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Fig. 1.

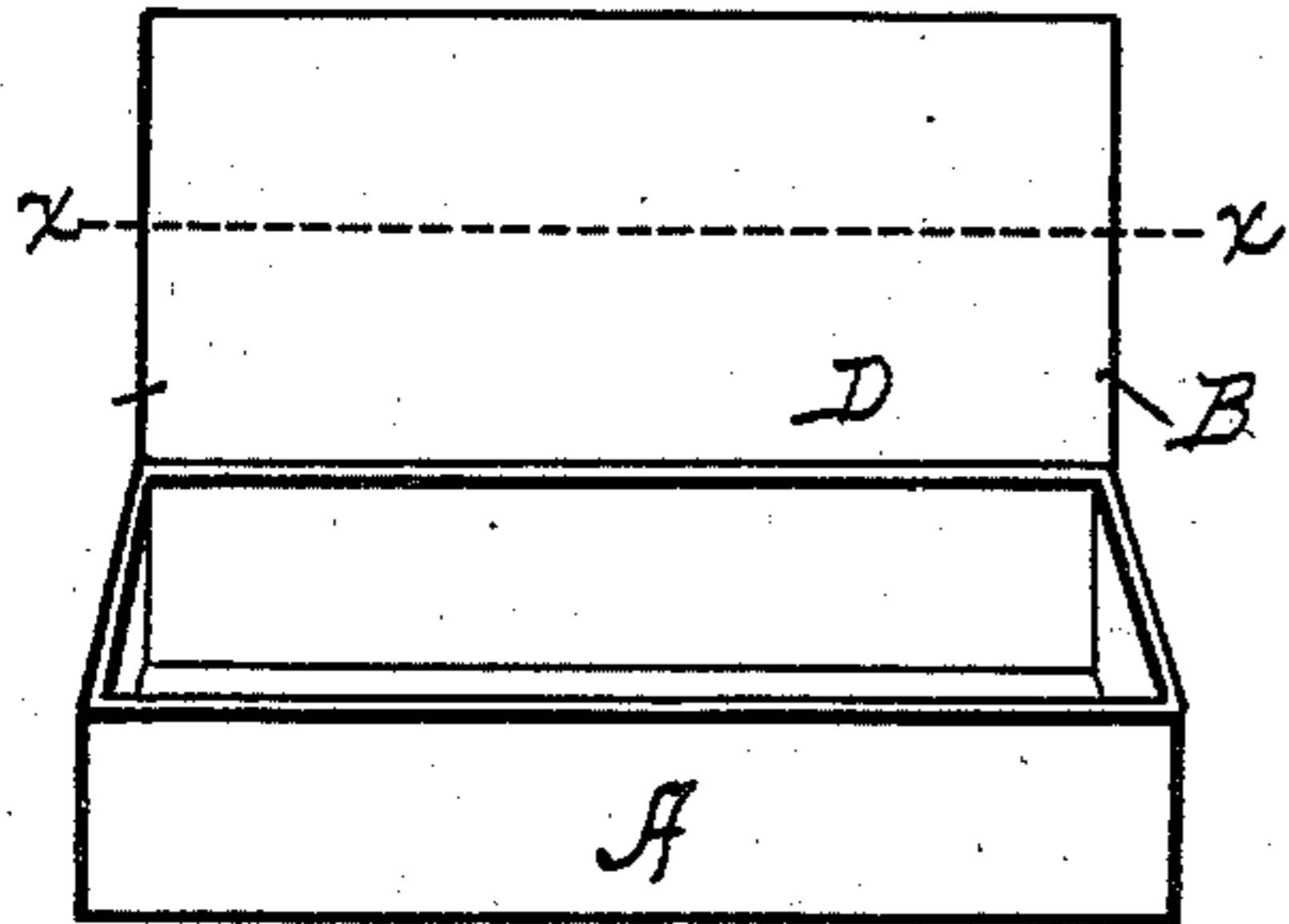


Fig. 6.

