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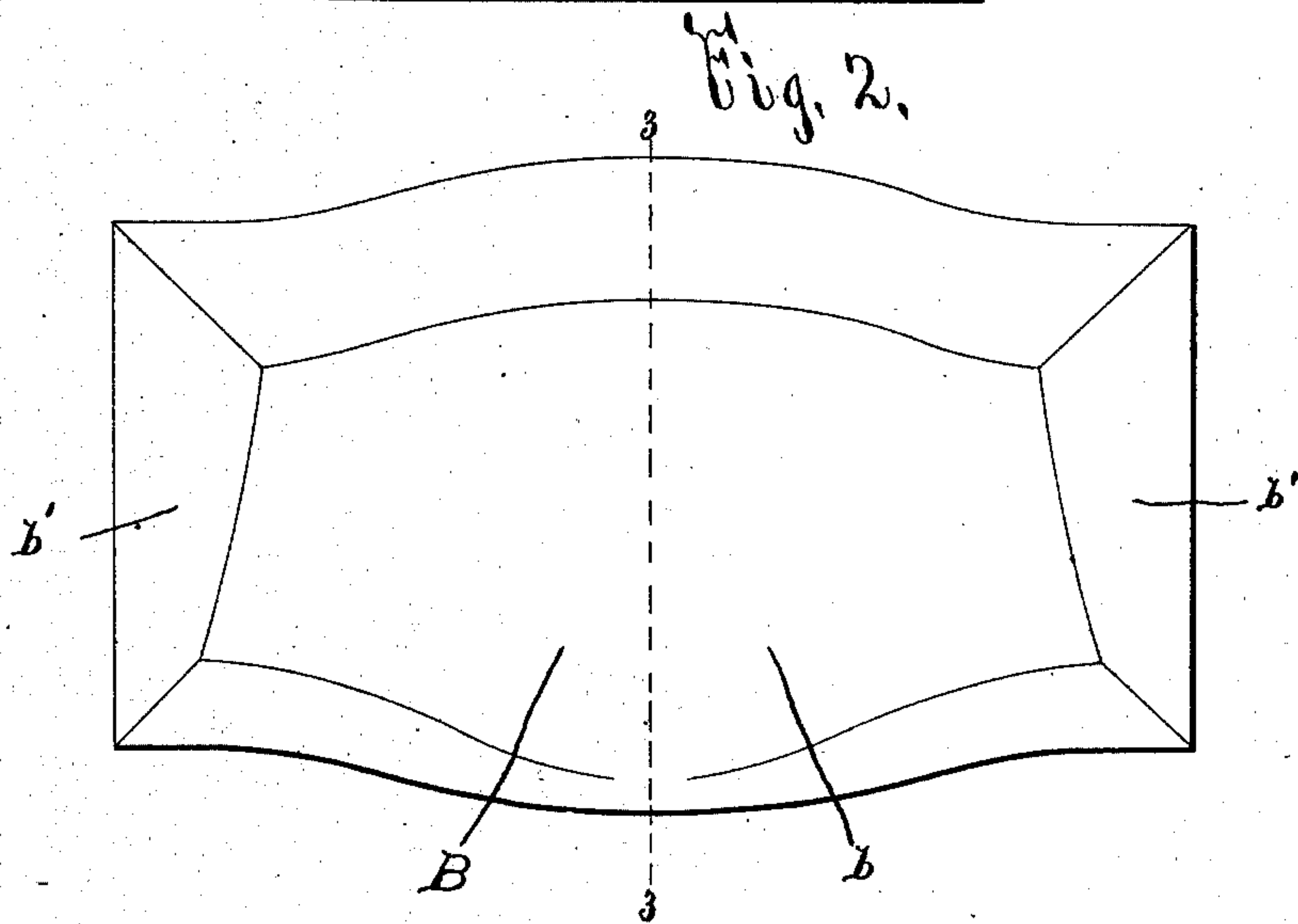
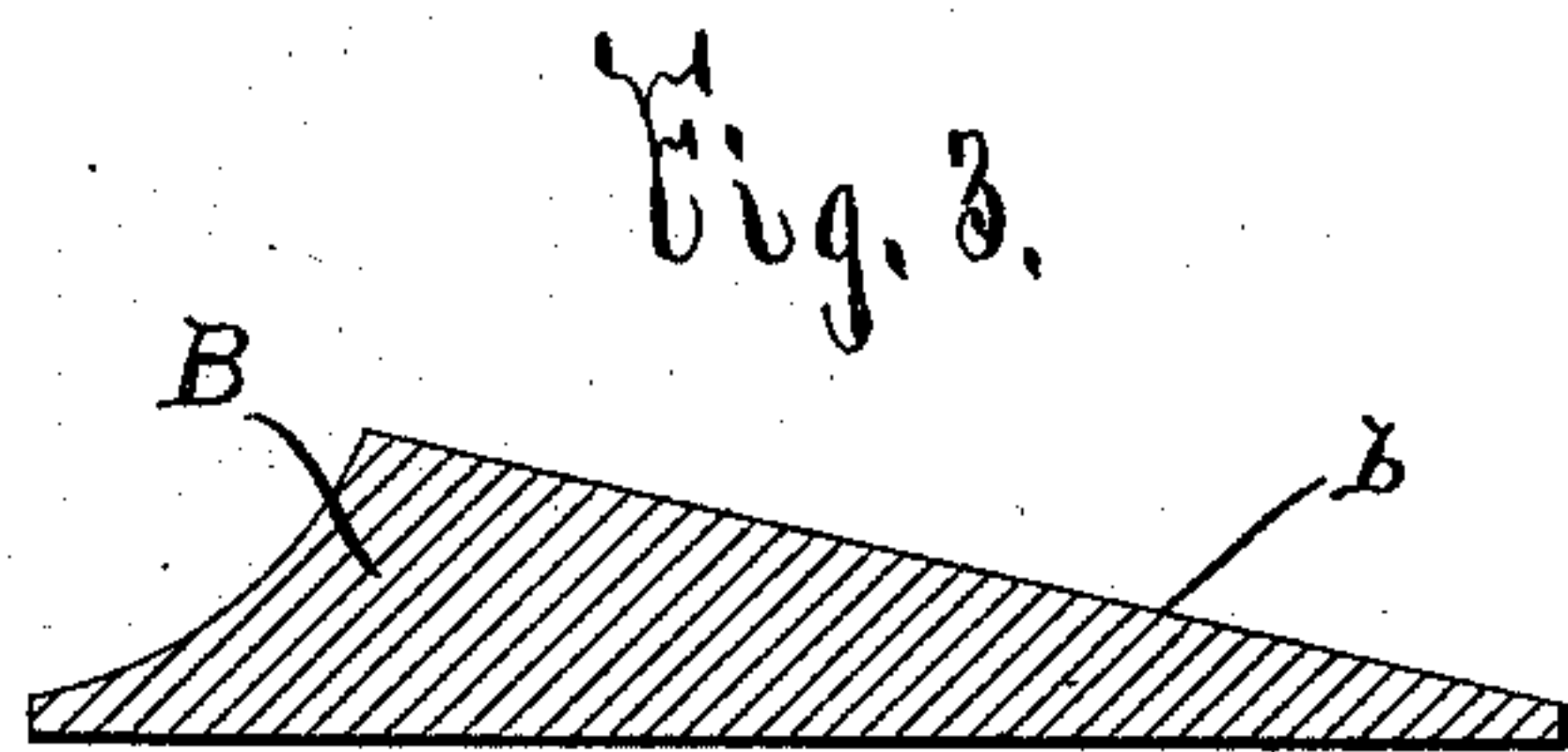
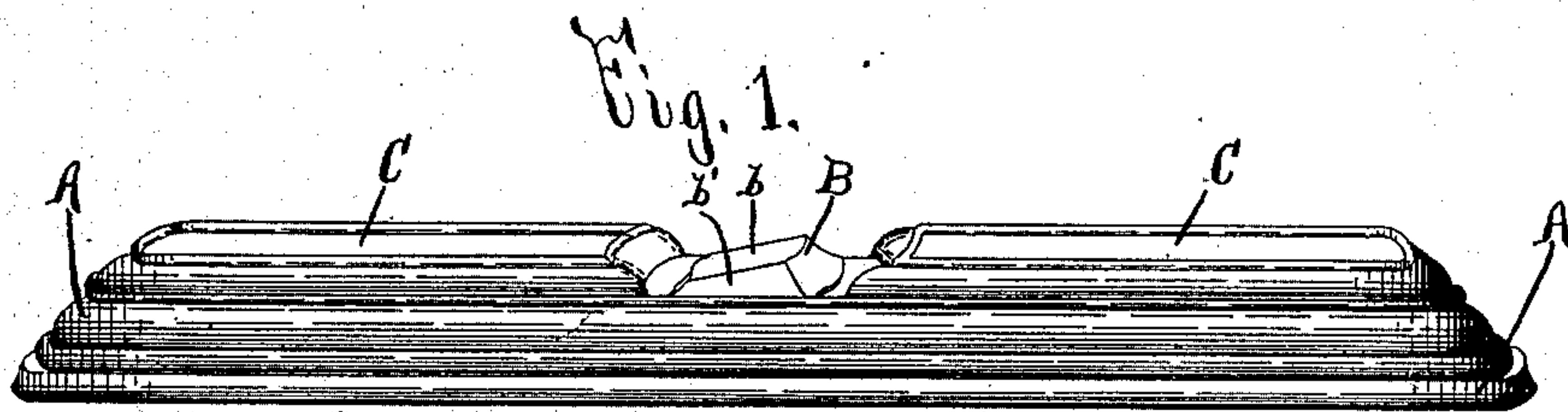
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CASKET-LID.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, NICHOLAS RAPPLEYEA and WILLIAM A. SPARKS, of Hoboken, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a certain new and useful Casket-Lid, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention has for its object the production of a casket-lid which is of such construction that the name of the deceased or other inscription on the name-plate can be read with minimum ease and rapidity when passing in proximity to the casket; and it consists in the combination, construction, and arrangement of the component parts of a casket-lid, as hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In describing this invention reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which like letters indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a casket-lid embodying our invention. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the detached panel or part of the casket-lid for supporting the name-plate. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3 3, Fig. 2.

A represents a casket-lid embodying our invention, and B the panel or part thereof for supporting the name-plate. (Not illustrated.) Said panel B is usually raised and arranged between raised end panels C; but, if desired, one or both of the panels C may be dispensed with. The upper face *b* of the panel B in-

clines upwardly from front to rear, and its side faces *b'* generally converge upwardly from their lower portions toward said upper face *b*. Owing to the inclination of the face *b*, which supports the name-plate, it is possible to read the name of the deceased or other inscription on said name-plate with minimum ease and rapidity.

The construction of our casket-lid will now be readily understood upon reference to the foregoing description and the accompanying drawings.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a casket-lid provided with a raised inclined face, adapted to support a name-plate, said face being inclined from front to rear.

2. As an article of manufacture, a casket-lid provided with a raised inclined face or panel, adapted to support a name-plate, said lid also being provided with end panels adjacent to each end of the raised inclined face.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto signed our names, in the presence of two attesting witnesses, at Hoboken, in the county of Hudson, in the State of New Jersey, this 24th day of July, 1901.

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