

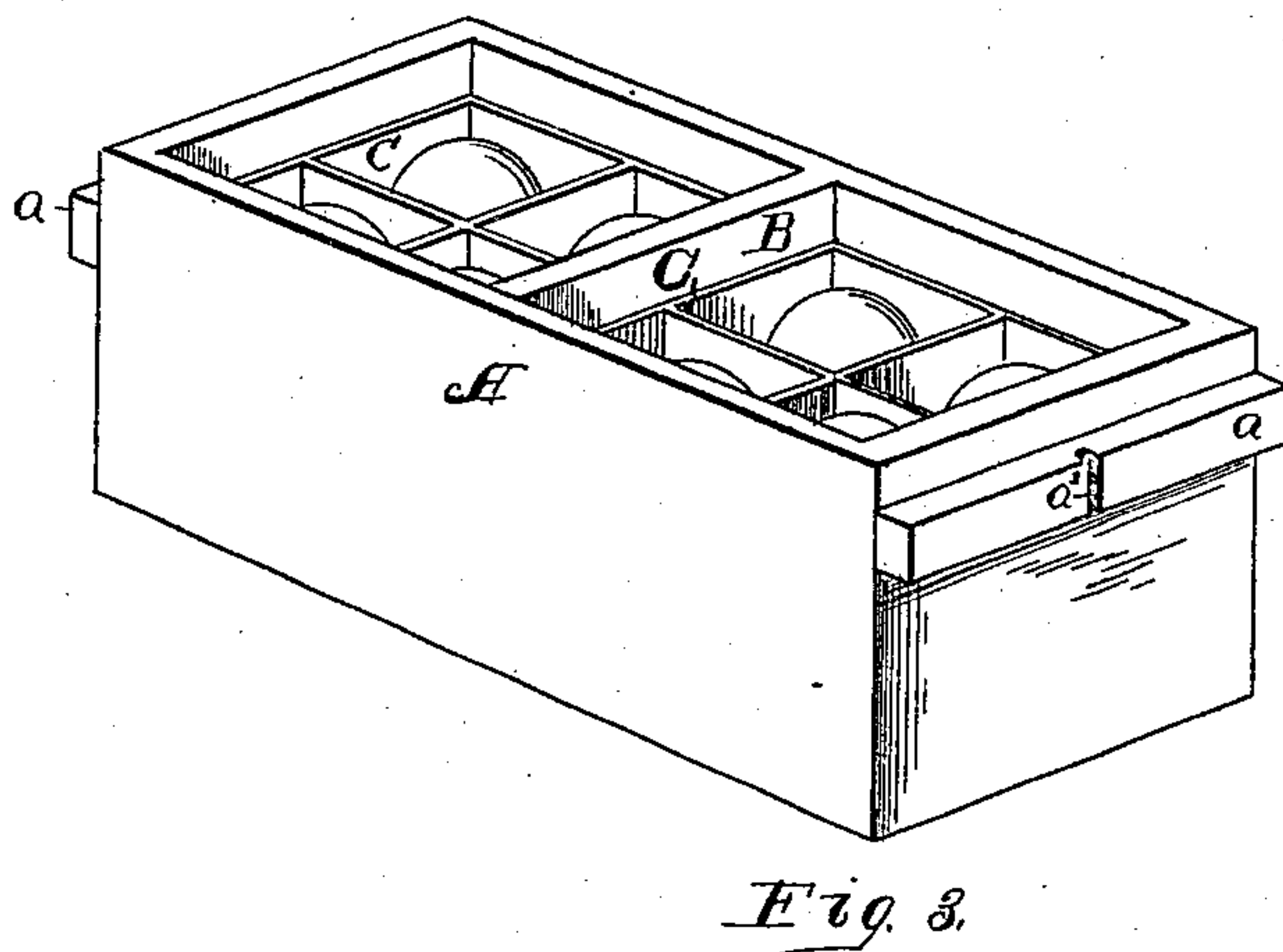
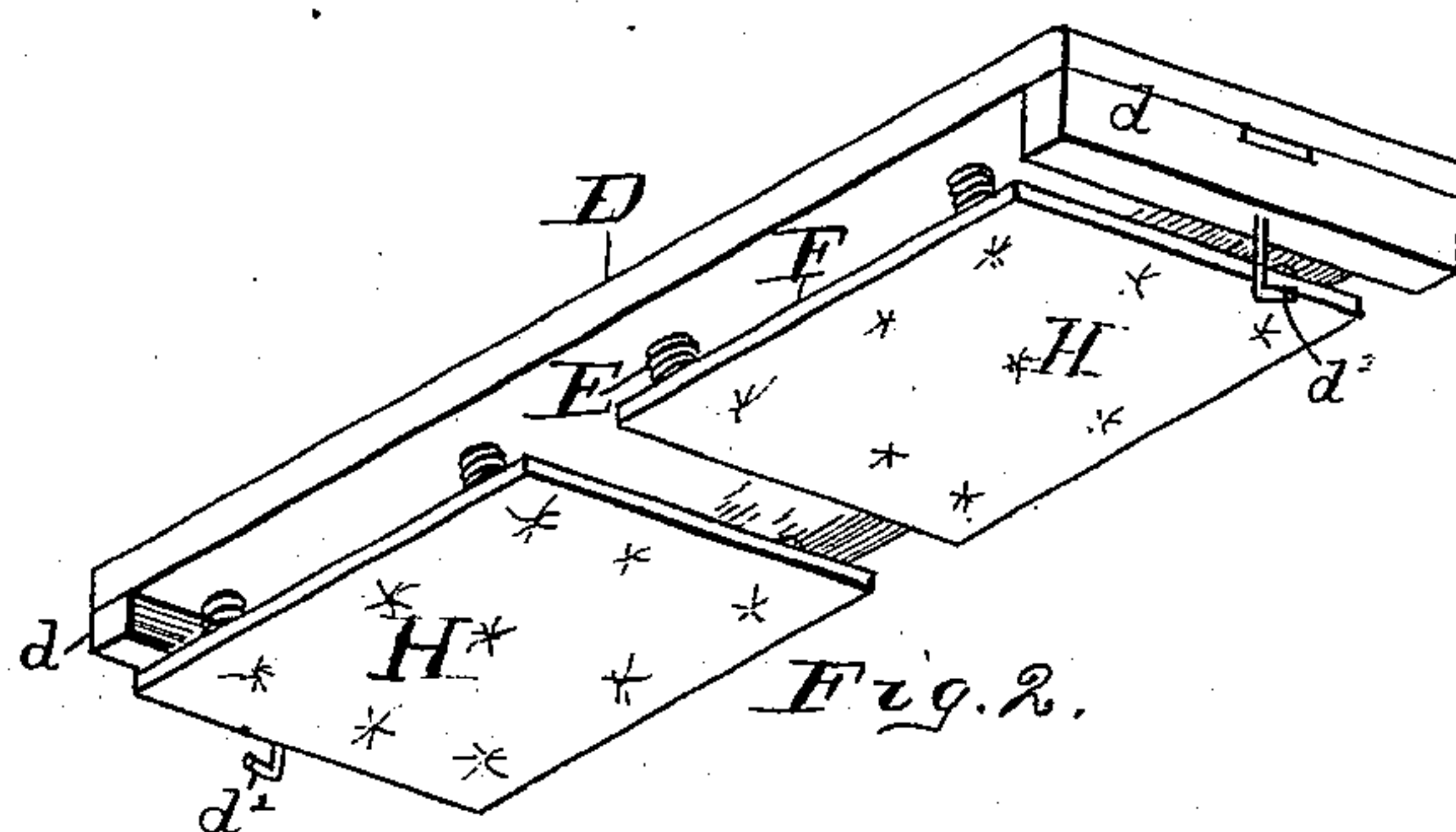
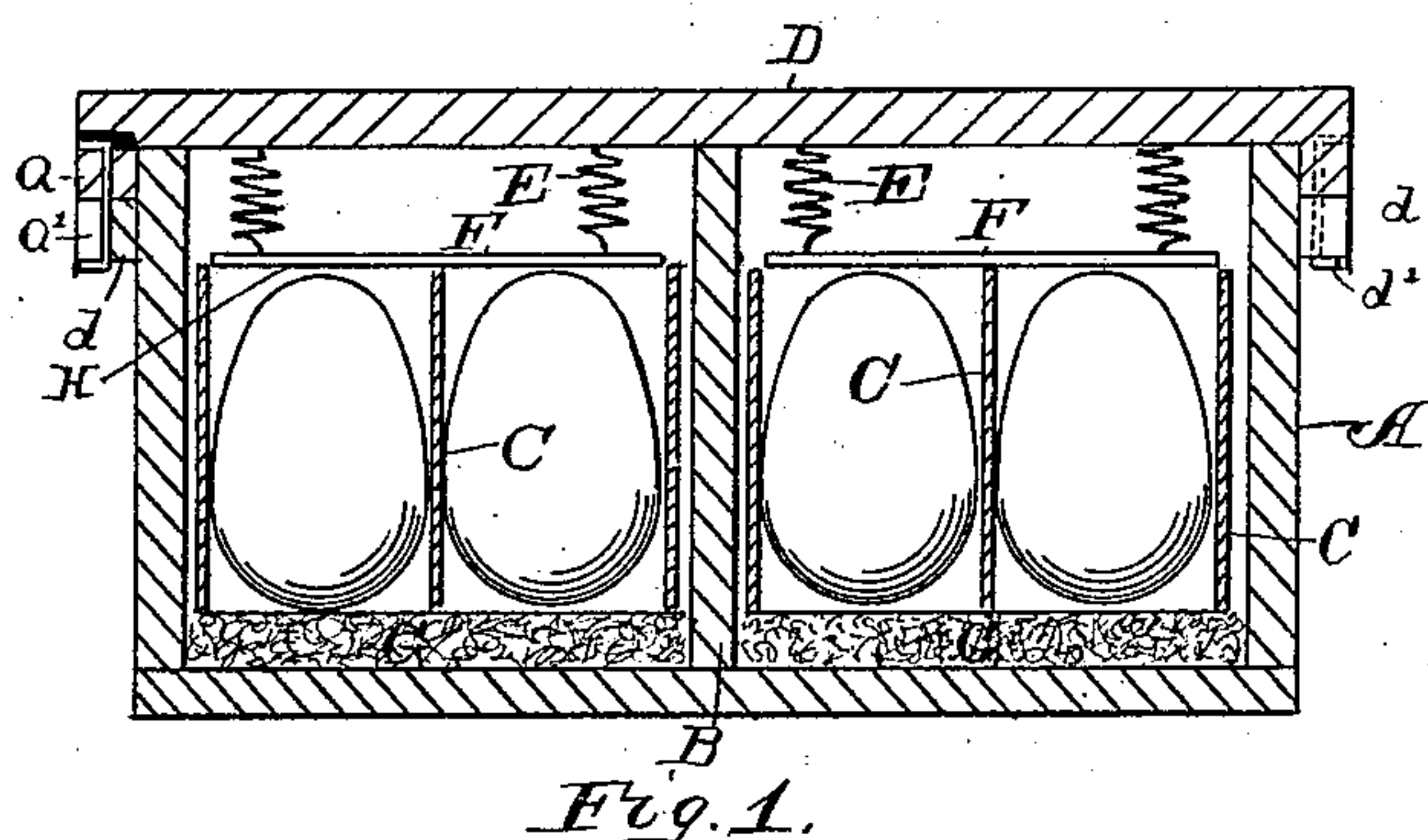
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## EGG-CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MORRIS SEIDEL, of Harrison, in the county of Boone and State of Arkansas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Egg-Cases, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal central section of my improved egg-case. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the under side of the cover detached, and Fig. 3 a perspective view of the case.

