

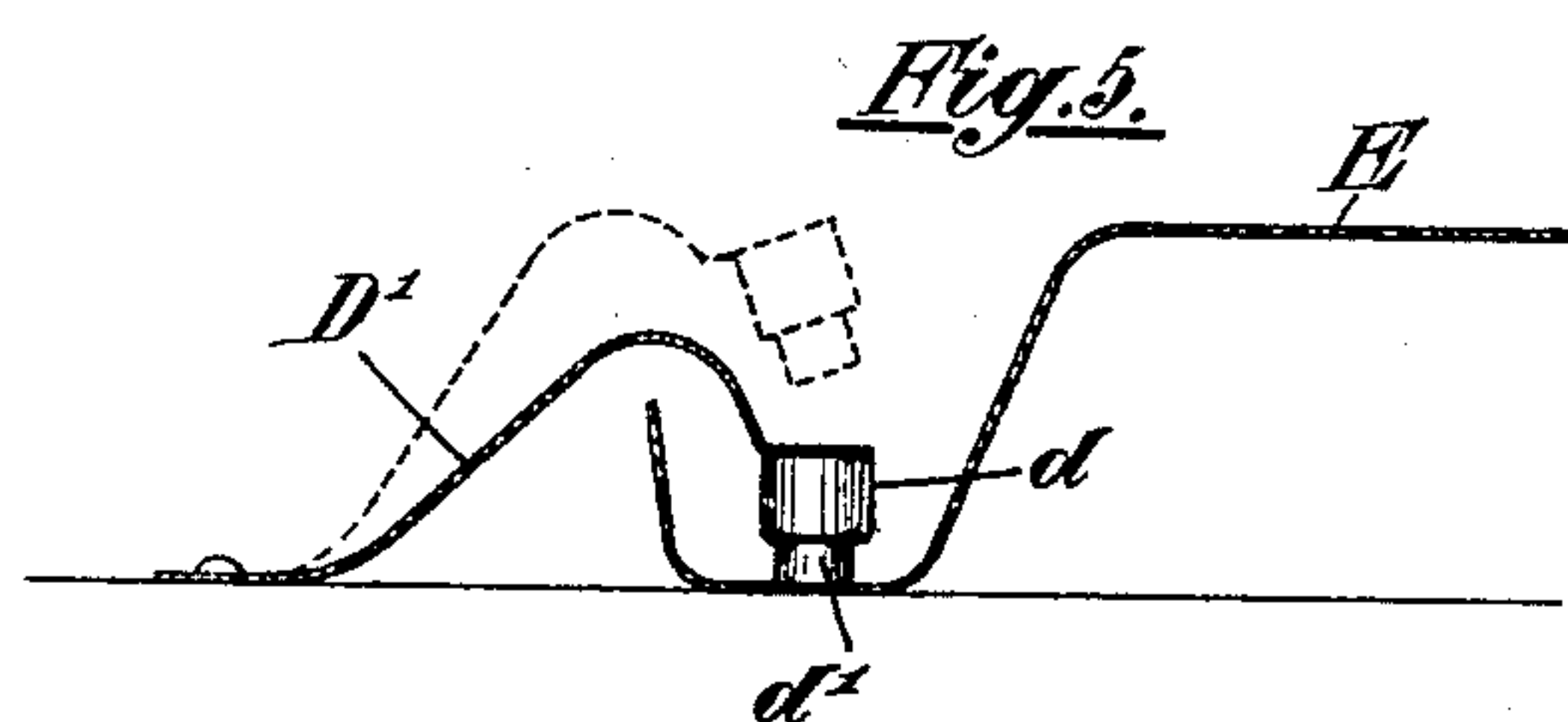
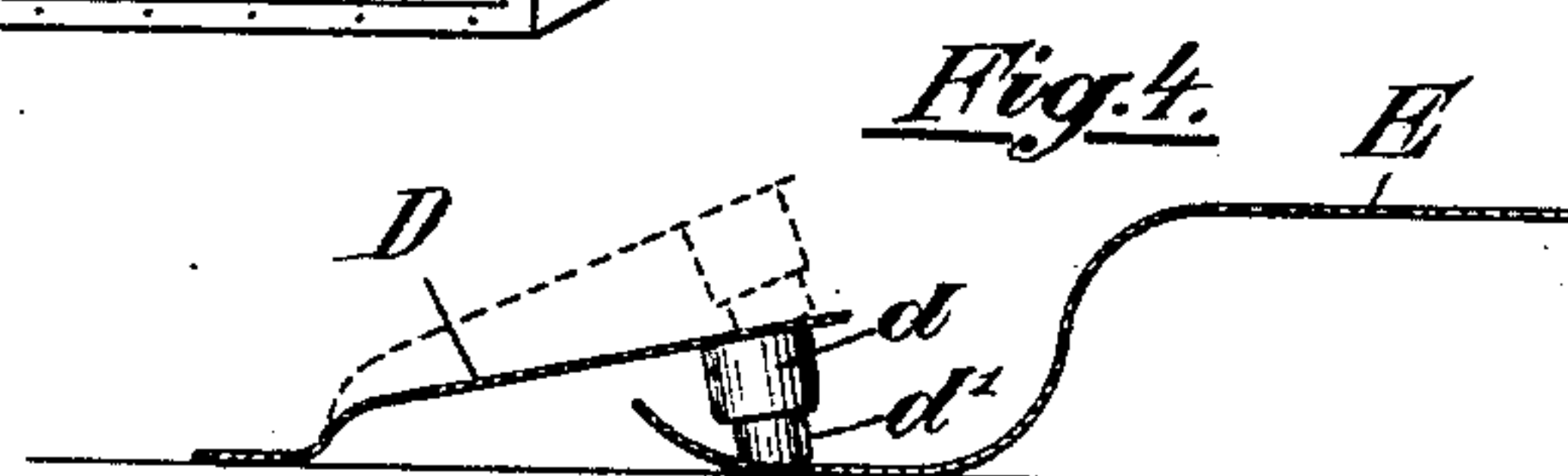
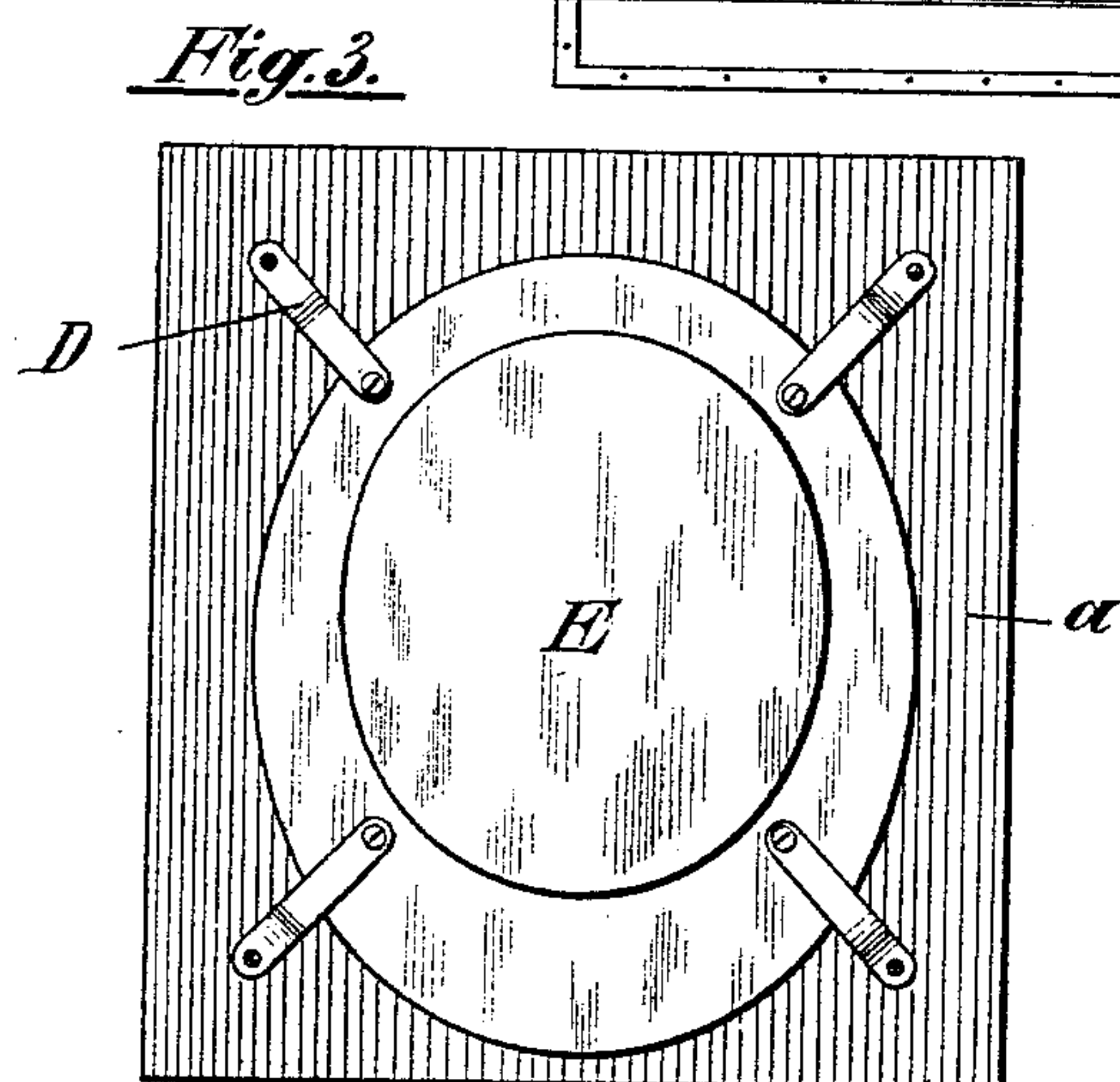
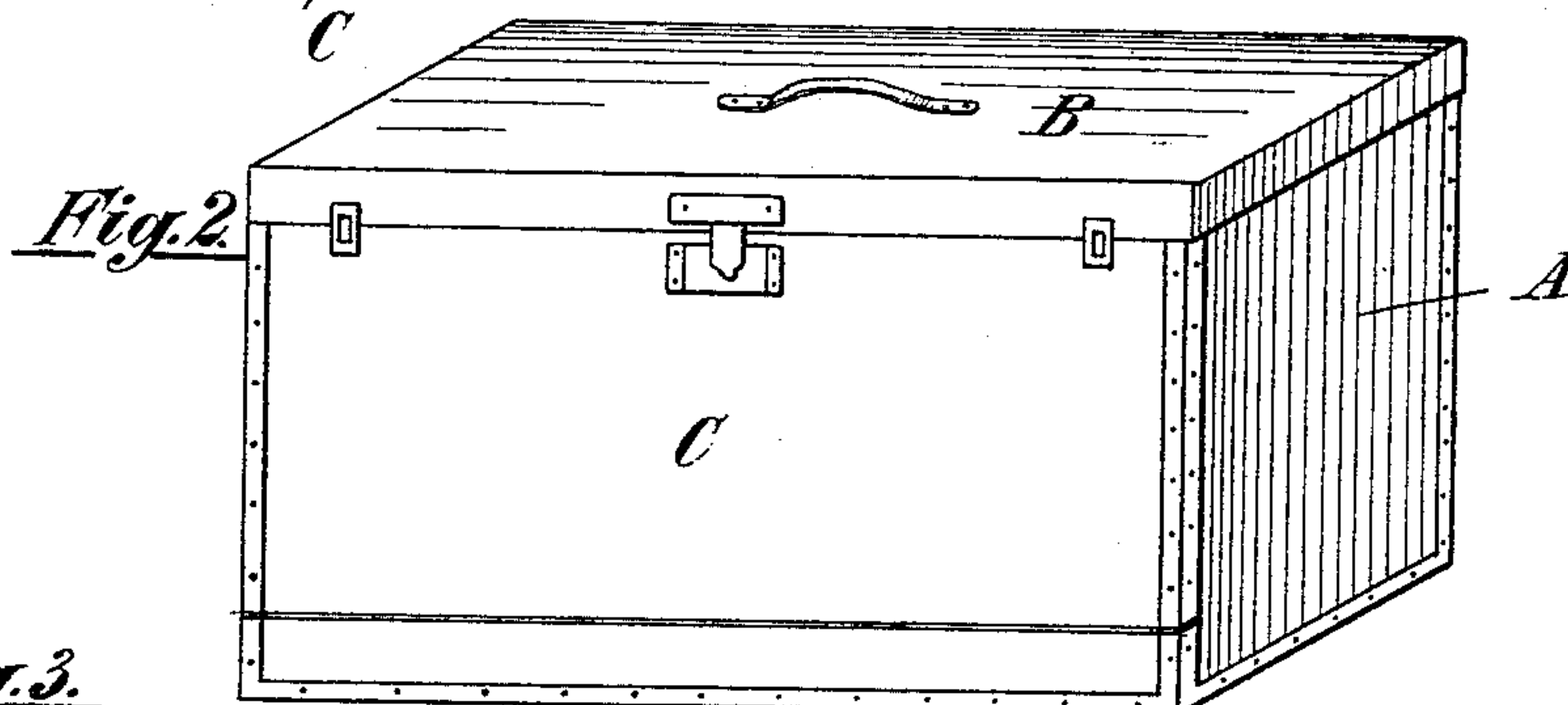
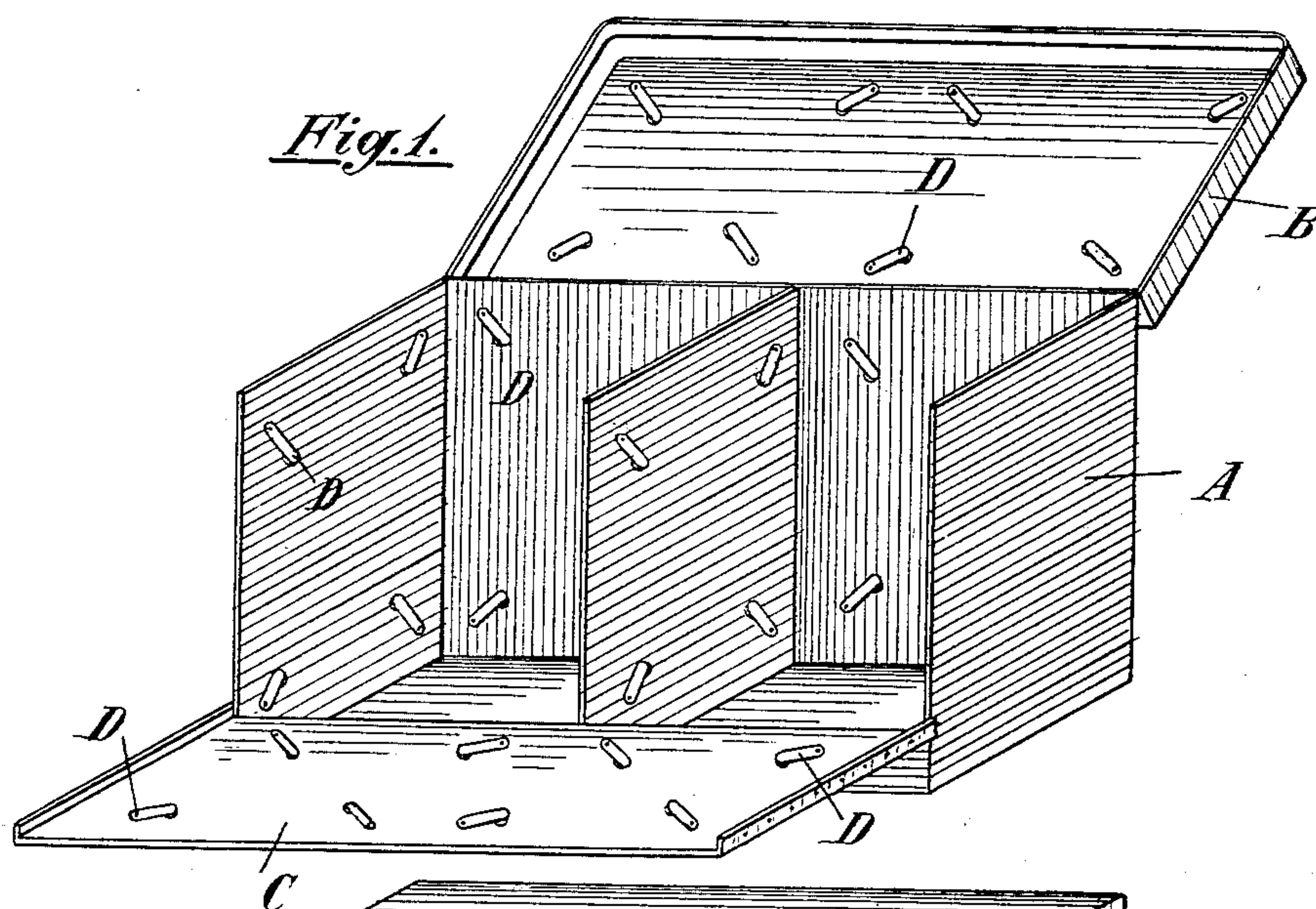
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GOTTLOB HEINRICH SCHOENLEBER, merchant, of Stuttgart, Württemberg, Germany, have invented new and useful Improvements in Trunks for Headwear, (patented in Great Britain June 29, 1896, No. 12,586,) of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in trunks for headwear.

