

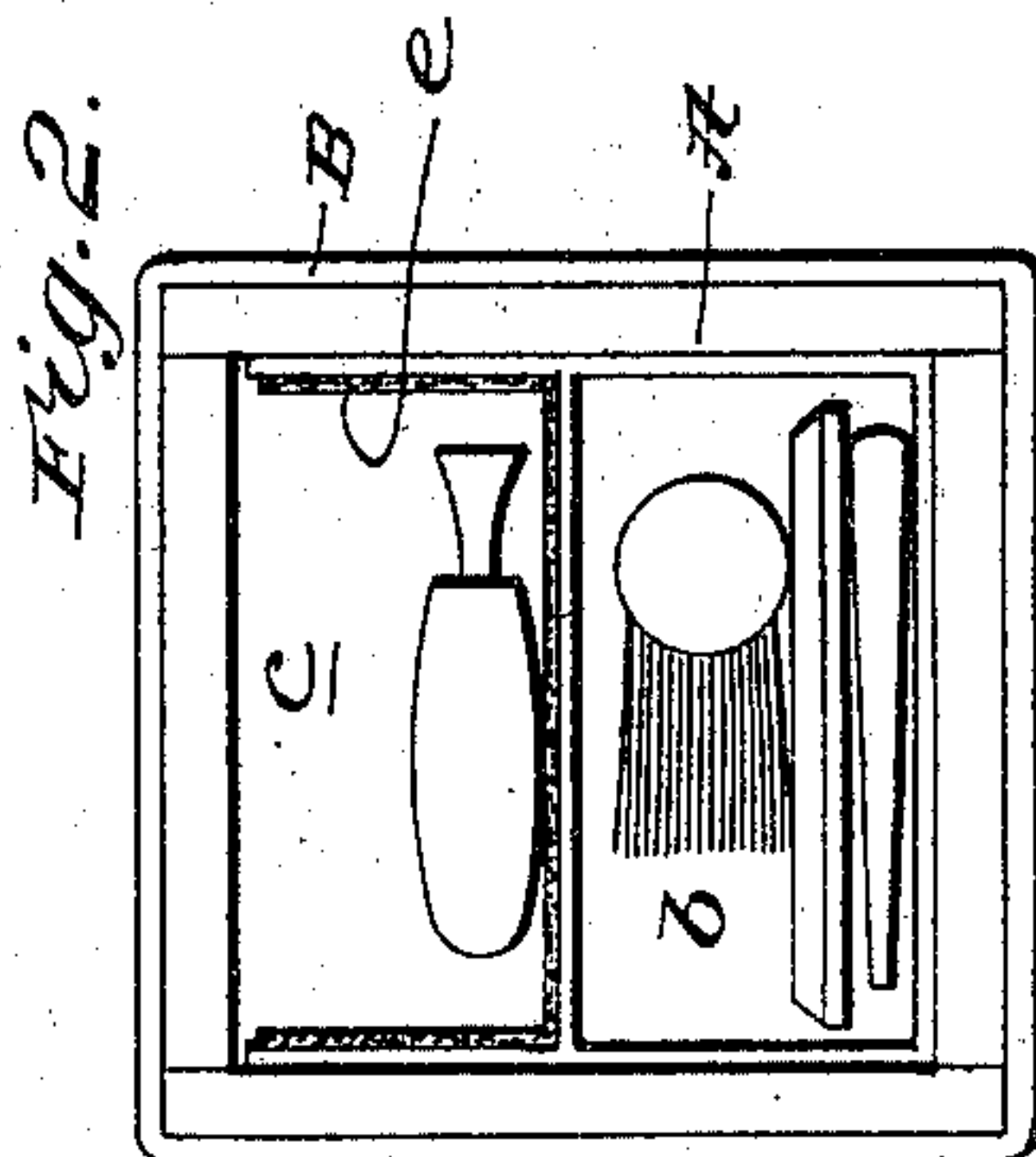
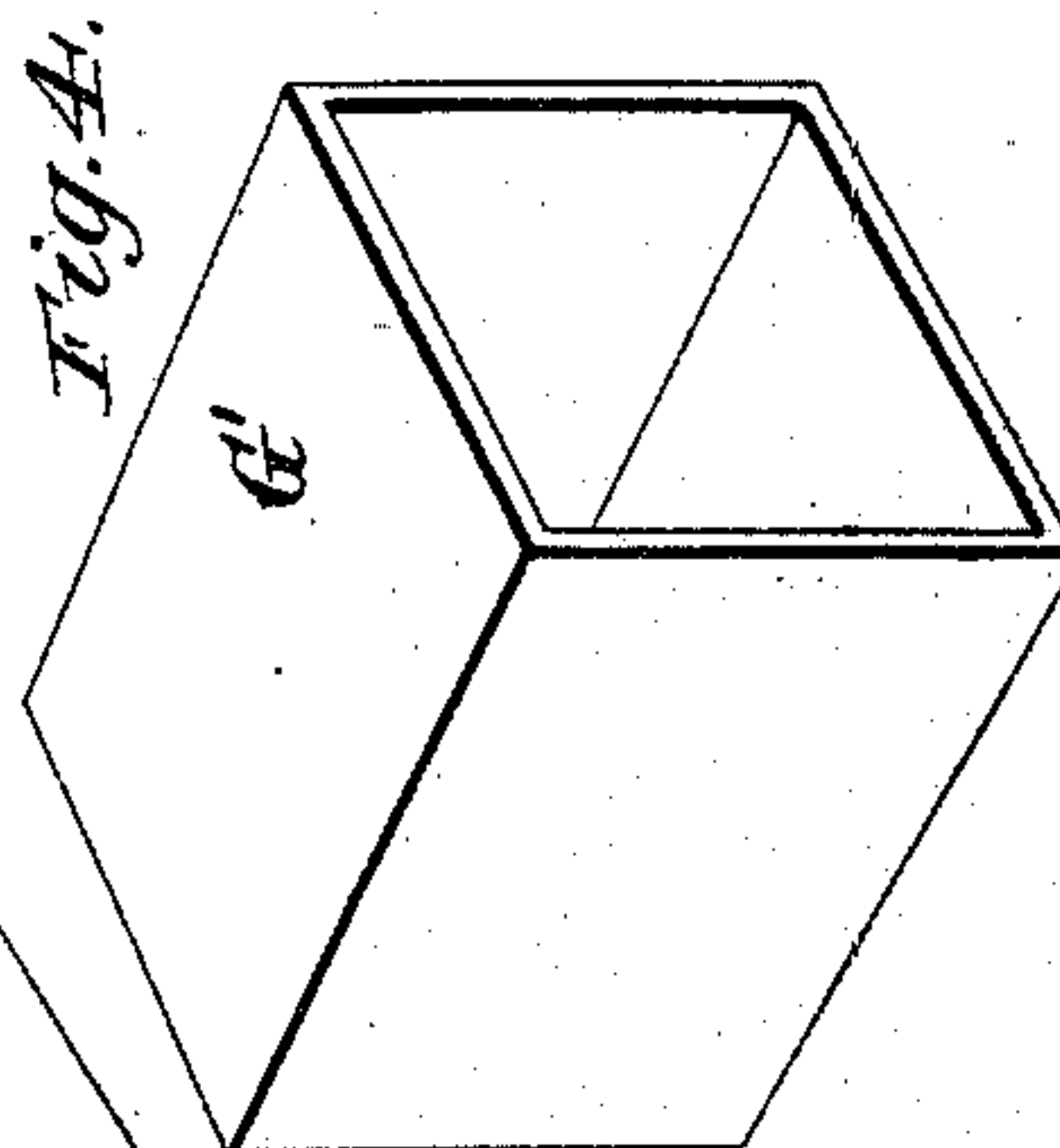
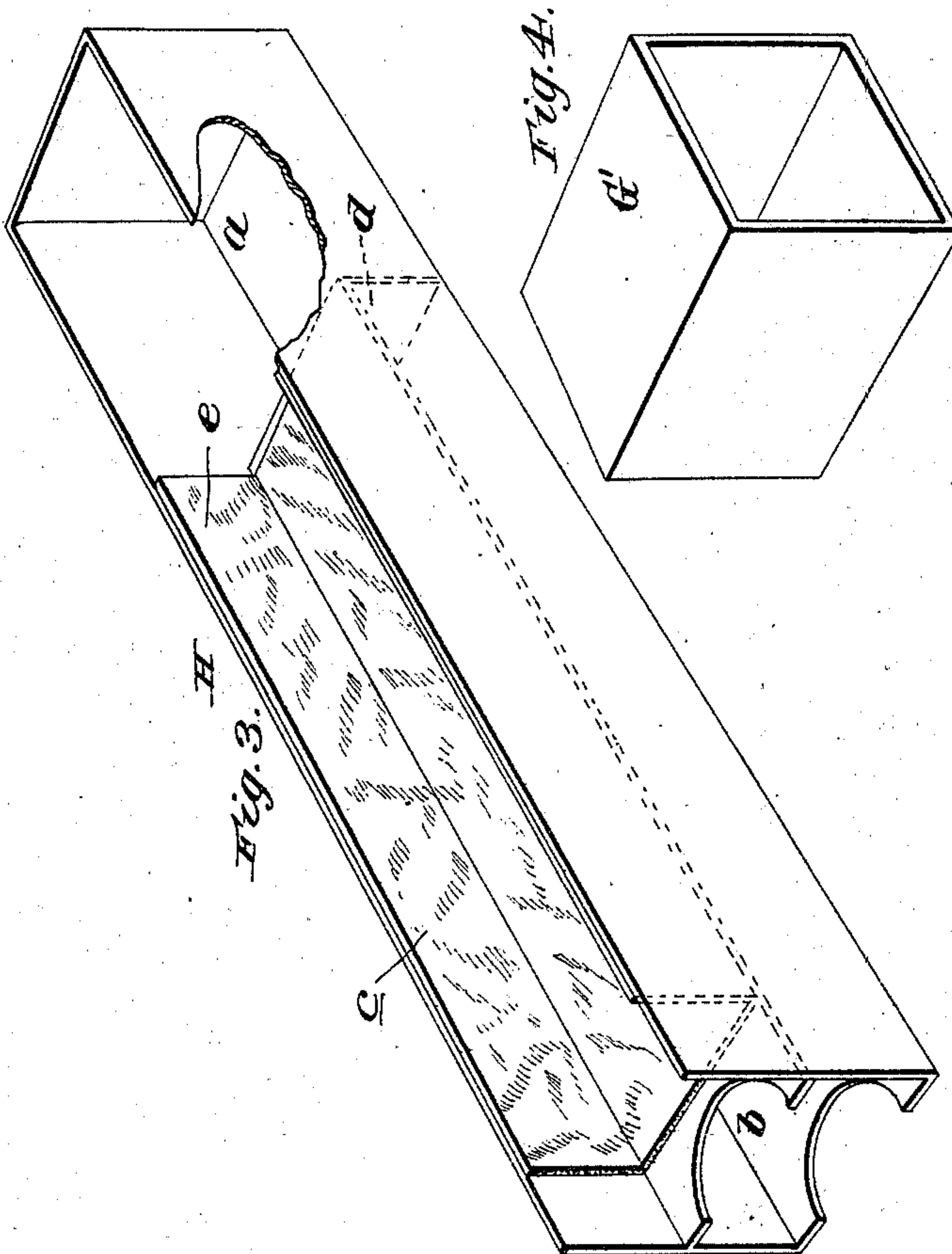
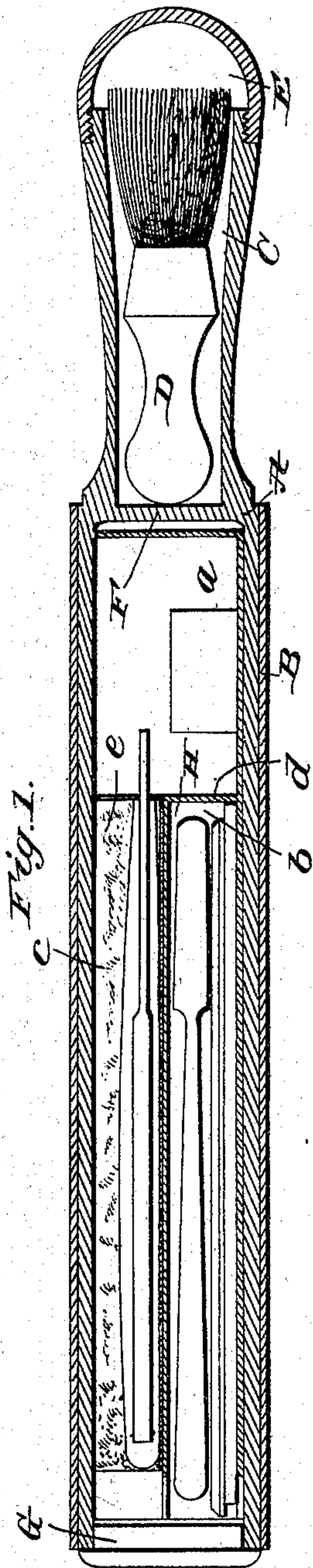
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST E. GERFEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Union City, in the county of Randolph and State of Indiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Razor-Strops, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in razor-strops, and contemplates the provision of a strop designed more particularly for the use of travelers, the same comprising a hollow handle normally closed by a removable cap and adapted to receive a shaving-brush, and a hollow body provided with one or more stropping-surfaces and a removable plug at one end and adapted to receive a removable drawer having a soap box or compartment, and also having compartments for a razor and tooth-brush, comb, and mirror.

