

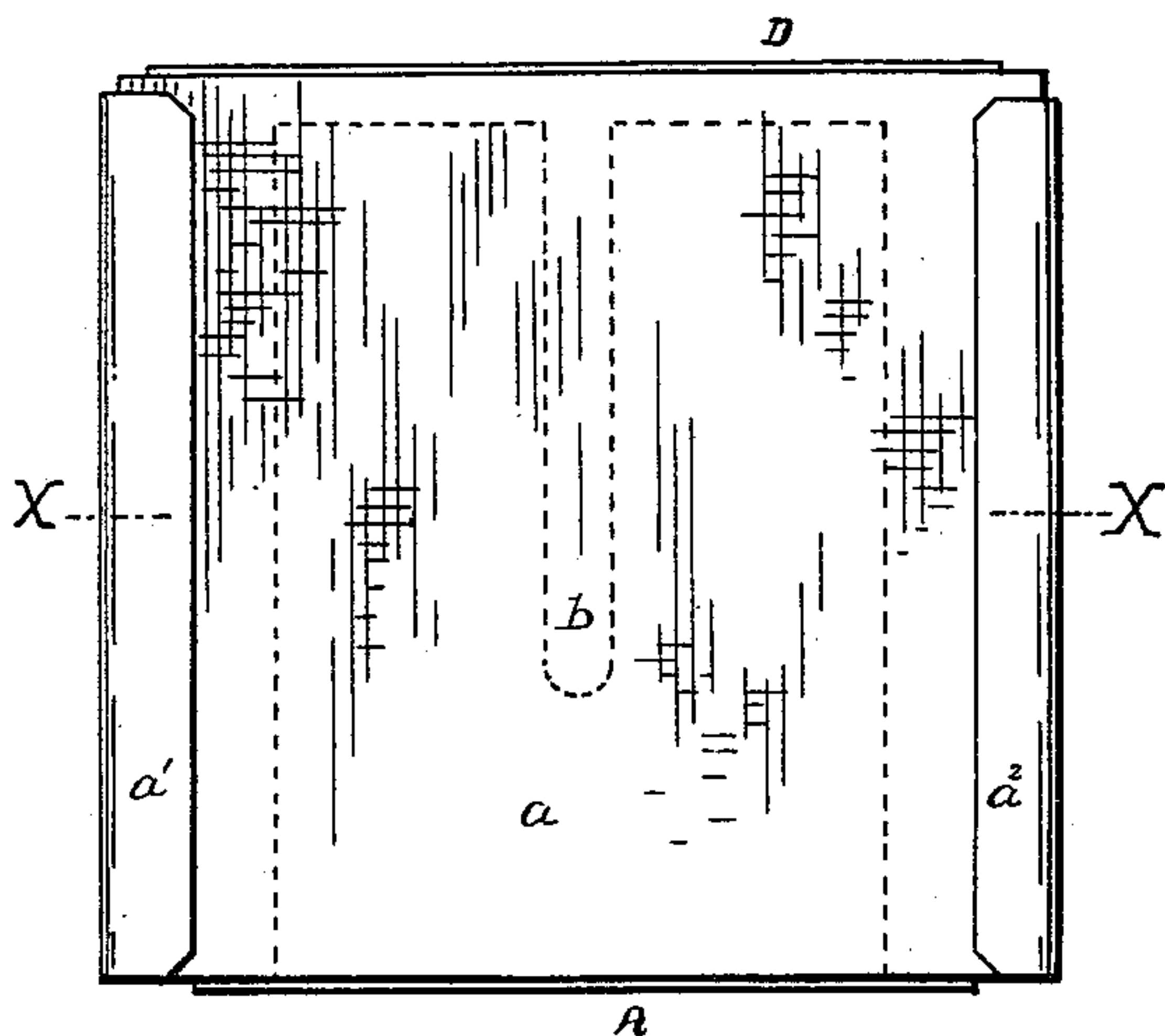
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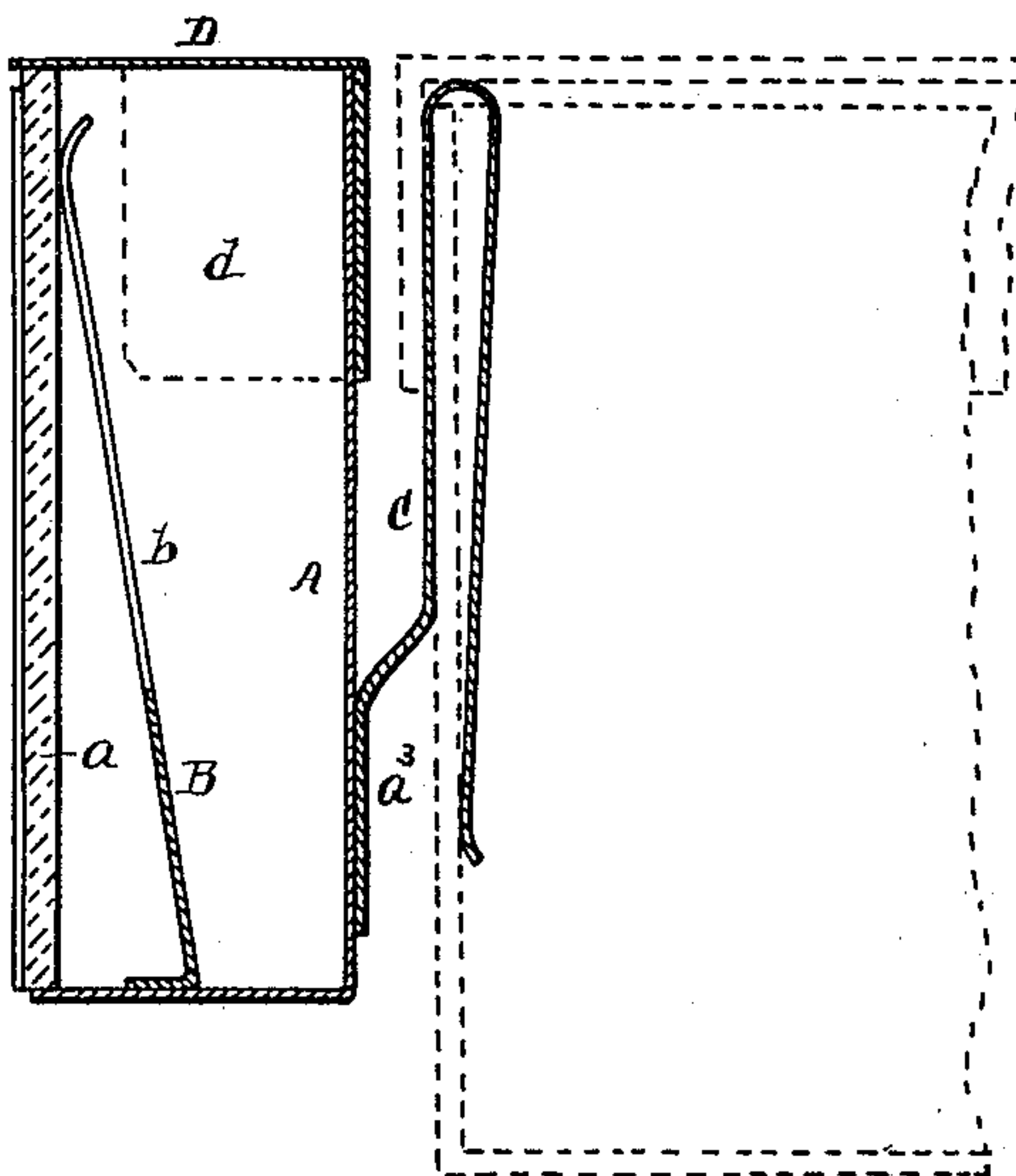
