

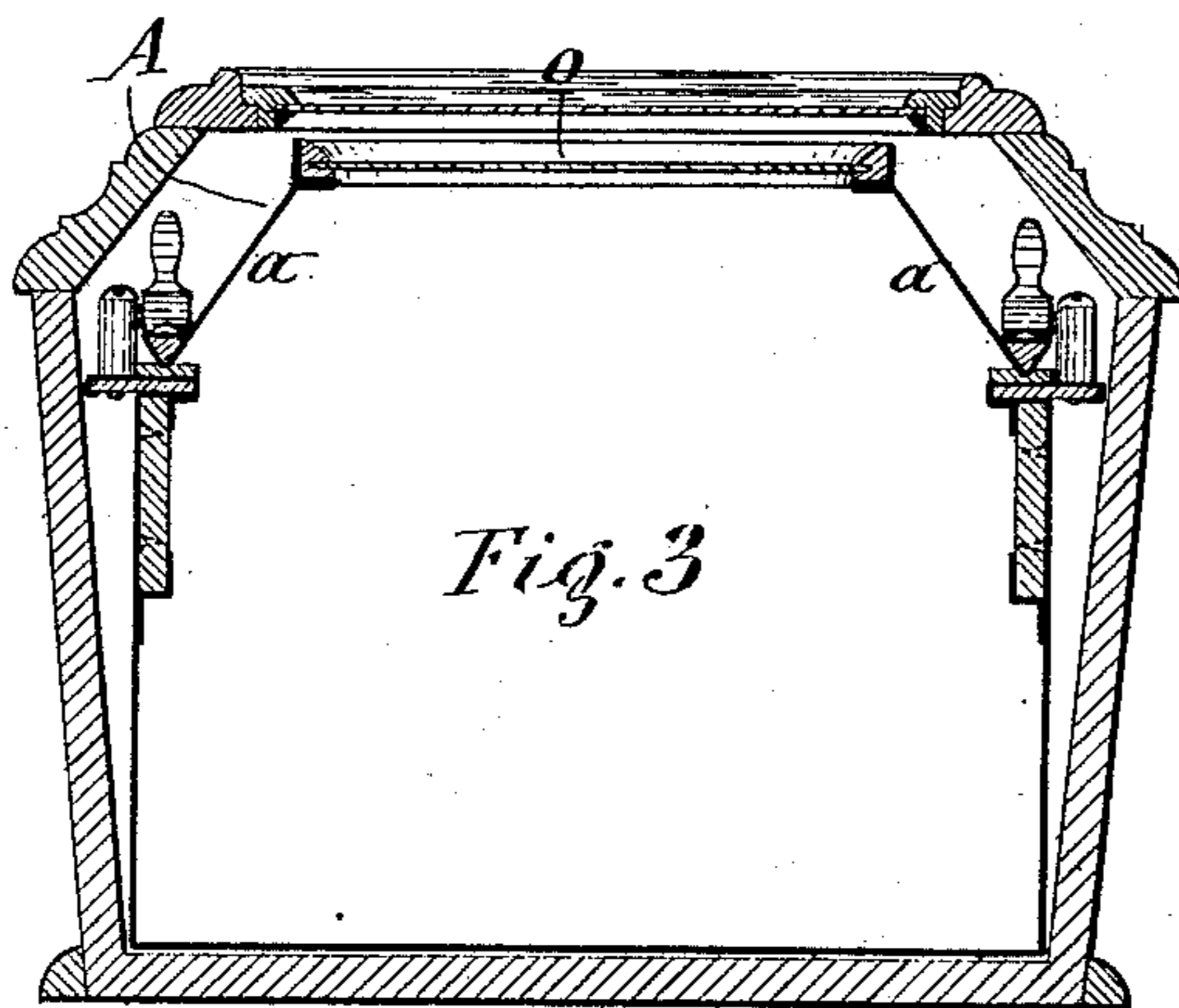
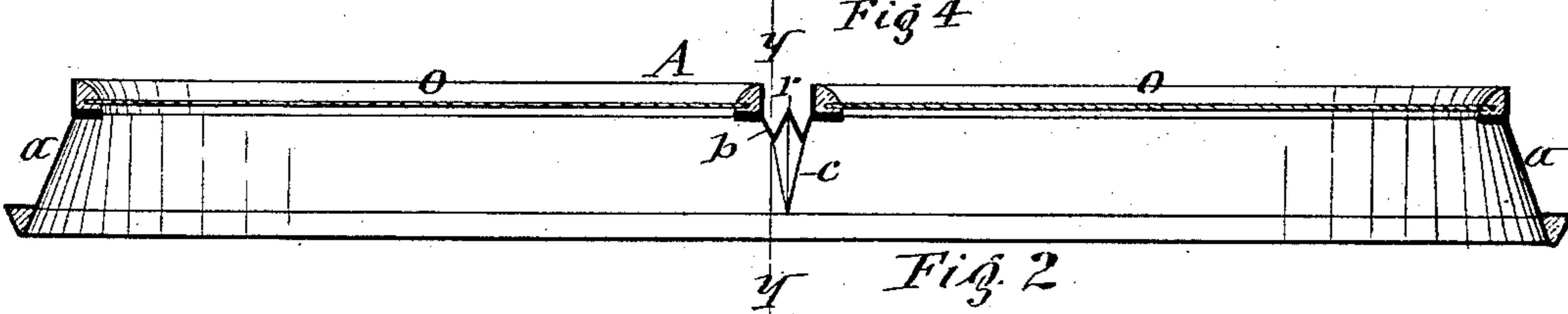
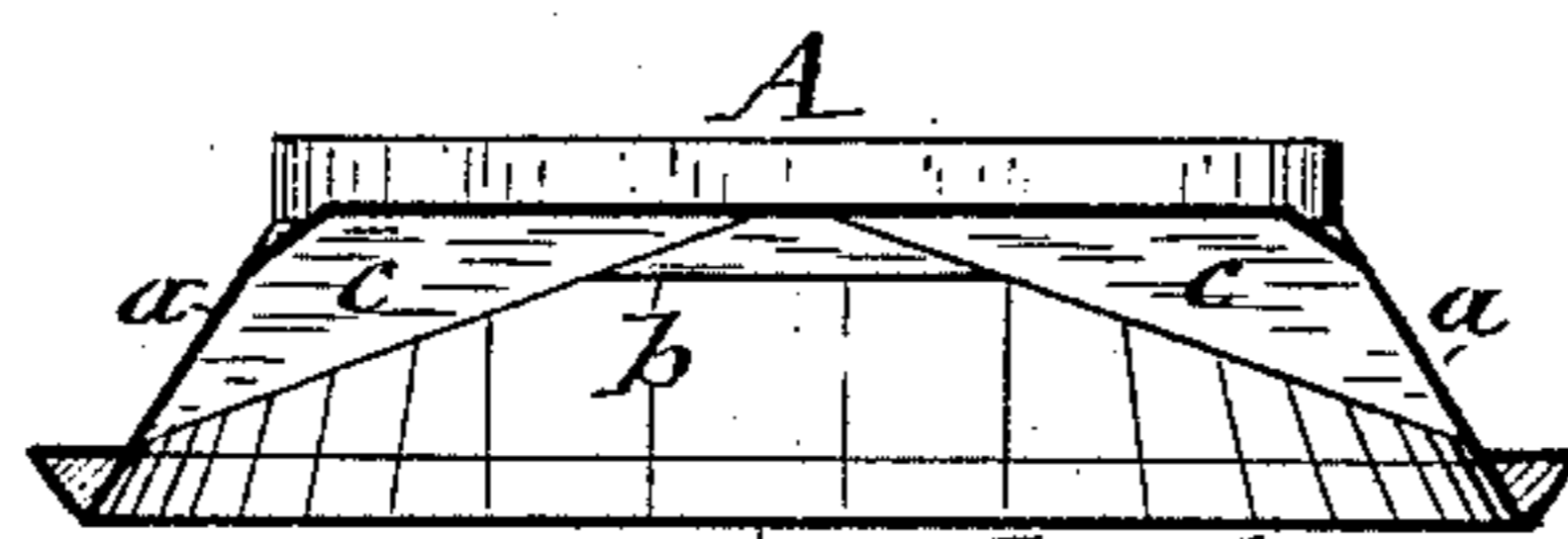
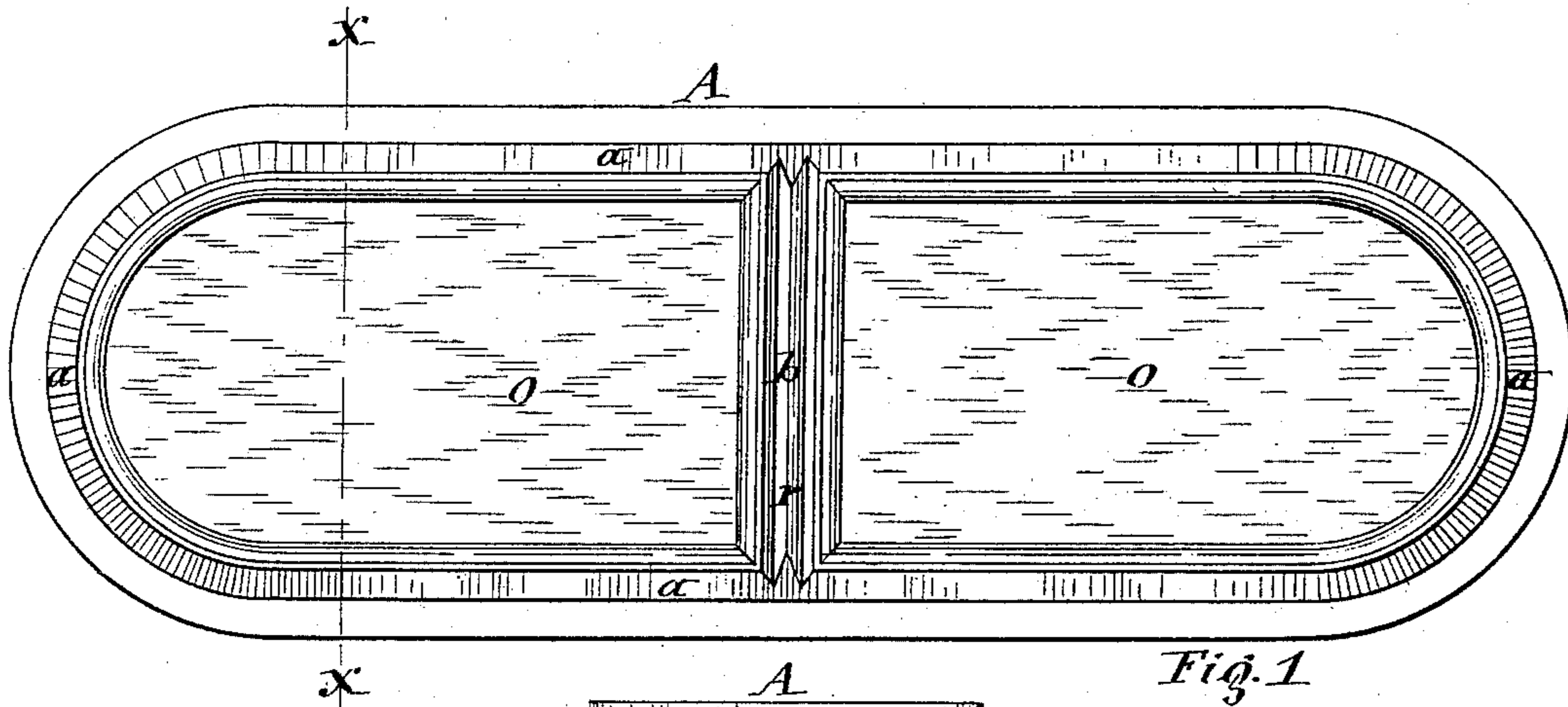
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN MAXWELL, of Oneida, in the county of Madison and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Metallic Burial-Caskets, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to burial-casket lids having two top openings for the reception of either removable glasses or supplemental lids, so that either end thereof may be used for the head of the casket; and the invention has special reference to lids of caskets composed of sheet metal.

