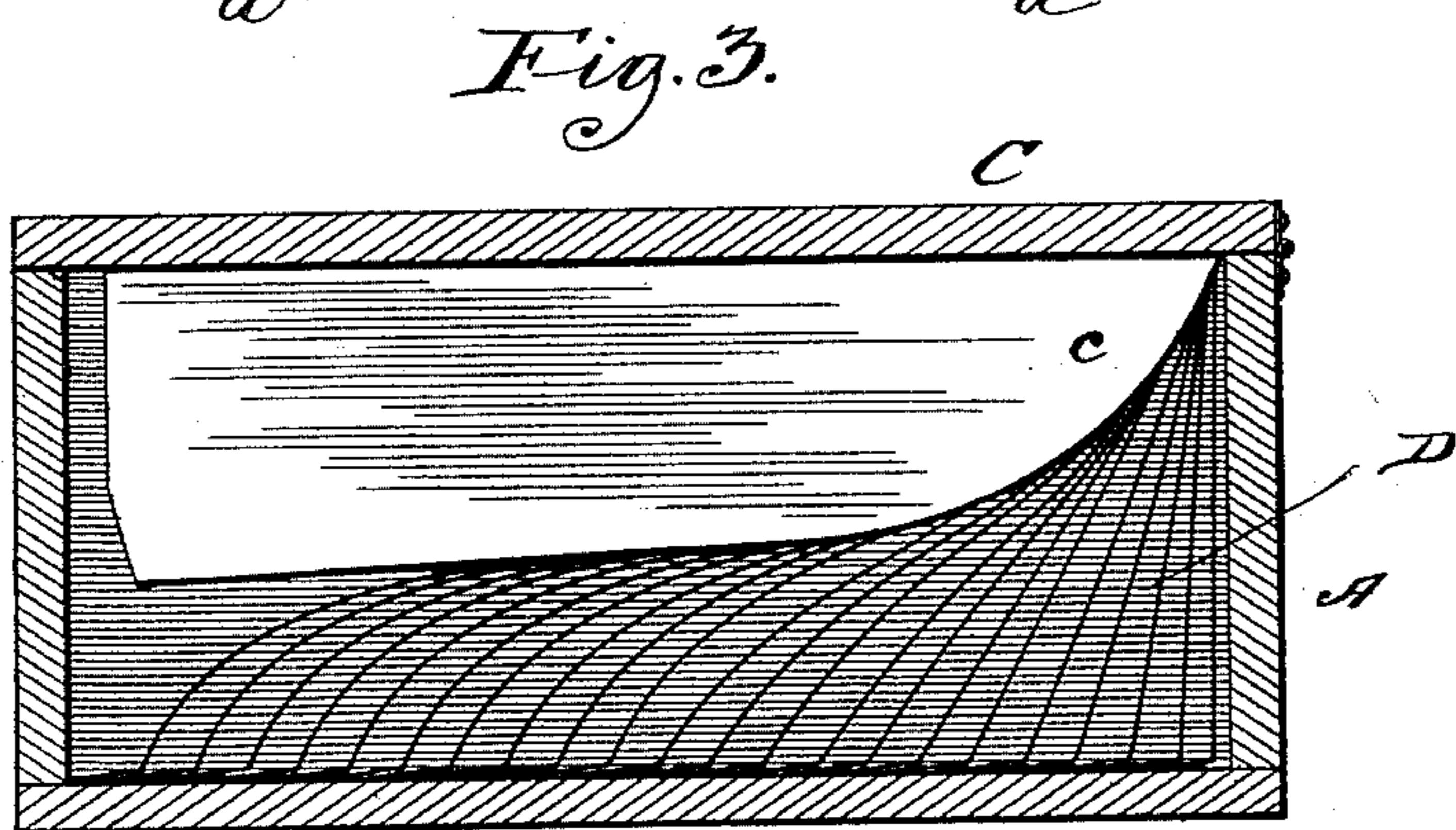
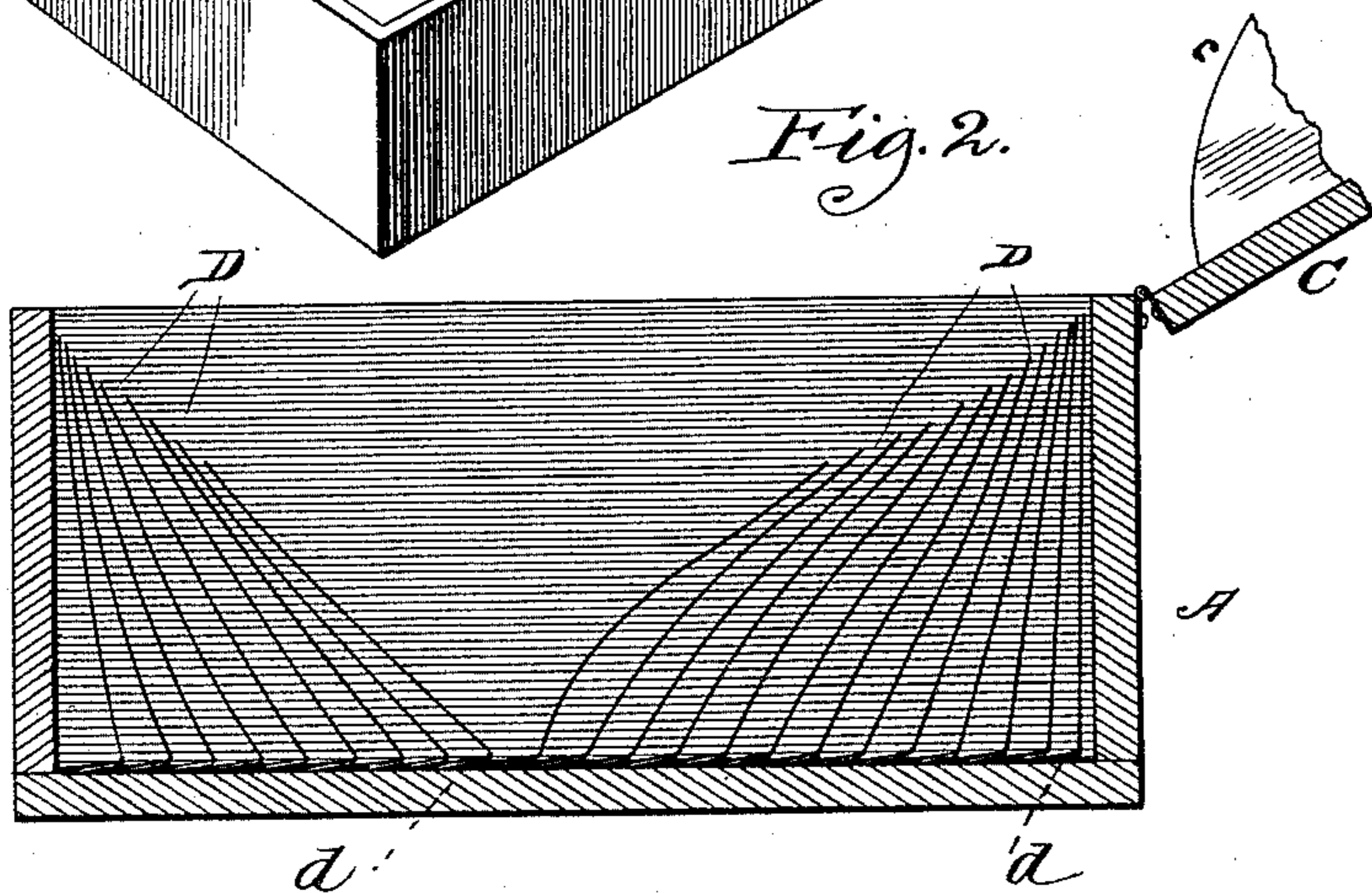
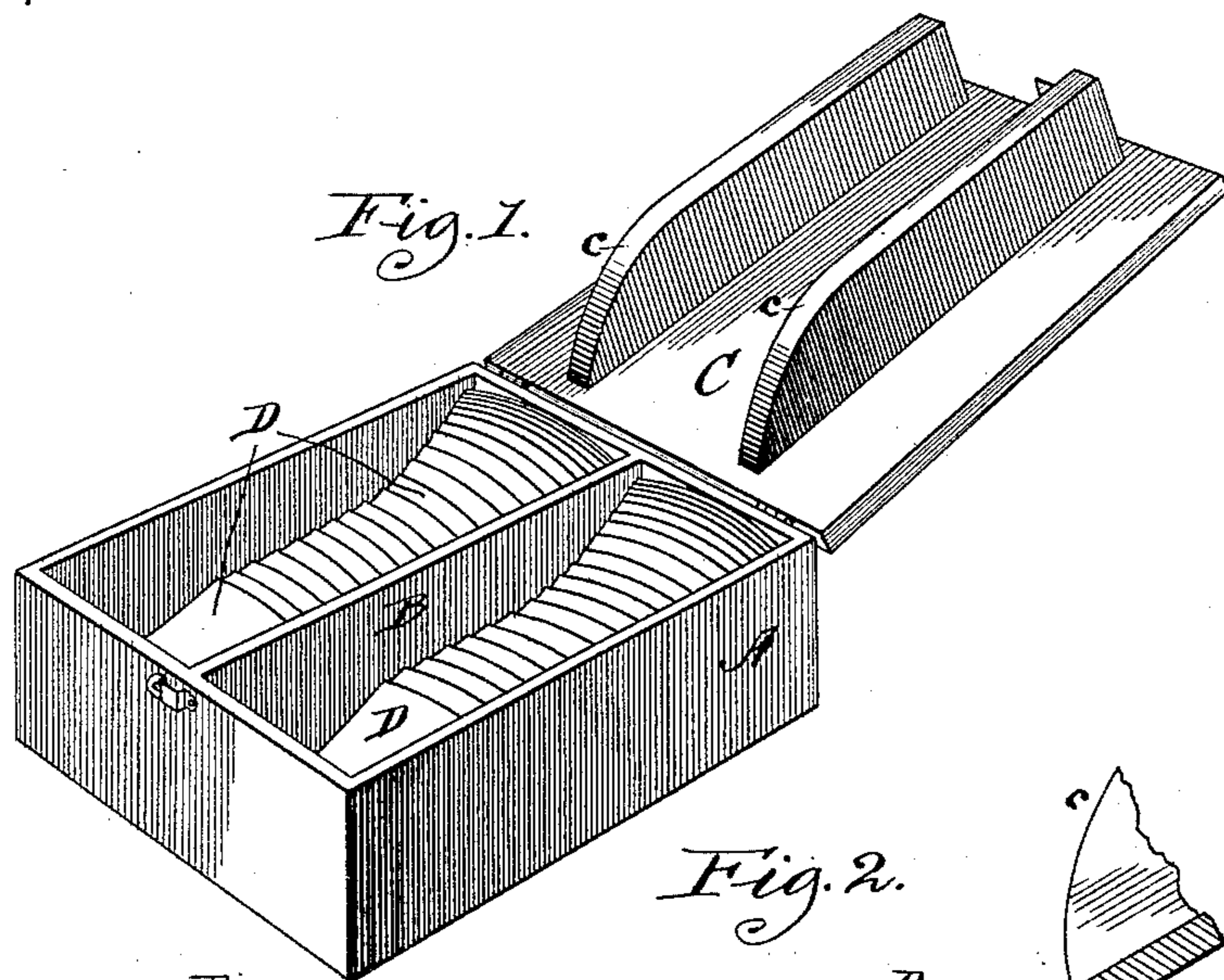


