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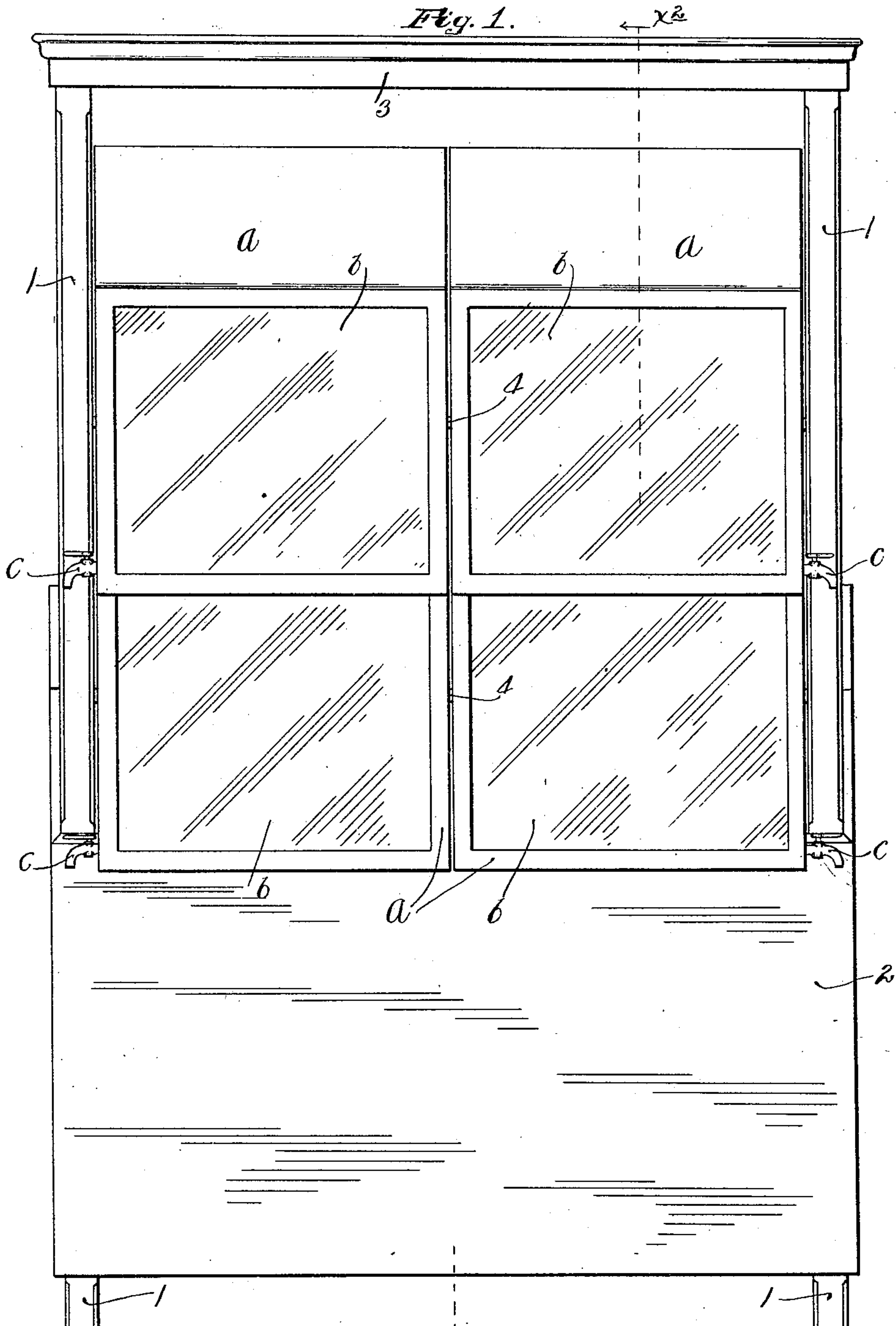