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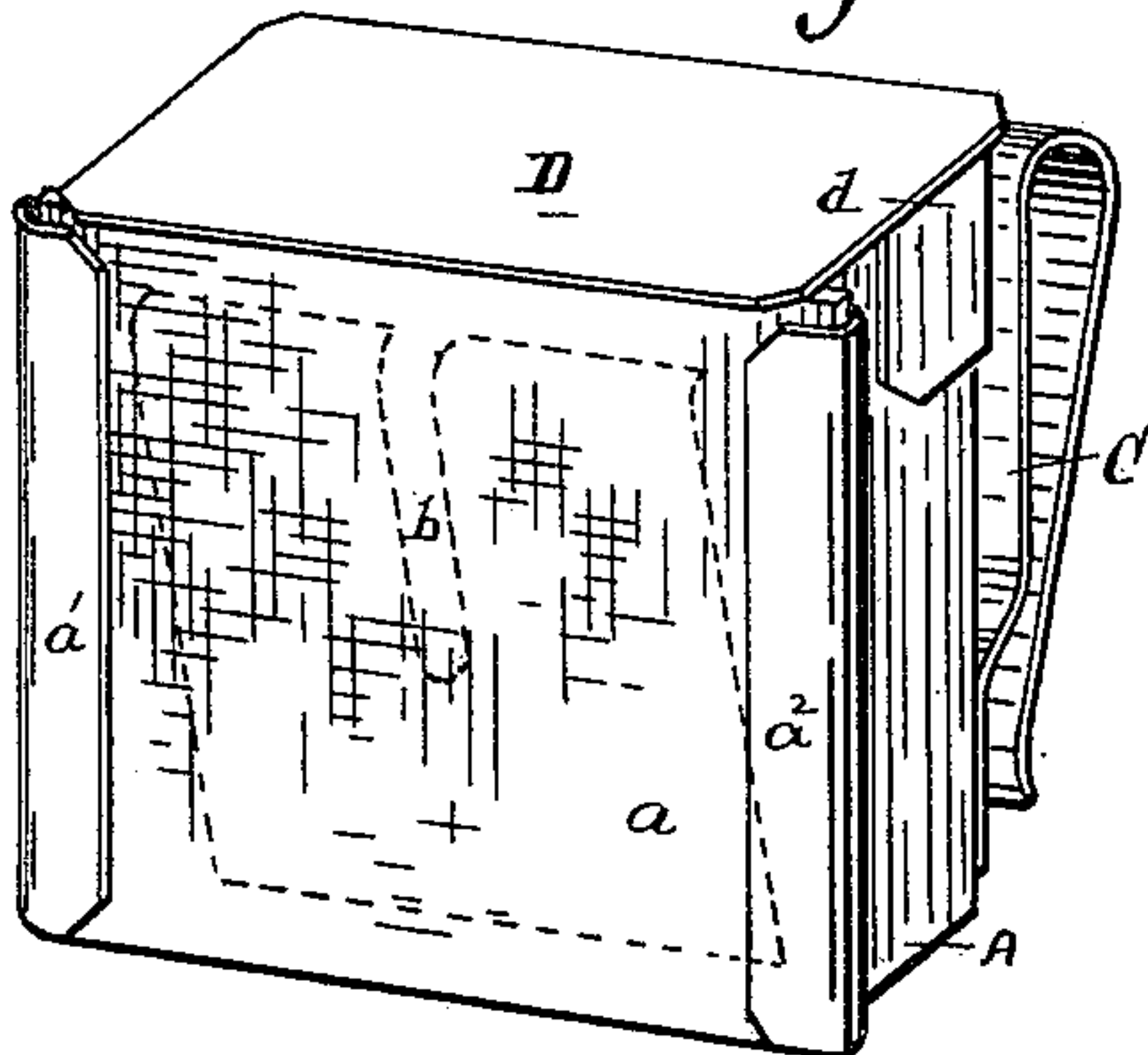
*Fig. 1*



