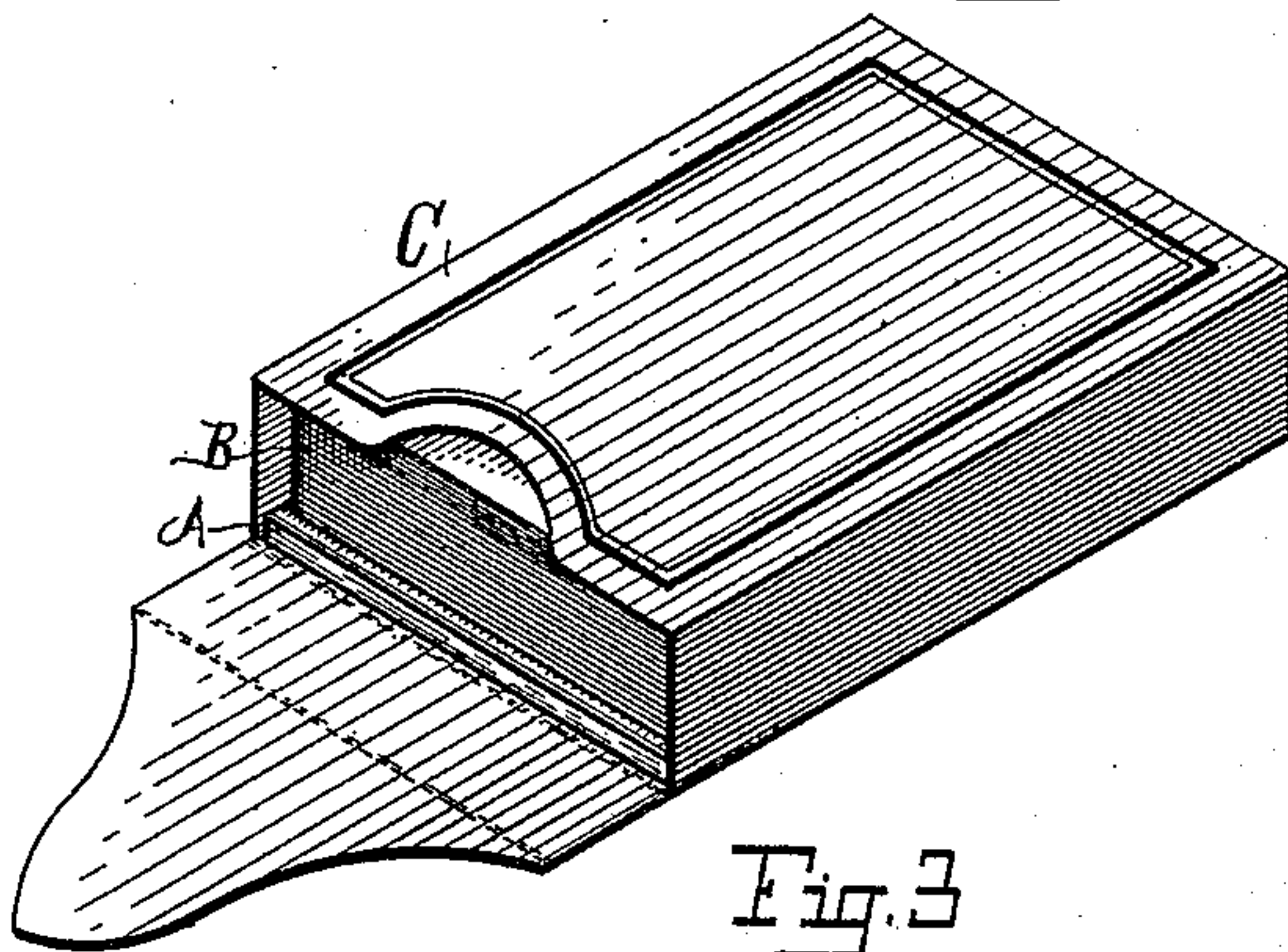
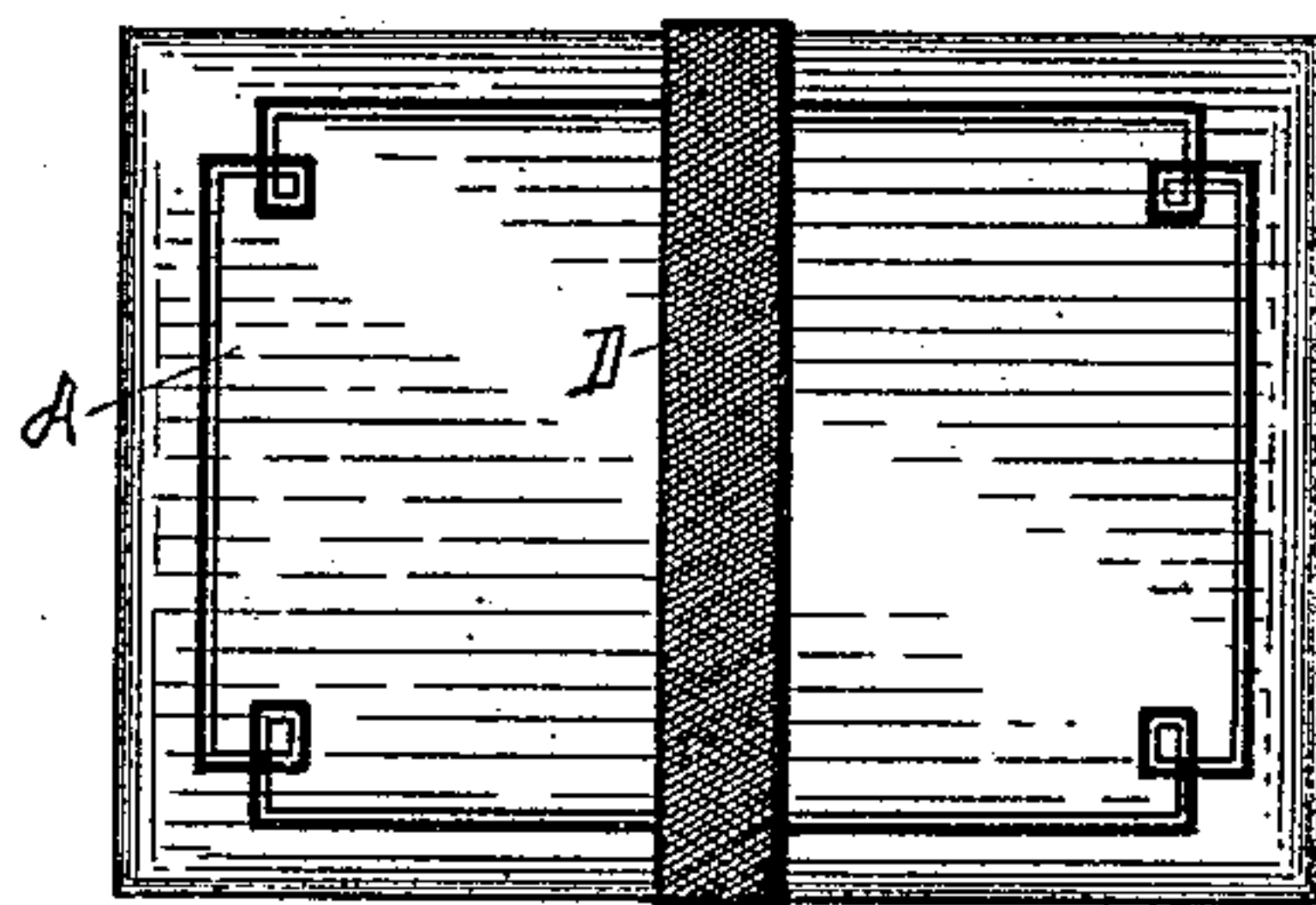