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY WILLSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Receptacles for Gummed Letters and similar Articles, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a convenient receptacle for gummed letters, labels, figures, and like articles, which are ordinarily sold in sets. For example, gummed letters—such as are used by merchants for marking drawers, boxes, bottles, and cans for advertising purposes—are usually put up for sale in sets containing a number of each of the twenty-six letters of the alphabet, besides a number of each of the figures from one to ten. Of course it is desirable to keep the letters and figures of each kind separate, and hence arises the necessity for providing a compartment for each; but in order to have the various letters readily accessible it is desirable to have them all in the same receptacle. I provide for such and similar uses a convenient receptacle in the form of a box, which may be divided by a longitudinal partition or partitions into two or more sections each of which I divide into as many compartments as desired by flexible partitions hinged at one edge to the bottom of the box and extending transversely thereof, each partition being of such width as to form with the walls of the box and the partitions thereof compartments, wherein may be placed the gummed letters, figures, or other small articles which it is desired to keep separated. The lid of the box I preferably provide with downwardly-projecting cleats which are adapted to bear on the free ends of the partitions, whereby to hold them closed down upon each other, and thereby prevent the mingling of the contents of the several compartments.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a receptacle containing my improvements. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section through the receptacle with the lid thrown back and one of the central compartments open; and Fig. 3 is a similar view with the lid closed and the partitions all

