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Fig. 1

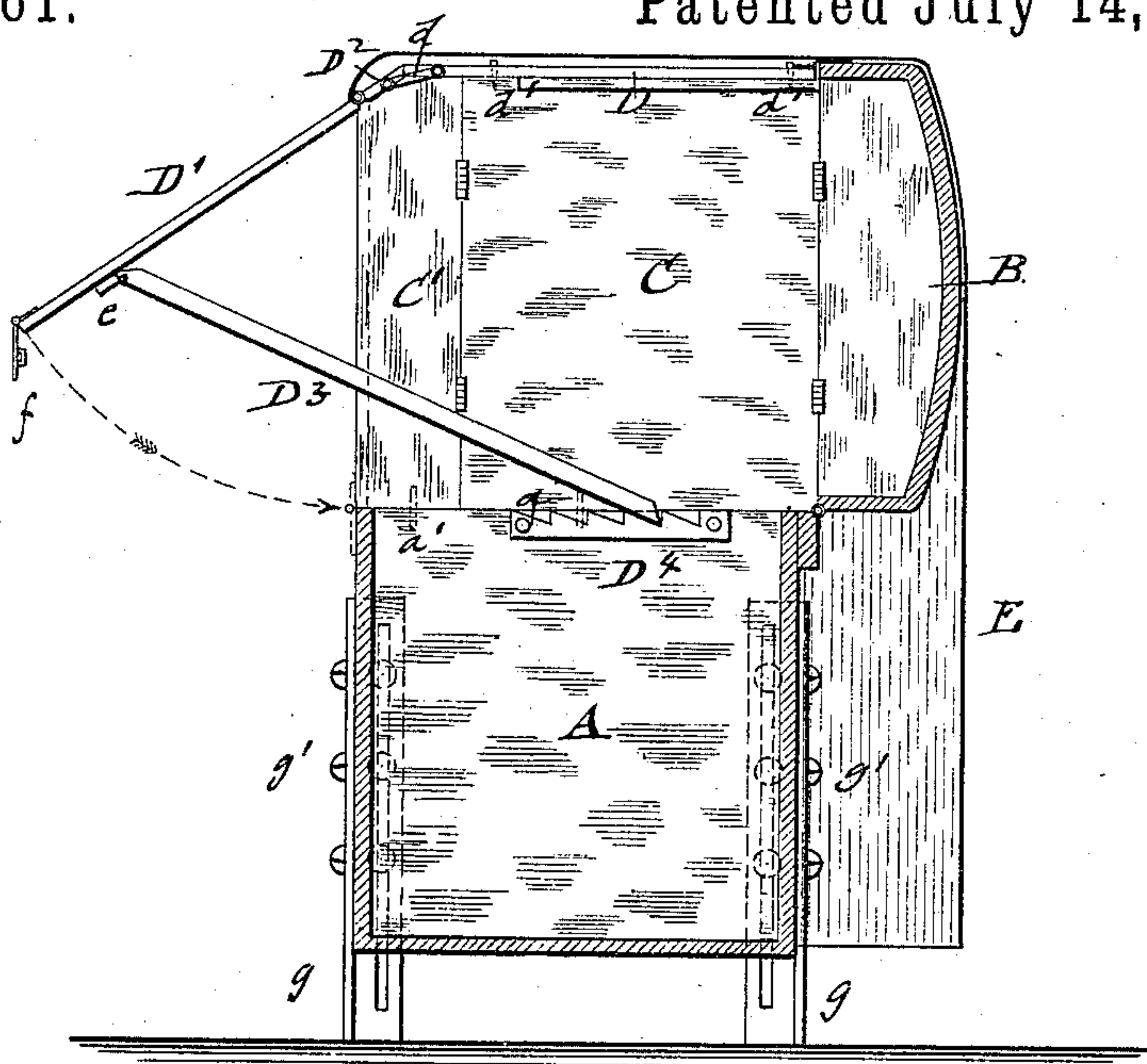


