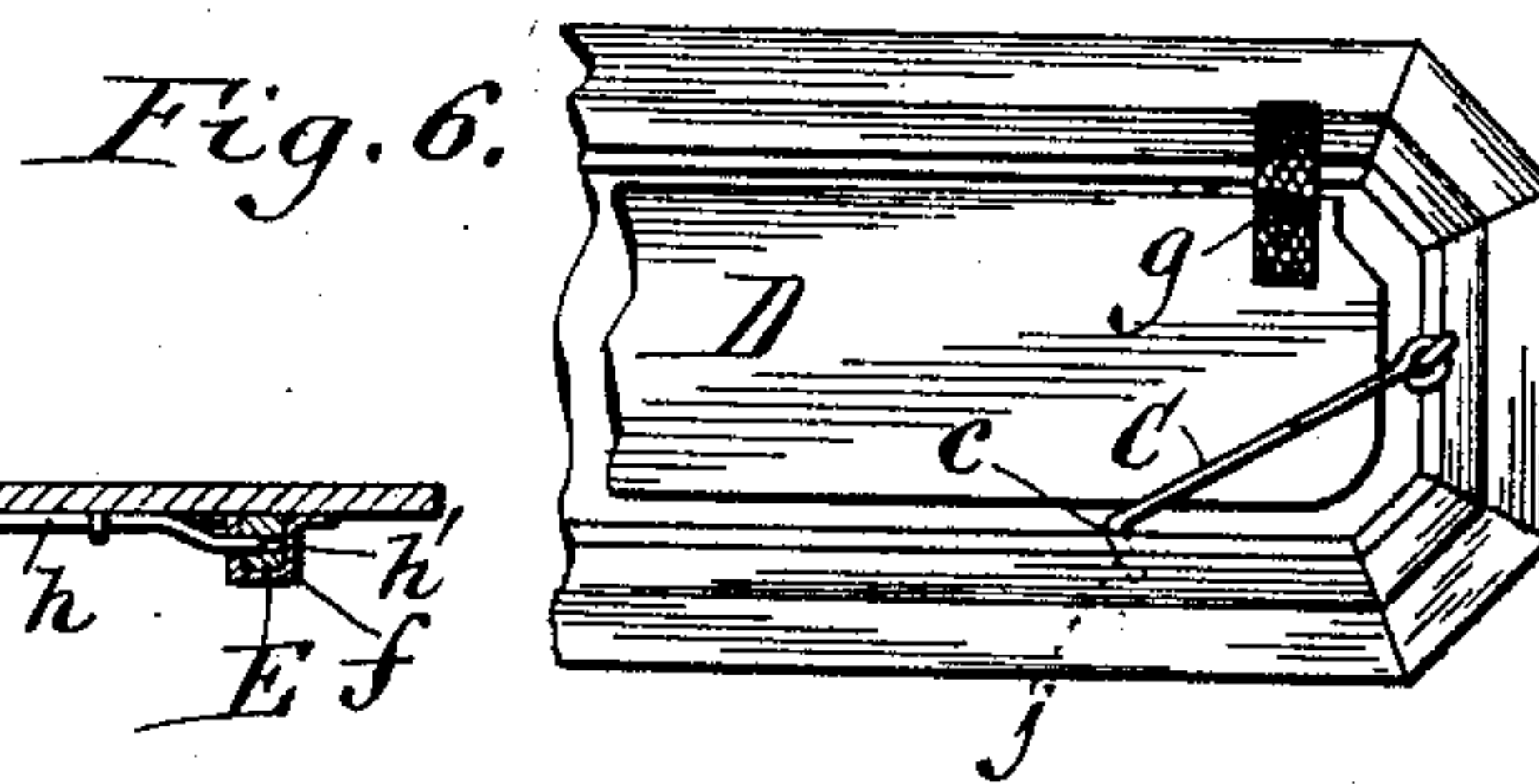
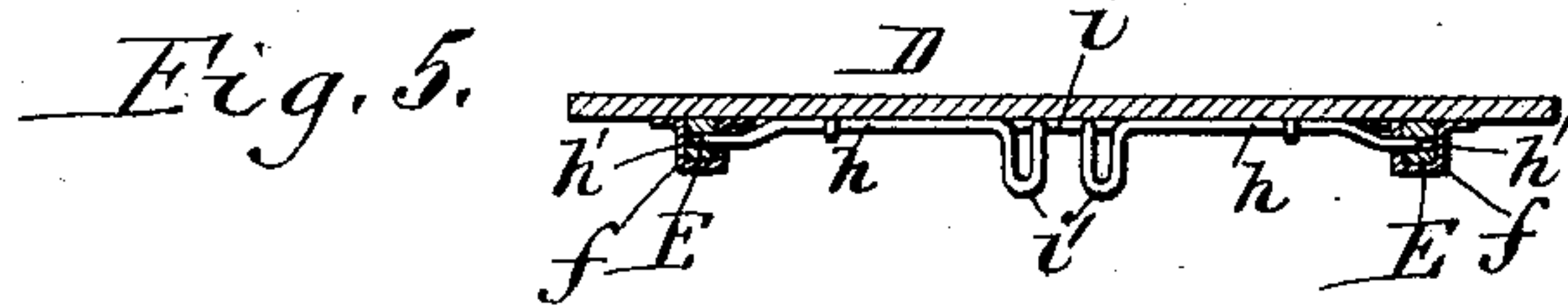
