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Fig. 1.

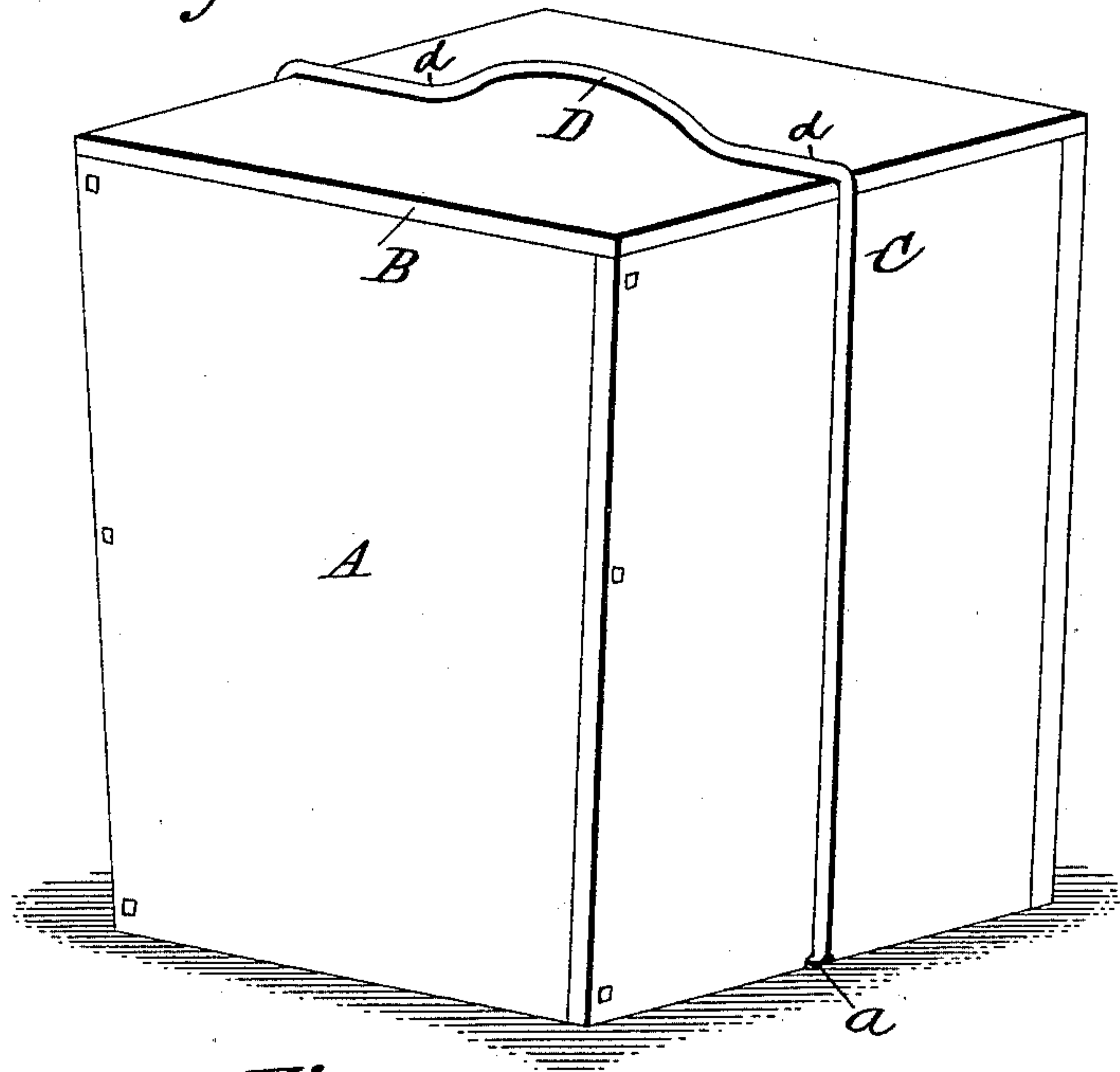
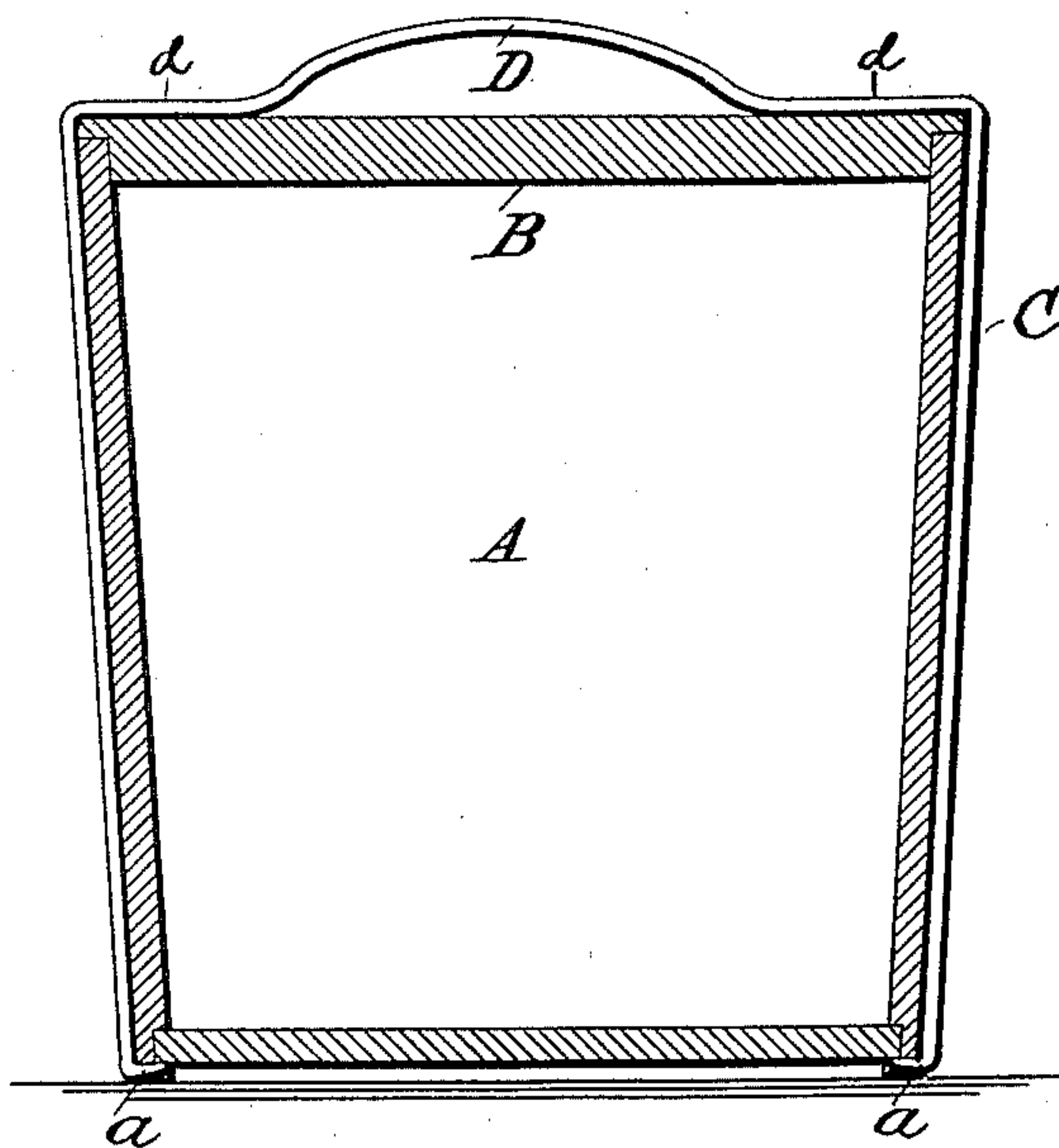


