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Fig. 1.

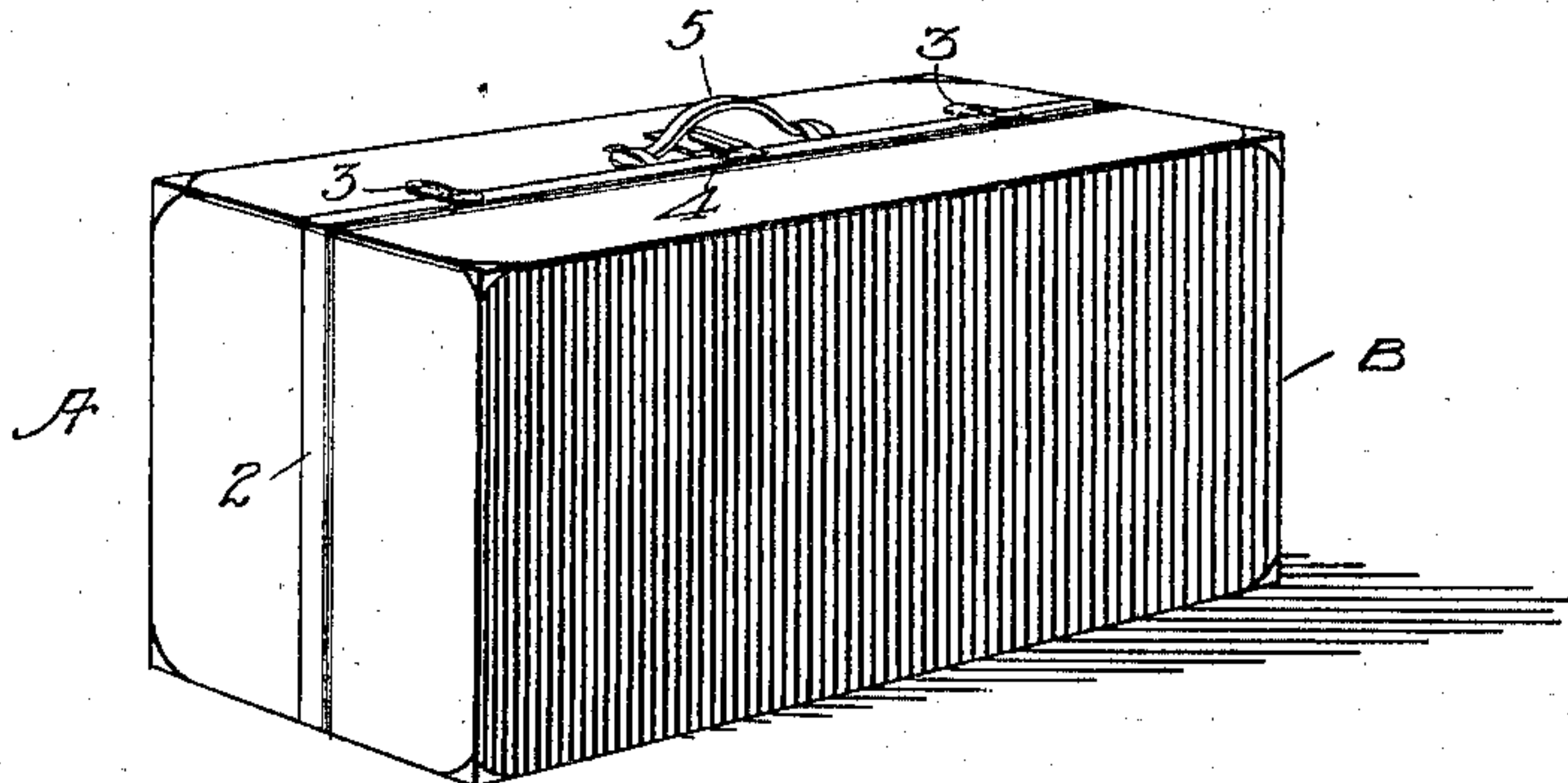


Fig. 2.

