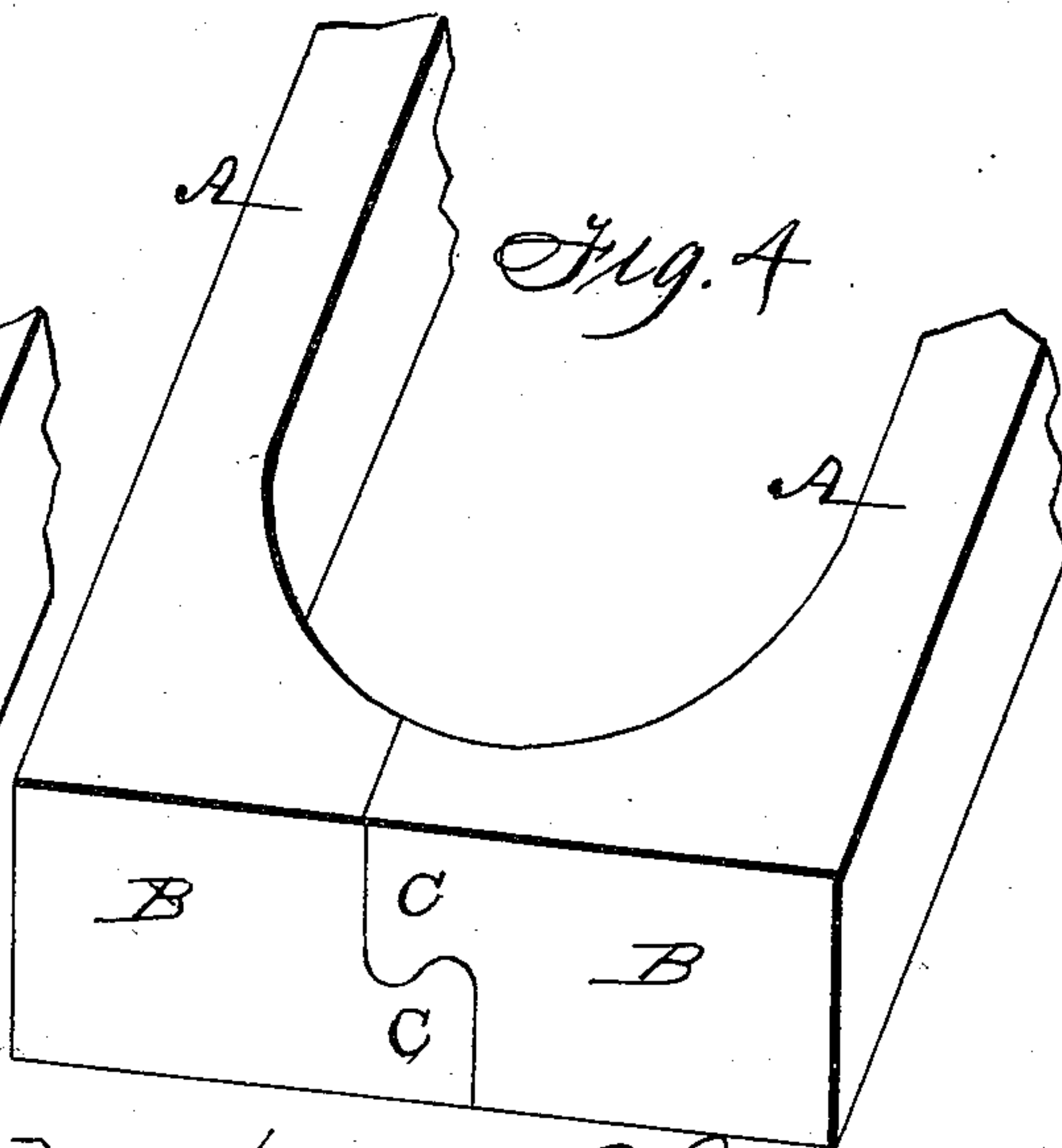
