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Fig. 1.

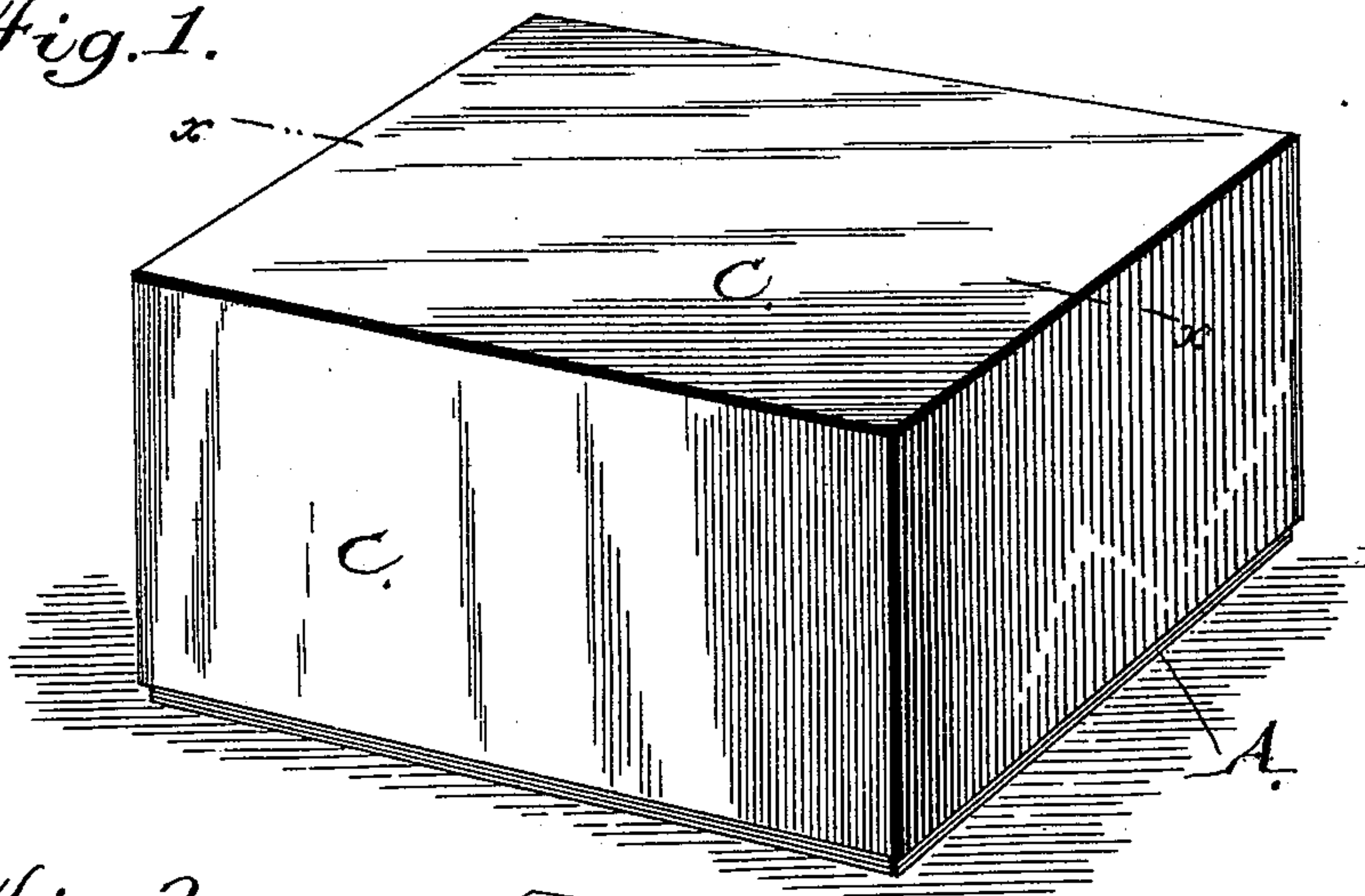


Fig. 2.

