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SAMPLE SHOW BOX.

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Fig. 1.

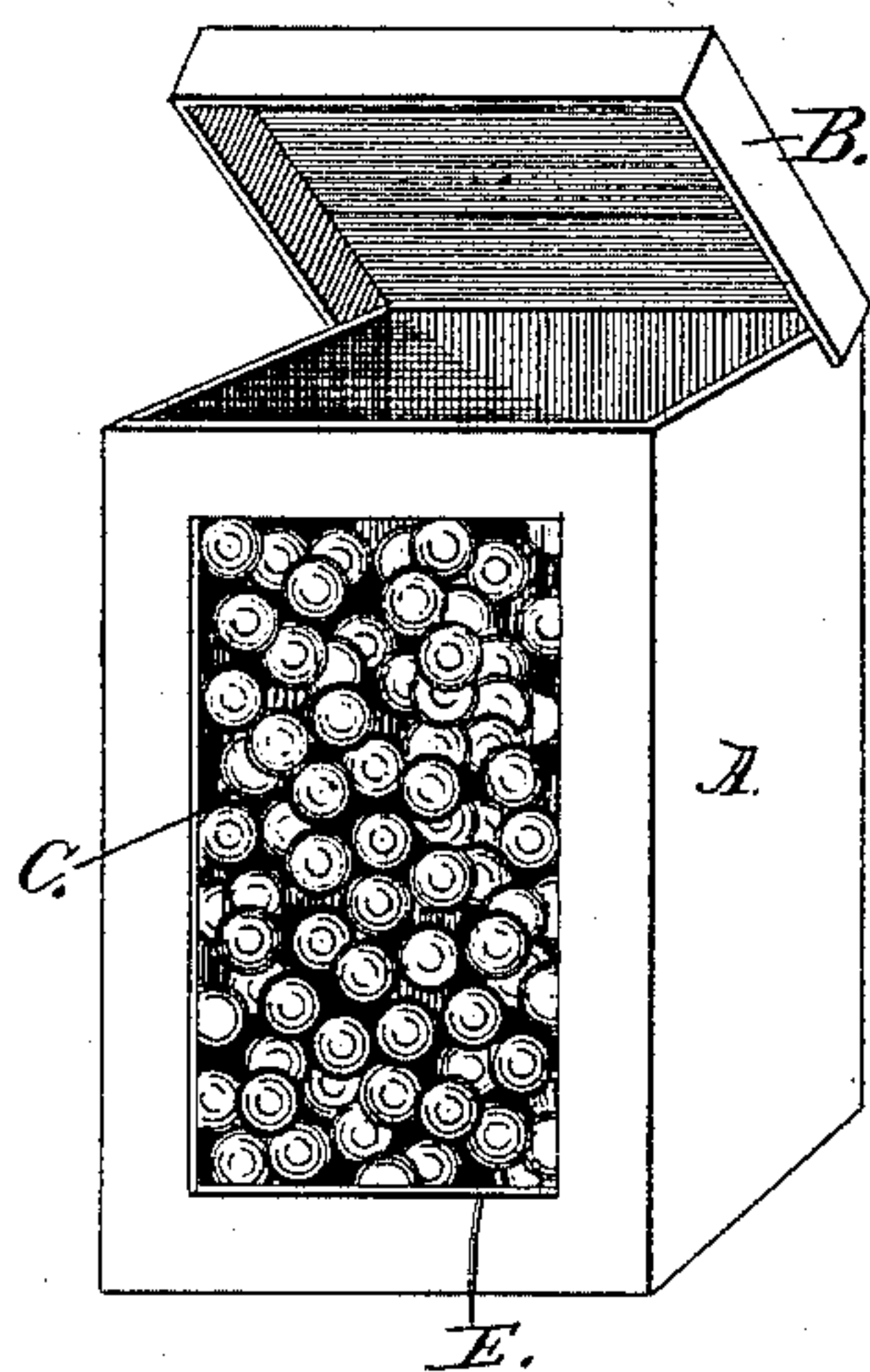


Fig. 2.

