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fig. 1.

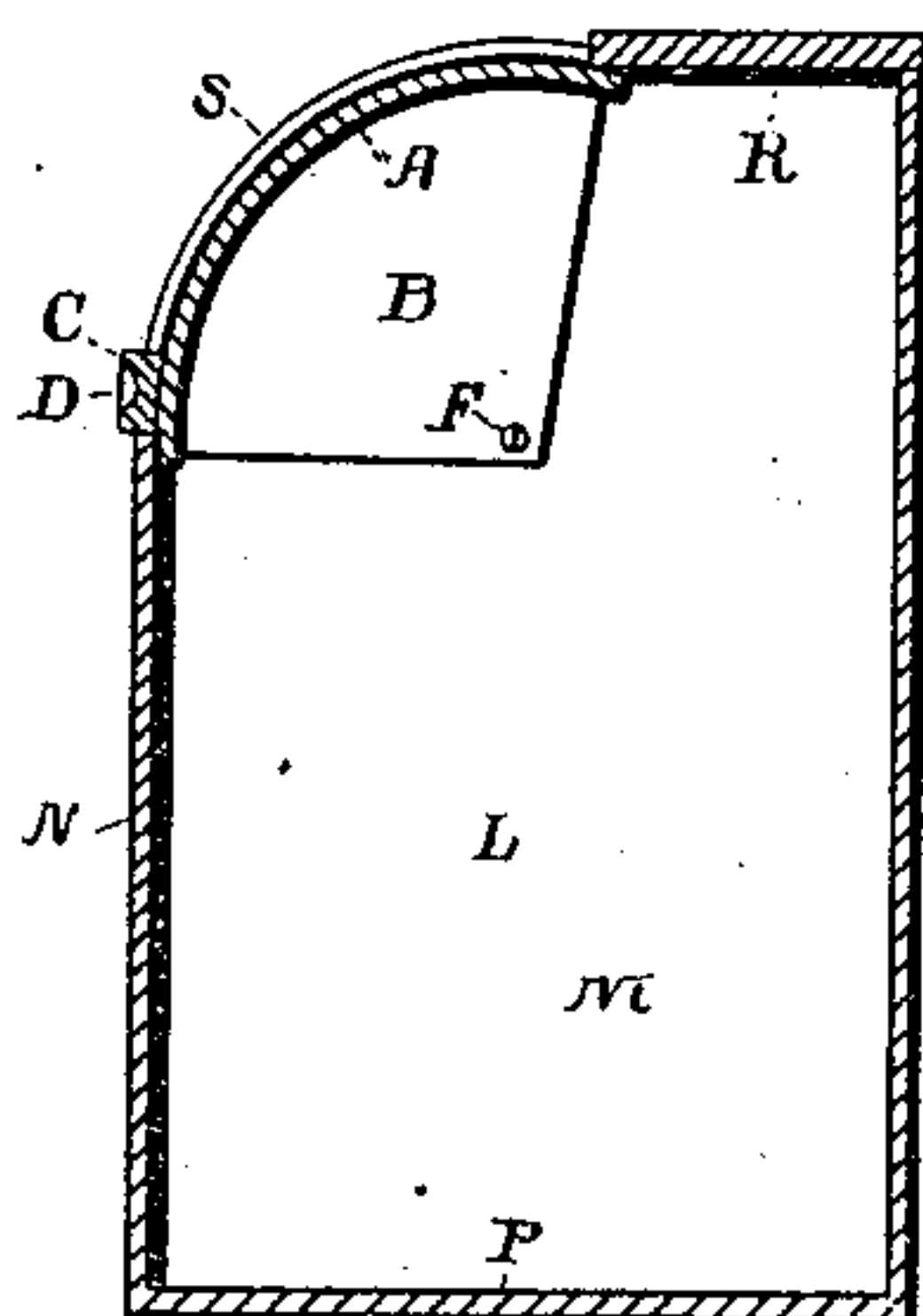


fig. 2.

