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Fig. 1.

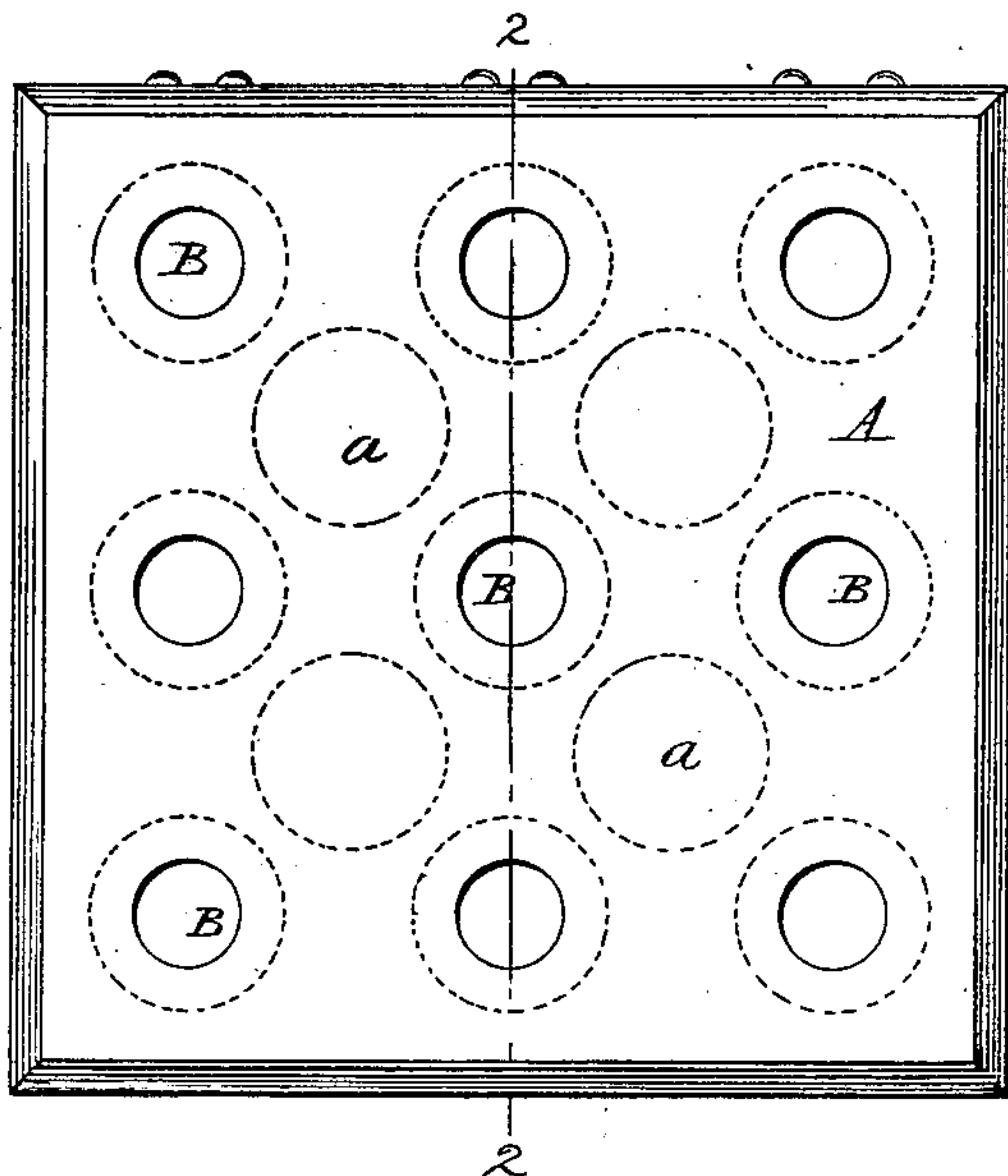


Fig. 2.

