

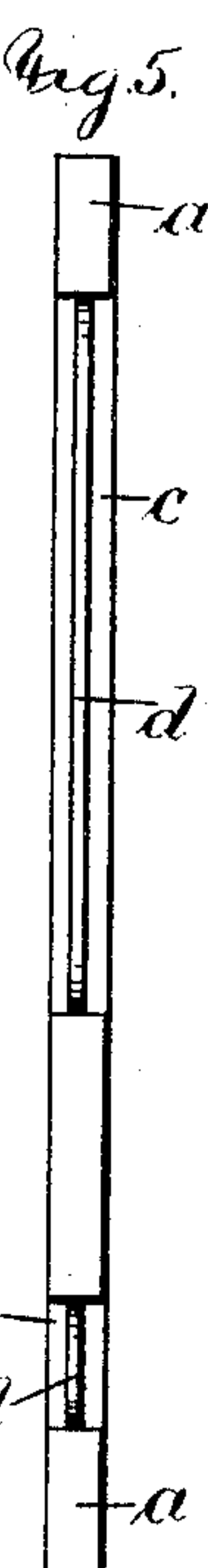
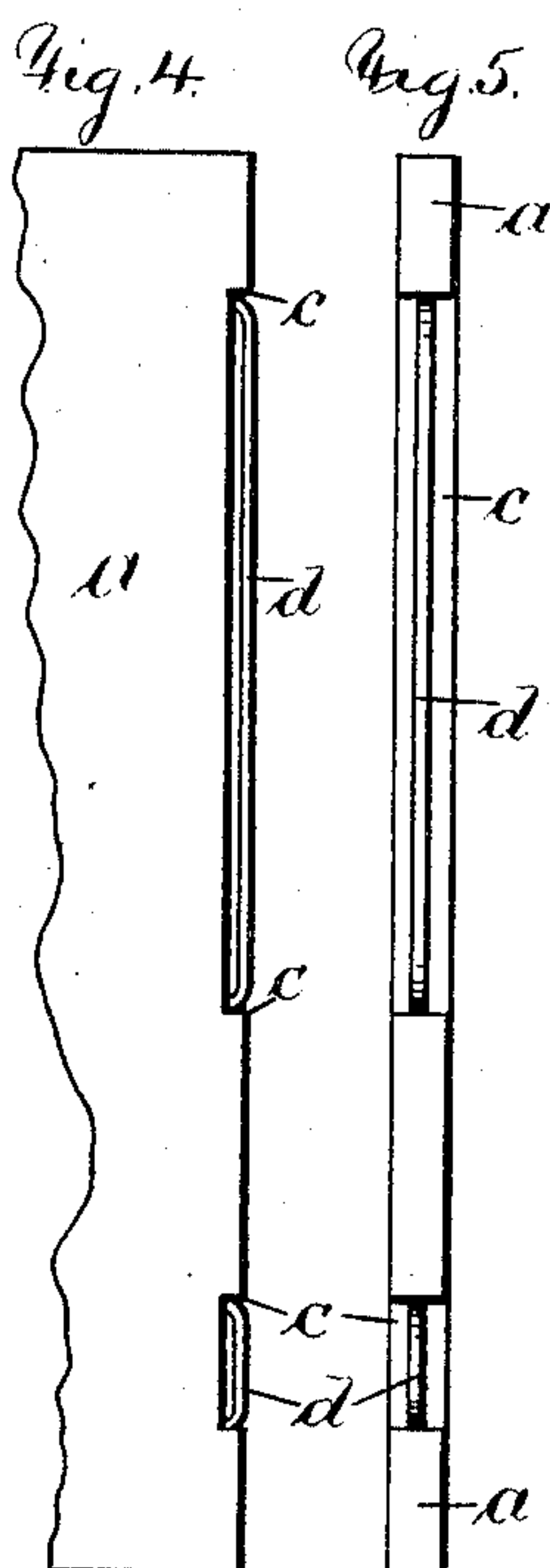
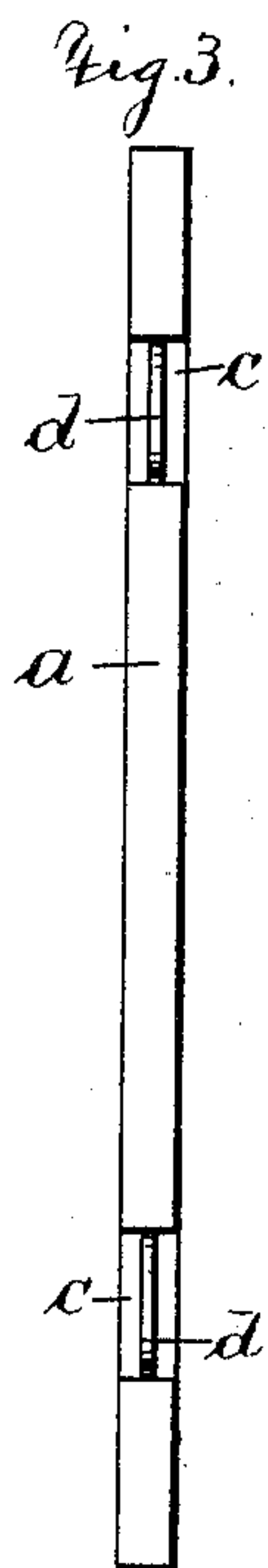
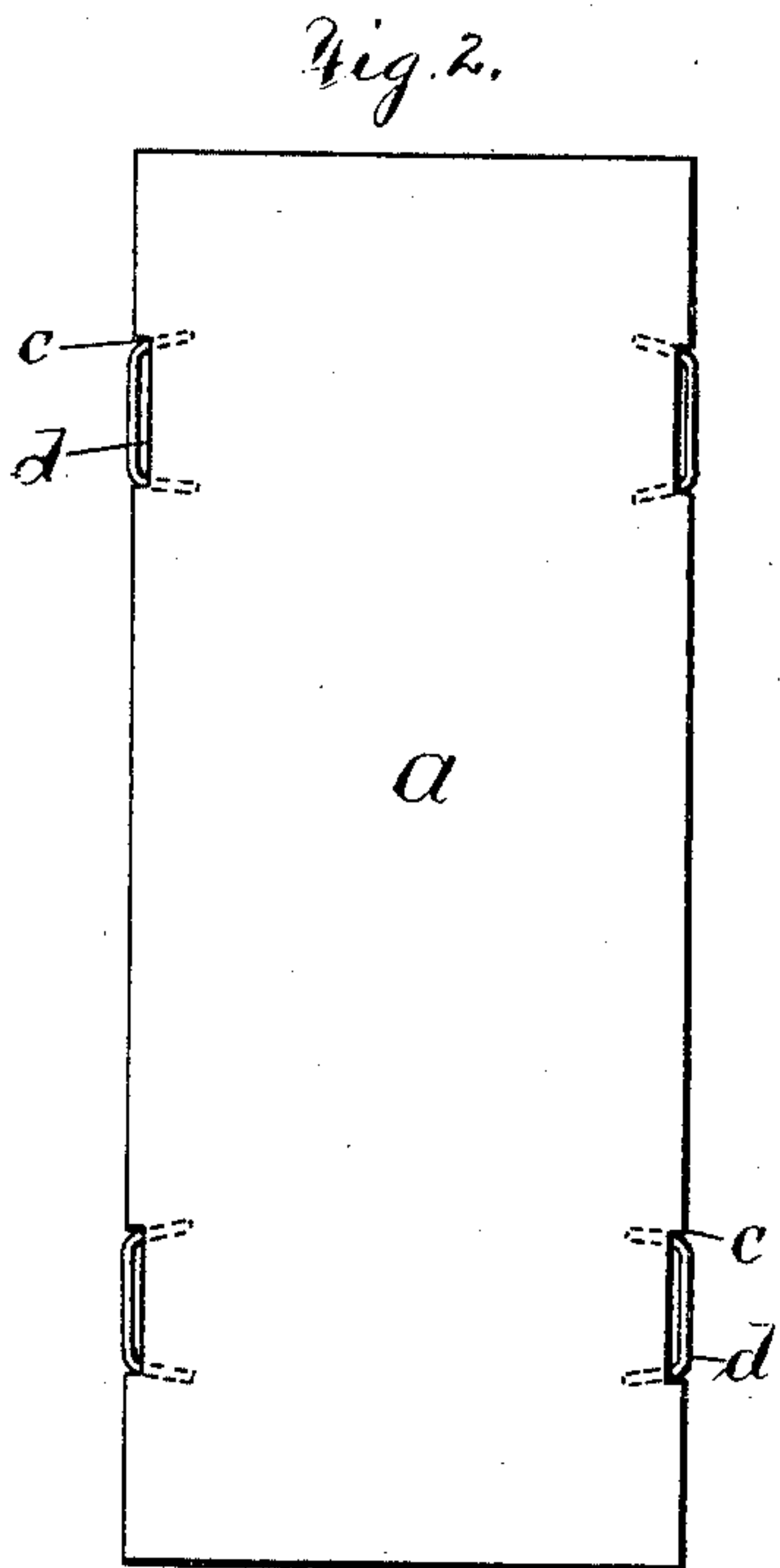
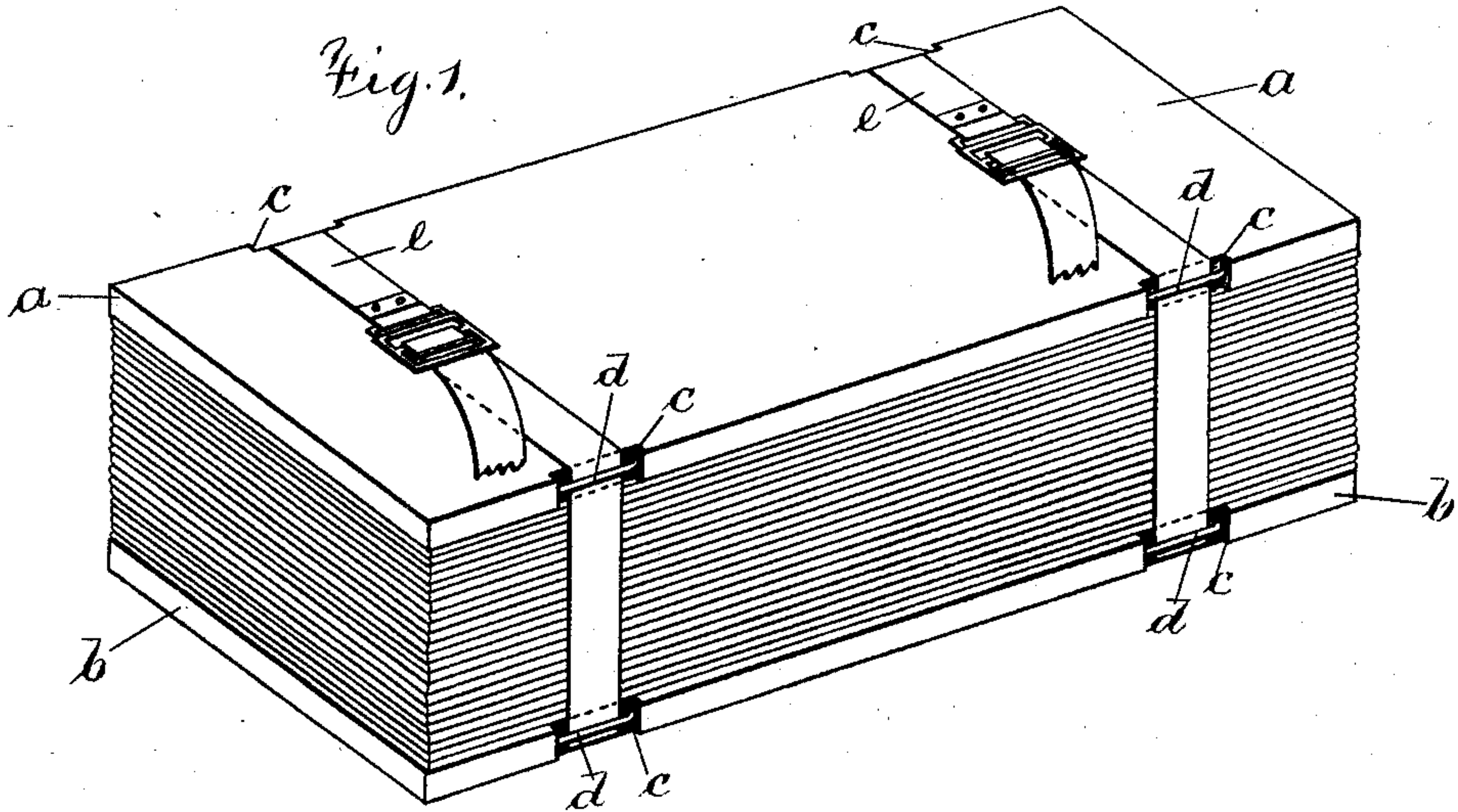
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DOCUMENT-FILE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. EBBETS, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Document-Files, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a file for holding documents and other legal papers, correspondence, &c.; and the object thereof is to provide a file which is substantial, enduring, and easily adjustable for quick and ready reference to the papers contained therein.