Fig. 2

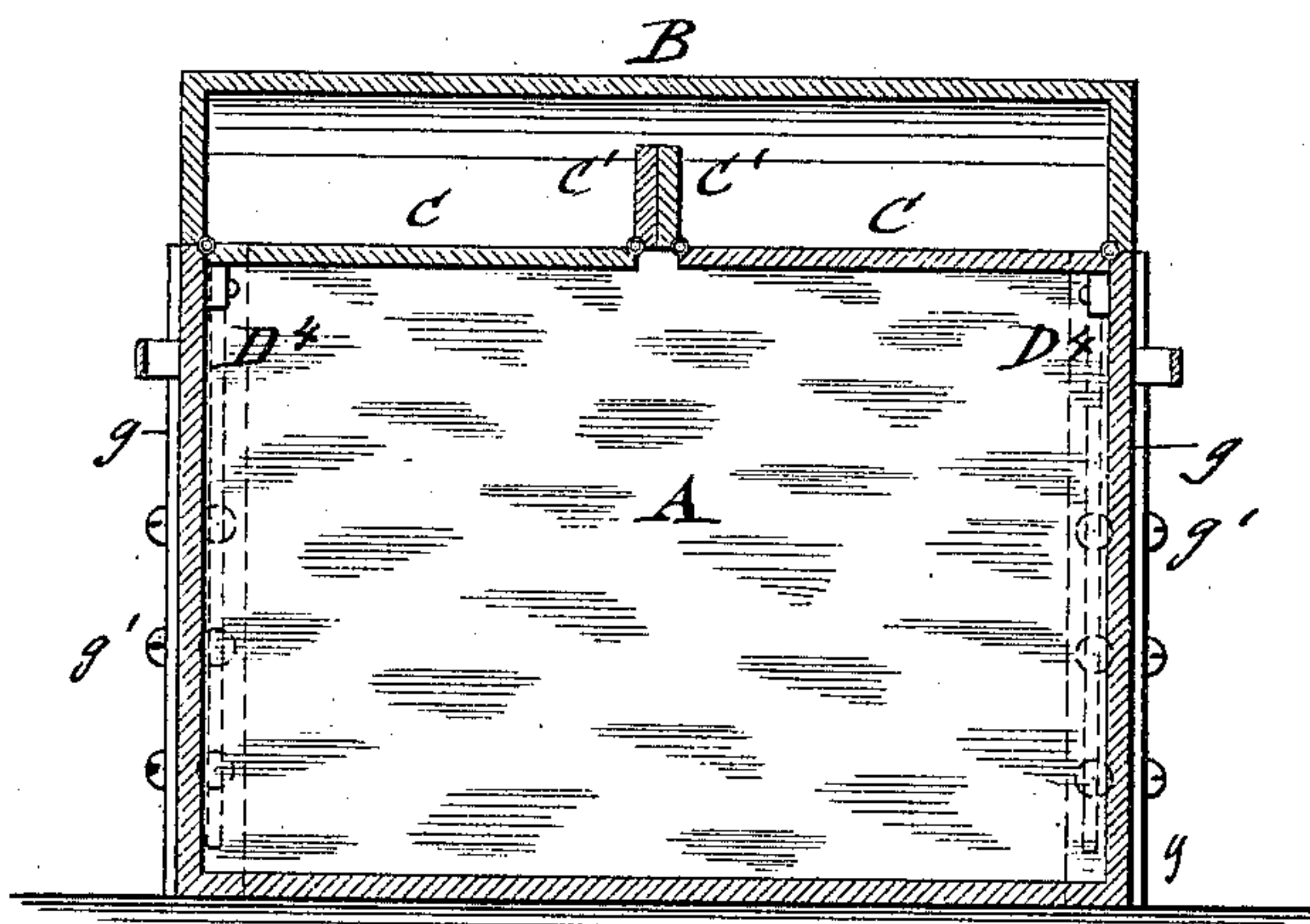
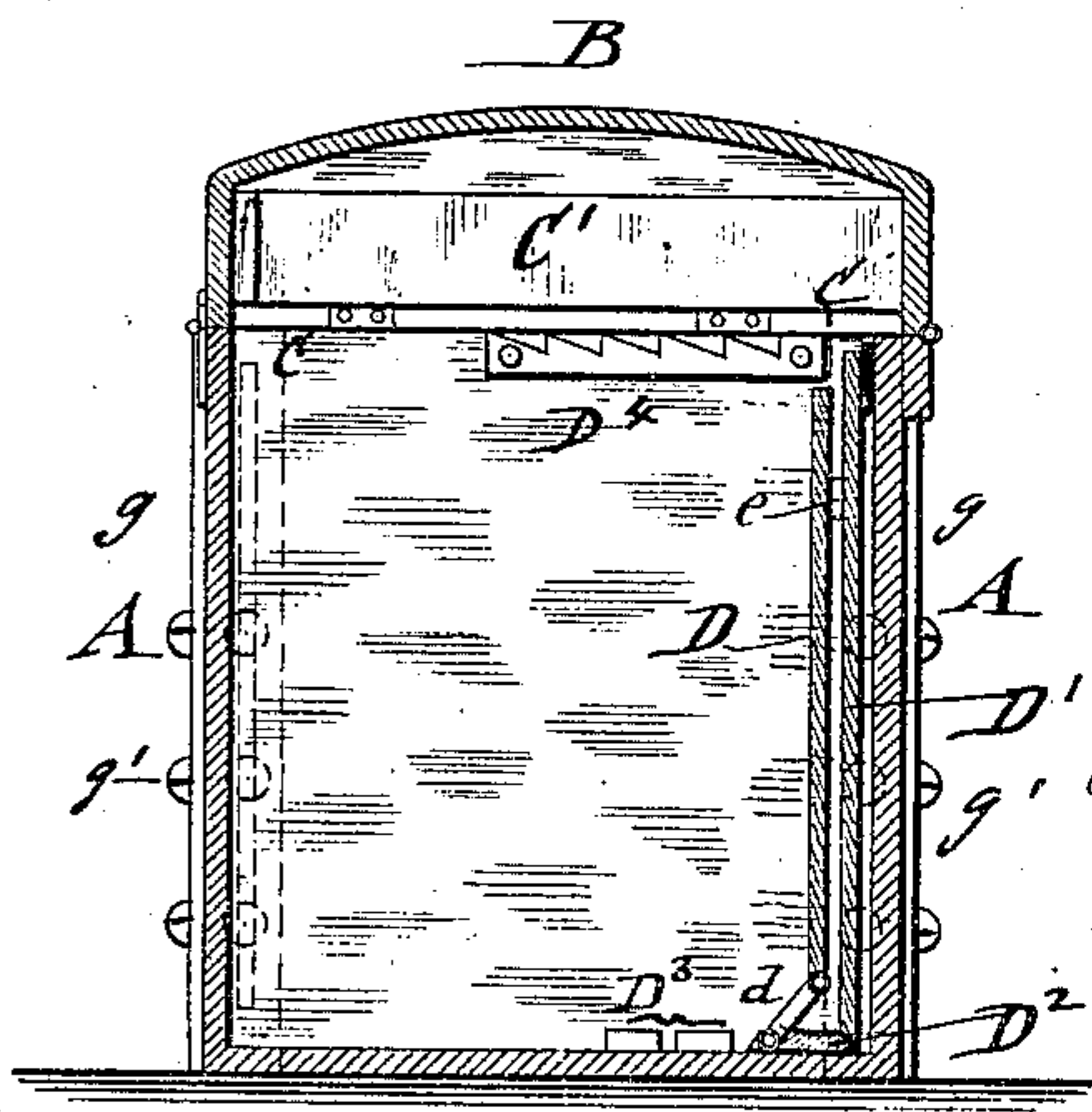