closed down, their outer ends impinging the one upon the other.

In the drawings, A represents the box, and B a central partition therein.

C is the cover, which is preferably hinged to the box, and has projecting from its under side the downwardly-projecting cleats *c c*.

D represents the partitions, which may consist of sheets of paper or like flexible material, or they may be of light tin or wood. These partitions, when made of paper, are secured within the sections of the box by having their lower ends folded, as at *d*, to provide a portion to be pasted or otherwise fastened to the bottom of the box, as clearly shown in the sectional views of the drawings. These sheets are of a width to extend across between the wall of the box and the partition where one is employed, and of such length as to prevent the articles from working out over their upper ends. The lower ends will be secured such distance apart as to provide compartments of the desired size. Within these compartments the articles may be placed, and when the lid is closed down, as shown in Fig. 3, the cleats *c c* will rest upon the free ends of the partitions D, and thereby the articles are kept separate. When they are wanted, the cover of the box is thrown back, and the partitions may be separated, as shown in Fig. 2, to permit the removal of the articles.

Each partition will bear upon its upper front edge indexes of the contents of the compartments, and when the receptacle is used for gummed letters and figures a complete set thereof, consisting of, say, ten of each of the most used letters and each of the figures, may be kept within a small box.

I do not limit my invention to form nor size nor to the specific details of construction shown and described, but may vary the same according to the character and variety of the articles which are to be kept within.

I claim—

1. A receptacle comprising a box having its interior divided into a plurality of sections by a rigid partition or partitions, and flexible partitions hinged at one of their lower edges to the box-bottom and extending across the sections to provide a series of compart-

ments, and a lid adapted to cover the receptacle and confine the flexible partitions, substantially as described.

2. A receptacle comprising a box having
5 its interior divided into a plurality of sections by a rigid partition or partitions, flexible partitions secured at one end of their edges to the box-bottom and extending across the sec-

tions to provide a series of compartments, and a lid having down-hanging cleats for confining the upper ends of said flexible partitions, substantially as described.

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