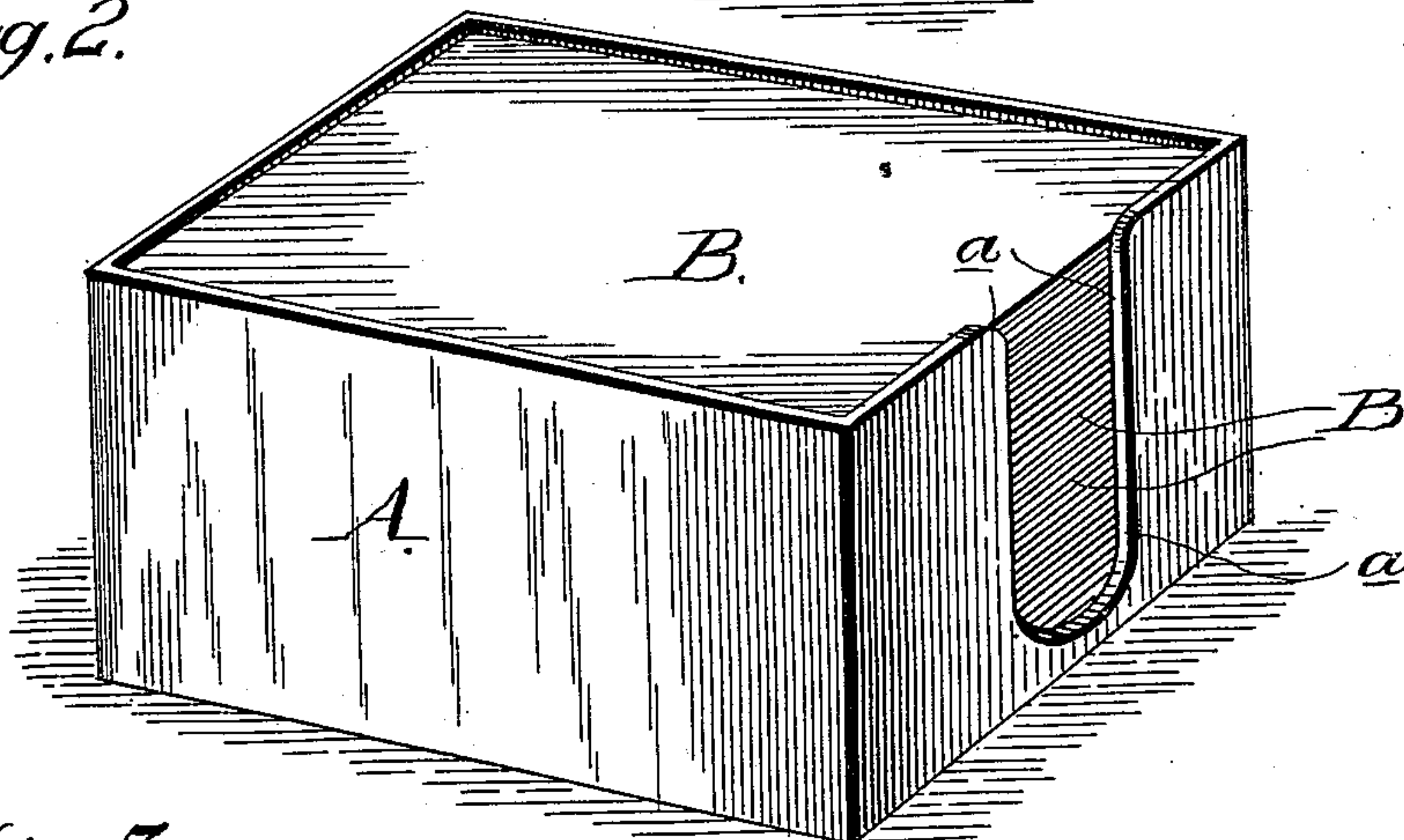