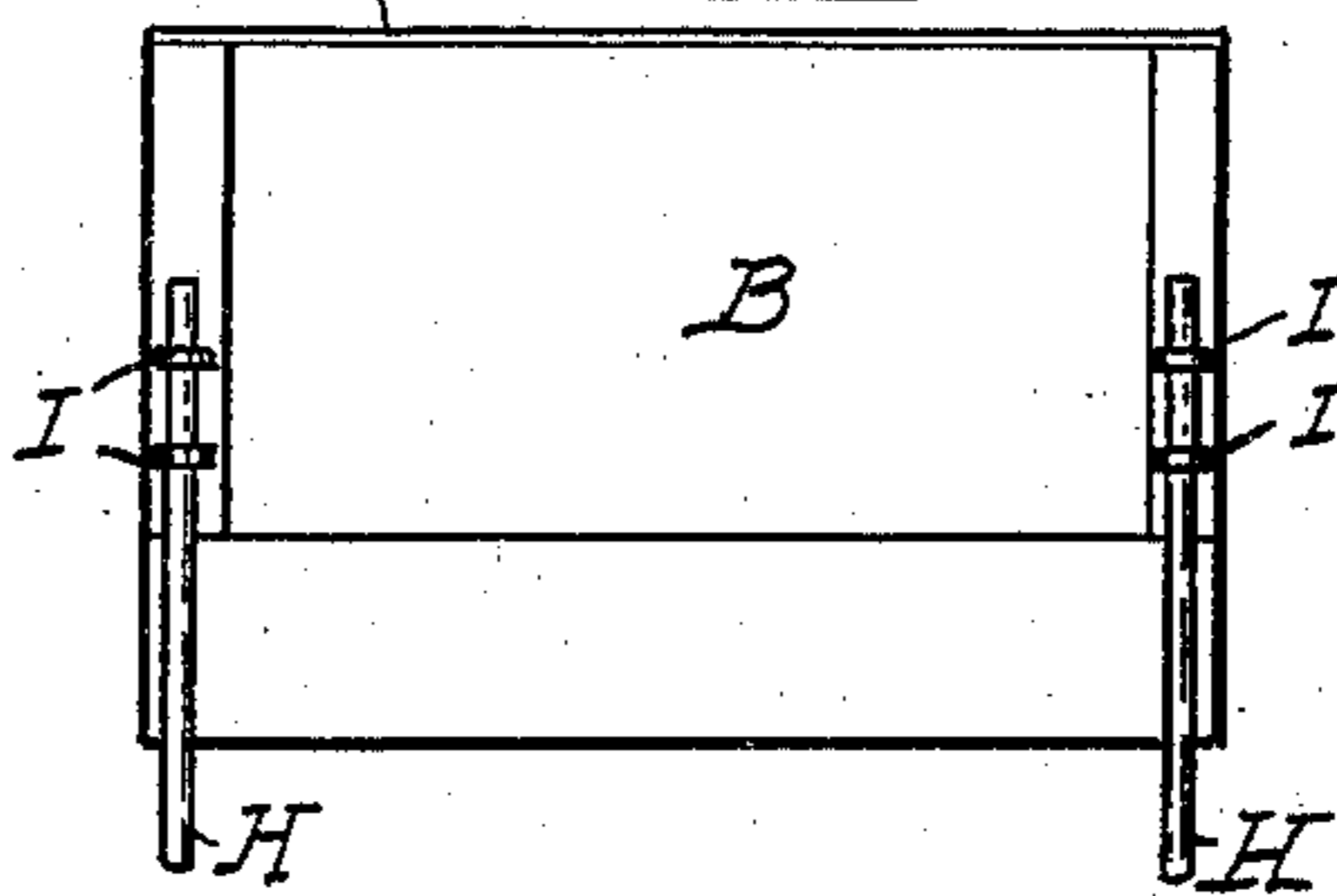


Fig. 2.

