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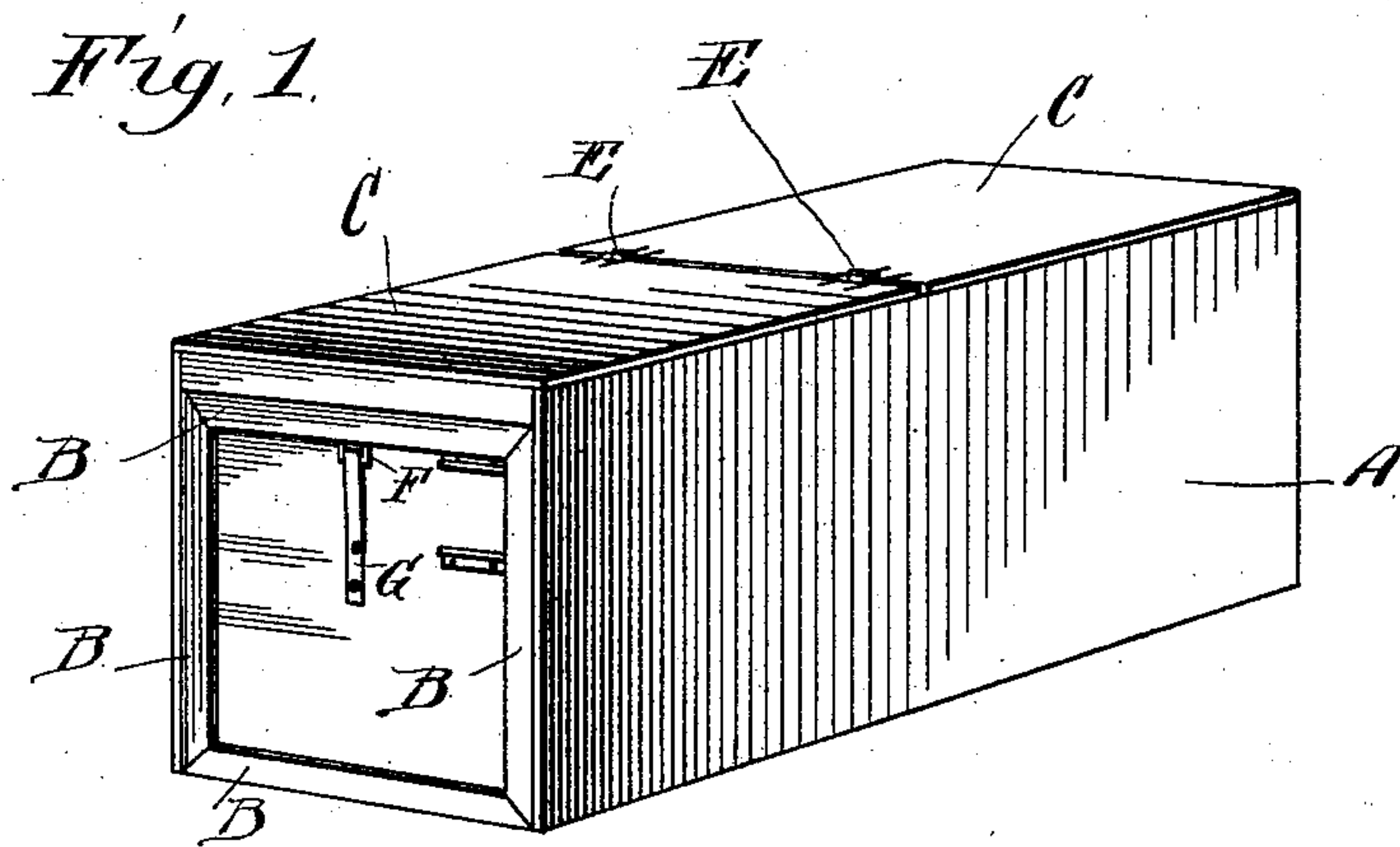