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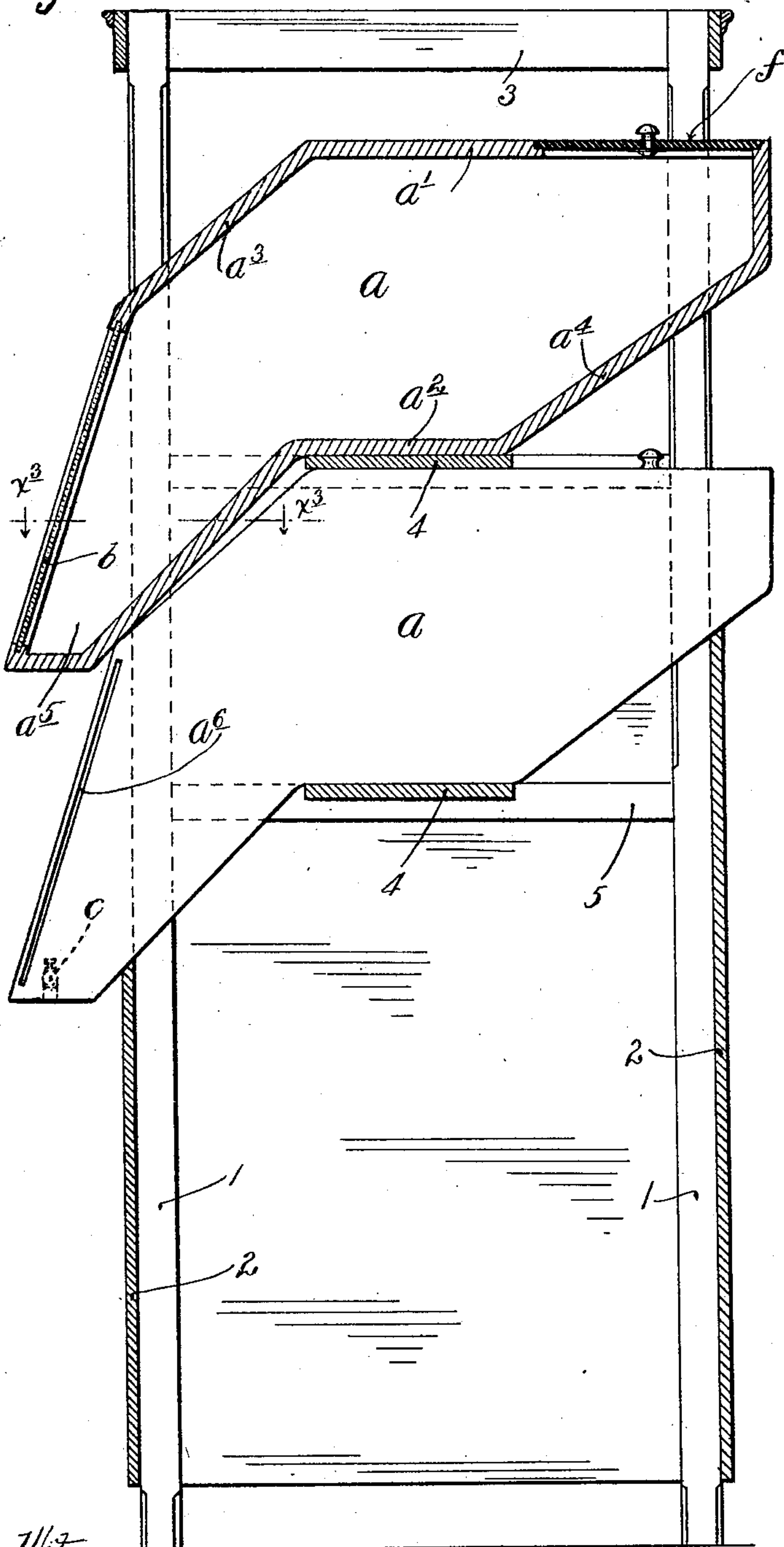
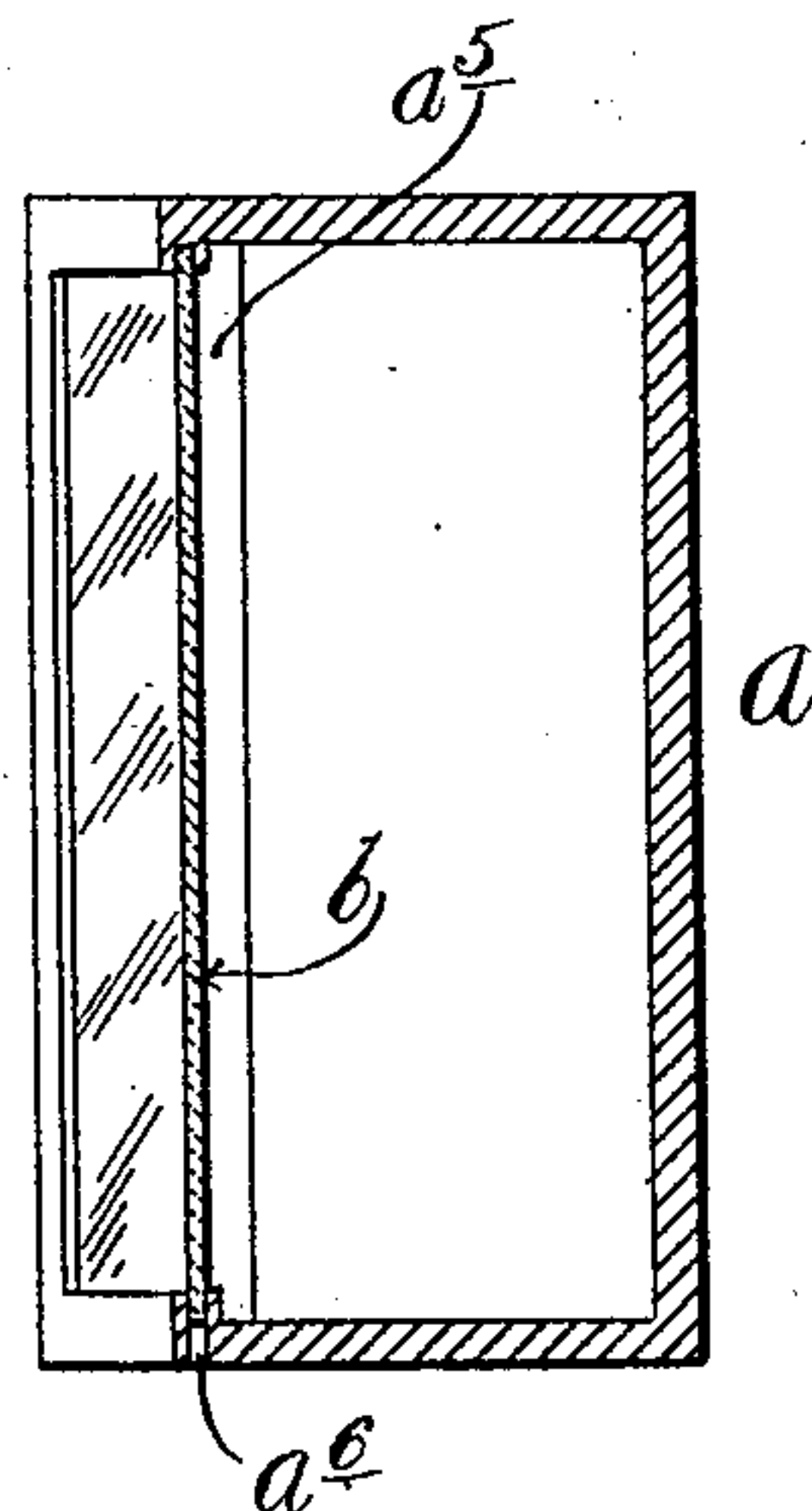