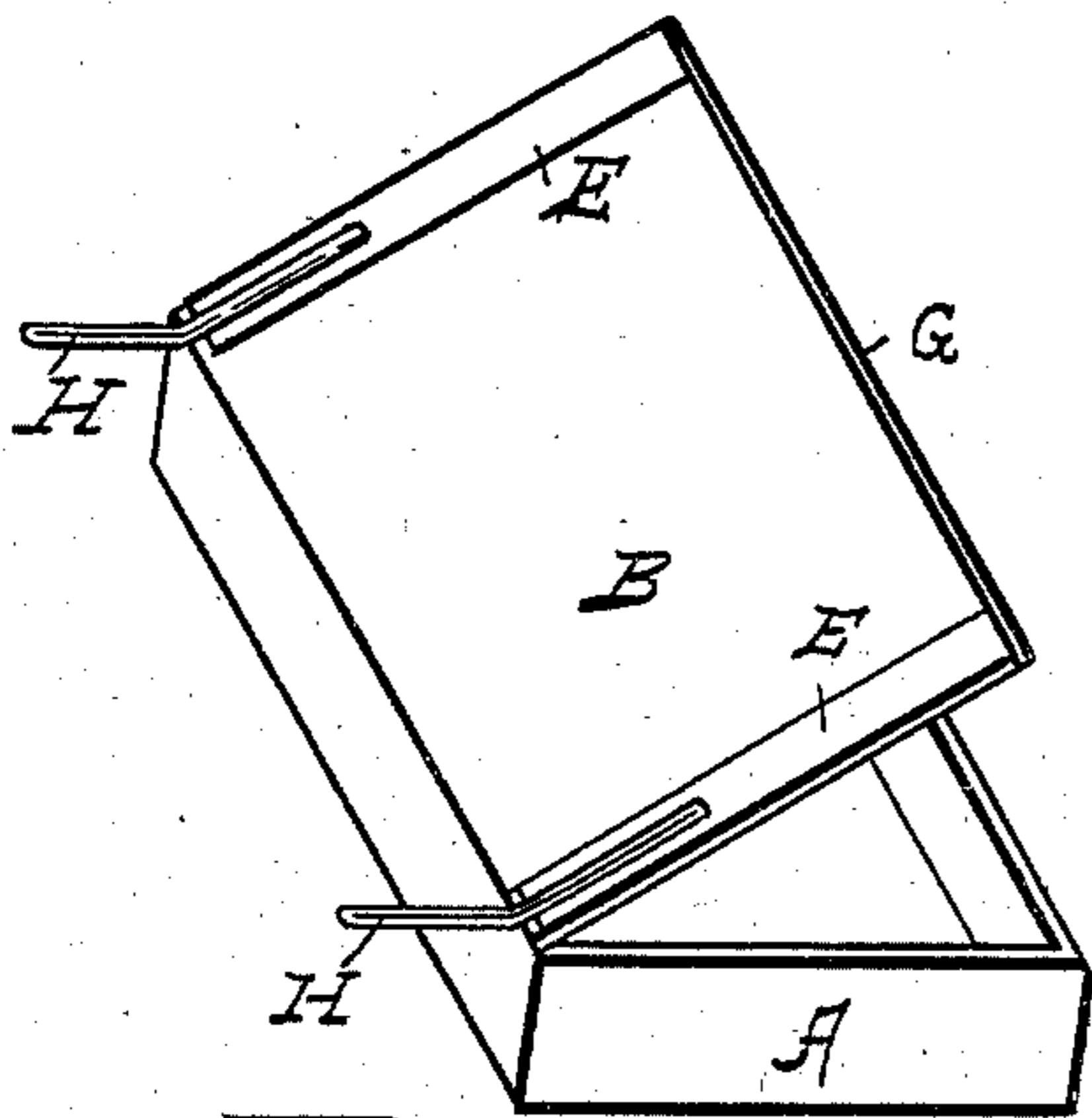


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