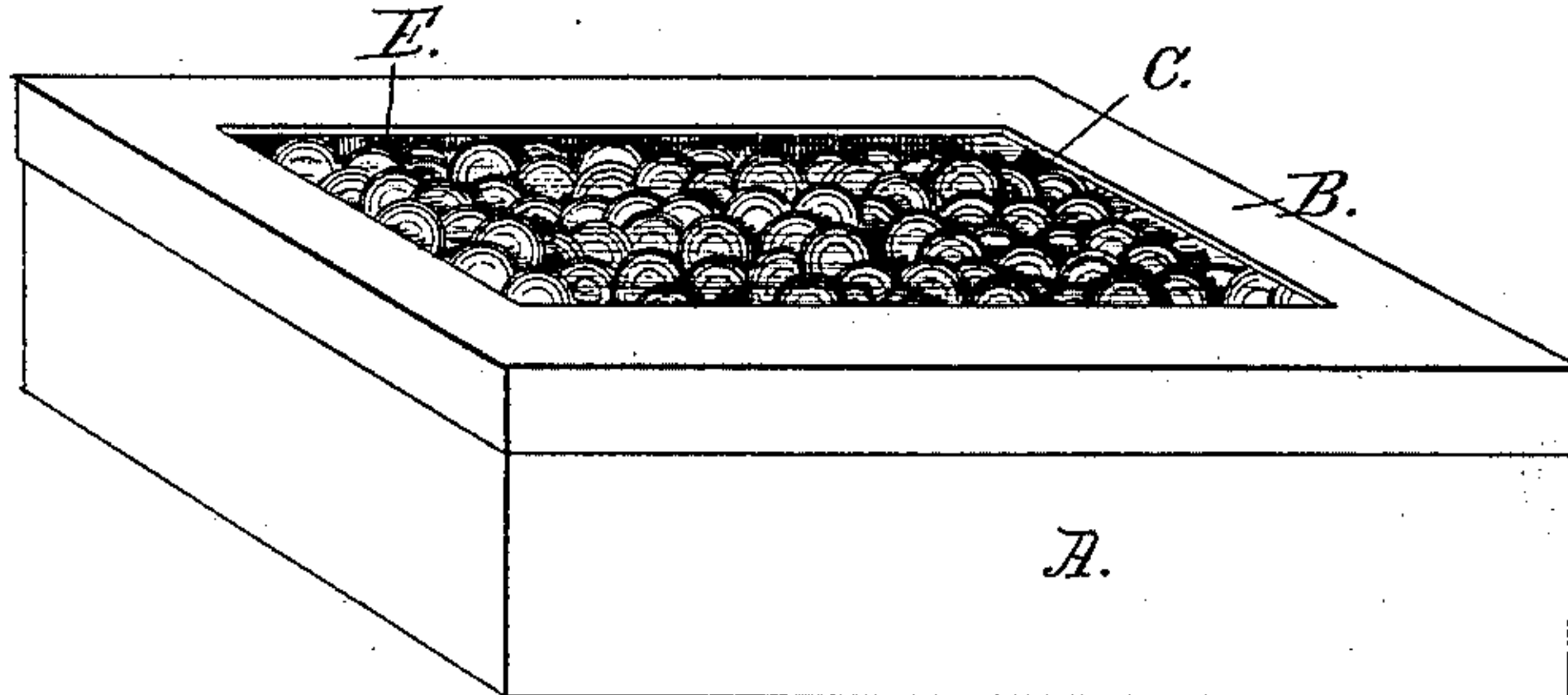


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