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Fig. 1.

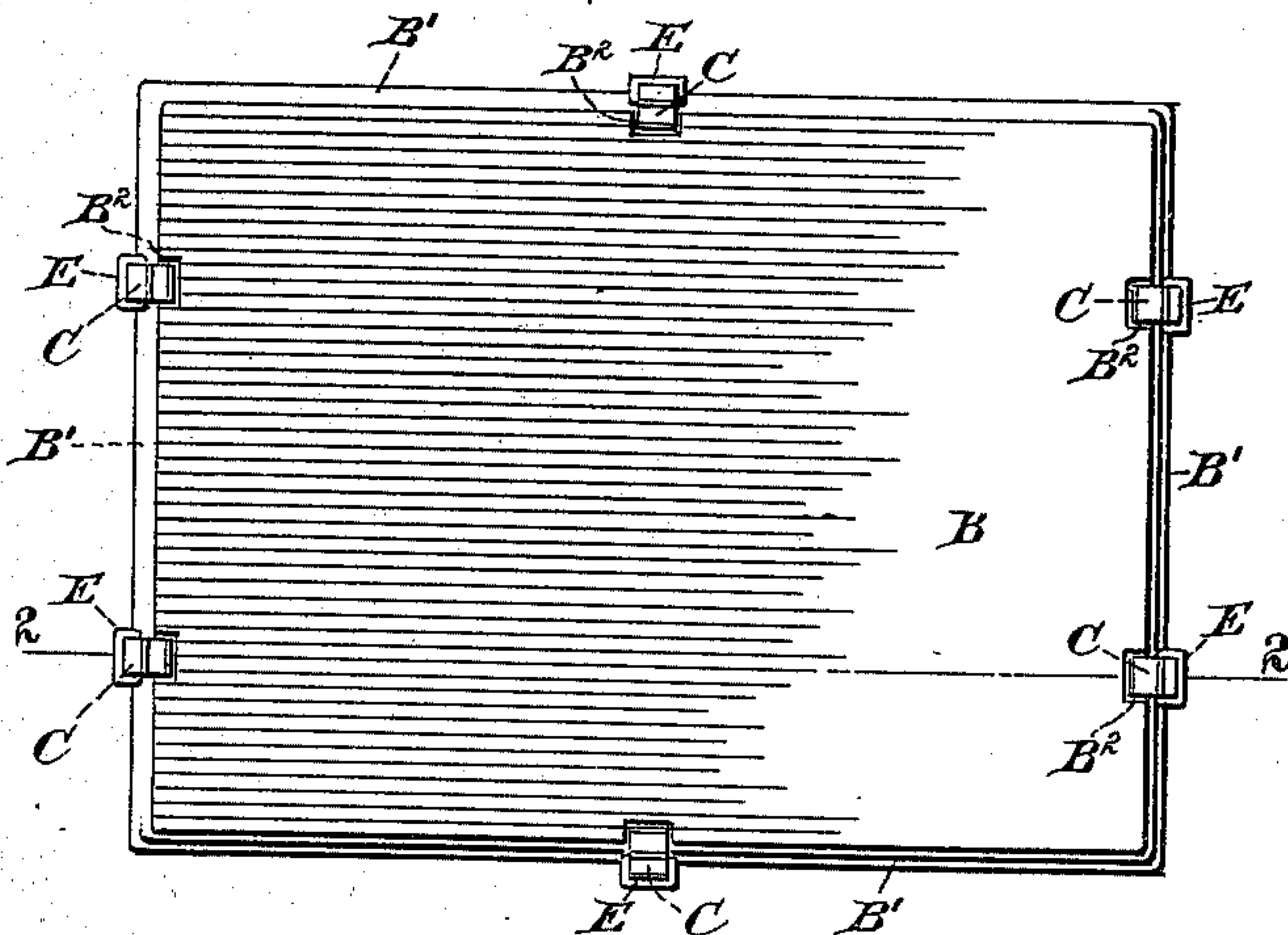


Fig. 2.

