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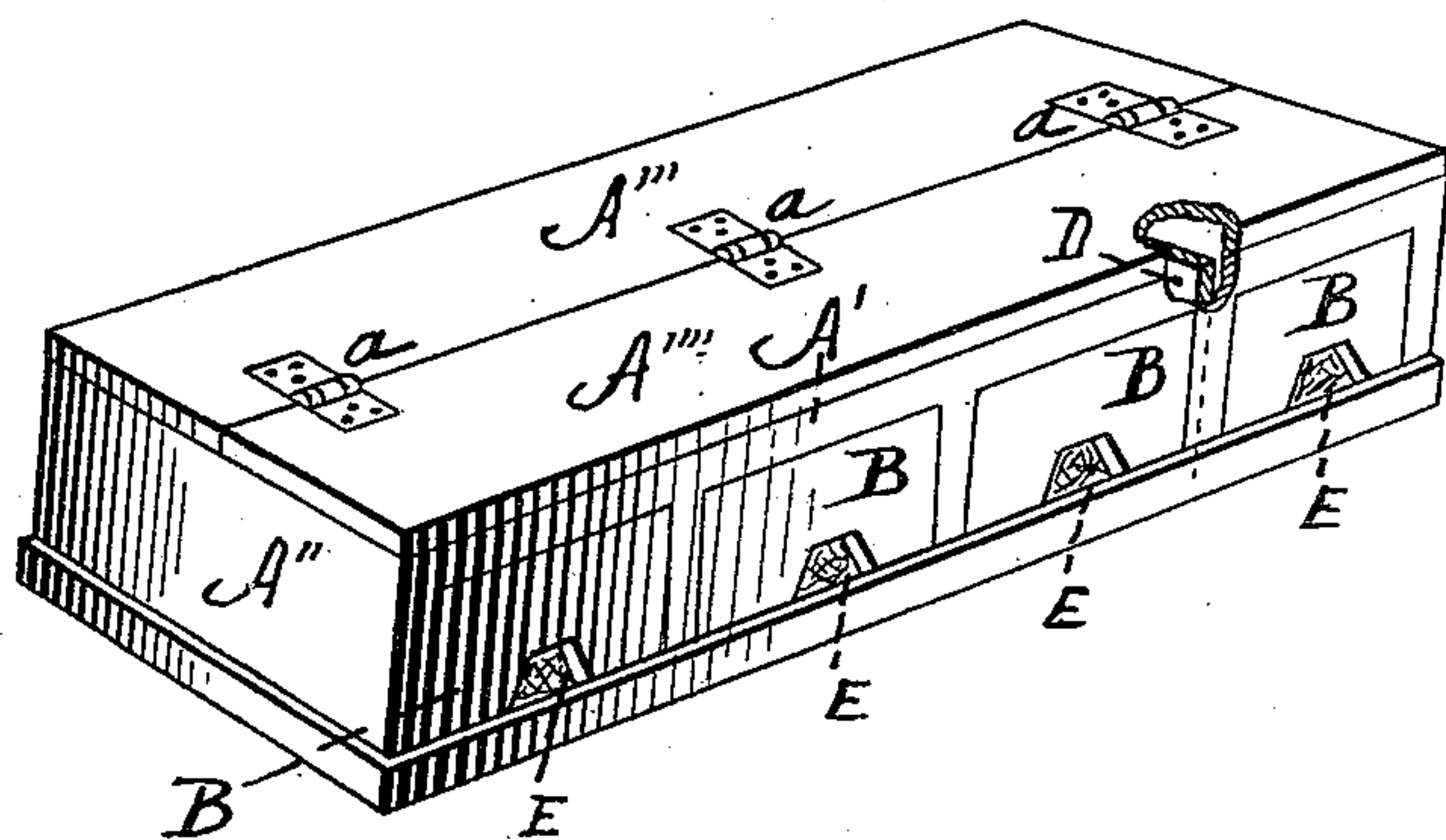


Fig. 1.

