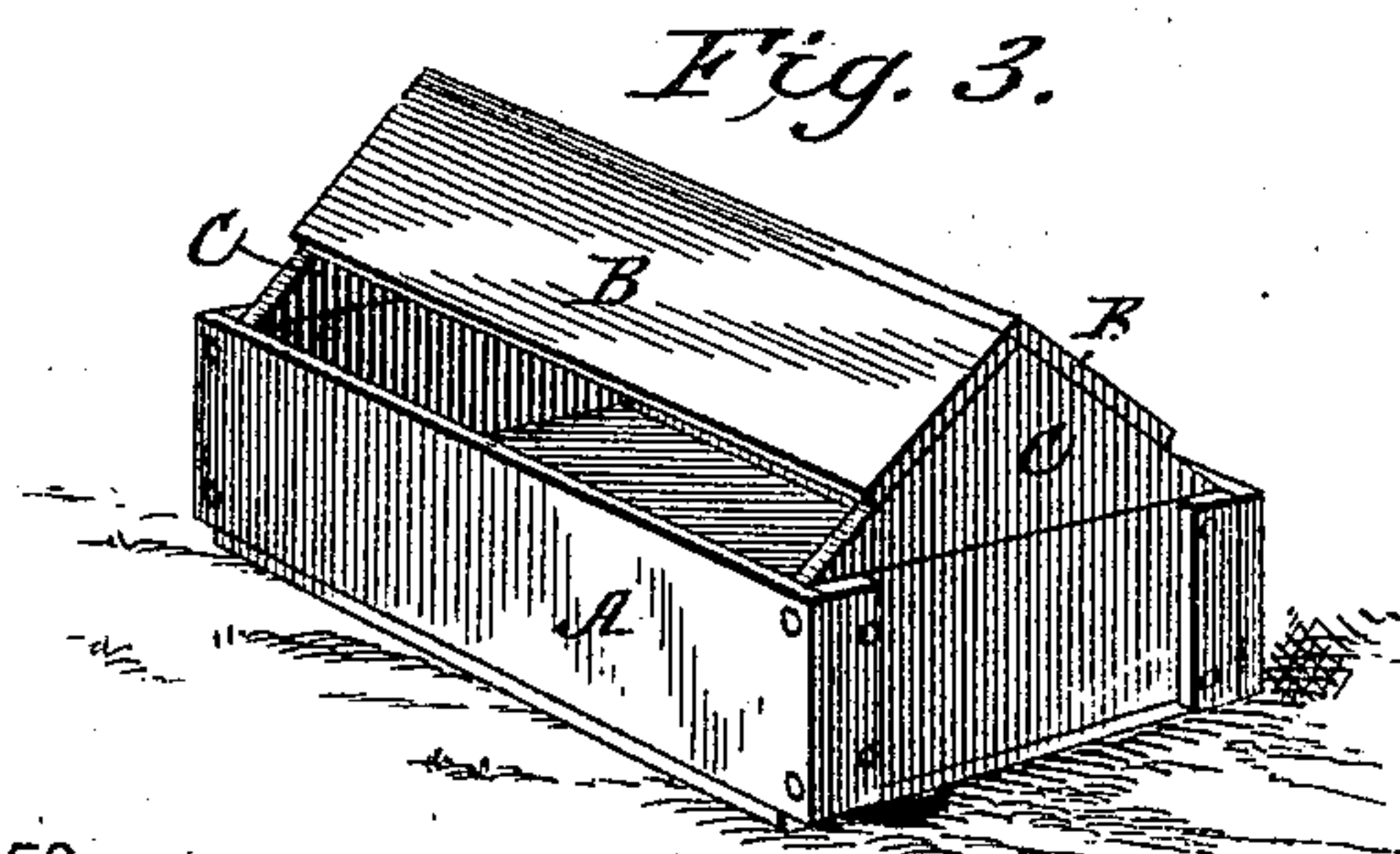
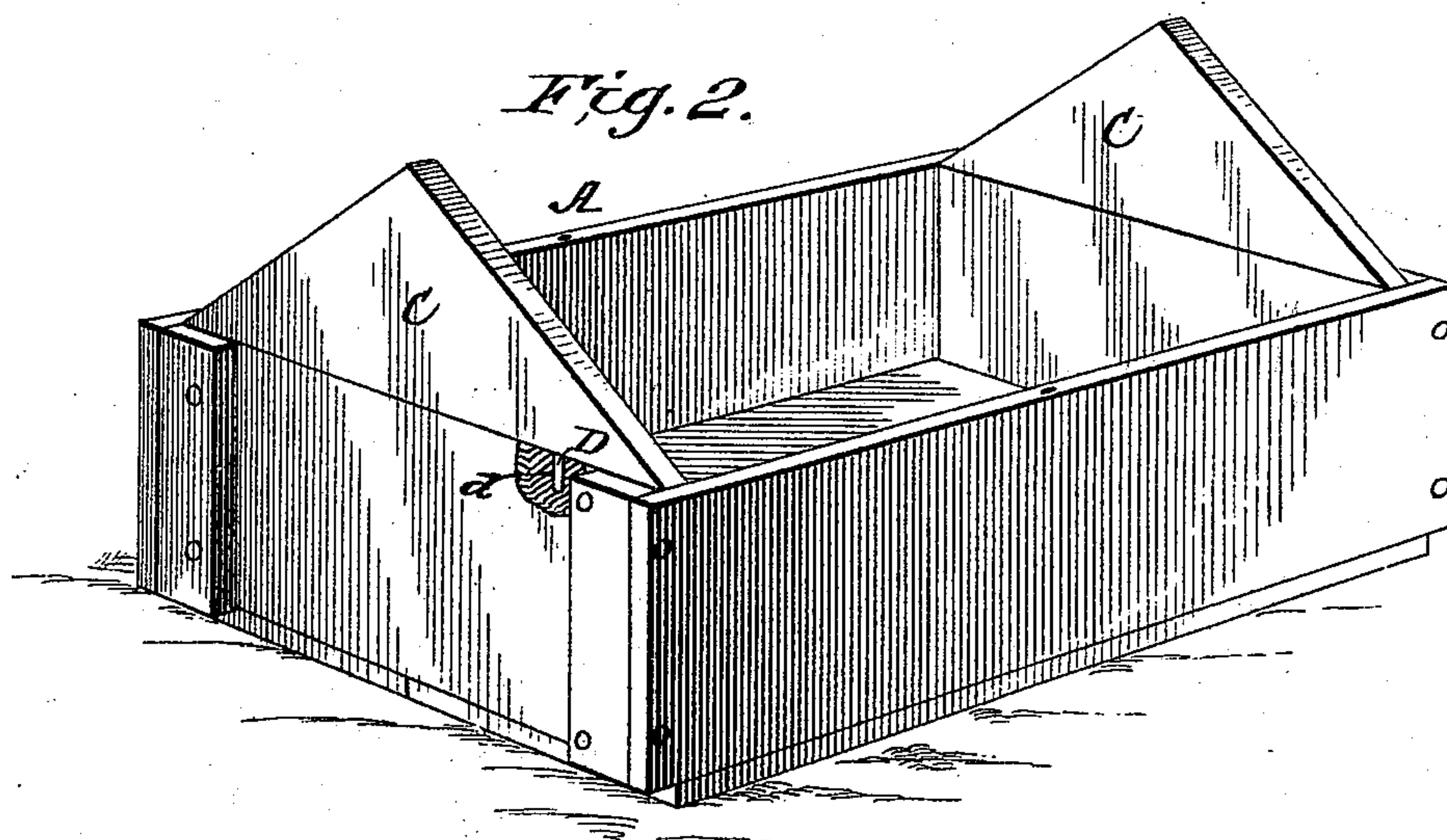
