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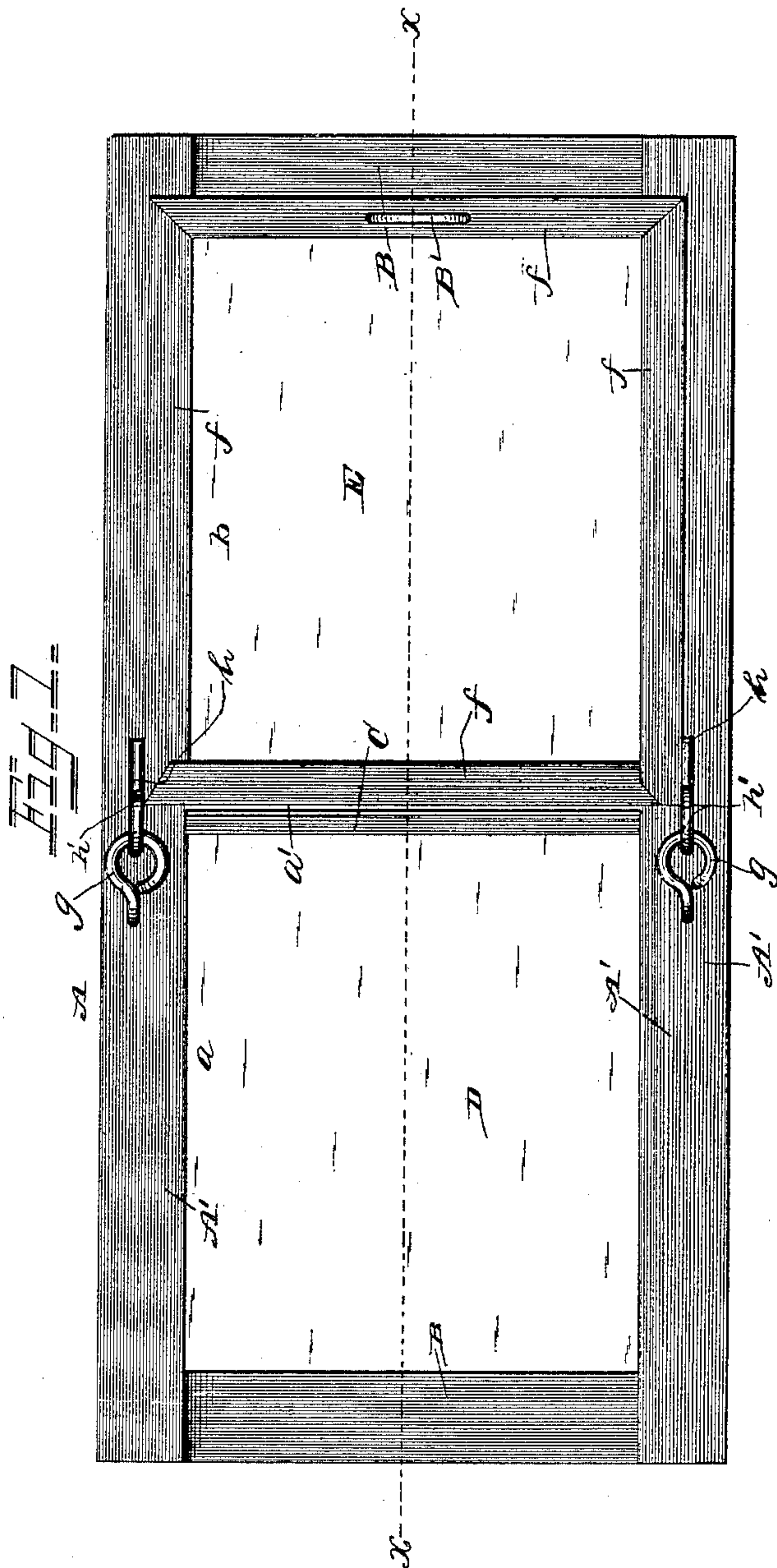
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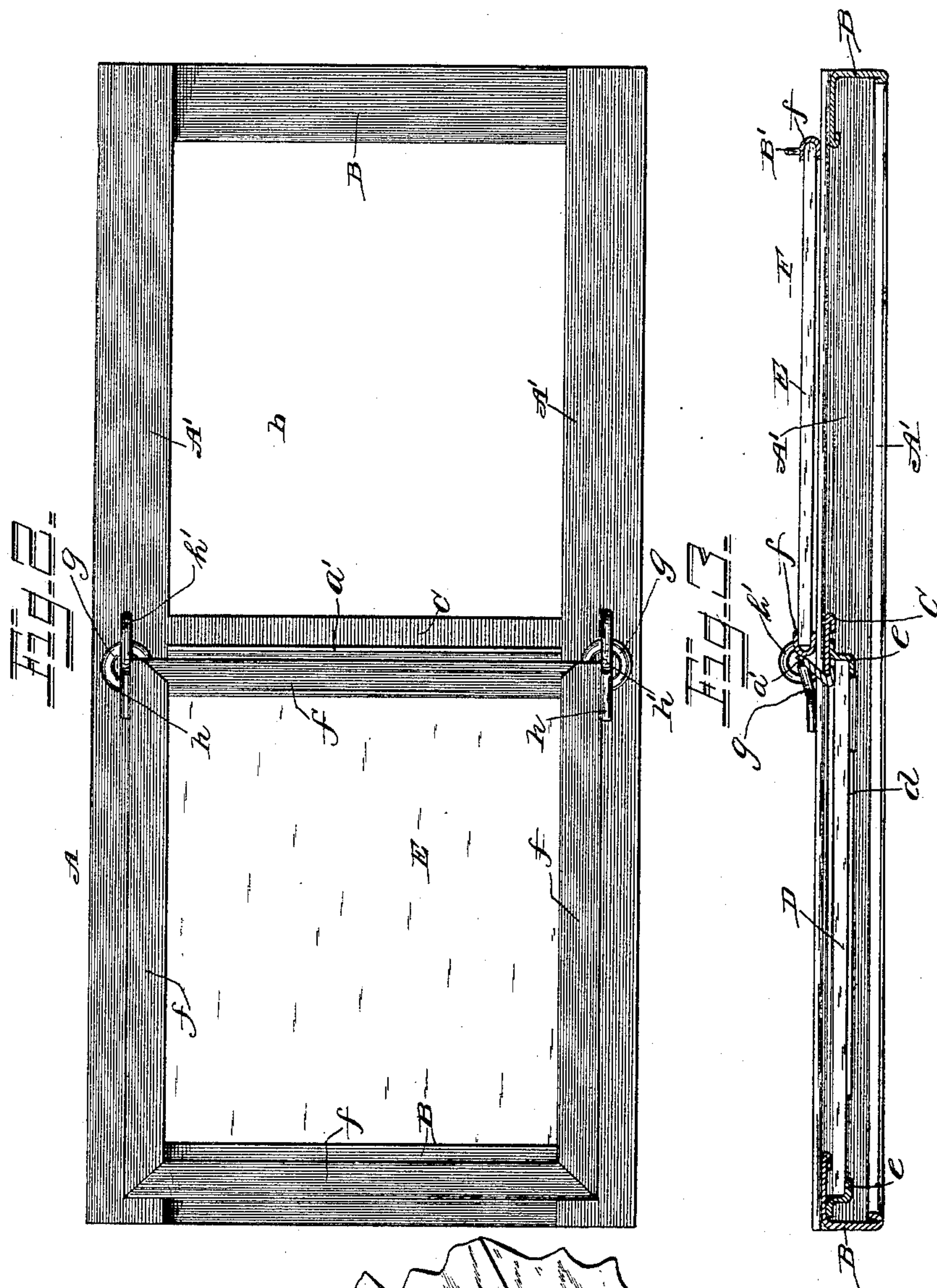
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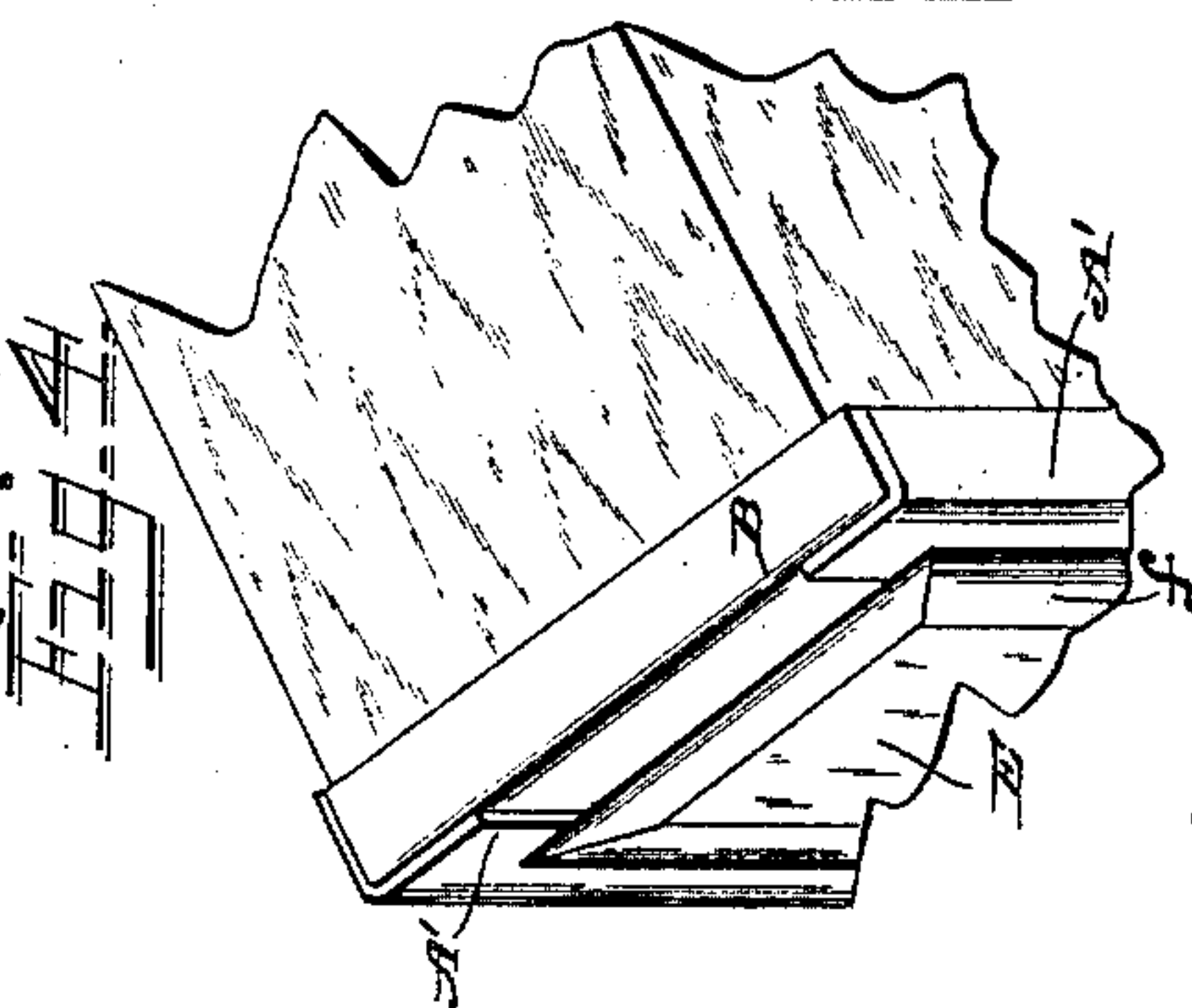
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE FERGUSON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Glidden, in the county of Carroll and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Show-Covers for Boxes, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to an improvement in box-covers for cracker and fruit boxes, &c.; and it consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of the parts, substantially as hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figures 1 and 2 are plan views, the latter being a plan view with the lid inverted. Fig. 3 is a section on the line *x x*, Fig. 1; and Fig. 4 is a detail view showing my invention as applied to a box.