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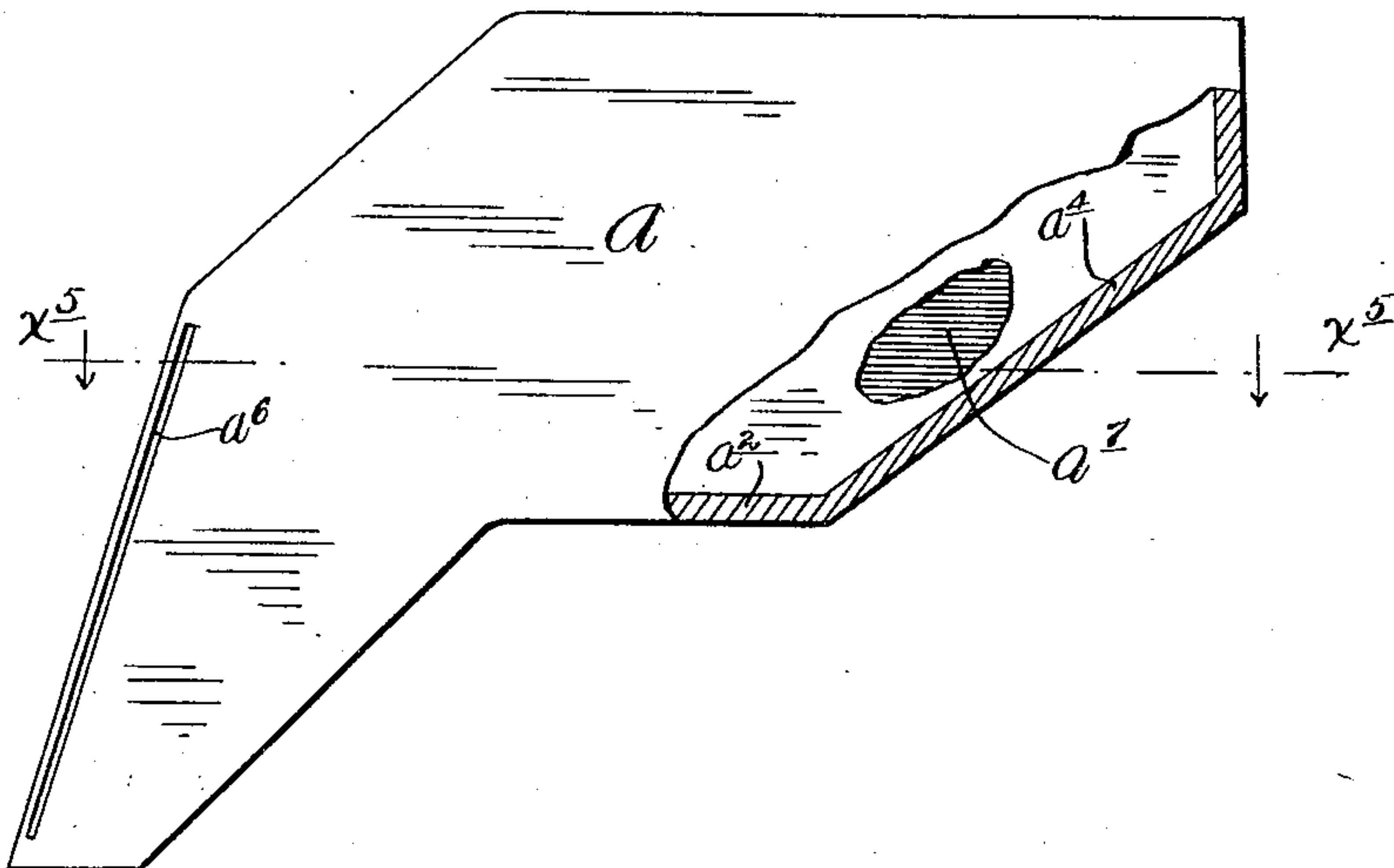
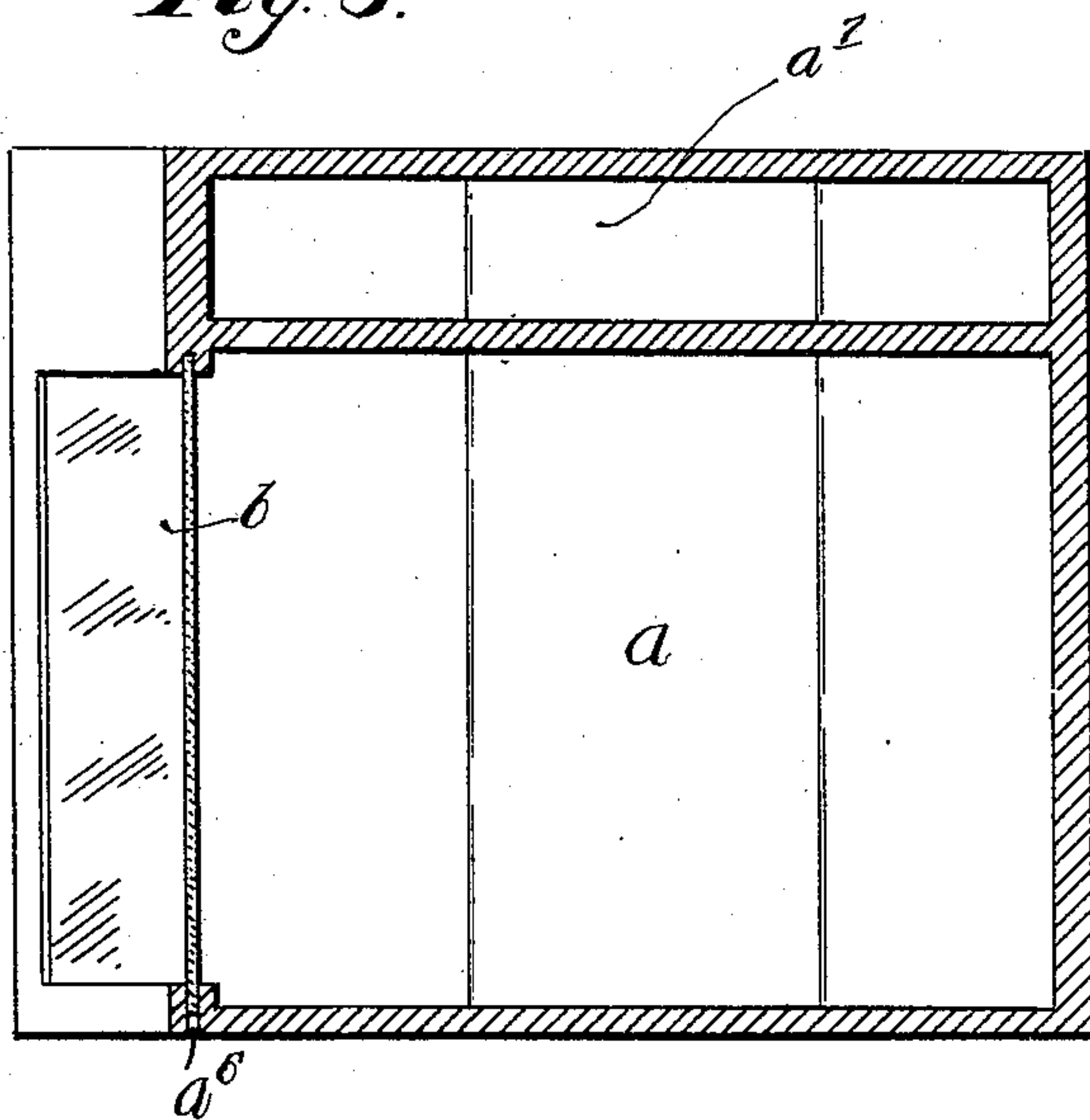


