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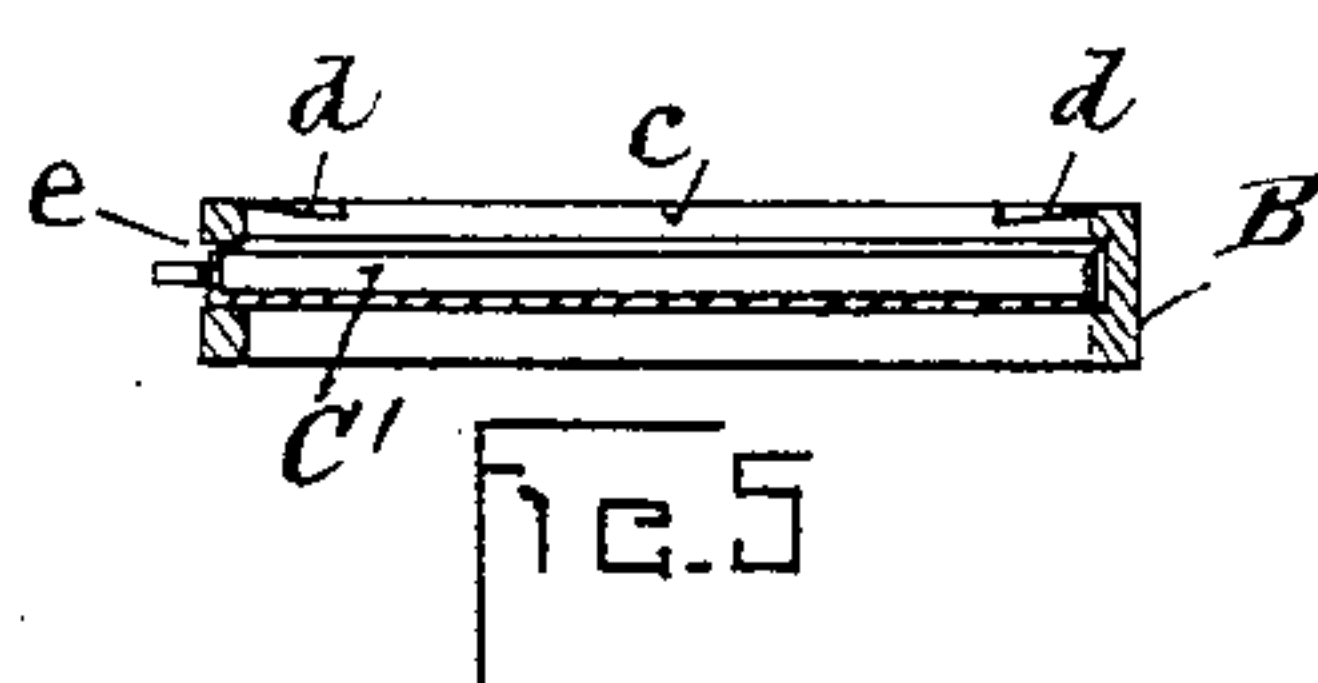
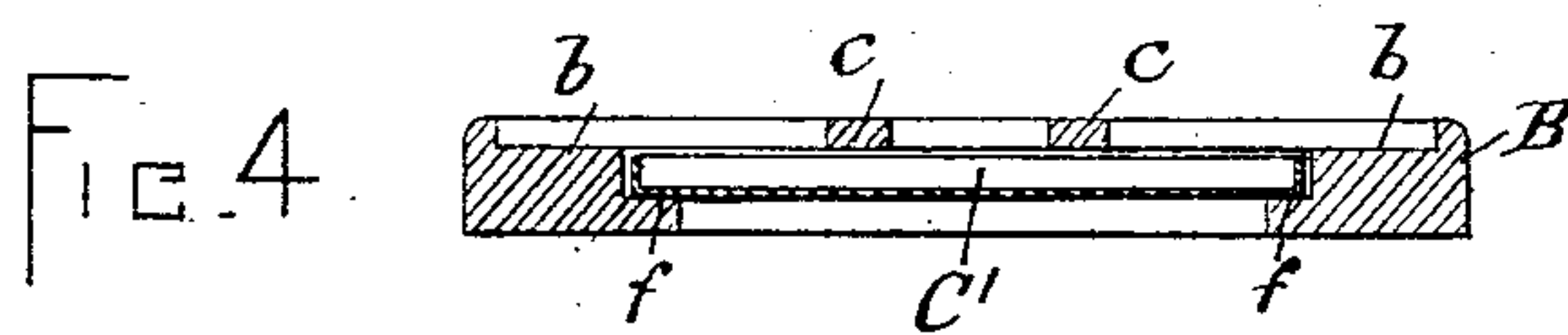
