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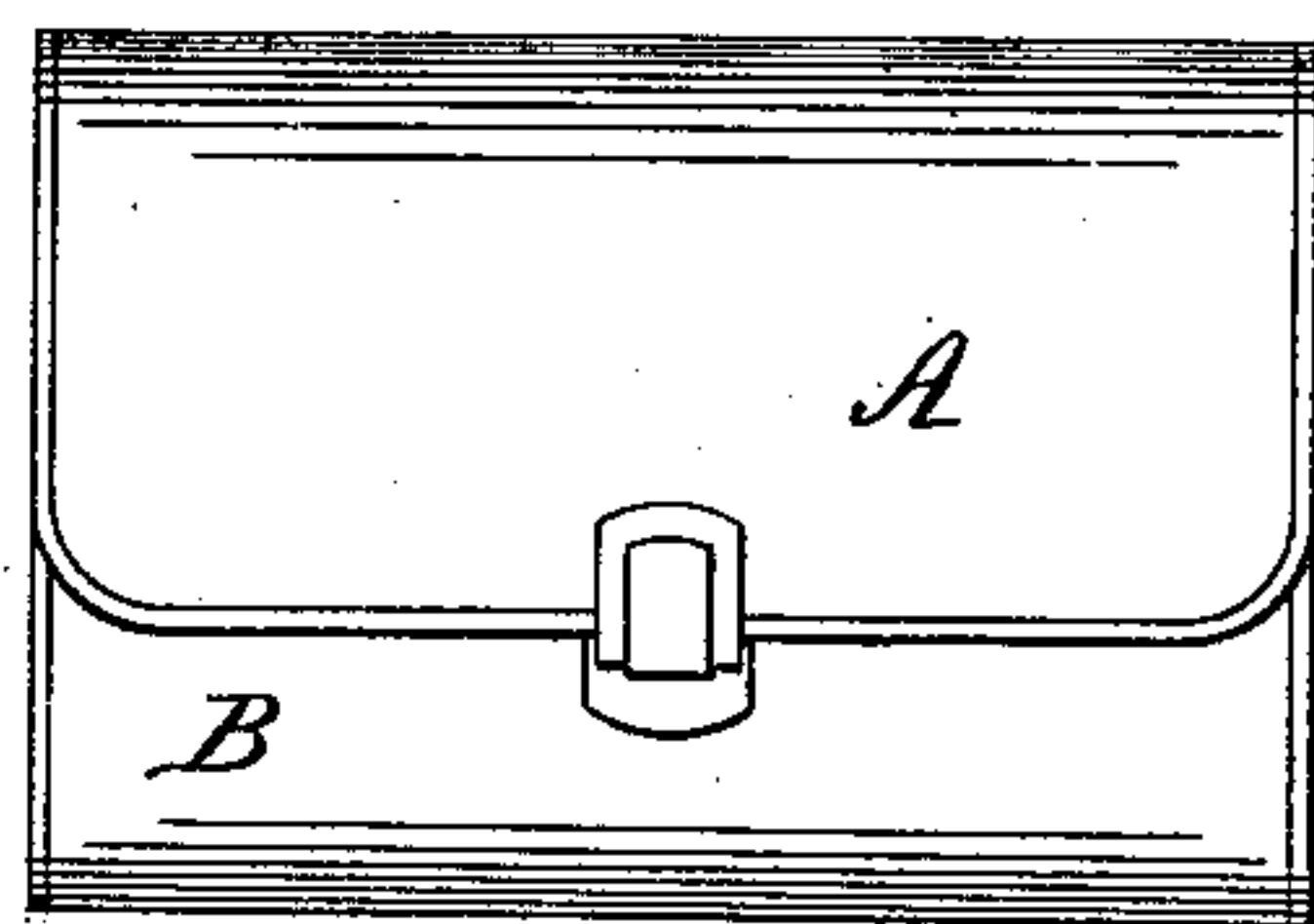
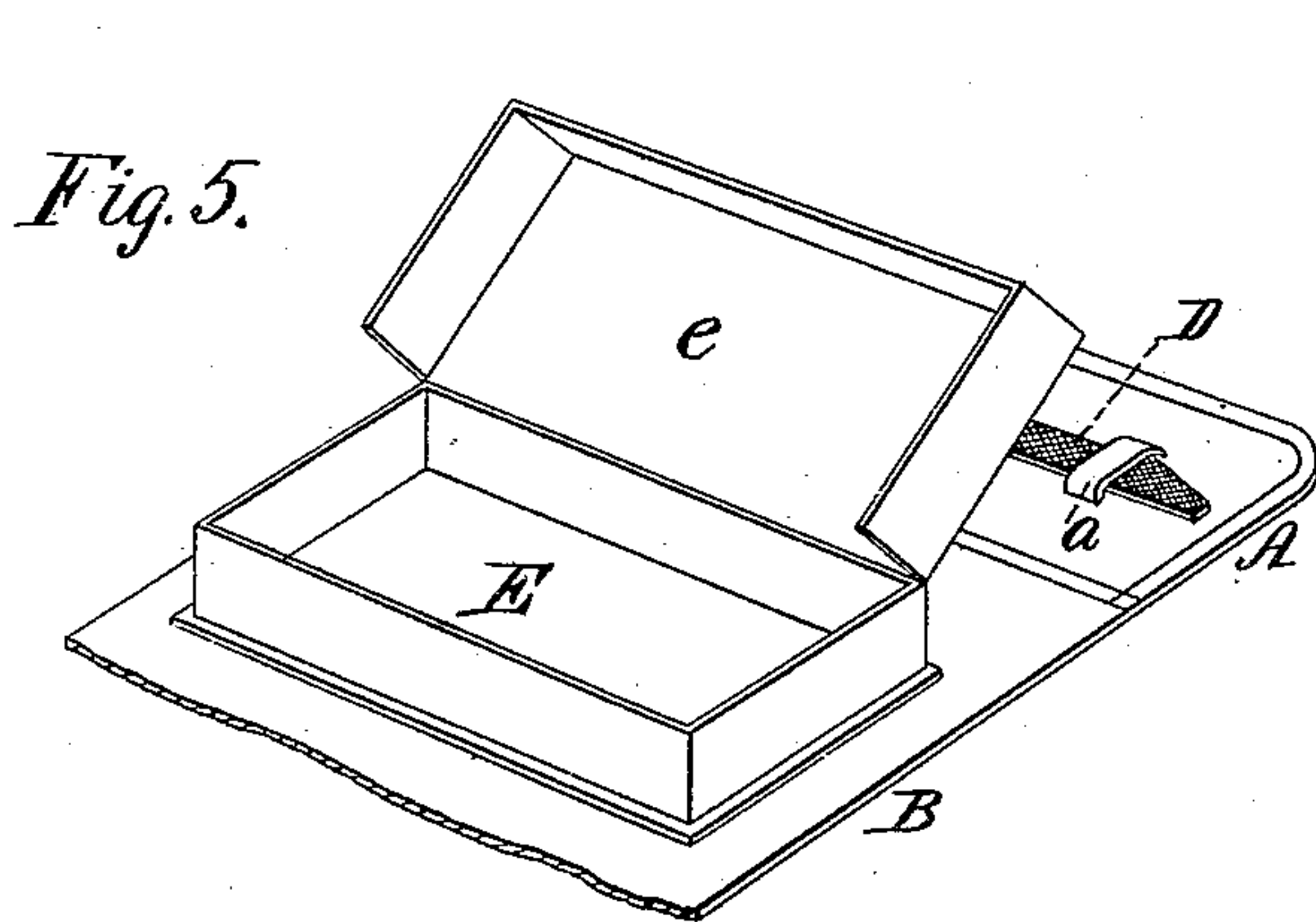
