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PACKING RECEPTACLE.

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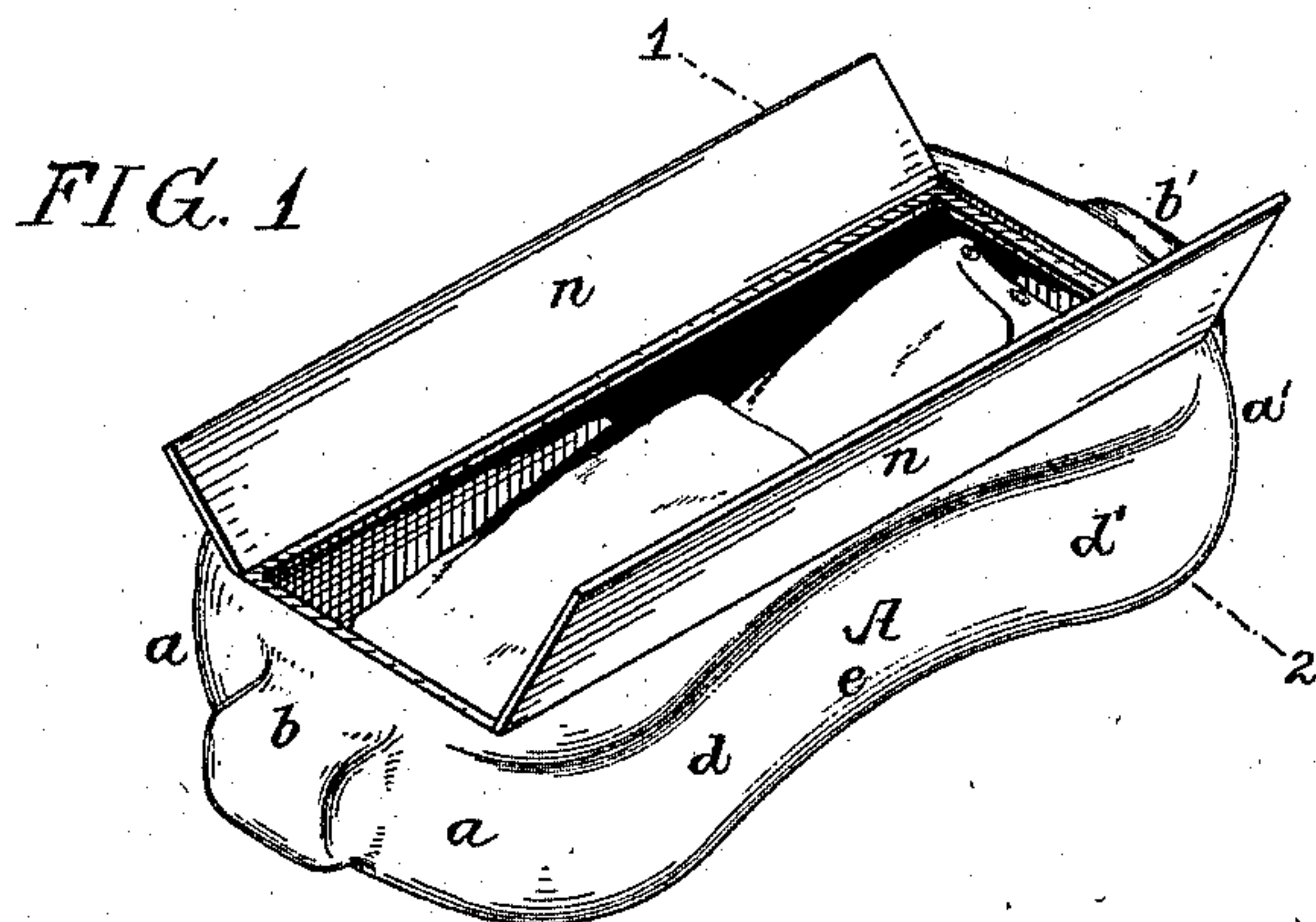


