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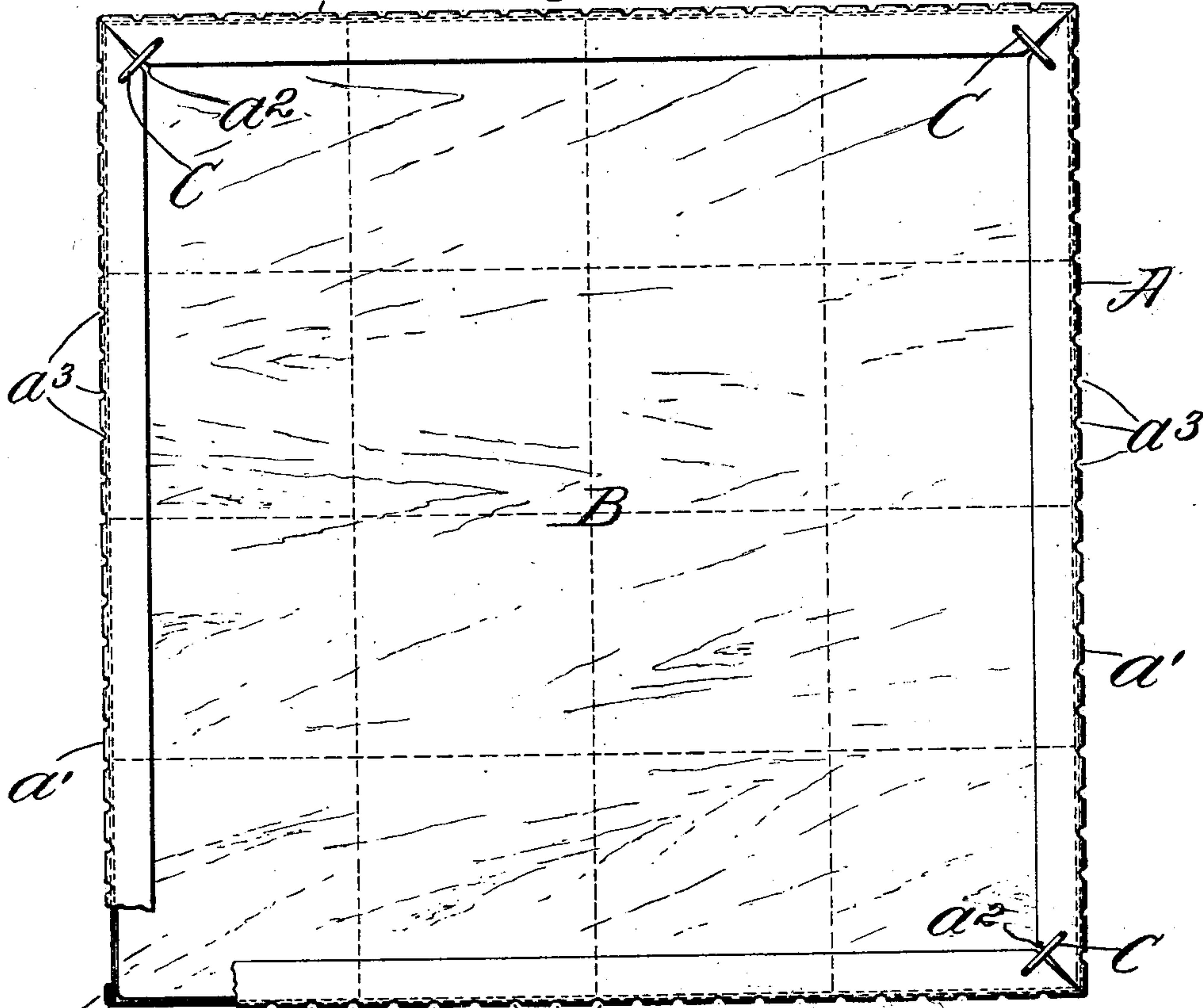
