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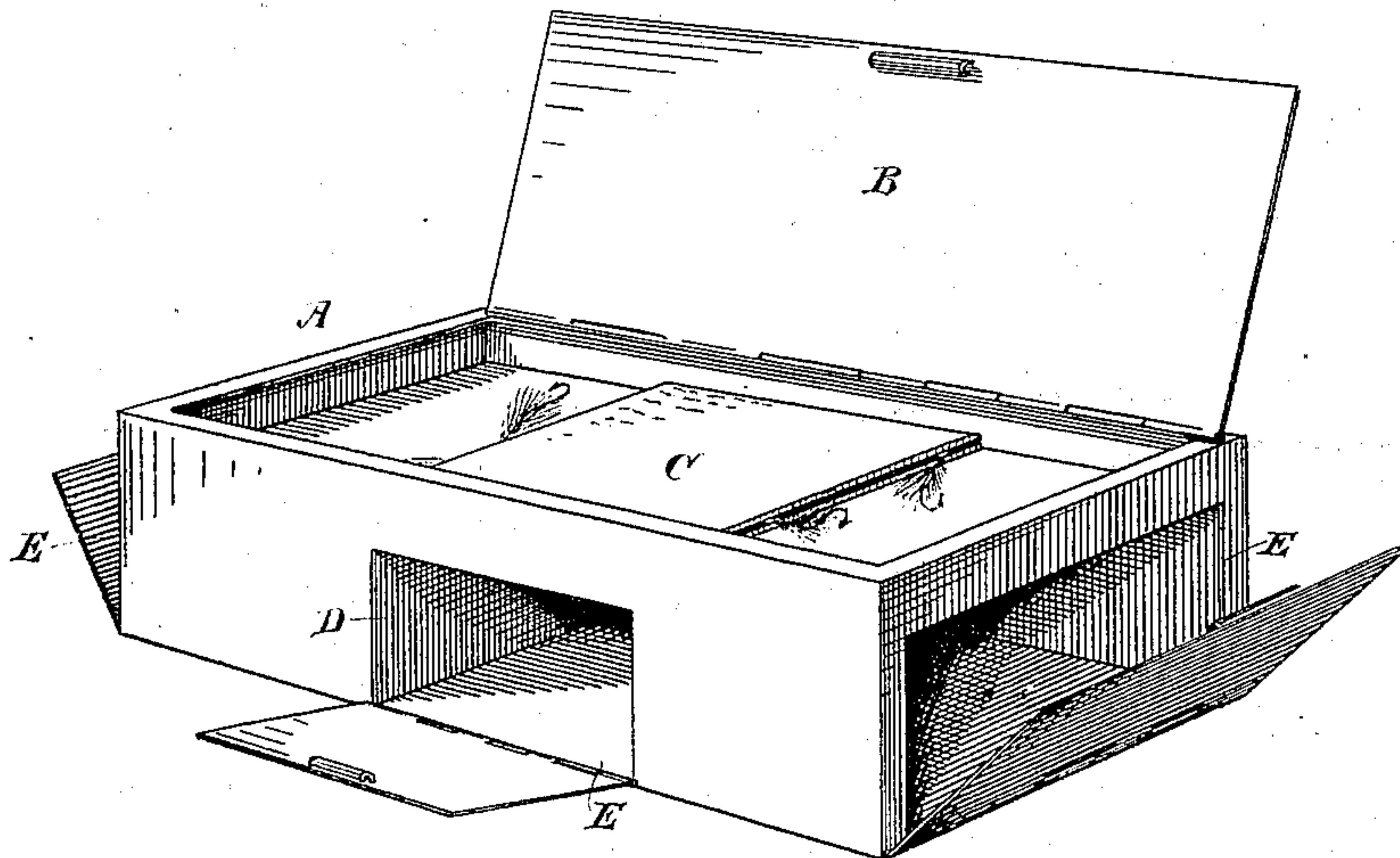
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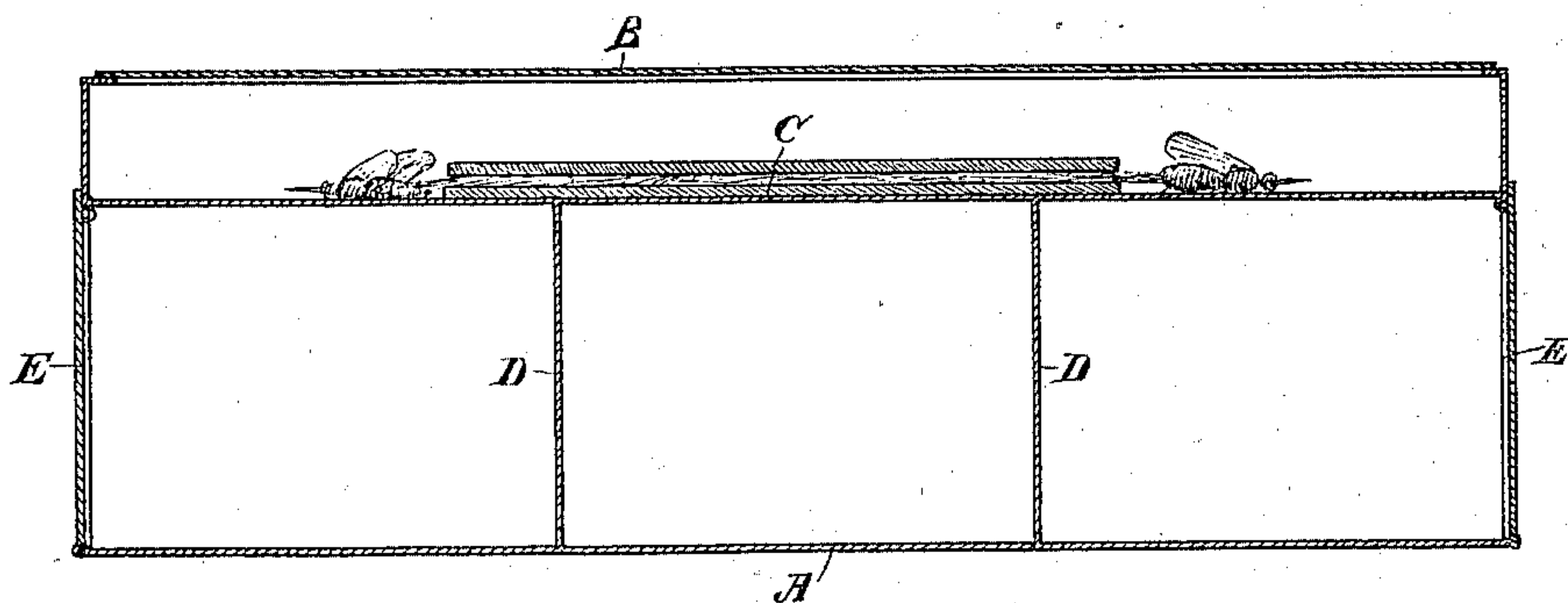
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## SPOON AND LEADER BOX.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWIN A. MOCKER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Spoon and Leader Boxes; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to what is termed a "spoon and leader box," which is especially designed for the use of fishermen and like purposes.

