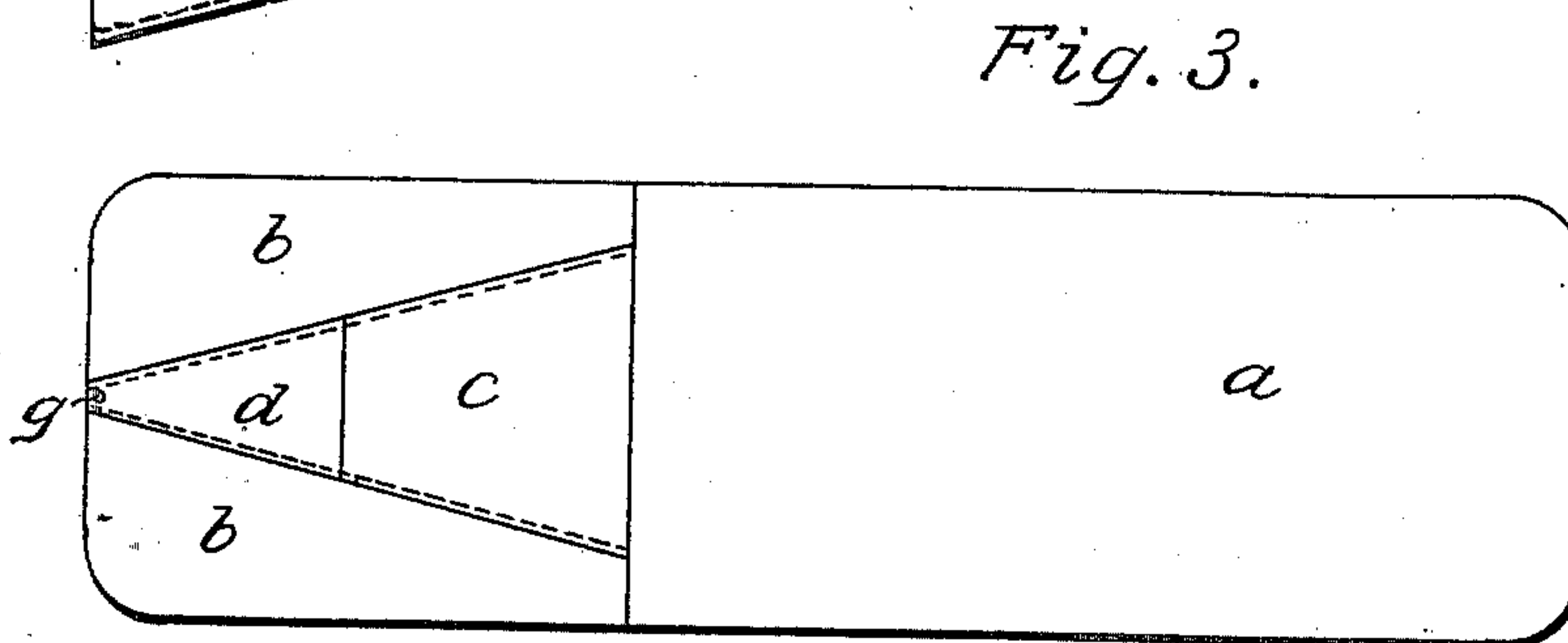
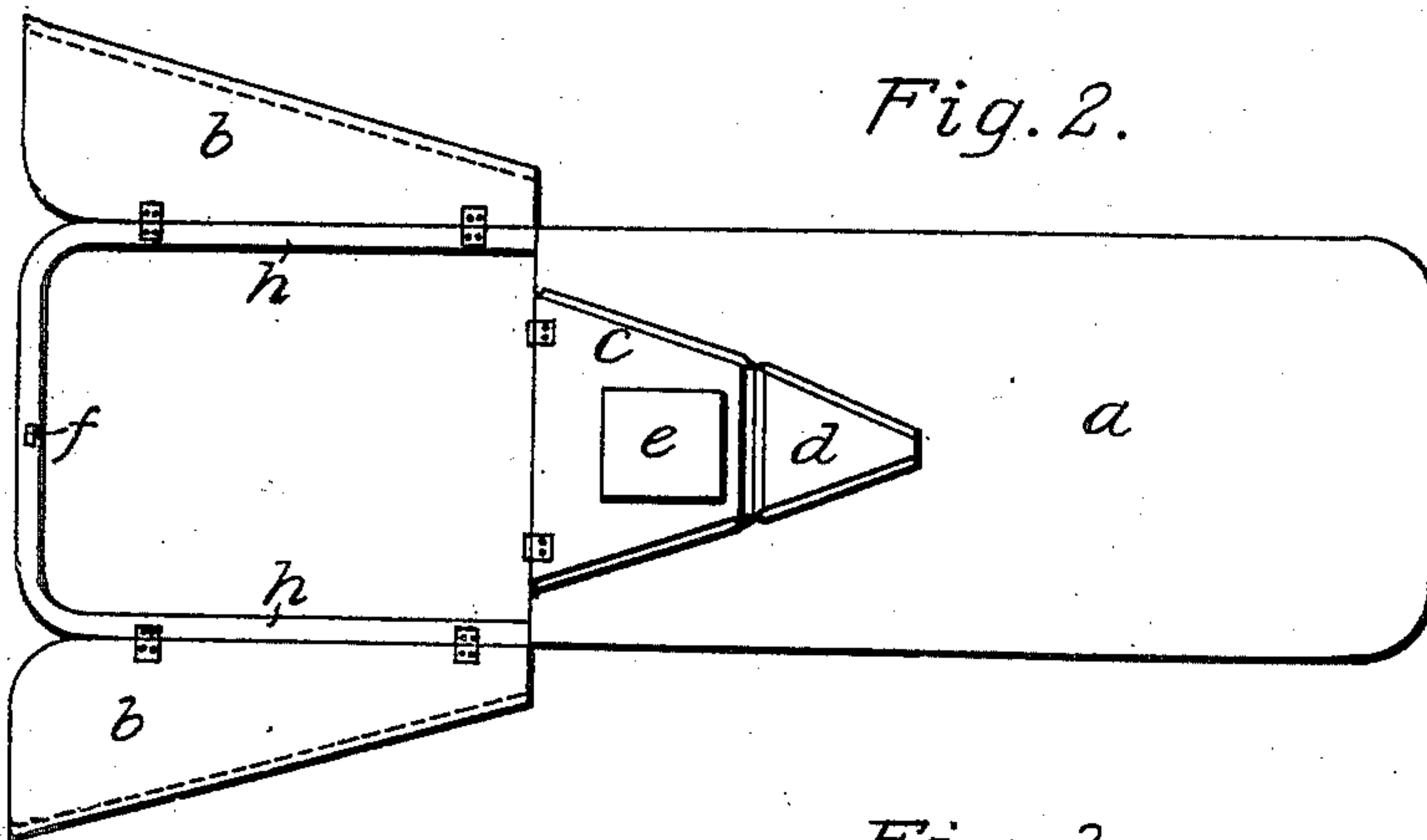
