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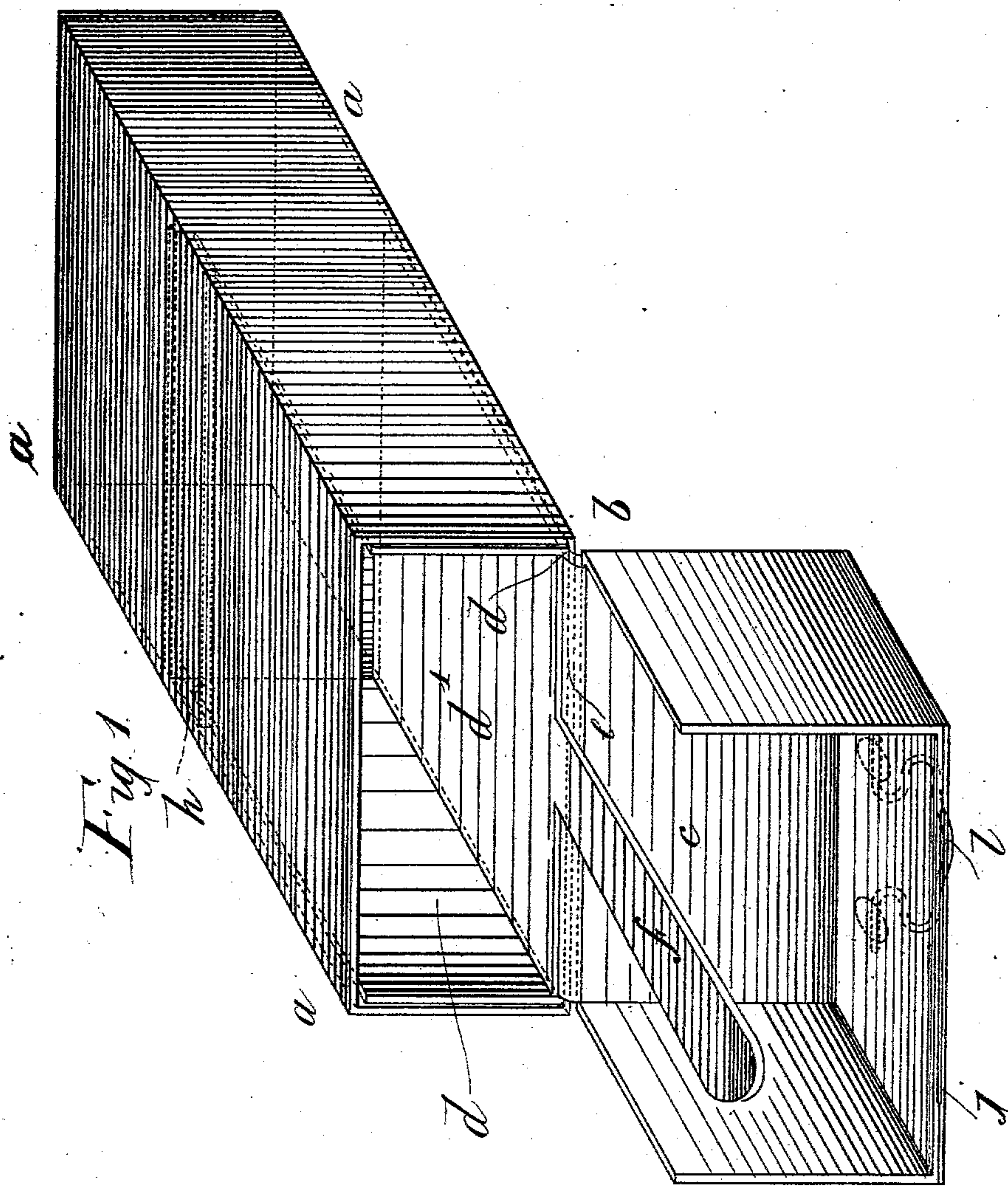
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