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Fig. 1.

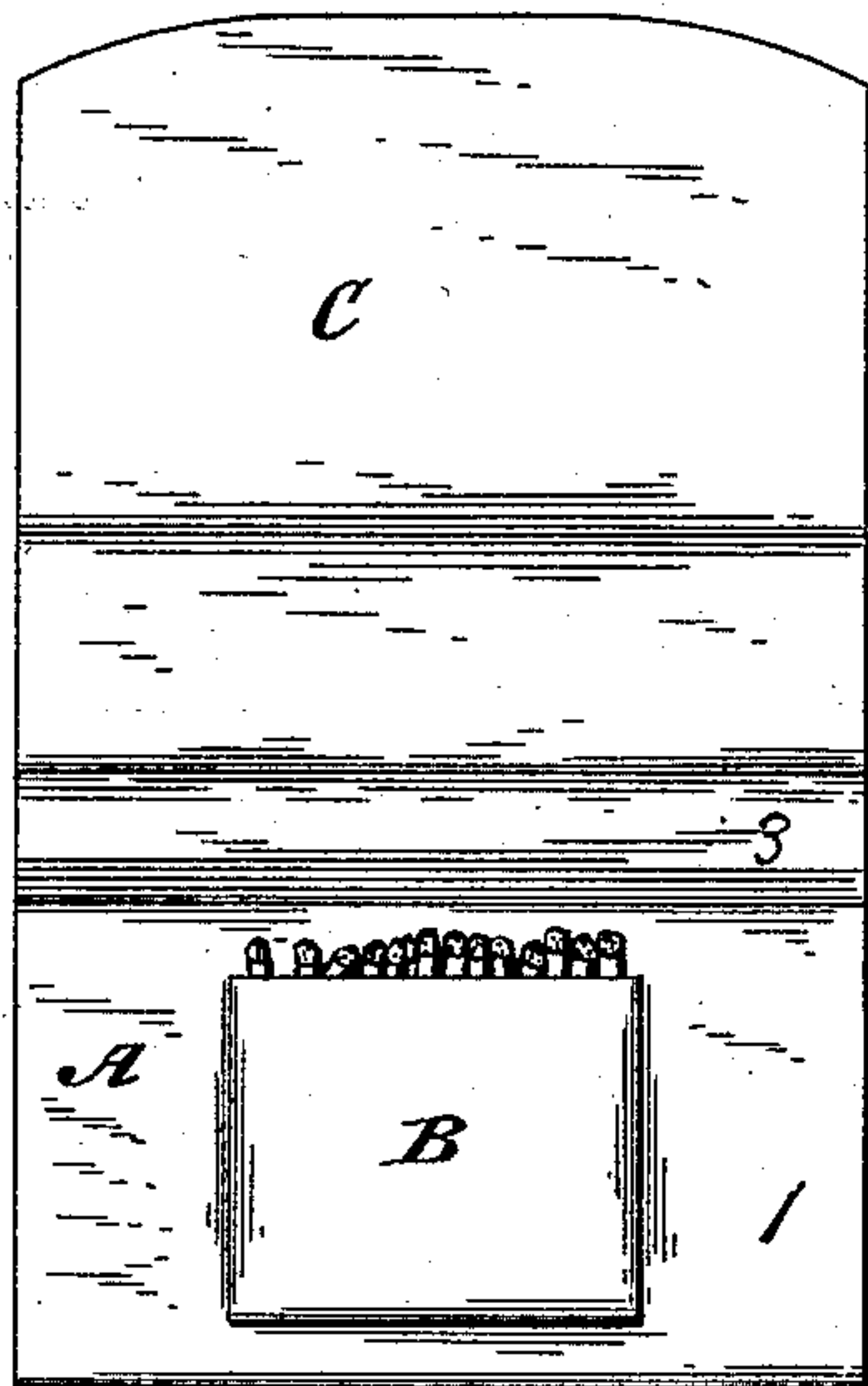


Fig. 2.

