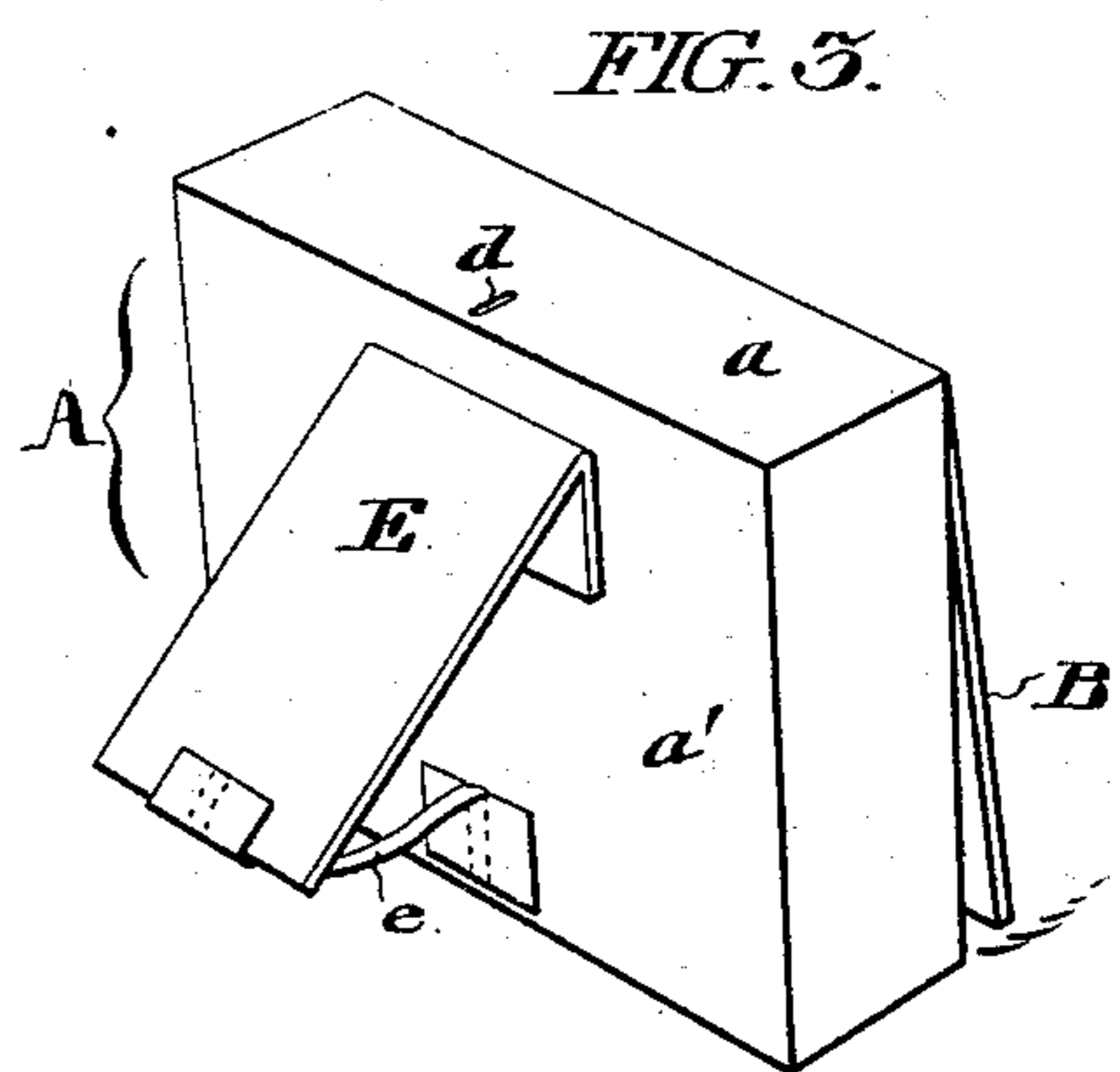
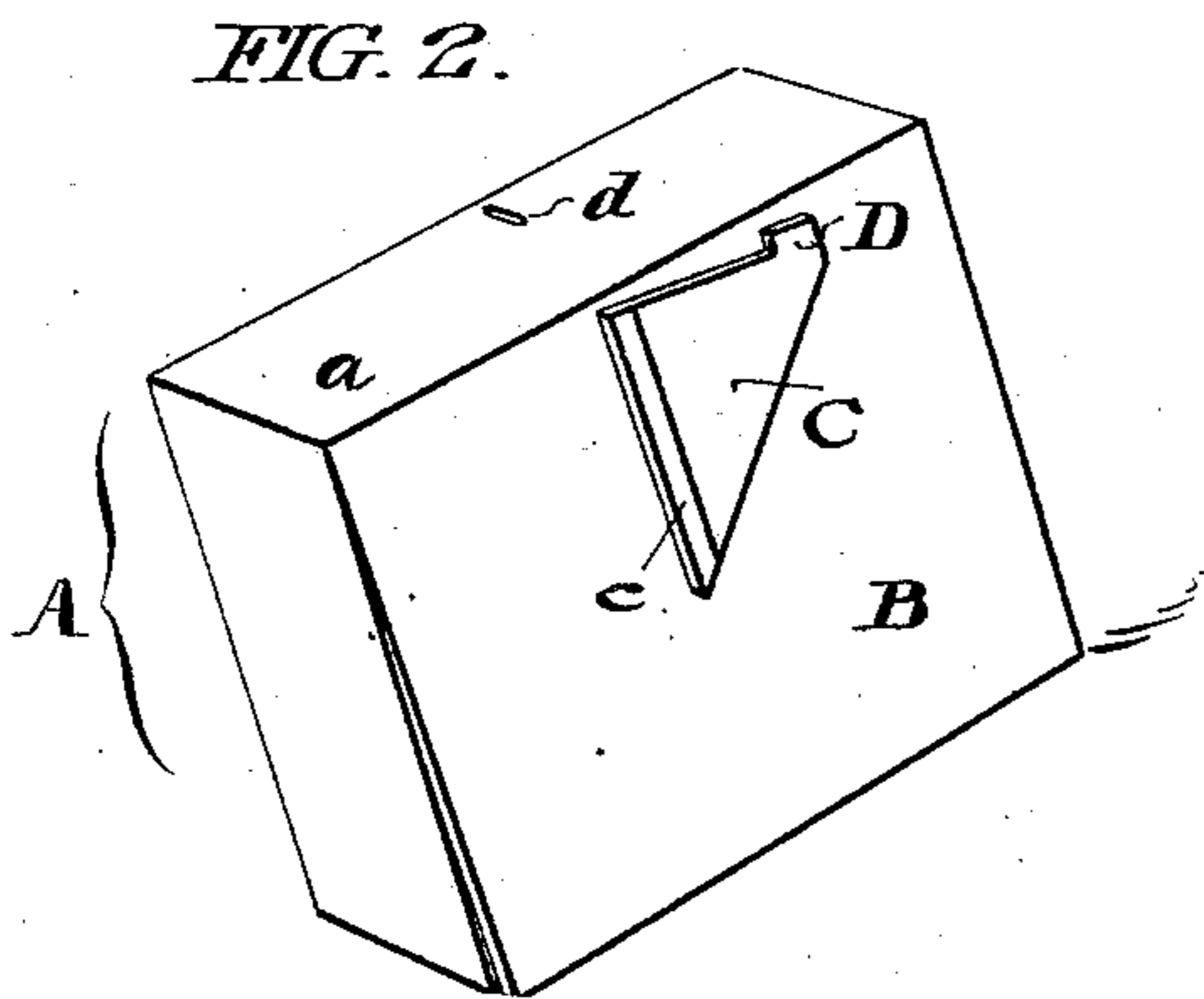
