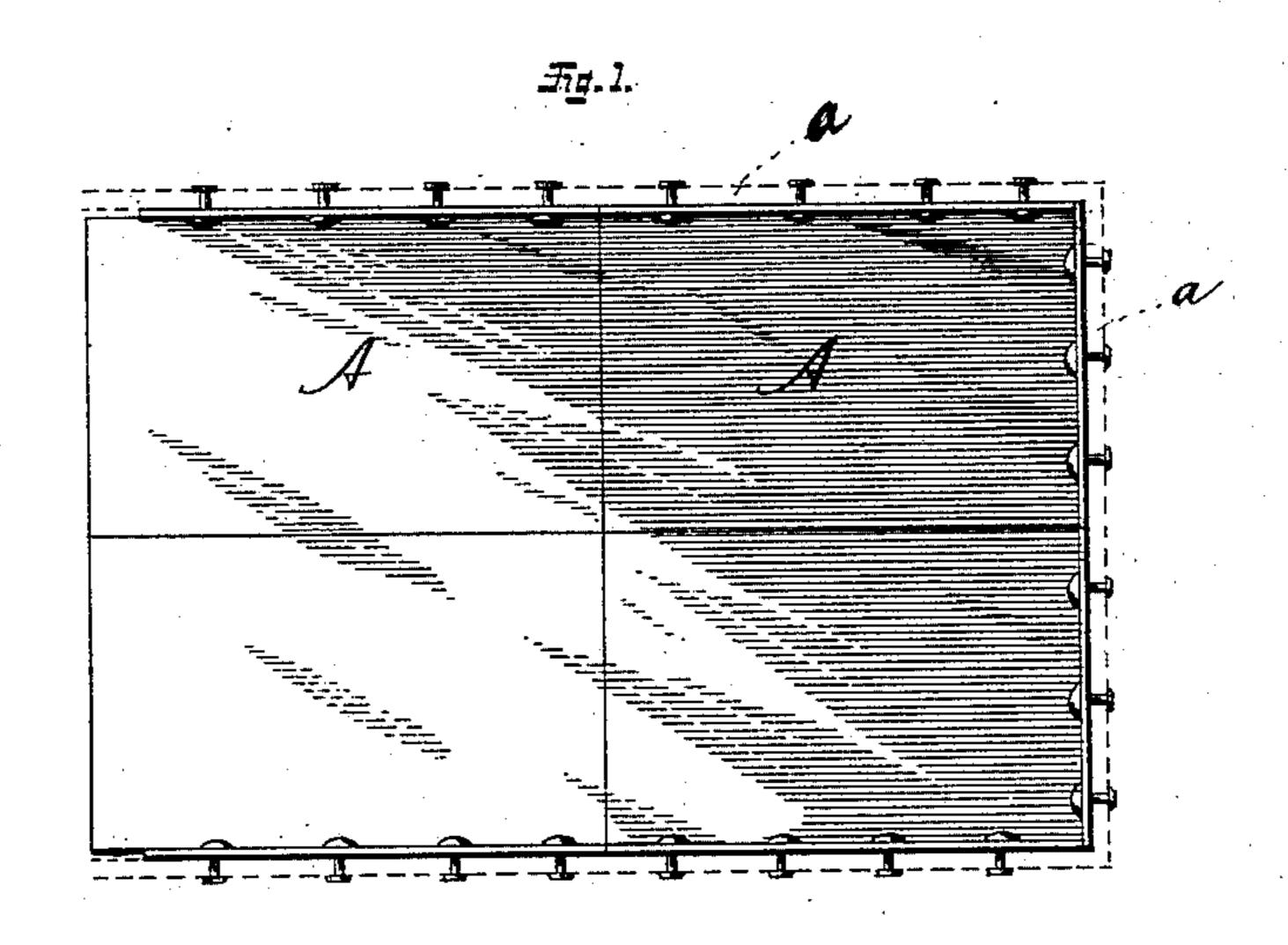
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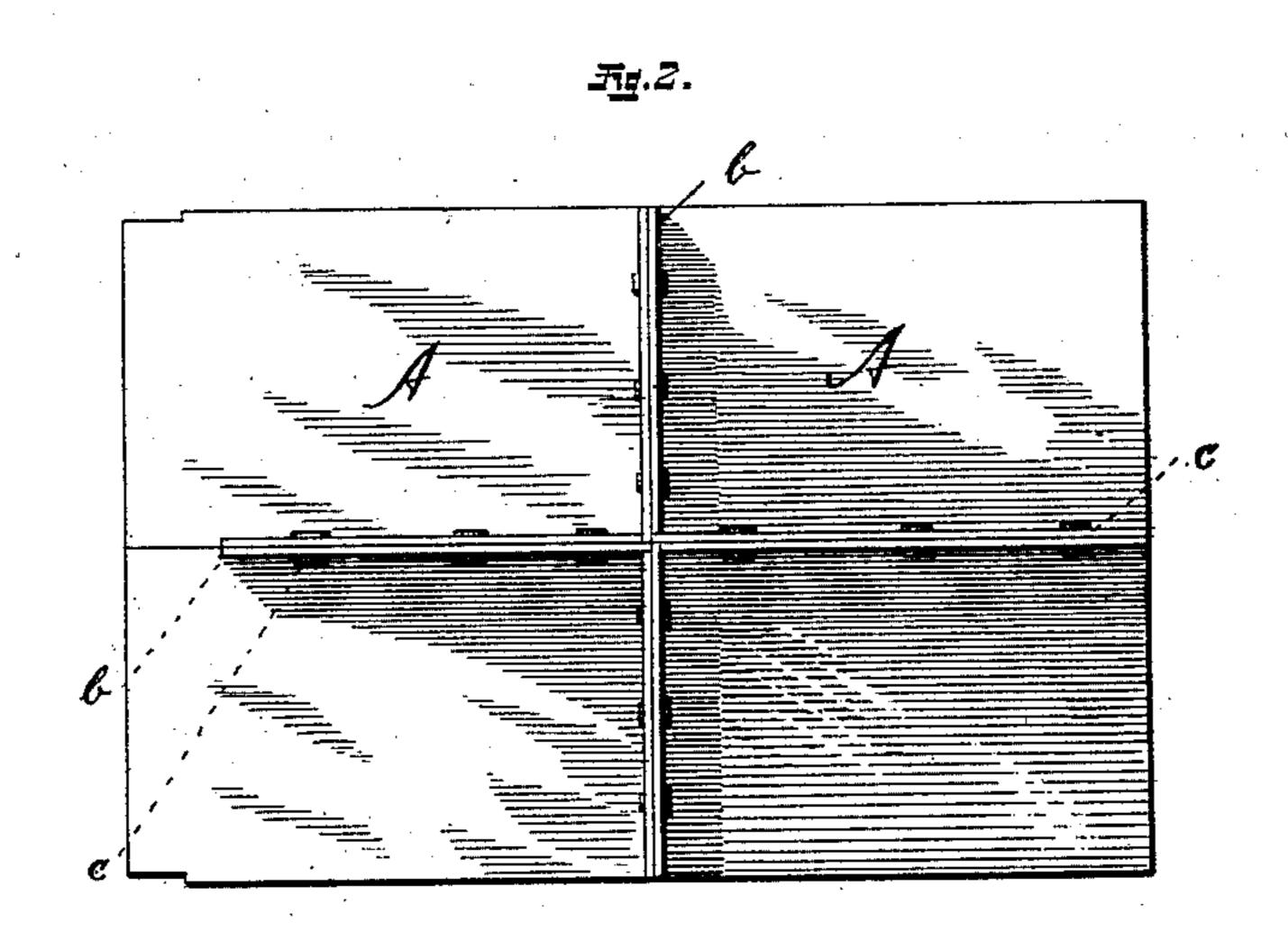
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROYAL E. DEANE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful improvement in bottoms or plates particularly adapted to ovens used for cooking, but also suitable for use in similar situations where heat is applied or contained; and I do hereby declare the following to be a description of said invention in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any skillful person to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, wherein like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