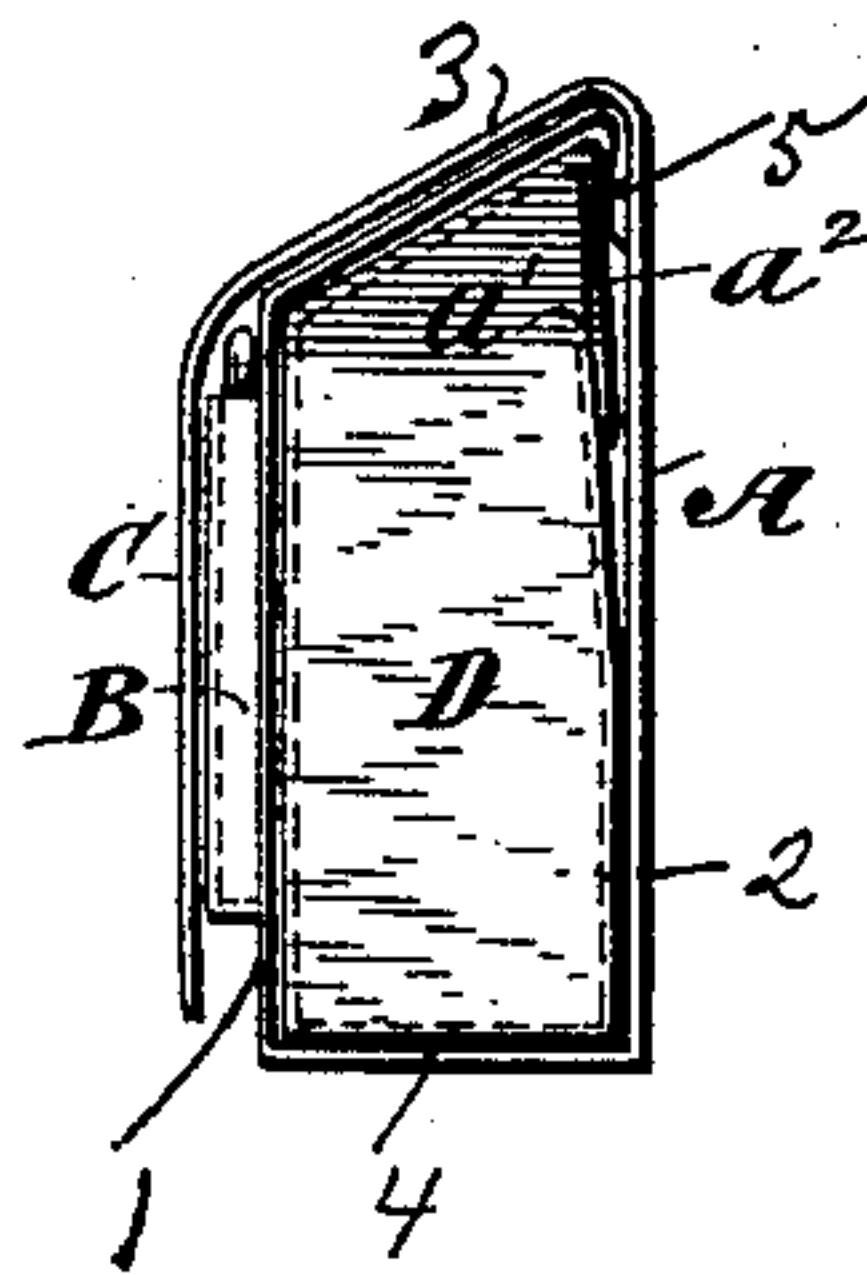
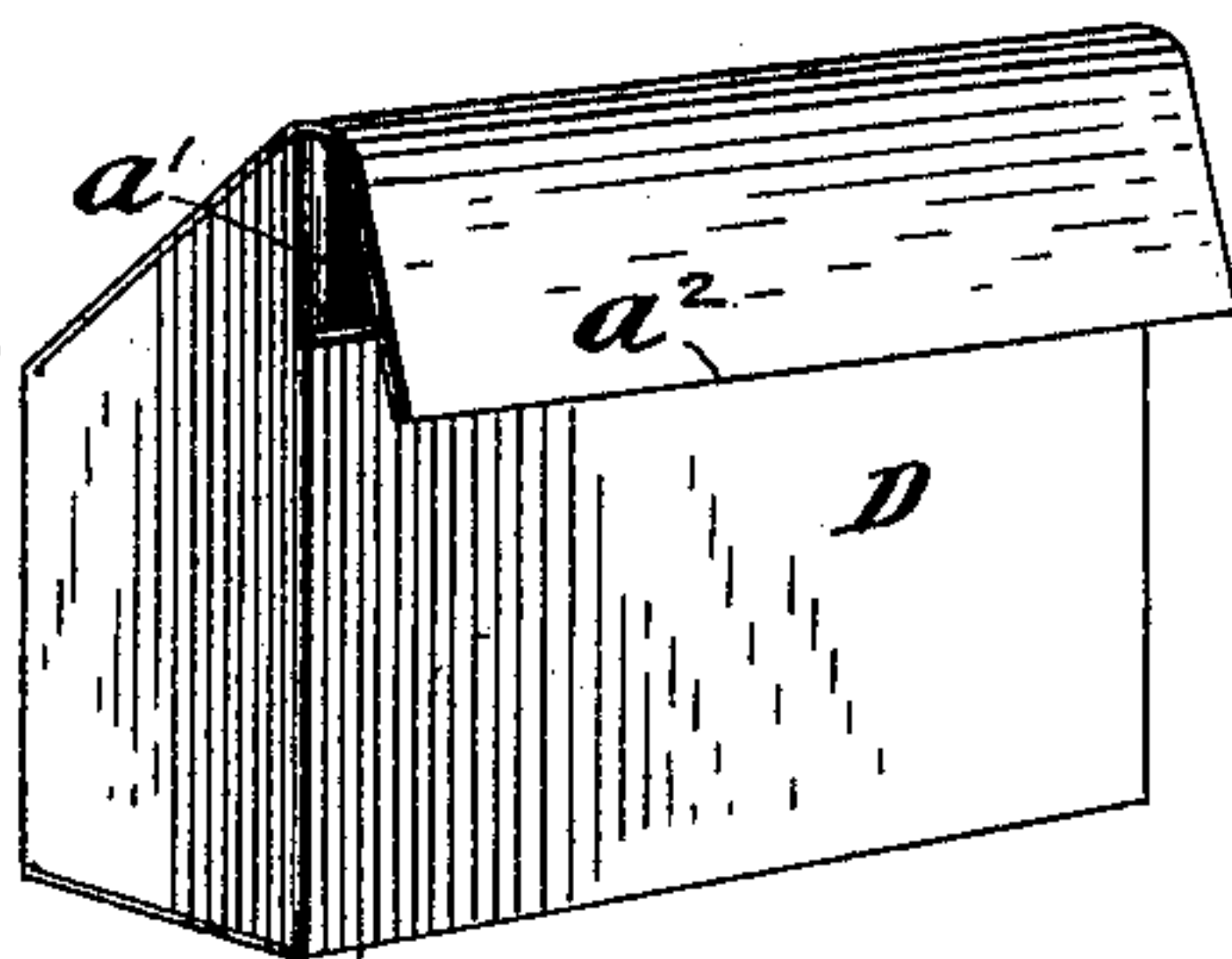


