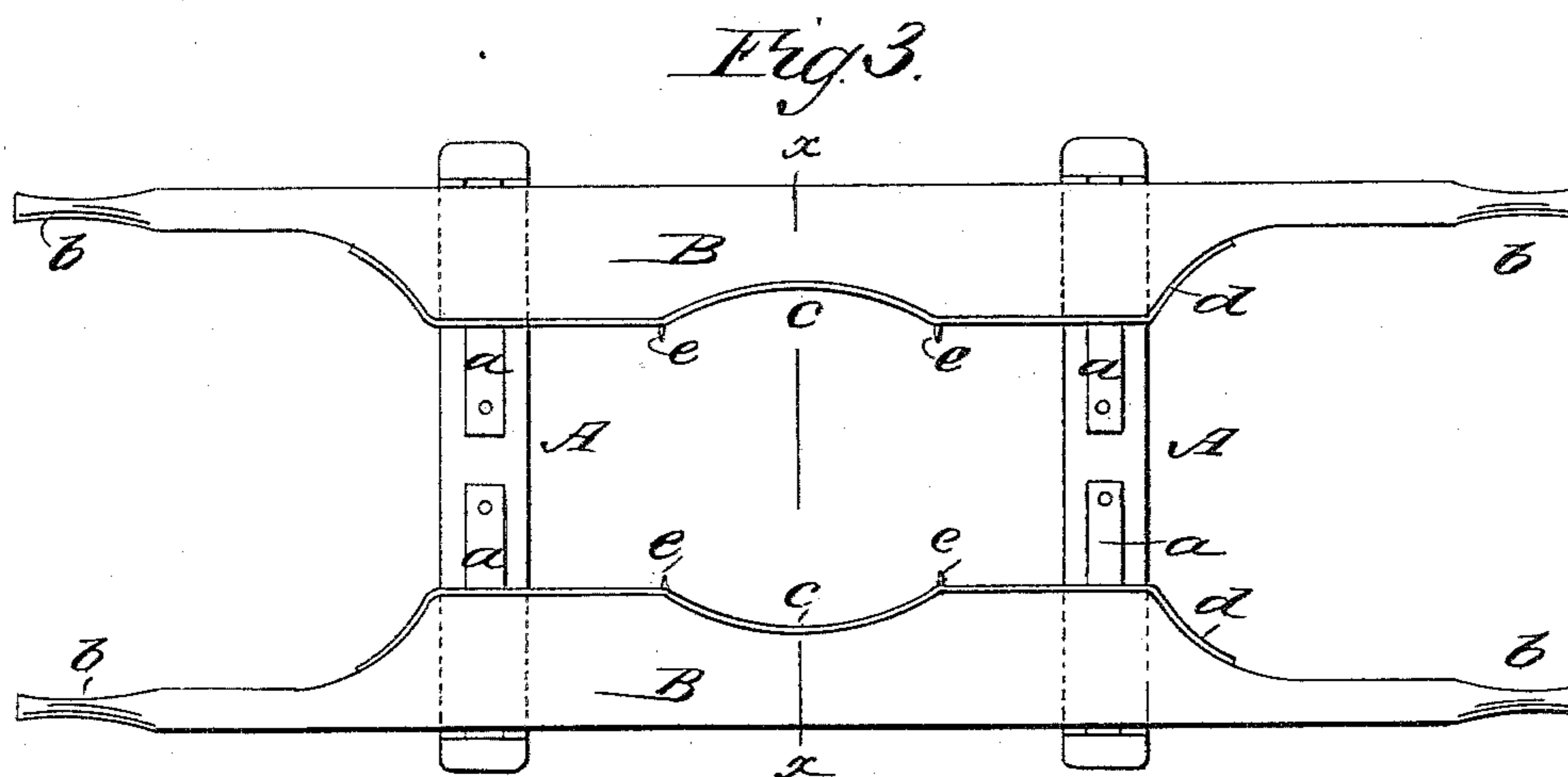
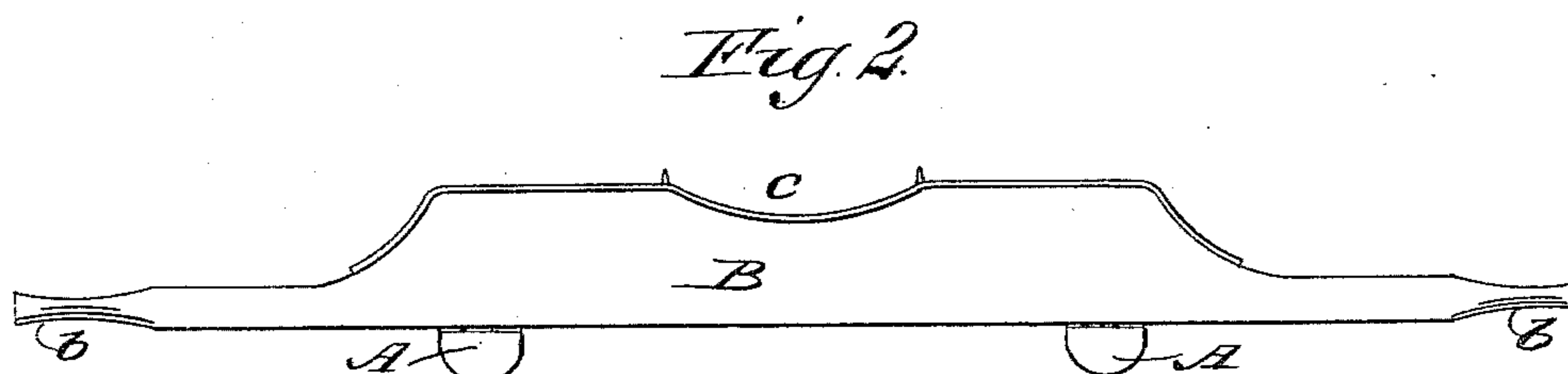