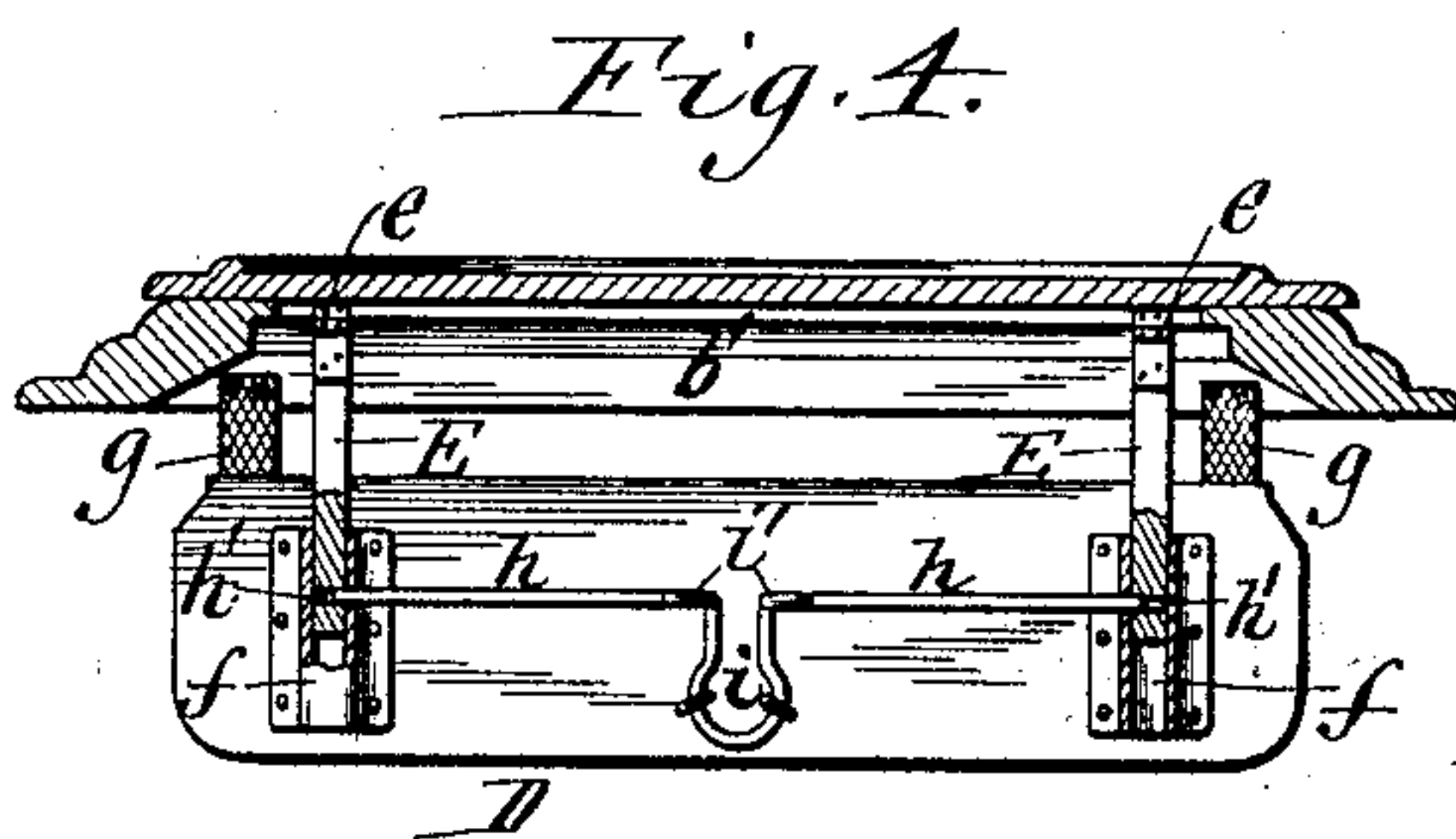