The object of my invention is to provide a receptacle for hats in which the individual hats will be held to the walls of the receptacle by a special holding device, which may readily be swung aside to permit a hat to be put in place or removed and which will not injure the hat in any way.

My invention consists in the features, details of construction, and combination of parts which will first be described in connection with the accompanying drawings and then particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hat trunk or box provided with my improved holding device, the trunk being open; Fig. 2, a similar view showing the trunk closed; Fig. 3, a plan view, on an enlarged scale, of one of the walls of the trunk to which a hat is secured by four of my improved holding devices. Figs. 4 and 5 are detail views of two forms of holding devices embodying my invention, showing the manner of holding the hats to the walls of the trunk.

Referring to the drawings, A is a trunk adapted to be locked and having rigid side walls and two compartments separated by an intermediate partition *a*. One longitudinal wall C of the trunk, as well as the lid B of

the same, is hinged and adapted to be thrown open. On each inner wall of the compartments are arranged four pivotally-mounted spring holding tongues or clamps D, consisting of bent pieces of flat spring metal whose free ends are provided with sockets or collars *d*, into which is inserted a projecting stopper or pad *d'*, made of some soft material, such as felt or the like. These tongues D, or rather their soft ends *d'*, when the hat is inserted into place press the same against the walls of the trunk at the brim, thereby holding it fast. These holding-tongues D or D' are made more or less curved, according as they are designed to retain hats having brims of greater or less height, Figs. 4 and 5. It will thus be seen that the spring-clamps, which serve to hold the hats in place in the hat-receptacle, are so arranged that they will pass over the upturned brim of a hat and bear against and press the hat-brim against the wall to which they, the spring-clamps, are attached.

Having thus fully described my invention what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

In a hat-holder, a tongue or clamp consisting of a pivotally-mounted flat, bent spring provided at its free end with a socket and a pad of yielding material inserted in and projecting from said socket.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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