It consists, essentially, of a box of suitable dimensions to be conveniently carried in the pocket, having a horizontal diaphragm extending the full length a short distance below the top, vertical partitions extending from this diaphragm to the bottom, and independent hinged doors or covers for the different compartments.

It also comprises details of construction, which will be more fully explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the box. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the same.

For carrying leaders, flies, spoons, and the various paraphernalia used by fishermen it is customary to use books or such devices as can be contrived for the purpose; but the leaders become dry and stiff, and being coiled up for convenience in carrying it is very difficult and annoying to properly adjust them when they are needed. The other paraphernalia—such as spoons, &c.—occupy considerable space, and the conveniences for carrying such articles are not good. My invention is designed to provide a convenient holder for these various articles and a means for keeping them in good condition. It comprises an exterior box or case A, having a cover B, which opens the whole top of the case, this cover having a catch of any suitable description, which will hold it closed by a little elasticity of the parts and allow it to be opened when desired. A short distance below this top of the box is a horizontal diaphragm C, fixed and hermetically sealed, and preferably it and the sides of the chamber which it forms are coated with

any varnish or substance which is waterproof. In this chamber are placed the leaders, which may be folded so that the flies lie near the ends of the chamber. Intermediate between the ends are placed sections of any porous absorbent material, such as blotting-paper or the like, one being moistened and laid upon the bottom, after which the leaders are laid thereon, with the flies projecting at each end beyond the absorbent, and the other, also properly moistened, is placed on the top, so that the leaders lie between these moistened surfaces, and are thus kept in a soft condition ready for use, the moistening preventing their curling up and being otherwise difficult to handle, as they usually are until they have been wet or softened. Beneath this horizontal partition C are vertical partitions D, dividing the lower part of the box into three chambers, as here shown, each of which has an opening E and a hinged door by which it may be closed. These spaces serve to keep spoons or other paraphernalia necessary for the fisherman's use. The doors of all these compartments are so fixed that they close with a spring latch or pressure sufficient to retain them closed, but to allow them to be easily opened when desired.

The whole device forms an exceedingly convenient means for carrying the leaders, spoons, and various articles needed by the fisherman, and the box is of such size as to be readily carried in the pocket.

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

1. A box having a horizontal partition near the top, vertical partitions extending therefrom to the bottom forming independent compartments as shown, and independent door-openings and hinged doors or covers communicating with each of said compartments.

2. A device for carrying fishermen's supplies consisting of a box having an open top and hinged cover therefor, a horizontal partition intermediate between the top and bottom and parallel therewith, and an absorbent material between which the leaders may be carried, vertical partitions extending from be-



neath the horizontal partition to the bottom  
of the box forming compartments adapted to  
contain spoons and like articles, with open-  
ings in the ends communicating with the end  
5 compartments, and in front communicating  
with the central compartment, and hinged  
doors or closures therefor.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand.

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