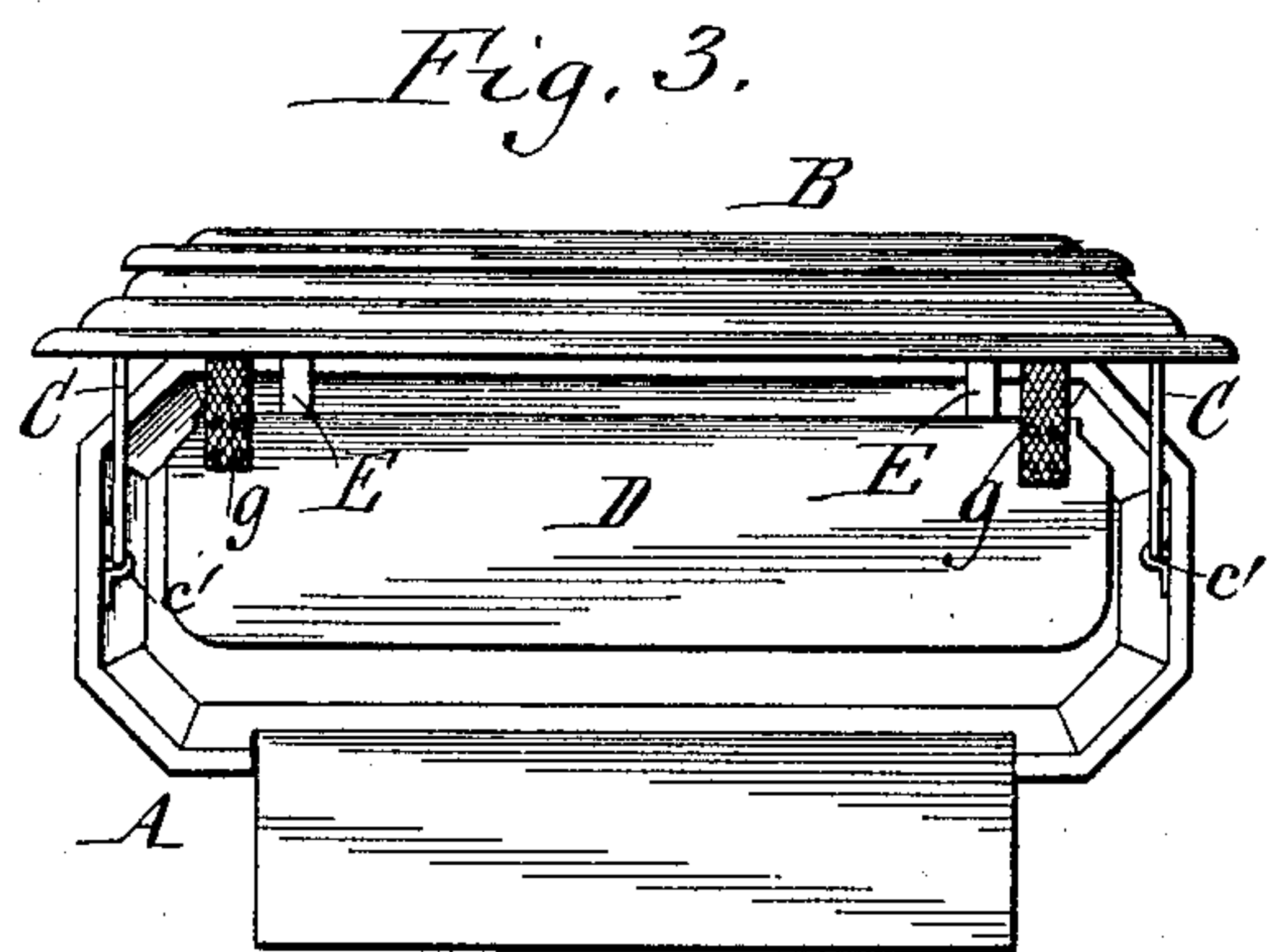
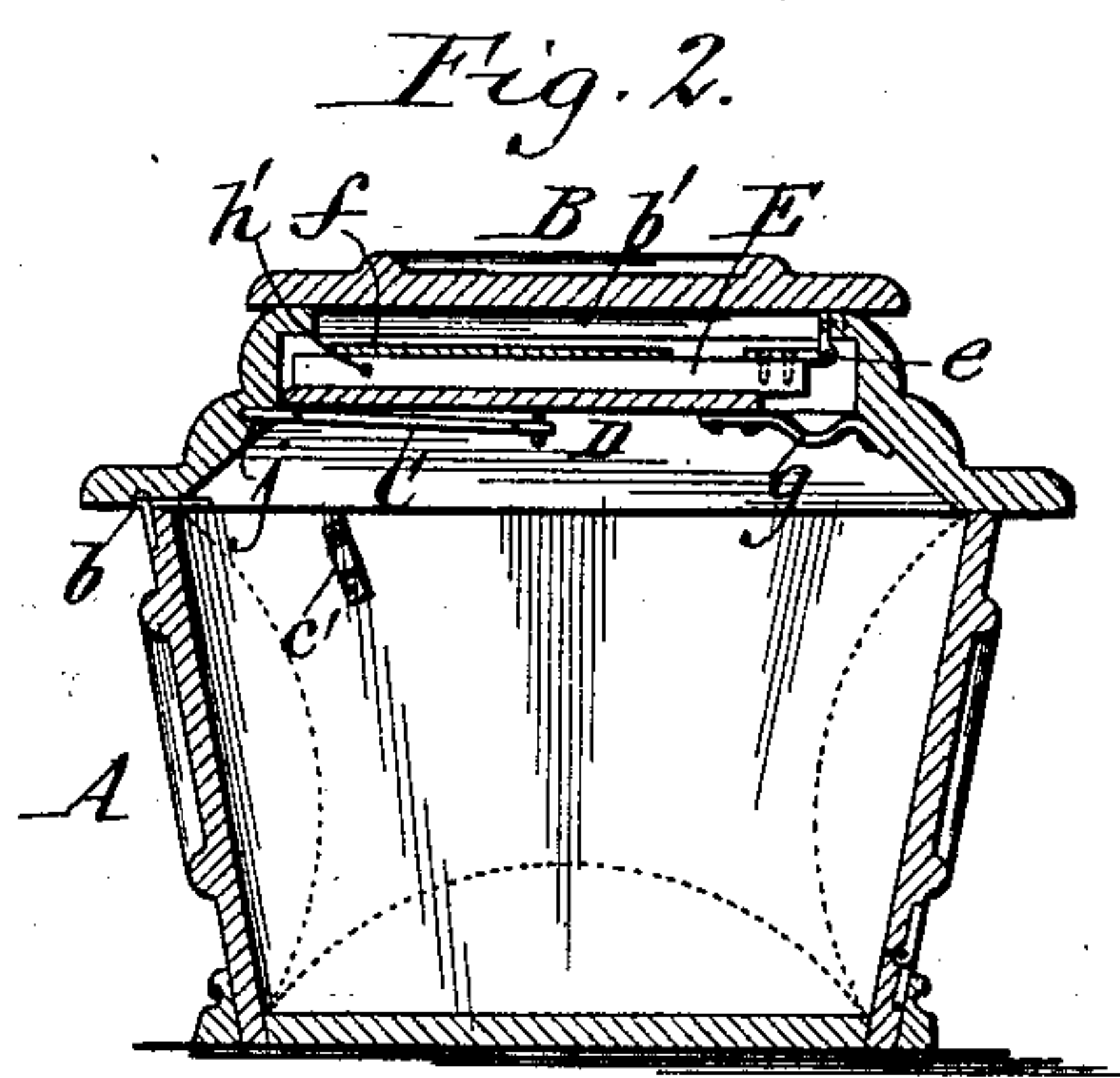