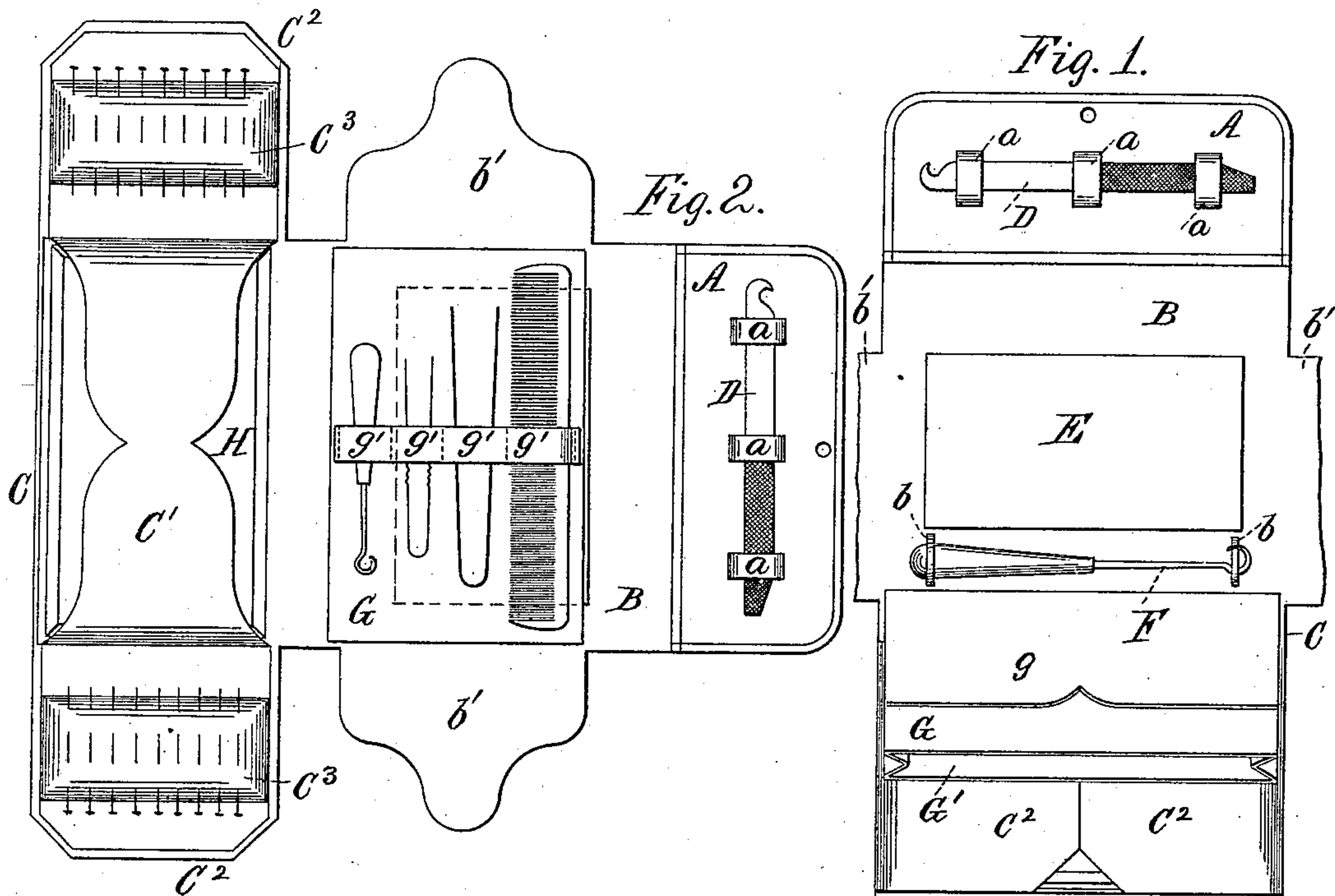
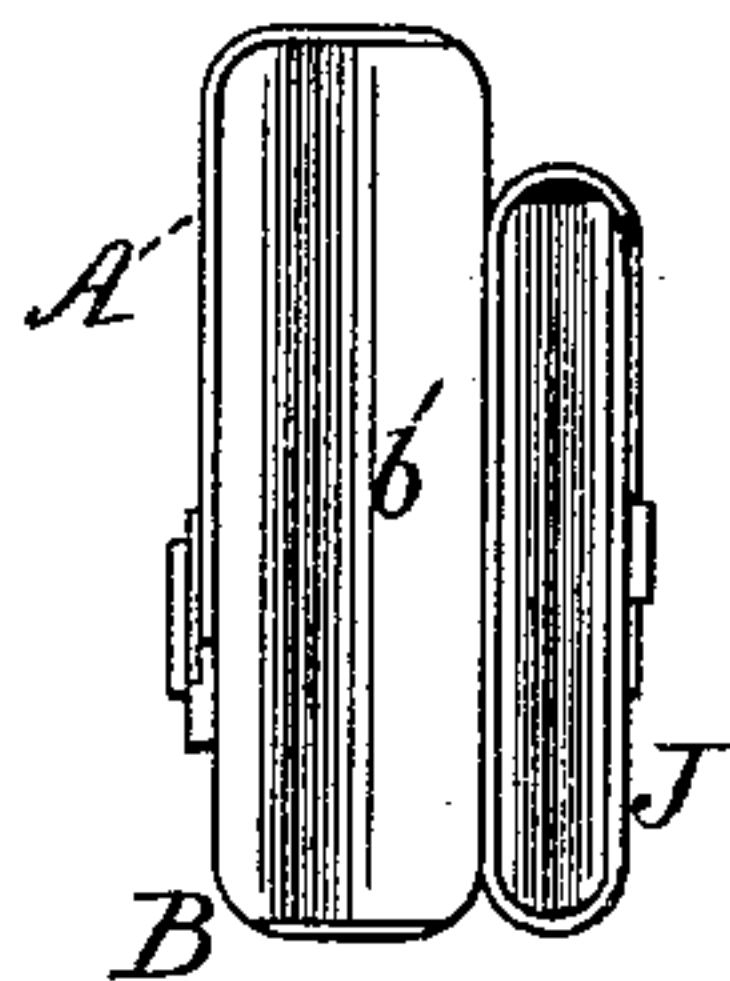