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WASON E. DOW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Orange, in the county of Orange and State of Vermont, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Boxes and Closures and Handles Therefor, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and the letters marked thereon.

My invention relates to boxes having detachable covers and detachable handles or bails.

The said invention consists in the combination of a box-body and detachable cover with a wire bail and fastening especially constructed and applied, as hereinafter set forth and claimed.

In the said drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view, and Fig. 2 a vertical central section taken in a plane parallel with and close to the side of the handle of a butter-box provided with a cover and fastening-handle constructed and combined in accordance with my invention.

A designates the box-body, B the cover, and C the bail, which is also the cover-fastening and body-brace. The said bail consists of a single piece of wire, which extends across the cover B and down two opposite sides of the body A, being formed at the ends into pointed hooks *a*. These are pressed into the material of the said sides at the lower edges thereof and slightly under the bottom of the said body. The upright parts of the said wire

above the said hooks are in contact with the said sides, and the intermediate horizontal part of the said wire is in contact with the said cover, as shown at *d d* near each side, forming a fastening therefor, except in the middle, where it is bent up to form a handle D, by which the box may conveniently be carried. By pulling the hooks *a* out of the material the bail C is readily detached in order to allow the opening of the box, or for any other purpose. Attachment is equally easy. The wire bail C also braces the sides of the box-body and holds the cover B down in its place so firmly that no dust can work under it.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a box, the cover B and the box-body A, in combination with the wire bail C, which extends down in contact with two opposite sides of the said body and is formed at its ends into pointed hooks *a*, that catch under the bottom of the box-body and may be pressed into the lower edges of the said two sides, the intermediate horizontal part of the wire bail extending across the cover B and being in part bent in contact therewith at *d d* near the sides of the said cover, so as to act as a fastening therefor, but being also bent up in the middle to form a handle D, substantially as set forth.

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