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Fig. 1.

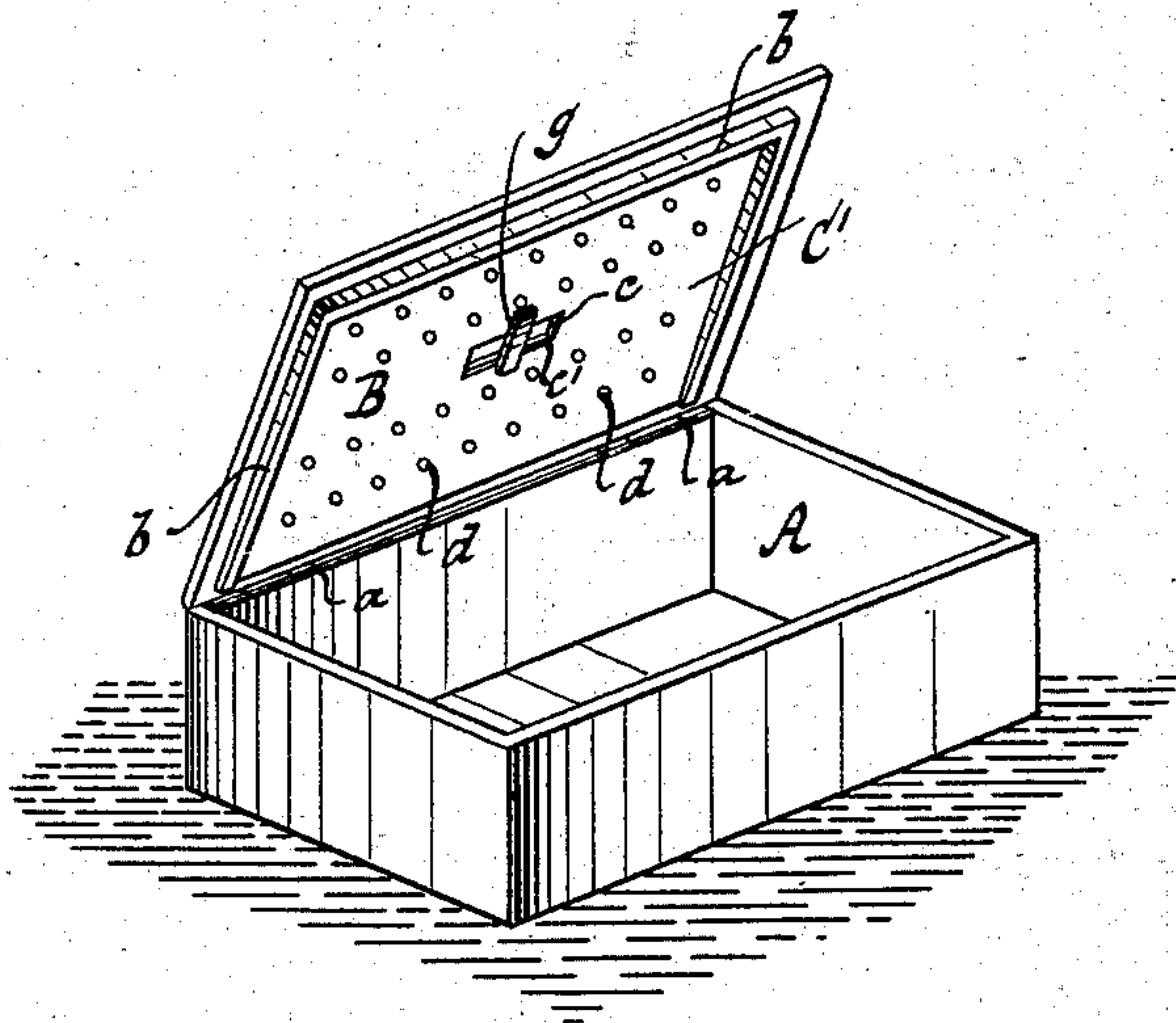


Fig. 3.