The object of my invention is to provide a cover for fruit and cracker boxes, constructed of sheet metal and glass, to enable the contents of such boxes to be plainly visible where exposed for sale, to render such contents accessible from time to time as sold, and also to prevent injury thereof from exposure to atmosphere and insects.

In constructing box-cover A for fruit and cracker boxes, &c., I form the box-cover frame of longitudinal metallic strips A' in connection with the lateral strips B.

The longitudinal strips A' and the lateral strips B are both bent into right-angular form transversely, the edges of said strips being bent and turned under to present smooth edges.

The lateral strips B are inserted between the ends of the longitudinal strips A', and soldered thereto. The frame thus formed is divided into two sections, *a* and *b*, by the transverse metallic strip C, which is soldered to the longitudinal pieces A' intermediate of their length.

To the metallic strip C is soldered the dust-strip *a'*, the edge of which is turned up and fits flush against the rear edge of lid F, which prevents ingress of dust.

The glass D in section *a* is supported in position by means of the longitudinal metallic strips *d*, secured to the longitudinal pieces A', and the lateral strips *e*, which are soldered, one to the under side of the lateral strip B and the other to the metallic strip C, and said strips *d* and *e* are projected inwardly, as shown in Fig. 3.

The glass E of the lid is inclosed at each side by the metallic strips *f*, which are soldered together at their ends.

In hinging the lid to the box-cover, the rings *g* are soldered to the metallic strips A', as shown, and the wires *h* are in like manner secured, one to either edge of the lid, and these wires are projected through said rings and bent into eyes *h'*, which form hinges; but I do not limit myself to this precise method of hinging the lid to the box-cover.

To the center of the forward lateral strip B is secured by ordinary means the handle B', for convenient opening and closing of the lid.

Thus constructed, my box-cover may, by any ordinary means, be readily and rigidly secured to boxes of crackers, fruit, &c., exposed for sale, the ordinary cover being first removed, whereby the contents of such boxes are not only protected, as aforesaid, but also exposed for observation and inspection.

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

1. A box-cover consisting of a frame of longitudinal and lateral strips and a transverse metallic strip fixed to the longitudinal strips, and having a dust-strip, and arranged, as described, to divide the frame into two sections, one of the sections being provided with a glass, and the other section with a glass lid hinged between the two sections, all as set forth.

2. A box-cover consisting of a frame of longitudinal and lateral pieces divided into two sections by a metallic strip soldered to the longitudinal pieces, one of said sections being glazed and the other provided with a hinged glazed lid, the metallic strip being provided with a dust-strip, all substantially as shown and described.

3. The combination of the show-box-cover frame A, consisting of strips A' and B, with the glass D, strips *d* and *e*, supporting the glass, the hinged lid, and the strip C, having
5 dust-strip *a'*, substantially as shown and described.

4. In a box-cover, the combination of the angular metallic strips A' and the angular strips B, glass D, and the hinged lid, sub-

stantially as shown, and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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