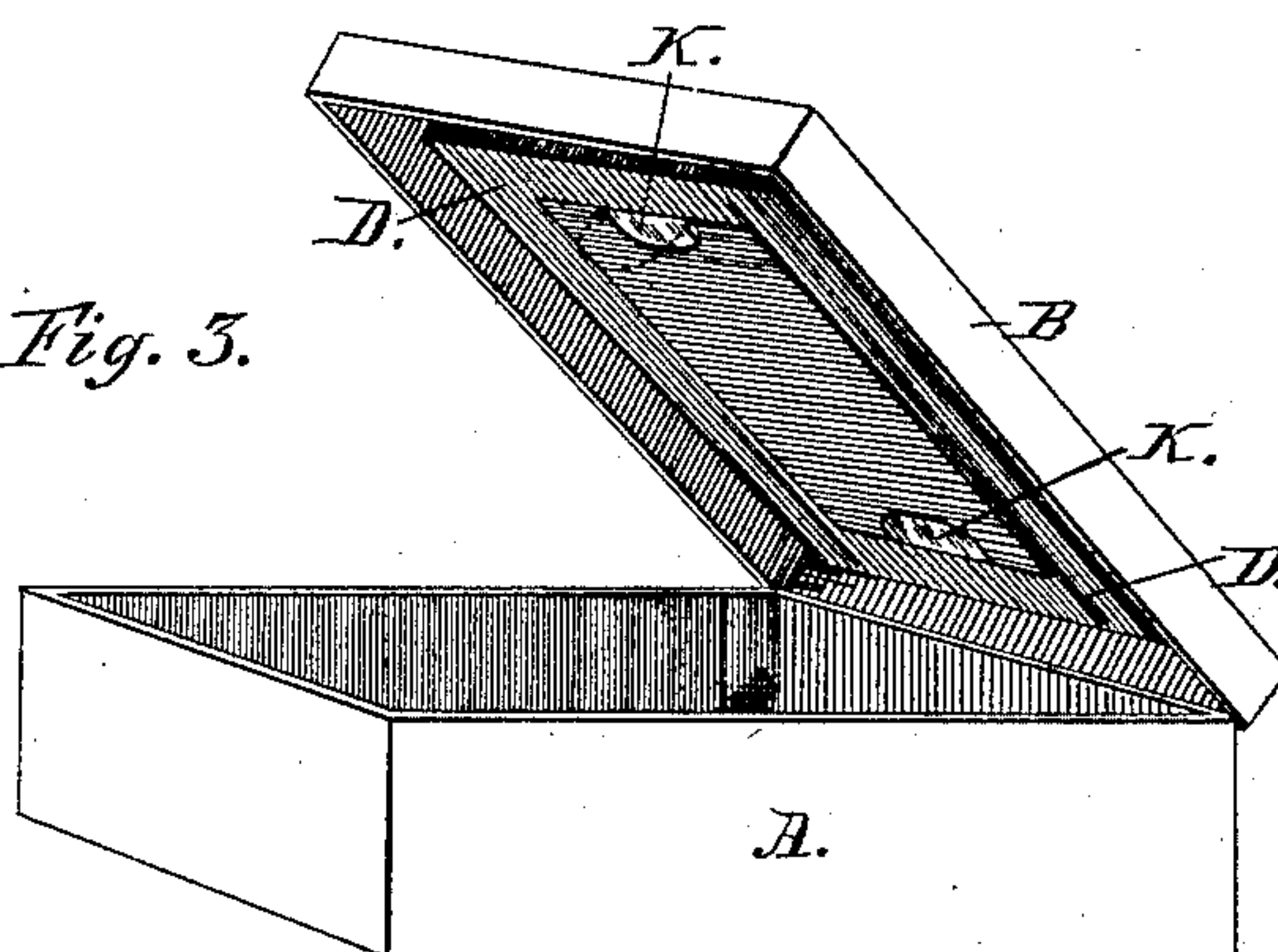