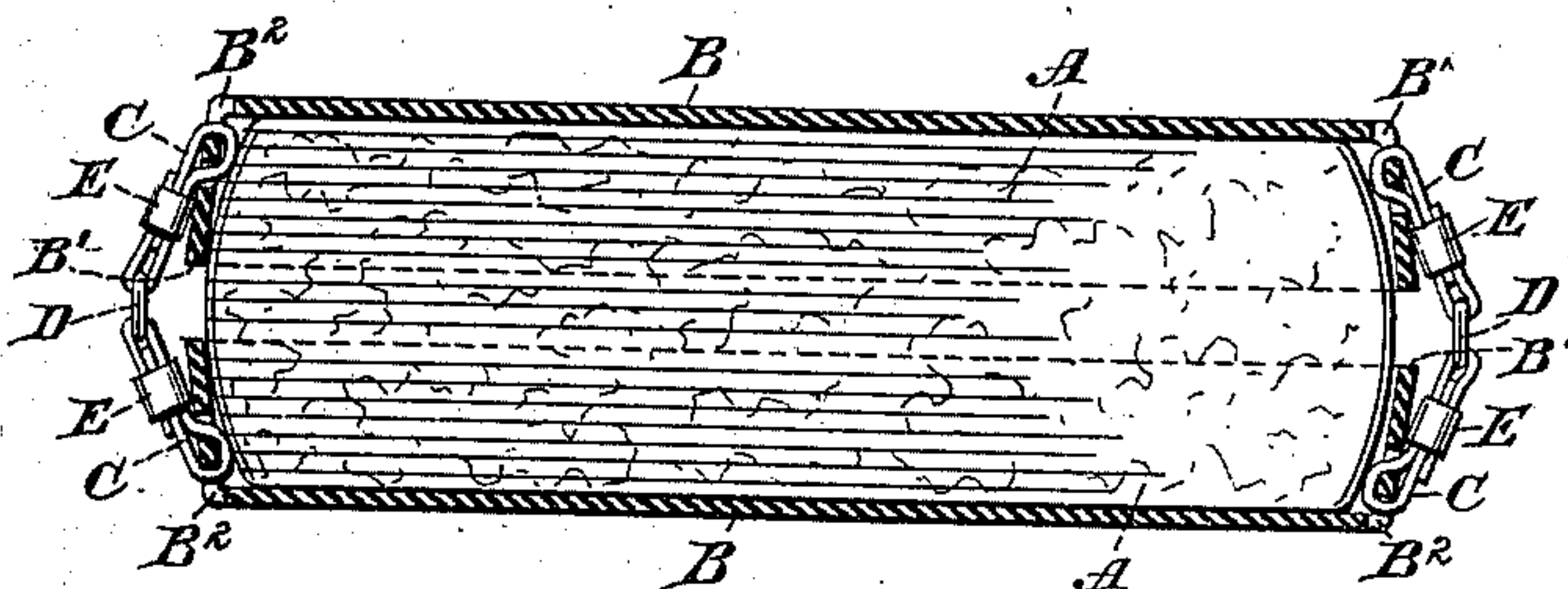
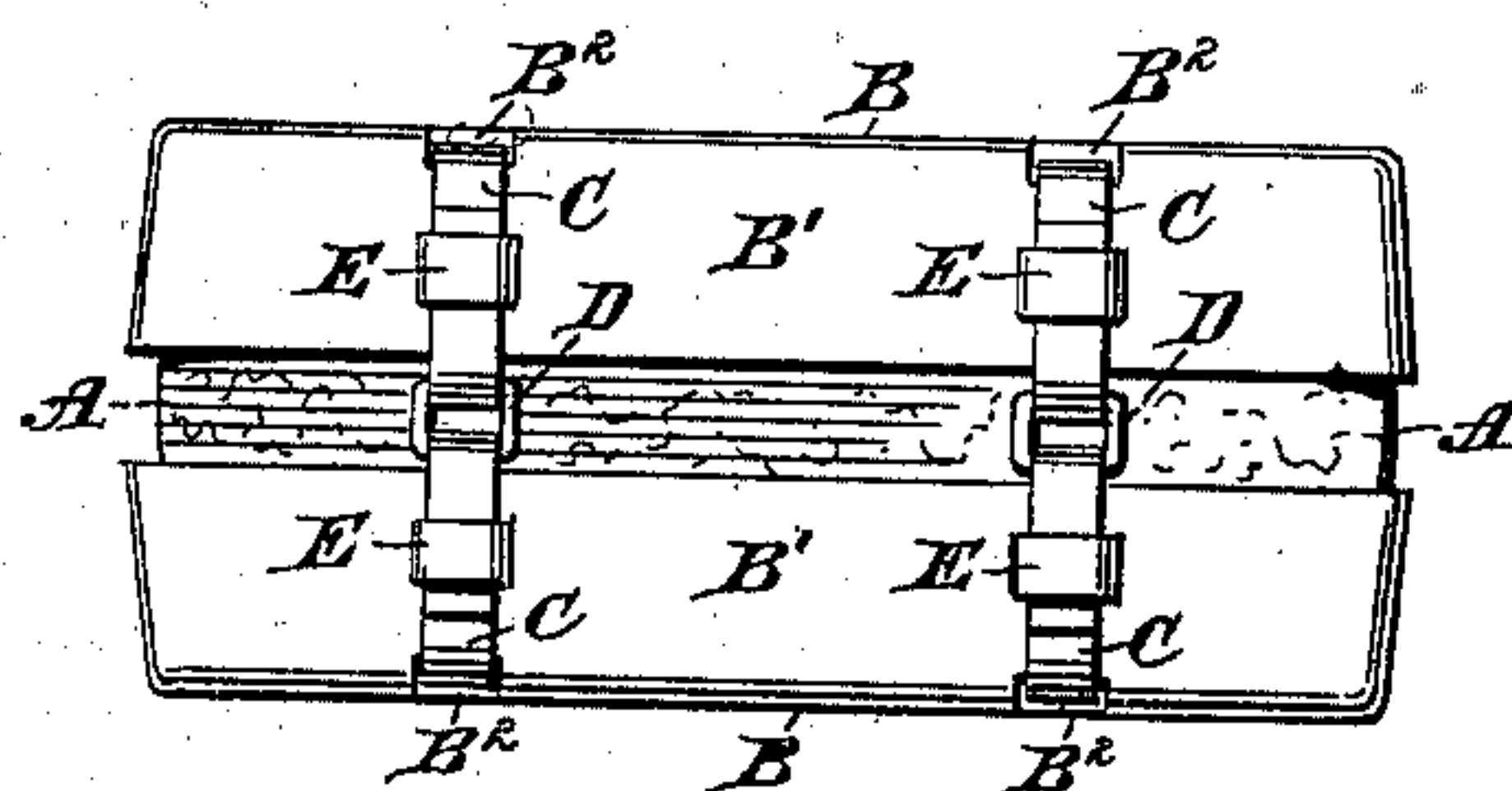