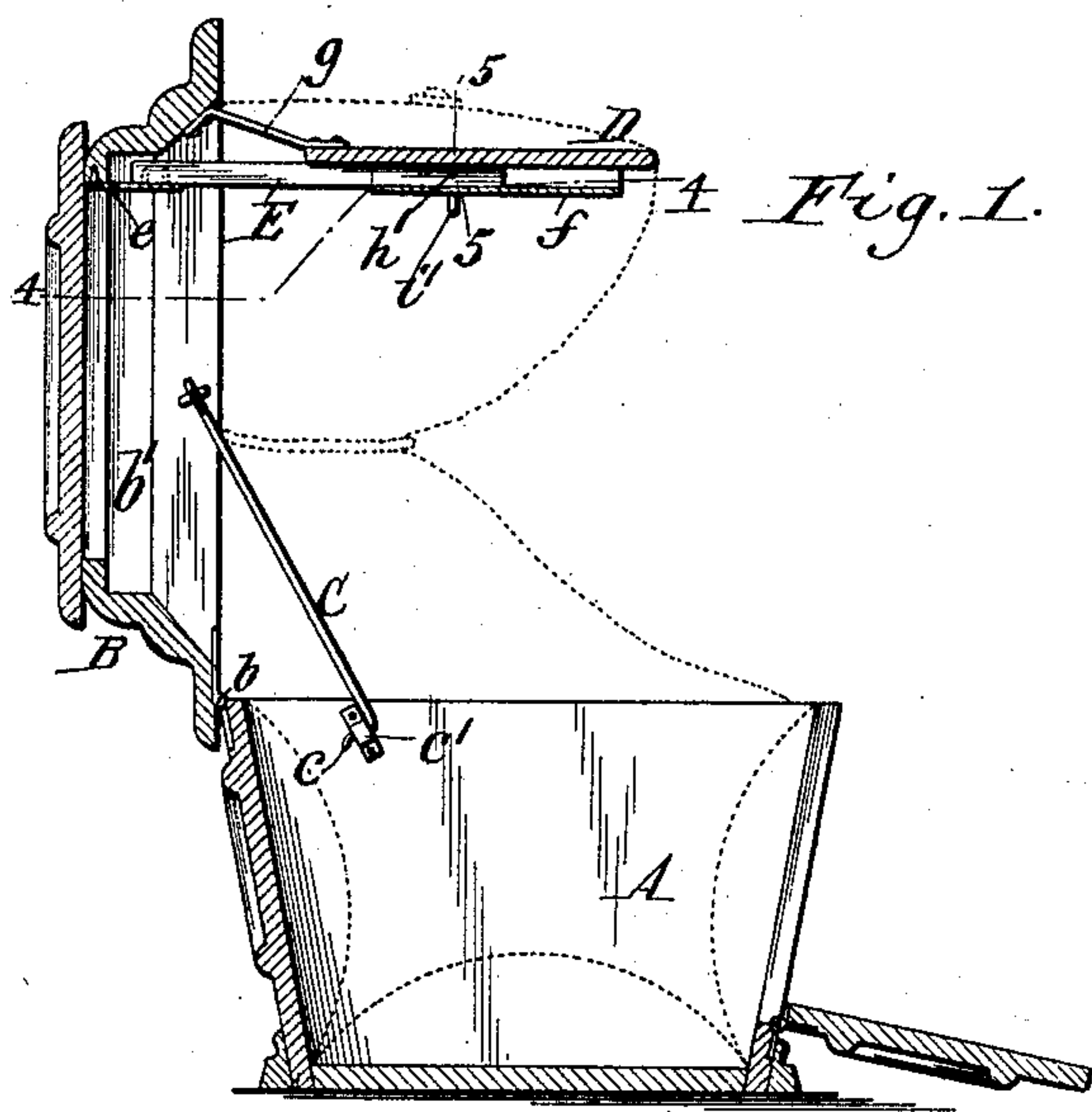