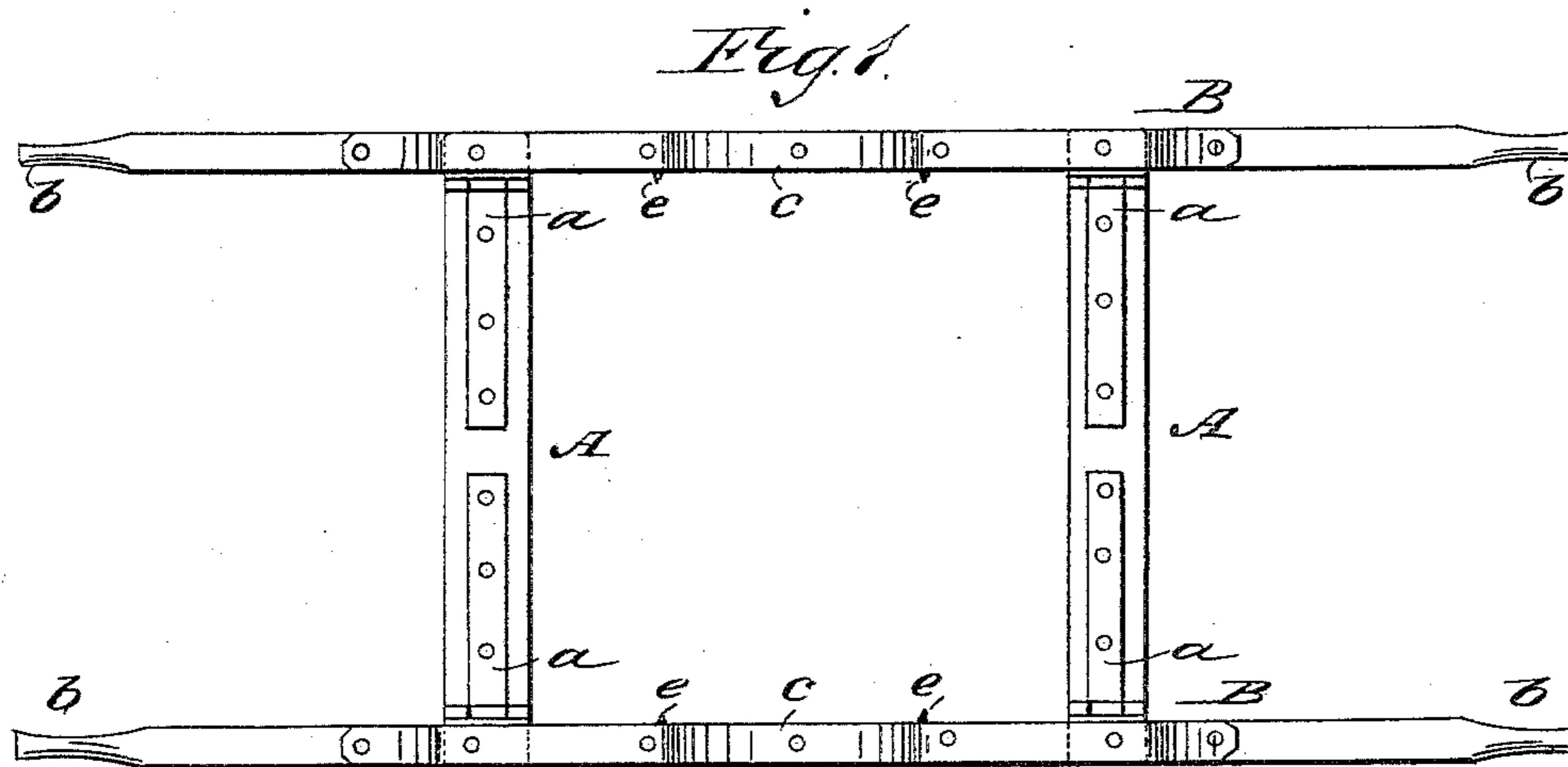