With the foregoing in mind the invention will be fully understood from the following description and claim when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section illustrating my improved strop and the several articles it is adapted to contain. Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the body of the strop with the closure-plug removed, said view being on an enlarged scale. Fig. 3 is an enlarged broken perspective view of the drawer as it appears when removed from the body of the strop. Fig. 4 is a view of a modification.

In the said drawings similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in all of the views, referring to which—

A is the body of my improved strop, which is preferably of rectangular form in cross-section, hollow throughout its length, and provided on its outer side with a covering B of leather or other material calculated to afford a good stropping surface or surfaces. The said body may be made of wood, metal, rubber, or other material suitable to the purpose of my invention and is formed integral with a hollow handle C, which is designed to hold a shaving-brush D and is normally closed at its outer end by a removable dome-shaped cap E, the said cap being preferably connected to the handle by screw-threads and arranged flush therewith, as

shown in Fig. 1. The interiors of the hollow body and hollow handle are separated by a transverse wall F, and the outer end of the body is designed to be normally closed by a removable plug G, said plug having a reduced portion which rests in the open end of the body and is held against casual displacement by frictional contact. The brush D is of greater length than the hollow handle C, and its bristles extend beyond the outer end of the handle and into the dome-shaped cap E, whereby it will be seen that when the cap is removed the bristles may be readily grasped and the brush drawn from the handle.

H is a removable drawer, which is preferably made of metal and is of such a shape and size as to snugly fit and occupy the interior of the body. The said drawer is provided at its inner end with a box *a*, designed to hold a piece of shaving-soap, as shown in Fig. 1, and is also provided with lower and upper longitudinal compartments *b c*. The lower compartment *b*, which is separated from the box *a* by a transverse partition *d*, is open at its outer end and is designed to receive a tooth-brush, mirror, and comb, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2. As best shown in Fig. 3, the upper compartment *c* of the drawer communicates at its inner end with the soap-box and is open at its outer end. It is preferably lined with velvet *e* or other suitable material calculated to prevent injury to the razor which it is adapted to receive, as shown.

It will be readily appreciated from the foregoing that my improved strop serves as a case for the shaving-brush and the drawer containing soap and the razor and other toilet articles, and consequently all of the several articles comprised in my improvements will take up no more room in a valise or the like than an ordinary razor-strop, which is an important advantage. It will also be observed that when the party possessing the improved strop desires to shave he has but to remove the cap E and plug G and withdraw the shaving-brush and drawer H from the hollow handle and hollow box, respectively, of the strop. The razor may then be stropped on the surface B of body A, and after lather is mixed in the box *a* of the drawer H the shaving may be proceeded with in the usual manner. Af-

ter the completion of the shaving operation the brush may be readily replaced and secured by the cap E in the handle C and the drawer H with the articles it contains as readily replaced in the body A.

When it is desired to use only the comb, mirror, and tooth-brush, such articles may obviously be removed from the drawer H, when the plug G is displaced without necessitating the removal of said drawer from the body A.

In lieu of the plug G the square cap G', which is shown in Fig. 4 and is suitable for a shaving-cup, may be employed as the closure of the outer end of the body A, said cap being adapted to be slipped over said end of the body.

I have entered into a detail description of the present and preferred embodiment of my invention in order to impart a full, clear, and exact understanding of the same. I do not desire, however, to be understood as confining myself to the specific construction herein shown and described, as such changes or modifications may be made in practice as fairly fall within the scope of my claim.

Having described my invention, what I

claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The razor-strop comprising the hollow body provided with one or more stropping-surfaces and open at its outer end, a hollow handle formed integral with the body at the inner end thereof, and open at its outer end; said handle being of a shape and size to receive a shaving-brush, a dome-shaped cap detachably secured on the outer end of the handle, a transverse partition interposed between and separating the interiors of the hollow body and hollow handle, the removable drawer occupying the interior of the hollow body and having the soap-box at its inner end, and compartments, between the soap-box and its outer end, for the reception of a razor and other toilet articles, and a removable device for normally closing the outer end of the body and retaining the drawer therein, as specified.

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

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