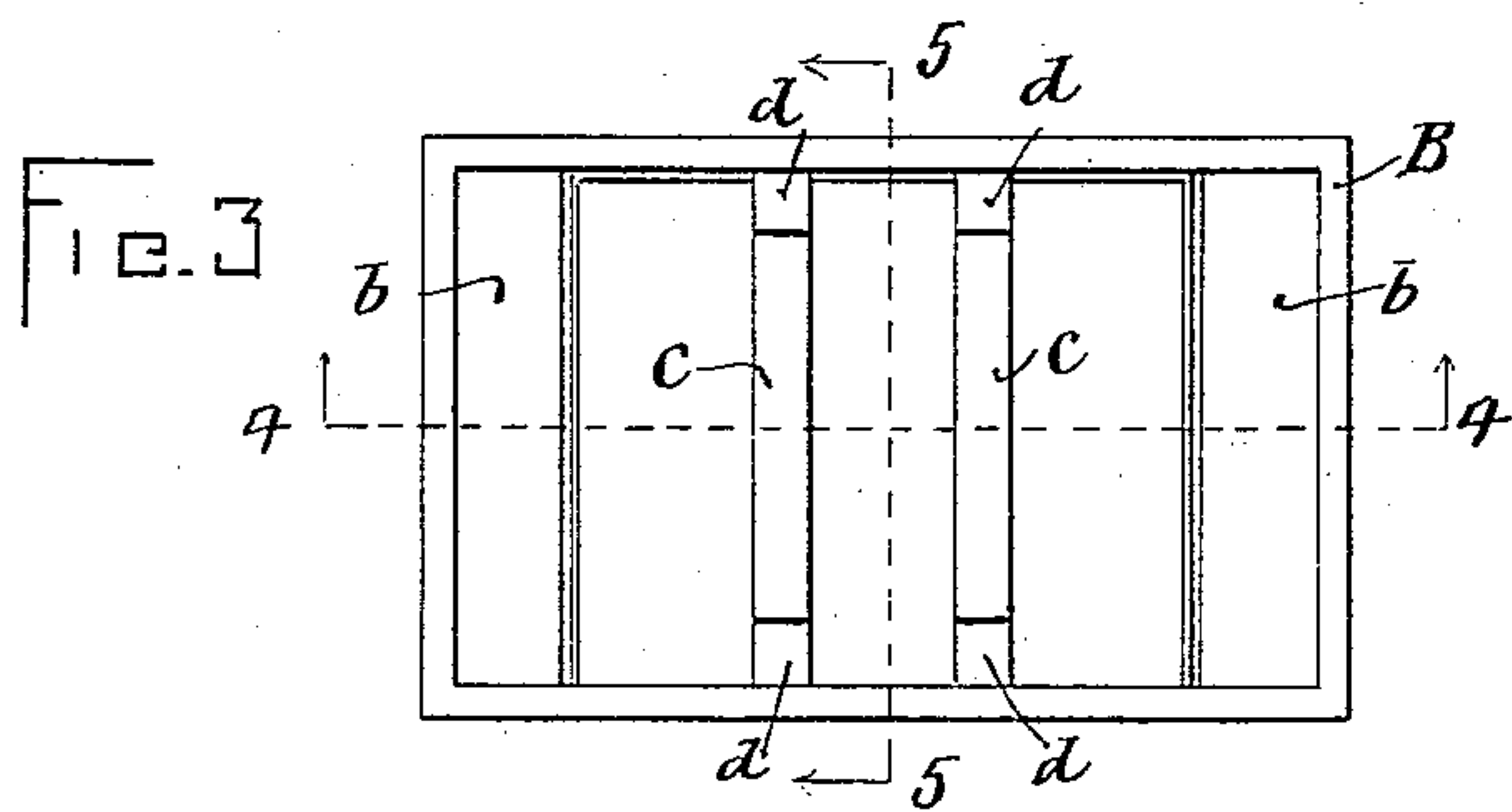
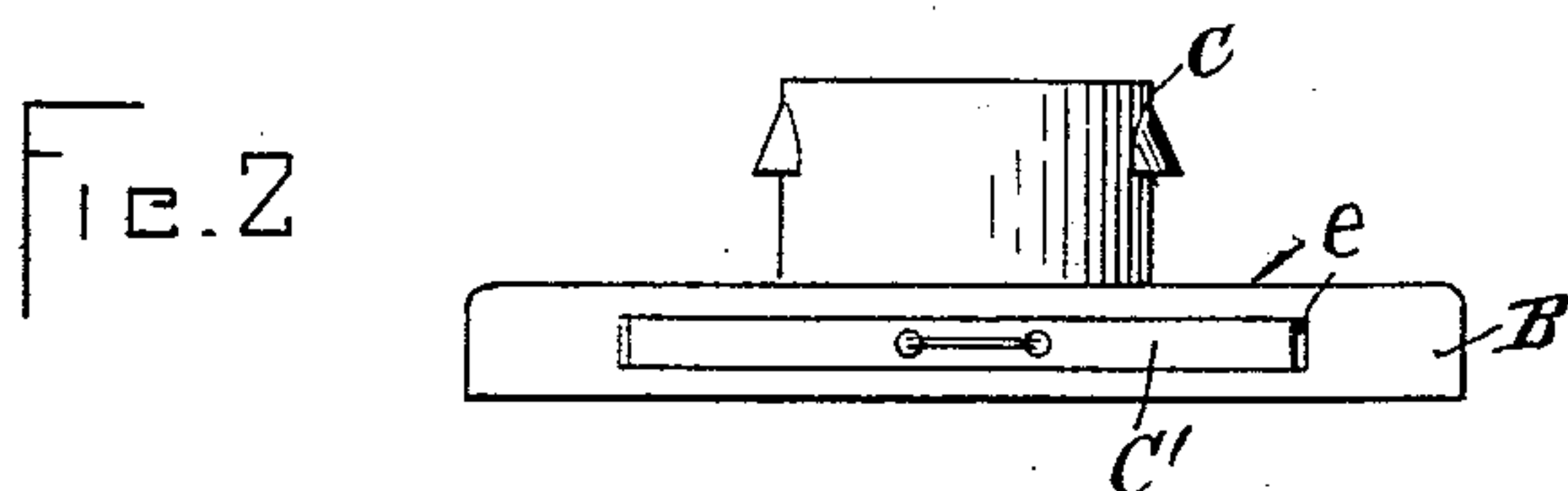