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## BURIAL-CASKET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, JOSEPH JAIXEN and EDWARD HARRY, citizens of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Burial-Caskets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a burial-casket provided with an ornamental canopy which is applied to the under side of the cover or lid and which can be projected forwardly over the body of the casket when the cover is opened or can be folded against the underside of the cover when the latter is to be closed.

A casket provided with a canopy of this general description is described in Letters Patent No. 593,176, granted to us November 2, 1897.

The object of this invention is to improve and simplify the means for connecting the canopy to the cover and for holding the canopy in position when in use.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a vertical transverse section of the casket, showing the lid in an upright position and the canopy projecting forwardly on the under side thereof, the draperies being indicated by dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a similar section showing the casket closed. Fig. 3 is a top plan view, on a reduced scale, of the casket with the parts in the position shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section, on a reduced scale, in line 4 4, Fig. 1, looking upward. Fig. 5 is a vertical longitudinal section, on a reduced scale, in line 5 5, Fig. 1. Fig. 6 is a fragmentary bottom plan view showing the means for holding the canopy in the cover of the casket.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts in the several figures.

A represents the body of the casket, and B the cover or lid, which is attached at its longitudinal rear edge by hinges *b* to the longitudinal rear wall of the body. Both the body and the lid may be of any ordinary construction. The cover is raised or bulged in the usual way, so as to form a cavity or recess *b'* in its under side. The cover is held in a vertical position when opened by two inclined braces *C*, each of which is engaged with its hook *c* in an eye or loop *c'* on the body.