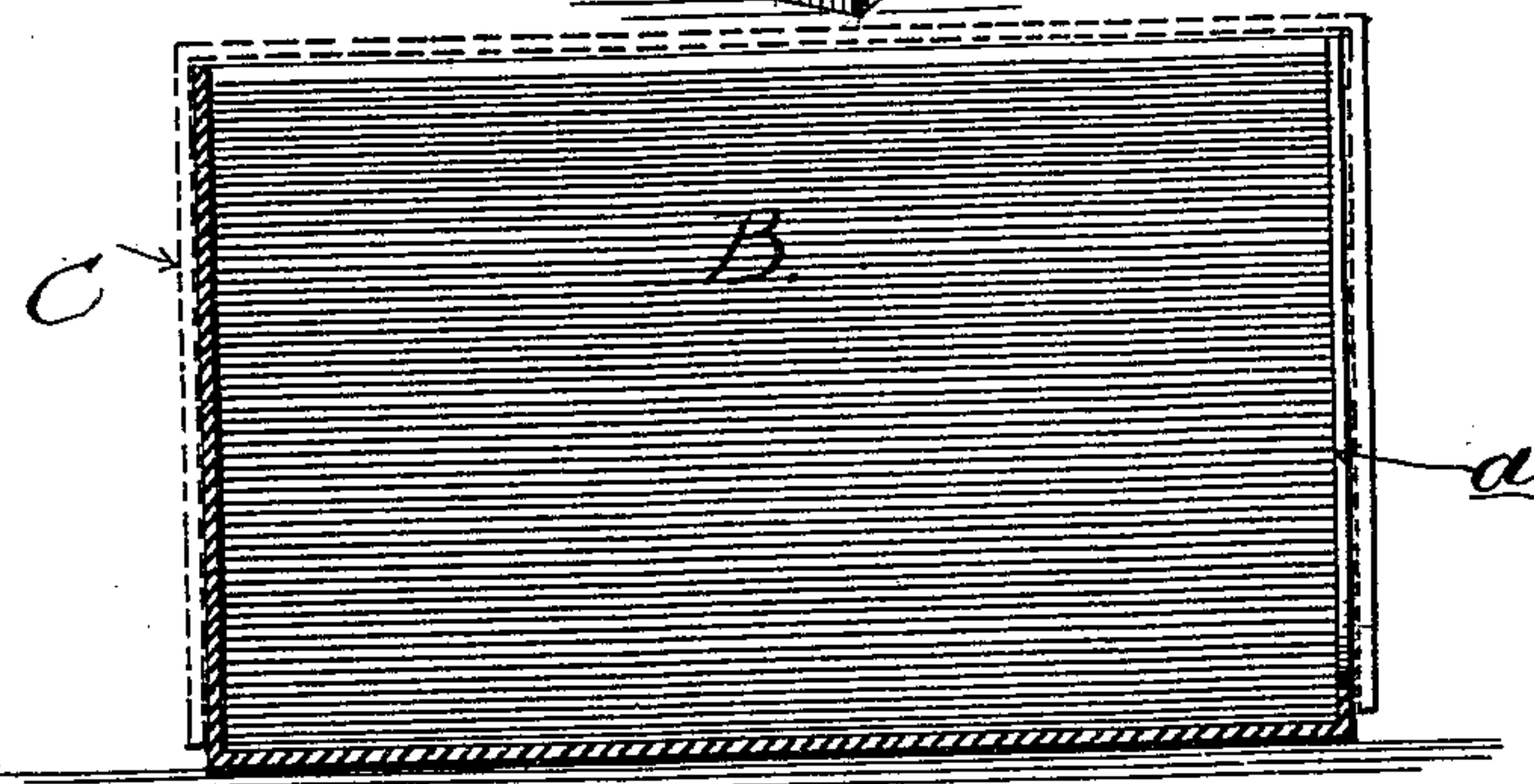