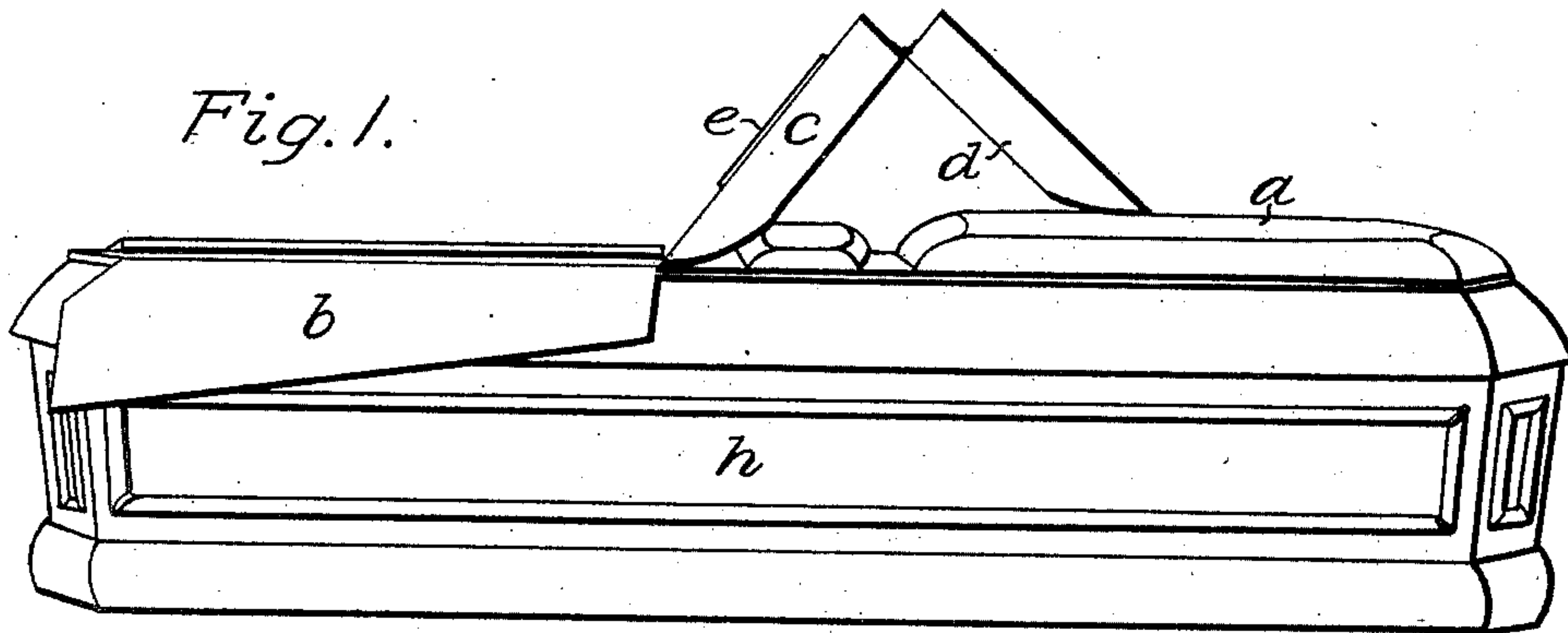