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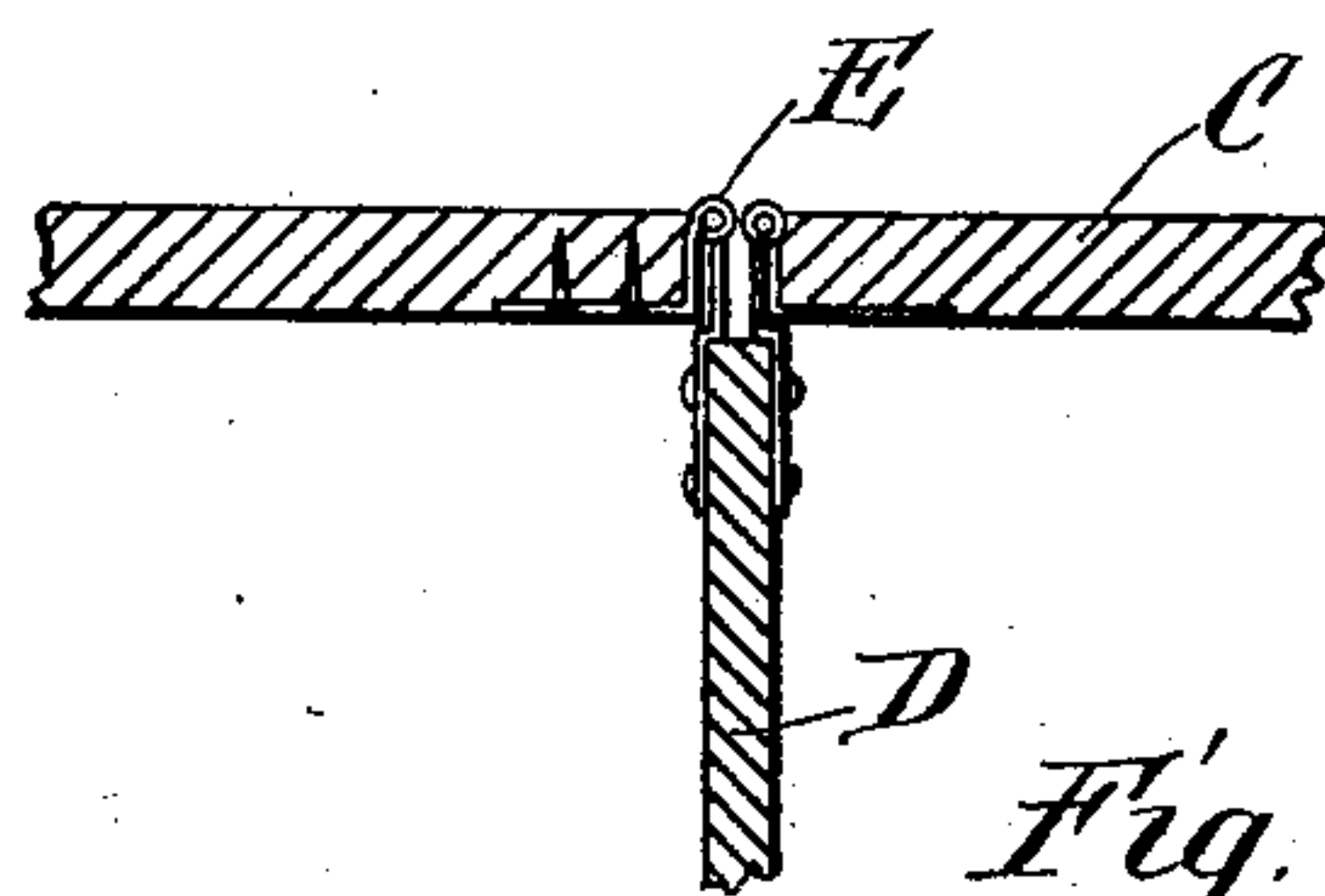
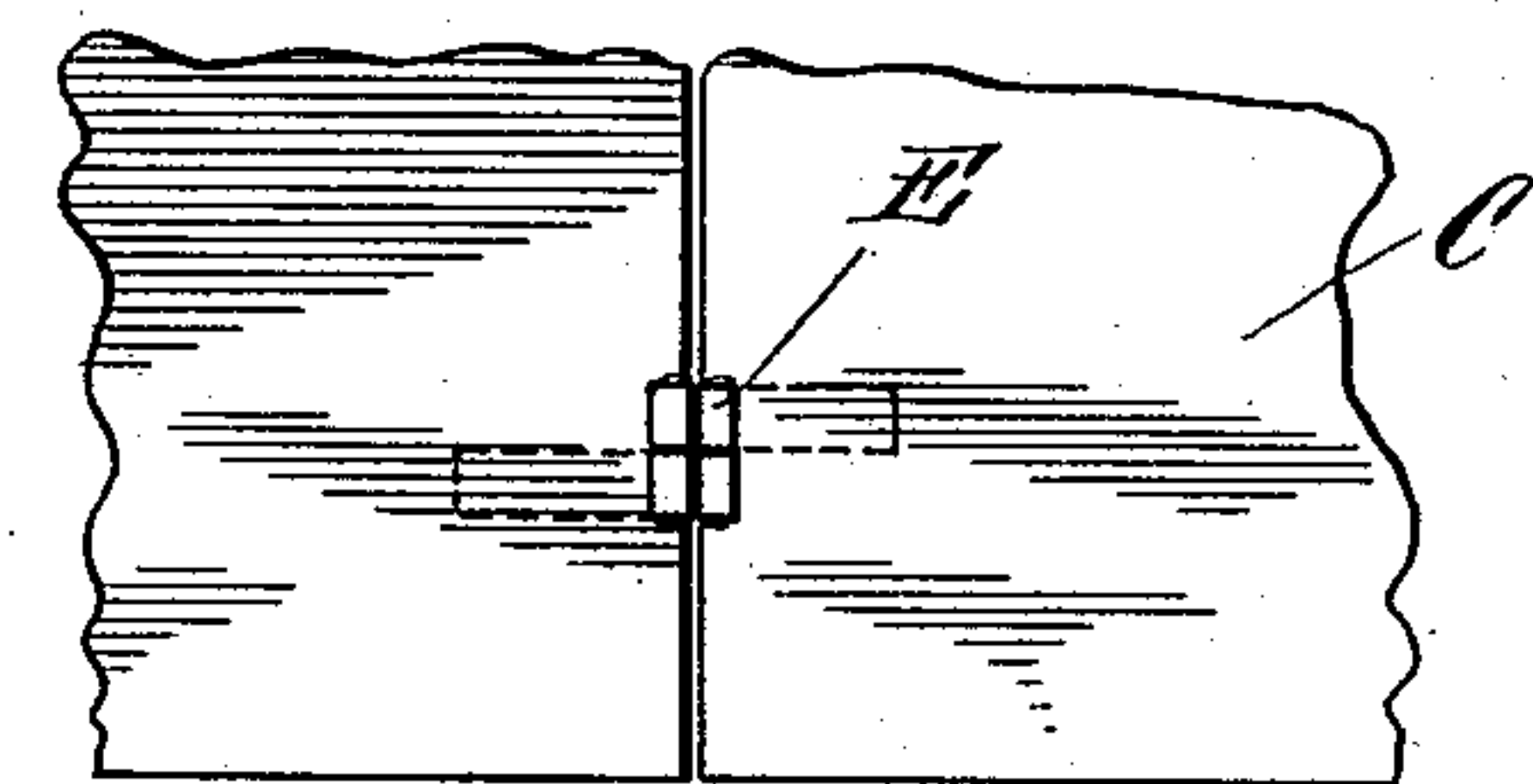


