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ALPHABET BLOCK.

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FIG. 2.

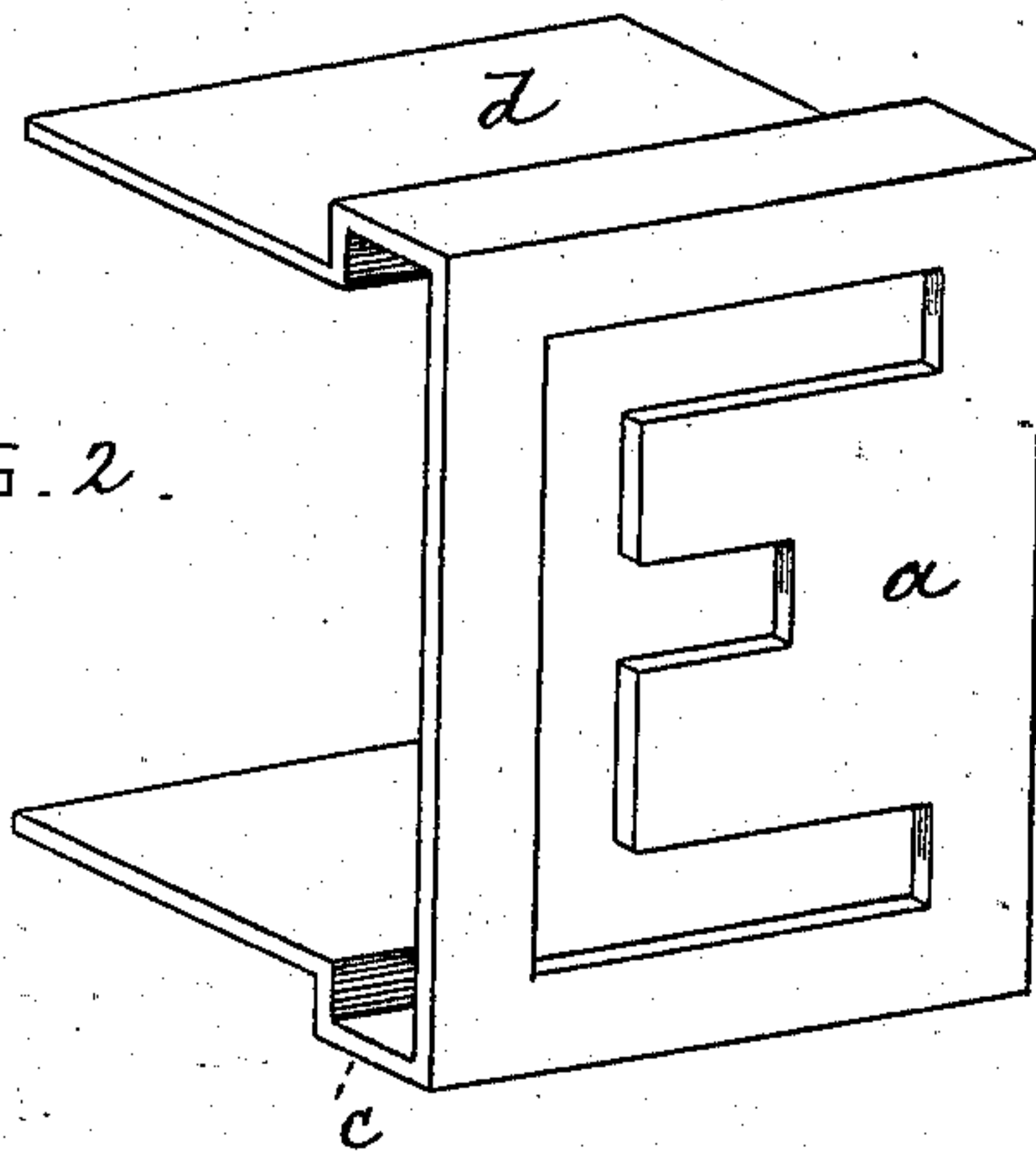
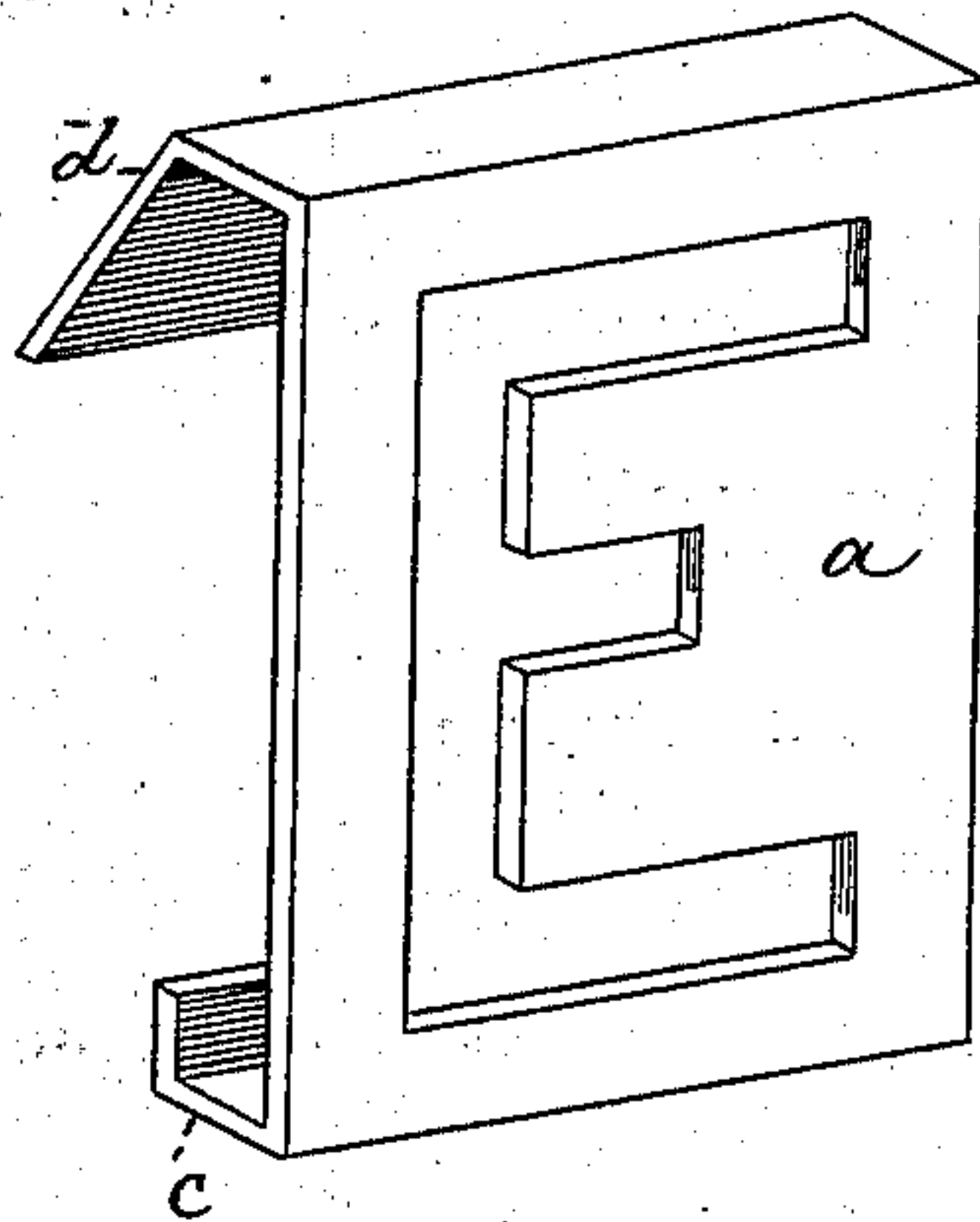