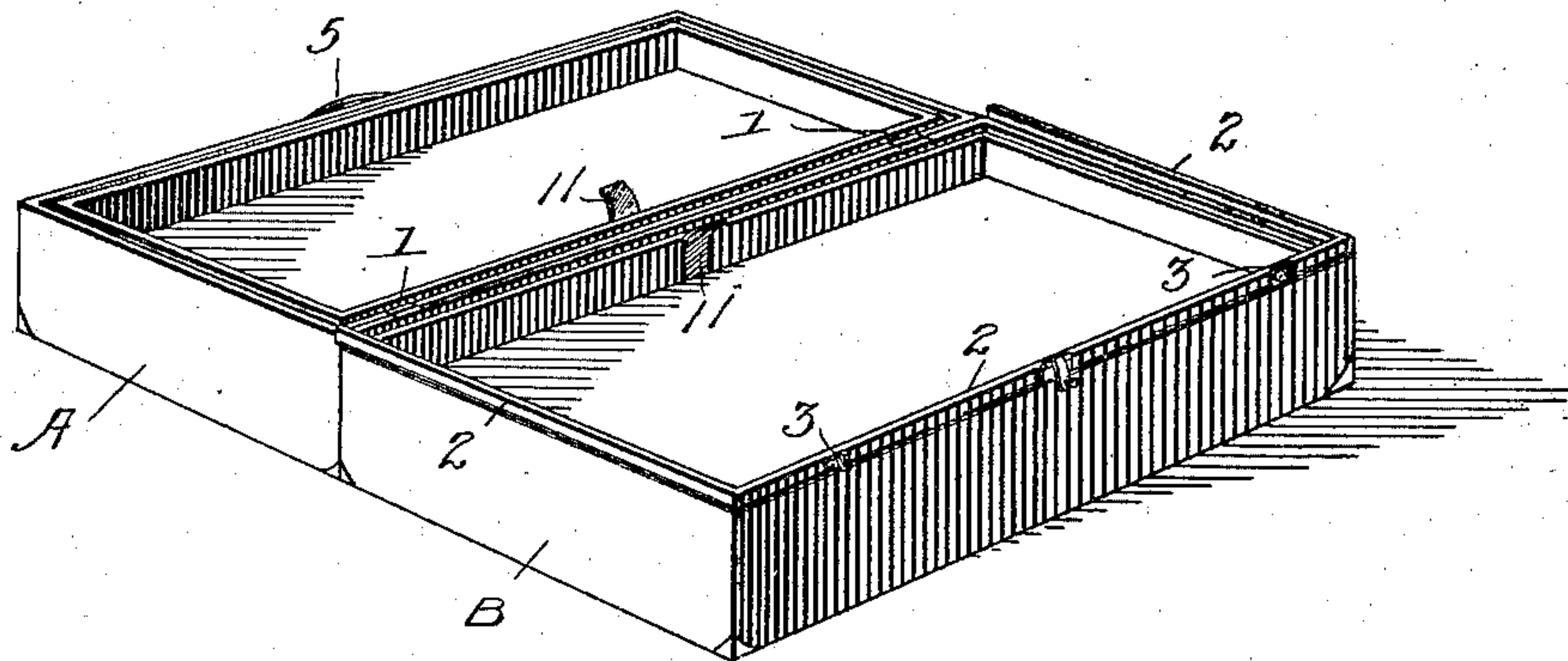


Fig. 3.