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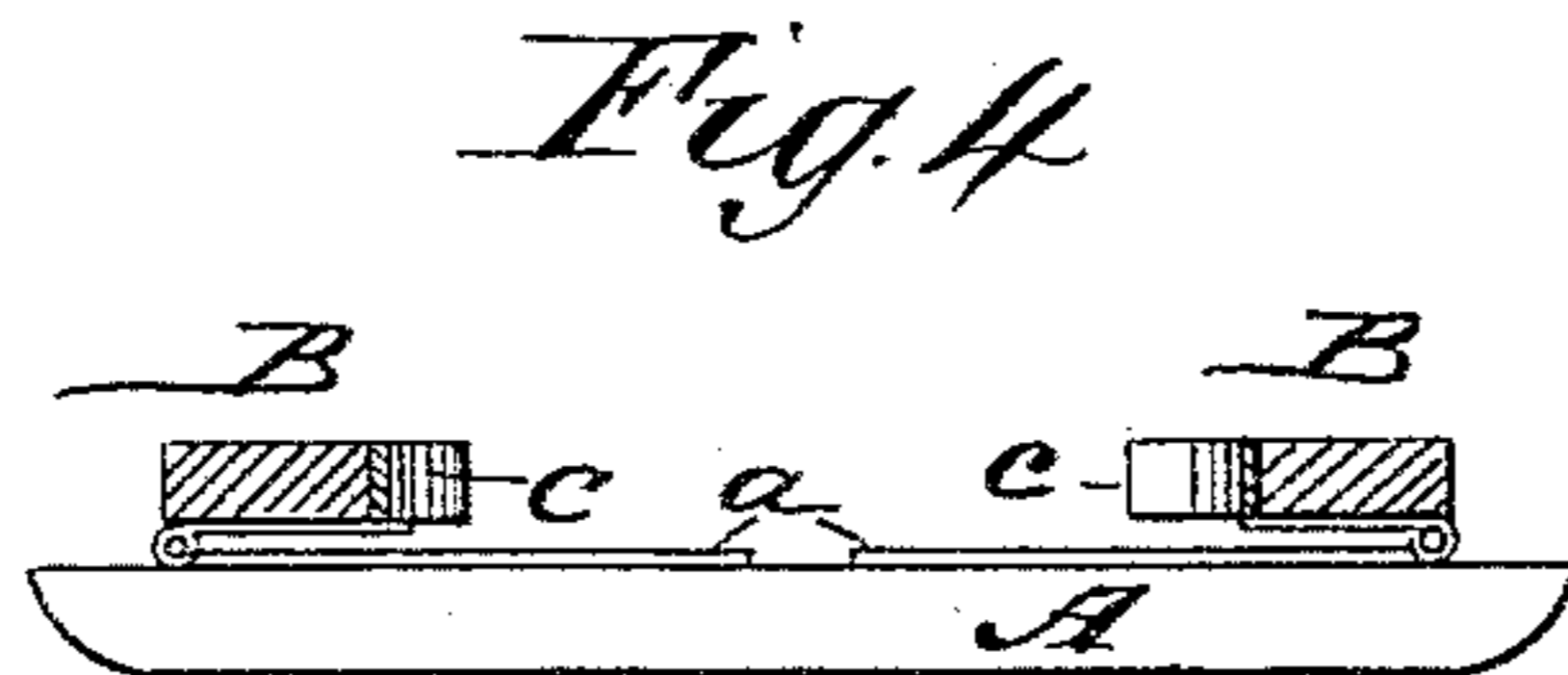
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## BARREL-CARRIER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN W. SHEWMAKER, of Terre Haute, in the county of Vigo and State of Indiana, have invented a new and Improved Barrel-Carrier, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the annexed drawings, forming a part thereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved barrel-carrier with the side bars elevated. Fig. 2 is a side elevation. Fig. 3 is a plan view with the side bars folded, and Fig. 4 is a transverse section taken on line *x x* in Fig. 3.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple, efficient, and inexpensive device for carrying barrels, boxes, and packages.

