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Fig. 1

Fig. 2

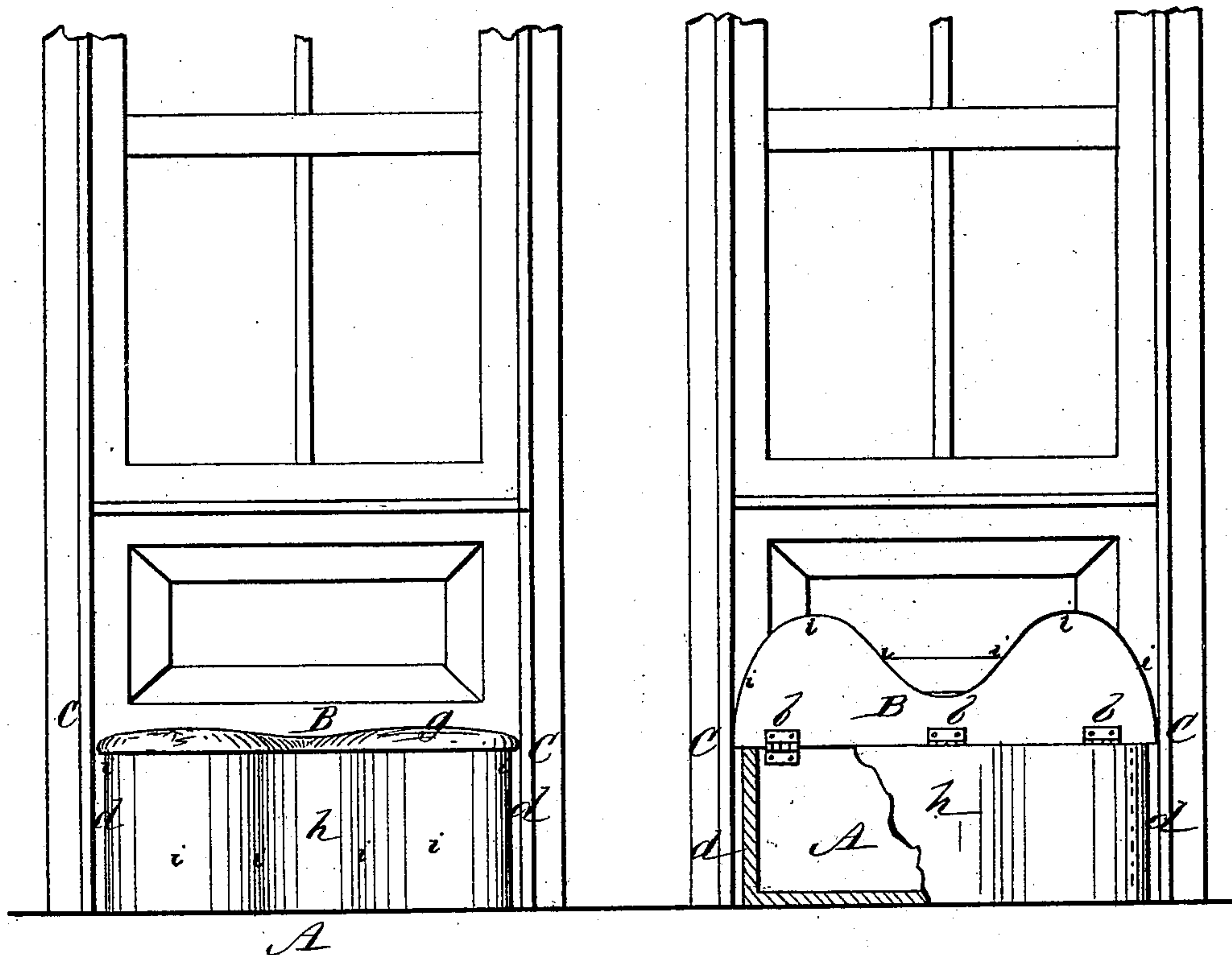
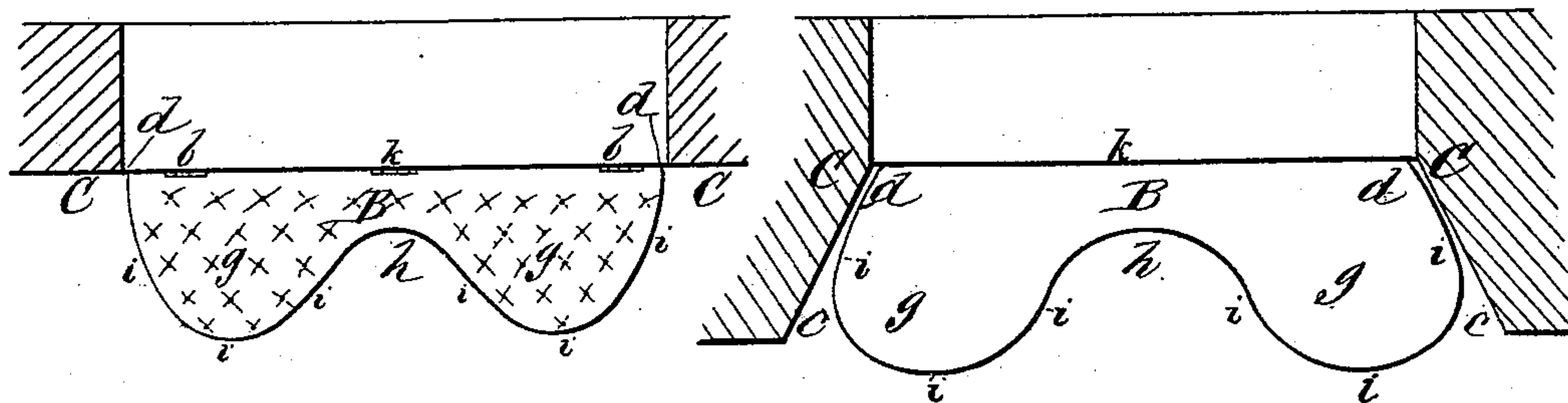