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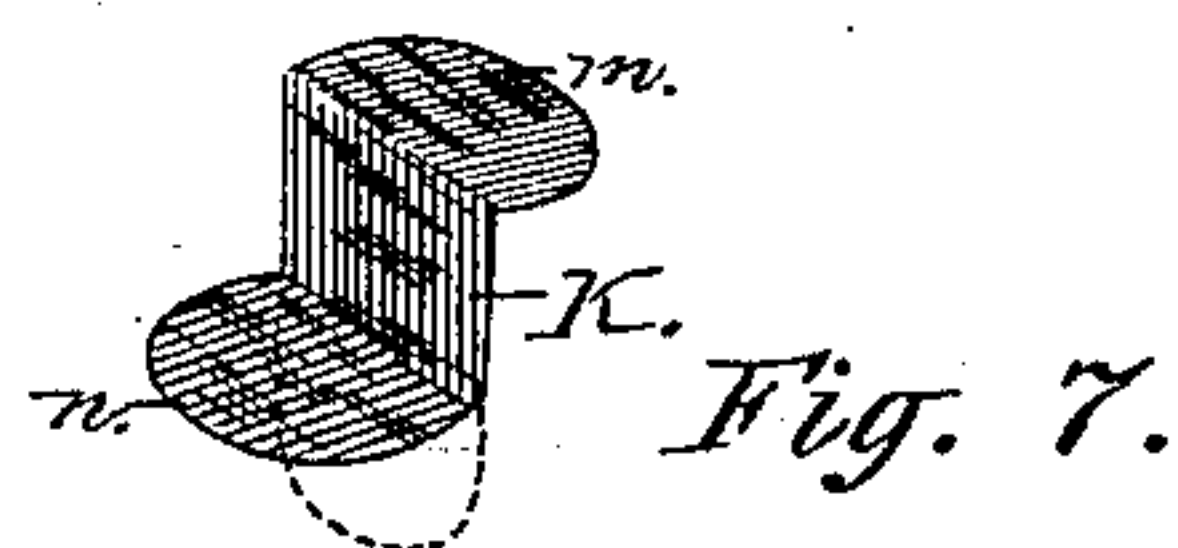
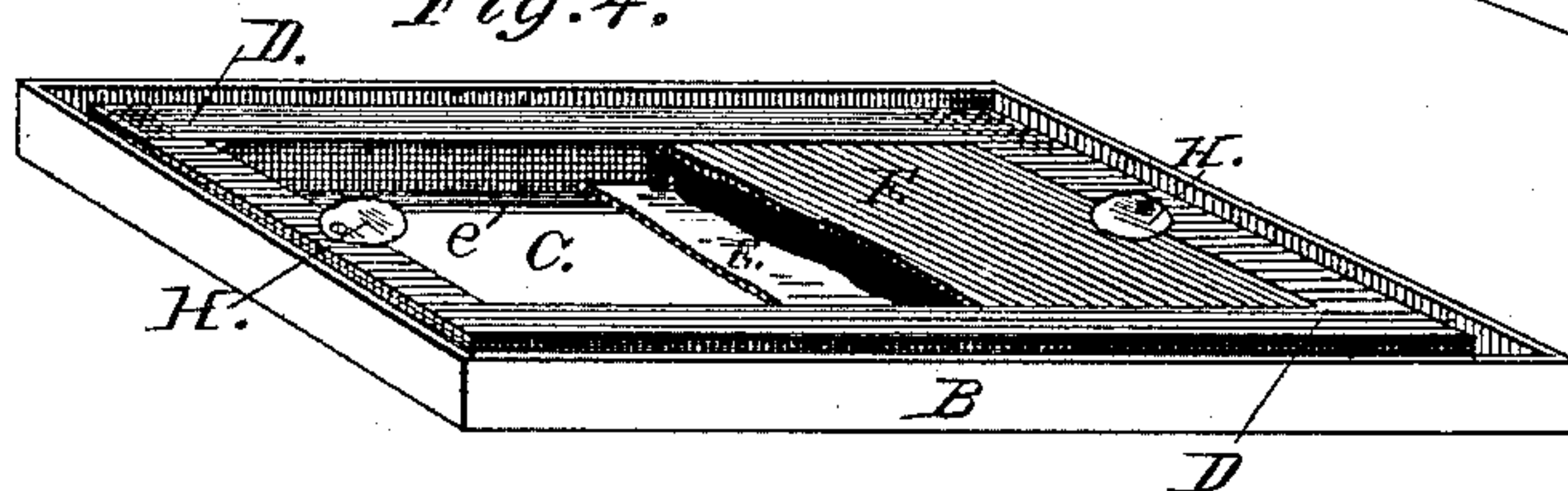