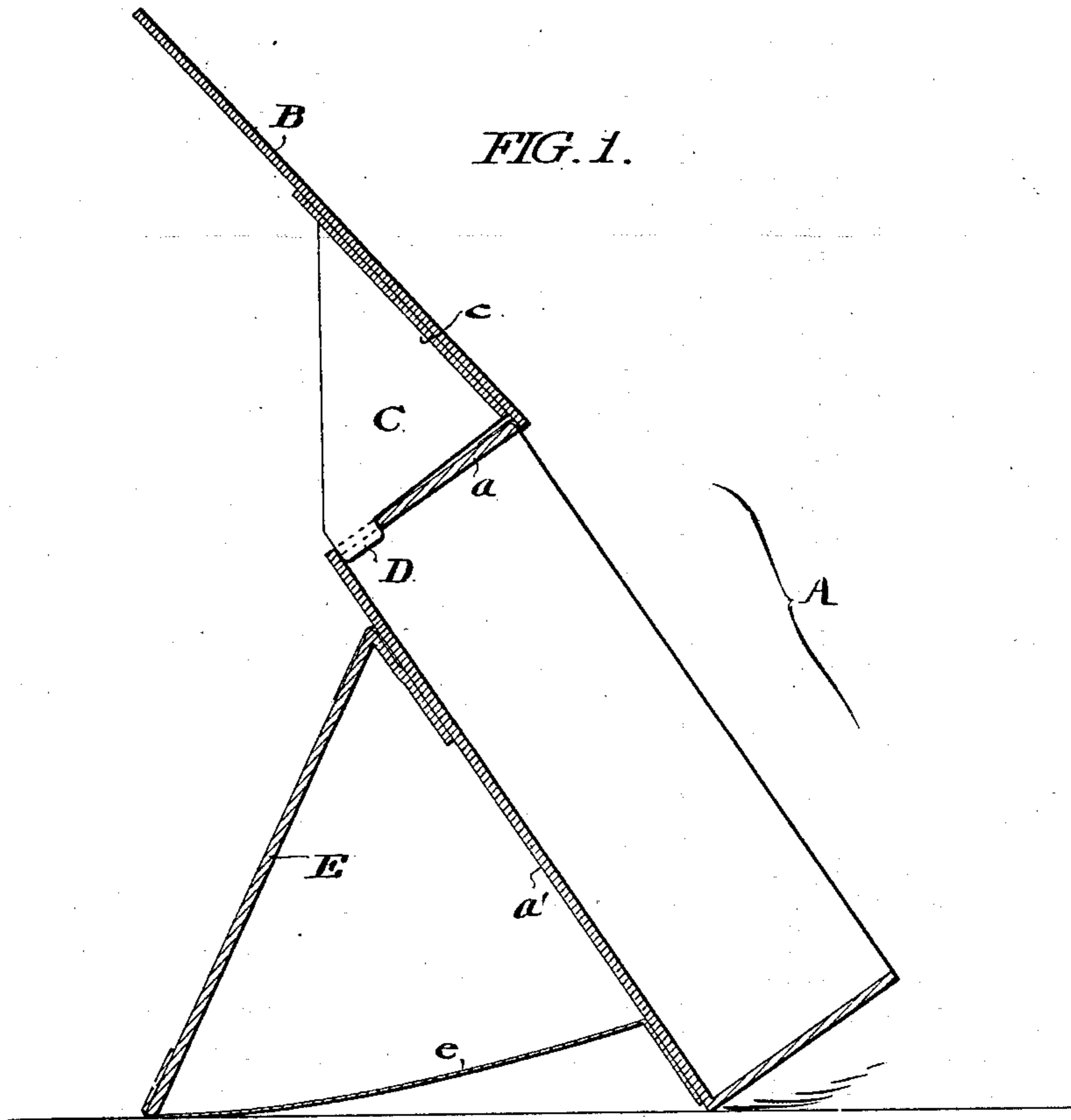