Fig. 3.



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TOBACCO-BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN G. PIERSON, of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Tobacco-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

My improvement relates to boxes designed for containing tobacco, but principally smoking-tobacco—such, for instance, as cigars or cigarettes; but ordinary smoking-tobacco may be contained therein.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of a tobacco-box embodying my improvement with flap raised. Fig. 2 is an end view thereof with the flap down over the front of the box. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a receptacle for the tobacco removed from the case or shell in which it is ordinarily contained.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures.

A designates a case or shell, consisting of a front, 1, back 2, top 3, and bottom 4. As here shown, said case or shell is approximately rectangular. It is shown as having both of its ends open; but it need not necessarily have but one end open. It may be made of any suitable material; but I prefer to construct it of paper or paper-board.

B designates a receptacle for matches. As here shown, such receptacle is in the form of a pocket, and is secured upon the front of the case or shell A. This receptacle need not, however, be upon the front of the case or shell, as it might be arranged upon the top thereof, or upon the under side of a flap, C, with which the case or shell is provided upon its exterior. The arrangement which I have shown is, however, a convenient one for my purpose.

Adjacent to the receptacle B, preferably beneath it, I place material for igniting matches to be contained in the receptacle. I prefer that the matches employed shall be what are termed "safety" matches, and the material upon which they are to be ignited shall be a complementary material for igniting that kind of matches.

The flap C, as here shown, is a part of the case or shell—that is to say, the case or shell and the flap are made in one integral piece.

The paper or other material of which the case or shell is constructed is first bent round the former, so as to form a rectangular structure, and one of its ends, 15, is turned under and secured by glue, paste, or other suitable adhesive material to the back 2 of the case proper. The flap C forms, in effect, a continuation of the portion forming the back of the box or case, and is of such length that it may be folded down over the front of the box or case, and so as to cover the receptacle for the matches, as is clearly shown in Fig. 2. Of course the flap C might be made separate from the box or case and secured thereto by paste or other suitable adhesive material, if desirable, and it may be secured at the front instead of at the back, as shown. The advantage of the flap is that it at all times thoroughly protects the matches contained in the receptacle from rubbing, and, consequently, from accidental ignition, if other than sulphur or safety matches are used. It also protects the matches to a very large extent from dampness. It further operates to retain the matches within the receptacle, so that they will not be accidentally moved out of the same.

D designates a receptacle for tobacco—as, for instance, cigarettes—which is adapted to be contained within the case or shell A. It is in form substantially like that of the case, and is provided down its back side with an opening, α' , adapted to be closed by a flap, α^2 , forming part of the material of which the receptacle D is composed, and extending down over the opening α' .

By my improvement I provide a means of packing tobacco—such as cigars, cigarettes, or smoking-tobacco—together with a means for igniting the same when desired, and also means for effectively protecting the igniting material from injury or loss, and withal in such a manner that the matches or other igniting material may be readily reached. In structure it is cheap, simple, and effective, and where safety matches are used may be readily sold as an article of commerce and transported without fear of accidental combustion or damage by fire resulting therefrom.

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

1. The combination, with a case or shell

provided upon its exterior with a flap, of a
receptacle for matches outside said case or
shell, adapted to be covered by said flap, and
a receptacle for tobacco contained within the
5 case or shell, but wholly independent thereof,
substantially as specified.

2. The combination, with a case or shell
comprising a flap, the whole being made in
one integral piece, of a receptacle for matches

upon the outside of the case or shell and 10
adapted to be covered by said flap, and a re-
ceptacle for tobacco contained within the case
or shell, but wholly independent thereof, sub-
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