Heretofore in packing cases for shipping eggs it has been found necessary to use hay or other packing material in the boxes beneath the cover to prevent the eggs from coming in contact therewith.

My invention is designed to obviate the use of such material and the consequent litter and inconvenience, inasmuch as at the under side of the lid I provide a padded cover having spiral springs connected directly with the cover, so that the contents of the case are held firmly in place, thus preventing the eggs from becoming broken under any circumstances, all of which will now be set forth in detail.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents an ordinary shipping case for eggs, having the usual partitions, B, and vertical racks C therein. I design to make the cases A of such a height that there will be a small space between the upper part of the racks C, containing the eggs, and the inner face of the lid D, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3.

On the under side of the lid D, I provide a series of spiral springs, E, secured thereto, having at their lower ends an inner cover, F, attached to them. Four of these springs E are preferably attached to each of the inner cov-

ers, F, with the springs in such a tension as not to make the said inner cover rigid, but quite flexible in its operation. The inner or lower side of this cover F is designed to be padded, as at H, with any soft material, so that when the lid is in position the padded side of the inner cover, F, will rest against the racks within the case. With the use of this supplementary or inner cover the case may be shipped to a great distance and the usual breakage of the eggs obviated, if by accident the case should be tipped over or otherwise roughly handled.

In packing the eggs any soft substance, G, may be placed in the bottom of the case, upon which the lower end of the eggs will rest.

The cover D is secured to and upon the case by means of the metal hooks *d'* in its flanged ends *d*. These flanges are adapted to rest on the cleats *a* at each end of the case, while the hooks passing down through the slots *a'* in said cleats their ends are turned round to hook under said cleats.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new is—

In combination with the case A, having end cleats, *a*, slotted at *a'*, and the rack C, the cover D, having on its under side the springs E and padded inner cover, F, and provided in its flanged ends *d* with the hooks *d'*, substantially as and for the purposes described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, this 27th day of February, 1886, in the presence of witnesses.

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