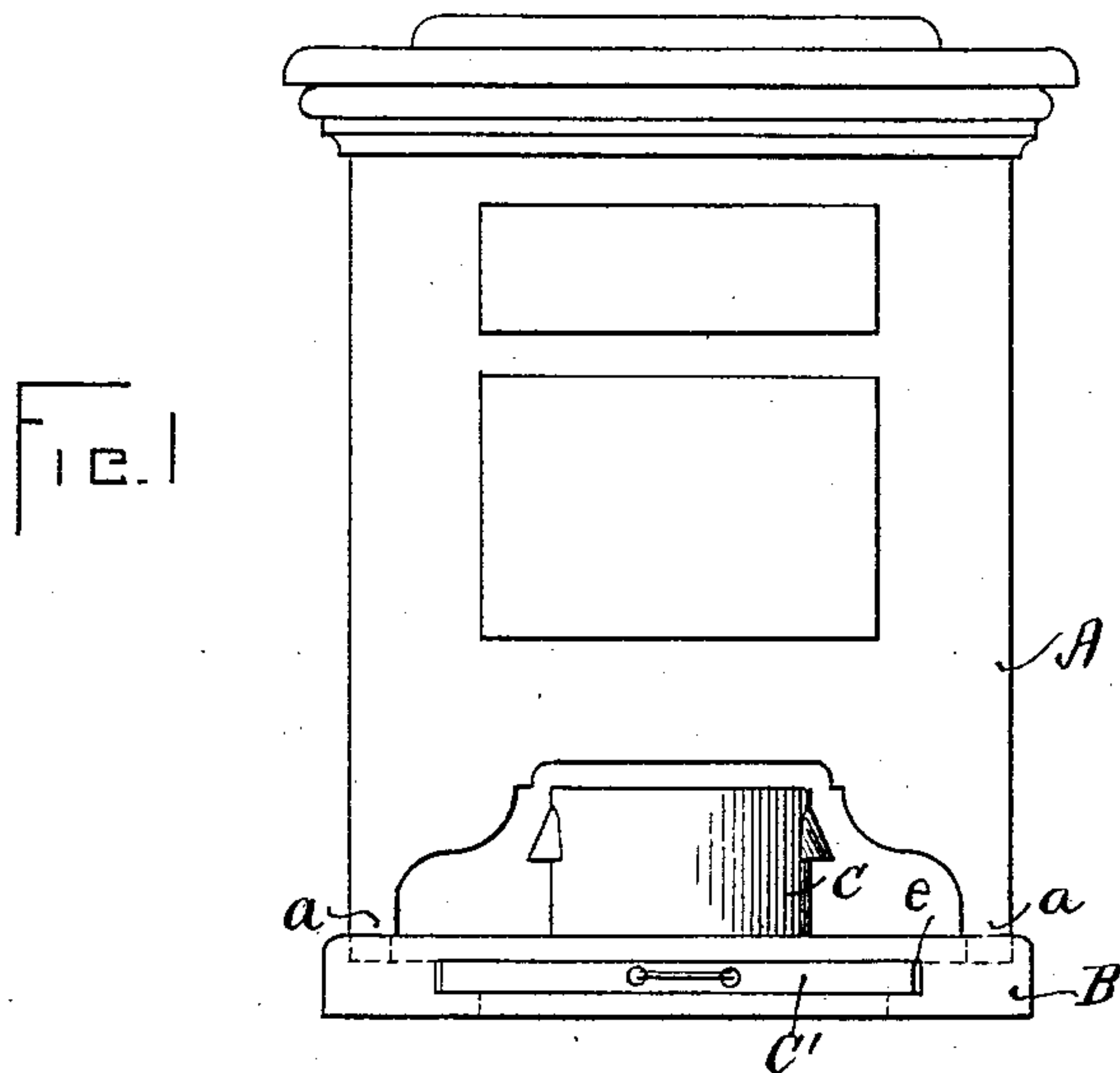
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DRIP CATCHING DEVICE FOR REFRIGERATORS.