The chief object of my invention is to prevent the warping or "buckling" of the oven bottom or plate under the varying temperatures to which they are necessarily subjected, resulting usually in open cracks or uneven surfaces, and diminishing their efficiency and requiring frequent repairs and renewals.

As ordinarily constructed the oven bottoms 25 or plates of cooking ranges and stoves consist of a single piece of cast, wrought, or sheet iron, and are especially liable to warp or crack. I accomplish my object by making the oven bottom or plate in sections or parts and con-30 necting these sections or parts together so as to form an even and flat surface covering the entire space, each section or part having downturned flanges at all adjacent edges, by and through which the component sections or parts 35 may be securely bolted or riveted together. The number of sections or parts advisable or necessary will depend, of course, upon the size and shape of the whole area or surface, and can easily be determined and regulated according 40 to the necessities of each particular situation by any skillful mechanic.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for illustration, Figure 1 shows a top, and Fig. 2 a bottom, plan of an oven bottom or plate of my improved construction, consisting, as shown, of four sections or parts covering an oblong area. It is here shown detached.

Each of the sections or parts is furnished with downturned flanges upon all the inside of elges and with upturned flanges on its outside edges. Where the area is large enough in length or breadth, or both, to require several sections or parts in either or both directions,

all the inner sections or parts should have downturned flanges on all sides, and only the 55 outer rows of sections or parts be provided with upturned flanges on their outside edges. Each section can be cast, wrought, or stamped into its peculiar form by ordinary methods well known to the art. Adjacent flanges are 60 correspondingly punched or perforated and secured together by bolts or rivets through the downturned flanges, whereupon all the sections form an even whole, much stiffer and better adapted to resist varying temperatures and 65 maintain its shape than any of ordinary construction. Besides, each section, being of smaller surface and braced by its flanges, is in itself stronger than usual. When all the sections are secured together, as described, 70 forming a whole with a smooth and even upper surface, the upturned flanges on the outside edges of the outer sections together form a continuous upturned flange around the outside of the oven bottom or plate, whereby it 75 can be secured to the walls of the oven by bolts or rivets, as just described. No flanges should be formed upon the sides of the sections next to the oven-door when in place.

Besides the advantages of stiffness and resistance above enumerated the downturned flanges form, as it were, a series of compartments confining the heat, and causing quicker heating with more even distribution of the heat. There is also an additional advantage secured by my construction, for single sections can be removed and repaired, or a new section substituted, without detaching or repairing the whole bottom or plate and with greater economy.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A bottom or plate for ovens, consisting of sections constructed with downturned flanges on all inner or inside edges and upturned 95 flanges on all outer or outside edges, secured together by bolts or rivets, and forming a whole with even and smooth upper surface adapted to be similarly secured to the wall of an oven, in the manner and for the purpose 100 substantially as specified.

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