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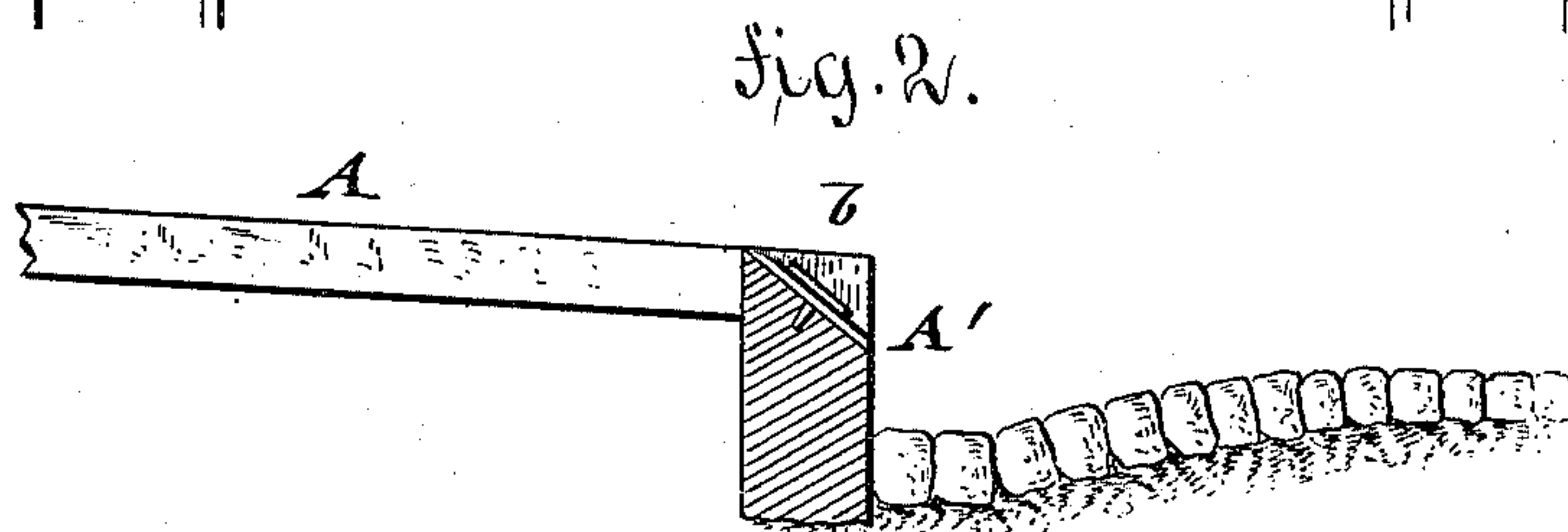
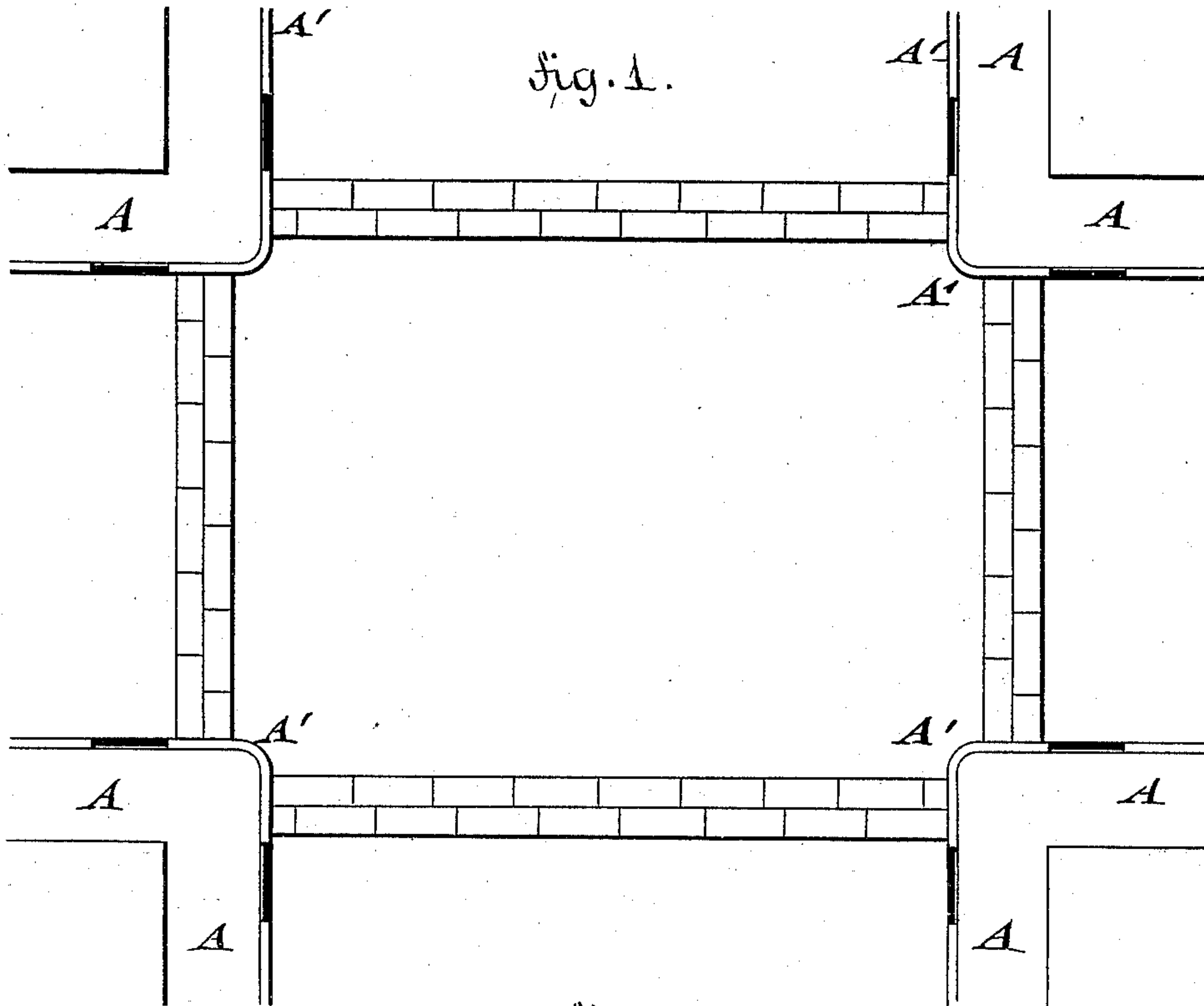
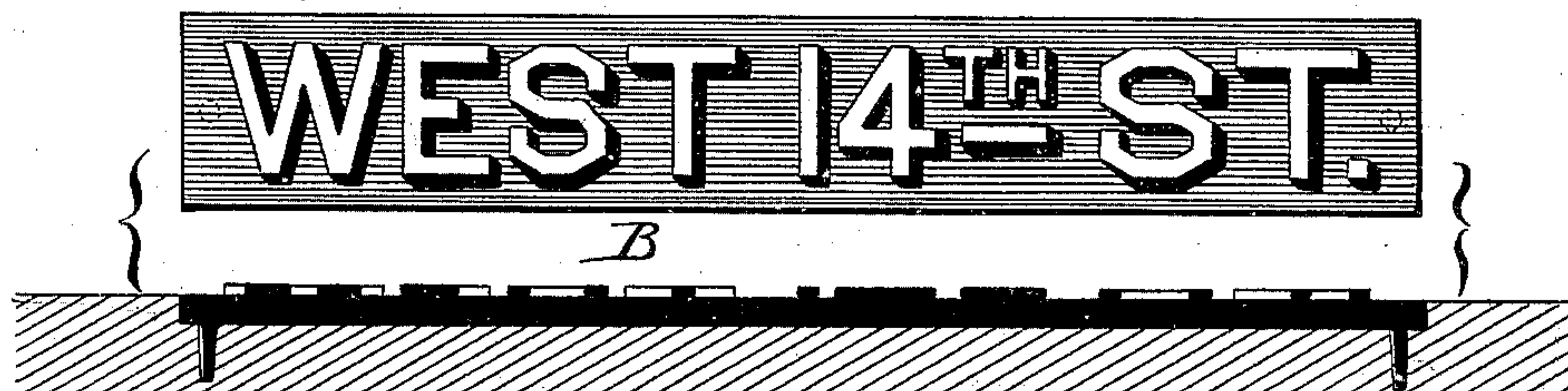