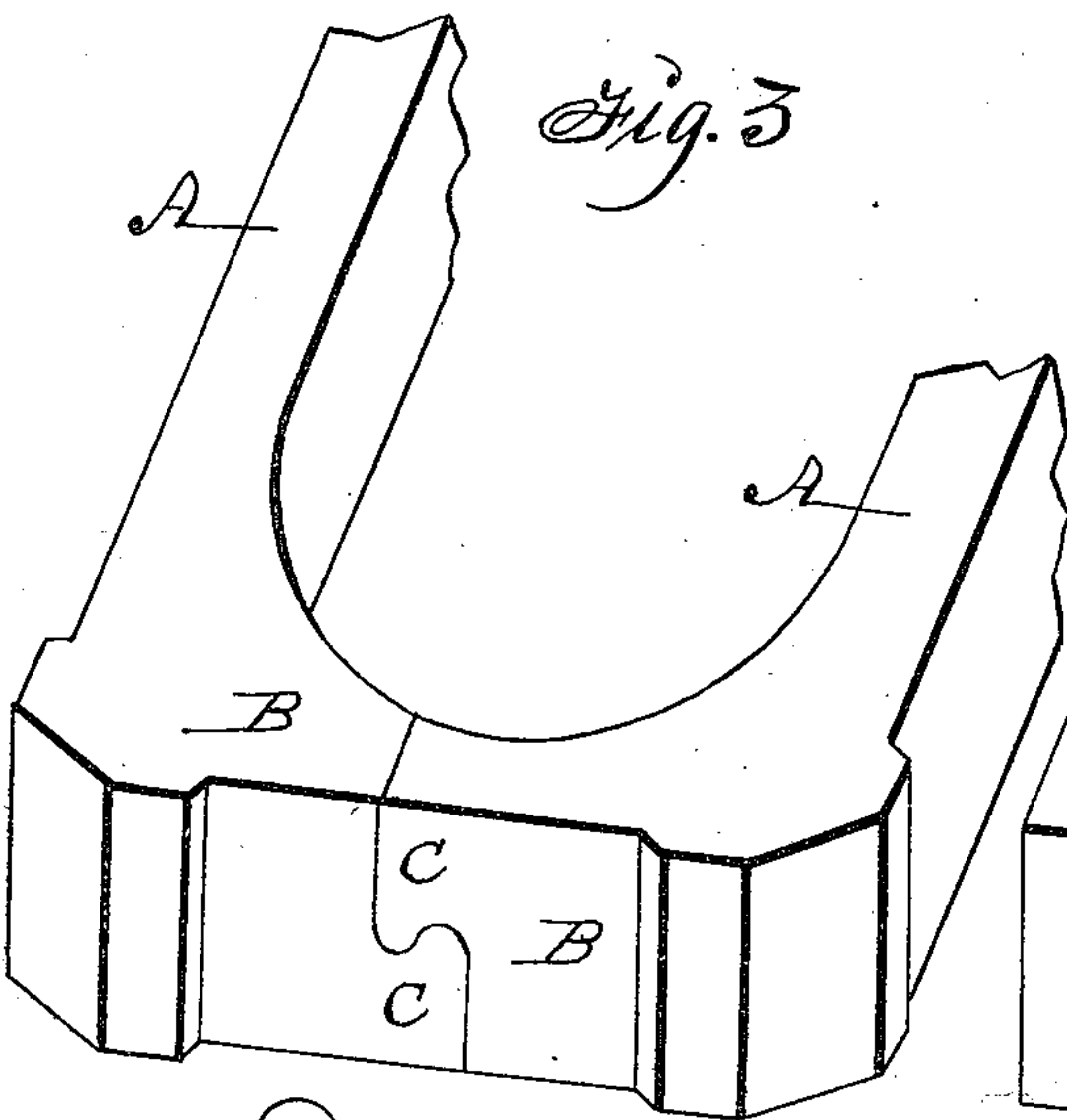
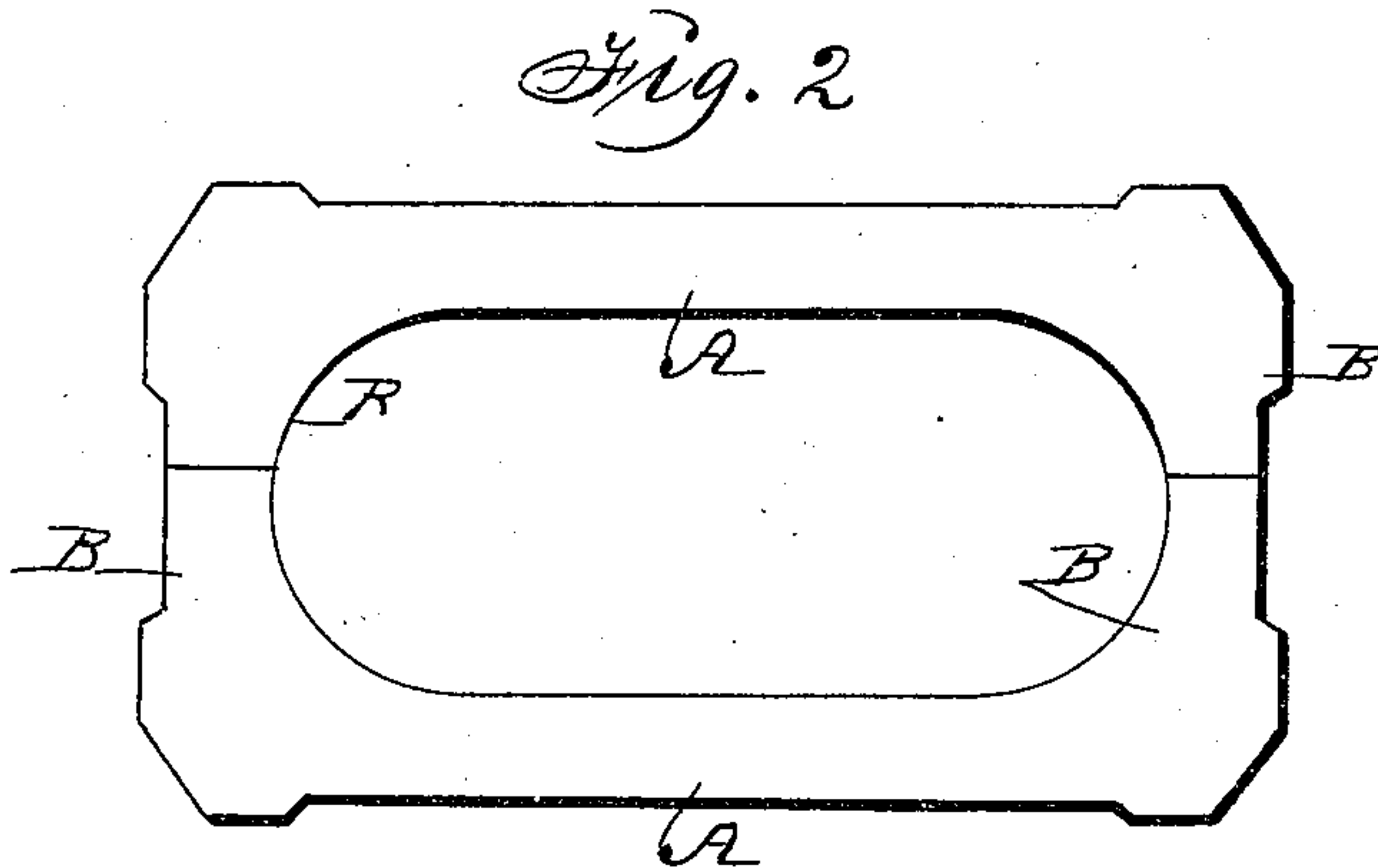