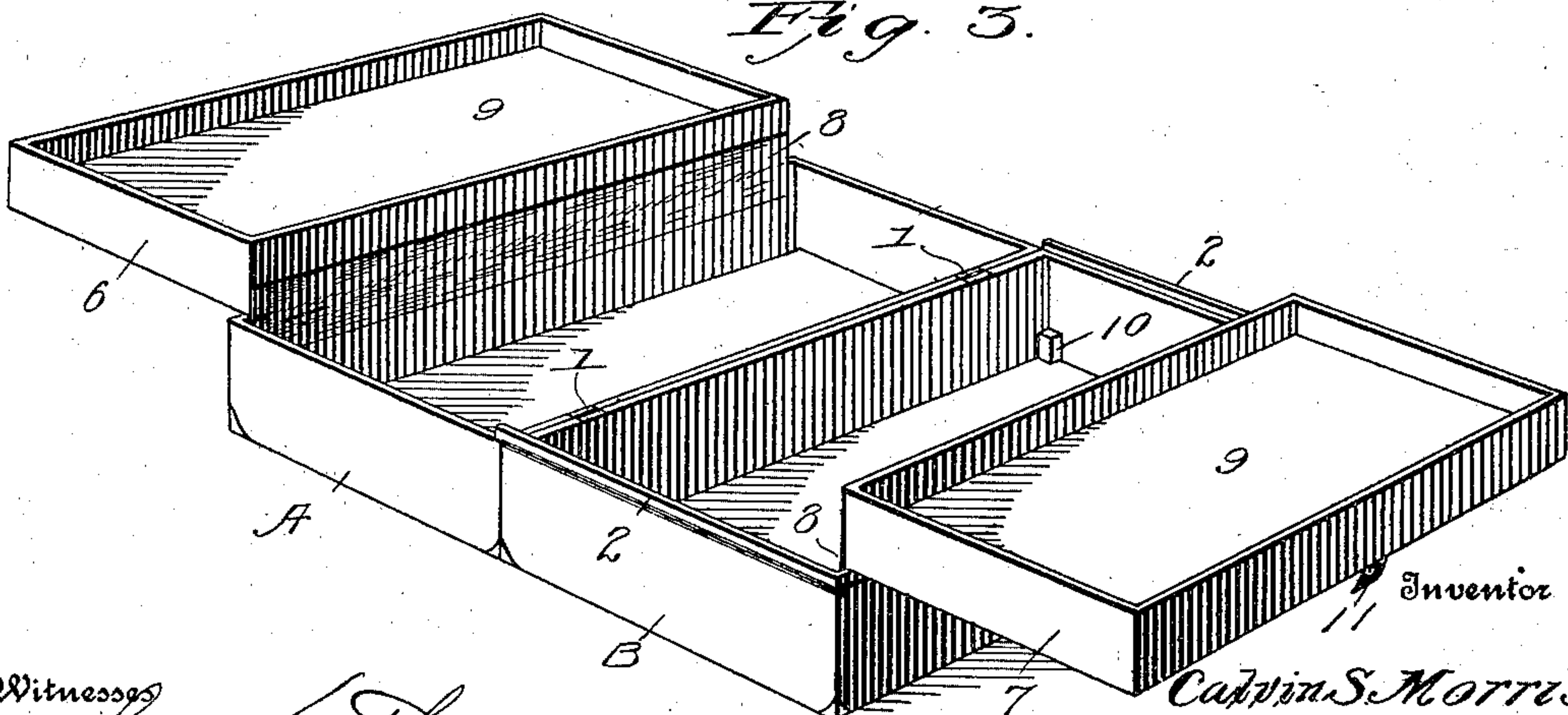
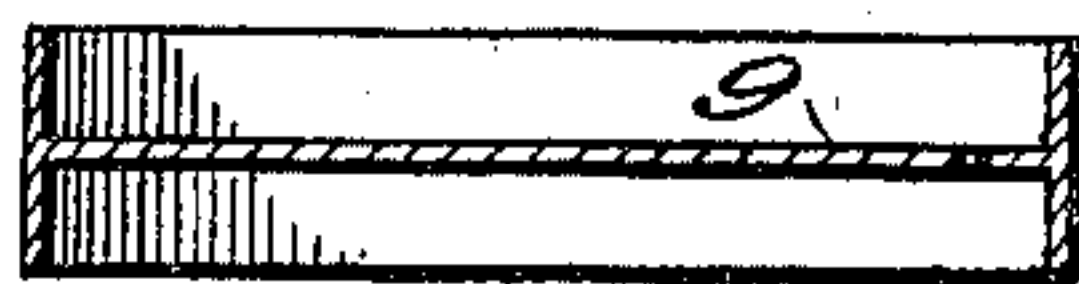


Fig. 4.