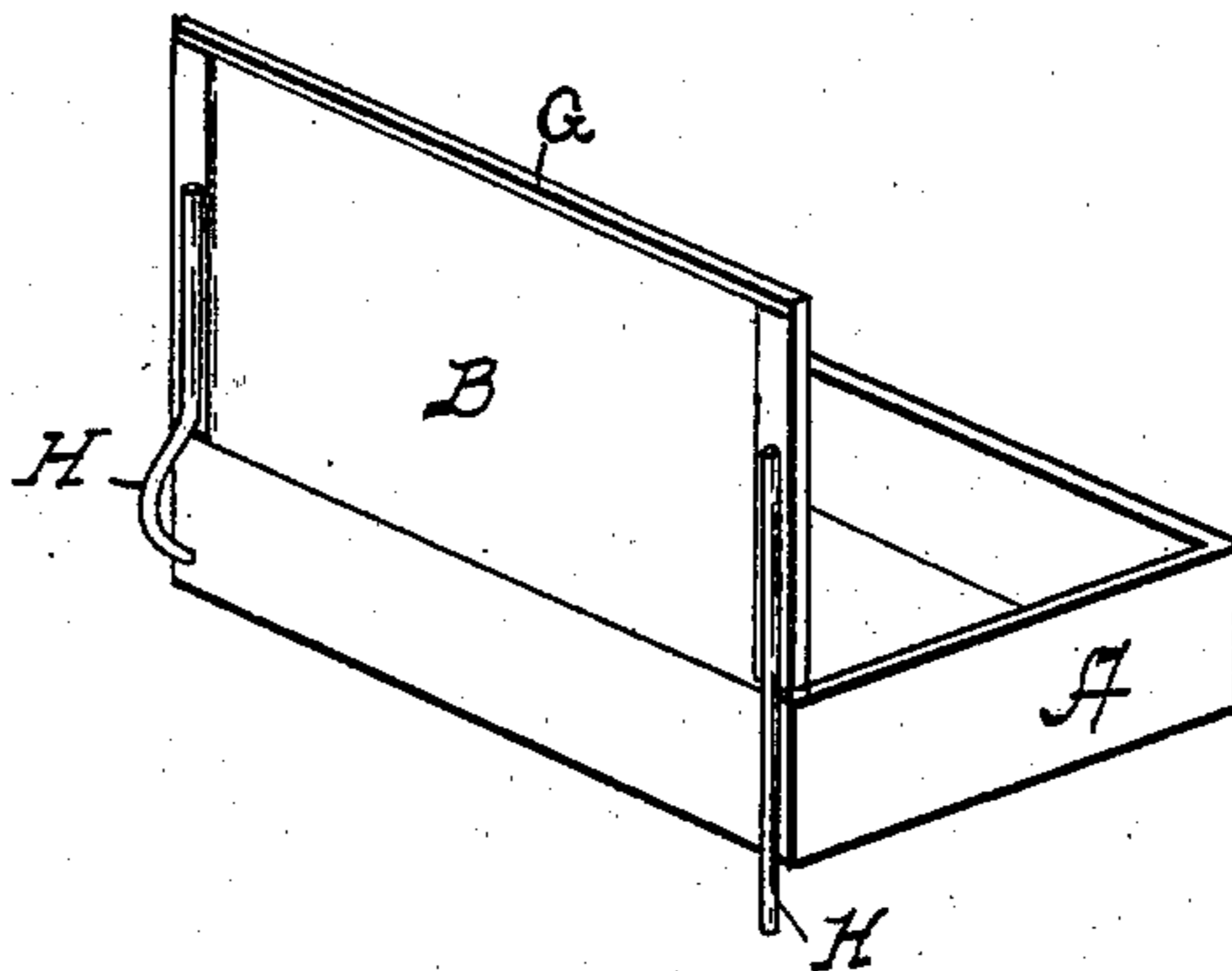