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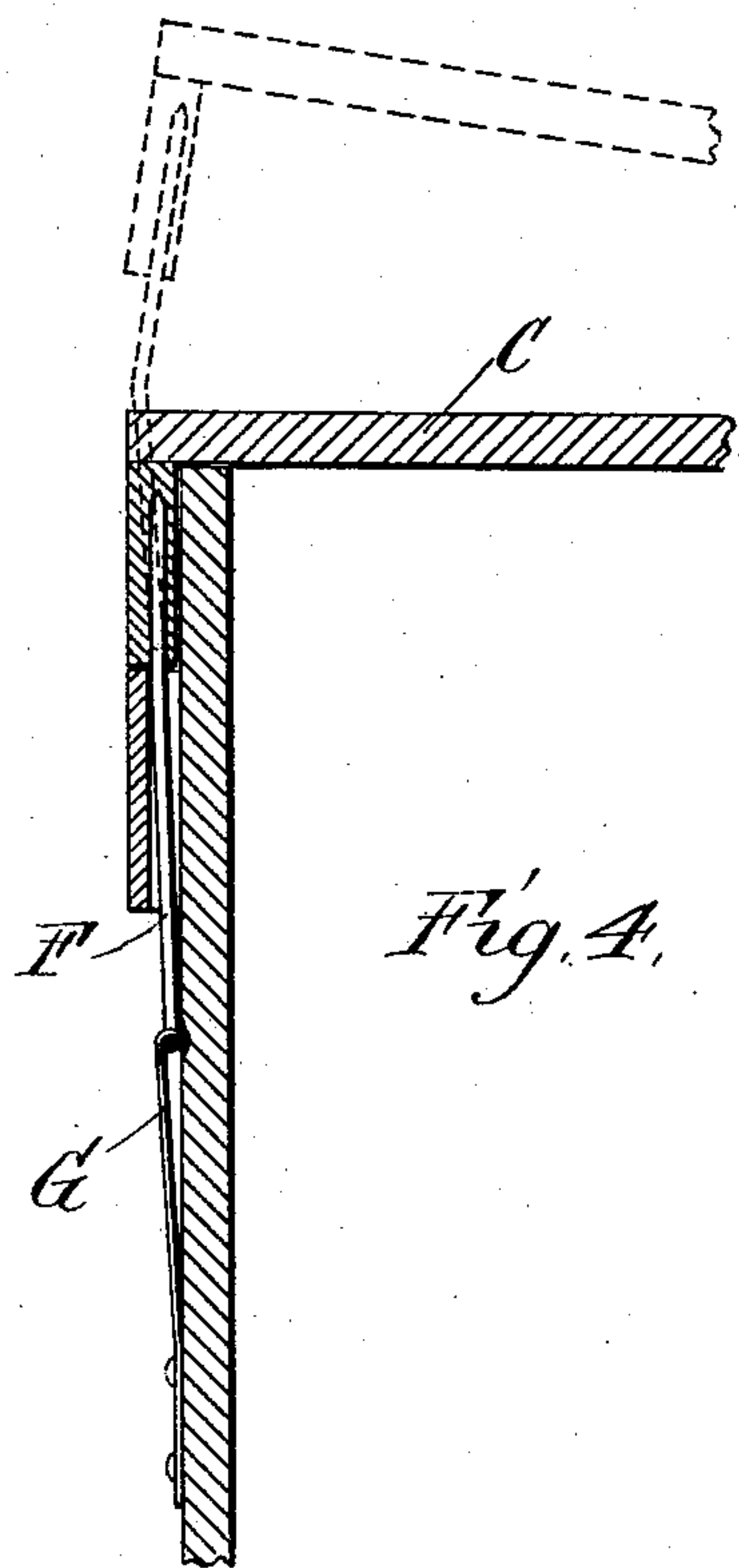