In carrying out my invention I employ front and back slab members, preferably rectangular in outline shape, and the long edges of both members are provided with means for receiving suitably-adjustable straps or tapes which pass transversely around the outside of the file to hold the members and the papers filed therein together, said means also holding the straps or tapes to the slab members.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a general perspective view of my improved document-file. Fig. 2 is a front elevation, and Fig. 3 a side elevation, of one of the members of the file. Figs. 4 and 5 are partial front and side elevations, respectively.

a and *b* represent, respectively, front and back slab members of the document-file, which members are preferably of rectangular shape and are advantageously made of wood, metal, compressed cardboard, or other suitable and enduring material and are made to correspond in shape.

I prefer to notch both long edges of both the members *a* and *b*, as at *c*, the notches *c* being placed near the ends of the front and back slab members and in correspondingly-opposite positions. Staples *d* or other and equivalent

means are fitted longitudinally and centrally into the recesses *c*, the points of the staples being preferably driven into the corners of the recesses *c* sufficiently far to secure the same therein and to leave a small space between the inner side of the staple and the face of the recess.

In connection with the hereinbefore-described front and back members I employ an adjustable strap *e*, which may be made according to the strap shown and described in United States Letters Patent No. 425,115, granted April 8, 1890, the said strap being passed through the space between the staples *d* and the face of the recesses *c* and extending transversely around the outside of the file.

Both sets of staples may be only sufficiently wide to receive the strap employed, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, or one or both sets of staples may be made longer than the width of the strap or tape, Figs. 4 and 5, thereby providing means for adjusting the position of the strap to the place where the effect of the compression will be most advantageous.

I claim as my invention—

A document-file comprising front and back slab members of rectangular shape and suitable material, having notches in the long sides of said members in correspondingly-opposite positions, staples secured to the edges at said notches, and adjustable straps passing through the spaces between the said staples and the faces of the said notches and around the said members of the document-file, substantially as shown and described.

Signed by me this 17th day of June, 1902.

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