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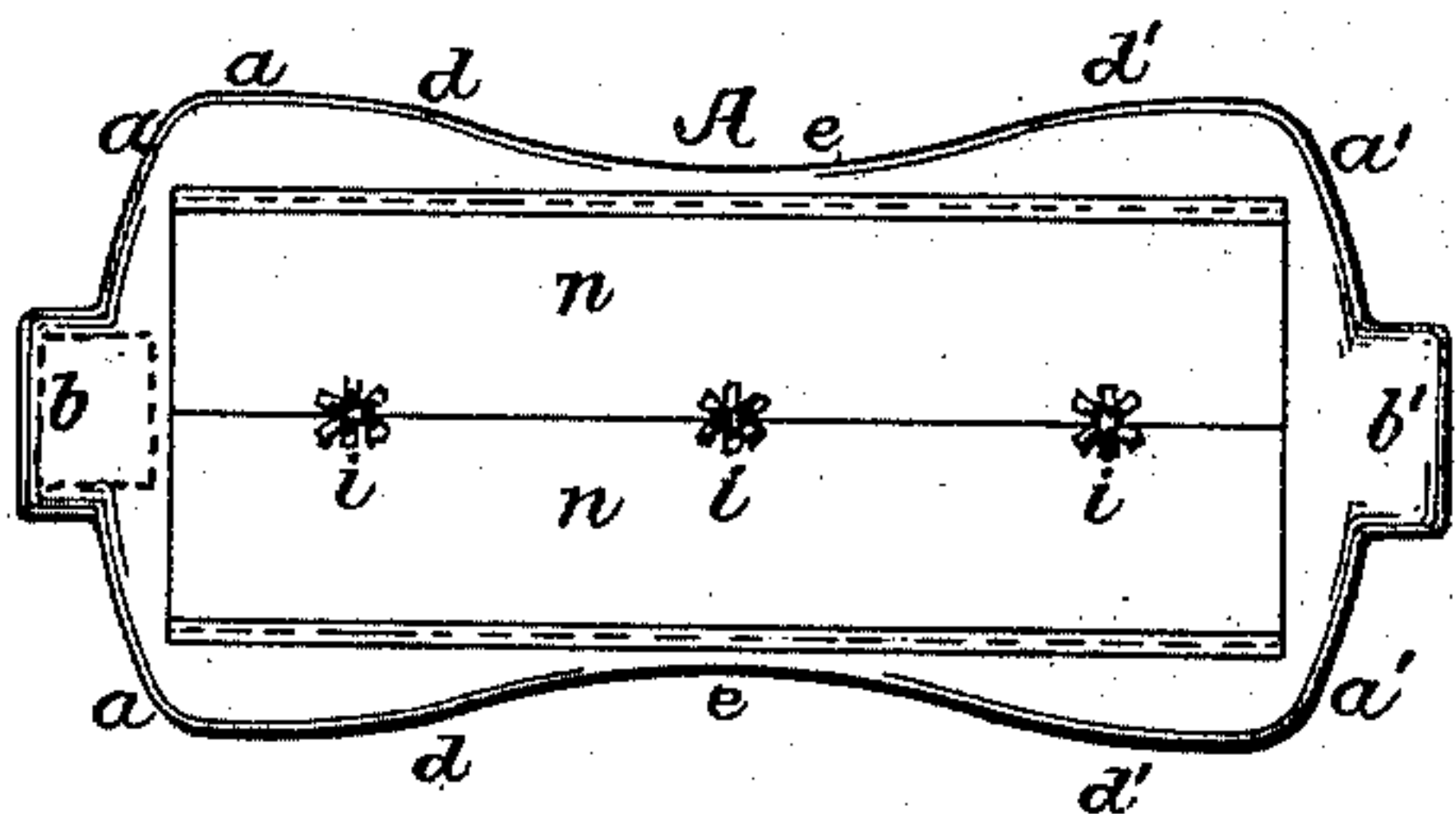