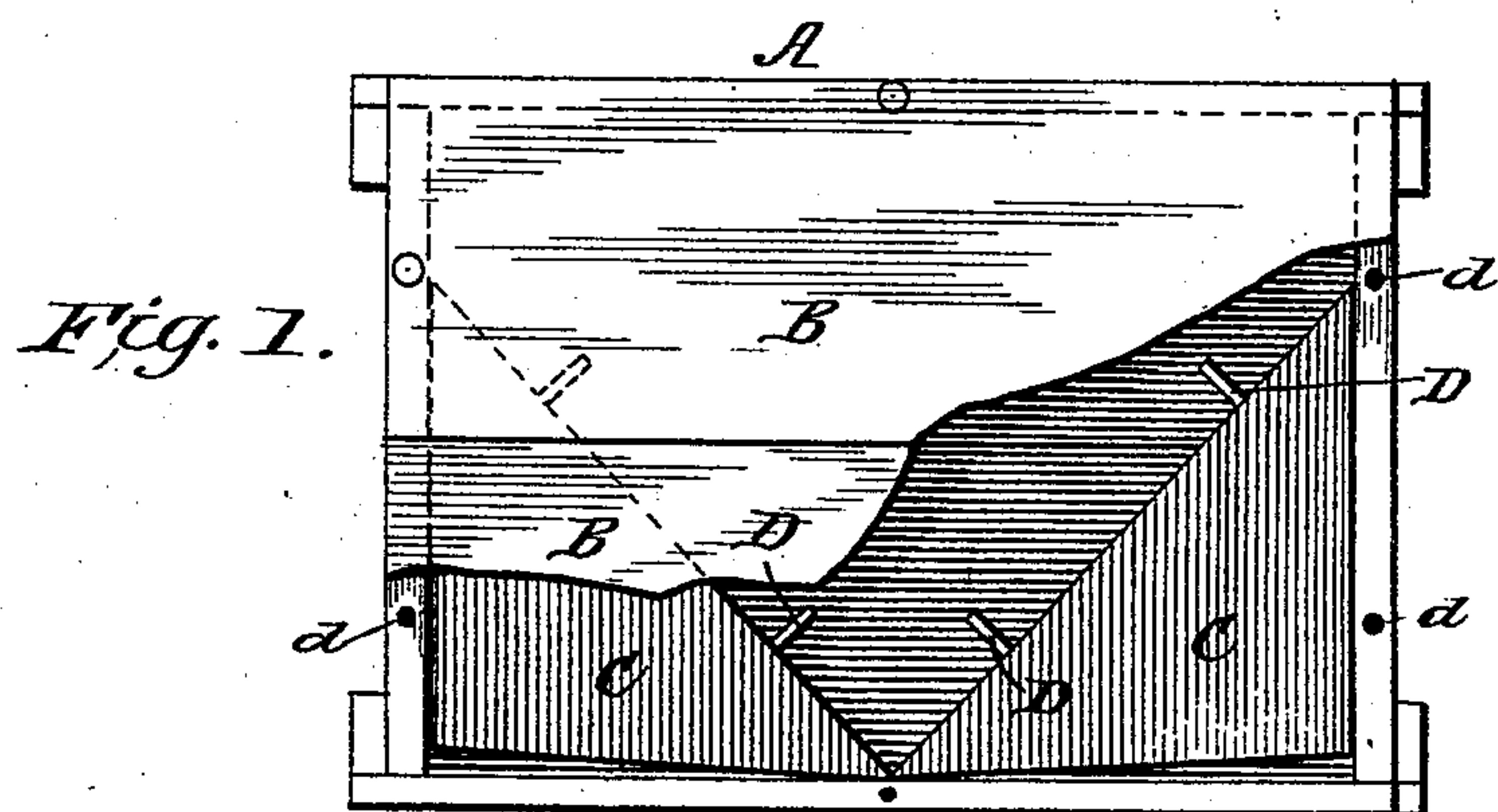


