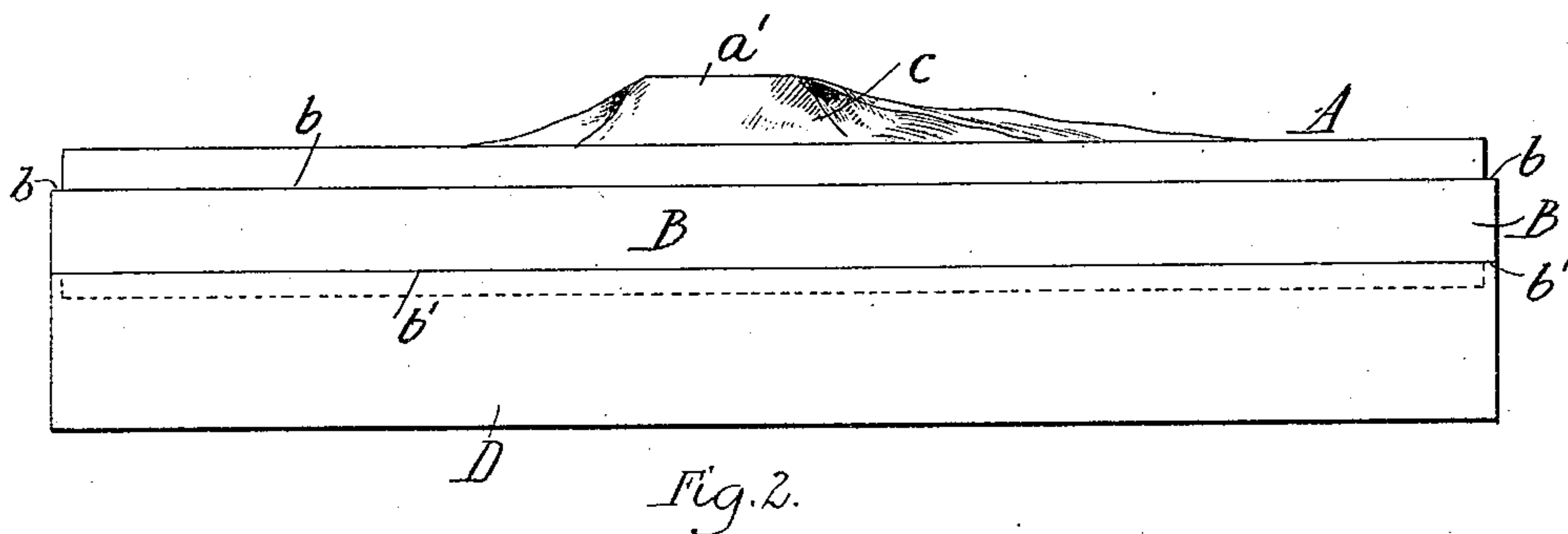
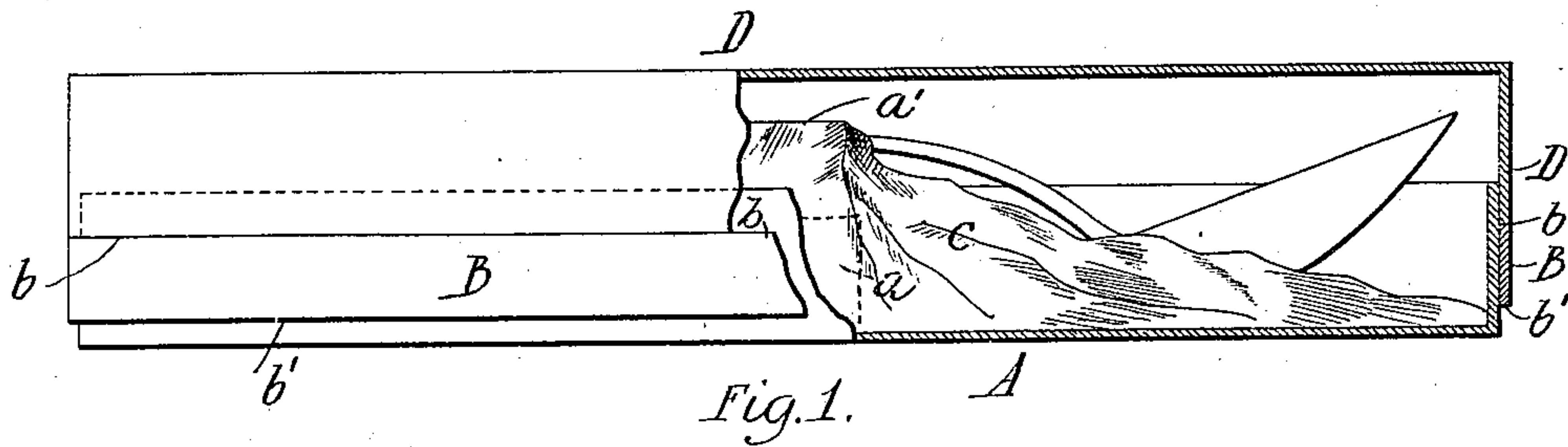


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELMER D. SEVERANCE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Turner's Falls, in the county of Franklin and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Packing and Display Boxes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a packing and display box for silverware, and particularly for small articles, such as spoons, forks, &c.

The object of my invention is to provide a box suitable for packing and shipping articles, such as spoons or forks, and also for conveniently displaying them in a show-case or window, and at the same time conveniently dispose the cover out of the way below the body of the box.

Heretofore a packing-box has been used for spoons and forks of a kind called a "cover-down" box, in which the cover, which completely incloses the sides of the box, is provided with thumb notches or holes at its opposite edges. This old style of box did not display the ware to good advantage, and, besides, the thumb-notches disfigured the cover.

The body of my box is provided with a continuous band at its sides and ends, which forms upper and lower shoulders to support the cover in its turned-down position at the top or to support the body of the box on the reversed or inverted cover when it is desired to display the articles contained therein within a show-case.

My improved box is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents partly a side elevation and partly a longitudinal vertical section of the box as it appears when closed. Fig. 2 represents a side elevation of the box when arranged with the body supported on top of the reversed or inverted cover for displaying the contained article.

The body A of the box is provided inter-

nally with the usual block *a*, spring-clamp *a'*, and the plush or silk cushion *c*. To the outside of the body of the box is secured at the sides and ends the band B, forming at its upper edge a shoulder *b* and at its lower edge a shoulder *b'* a short distance above the bottom, as clearly shown in the drawings. By providing the circumferential band B with its upper shoulders *b* the cover D of the box is properly supported above the bottom of the box, so that the disfiguring thumb holes or notches are not required for permitting one to grasp the body of the box in order to remove the cover. By providing the band with the downwardly-faced shoulders *b'* a short distance above the bottom of the body A the said body may be conveniently set up on and supported by the edges of the reversed cover without danger of lateral displacement. The body projects into the inverted cover up to the downwardly-faced shoulders *b'*, as indicated by dotted lines, Fig. 2. The cover is thus conveniently disposed out of the way and serves for holding up the body and thus better displaying the contained article, as shown in Fig. 2.

This box has been found in practice to meet the wants of the trade and has given entire satisfaction.

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

In a packing and display box, the body having secured to its exterior a band, as B, between its closed bottom and its top edge, and forming an upper shoulder *b*, and a lower shoulder *b'*, whereby the cover may be supported at the top or the body be supported in the inverted cover, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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