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## SHRINE FOR CASKETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EMIL STUMPF, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the city of Waterloo, Blackhawk  
5 county, Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shrines for Caskets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in shrines or lids for burial-caskets; and the  
10 object of my invention is to divide the shrine or face-lid into separable sections, which may be folded back or laid over to the sides of the casket.

To this end my invention consists in certain features of construction and combinations of parts, which will be hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification,  
20 in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a casket, showing my improved shrine with its parts  
25 thrown back and to the sides in order to expose the interior. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a plan view showing the appearance of the top of casket when the parts of the shrine are closed upon it.

The drawings represent my improved shrine  
30 as applied to any ordinary form of casket, as *a*, and as attached thereto.

The shrine is divided into four sections, of which two, *b b*, are hinged to the upper forward edges *h h* of the casket and are adapted  
35 to open outwardly along the sides thereof, while the two inner parts *c* and *d* are hinged together at a middle point, and the part *c* is hinged to the forward edge of the lower part of the casket-lid *a*. The parts *c* and *d* are ar-  
40 ranged to fold backward and downward over the lower part of the casket-lid, the part *d*

forming a prop to support the part *c* when the latter is thus inclined backward, and its extremity rests upon said lid. The name-plate *e* is placed on the under surface of the  
45 part *c* and is exposed to view when that part is set back along the lower lid *a*. The inner edges of the side sections *b b* are beveled, with the faces of the bevels upward, while the outer edges of the parts *c* and *d* are be-  
50 veled, with their bevels downward, and the extremity of the part *d* is furnished with means for fastening it at that point *g* to the casket at *f*. When the sections are down and the part *d* is locked at *f*, the whole shrine is se-  
55 curely fastened together by the locking of the bevels on the sections in their engagement with each other. This method of arrangement of a shrine in parts, as shown, thus serves the double purpose of readiness in  
60 opening and disposal of its sections and of so locating the name-plate as to make it conspicuous. A further advantage is in the means of securing the parts in place by one  
65 lock or fastening only.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A shrine or face-lid for burial-caskets, having in combination with a casket-body, side  
70 sections beveled on their inner edges and hinged to the upper edges of the casket, and a two-part lid beveled on its outer edges and hinged to the lower cover of the casket, and provided with means for locking it to the  
75 casket, as and for the purpose set forth.

Signed at Waterloo, Iowa, this 14th day of September, 1901.

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