Fig. 3.



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MEANS FOR PACKING GOODS.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 723,245, dated March 24, 1903.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, EWALD CRANZ, a resident of Amsterdam, Netherlands, and FERDINAND CRANZ, a resident of Yonkers, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, both subjects of the Emperor of Germany, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Means for Packing Goods, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to means for packing goods, and particularly tobacco, and has for its object to provide a protective casing that will efficiently protect the goods while in transit, which will allow the access of air to the goods, and which can be readily opened, closed, and adjusted.

The invention will be fully described hereinafter and the features of novelty pointed out in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan of a tobacco-package embodying our invention. Fig. 2 is a cross-section thereof on line 2 2 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is an end view of the package.

A indicates the bale of tobacco wrapped in canvas or other suitable material. This bale is received between two covers or trays B, preferably made of sheet metal, such as galvanized iron. Each tray, as shown, has a plate or head and flanges B' projecting from the edges thereof. These flanges extend on the sides of the bale and hold the same firmly in position. It will be understood that the two trays are used in different positions—one upright and the other inverted—so that their flanges extend toward each other. In order to hold these trays or covers B together, they are provided with connecting devices at various points of their edges or flanges. In the particular construction shown each connecting device consists of two straps C, preferably of metal, each of which may be passed through two superposed openings or slits B², provided in the flange B', although the openings shown at the corner might be located in the body of the tray at a slight distance from its edge. We prefer the construction shown. The two straps C, which are located at corresponding points of both trays, are passed through a connecting eye or buckle D of rectangular or

othersuitable shape, and the inner run of each strap, as well as the end portions, which overlap said inner run, are held by fasteners E, which, as shown, are in the nature of slides.

It will be understood that by the construction above described we obtain a strong yet light package in which the tobacco or other merchandise is efficiently protected against injury. The distance between the covers or trays B may be readily adjusted, as the straps C, with the eyes D and slides or fasteners E, form extensible connecting devices. The flanges B normally do not engage each other, thus allowing the air free access to the goods, which is a useful feature with tobacco. In some cases it might be found advantageous to perforate the bodies of the trays or their flanges to give the air better access to all portions of the tobacco-bale.

Various modifications may be made without departing from the nature of our invention.

We claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. As a means for packing goods, two trays having flanges projected toward each other, and provided with superposed openings, connecting-straps extending through said openings, a connecting-eye engaged by straps projected from corresponding points of both trays, and fasteners for holding the straps in their adjusted positions.

2. As a means for packing goods, two covers adapted to receive the goods between them, straps projected from corresponding points at the edges of said covers, connecting-eyes located between the covers, each of said eyes being engaged by a strap from one cover and by the registering strap of the other cover, and a fastener for each strap, to hold such strap in its adjusted position.

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