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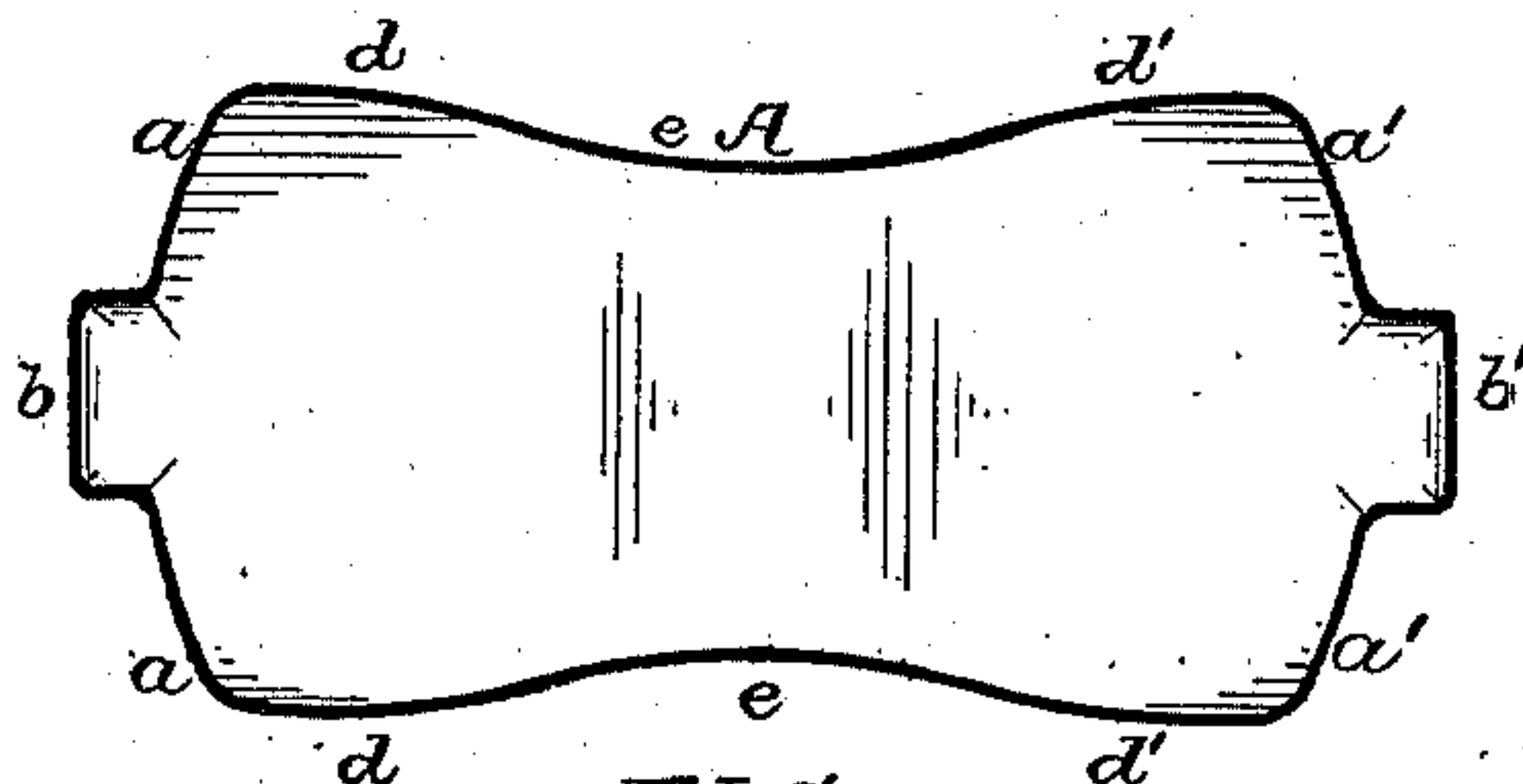


FIG. 4.



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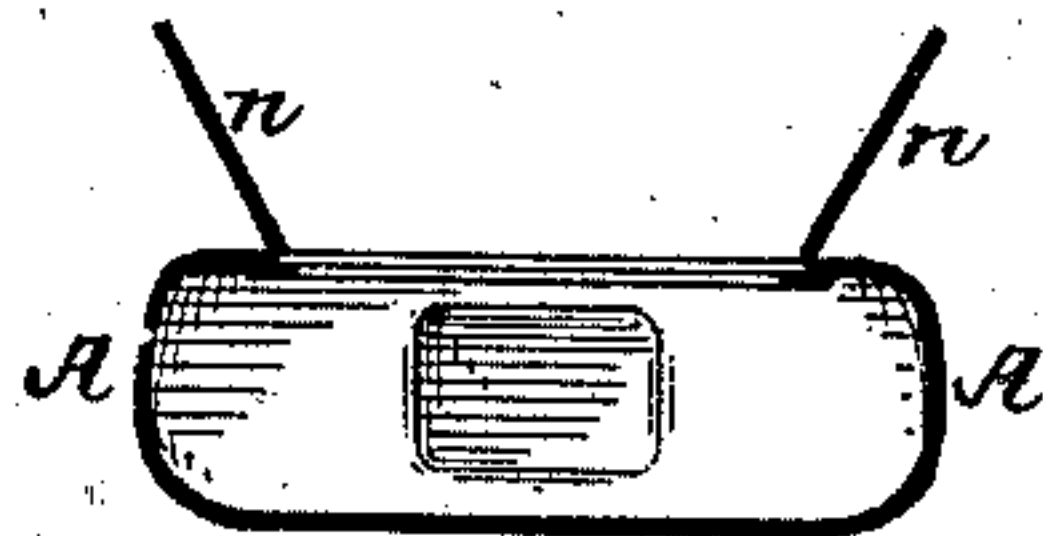


