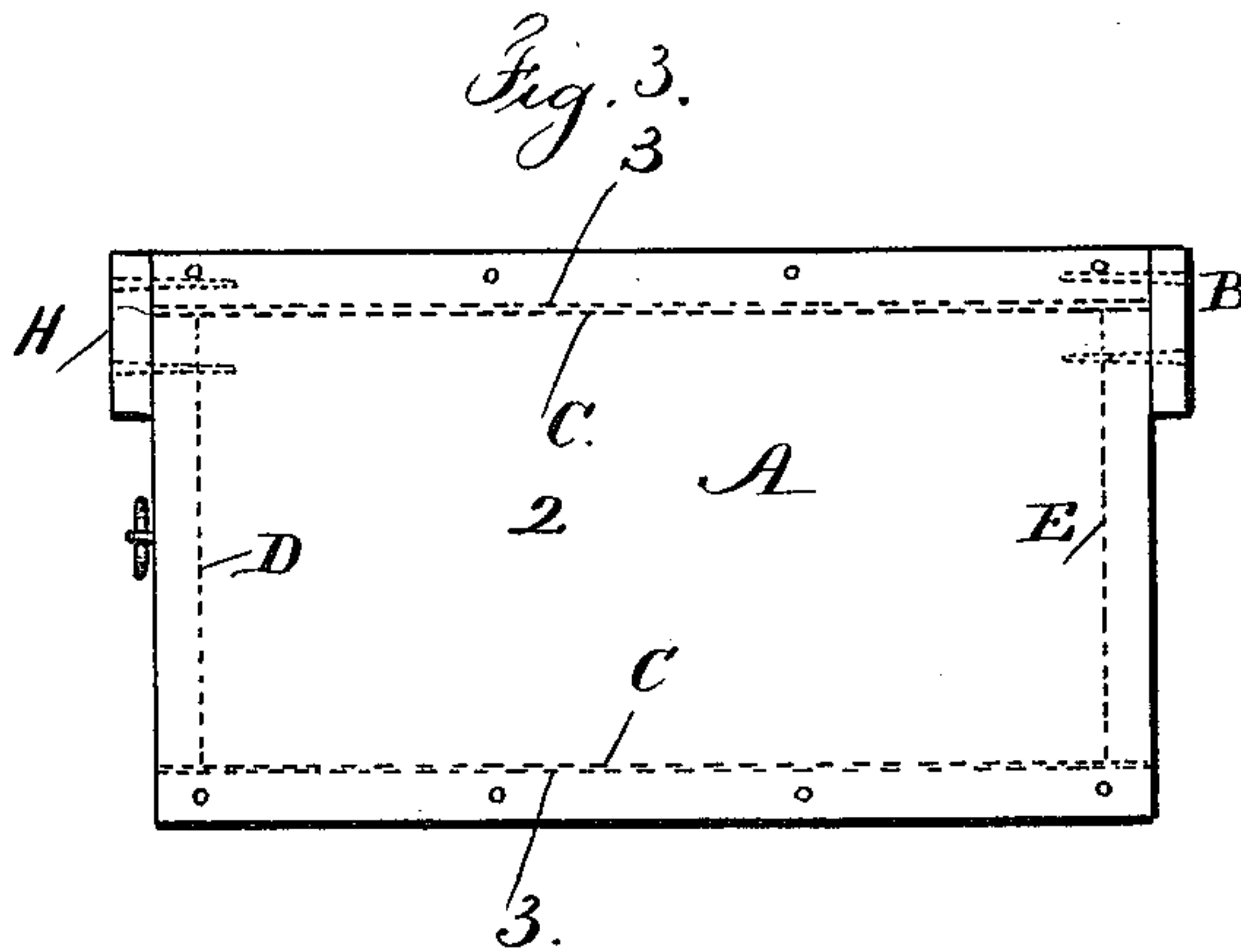
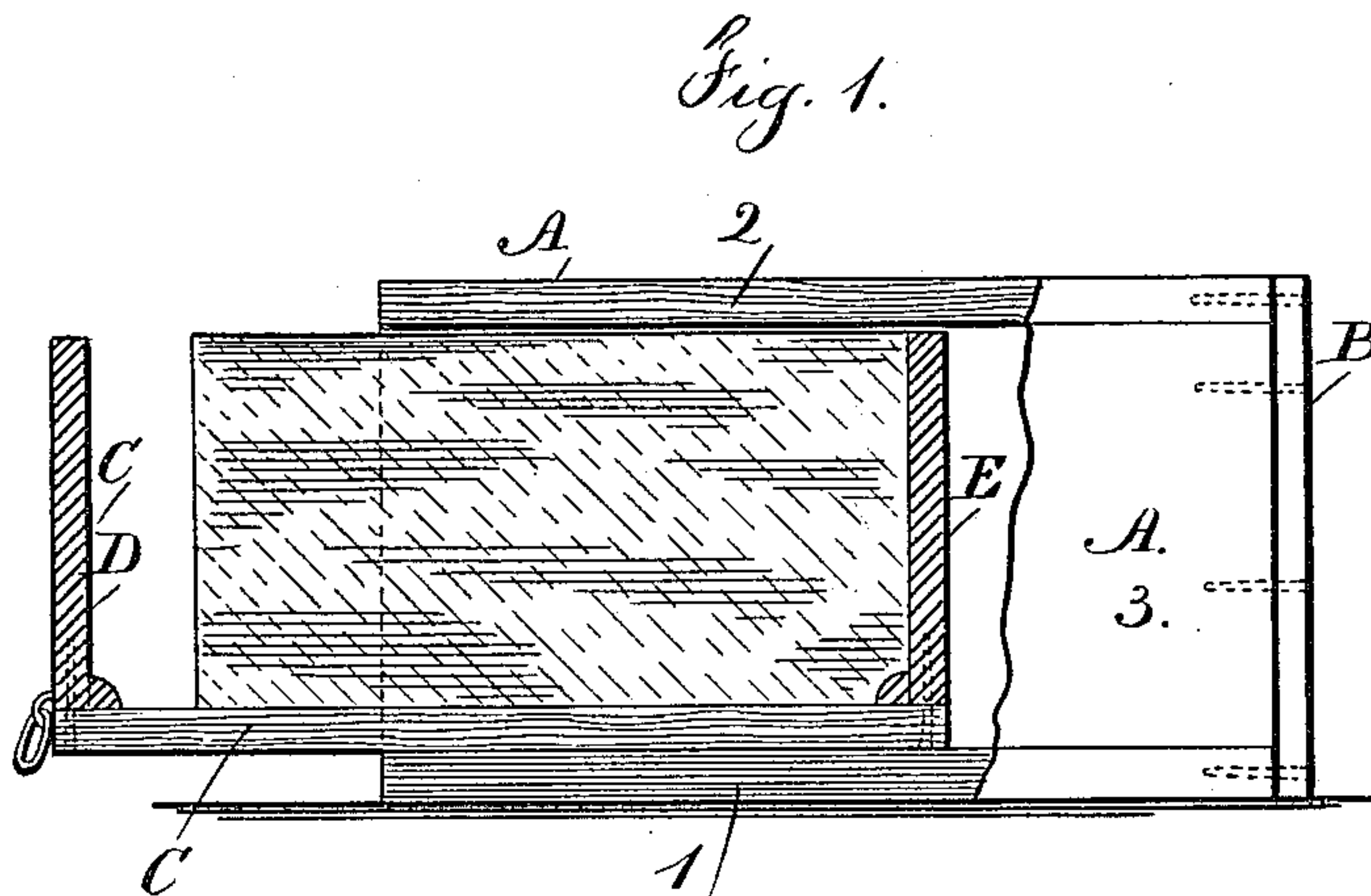