FIG. 1.



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## ALPHABET-BLOCK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DE WITT C. TAYLOR, of the city of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Alphabet-Block, of which the following specification is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to an improved alphabet-block to be placed upon a bulletin-board in schools, halls, and other places. The block is so constructed that it may be readily connected to a supporting-rack, and that a card may be secured to the block back of the face-plate.

To this effect the invention consists in the features of improvement hereinafter more fully pointed out.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an alphabet-block embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view of a modification.

With particular reference to Fig. 1, the letter *a* represents the face-plate of an alphabet-block, which is open or cut away to present the outline of an open letter. At the lower edge the plate *a* is provided with a backwardly-extending bottom-piece, *c*, which is bent up-

ward, as shown, to constitute a seat for a card. At the top a flange, *d*, is formed, which is first bent backward and is then inclined downward. The card is slipped between the horizontal portions of the top and bottom pieces, while the inclined portion of flange *d* serves to suspend the block over the supporting-rail.

The construction shown in Fig. 2 is the same as that shown in Fig. 1, with the exception that the top and bottom pieces, *c d*, are bent first in a horizontal direction then toward each other, and then again in a horizontal direction. The chamber thus formed directly back of plate *a* serves to receive the card-board, while the two outer wings of the flanges *c d* are slipped below and above the edges of the supporting-rail to hold the block in place.

I claim as my invention—

As a new article of manufacture, an alphabet-block having open-face plate *a* and backwardly-extending flange *c*, adapted to receive a piece of card-board, and means for holding the block to a rack, substantially as specified.

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