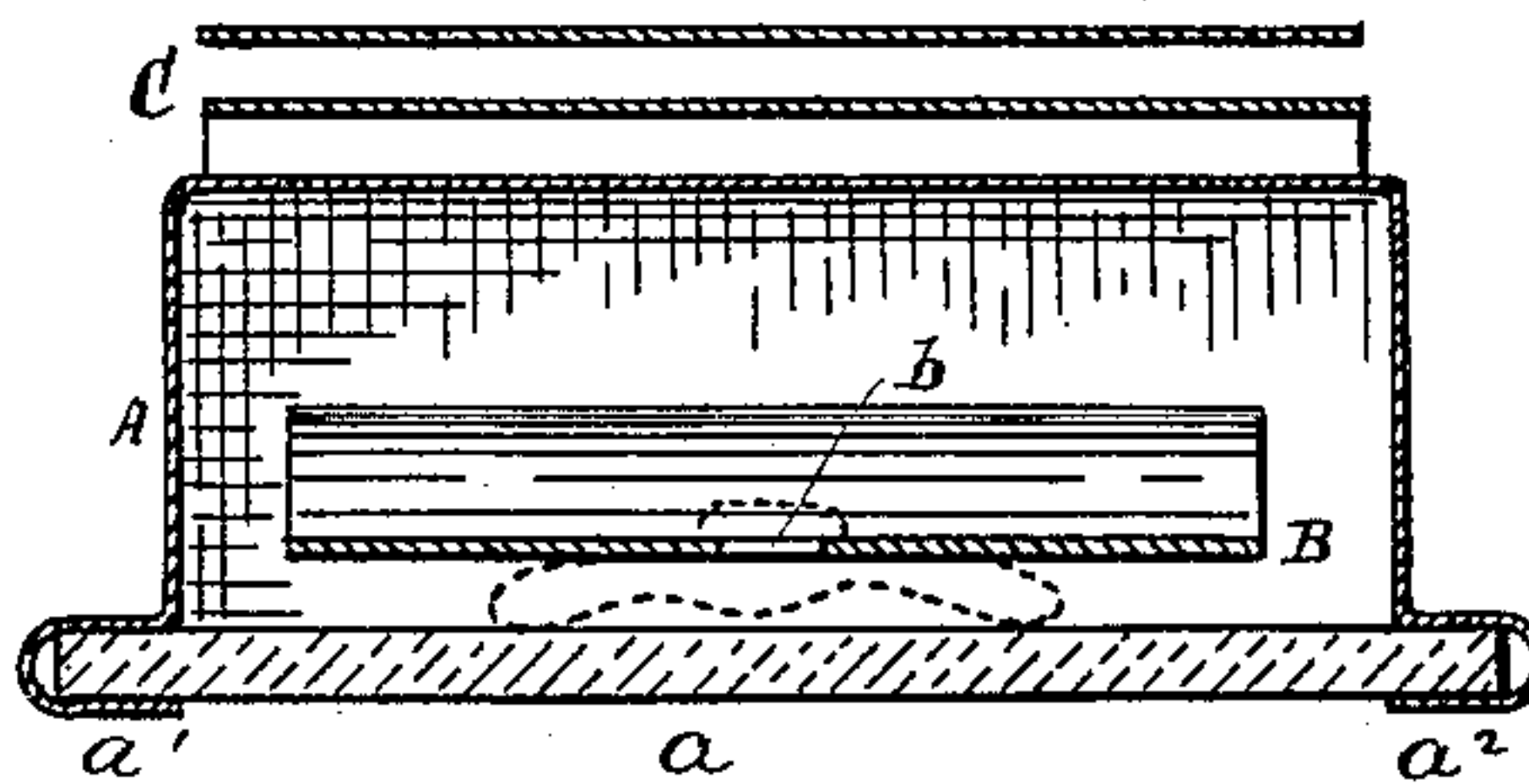
*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 3*