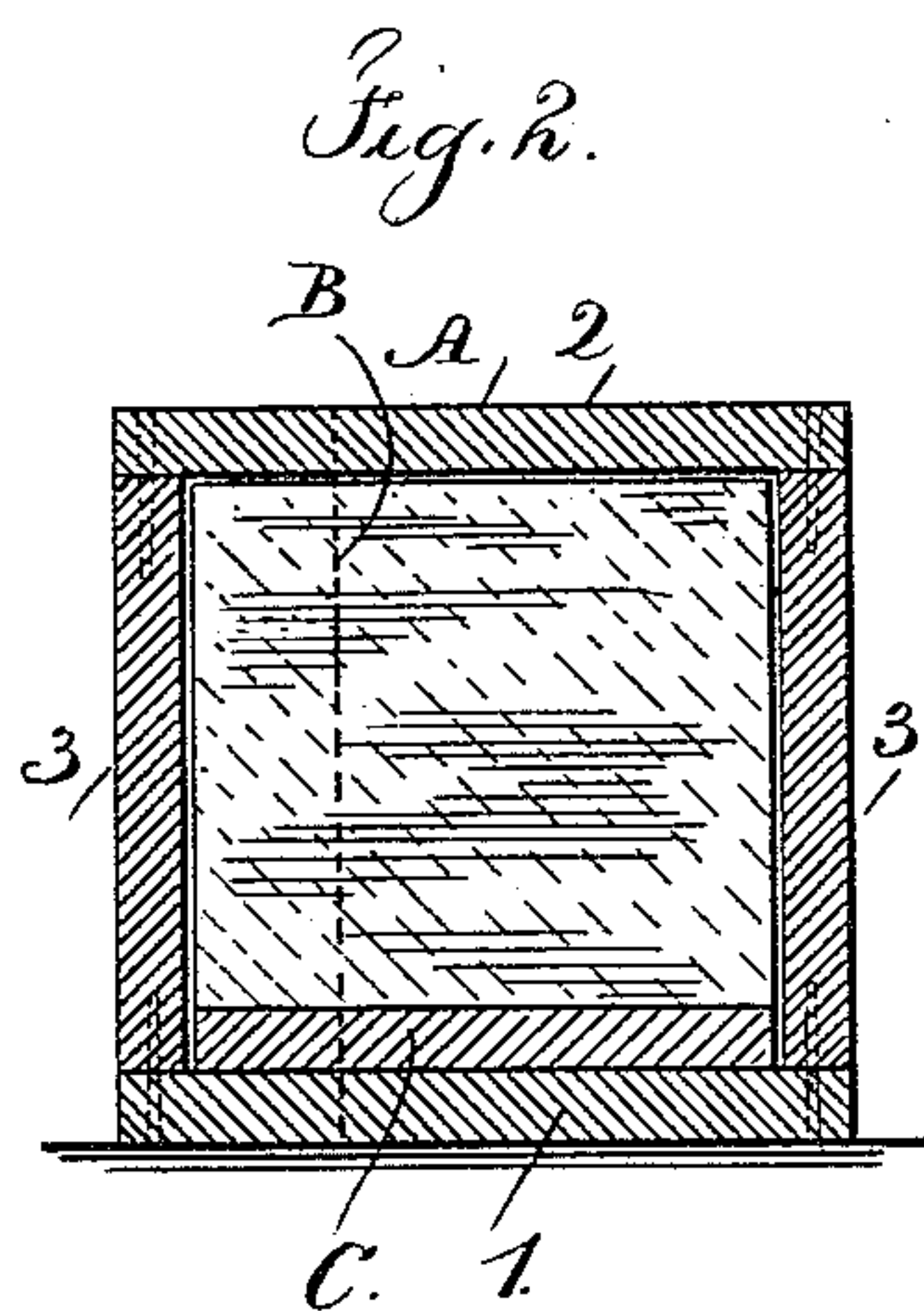