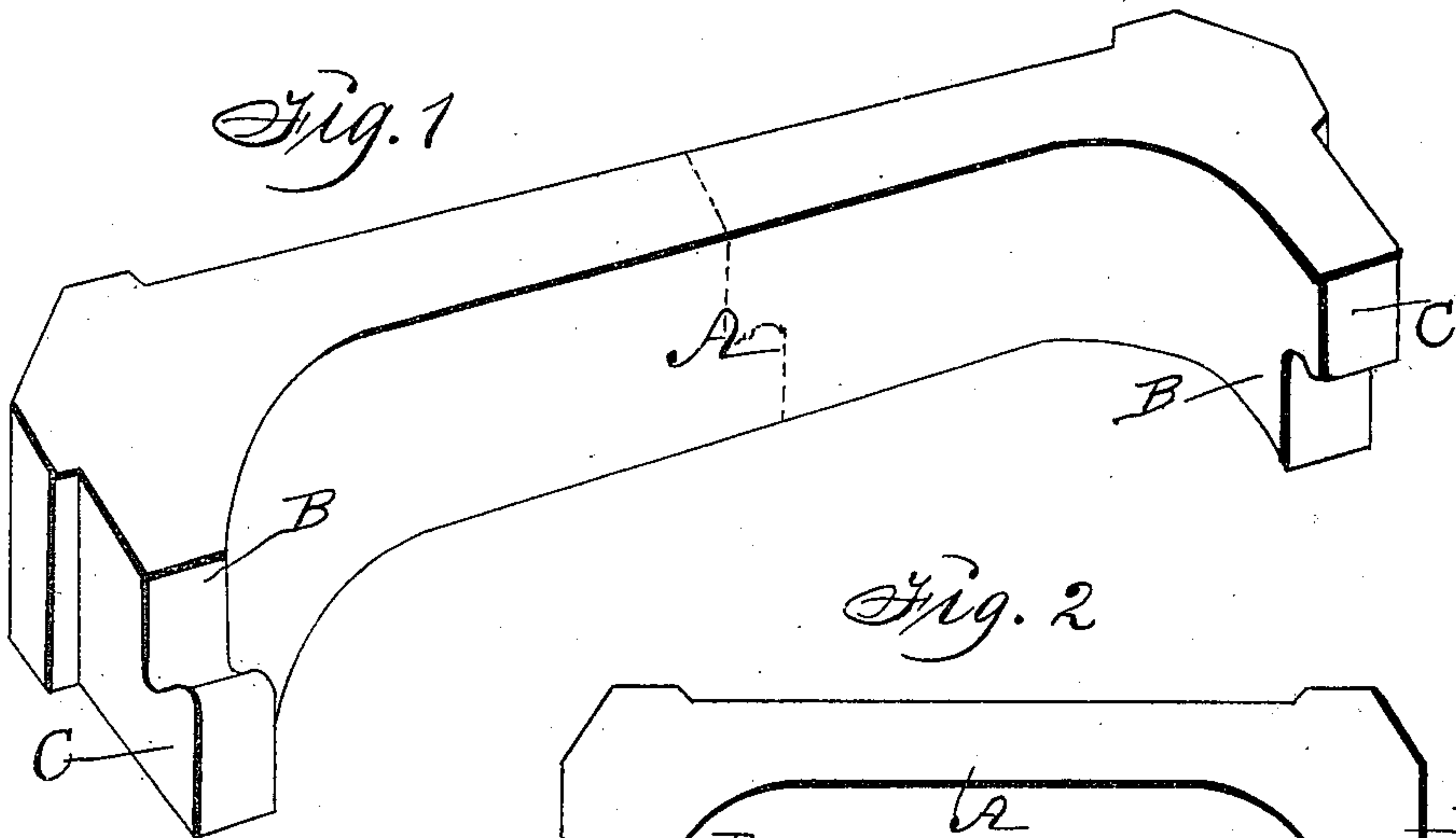