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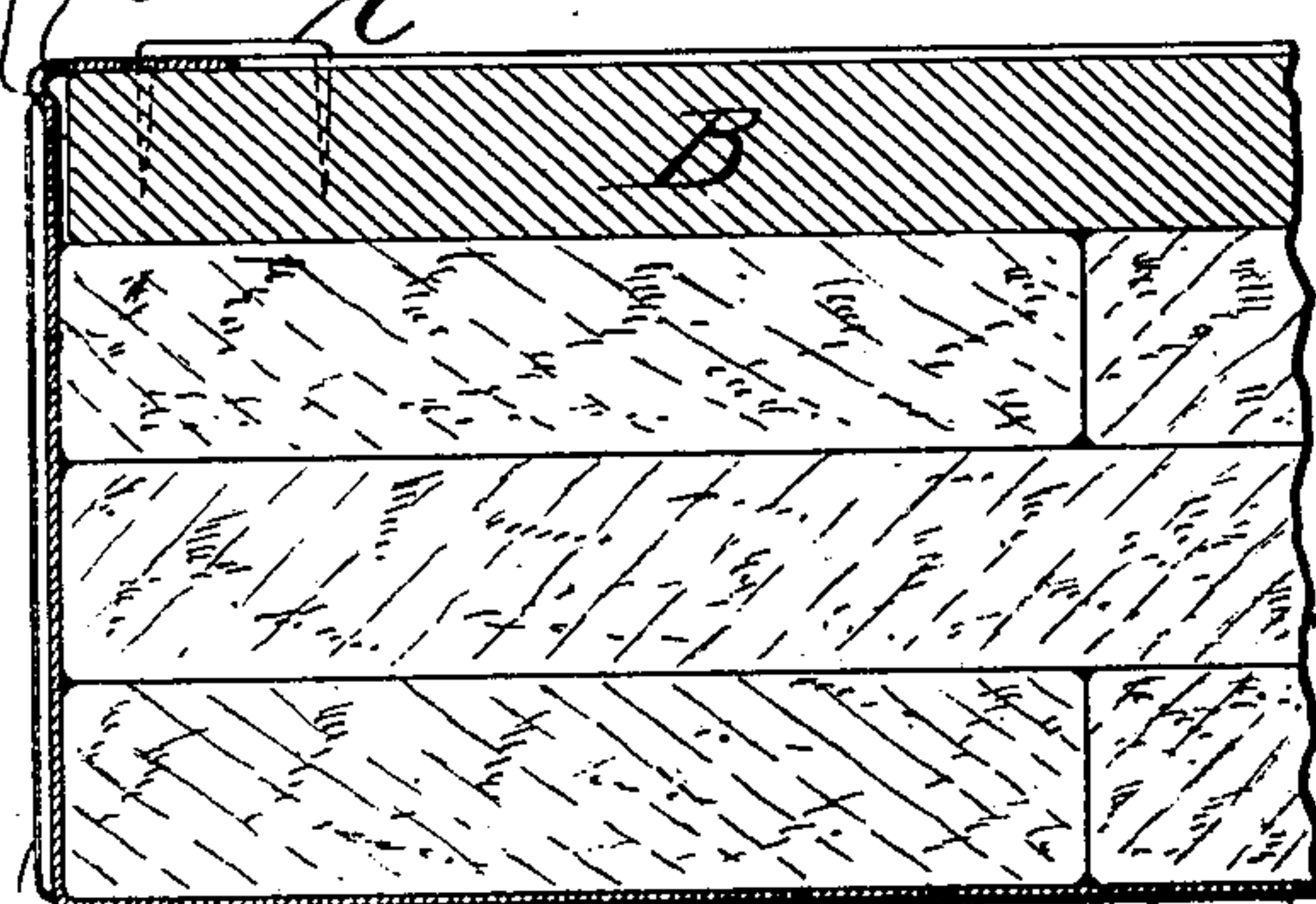