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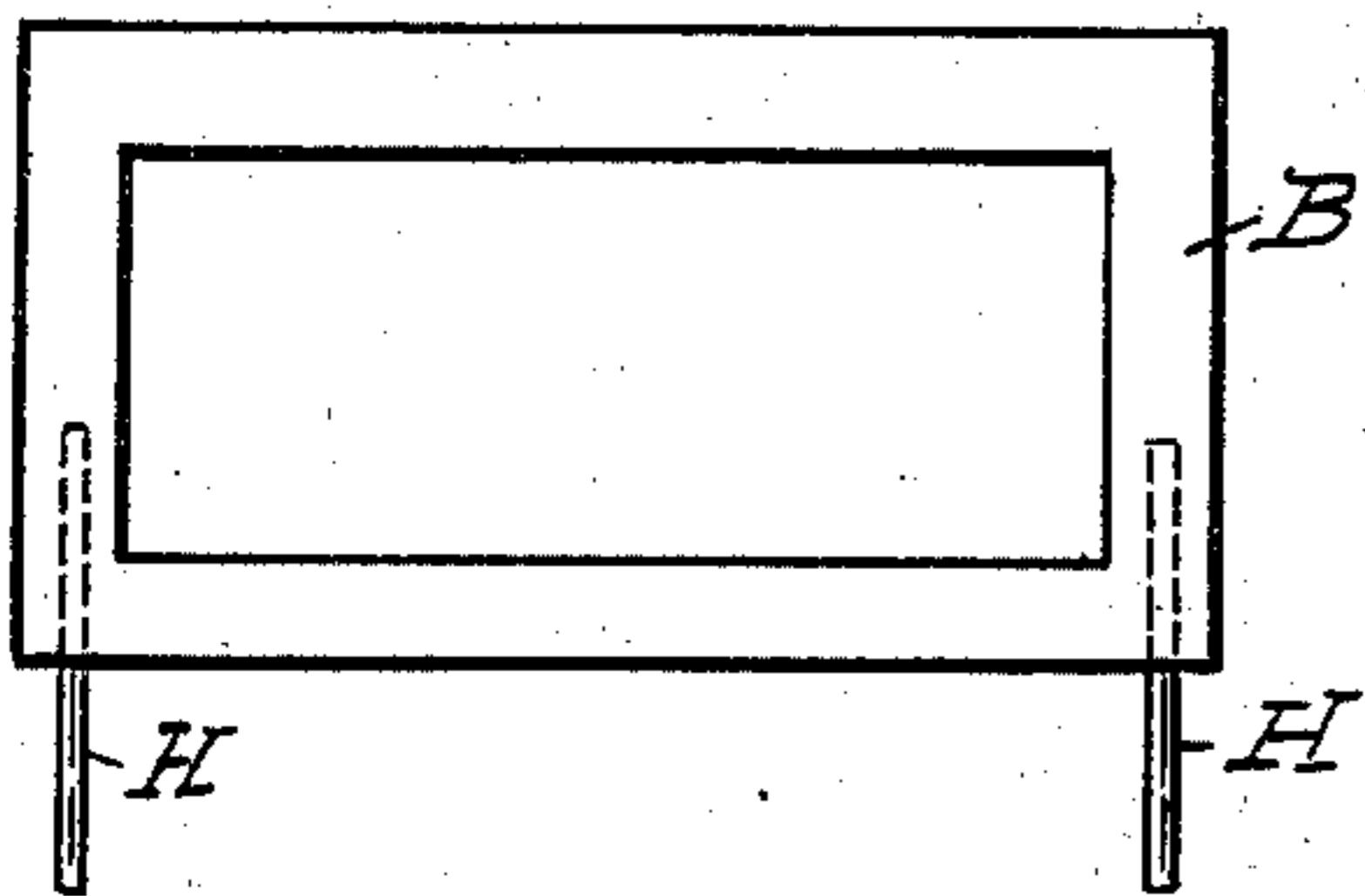