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## RETICULE OR POCKET-BOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ADDIE ALDRICH, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladies' Reticules and Pocket-Books, of which the following is a specification.

The several features of my invention and the advantages arising from their use, conjointly or otherwise, will be apparent from the following description.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 illustrates the reticule partly spread out. Fig. 2 shows the reticule opened so as to exhibit parts hidden in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view of the front of the device closed. Fig. 4 is a view of the rear of the device closed when provided with a pocket-book, as hereinafter mentioned. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the powder-box and of one of the end flaps. Fig. 6 is an end view of the device.

The reticule is constructed like a folding pocket-book, the back of which consists of three parts continuous with each other—viz., flap A, back B, and front C. The inside of the flap A is provided with loops *a*, adapted to hold a nail cleaner and file D. The box E, provided with hinged top *e*, is attached to the inside of the back B. Instead of a hinged top, the box may be provided with a sliding lid or other form of tight-fitting top. Sufficient space is preferably left beside the box E for loops *b*, in which a shoe-buttoner F may be held. The back B is preferably provided with the lateral flaps *b'*. When the box E is extended to the edges of the back B, the flaps *b'* may be omitted. In such event the ends of the box are preferably dressed with leather.

At the junction of the back B and front C the leaf G is attached. In Fig. 1 the leaf G is shown partly raised, showing the top and

one side. The other side of the leaf G is shown in Fig. 2. The leaf G is preferably made double, so as to form the pocket G', which may be conveniently used as a receptacle for a powder-rag. On one side of the leaf G is a tuck *g*, intended to hold postage-stamps, and on the other side is a strap *g'*, divided into a series of loops, in which may be held a comb, hair-pins, glove-buttoner, or other desired articles.

The inside of the front C is provided with a large loop C', under which it is intended to place a looking-glass H. The flaps C<sup>2</sup> of the front C are provided with pincushions C<sup>3</sup>. In closing the reticule the flaps C<sup>2</sup> are folded over part C, and the flaps *b'* are folded over part G, as shown in Fig. 1, and the reticule is then folded up and closed, as shown in Fig. 3.

When desired, an additional pocket-book J may be attached to the reticule by fastening the two together back to back.

While the various features of my invention are preferably used together, one or more of said features may be used without the remainder, and, in so far as applicable, one or more of said features may be used with pocket-books or reticules other than the one herein specifically specified.

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

A folding reticule consisting of a front, back, and flap portion connected together and having attached to the back portion a box with a hinged covering, the front portion being provided with a loop and side flaps, and a leaf connected at the junction of the back and front portions, substantially as described.

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