D represents the canopy, which is arranged

on the under side of the lid and adapted to be projected forwardly in a horizontal position from the lid when the latter has been placed in an upright position and to be folded into the cavity in the under side of the lid when the latter is required to be closed.

E E represent two transversely-swinging arms, which support the canopy and which are pivoted at their inner ends by hinges *e e* to the under side of the lid, while their outer ends engage in transverse slideways or guides *f f*, secured to the under side of the canopy.

*g g* represent two flexible retaining bands, straps, or chains, each of which is connected at one end with the rear portion of the canopy and at its opposite end with the lid above the hinges.

For folding the canopy it is slid on the supporting-arms toward the hinges thereof, so that the canopy can be swung downwardly into the recess in the lid. When unfolding the canopy, it is swung upwardly out of the recess in the lid and also moved outwardly on the supporting-arms, so that the canopy extends farther from the lid and over a greater portion of the body of the casket. In this unfolded position the canopy is interlocked with the supporting-arms by sliding bolts *h*, which are arranged on the under side of the canopy lengthwise of the casket or transversely to the supporting-arms and engage with their outer ends in notches or openings *h'* in the supporting-arms, which they enter through openings in the slideways *f*. These bolts are yieldingly held in engagement with the supporting-arms by a spring *i*, which connects the inner ends of the bolts. The latter are disengaged from the arms by pressing together two depending thumb-pieces *i'*, formed on the inner ends of the bolts. The bolts, the spring, and the thumb-pieces are preferably formed out of a single piece of spring-wire. The retaining straps, bands, or chains limit the outward movement of the canopy and support the latter in its horizontal projected position when the spring-bolts have been interlocked with the supporting-arms, thereby rendering braces for the support of the canopy unnecessary.

The canopy can be confined in a folded position in the recess of the lid by the braces *C C*, each of which is placed diagonally across



one of the front corners of the canopy and engaged with its hook in an opening *j* in the lid, as shown in Figs. 2 and 6.

Our improved canopy is very simple in construction, while being extensible, and is very slightly, as the parts of the same can all be covered by the drapery with the exception of the ends of the thumb-pieces of the locking-bolts which project through small openings in the drapery, which covers the under side of the lid.

The particular construction of the spring-bolts and other parts by which the canopy is supported and locked in its projected position is not essential and can be modified in various ways without departing from the invention.

We claim as our invention—

1. The combination with the lid, of supporting-arms hinged or pivoted to the under side thereof, a canopy mounted on said arms and capable of sliding on the same toward and from the lid, and a supporting device extending from the projected canopy upwardly to the lid, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination with the lid, of supporting-arms hinged or pivoted to the under side thereof, a canopy mounted on said arms and capable of sliding on the same toward and from the lid, a supporting device extending from the projected canopy upwardly to the lid, and a locking device whereby the canopy is interlocked with the supporting-arms when projected, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination with the lid, of supporting-arms hinged or pivoted to the under side thereof, a canopy provided with slideways in which said arms engage, spring locking-bolts mounted on the canopy and adapted to engage with said arms when the canopy is projected, and a supporting device which extends from the projected canopy upwardly to the lid, substantially as set forth.

Witness our hands this 3d day of January, 1898.

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