Fig. 3

Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. WETHERILL, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Window-Seat Boxes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists in a new and useful combined seat and box designed to be placed within a sitting or other room, against or immediately under the window, and in which the device not only forms a lidded box, in which articles of different kinds may be kept or stowed away, and also forms a seat for the occupant or occupants of the room, but in which both the box or body part and lid are specially constructed to make a double seat that may be occupied by two persons in different sitting positions relative to each other and the window with facility for their facing each other without twisting the body or straining any member of it, substantially as herein-after shown and described.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of a window-seat box embodying my invention and as applied to or immediately under a window, the box being represented as closed. Fig. 2 is a partly broken or sectional similar view showing the box with its lid thrown back or open; and Fig. 3 is a plan view of the device closed and showing its arrangement to the window-casing, which is represented in section. Fig. 4 is a similar view to Fig. 3, showing the device as adapted to a window-casing of special or different construction.

A is the body or box part of the device, and B its lid, which, in case of the device being used on the inside of a window the casing C of which is flush with the inside walls, as in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, or of a window which sits within a square recess in the wall, may be hinged in its rear to the box part, as at *b*. When the article, however, is designed to be used on the inside of a window the casing

C of which or opening in the wall for the window has flaring upright sides *c c*, as shown in Fig. 4, then the lid B may either be a detachable one, capable of being lifted on and off, or a sliding one along transverse ways on the end portions of the box part, the sides *c c* not admitting of a lid hinged in the rear then being used; but whether the lid be an attached or detachable one, or hinged or otherwise connected, is of no importance so far as the invention is concerned, nor yet whether the ends *d d* of the box part and lid form an approximately right-angular junction with the back edges of the box part and lid, as in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, or bend inward at their junction with said back edges, as shown in Fig. 4, to adapt them to the peculiarly-shaped window-casing shown in Fig. 4; but in each and every case the window-seat box is composed of a hollow lower body or box part, A, the front of which may be of pronounced undulating profile, it having a deep intermediate recess, *h*, down its front, thereby exposing six distinct sides, *i i*, in advance of its straight back *k*, and of a lid, B, of corresponding configuration on its front and side marginal portions, whereby the entire seat is made to form two independent sittings, on which two persons may sit either with their backs to the window or sidewise relatively thereto, so as to face each other without twisting the body or straining any member of it; or, when desired, sidewise, with their backs opposite one another, and so that in each sidewise position relatively to the window the occupants of the twin seat may, if reading, receive the full benefit of the light from the window without obstruction by their persons. In this way the whole structure not only forms a box or convenient repository for various articles, but a twin seat and vis-à-vis or tête-à-tête of an improved or superior description.

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

1. The within-described window-seat box, the same consisting of a hollow lower body or box part, A, having an intermediate recess, *h*, down its front, exposing six distinct sides,

i i, in advance of its back *k*, and of a lid, B, of corresponding configuration on its front and side marginal portions, the whole forming a many-sided twin window-box seat adapted
5 to be used as a vis-à-vis seat when desired, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a combined window seat and box, the hollow body or box part A and its lid B constructed to form a vis-à-vis or twin seat, *g g*,

having an intermediate recess, *h*, and adapted 10 to accommodate two persons either with their backs to the window or in different sidewise positions relatively thereto and facing each other, essentially as shown and described.

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