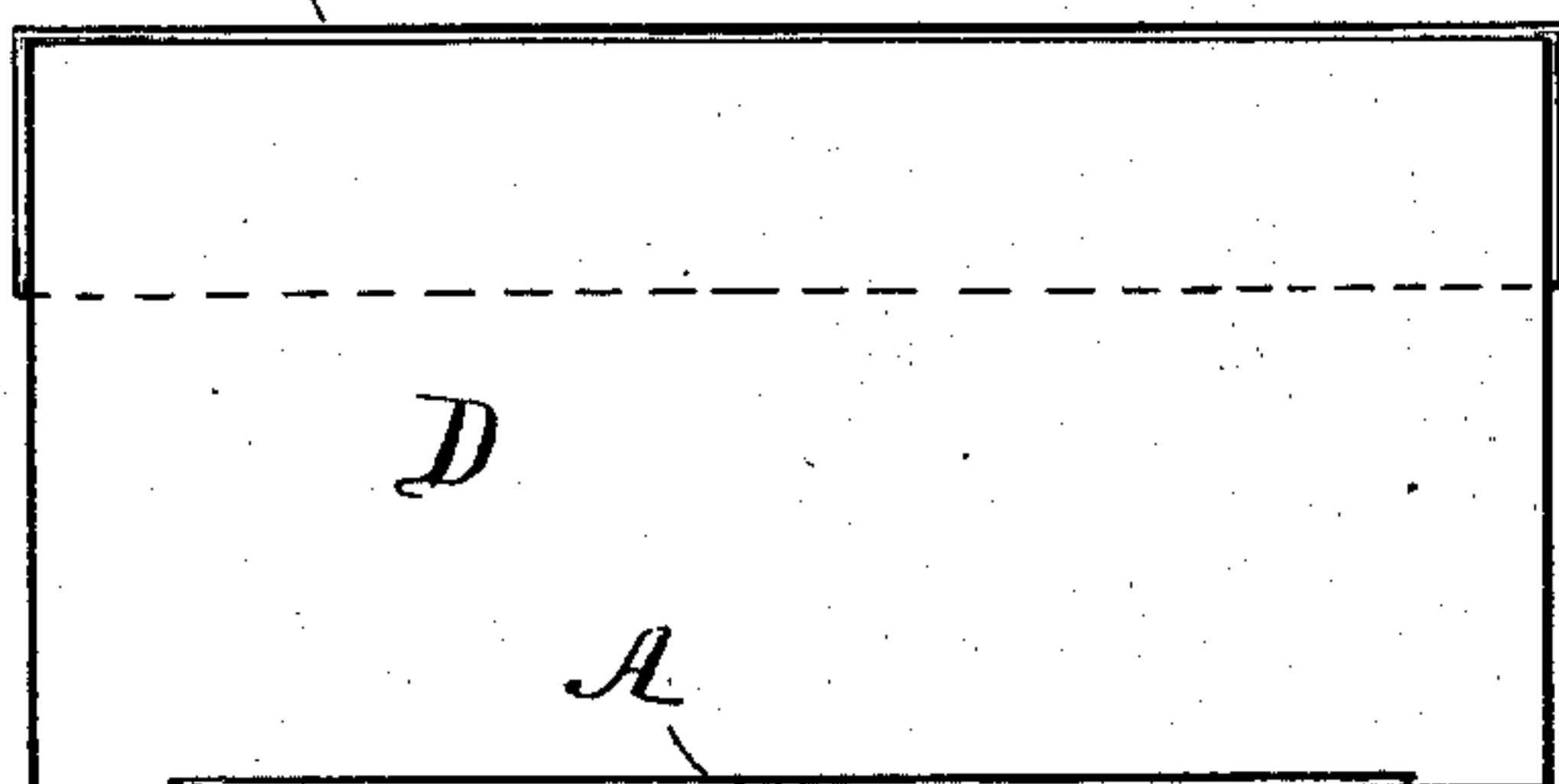


Fig. 4.