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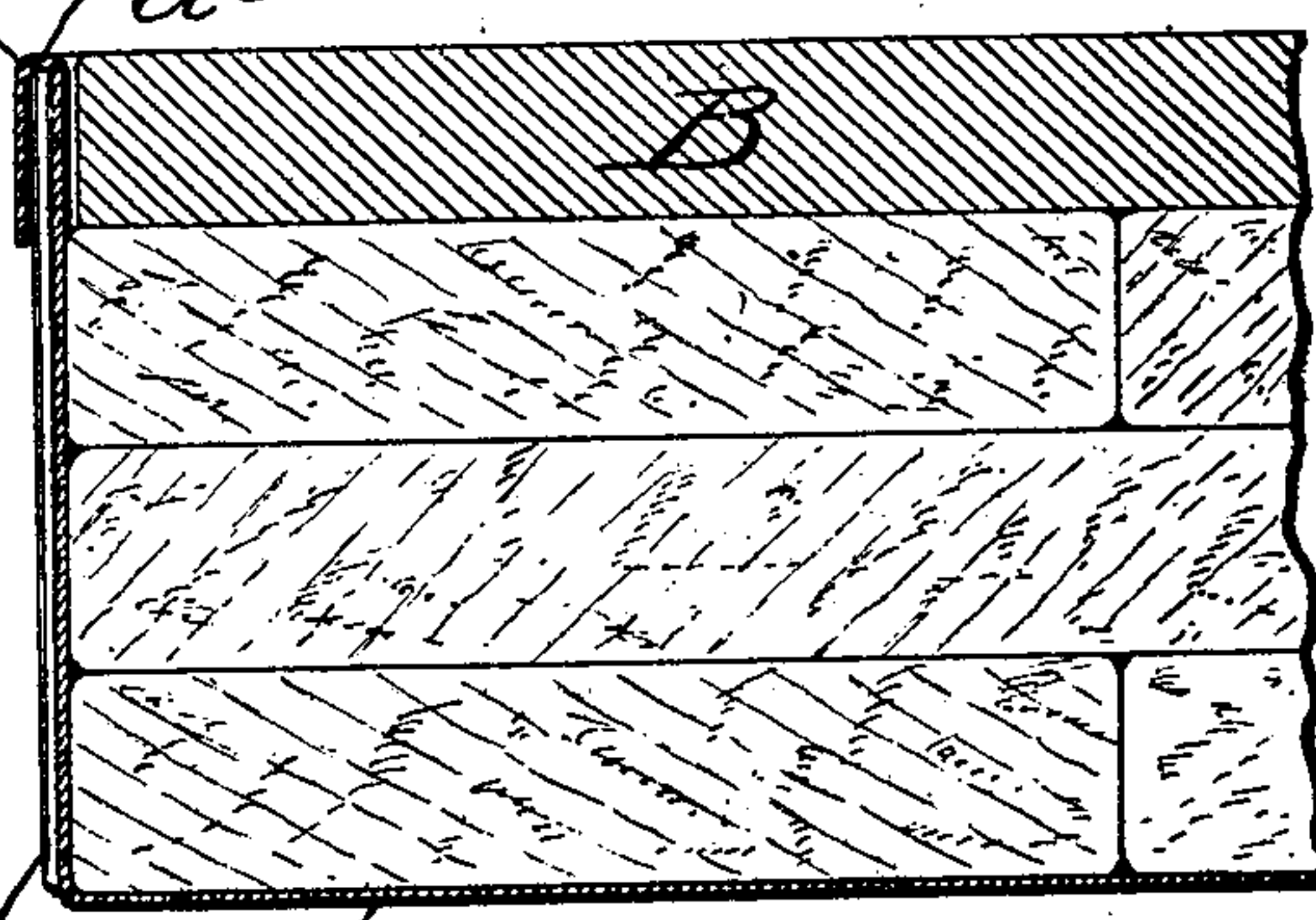
*a'* Fig. 1.