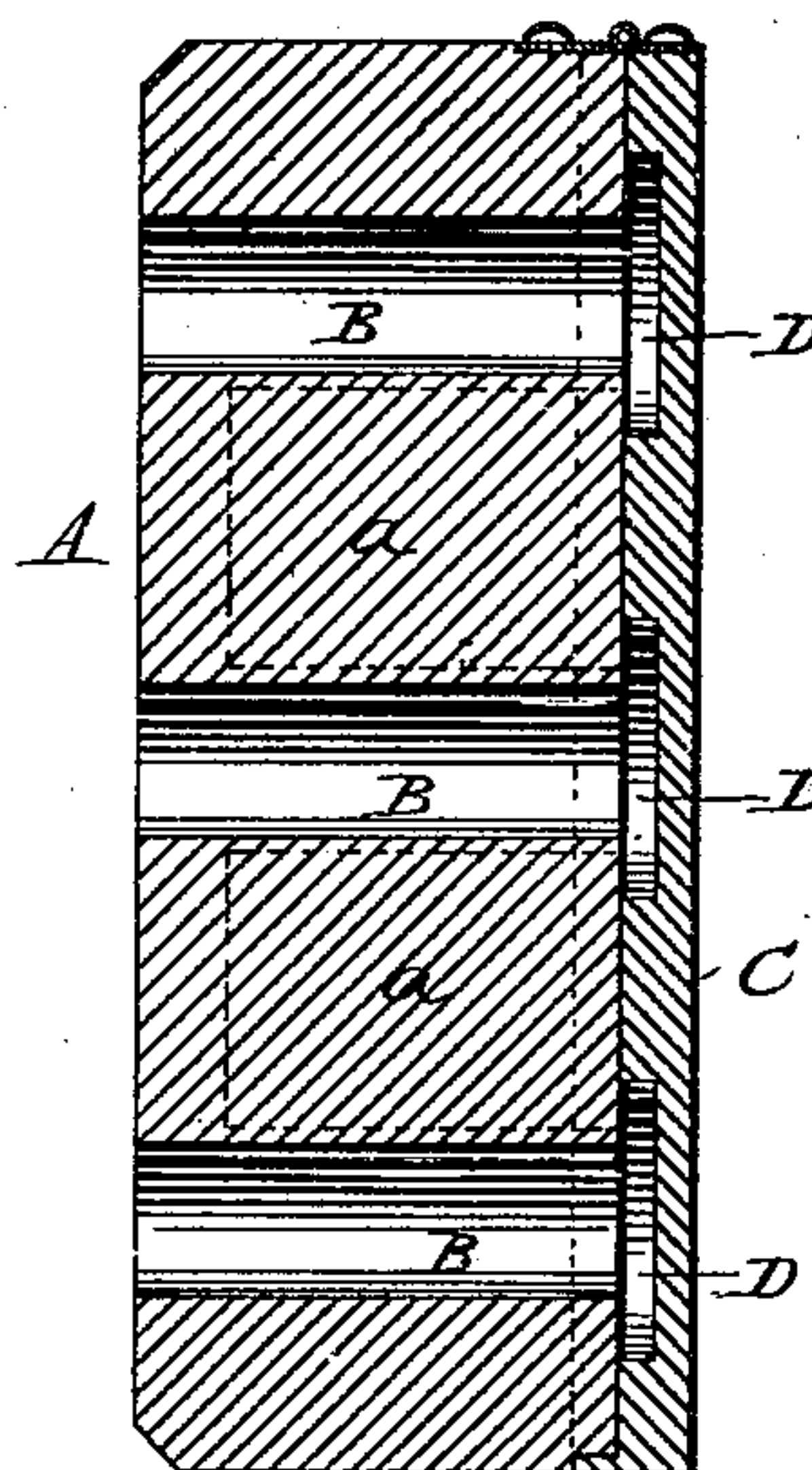
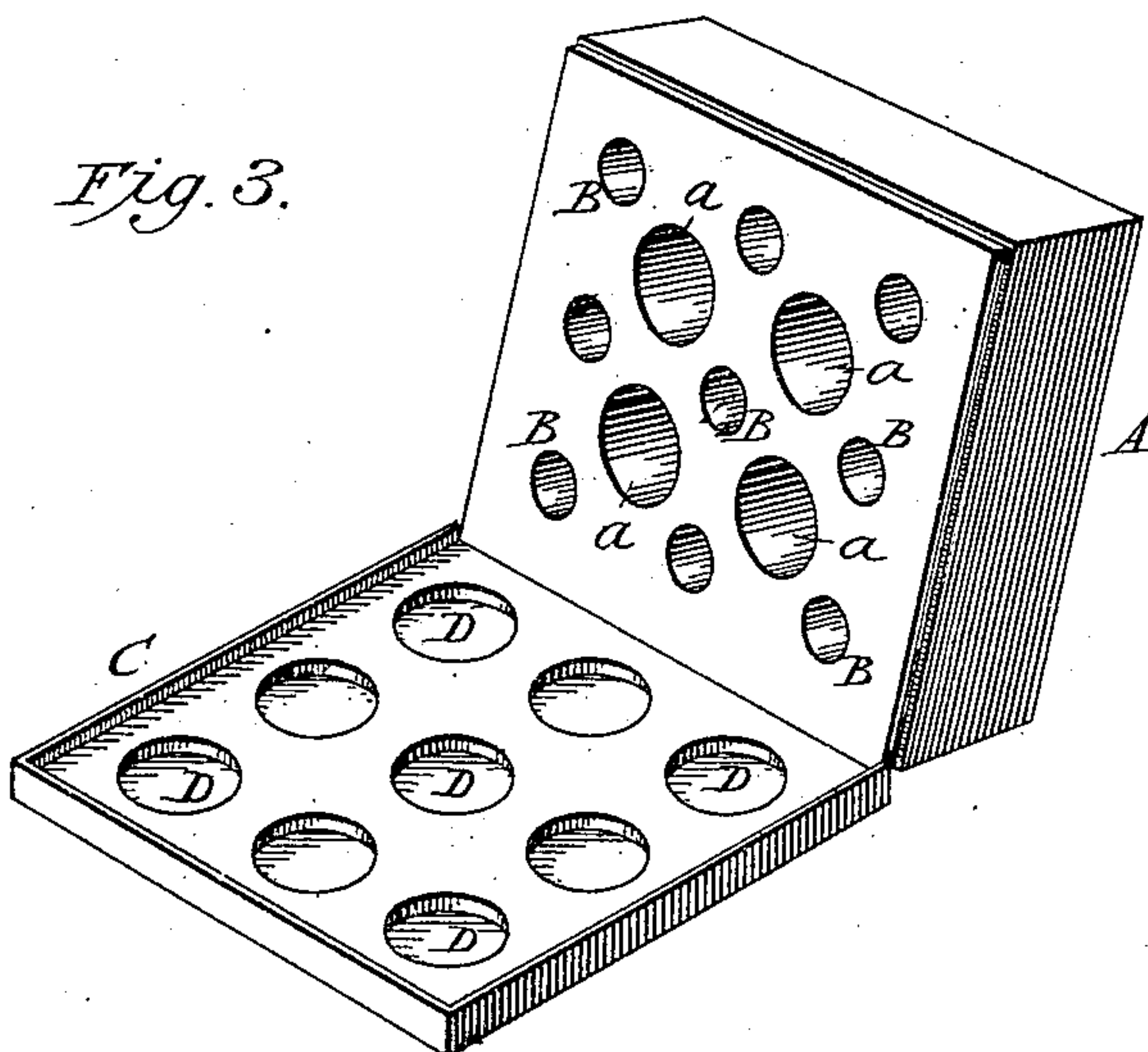