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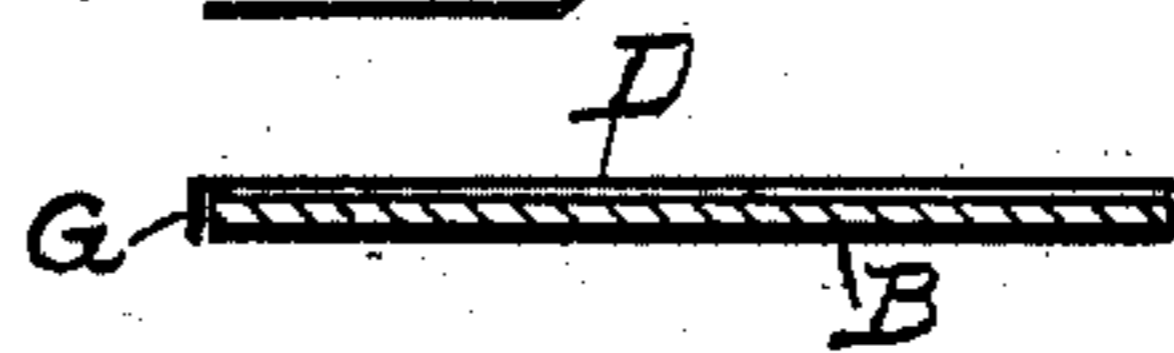
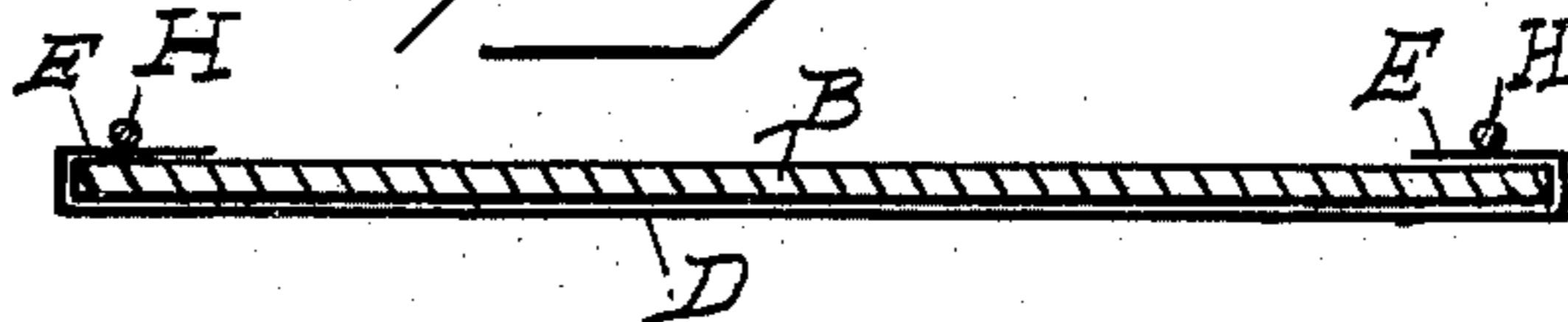


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD J. MITCHELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mason City, in the county of Cerro Gordo and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Labels and Lid-Holders for Boxes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to lid-holders for boxes, with special reference to the holding of lids of cigar-boxes and the display of the label thereon, together with the contents therein.

The labels which manufacturers and dealers display upon certain brands of cigars are often exceedingly expensive and are of no use when the contents of the box has been sold out; and the object of my invention is to furnish means for attaching a label to a cover which can be readily removed when the box is emptied and then attached to another box, and thus one label will be sufficient for the use of a retail dealer in that brand of cigars.