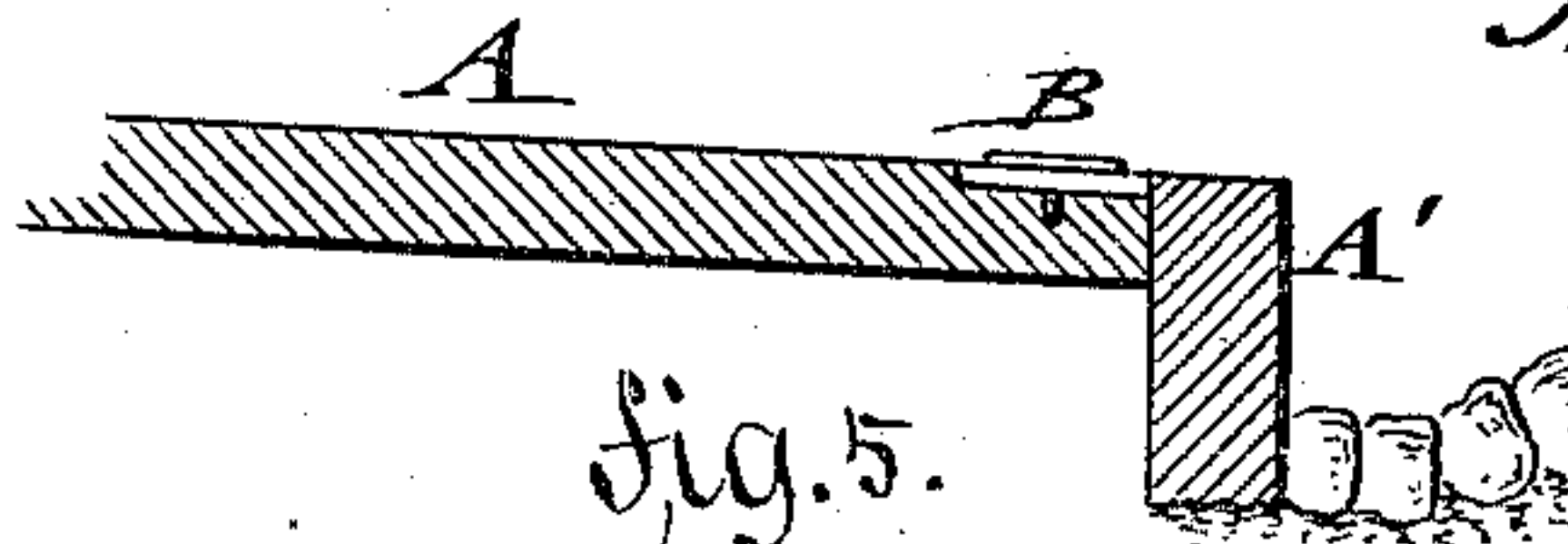
fig. 3.