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BURTON H. GEDGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Anderson, in the county of Madison and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a game affording recreation and involving active exercise of the mental faculties; and the invention consists in the combinations and arrangements of parts hereinafter set forth and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a top plan view of a game-board embodying my invention; Fig. 2, a section on line 2 2 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 a perspective view of the game-board opened.

The game-board consists of a block A, provided with pits or holes B, arranged in rows and columns of three, as shown. At its bottom the board is provided with a hinged cover C, having pockets or recesses D, registering with pits B when the cover is closed.

The game is especially adapted to be played by two players or two sets of players, taking alternate turns at dropping a disk or counter in one of the pits B, and its object is for each opponent to place three single counters in pits in the same straight line. The arrangement of the pits affords eight of these lines.

Owing to the fact that the pits B are comparatively deep, each counter when played disappears from sight, rendering it necessary for each player to pay close attention to the game and to remember not only which pits have counters in them, but whose counters are in the played pits. For convenience in tracing the counters the opponents use disks of different colors, such as red and black. Each counter when deposited in a pit falls into the corresponding pocket, so that when the game is finished or dispute arises the board may be swung back, as shown in Fig. 3, leaving the counters in the pockets exposed. When disks are used as counters, their order in the pocket will show their order of play. In order to facilitate the removal of the counters or disks, the pockets

are made somewhat larger than the pits and counters, so as to permit the partial insertion of the fingers to remove them.

In order to lighten the board and provide convenient receptacles for the counters, holes α may be interspersed between the pits B.

The rules for scoring may be varied indefinitely. For instance, the placing of three of the counters in pits in the same straight line may count so many points, and placing a counter in a pit already occupied, or failure to announce an alinement, or failure to play when there still remains a vacant pit may forfeit so many points, or any or all combinations of these rules may be adopted.

I claim as my invention—

1. A game-board having a series of pits arranged in rows and columns of three, adapted to receive, conceal and retain counters, and to afford access to said counters without disturbing their relative positions, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A game-board consisting of a block having a series of pits arranged in rows and columns of three and passing entirely through the block, the block being of sufficient depth to conceal the counters when they are placed in the pits formed therein, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination in a game-board of a series of pits arranged in three rows and three columns, adapted to receive and conceal counters, and a bottom piece having pockets in line with the pits to receive the counters deposited in the pits, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

4. The combination in a game-board of a series of pits arranged in three rows and three columns, the pits being adapted to receive and conceal counters, and a bottom piece, hinged to the board, having pockets of a larger diameter than the pits to receive the counters deposited in the pits, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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