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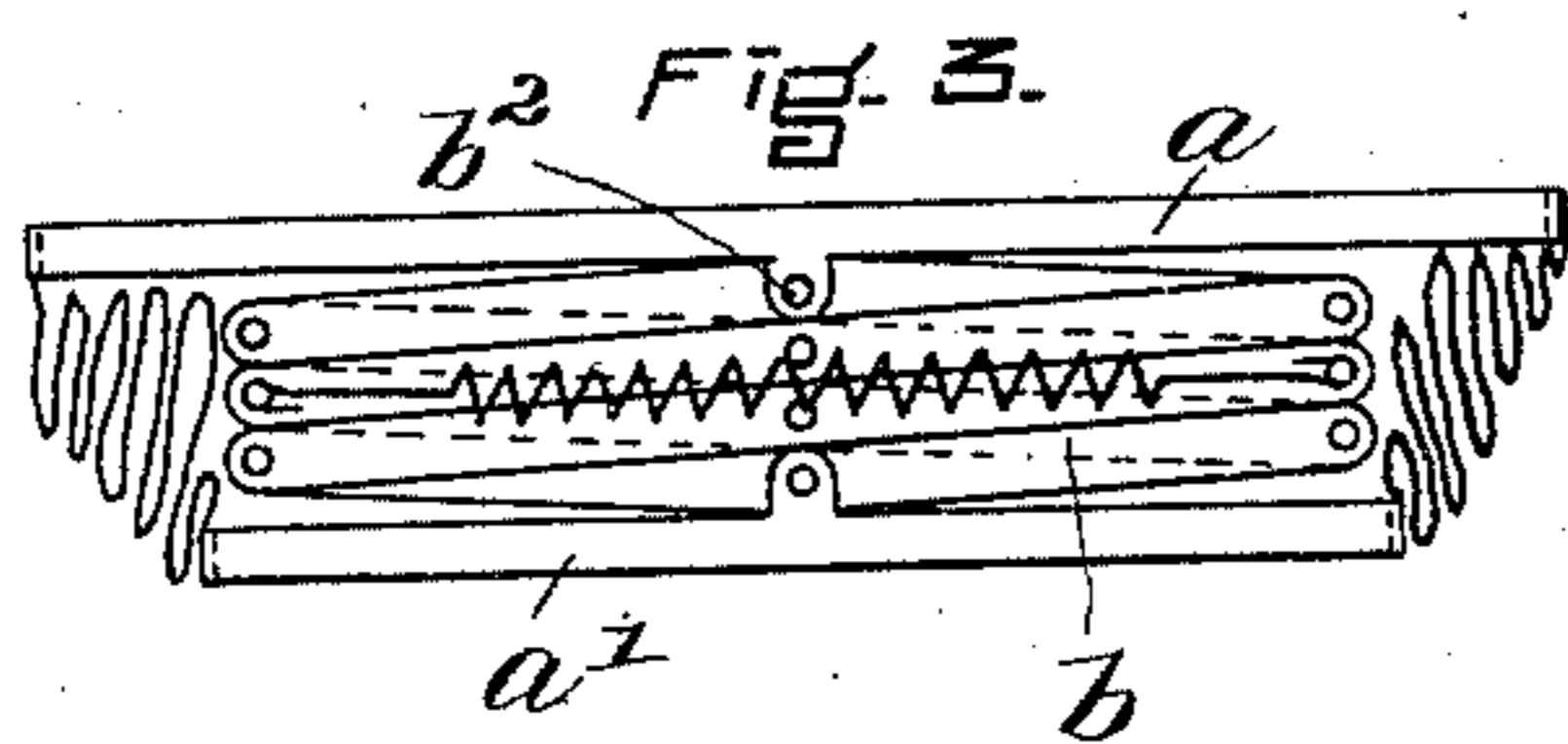
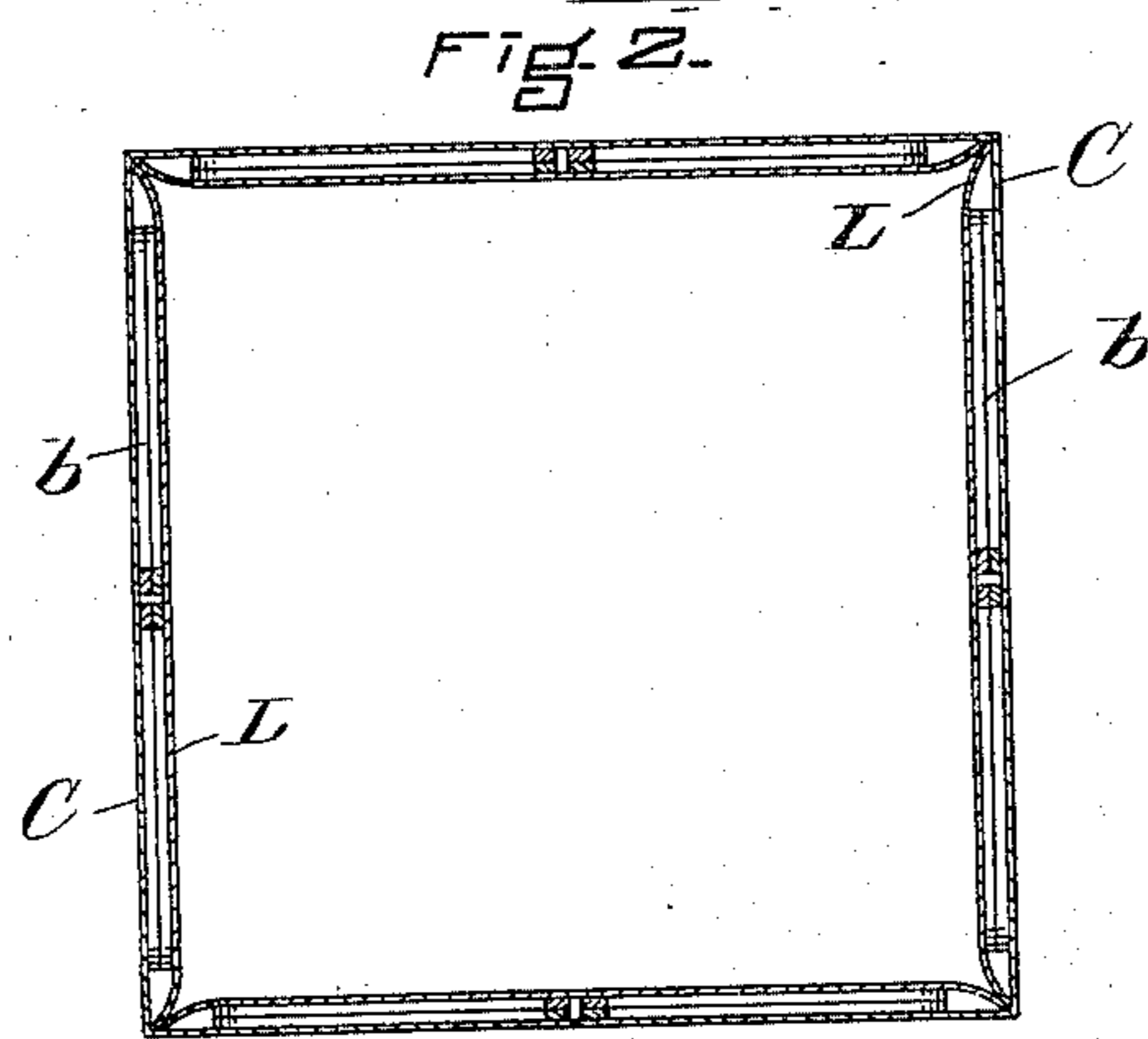
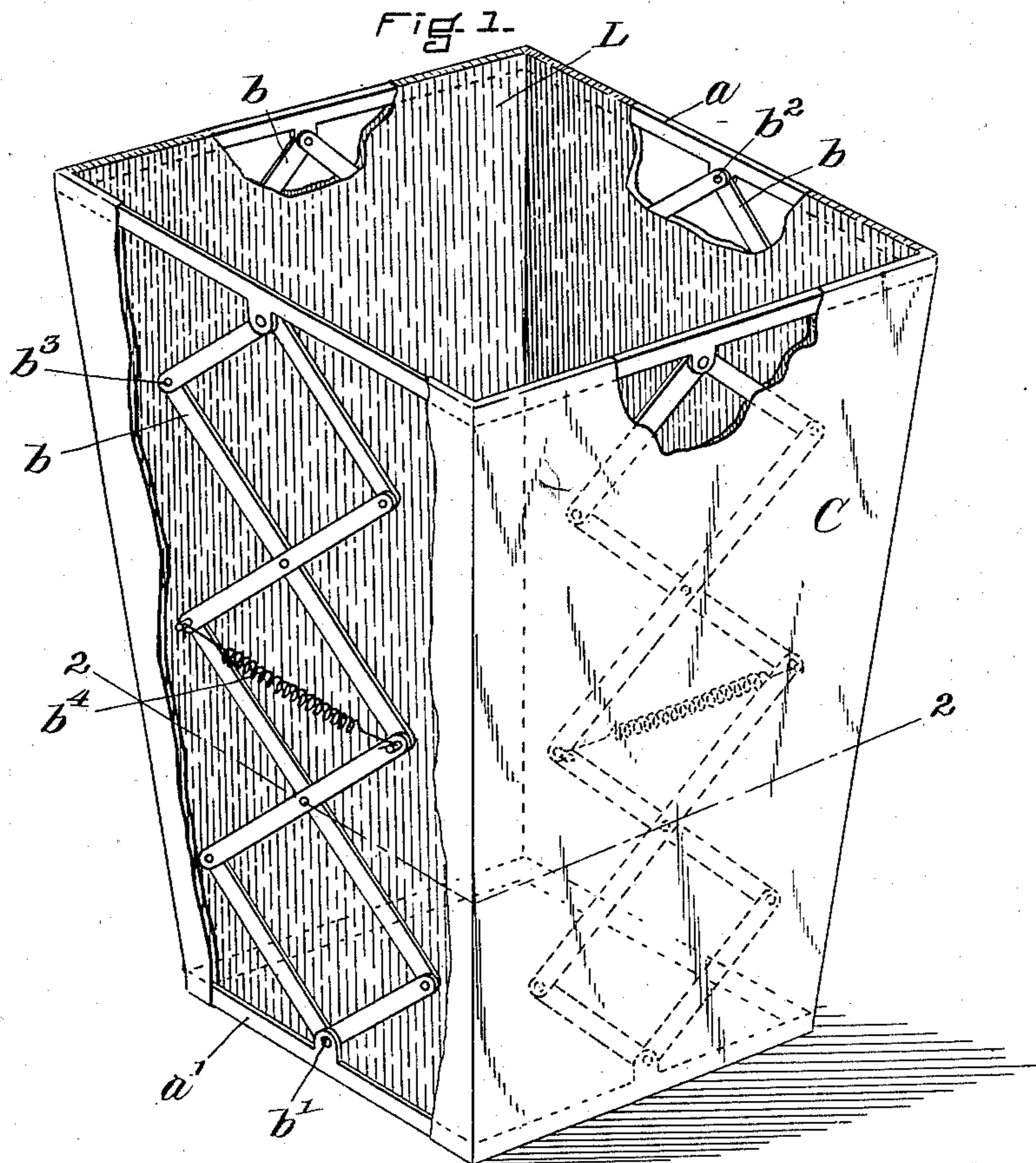
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COLLAPSIBLE CLOTHES AND WASTE RECEPTACLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OCTAVIE L. APTHORP, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Collapsible Clothes and Waste Receptacle, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the preferred form of my new collapsible clothes and waste basket or like receptacle. Fig. 2 is a top plan view thereof on line 2 2 of Fig. 1, the covering and lining being left open at the top. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view to illustrate the manner in which the receptacle is closed.