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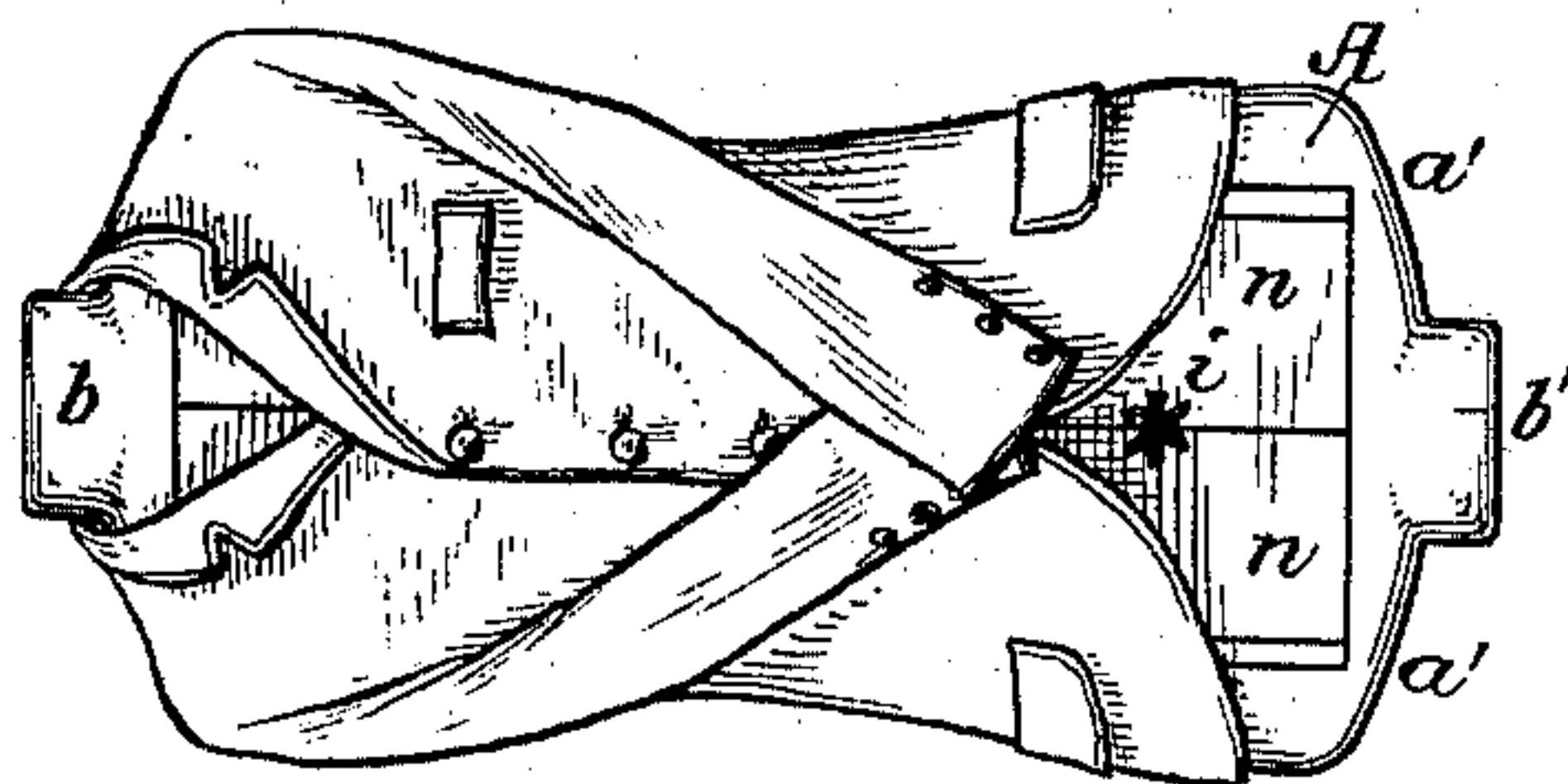