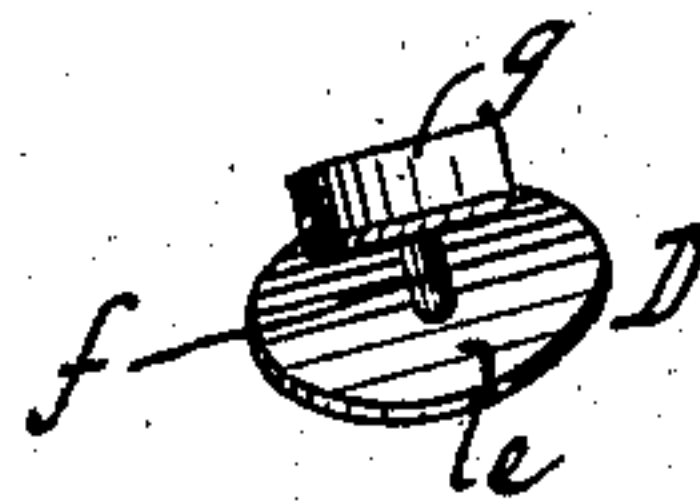
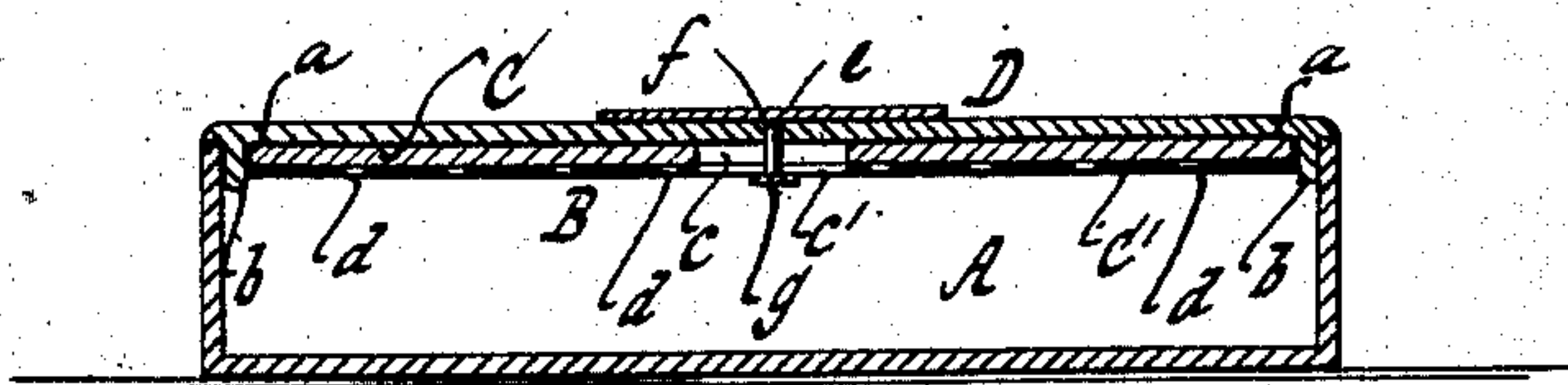


Fig. 2.



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## TOBACCO-BOX.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM DEMUTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in boxes designed for the purpose of keeping the cigars, snuff, or tobacco contained therein in a fresh and moist state; and it consists in the combination of devices hereinafter described and claimed, reference being made to the accompanying drawings illustrating my invention, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved box. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective of the catch.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

In the drawings, the letter A designates a box or case of any suitable size and construction, the cover of which has a recessed portion, *a*, formed by the ridges *b* on said cover. B is the moistening-pad composed of a sheet of bibulous material, C, such as blotting-paper, which fits into the recess *a*, and is provided with a slot or hole, *c*, Fig. 2, and a metallic plate, C', preferably of zinc, which is provided with a large number of perforations, *d*, and a slot or hole, *c'*, similar to the slot or hole *c* in the sheet B. The metallic covering-plate C' is placed over the sheet C, and both are retained in position by the catch D, which consists of a head, *e*, a shank, *f*, rigidly secured thereto, and a shoe, *g*. The shank *f* of the catch extends through the cover and through the slots or holes *c c'* in the sheet and covering-plate, the head *e* resting on the outside of the cover, and the shoe *g'* extending across the slots, which, in the example shown in the drawings, are rectangular. The catch is not rigidly secured to the cover, but can be rotated by means of the head so as to bring the

shoe *g* coincident with the slots, in order that the pad can be easily removed when the sheet C becomes dry.

I am aware that it is not new to use a moistening-pad in a tobacco-box or cigar-case, and therefore do not claim the same, broadly; but by comparing my pad with those heretofore in existence it will be seen that my pad, together with the catch for retaining the same in position, takes up so little room that the same can be applied to the smallest ordinary tobacco or snuff box.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with a box or case and a cover, of a sheet of bibulous material on the inside of the cover, and a catch having an exterior head and rotating in and extending through the cover and bibulous sheet, and having a shoe for confining the sheet in place, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with a box or case and a cover, of a sheet of bibulous material on the inside of the cover, a perforated covering-plate on the sheet, and a catch having an exterior head and rotating in and extending through the cover, the sheet, and the plate, and having an interior shoe, substantially as and for the purpose described.

3. The combination, with a box or case and its cover having the recess *a*, of the bibulous sheet, and the perforated plate lying in said recess and provided with slots or holes *c c'*, and the catch D, having a shank, *f*, which extends through the cover and the slots *c c'*, and is provided with a retaining-shoe, *g*, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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