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL SMYTH, of Pittston, in the county of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Packages for Butter, &c, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to facilitate the examination of the package of butter, so that its quality may be tested easily, to allow for cutting out pieces of any desired size, and for keeping the butter excluded from dust and atmospheric action during the time that it is on sale at retail or while being used.

My package consists of a long, square, or prismatic case, open at one end, and having within it the holding-slide upon which the butter rests, and to which ends or heads are connected, so that the butter can be drawn out of the case on the slide and examined, or portions thereof cut off as required, and there being no sides to the slide, hence there is nothing to interfere with cutting out and removing pieces of the butter.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation, partially in section, of the package with the slide and butter partially drawn out. Fig. 2 is a cross-section, and Fig. 3 is a plan view, of the package as closed for transportation.

The case A is composed of the bottom 1, top 2, and sides 3 3. The back end might be closed; but it is preferable to nail a slat, B, across the same, to prevent the slide and butter falling out.

The slide C has the ends or heads D and E fastened upon it, and it will slide freely into or out of the case A, and when in place the ends D and E are within the case, and a second cross-slat, H, nailed upon the case, secures the butter-package during transportation. There are no sides to the slide C, and in packing the butter it is preferable to place the slide C, with the ends D E, within a skeleton case like the case A, except that it has no top 2, and is slightly smaller than the case A, and then to line the skeleton case with muslin moistened with salt-water, or to line it with paraffine paper, and then pack in the butter in mass, or in pound or half-pound packages shaped in rectangular molds, so as to pack tightly into the slide. After the butter has been thus put into

place in the slide, the paper or cloth is folded over upon it, the slide and butter are lifted out of the skeleton case and slipped endwise into the case A, and then the slat H is nailed on and the package is ready for market.

When exposed for inspection and sale, the cases can be piled one on the other, the end pieces, H, removed or loosened, and the butter can be examined or sampled by simply drawing the slide and the butter partially out endwise with the slide.

Under all circumstances the butter or other similar material can easily be removed by cutting or otherwise after the slide with the end has been partially pulled out of the case.

The bottom slide can be moved easily in either direction, and when it is pulled out the back head holds the butter on the slide and overcomes any friction should the butter be in contact with the interior of the case A.

I claim as my invention—

1. The butter-package composed of a quadrangular case, a slide without any sides within that case and upon which the butter rests, and the two heads connected with the slide and forming the ends of the package, and the slats B and H, nailed to the ends of the case, as set forth.

2. The butter-package composed of a case, a slide without any sides within and at the bottom of that case and upon which the butter rests, and a head connected to the back end of the slide and serving for holding the butter upon the slide and moving it along in the case when the slide is drawn, and a second head at the other end of the slide to close the case, substantially as specified.

3. The butter-package composed of a case, a slide within and at the bottom of the case and upon which the butter rests, and heads connected to both ends of the slide, so as to support the butter and move it in either direction within the case, there being no sides to the slide, substantially as specified.

Signed by me this 1st day of February, 1887.

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