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES T. WILLIAMS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Jars; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has for its object to provide certain improvements in what I term "display-jars," which devices are especially adapted to contain pickles, oysters, and similar foods that are commingled with liquid; but the said jars are nevertheless for a much more general use.

To the above ends the invention consists of the novel devices and combinations of devices hereinafter described, and defined in the claims.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views. Figure 1 is a view in front elevation, showing a rack or supporting-frame and a plurality of the display-jars supported thereby. Fig. 2 is a vertical section on the line $x^2 x^2$ of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section on the line $x^3 x^3$ of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detailed inside elevation showing one of the jars with an ice-containing pocket formed on one side thereof, and Fig. 5 is a horizontal section on the line $x^5 x^5$ of Fig. 4.

The jars are supported by a framework, which is preferably in the form of a cabinet made up of vertical corner-posts 1, lower boards 2, upper cornice-strips 3, and horizontal shelves or supports 4, the latter of which extend from side to side of the framework and, as shown, are secured at their ends to horizontal bars 5 of the said frame.

The jars a , which are preferably constructed of glazed earthenware, have horizontally-extended upper and lower walls $a^1 a^2$, the former of which are inclined downward at a^3 and the latter of which are inclined upward at a^4 . The wall-sections $a^2 a^3$ and the sides of the said jar are extended downward to form a depending pocket a^5 for an important purpose, which will hereinafter appear. The outer and exposed front wall of the pocket a^5 is provided

with a transparent pane b , of glass or other transparent material, which panes may be secured in any suitable manner that will form a liquid-tight joint between the same and the jar. As shown, the pane b is slipped through a slot a^6 in one side of the pocket a^5 and fits into grooves in the wall of the said pocket, putty, cement, or other suitable material being used to make the joint liquid-tight. The transparent pane may, however, be otherwise secured, and, if desired, instead of being flat it may be concave, convex, or rounded, for instance. Small drip-cocks c are provided at the lower portion of the pocket a^5 .

Each jar is provided with an opening in the rear portion of its top wall a^1 , which opening is adapted to be closed by a removable lid or cover f .

The jars a are adapted to be stacked one over the other, as best shown in Fig. 2, in which case the bottom walls a^2 rest upon the supported shelves 4 of the framework or cabinet, and it is important to note that when thus stacked the openings closed by the lids or covers f stand immediately under the inclined rear walls a^4 of the jars which stand above them. This latter feature permits of ready access to the interior of the jars.

It will of course be understood that the jars may be stacked in any desired number and that any number of stacks may be placed side by side.

As shown in Figs. 4 and 5, the jar a is provided at one side with a pocket a^7 , which preferably follows the outline of the said jar. This pocket is adapted to contain ice, the obvious purpose of which is to keep the contents of the jar proper in a cool or cold condition. The pocket may be integrally formed with the body of the jar or it may be formed separately and properly secured thereto.

Hitherto in order to display pickles it has been customary and practically necessary to keep at least portions of the same out of the liquid and exposed to the air, so that they soon become molded or otherwise spoiled. With jars of the form above described the pickles may be all kept submerged in the brine, and at the same time the pickles will always be displayed within the depending pockets through the transparent panes. The goods are thus not only preserved, but are

displayed to the customers to a very much better advantage. The drip-cocks *c* permit the brine to be drawn off from time to time without moving the jars, and they also permit the jars to be washed out without removal. The above-described form of the jars permits them to be stacked compactly and at the same time, as already indicated, permits ready access to the contents of the same and displays the goods to the best possible advantage.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is as follows:

1. A display-jar provided with an opening in its top and formed at one end with a pocket that depends below the bottom of the main body of the box, and a transparent pane located in the outer front wall of said depending pocket, substantially as described.

2. A jar *a*, with top wall *a'*, bottom wall *a²*, inclined walls *a³ a⁴*, and the depending pocket *a⁵* having a transparent pane *b*, the said top wall *a'* having an opening adapted to be closed by a lid or cover, a plurality of which

jars may be stacked closely one on top of the other, substantially as described.

3. The combination with a framework having horizontal shelves or supporting devices, of a plurality of display-jars resting on the said shelves, each jar having the top and bottom walls *a' a²* with inclined extensions *a³ a⁴*, the depending pocket *a⁵* with transparent pane *b*, and the lid *f* closing an opening in the top of the jar, substantially as described.

4. A display-jar provided with an opening in its top and formed with a pocket that depends below the bottom of the main body of the jar, the sides of which jar are parallel and continuous with the sides of the pocket, and a transparent pane located in the outer front wall of said pocket, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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