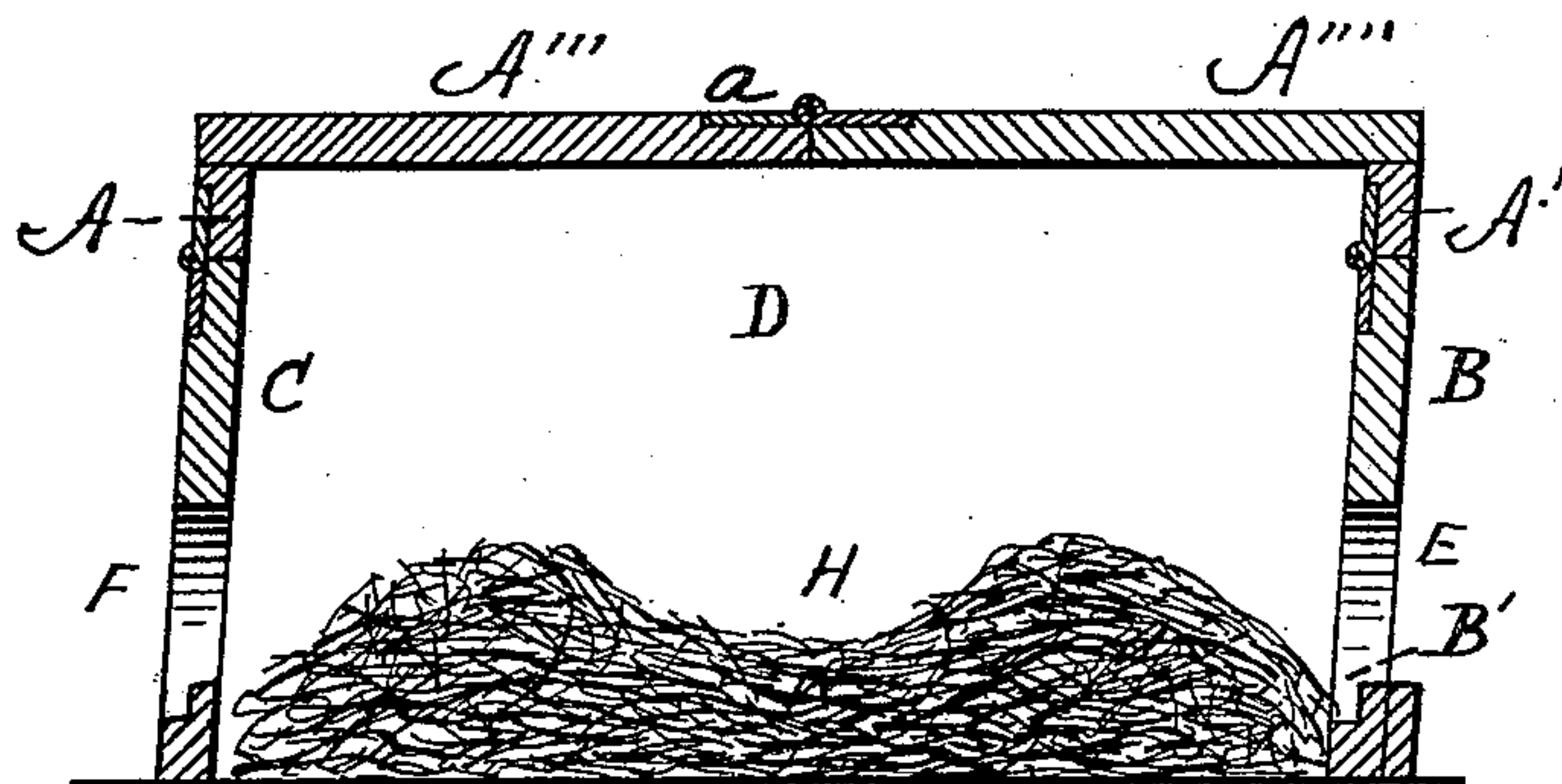


Fig. 2.