*a' a*  
*a3 C* Fig. 2.



*a3*  
*a' a3* Fig. 3.



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## PACKAGE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARRY C. DECKERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Packages, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my improved package. Fig. 2 is a detail vertical cross-sectional view showing the package closed, and Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the package open.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in packages, the object being to construct a package of sheet metal, preferably of tin, for receiving plug-tobacco for transportation.

The body portion of the package is preferably made of a single sheet of metal stamped and bent to the proper shape, the corners thereof being secured by lock-seams, while a crimp is arranged around the side walls near the upper edges thereof for defining the lines when the overlapping flaps are bent down upon the removable cover. A series of perforations are provided along the crimps in the side walls, which not only render bending of the metal easy, but enable the overlapping flanges to be folded down on the outside of the package, so that they will be out of the way. It will be observed that the crimp projects outwardly beyond the planes of the outer faces of the sides, thereby enabling the extensions to be bent down flat against the outer faces of the sides, which, it is manifest, could not be done if the crimps did not project outwardly or if no crimps were provided. A removable cover, preferably of wood, is placed within the lines of the package and over which these flanges are bent, and staples, preferably four in number, one at each corner, are arranged to secure the flanges to the cover.

With these objects in view the invention consists in the arrangement, construction, and combination of the several parts, all as will

hereinafter be described and afterward pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, A indicates a sheet of which the body portion of the package is composed. This sheet is preferably made of one piece and stamped in such manner that when folded to form the package the corners can be bent to form the lock-seams *a*. These lock-seams *a* are preferably coincident with the depth of the package, the side walls extending a short distance thereabove and crimped or bent throughout their length, as at *a'*. The corners of these upward extensions are preferably cut away, as at *a''*, so that when these upward extensions of the side walls are bent over the removable cover a neat appearance will be made at the corners of the package. In order to render the bending of these upward extensions easy, I prefer to form a series of perforations *a'''* along the lines of the crimps, as shown.

B indicates the cover, preferably made of wood, which is arranged upon the contents of the package, said cover embracing substantially the entire area included within the lines of the opening in the package.

Where my improved package is used for plug-tobacco, the plugs of tobacco are preferably arranged in layers, alternate layers being disposed at right angles to adjacent layers, and when the package has received its proper quantity the cover B is arranged in position on top thereof and the upper extensions of the side walls bent inwardly to overlap said cover, after which staples C may be introduced at the corners of the overlapping portions of the side walls, firmly securing the parts together. It is obvious that tacks or nails can be employed to secure these overlapping portions to the cover, as many being used as desired.

It will be seen from the above that the package is extremely simple and cheap and, further, that it forms a substantial and practically impervious covering for its contents. To gain access to the package, the staples or nails are removed and the overlapping portions of the side walls bent up in order to remove the cover B, after which said overlapping portions may be turned down or folded back against the outer faces of the side walls,



the perforations along the crimps readily permitting this. When the overlapping portions are thus folded back, they are out of the way, and the rough edge of the metal is not presented, and persons removing the contents of the package are in no danger of being cut.

I am aware that many minor changes in the arrangement, construction, and combination of the several parts of my device can be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without in the least departing from the nature and principle of my invention.

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

In a package, the combination with a sheet-metal body portion comprising a bottom and side walls interlocked by seams *a*, a perforated crimp *a'* extending entirely across the

upper portion of each side wall a short distance from the edge thereof, a cover, inclined cut-away portions *a*<sup>2</sup> at the upper corners of the said walls above the crimps adapted to permit the turned-over flanges of the sides to lie flat on the surface of the cover and prevent their overlapping each other and also preventing the same when turned downwardly from coming in contact with the seams *a*, and means for temporarily securing the turned-over flanges to the cover, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses, this 21st day of May, 1900.

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