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE BERNHARD, of Dayton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful
5 Improvement in Convertible Boxes or Coops, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to packing boxes or cases and is in the nature of an improved
10 convertible box or coop and the invention consists in the novel constructions and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings—Figure 1 is a top plan view of the box with the cover sections re-
15 moved or partly broken away to show the gable sections in the box. Fig. 2 is a perspective view with the gable sections in place and Fig. 3 shows the completed coop.

The box A may in general respects be of
20 ordinary construction and the top sections B, preferably two as shown, are of suitable size to form a cover therefor. This constitutes a box or packing case of the usual construction. To provide for converting the
25 same into a coop I provide the top end sections C C which for convenience of reference I term the gable sections and which in the use of the box for packing purposes may be placed upon the bottom thereof as shown in
30 Fig. 1 or otherwise in the box and will occupy but a small space therein. When the box has served its purpose as a box or shipping case the gable ends are adjusted upon the ends of the box and the top sections are fastened to
35 the angular sides of the sections C and form a cover for the coop.

Manifestly this coop may be used for
40 chickens, ducks, or other fowl or may be employed as a dog house or for other purposes desired, the improvements serving to convert a waste box into a desirable and useful article. By preference the gable sections C have at their lower edges dowel like pins D which

enter sockets *d* in the upper edges of the ends of the box and operate to steady the gable
45 sections in position; but while this construction is preferred it is manifest the gable sections may be secured in other ways without departing from the broad principles of my invention.

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

1. An improved coop or the like comprising the box having permanent and rigidly con-
55 nected sides, ends, and bottom, the top end sections applied to the ends of the box and adapted to be stored in said box within the space between its sides and ends, retaining devices whereby to secure the top end sec-
60 tions on the ends of the box and the cover boards applied longitudinally to and between the top end sections and adapted to be applied longitudinally between the box ends, substantially as set forth.

2. The improved coop herein described consisting of the box having permanent and rigidly connected ends, sides and bottom, the top end sections applied at their lower edges to the upper edges of the box ends and
70 adapted to be stored entirely within the space between the sides and ends of the box, interlocking devices between the lower edges of the top end sections and the box ends, the upper edges of the said top end sections being made in gable shape and the top sections
75 applied to and extended longitudinally between the gable edges of the top end sections, on opposite sides of the crown thereof whereby to form the ventilating spaces at the edges of
80 the cover all substantially as shown and described.

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