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTHONY M. HANCE, of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Boxes for Exhibiting the Contents of the Box in an Attractive Manner, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

10 Figure 1 represents a vertical section through the box and its lid, when the lid is completely open and when the box is maintained in an erect position for exhibiting the contents. Fig. 2 is a view in perspective from the top of the box; and Fig. 3 is a view in perspective from the bottom of the box, the lid in each instance being represented as partly closed.

20 The body A of the box is rectangular in form and may be constructed of any ordinary material used for the purpose. The lid B is hinged to the back *a* thereof in such manner that said lid can be folded back into substantially the same plane as the top edges of the box. Said lid is provided on its top with a folding triangular stay-piece C, which is hinged thereto, preferably by attaching a strip of textile material *c* to the top of the lid and to the stay-piece, so that said stay-piece 30 may be either folded flat or raised into a plane perpendicular to the plane of the lid. At the end of the free corner of the stay-piece is a small rectangular lock D. The back *a* of the box is provided with a slot *d*, so placed as to register with the stop D when the stay-piece C is opened out perpendicularly to the lid and the lid is fully thrown back to the position indicated in Fig. 1. Upon the bottom *a'* of the box is a hinged support E, which is capable of being folded flat or opened out like an easel-support, the range of motion being limited by a piece *e* of textile material.

45 When the box is to be used merely for transportation, the support E and the stay-piece C are of course folded flat upon the bottom and top, respectively; but when it is de-

sired to use the box somewhat as an easel for the exhibition of its contents the support E is opened out, the lid B is thrown back to the full extent, (indicated in Fig. 1,) and the lock D is engaged in the slot *d*. The box and its lid, the latter usually containing some advertising device, is then supported in the proper position for an attractive display, both of the contents and of the advertisement or other device contained upon the under side of the lid. The use of the lock D, engaging positively with a portion of the box, prevents the lid from falling in either direction, and as the lid must be opened out full in order to make it lie in the same plane with the face of the open box this feature is important, since otherwise the lid, though sustained against opening any farther, might very easily tend to fall down and close the box.

65 I am aware that the use of hinged supports for boxes is not new, and I am also aware that it is not new to limit the opening movement of a lid by means of various connecting devices, and I therefore do not claim the same.

70 What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with the box-body, of a support hinged to the bottom thereof; means, substantially as described, for limiting the bending out of said support; a lid hinged to the back of the box and capable of turning upon its hinge into a plane substantially parallel with the plane of the top edges of the box; a hinged stay-piece intermediate between the back of the box and the lid when the latter is in its extreme open position; and a lock upon said stay-piece adapted to form a positive engagement, whereby the lid is prevented from moving in either direction from its extreme open position, substantially as described.

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