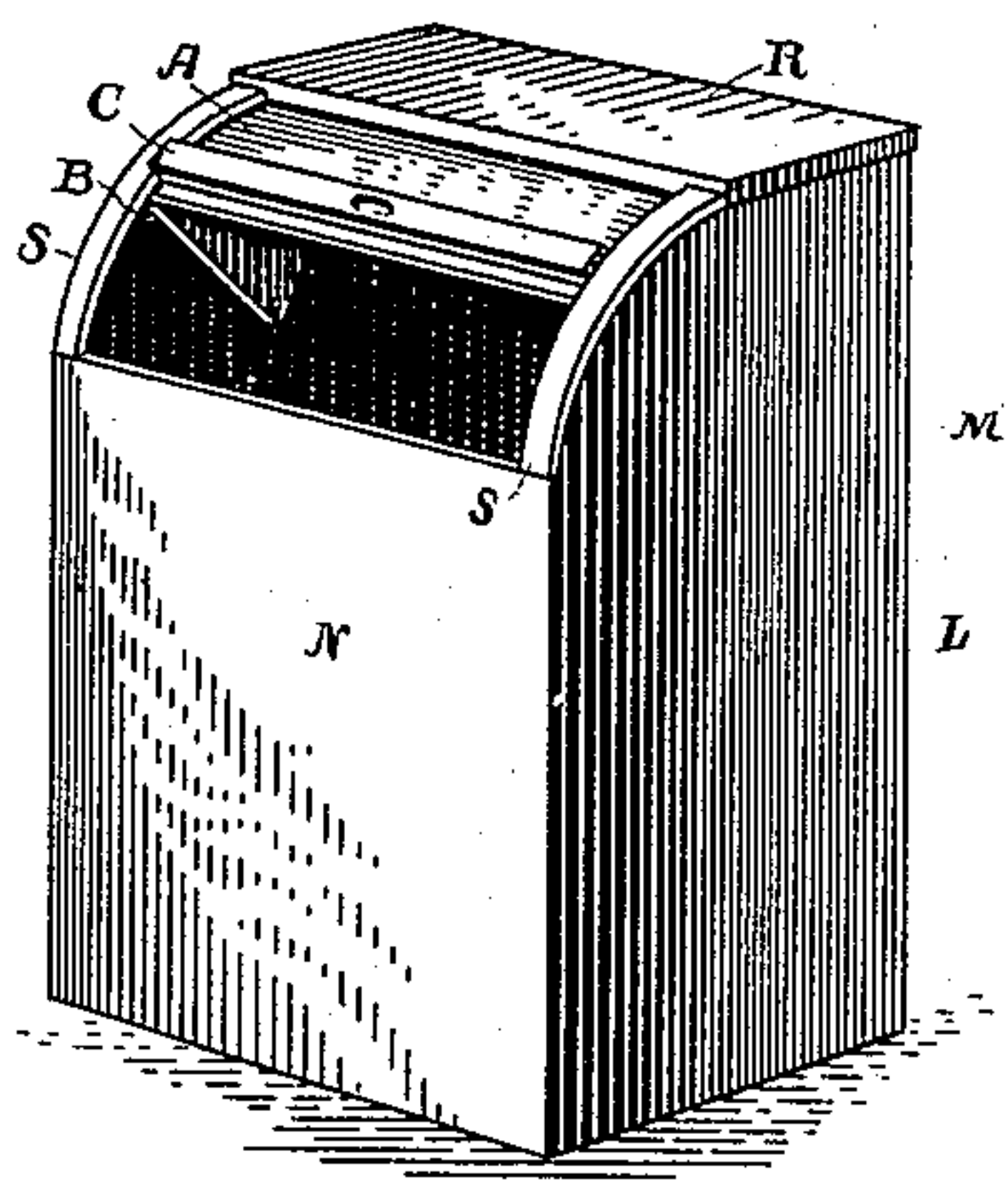
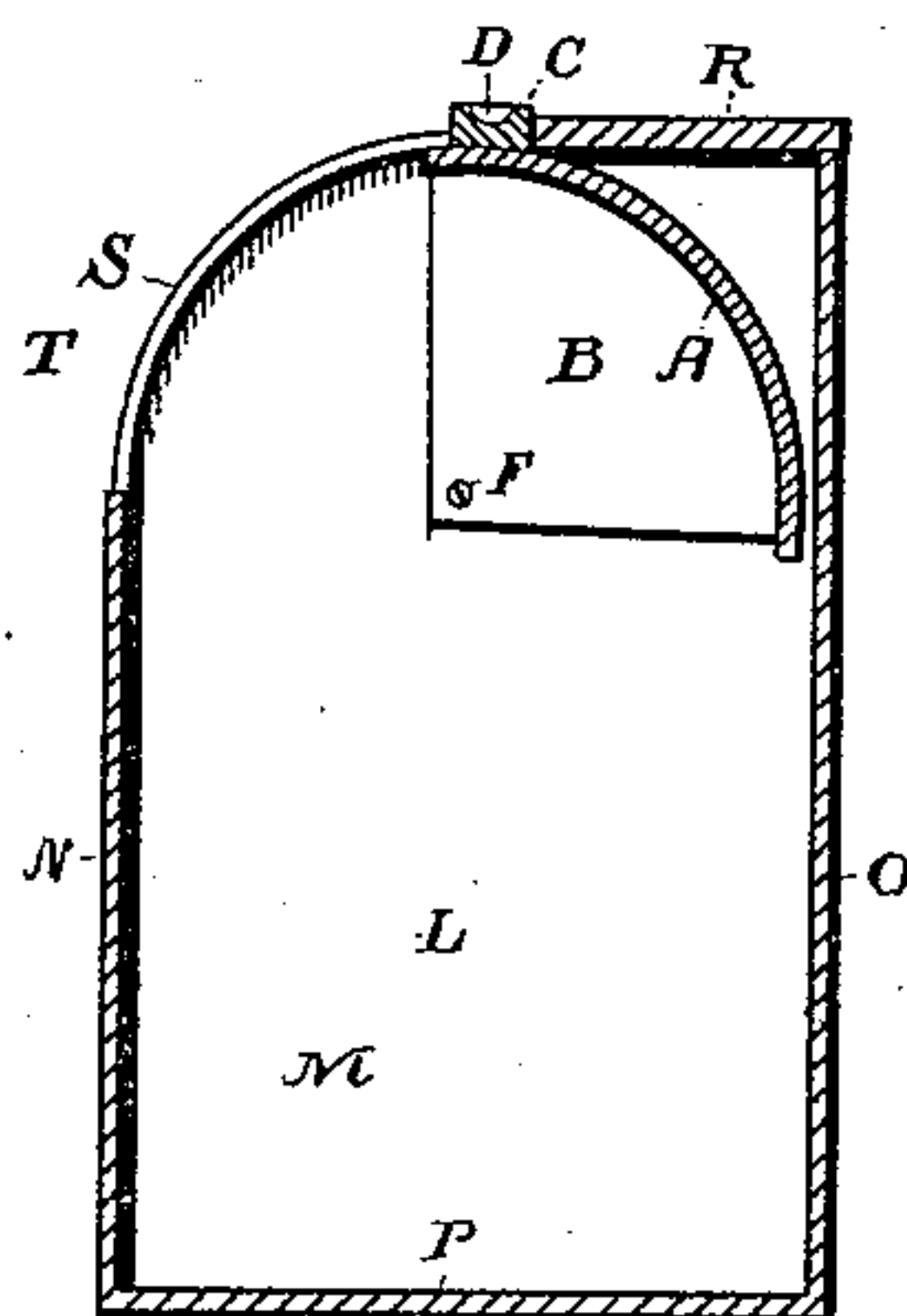