The object of my invention is to produce a collapsible receptacle which may be substituted for ordinary clothes-bags and clothes and waste baskets, which is adapted to be carried conveniently by travelers in trunks and traveling-bags, and which may be covered with ornamental fabrics, such as figured cretonnes or denims, for example.

My invention consists in the combination hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings illustrating the principle of my invention and the best mode now known to me of applying that principle, a is the top frame, and a' the base-frame, of the collapsible receptacle. These frames a and a' are connected by any suitable collapsible and distensible mechanism—such, for example, as the lazy-tongs b . Each lazy-tongs is secured to base a' , as at b' , and the top frame a , which gives desired shape and form to the upper portion of the receptacle, is kept level on the upper ends of the lazy-tongs by equally-distributed connections b^2 with the upper ends of the lazy-tongs. In the form shown the top and bottom frames are square, the top frame being somewhat larger than the bottom frame to produce upwardly and outwardly inclined sides. A lazy-tongs is pro-

vided for each side. All the joints at b^3 as well as those at b' b^2 are sufficiently loose to permit the ready closing and opening of the receptacle. One or more of the lazy-tongs are provided with a suitable spring b^4 , which is brought under tension when the receptacle is distended to keep it distended. The covering C and lining L may be of any desired color, pattern, or kind of flexible fabric and conceal the mechanism of the receptacle and also keep it out of contact with outside articles and the contents of the receptacle. When collapsed, the receptacle may be kept collapsed by any suitable strap or the like around it. In this condition it is readily stored and transported.

My new receptacle may be varied in shape and size and other mechanisms may be substituted for the lazy-tongs to collapse and distend the cover and lining without departure from my invention.

What I claim is—

1. In a clothes, waste or other analogous receptacle, the combination of a bottom forming and shaping frame; a top forming and shaping frame; and a plurality of lazy-tongs which connect said frames and are arranged at an angle, one to the other.

2. In a clothes, waste or other analogous receptacle, the combination of a bottom forming and shaping frame; a top forming and shaping frame; a plurality of lazy-tongs which connect said frames and are arranged at an angle, one to the other; and a flexible covering for said frames and lazy-tongs.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, on this 21st day of March, A. D. 1898.

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