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS GANICK, of Rockford, in the county of Winnebago and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful
5 Improvements in Desk Attachments to Trunks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to an improved desk attachment to trunks, which can be readily stored away in the lid and body of the trunk
10 and placed in position for use in opening the trunk; and the invention consists of a trunk the lid of which is provided with bottom sections hinged to the opposite side walls of the lid, said bottom sections having at their meet-
15 ing ends hinged auxiliary sections or leaves. The bottom sections and the hinged auxiliary sections are secured, when the lid is thrown into open position, by pins into sockets of the side walls of the trunk-body, and serve for
20 supporting two hinged and folding leaves, of which one is secured by pins to the upper edges of the bottom sections, while the other leaf is supported in inclined position by stays that are set into notched strips attached to the
25 inner side walls of the trunk-body. The leaves forming the desk attachment are folded together and stored away in the trunk-body after use.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1
30 represents a vertical transverse section of the trunk, showing the lid open and my improved desk attachment in position for use. Figs. 2 and 3 are, respectively, a vertical longitudinal section and a vertical transverse section of the
35 trunk, shown with closed lid and with the desk attachment folded away in the lid and body of the trunk.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

40 Referring to the drawings, A represents the trunk-body, and B the lid of the same. The bottom of the lid is formed by two sections, C C, which are hinged to the opposite side walls of the lid B, and provided at their inner meet-
45 ing ends with short auxiliary sections C', that are hinged to the bottom sections, C C. When the sections C C and C' C' are placed in position in the lid B, so that the auxiliary sections C' C' abut against each other, a space is formed,
50 as shown in Fig. 2, for storing away different articles. The bottom sections, C C, may

be connected and retained in position in the lid by a hook and eye, or any other locking device. (Not shown in drawings.)