My invention consists in a pair of longitudinal bars hinged to a pair of cross-bars, the longitudinal bars being concaved at their centers and provided with spurs projecting from their inner faces for engaging the sides of barrels, boxes, &c.

To the cross-bars A are hinged the longitudinal bars B by means of strap-hinges *a*, which are secured to the upper surface of the cross-bars A and the inner surface of the longitudinal bars B, the longitudinal bars B being placed slightly within the ends of the bars A, so that the bars B may be raised up edgewise at right angles to the bars A and supported in that position by abutting against the ends of the bars A; or the bars B may be folded down upon the faces of the bars A. The bars A are made a little shorter than the barrel or other package to which the carrier is to be applied, and the ends of the bars B are prolonged beyond the bars A, and are rounded to form handles *b*.

In the center of each bar B is formed a shallow concave notch, *c*, and the upper edge of each bar is provided with a protecting-covering consisting of a flat iron bar or piece of hoop-iron, *d*, secured to the bar B by screws. Each bar B is provided with two spurs, *e*, projecting from its inner surface at opposite ends of the notch *c*.

There are two methods of using my improved barrel-carrier. One consists in laying the barrel upon the carrier in the notches *c*, with the bars turned up, and carrying the carrier and barrel by grasping the handles *b*. The other consists in placing the carrier down over the top of the barrel, with the frame formed of the bars A B surrounding the barrel, then inclining the upper edges of the bars B inward until the spurs *e* engage the sides of the barrel, when, by lifting upon the handles *b*, the spurs *e* will insert themselves still farther in the material of the barrel, thus insuring a firm hold.

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

1. In a barrel-carrier, the combination of the bars B, provided with concave notches *c* and handles *b*, formed on the end thereof, and the cross-bars A, hinged to the bars B, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. In a barrel-carrier, the combination of the bars B, provided with concave notches *c*, spurs *e*, and handles *b*, the cross-bars A, and the hinges *a*, connecting the cross-bars A and longitudinal bars B, substantially as herein shown and described.

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