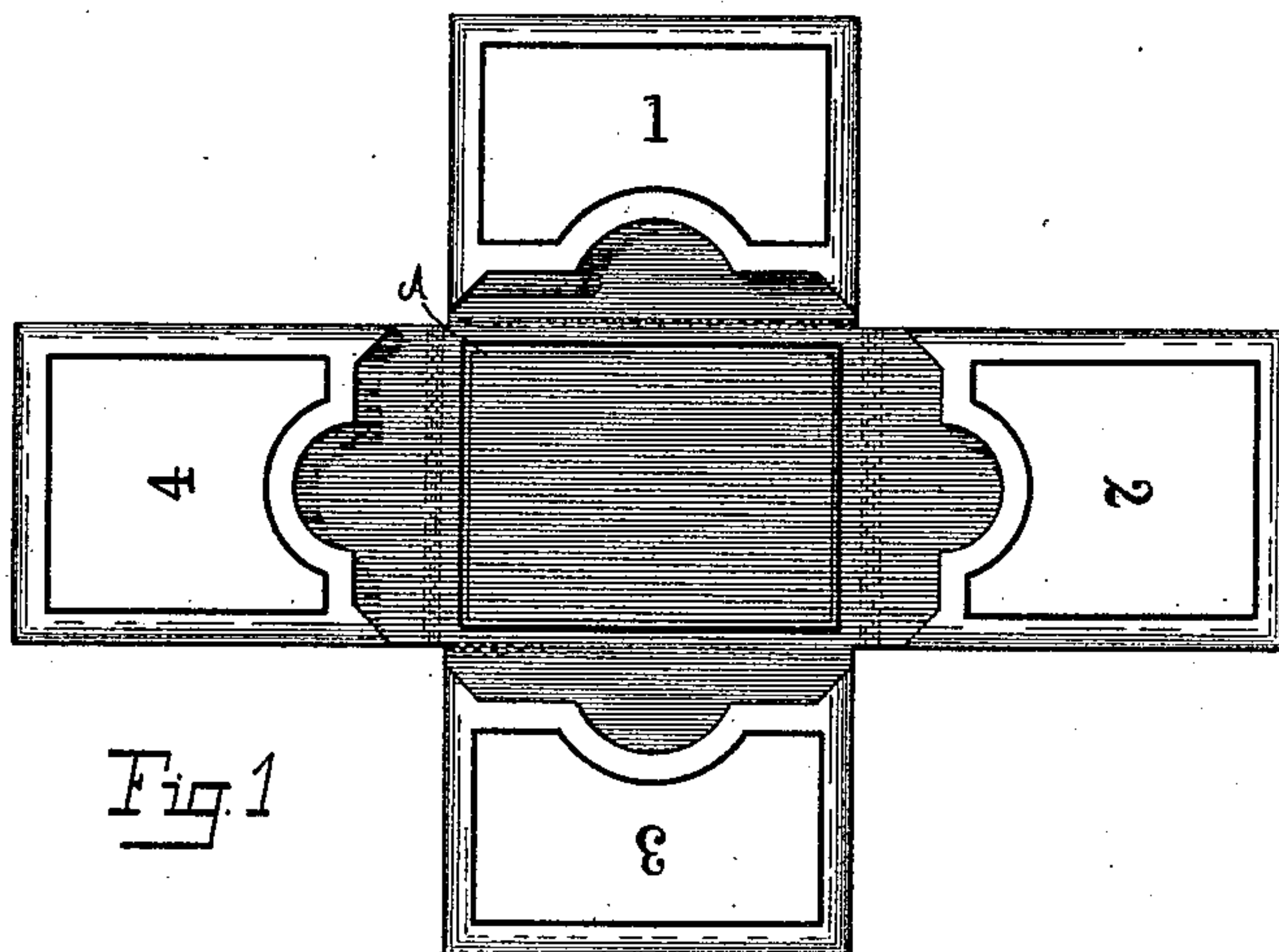