When the trunk is to be used for writing in
55 connection with my improved desk attachment, the lid is thrown back into open position, as shown in Fig. 1, after which the bottom sections, C C, and auxiliary sections C' C' are moved in forward direction, so that the bot-
60 tom pins, *a a'*, of the side walls of the trunk-body A enter into corresponding socket-holes of the bottom and auxiliary sections C C', which latter form thereby vertical extensions of the side walls of the trunk-body. On the
65 upper edges of the bottom and auxiliary sections C C' are supported two hinged leaves, D D', of which the leaf D is connected to the bottom sections, C C, by means of connecting-
70 pins *d' d'*, as shown in Fig. 1. The leaf D' is hinged to a short intermediate piece, D², which is connected at the ends by pivot-links *d d* to the leaf D. The second leaf, D', extends at a
suitable inclination in forward direction be-
75 yond the front wall of the trunk, and is supported by inclined stays D³, which are applied by detachable hinge-connections to rests *e e* at the under side of the leaf D. The lower ends of the stays D³ are set into notched strips D⁴,
80 attached to the inside of the side walls of the trunk-body A. The upper corners of the auxiliary sections C' are inclined or rounded off for the inclined front leaf, D'. To the front end of the leaf D' is attached a hasp, *f*, that fits into the lock of the trunk-body and admits
85 the locking of the leaf to the body A when it is desired to leave the desk attachment in position for use but keep the trunk locked at the same time.

When the trunk and desk attachment are
90 in position to be used for writing, the top leaf, D, of the desk attachment and the lid of the trunk are preferably covered by a suitable cloth, E, that drops down over the sides and
95 back of the trunk, so as to improve the appearance of the same.

The trunk-body A is provided with slotted metallic corner-strips *g g*, that are guided along
headed screws *g'* of the trunk-body and are clamped by the same, so as to form feet on
100 which the trunk can be supported at a height convenient for writing.

After use the desk attachment is stored away by first detaching the stays D³ and folding the leaves D D one over the other, and placing them, with the stays, in the body of the trunk, 5 as shown in Fig. 3, after which the bottom sections, C C, and auxiliary sections C' C' are folded away into the lid, so as to form the bottom of the same, as shown in Fig. 2. The corner-feet *g* are then replaced in position at 10 the corners of the body A, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, forming in this position protecting corner-strips for the trunk.

In this manner a convenient desk attachment to trunks is obtained.

15 Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The combination of a trunk-body having notched interior side strips, a lid having hinged bottom sections and auxiliary sections hinged 20 to the inner ends of said bottom sections, and a desk attachment consisting of folding leaves and hinged stays, said leaves being supported on the bottom and auxiliary sections and on the stays, substantially as set forth.

25 2. The combination of a trunk-body having interior notched side strips, a lid having hinged bottom sections and auxiliary sections pivoted to the inner ends of the bottom sections, folding leaves supported on the bottom and auxiliary sections, detachable stays bearing against

rests of the front leaf and into the notched strips of the body, and a hasp attached to the front leaf, substantially as described.

3. A folding desk attachment for trunks, 35 consisting of two folding leaves, an intermediate shorter piece hinged to one of said leaves, pivot-links connecting the ends of the intermediate piece with the other leaf, and detachable stays hinged to the front leaf, substantially as set forth. 40

4. The combination of a trunk-body having fixed pins in the side walls, a lid having bottom section hinged to the side walls of the lid, and auxiliary sections hinged to the inner 45 ends of the bottom sections, the bottom and auxiliary sections being connected by socket-holes to the fixed pins of the trunk-body, and a desk attachment consisting of a top leaf, an intermediate short piece, and hinged stays attached to the front leaf, said leaves being supported by the lid sections and stays, substantially as set forth. 50

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witness.

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