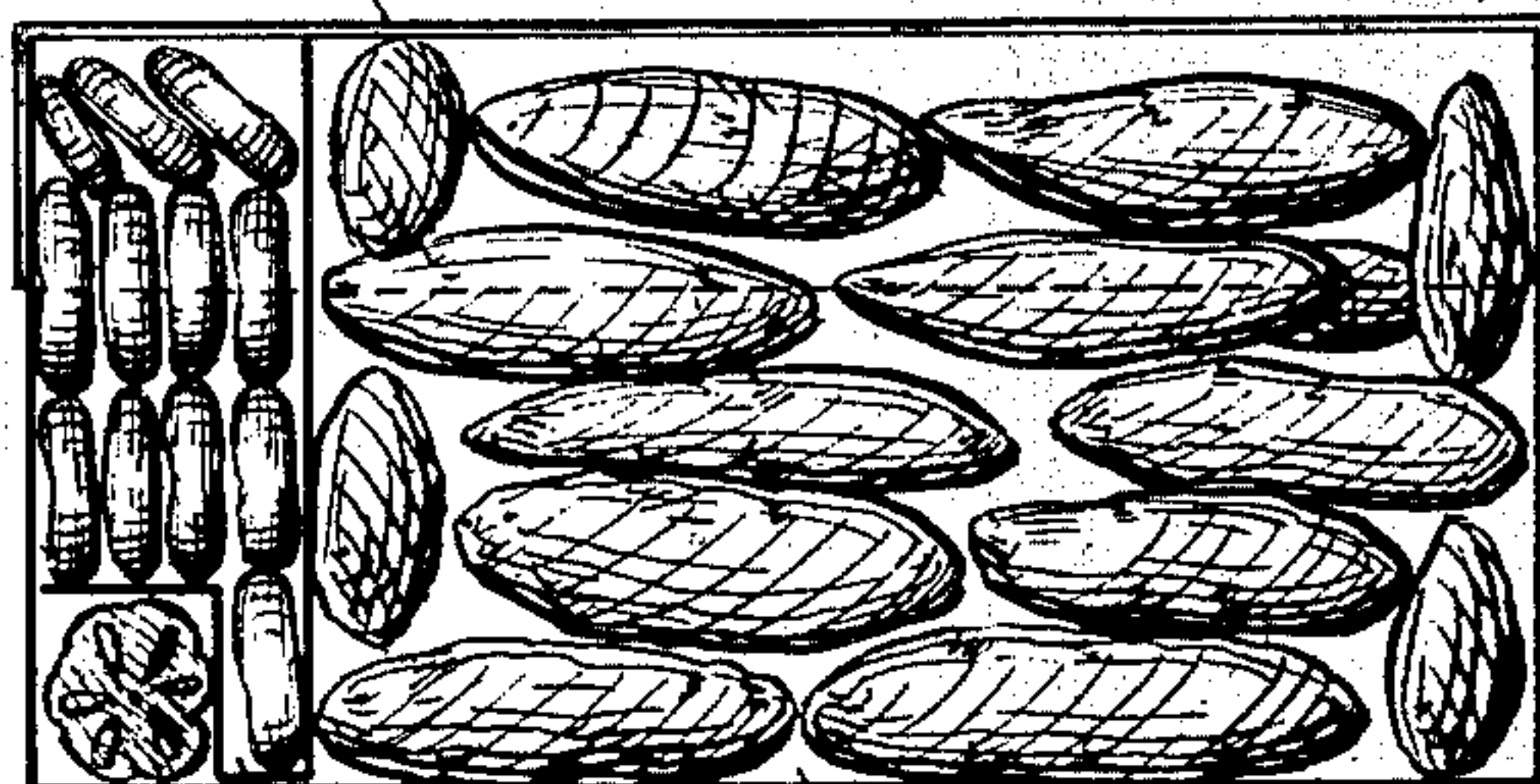
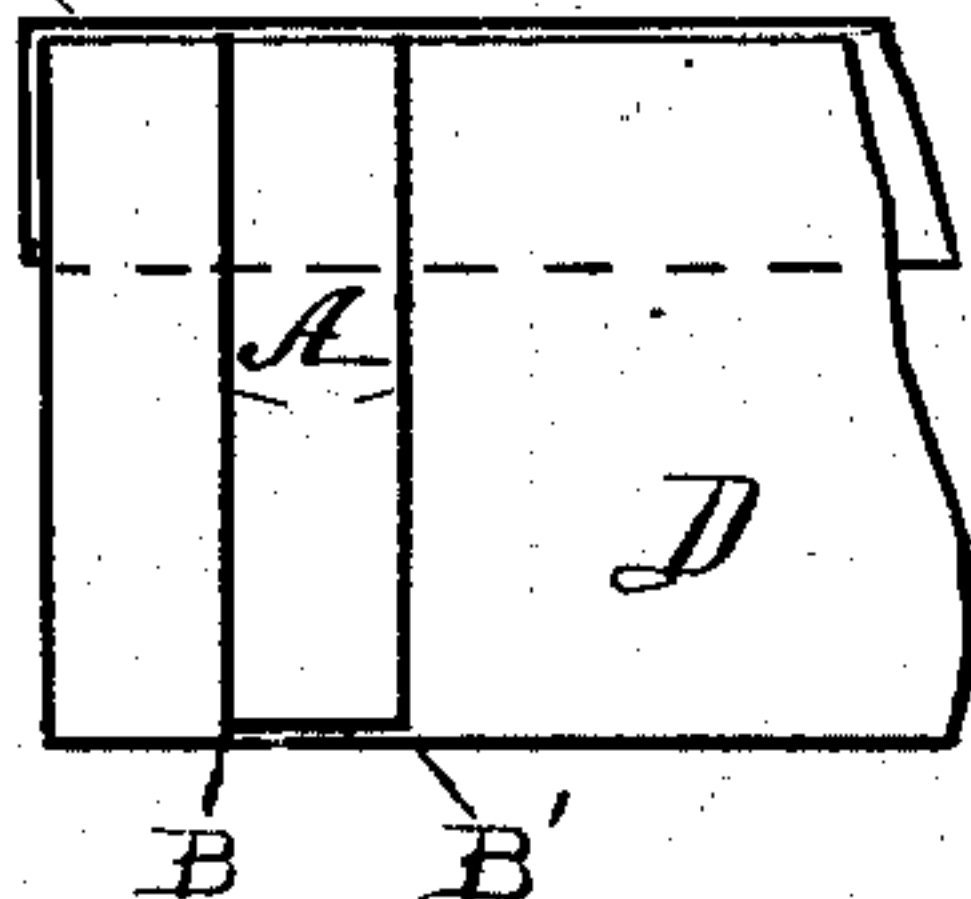