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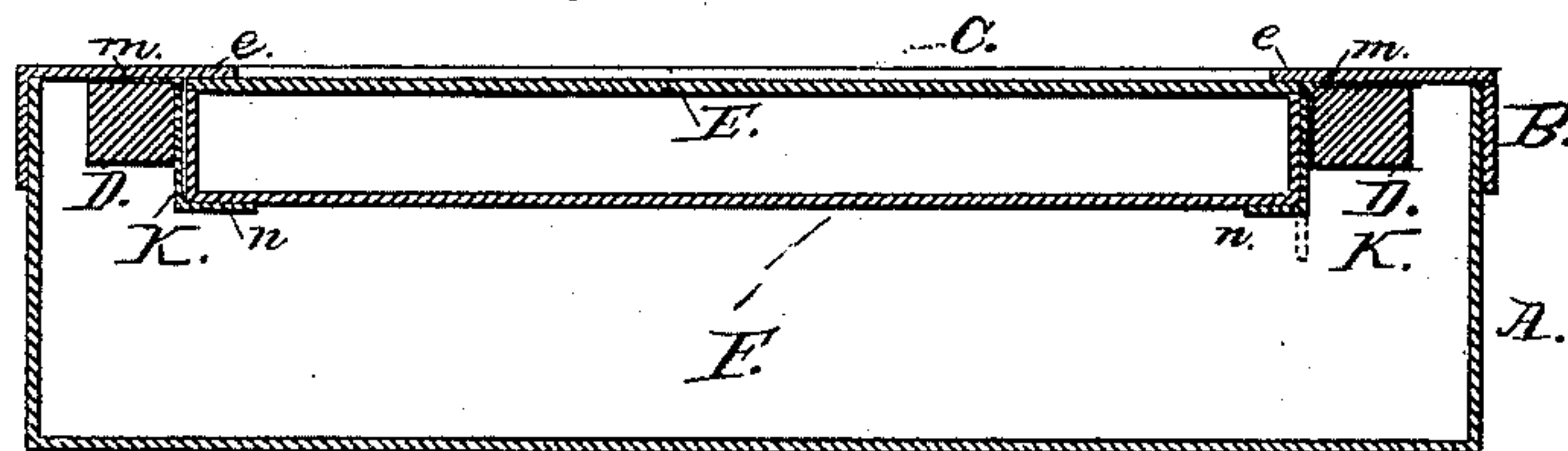
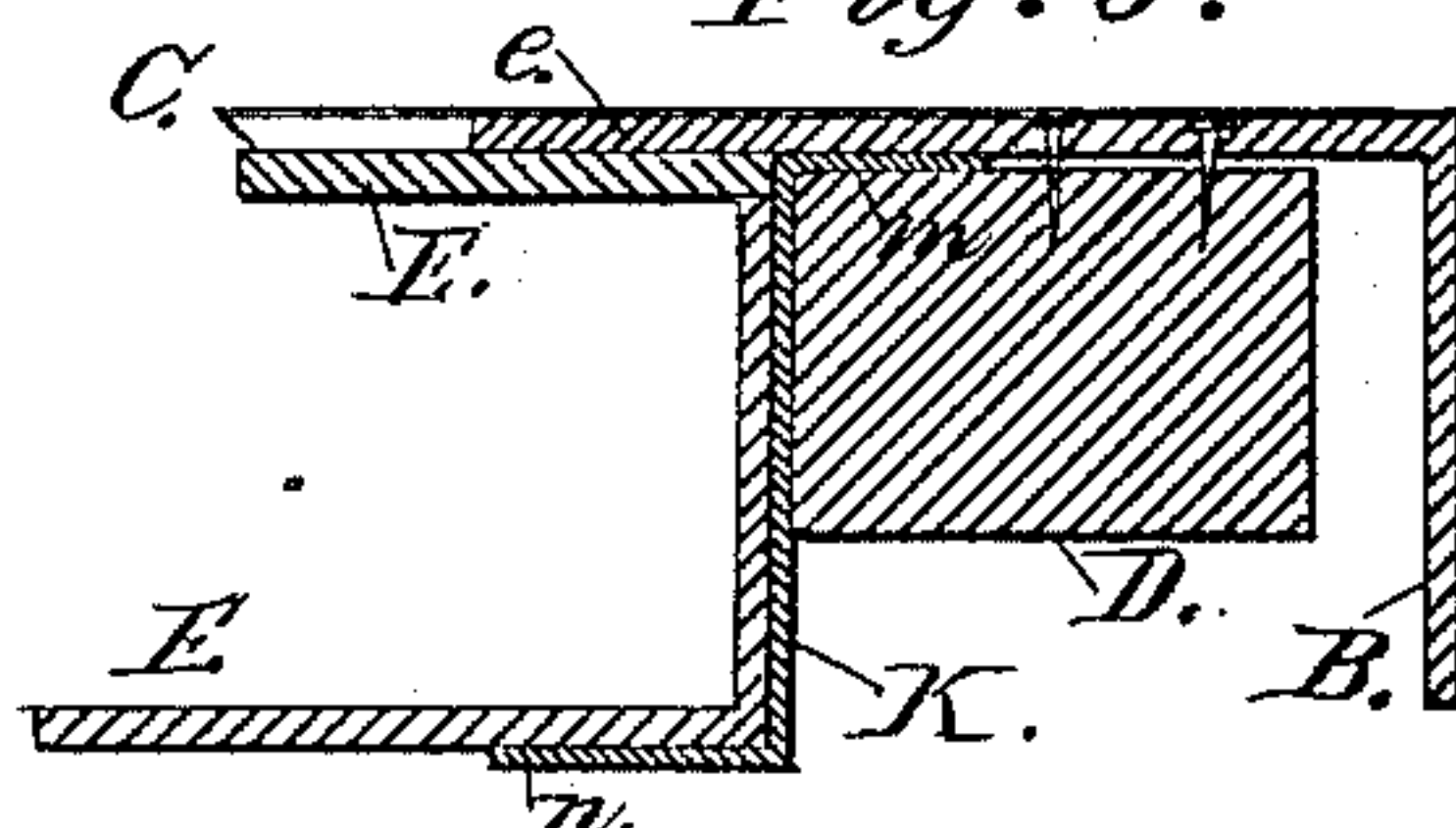


Fig. 6.