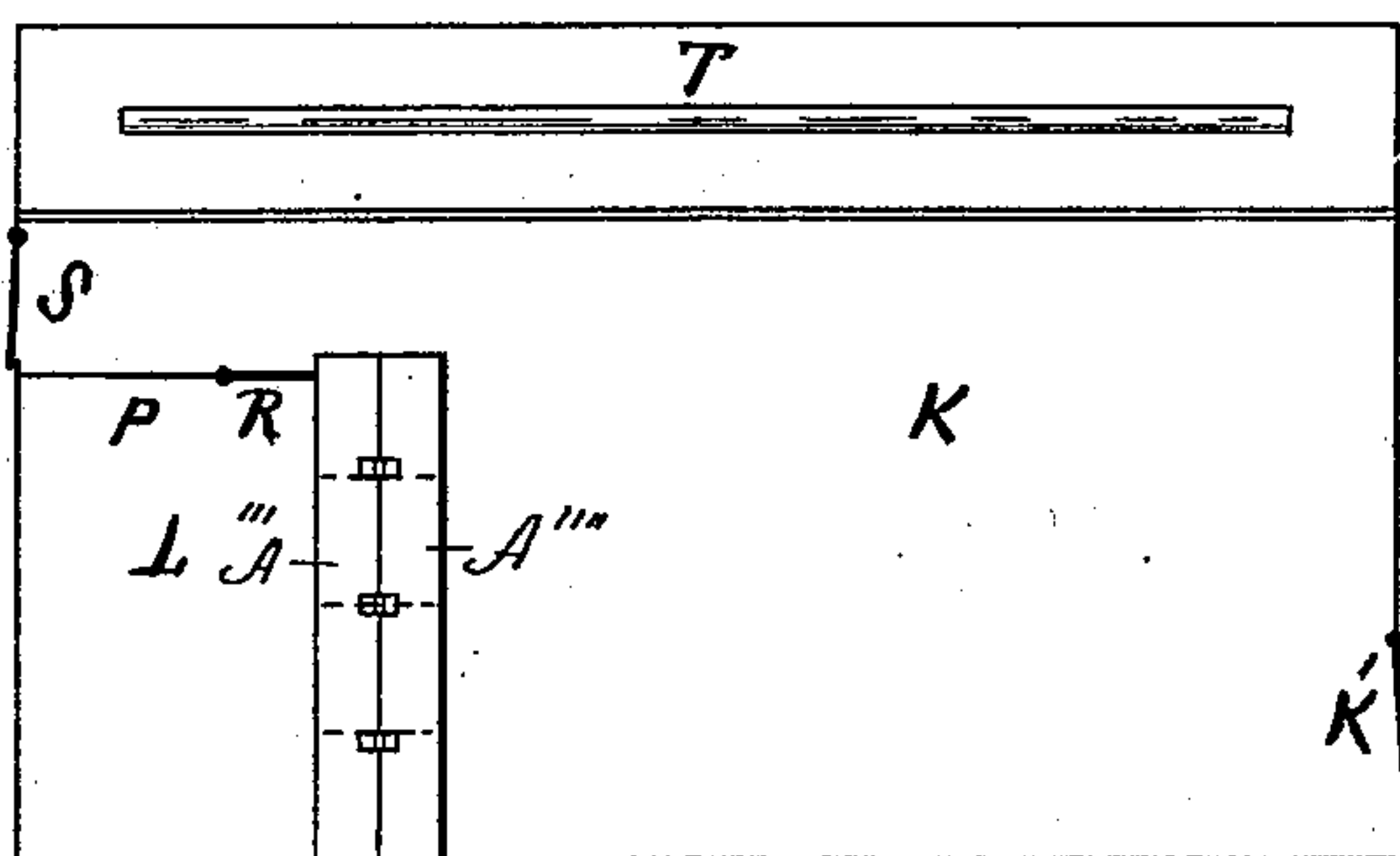


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEX J. SILBERSTEIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Framingham, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Nest-Box for Henneries, of which the following is a specification.

This is an improved nest-box whereby the laying qualities of different fowls in a hen-
nery may be ascertained and the pedigrees of the chickens known.

The invention consists in the novel construction hereinafter described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved nest-box. Fig. 2 is an enlarged cross-vertical section of the same, taken through one of the compartments. Fig. 3 is a diagram showing the position of the nest-box in the hen-
nery.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The nest-box comprises the rear wall A, front wall A', end walls A'', and top A'''. A bottom is not necessary, as the box is preferably set on the ground; but one may be used, if desired. The top is divided longitudinally into a stationary portion and the lid or cover A''', which latter is hinged at *a* to the top, so as to swing up and back. The front wall A' is provided with a number of doors B, each hinged on the inside at the top to the front wall and adapted by the shape of its lower edge B' and the corresponding portion of the wall to swing inward only. Directly behind these doors the rear wall is provided with a corresponding number of doors C, which are hinged at their tops to the outside of the rear wall A and are adapted by their shape to swing outward only. Between the doors transverse partitions D extend across the box, dividing it into compartments, each having a front and rear door—*i. e.*, an entering and leaving door. Each front door D is provided with an opening E, large enough to allow a hen to see the nest H within the compartment into which the door leads, and each rear door is provided with an opening F.

In the diagram shown in Fig. 3, K represents a yard or roosting-room, to which K' is the door. L is the pen in which the fowls are confined after laying. P is a partition, R a door therein, and S a door to the run. T is a roost.

A fowl in the yard or roost K, seeing a nest H through the opening E in one of the doors B, pushes her head in, and thus swings up the door and enters. After laying she pushes up the rear door C in the same compartment by means of the opening F and finds herself in the pen L, where she is seen and the ring on her leg examined, so that a record may be made of the fact that she laid an egg on such a day. Thus a record may be kept of her egg-laying qualities and the pedigree of the chickens known.

As the doors B C drop automatically and only swing one way, the hen cannot retrace her steps, but can be let into the run through the doors R S.

The eggs are removed by lifting the bed A''''.

Of course as many compartments may be made in the nest-box as desired.

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

The herein-described nest-box for henneries, consisting of the top A''' provided with the lid or cover A''''; front wall A' provided with doors B hinged at their upper ends to said wall and adapted to swing inward only; rear wall A provided with doors C hinged at their upper ends to said wall and adapted to swing outward only; end walls A''; and transverse partitions dividing the interior of the box into compartments each furnished with an inwardly-opening door and an outwardly-opening door, said doors B being provided with openings or perforations whereby the nest can be seen from the outside, substantially as described.

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