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EGG-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN A. BASTLE and HENRY H. WEBER, citizens of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, (our post-office addresses being No. 230 Larabee street, Chicago, Illinois, and No. 354 North Paulina street, Chicago, Illinois, respectively,) have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Wooden Cases, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to that class of wooden cases known as "egg-cases," which case as improved by us is provided with a movable cover which is permanently attached, divided in the center, and attached at such division by means of double strap-hinges, at the ends of which case there are self-locking catches.

The principal object of our invention is to provide an inexpensive and convenient wooden case for the purpose of packing and shipping eggs, which case can be opened to pack, inspect, candle, and repack without destroying the cover, and thereby dispensing with the necessity of nailing the cover to the box each time.

Our invention consists principally of a wooden box with a permanently-attached movable cover with wire eyes on the ends thereof, projecting downward through the groove in the cleat (as above claim shows) and which meet and hook into a steel spring-catch attached to each end of the case.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the box. Fig. 2 is a top view of the hinges. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the hinges and shows the method of attaching the same to the cover and to the partition. Fig. 4 is a perpendicular section through the end of the box, showing the steel eye passing through the groove in the inside of the cleat and the method of fastening the same by means of the steel spring-catch on the end of the case.

In our improvement in egg-cases the box A is preferably made of white wood, having two sides of equal size, two ends of equal size, (and having attached thereto by means of nails a steel spring-catch,) reinforced by means of four wooden cleats B, the top one of which has a groove large enough to permit the passing through of a wire eye attached to the ends of the cover. The bottom is made of same material, and a partition of the same material is placed perpendicular in the cen-

ter of the box. The cover C is made of same material, being divided in the center and fastened together at such division and to the inner partition D of the box by means of two pairs of double strap-hinges E, and having on the end of each division of the cover a wire eye F, which passing through the groove in the cleat, as before described, is caught by the steel spring-catch G on the end of the case.

The eye F is preferably made of heavy steel wire bent in the shape as indicated by the drawings. The catch G is preferably made of steel, being bent at one end in such a manner as to hold the wire eye F and having two holes punched in the other end, so that it may be attached to each end of the box by means of nails. The hinges E are preferably made of sheet metal of the sort ordinarily used in the manufacture of hinges and in the shape as indicated by the drawings, being a type of a double strap-hinge having one strap bent at such an angle so as to permit it to be attached to the partition and to the cover.

While we have described our invention with more or less minuteness regarding the details of its construction and as being embodied in certain precise forms, we do not desire to be limited thereto unduly or any more than is pointed out in the claim. On the contrary, we contemplate all proper changes in form of construction and arrangement, the omission of immaterial elements, and the substitution of equivalents as circumstances may suggest or necessity render expedient.

We claim—

An egg-case consisting of two sides, two ends, reinforced by means of four cleats each, the top one having a groove on inner side to permit a steel-wire eye to pass through, a bottom, a partition and a movable cover, the cover being divided in the center and permanently attached together at such division and to the partition by means of a double strap-hinge, the cover having on each end an eye of steel wire, and the case having on each end a steel spring-catch just beneath the cleat to meet and catch the steel-wire eye.

Signed by us at Chicago, Illinois, this 26th day of February, A. D. 1902.

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