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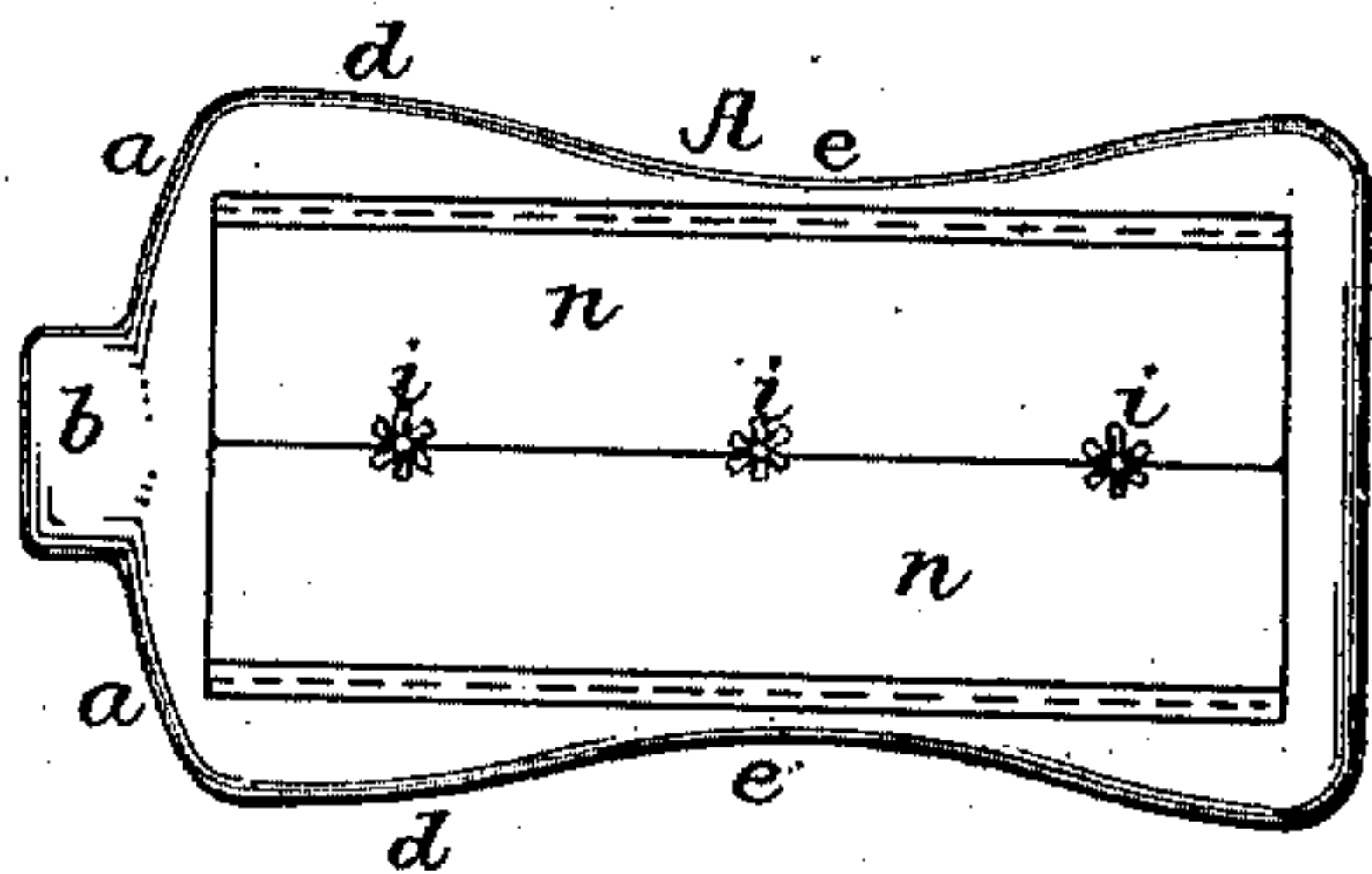
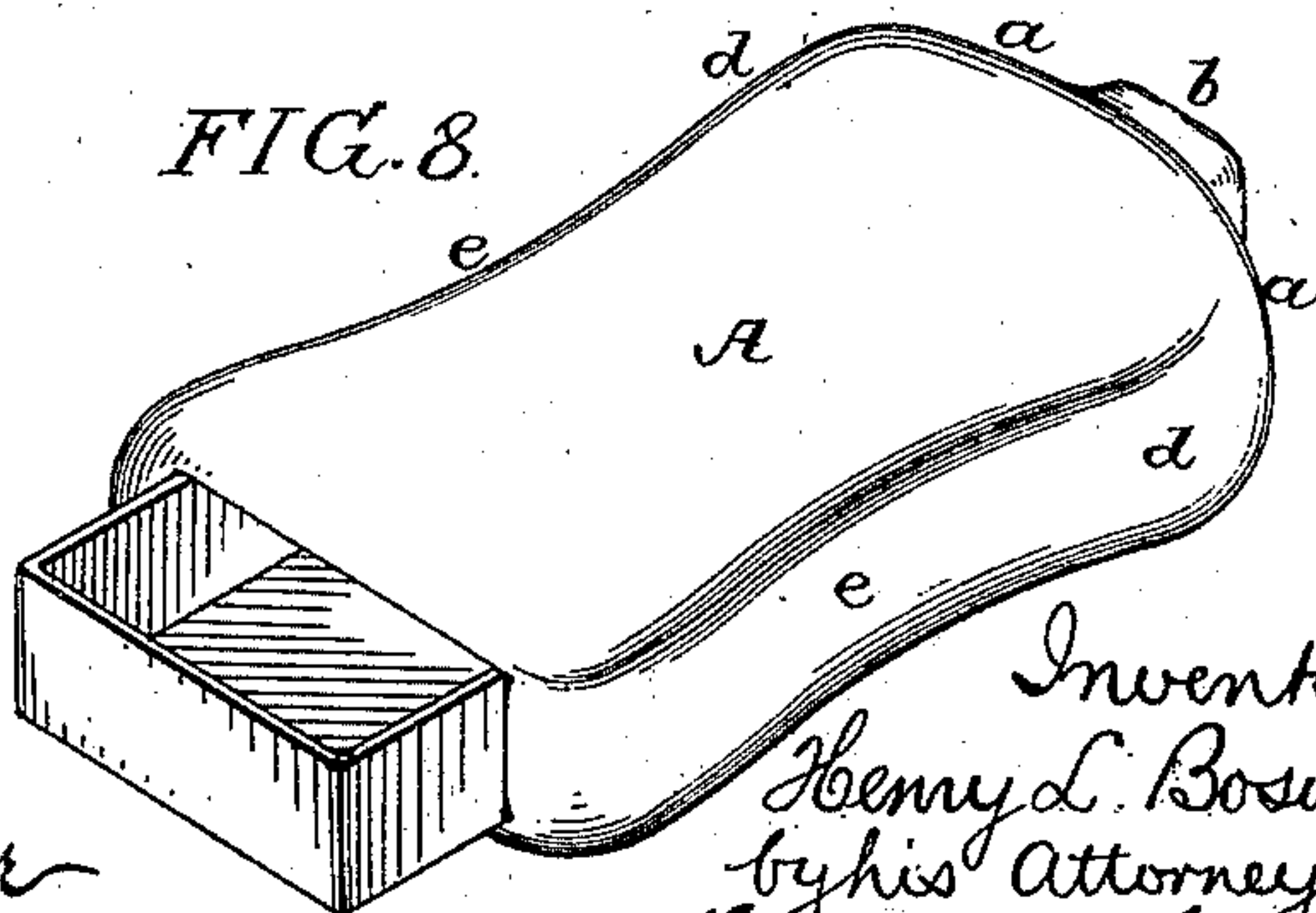