A further object is to provide means whereby the lid of the box can be held open at an angle for best display of the label and also the best display of the contents of the box.

For a better understanding of my invention and the mode of construction and use attention is invited to the following specification when taken in connection with the drawings accompanying the same and forming a part hereof.

Figure 1 is a perspective view taken from the front of a box having my invention thereon. Fig. 2 is the same as Fig. 1, taken from the rear of the box. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the cover and device thereon. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section of the cover through the line *xx* of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a modified form of my invention. Fig. 6 is a modified form of one of the arms. Fig. 7 shows one arm bent and the other straight.

Like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in each of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, A is the body of the box, B the lid. Across the front of the box is placed a plate D, preferably of sheet

metal, though it may be of pasteboard, wood, or other material. This extends along the under face of the lid and is bent around on the back side of the lid, forming clasps E and overlapping the top, forming a stop G for the upper end of the lid B, as shown in Fig. 3. This plate may be stamped to represent a label, or a label may be pasted thereon or attached in any convenient manner.

Against each of the clasps E on the rear of the box is fastened an arm H, which projects down against the rear of the body of the box and holds the box at a given angle. These may be made of wire and easily bent to any angle desired. These arms are preferably somewhat longer than the thickness of the box, and when at the full length the box may be tilted at an angle to the counter; but when it is only desired to hold the lid at a given position with the box on a horizontal plane they may be bent, as one of them is shown in Fig. 7. They may also be removably secured to clasps E by loops I, as shown in Fig. 6, and in this condition may be adjusted so that their lower ends may project below the base of the box and hold the box at an angle to the counter or adjusted to impinge against the back of the box in the manner in which one of them is shown in Fig. 6.

The modified form shown in Fig. 5 represents the central portion of the plate cut away, leaving the plate D in the form of a frame, back of which the label is placed, with the frame surrounding the label. The edges of this plate may be ornamented and form part of the label or a border for the label. Its use, however, is the same whether used as a label or a frame with the label beneath or above.

A convenient manner of the use of my device is substantially as follows: The plate D, if it be itself a label or if the label be pasted upon the plate, is slid down on the lid of the box, with an overlapping portion G resting on the outer edge of the lid, and the clasps E project on the back side of the lid, with the arms H extending down the back of the box. The angle at which the lid is desired to be used having been determined, the arms H are bent to impinge against the rear of the box and hold the lid at that angle. When the box is

emptied, the device is removed and adjusted to another box containing the same brand of cigars.

Having now described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a device of the class described, the combination with a box having a hinged lid, of a member removably secured to the lid and covering one side thereof, and means on said member for retaining the lid at an angle to the box and for elevating the rear end of the box, substantially as specified.

2. In a device of the class described, the combination with a box having a hinged lid, of a plate secured to the inner side of the lid and constructed to embrace the edges at the top and ends thereof, and means on the plate for holding the lid at an angle to the box.

3. In a device of the class described, the combination with a box having a hinged lid, of a plate slidably mounted on the lid and having marginal flanges to embrace the edges of the lid at the top and ends thereof, and arms on the flanges extending into engagement with the box for holding the lid at an angle thereto.

4. A combined label and lid-support comprising a plate having a body portion to cover

one side of the lid and provided at its opposite ends with flanges disposed parallel with the under face of the body portion and adapted to embrace the other side of the lid at its ends, and arms on the flanges extending below the same and into engagement with the box.

5. In a label and lid-holder, a box, a lid hinged to the box, a plate adapted to be removably secured to the lid and flexible arms attached to said plate and adapted to project below the bottom of the box to sustain the box at an angle to the counter and hold the lid at an angle to the box.

6. In a label and lid-holder, a box, a lid hinged to the box, a removable plate extending across the inner face of the box and adapted to grasp the edges of the lid at opposite ends thereof, and flexible arms secured to the plate and adapted to engage the box to hold the lid at any angle to the box.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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