*Fig. 4*



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## SAMPLE-HOLDER AND BOX-PULL.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Palmyra, county of Otoe, State of Nebraska, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in a Combined Sample-Holder and Box-Pull; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and useful combined sample-holder and box-pull, whereby the sample may be clearly exposed to view, and which may be readily attached or detached without interfering in any manner with the box-cover.

My invention consists of the devices and appliances illustrated in the drawings and more fully hereinafter described, and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation illustrating features of my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section. Fig. 3 is a view in perspective; and Fig. 4 is a horizontal section along  $x x$ , Fig. 1.

I carry out my invention as follows.

A represents an inclosing-case to receive a sample—as, for instance, a button, or any other desired article. This case I prefer to make of tin and to provide the same with a glass front,  $a$ . The sides of the case may be suitably flanged or turned, as at  $a' a^2$ , to allow the glass front to be readily slipped into place.

B denotes an upwardly-projecting tongue, which may be slotted, as shown at  $b$ , or otherwise constructed to hold a sample. The tongue is made to spring against the glass face to hold the sample in place against the glass, and thereby expose the whole face of the button or other article to view. When the tongue is slotted thus, the eye of a button may be readily engaged therewith and held in place thereby.

The means for holding the sample in place against the glass front may consist of a slotted tongue or otherwise without departing from my invention, or in some cases a fastening device may be omitted altogether.

C is a hook or bent portion serving as a clasp, joined to the rear of the case and adapted to hook over the side of the box. The upper portion of the clasp sets away from the case, so as not to interfere with the application and ready removal of the box-cover, while it is also united to the case toward the base, as at  $a^3$ , to allow the cover to shut down in place.

The case is preferably provided with a cap, D, to exclude dust. This cap may be held in place in any desired manner, as by side wings,  $d$ . (Shown in dotted lines, Fig. 2.) It is evident that the device is at the same time an efficient box-pull as well as a sample-holder. The whole construction is simple, economical, and satisfactory in its operation.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. An inclosing-case provided with a glass front having in combination therewith an interior upwardly-projecting tongue, constructed to hold a sample and a clasp to engage a box, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with the inclosing-case provided with a glass front and means for attachment to a box, of a spring-tongue secured at one end to the interior of said case and having its opposite end inclining toward said glass front, substantially as set forth.

3. An inclosing-case provided with a glass front having in combination therewith an upwardly-extended slotted tongue constructed to hold a sample and press it against the glass front, a clasp to engage a box without interfering with the box-cover, and a cap removably connected with the case, substantially as described.

4. The combination of the inclosing-case and a clasp united thereto toward the base and separated from the case at the top to engage over the edge of a box without interfering with the box-cover, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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