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## SAMPLE SHOW-BOX.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK R. BUCK, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Sample Show-Boxes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

My invention relates to the construction of show-boxes of paper or other light material with false sides or covers adapted to contain and exhibit samples of the goods which the box is designed to hold.

It has for its object the ready exhibit of samples in small quantities in as effective a manner as if a large stock were thus displayed, thereby avoiding the expense and loss attending the use of a large stock for the mere sake of appearance, or as an exhibit of the character and quality of the goods.

It consists in the combination, with the cover or with one side or face of the box and with a suitable opening cut out therein, of an offset formed to project on the inner side of the cover or box around the opening therein at such distance therefrom as to leave an intervening ledge or flange, and a shallow removable case or receptacle adapted to fit and be secured within the offset by detachable fastenings, and to confine thereby a pane of glass fitted upon the open face of the case.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation in perspective of a show-box having my improved sample-case fitted to one side thereof; Fig. 2, a similar view of a box having my sample-case fitted under the cover; Fig. 3, an elevation in perspective of the same box, Fig. 2, with its cover partly raised, showing the application of the sample-case thereto; Fig. 4, a view in perspective of the under side of the cover of the box illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3, with the inclosed case and its glass face partly broken away; Fig. 5, a central longitudinal vertical section of the box and case illustrated in Fig. 2; Fig. 6, a detached sectional view, on an enlarged scale, of one end of the cover and of the sample-case confined therein, and Fig. 7 a perspective view of one form of retaining device detached.

A represents a show-box of any approved style or pattern, and B its lid or cover.

A is an opening cut out in one side of the box, as in Fig. 1, or in the cover B, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3 to 6.

D, Figs. 3 and 6, is a frame of wood or other light material made somewhat larger than the opening C, and which is fitted against and firmly secured to the inner side of the box or cover to form an offset about the opening therein, and also stiffen and strengthen the box, so that it may support the receptacle to be attached thereto. As the inner dimensions of the offset or frame D exceed the dimensions of the opening C, a narrow flange or rim, *e*, (see Fig. 6,) is left between the frame and opening to encircle the latter, and serve as a support for a glass plate, E, which constitutes the cover of a shallow sample-case or receptacle, F, made to fit snugly inside of the offset. When the case F with its glass cover is of a depth exactly equal to that of the frame or offset D, it may be secured by means of simple catches H H, pivoted upon the outer face of the offset, as illustrated in Fig. 4; but to permit of a ready confinement of cases or receptacles of different depths I prefer to use for the purpose small pieces K of very thin sheet metal bent at a right angle at one end, as at *m*, Fig. 7, so that said end may be slipped in between the frame constituting the offset D and the box or cover, and the strip be left to project between the case and the offset (when the former is inserted within the latter) out far enough to permit its outer end, *n*, to be bent back over the edge of the case, as shown in Figs. 5, 6, and 7. With this fastening, which adapts itself to any depth of case, the case may be readily released for removal by simply bending and straightening up the outer bent end, *n*, of the fastener. (See dotted lines, Fig. 5.)

In the use of my invention the shallow case or receptacle F is filled with samples of the articles to be displayed and covered by the loose plate or glass E. It is then inserted within the offset or frame D encircling the opening in the box A or its cover B, so that the glass shall rest for support upon the marginal flange *e* inside of the offset, and is secured in place within the offset and under the



opening by means of the catches or fasteners H or K, in manner as described. The contents of the case will then be displayed through the opening in the box or cover as completely and  
5 with the same effect as though the box itself was filled with the goods sampled.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, with the walls or cover of a show-box having an opening therein and  
10 with an offset or frame, D, encircling said opening on the inner side of the box, and a marginal flange, e, left between the opening and the offset, of a glass-covered detachable receptacle, F, fitting closely within the offset  
15 to rest against and be supported by the ledge or flange, and thereby close the opening, substantially in the manner and for the purpose herein set forth.

2. The combination, with a show-box having

an opening in its walls or cover, an inner re- 20  
enforcing frame secured thereto to encircle said opening, and a detachable receptacle adapted to fit within said frame, of a detach-  
able fastening for said receptacle, consisting of  
25 a metallic strip, K, adapted to be inserted at one end between the frame and the box or cover and to pass between the frame and the  
inserted receptacle and be bent over the edge  
30 of the latter, substantially in the manner and for the purpose herein set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two  
subscribing witnesses.

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