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, T. S. WEST, of Alexandria, in the county of Alexandria and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and
5 useful Improvements in Paper Boxes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon,
10 which form part of this specification.

The invention relates to improvements in boxes for packing cooked food, referring particularly to boxes for fried oysters; and it consists in combining with such a box a detachable piece of pasteboard or other suitable
15 material scored or partially severed transversely in such manner that when bent at the scores and inserted into the box it will be held in place by the materials contained in said compartments and by the lid of the box.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a rectangular piece of pasteboard scored or partially severed transversely on one surface at two points and at another point on the opposite surface. Fig. 2 represents the same bent
25 at right angles at the scores. Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal section of a box for fried oysters with a scored piece of pasteboard lying within. Fig. 4 is the same with the piece of pasteboard bent so as to form three compartments, the latter being filled; and Fig. 5
30 is a modification in which the piece of pasteboard has but two scores, both on the same surface.

Referring to the accompanying drawings by letter, A designates a rectangular piece of pasteboard or other suitable material of proper dimensions scored transversely on one surface at B and B', and on the opposite surface
40 at C.

In Figs. 1 and 2 the surfaces are reversed, as shown. D is a box for fried oysters or similar cooked food, and D' is the lid thereof. It is evident that the pickles and the
45 crackers usually packed with the oysters will by this device be separated therefrom and from each other, and will not be soiled by contact with the oysters. The pickles will also be separated from the oysters by the
50 compartment holding the crackers, and will

not become heated by the oysters and rendered uneatable, as is usually the case. It is also evident that in the modification shown in Fig. 5 the piece of pasteboard could be inserted with its scores against the side of the box; but the position shown is the most convenient and best adapted to serve the purpose. The compartments made by the pasteboard within the box may vary slightly in size in respect to each other, as their sides
60 may be inclined more or less from the perpendicular. This is an important advantage, as it adapts the box to hold varying quantities of the different materials. The distance from the upper end of the pasteboard piece to the score B' should be about equal to the interior height of the box D, as shown in Fig. 4. The method of packing oysters is shown in Fig. 4. A piece, A, is furnished with each box, slightly narrower than the inside of the latter. The lid is removed and the pickles laid in one corner of the box. The piece A is then bent at its scores and inserted with its outwardly-bent end over the pickles. The other materials are then put in place and the lid put
7 on. The materials will hold the piece A in position, and the lid will prevent said piece from falling out of the box.

Having thus described my invention, what I hold as new, and desire to secure by Letters
8 Patent, is—

1. The combination, with the rectangular box D and lid D', of a rectangular piece, preferably of pasteboard, slightly narrower than the inside width of the box, and so scored
8 transversely as to form three compartments when bent at its scores and inserted into the box, substantially as specified.

2. The combination, with the box D and lid D', of the rectangular piece A, provided with the scores B B' and C, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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