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL B. RICKORDS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Seymour, in the county of Wayne and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Coping for Graves, of which the following is a specification.

Heretofore blocks have been provided with extensions adapted for producing lap-joints between mating blocks; but in no instance have blocks been provided with hook-shaped right-angled extensions in such a manner that the hooks of two mating blocks could overlies each other to produce a locking-joint that would prevent separation, as contemplated by my invention, which consists in the construction and combination of blocks formed in a mold, as hereinafter set forth, pointed out in my claims; and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an elongated block specially adapted for use in forming an ornamental coping on top of a grave in a burial-ground. Fig. 2 is a top view of two of the blocks (reduced in size) joined together at their ends, as required in forming a coping for a grave or to produce a building-block adapted for making a hollow wall. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the end portions of two of the blocks securely interlocked, as required in practical use and without any extraneous appliance. Fig. 4 is a modification of Fig. 3, showing the corners square and specially adapted for use in building hollow walls.

The letter A designates the main and straight four-sided body portion of the block that has integral right-angled hook-shaped lateral extensions B. These extensions are reduced in size to produce hooks C, adapt-

ed for interlocking the ends of two mating blocks, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, by simply inverting one of a pair of the blocks and placing the hooks C on its ends on top of the mating hooks on the other block. When used for coping around a grave, the joints thus formed will allow expansion and contraction, as required to prevent breaking by the expansive force of frost.

When the blocks are reduced in size for building hollow walls, they can be readily laid with mortar applied for cementing them together, as required to produce a strong durable wall in which every block will have a distinct chamber and the entire wall will be practically a double or hollow wall and dead-air spaces that will prevent the passage of noise, moisture, heat, and cold.

Having described the purposes and construction of my invention, its practical operation and utility will be readily understood by persons familiar with the art to which it pertains, and

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A block formed in a mold and consisting of a straight body portion and right-angled hook-shaped extensions at its ends, for the purposes stated.

2. A hollow block consisting of two mating parts each composed of a straight body portion and right-angled hook-shaped extensions at its ends and said ends placed in overlying and interlocking position in the manner set forth for the purposes stated.

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