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DRIP-CATCHING DEVICE FOR REFRIGERATORS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALSIME BERNIER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Drip-Catching Devices for Refrigerators, of which the following is a specification.

In the employment of the ordinary drip-pan for a refrigerator the cold water collected in the pan causes the bottom of the pan to sweat, so as to produce a wet spot under the pan, which results in the rotting of the carpet under the refrigerator, and when the ordinary pan is removed for emptying the collected water therefrom the drip from the overflow-pipe of the refrigerator continues, thus wetting the carpet or floor; and my invention consists in the combination of a drawer-pan with the ordinary drip-pan, as hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents the front view of a refrigerator provided with my improvement. Fig. 2 represents a front view showing the supporting-base with the refrigerator removed. Fig. 3 represents a top view of the supporting-base shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 represents a section taken in the line 4 4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 represents a section taken in the line 5 5 of Fig. 3.

In the drawings, A represents an ordinary refrigerator provided with the legs *a a*, and B represents a wooden base which is adapted to receive and hold the said legs, which rest upon the ledges *b b*. (Shown in Fig. 4.) The base B is provided with the bars *c c*, which serve to support the ordinary drip-pan C of the refrigerator, the said bars being preferably provided at their ends with the inclined surfaces

d d, which serve to prevent the water from the bottom of the drip-pan from flowing outward from the ends of the bars. The front of the base B is provided with an opening *e*, and the bottom of the said base is provided with the slides *f f*, and within the opening *e* and upon the slides *f f* is placed the shallow drawer-pan C', which is made of greater area than that of the deeper drip-pan C, whereby if in the removal of the drip-pan C from under the refrigerator A when the pan C is completely filled and some of the water is spilled it will be caught and retained in the pan C', and will thus prevent the wetting of the floor or carpet. The drawer-pan C' may be readily removed at any time through the opening *e* of the base B, and the drip-pan C may be removed from under the refrigerator by sliding upon the bars *c c*.

The base B instead of being removable from the refrigerator may be permanently connected therewith in carrying out my invention.

I claim as my invention—

The combination of the refrigerator A having the supporting-legs *a*, and the drip-pan C, with the base B, adapted to embrace the said legs, and provided with a front opening *e*, and the removable shallow drawer-pan C' made of greater area than the drip-pan, and held in the opening *e* of the base, and adapted to catch the drip from the pan C, and from the overflow-pipe of the refrigerator; substantially as described.

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