Fig. 3.



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## PACKAGE FOR POWDER-PAPERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OLIVER L. ETNIER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Packages for Powder-Papers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an original package of powder-papers used by retail druggists for compounding prescriptions and wherein the bundle of individual papers is contained within a case or box to protect the papers from soiling and the papers being confined and one or more being capable of ready removal for use without disturbing the others of the bundle; and my invention consists in a bundle of assembled powder-papers and a case or box therefor and substantially corresponding with the size and shape of the papers, said case or box having a finger-opening in one wall to expose one edge of the assembled papers to permit a portion of the papers to be lifted above the plane of the top of the box, whereby the ready removal of any desired number of papers is accomplished without soiling or crumpling the papers, said case or box having a cover with deep sides adapted to fit over the body portion and cover and conceal the finger-opening in the body when the package is not in use.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved package for powder-papers. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the cover removed. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view on the line  $x x$  of Fig. 1.

Heretofore the small sheets of paper known as "powder-papers" and used by retail druggists in filling prescriptions have been simply sealed up in packages, and when the druggist would receive the original package he would remove any desired number of the papers and place an elastic band around them to retain them together. Papers so assembled are liable to become soiled and crumpled and more or less unsightly and possibly more or less contaminated by the odor of the store or by contact with particles of drugs which are present to a greater or less extent upon the counters where the filling of prescriptions takes place, and the elastic band

is liable to break, and thereby cause the papers to be scattered.

To cure the foregoing objections and to construct an original package of powder-papers in which the whole bundle of papers is properly assembled and protected against soiling or contamination and in which one or more of the papers may be removed without disturbing the remaining papers of the package or crumpling the papers removed, I construct a box or case of a body portion and cover and cut the papers of such size that they will about exactly fit said body, and into this body the bundle of loose and unbound sheets are assembled.

The body A is of rectangular form and deep enough to hold a large number of papers B, which are laid therein one on top of the other to form a bundle or pile which closely fills the body. One vertical wall, preferably one end, of the body I form with an opening  $a$ , extending from a point near the bottom of the body through the upper edge, this opening being of sufficient width to admit the thumb or finger of a person and having its lower portion curved to facilitate the operation of the finger. Through this finger-opening  $a$ , which is centrally located in one end of the body, the corresponding edges of the assembled papers are exposed, and when it is desired to remove any desired number of papers the finger or thumb is inserted through opening and a portion of the assembled papers is lifted at one end above the plane of the top of the body A, so that they may be readily removed for immediate use. When the finger is withdrawn, the papers fall back into their normal position in the body, the lifting of one edge only of the papers insuring the papers being retained in proper shape during the removal of the desired number of papers and the proper seating of the lifted papers when the finger is removed. The removal of the papers is accomplished without soiling the papers, and the papers in the body are retained in shape and kept perfectly clean.

The package also includes a cover C for the body, this cover closely fitting the body and having deep sides to completely inclose the sides of the body and cover and conceal the finger-opening, thereby protecting the



edges of the assembled papers, which would soil if left exposed.

The device shown and described is simple and cheap and affords a convenient, safe, and  
 5 clean original package for powder-papers, and from the package the papers are taken as desired until the entire number of sheets constituting the bundle is used up.

The finger-opening in the end of the box  
 10 or case, as described, and its disposition with relation to the powder-papers facilitates the packing of the bundle of papers in the box. If this opening were not present, it would be a rather tedious operation to properly assemble  
 15 the package of papers without disarranging the papers; but with this opening as described the bundle of papers is readily dropped into the end of the box opposite to the opening, while the edges of the papers at the op-  
 20 posite side—the one adjacent to the opening—may be directed into the box by the use of the thumb or finger introduced into the opening without disarranging the bundle in the slightest degree.

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

As an article of manufacture, an original package of powder-papers consisting of a rectangular box having vertical inner walls one  
 30 wall of which is formed with an opening which extends from a point near the bottom of the box out through the upper edge, a bundle of separate papers sized to about fit said box and assembled therein so that a correspond-  
 35 ing edge of the papers forming the bundle is exposed through said opening, and a cover having deep sides or flanges adapted to embrace the sides of the box and cover and conceal the opening thereof when the cover is in  
 40 place.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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