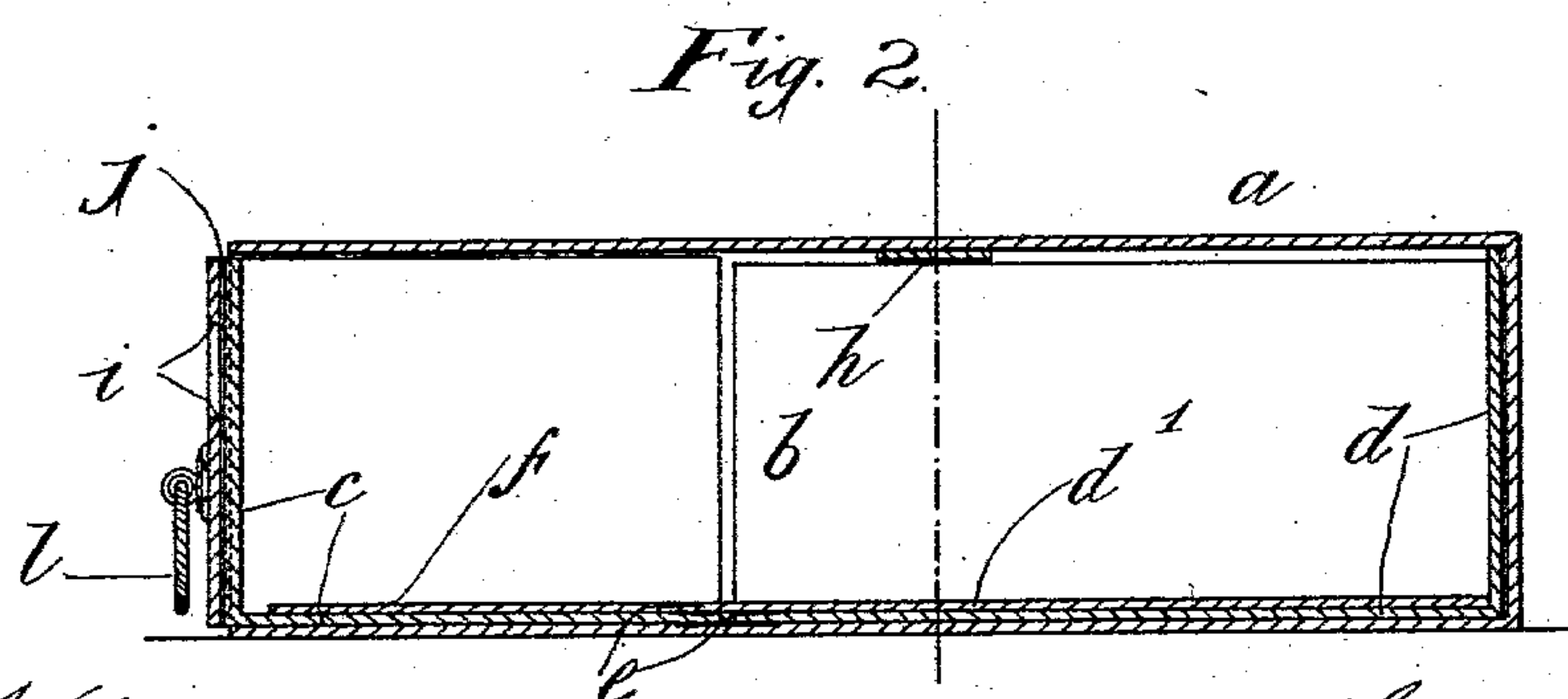
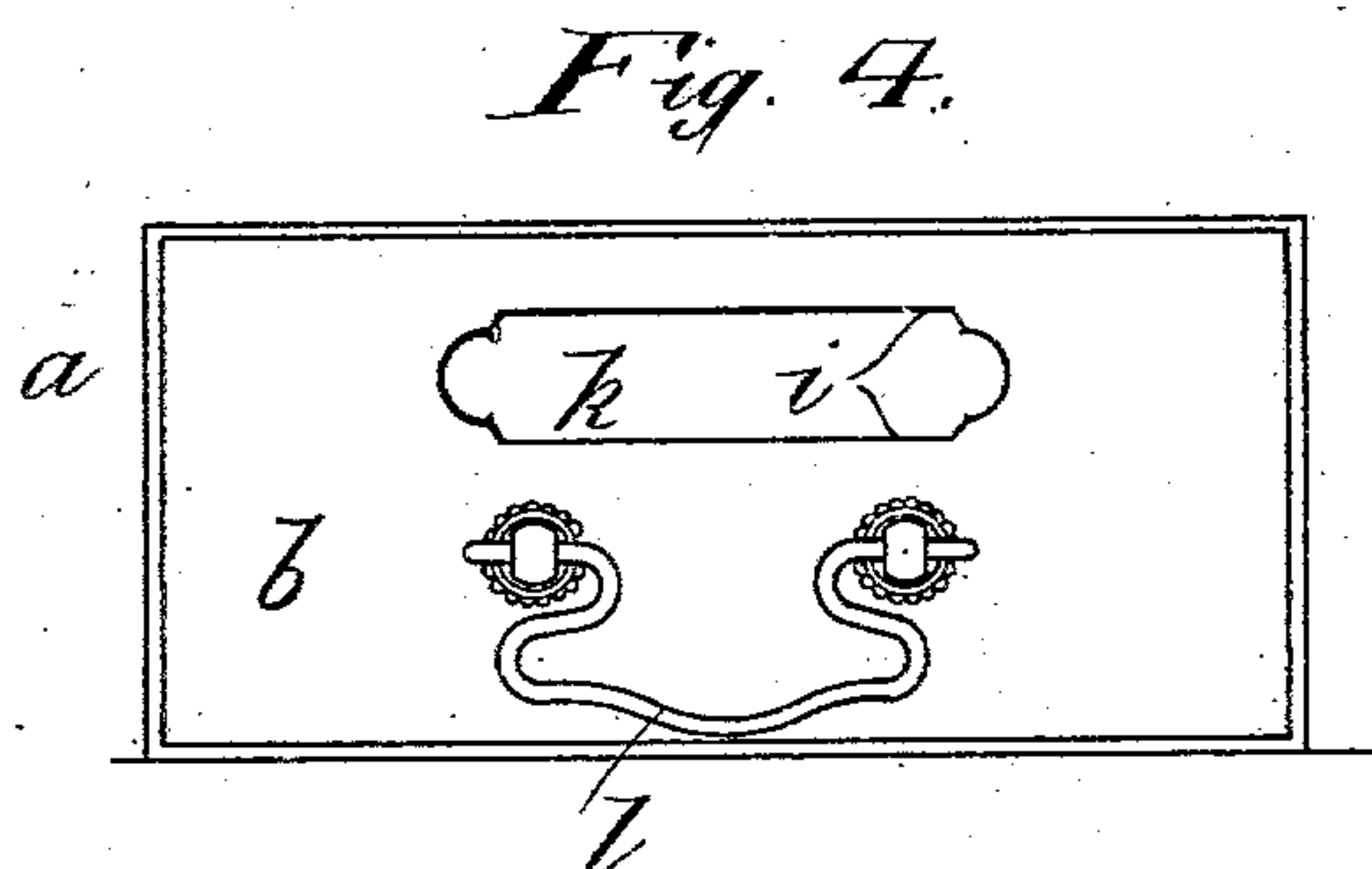
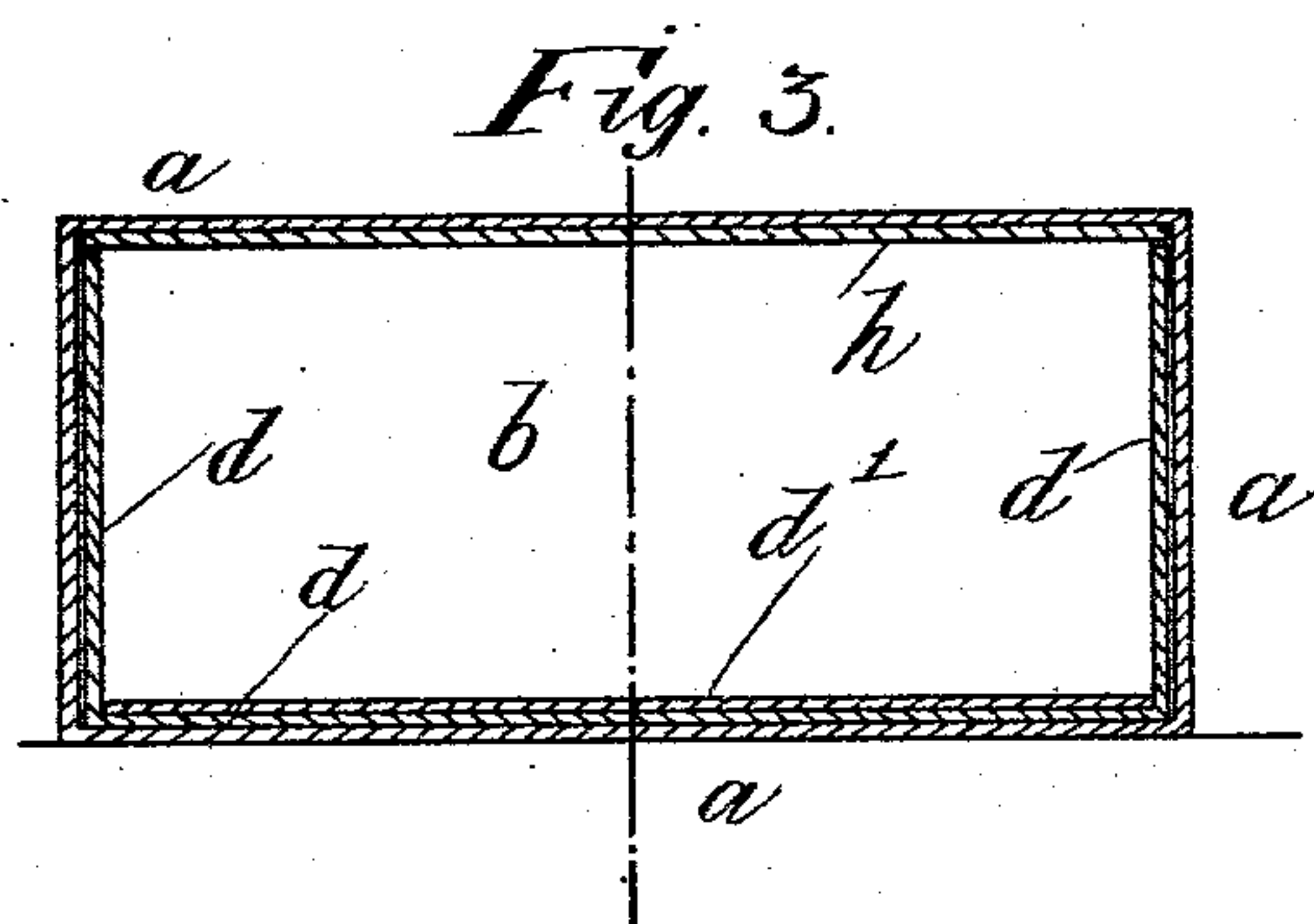
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL LYNN, stationer, of the firm of McCaw, Stevenson & Orr, Limited, of Linenhall Works, Belfast, Ireland, a subject of the King of Great Britain and Ireland, and a resident of Belfast, Ireland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boxes and Drawers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon.