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## FOLDING SAMPLE-CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CALVIN S. MORRIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented new and useful Improvements in Folding Sample-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has relation to improvements in folding sample-cases; and the object is to provide a folding case in which samples of various and divers kinds of goods may be packed and as desired displayed and examined without removal from the apartments or cases of the device.

The invention will be hereinafter fully described and the novelty thereof particularly pointed out and distinctly claimed.

I have fully and clearly illustrated the improvements in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the case closed. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the case opened into two parts. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the case open and the extra cases or trays turned out and supported by their hinges. Fig. 4 is a cross-section of one of the extra cases or trays.

Referring to the drawings, A B designate the respective halves or parts of the main case, consisting of rectangular boxes suitably hinged together at the upper edges of their inner walls or sides, as at 1. The hinges may be of metal or of flexible material secured by cementation to the adjacent walls of the boxes. These boxes are of such dimensions and capacity as may be desired and may be made of wood, leather, canvas, or any other material suitable to such constructions. The boxes may be provided with continuous vertical flanges 2, extending around the ends and front of one of them to engage and lap over the edges of the companion box. The boxes A B may be held closed by any proper keeper 3 3, and a lock 4 may be provided and also a handle 5, by which the case may be carried.

To each half of the main case, to the outer side walls thereof, is hinged a sample-display box or tray 6 7, the hinged connections being of such style that the boxes may be turned out and stand suspended in horizontal position, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings. In the instance illustrated in the drawings the hinges consist of flexible strips 8, having

their lower portions cemented to the inner faces of the outer walls of the main boxes and their upper portions cemented to the outer faces of the display-boxes. The boxes or trays 6 7 consist of rectangular frames, having a partition 9 arranged and secured midway of the height of the frame, as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings, so that they serve as covers for the main boxes without materially decreasing the capacity thereof and when closed constitute a third apartment intermediate of the main boxes and when turned back may serve as exhibit-boxes, as also when in the position in the open halves of the main boxes, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings. It will thus be perceived that the boxes or trays 6 7 in their position within the main boxes and closed may be utilized for packing and carrying any articles or goods desired. To keep the boxes from sagging or moving too far down in the main boxes when arranged therein, studs, as 10, are placed in the bottom of the main boxes, which the edges of the other boxes rest on or lodge against when the case is closed, or in the position seen in Fig. 2 of the drawings. Tabs 11 are on the boxes or trays 6 and 7, by which they may be lifted and turned out when desired.

It will be perceived by the foregoing description, and reference being had to the drawings in connection therewith, that the case is composed of three compartments, within which the contents are placed, and that the trays may be attached to any ordinary opening case, and immediately on opening the case one-third or middle portion of the contents is displayed. The other two-thirds may then be displayed one at a time or both at a time by turning the trays back into the position seen in Fig. 3 of the drawings. I thus provide increased display-room, and instead of but two apartments, as in ordinary cases, I furnish three containing-compartments and four display-trays. The case may be utilized both for shipment and for display and is eminently useful for containing candies, crackers, samples of groceries, and many other articles of merchandise. It may also be utilized for containing clothing.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

A folding sample-case, comprising two main

trays hinged together and adapted to close together on their free edges, and two additional trays hinged respectively to the outer sides of the main trays to stand in horizontal position  
5 when turned outward, and bottoms in the additional trays fixed intermediate of the heights of their side and end walls, whereby when the additional trays are brought together they constitute covers for the main

trays and form a central compartment between the folded main trays.

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

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