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD WOODBURY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kalamazoo, county of Kalamazoo, State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Folding Card-Case for Whist, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object the below described and claimed folding case for holding four hands of cards played in the game of whist, more especially designed in the game known as "duplicate whist," in which the four hands played at one table are played by the players at the next succeeding table.

To this end the construction embodying the invention is made from paper or other flexible material and having four wings adapted to fold one upon the other, said wings bearing a pocket or receptacle for containing the hands played, all of which will appear more clearly set forth in the following description.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a plan view of the case open. Fig. 2 shows the case as when folded, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the box for containing a pack of playing-cards and one of the folding cases in the condition in which I design to furnish them to the trade.

Referring to the lettered parts of the drawings, A is the folding case having a rectangular portion of the size corresponding to the size of the case when folded, said case having four wings adapted to fold one upon the other and each of said wings bearing a pocket or receptacle for containing the hands played. These pockets are shown in Fig. 1 and bear figures 1 2 3 4, or they may bear other suitable characters to indicate the position of the case upon the table while the hands are being played.

To illustrate, in playing the game the case A would be laid upon the table open, as in Fig. 1, and the parties opposite 2 and 4 would be partners, and the parties opposite 1 and 3 would be partners, each with parties occupying like positions at the other tables. When the hands are played, each party puts his or her hand in their respective pockets. The case is then folded one wing upon another and passed to the next table. If the parties sitting opposite 2 and 4 are at the north and south end of the table, the case, when opened

at the said next table, would be so placed that the parties sitting at the north and south end of said next table would sit opposite the figures 1 and 3. This illustrates the object of placing figures and characters on the pockets, the conditions of the game being such that the position of the case A is to be thus changed, and this being the fact it is not deemed necessary to further enter into the theory of playing the game.

It is desirable to supply the case with an elastic band D, Fig. 2, to hold the case in its folded condition, but not necessarily so.

Referring to Fig. 3, C is a box in which is placed a pack of cards B and one of the cases A, thus constituting an article of manufacture and trade, the idea being to supply one of the cases A with each pack of cards to the purchaser in a box C, designed for the purpose.

The particular shape of the case A may be modified, if desired, so long as it is provided with wings adapted to fold upon each other, said wings bearing pockets, which pockets bear characters to indicate the position the case should occupy on the table.

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

1. The case for holding the four hands played in the game of cards, said case being made of flexible material and having four wings, each bearing a pocket or receptacle and adapted to fold one upon the other, substantially as set forth.

2. A case for holding the hands played in the game of cards, said case being made of flexible material and having wings, each bearing a pocket for containing the hands played, each of said pockets bearing a figure or character to indicate the position the case should occupy upon the card-table, said wings being adapted to fold one upon the other, substantially as set forth.

In testimony to the foregoing I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

EDWARD WOODBURY.

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