This invention relates to boxes and drawers which are specially applicable for use by stationers for storing note-paper and such like or in offices for storing written or printed papers, cards, and other documents, but may be generally used for holding or storing other articles.

The box or receptacle is preferably made of an oblong form and of rectangular shape and with one end open. Fitted so as to slide easily within the box is a drawer provided with means, such as a brass handle, for drawing it out. This drawer is of peculiar construction and consists of two portions hinged together in any suitable manner, but preferably by a piece of cloth or leather. The back portion is made with an outwardly-projecting narrow tongue (or tongues) or equivalent nearly the full length of the drawer, while the front portion when the drawer is pulled out can fall down, and thereby give easy access to the contents of the drawer, which are held in place and prevented from falling outward or downward by the rigid tongue aforesaid. The drawer does not pull out its full length, but only a certain distance, at which it is checked or held by a stop bar or piece or such like contrivance. The front portion of the drawer is or may be provided with a slit and hole or window in order that an indicating card or paper may be slipped in the slit and made to indicate the contents of the box. The indicating card or paper could be withdrawn at any time and replaced by a new one.

A number of the boxes can be stacked or built up together, so as to form a simple pile of boxes or a cabinet of boxes. If desired, a number of the boxes may be grouped together

and secured removably or fixedly in position by an ornamental or other frame or covering.

The box may be made wholly or partially of cardboard or other stiff paper-board or wood or metal or a combination of any two or more of these and covered with wood veneer, thin paper, cloth, or other covering.

The tongue or projection, which is an important feature of the invention, may be made of the same material as the drawer, or it may be made of stiff wire or other material. It may be of any suitable shape. This tongue not only prevents the possibility of any of the papers or other contents of the box falling out when the front portion of the drawer is allowed to drop, but it permits of an unimpeded grasp of the whole or of any portion of the contents of the drawer, and especially from the bottom or sides of the pile and on each side of the narrow tongue. The pile of papers, cards, or other contents remains level and secure, while the whole of the portion of the drawer pulled out has dropped out of the way.

I have generally described my invention, and I will now more particularly describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawings, which show by way of example one convenient method of constructing the box.

Figure 1 is an isometric view of the box. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the box. Fig. 3 is a cross-section, and Fig. 4 is an end view.

As will be seen, the box *a* is of an oblong form and rectangular shape and is provided with a drawer *b*. This drawer, as shown, is made in two portions *c d*, the front portion being hinged, by means of a strip of cloth *e*, to the back portion.

The main feature of the device is that the back portion has a thickening bottom piece *d'*, which is provided with a narrow projecting tongue *f*, which serves to support the papers when the drawer is pulled out and the front portion *c* allowed to drop, so as to permit of the papers being easily extracted, the tongue affording convenient access to the bottom and sides of the pile, as will be readily seen.

The drawer is prevented from coming out

its full length by means of the strip or stop-bar *h*, fitted at the inside of the box, as indicated.

i is the window at the front of the drawer, while *j* is the slit into which an indicating-card *k* can be inserted.

l is the handle of the drawer.

The box shown is made of cardboard and preferably covered with a thin wood veneer.

The tongue *f* is preferably cut out of the cardboard of the drawer bottom piece *d'*.

If so desired, two tongues could be made on the back portion *d* and at a slight distance apart.

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

1. The combination with a box-body, of a drawer with front, side and end walls adapted to slide in and out of the box-body, said drawer being made in two portions hinged together, the back portion having a fixed cen-

trally-arranged and outwardly-projecting narrow tongue and the front portion being adapted, when the drawer is pulled out, to fall down out of the way, leaving the tongue exposed, substantially as shown and described.

2. In combination, a rectangular box-body *a*, a drawer *b* having vertical side and end walls and made in two portions *c*, *d*, a strip *h* for preventing the drawer coming out beyond a certain distance, a bottom piece *d'* to the drawer, a narrow fixed tongue *f* on the bottom piece, and a strip *e* for hinging the two portions of the drawer-bottom together, substantially as hereinbefore described and shown.

Signed at Belfast, county Antrim, Ireland, this 29th day of January, 1902.

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