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PACKING-RECEPTACLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY L. BOSWELL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chase City, Mecklenburg county, Virginia, have invented certain Improvements in Packing-Receptacles, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide for articles of wearing-apparel a receptacle of such character that said articles may with its aid be readily packed into a trunk or other receptacle without risk of being creased, wrinkled, or disarranged, no matter how roughly the trunk may be handled in transport.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my improved receptacle open. Fig. 2 is a plan view showing it closed. Fig. 3 is a sectional plan view. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view. Fig. 5 is a transverse sectional view on the line 1 2, Fig. 1. Fig. 6 is a plan view illustrating one of the purposes of the invention. Fig. 7 is a plan view showing a modified form of the receptacle, and Fig. 8 is a perspective view illustrating still another modification.

In packing wearing-apparel in the usual way in trunks or other receptacles it is almost impossible to prevent the articles from being creased, wrinkled, and disarranged, owing to the fact that when the trunk is handled roughly they will move about with the other contents of the trunk, or when the trunk is stood on one end, as is frequently done, will settle down into the lower end. I overcome this difficulty by providing a receptacle within which can be packed such articles of clothing as trousers, vests, and the like, and which is so shaped exteriorly that coats, ladies' waists, &c., can be placed upon it and will be retained by it in proper form to prevent creasing, wrinkling, or disarrangement.

The receptacle A is made of stiff paper, wood, wire, or other available material, and the outside of the receptacle is in the form of a dummy having the shoulder portions *a a*, the neck portion *b*, chest portion *d*, and the waist portion *e*. In Fig. 7 I have shown a single dummy, and in Figs. 1 and 2 I have shown a double dummy having a neck portion *b'*, shoulder portions *a'*, and chest portions *d'* at the end

opposite the shoulders *a a*, neck *b*, and chest *d*. I have found that this double-dummy form is the preferable one, owing to the fact that it takes up but very little more room in the trunk than the single-dummy form of receptacle and will hold considerably more clothes than such single receptacle.

As shown in Fig. 1, the receptacle is hollow throughout and has lids *n n* hinged to the body portion and adapted to fold and close the receptacle, the lids being secured by tapes *i* or other suitable fastenings. I preferably place the lids so as to close flush with the body portion of the receptacle, as shown clearly in Fig. 4.

If the device is used for men's clothing, the trousers are folded once, as shown in the perspective view, Fig. 1, the waist portions of the trousers fitting snugly into one end of the receptacle, so that only one fold at the knees is required, the narrow portion of the trousers coming at the waist portion of the receptacle. A second pair of trousers can then be added, the waist portions of these trousers occupying the opposite end from that occupied by the waist portions of the other pair, and so on. The vests can then be folded and laid upon the trousers, and when all of these garments have been placed within the receptacle the lids *n* are then closed and fastened. A coat is then mounted upon the exterior of the receptacle, as shown in Fig. 6, and, owing to the form of said receptacle, the coat will fit snugly thereon, the sleeves being folded over in front, as shown in said figure. Another coat is then applied to the opposite end of the form, and a third coat can then be fitted over the first, and so on until all are disposed of.

I find that a form of size to fit properly into the coat is large enough to contain the trousers and vests of four suits, so that by the application of two coats to each end of the form I am enabled to pack the entire four suits without risk of creasing or wrinkling.

To prevent disarrangement of the coats on the form, I preferably inclose the latter with the coats thereon in a cloth or muslin cover before packing it in the trunk.

When the device is used for ladies' dresses, the skirt portions can be packed neatly within the receptacle and the waists mounted on the

exterior of the latter in the same manner as the coats.

I have found this device especially applicable for use by traveling men, as they must necessarily carry a number of suits of clothes, and through repeated packing and unpacking these clothes become wrinkled and creased and have to be constantly repressed, an objection which, as will be readily seen, is entirely overcome by my invention.

In Fig. 8 I have shown a modified form of single dummy in which a drawer is used which slides in ways in the body of the receptacle, this drawer being first packed and then slipped into position; but I have found that the double dummy, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, not only takes up very little more space than a single dummy, but is also preferable thereto because it permits the clothes to be more neatly packed. Collars and cuffs can be packed in the neck portions of the device, if desired. I have shown the lids *n* tied together by tapes; but it will be understood that any suitable fastening may be used without departing from my invention.

I claim as my invention—

1. The within-described receptacle for packing wearing-apparel, said receptacle consist-

ing of a hollow body portion having an unobstructed interior in which clothing may be packed, said body having its exterior shaped in the form of a dummy for the reception of coats or the like, substantially as described.

2. The receptacle consisting of the hollow body having an unobstructed interior into which clothing may be packed, and having shoulder portions, a neck portion, and an opening through which access may be had to the interior of the body, for the purpose specified.

3. The receptacle consisting of the hollow body having shoulder portions, a neck portion, an opening, and doors closing said opening, substantially as set forth.

4. A packing-receptacle consisting of a hollow body having shoulder and neck portions at each end, an opening in said body, and doors for said opening, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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