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fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS F. ADAMS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Street-Signs, of which the following is a specification.

Heretofore it was customary to place the street-signs on gas-lamps and house-corners, where they could be seen conspicuously from the street and sidewalks. Since the introduction of the electric light for the illumination of streets the signs on the street-corners are illegible, owing to the dark shadows caused by the electric light, while the transparent signs on the gas-lamps, which were of great convenience to pedestrians or persons riding in the cars, are entirely useless and in most cases removed with the lamps.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved sign for streets, lanes, and avenues, &c., by which not only pedestrians, but also those traveling in vehicles, are enabled to read easily the names of the streets with great facility at any time of the day or night, whatever be the character of the illumination; and the invention consists of the combination, with the sidewalk or curbstone, of sign-plates set into depressions of said sidewalk or curbstone, said sign-plates being provided with means for attaching them to the sidewalk or curbstone, so that they can be readily removed for repairs or renewal.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a plan of an intersection of two streets, showing the arrangement of my improved street-signs. Figs. 2 and 5 are detail vertical transverse sections of the sidewalk and curbstone, showing the street-sign applied to the curbstone and sidewalk, respectively; and Figs. 3 and 4 are a top view and vertical section of the street-sign drawn on a larger scale.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A A represent the sidewalks at the corners of two streets, and A' A' the curbstones of the same. Into straight or inclined recesses of the sidewalks or curbstones are embedded and attached sign-plates B B, made of wood, iron, brass, or other material, and provided with raised or open

letters indicating the name of the street or avenue. Each sign-plate B is provided at its underside with tenons cast integral therewith, that are set into mortises of the pavement or curbstone and secured into the same by means of lead or other suitable fastening means.

If the sign-plates are used in connection with the curbstones A', it is preferable to cut a slanting recess, *b*, as shown in Fig. 2. The sign-plates B B are arranged sidewise of the crossings, so that they can always be seen by a person crossing the street or traveling in vehicles.

It is preferable to use eight sign-plates at the intersection of two streets, four for each street, which sign-plates are grouped in pairs at some distance from the corner of the sidewalk, near the crossing, as shown clearly in Fig. 1.

The letters of the sign-plates are painted in light colors, so as to admit the easy reading of the street names.

By thus arranging the signs at the intersection of the streets the names of the streets can be read off with great facility, by day or night, from the middle of the streets, the crossings, or sidewalks, whatever be the character of the illumination used for the streets.

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

1. The combination, with the sidewalks or curbstones, of street-signs embedded and attached into the same at one side of the street-crossings, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with a recessed sidewalk or curbstone, of a street-sign plate and means for securing the sign-plate into the recess, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, with the sidewalk or curbstone having an inclined recess, of a street-sign plate and means for securing the sign-plates into said recess, substantially as set forth.

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

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