fig. 3.

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## COFFEE-CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES T. LUTHY, of Peoria, in the county of Peoria, in the State of Illinois, have invented an Improved Coffee-Case; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which like letters of reference refer to like parts, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a vertical section of the case when shut; Fig. 2, a similar section of the same when open; Fig. 3, a perspective view of the same.

The object of this invention is the construction of a box or case for the reception of coffee and similar merchandise. What I particularly desire to effect is the formation of a cover that shall be so arranged as to be readily opened and closed to permit withdrawal or exposure of the contents, and inclose the same, and still enable the boxes to be superimposed more or less upon each other.

In addition to this object, cheapness, durability, and elegance of appearance are largely secured by my construction, which is essentially as follows: I cut away the upper front corner of my box and secure thereat a quadri-cylindrical cover provided with radial arms pivoted to the sides of the box, to permit the rotation of said cover away from and into said cut-away portion of the box.

My exact construction is as follows: The box L consists of the sides M M, front N, back O, bottom P, and top R. Said top and front are contracted at their proximate edges to form the opening T, and the corners of the sides M are rounded thereat, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The quarto-cylindrical cover A, fastened at its ends to the radial arms B, which are pivoted at F to the sides M, is thereby enabled by its oscillation to open and close the space T.

The cover A, I prefer to make of thin wood bent in the form shown, and have the joining edges of the radial arms B made concentric therewith, to aid in holding the same in the shape given thereto.

Upon the curved edges of the sides M, I usually fasten the thin curved strips S, which

project inwardly sufficiently to cover the cracks between the ends of the cover A and the interior of the sides M. This not only forms an ornamental binding for the same, but prevents the escape of the contents through said spaces, since the curved cover A moves closely beneath the same.

Close to the front and lower edge of the cover A, I fasten the strip C, having one or more recesses therein for the insertion of the fingers in opening the cover. This strip S runs the entire length of the cover, and is adapted to rest upon the upper edge of the front N when the cover is closed, and to abut against the front edge of the top R when the cover is open. It is secured to the cover at a short distance from the edge, in order that said projecting edge can pass down behind the edge of the front N when the cover is closed, and thereby form a close-fitting joint. When said strip C comes against the top R, the cover A is prevented from falling over farther than shown in Fig. 2. The recesses D in the strips C may pass entirely through the same, or only partially in, the only object thereof being to furnish sufficient room for the entrance of the fingers in opening and closing the cover. This strip S, I usually form with molding to render the same more ornamental in appearance.

What I claim as my invention, and for which I desire Letters Patent, is as follows, to wit:

In a coffee-case, the box having its upper front edge open, as set forth, in combination with the curved cover having radial arms pivoted to the sides of said box, and adapted to have its front edge pass down behind the upper edge of the front of the box, the strip secured to the exterior of said cover, and at a short distance from its edge, and the curved overlapping strips secured to the curved edges of the sides of the box, whereby the contents of the box cannot escape, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing invention I have hereunto set my hand this 23d day of January, 1886.

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