The object of the invention is to thoroughly brace such lids across the center, so as to compensate for the weakening incident to the aforesaid openings; and to that end the invention consists in a novel construction of the cross-tie between the openings in the lid, and also in the combination, with said cross-tie, of braces secured to the under side of the lid, as hereinafter fully described, and specifically set forth in the claims.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a top plan view of a metallic burial-casket lid embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of said lid. Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse section on line *x x*, Fig. 1, including the wooden casket inclosing the metallic casket; and Fig. 4 is a transverse section of the lid on line *y y*, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the lid of the metallic casket, said lid being formed of sheet metal and with a raised top and sloping sides and ends, as shown at *a a*. The top of this lid is formed with two openings, *o o*—one at each end—and around the edges of said openings are formed rabbets, to serve as seats for panes of glass which close the openings.

Between the openings *o o* is the cross-tie *b*, extending from the top of one of the sloping sides of the lid to the top of the opposite sloping side. This cross-tie is necessary to stay

the aforesaid sides of the lid, and in order to impart to it the requisite stability I re-enforce the same by a rib or ribs, *r*, struck up from said cross-tie and extending lengthwise thereof, which ribs stiffen the cross-tie, so as to prevent deflections of the center thereof; and to the under side of the lid I secure braces *c c*, extending from the sides of the lid to the cross-tie, as illustrated in Fig. 4 of the drawings, which braces impart additional stiffness to the cross-tie *b*, and at the same time also brace the sloping sides of the lid, so as to maintain them at the requisite angle of inclination.

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

1. A metallic burial-casket lid formed with top openings at both ends, and with an intermediate cross-tie re-enforced by ribs struck up from said cross-tie and extending lengthwise thereof, substantially as described and shown.

2. A metallic burial-casket lid formed with a raised top and sloping sides and ends, and with openings in both ends of said top and a cross-tie between said openings re-enforced by braces secured to the under side of the lid and extending from the sides to the cross-tie, substantially as set forth and shown.

3. A metallic burial-casket lid formed with a raised top and sloping sides and ends and openings in both ends of said top, and a cross-tie re-enforced by ribs struck up from said cross-tie and by braces secured to the under side of the lid and extending from the sides thereof to the cross-tie, substantially as described and shown.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal, in the presence of two attesting witnesses, at Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, this 2d day of April, 1886.

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