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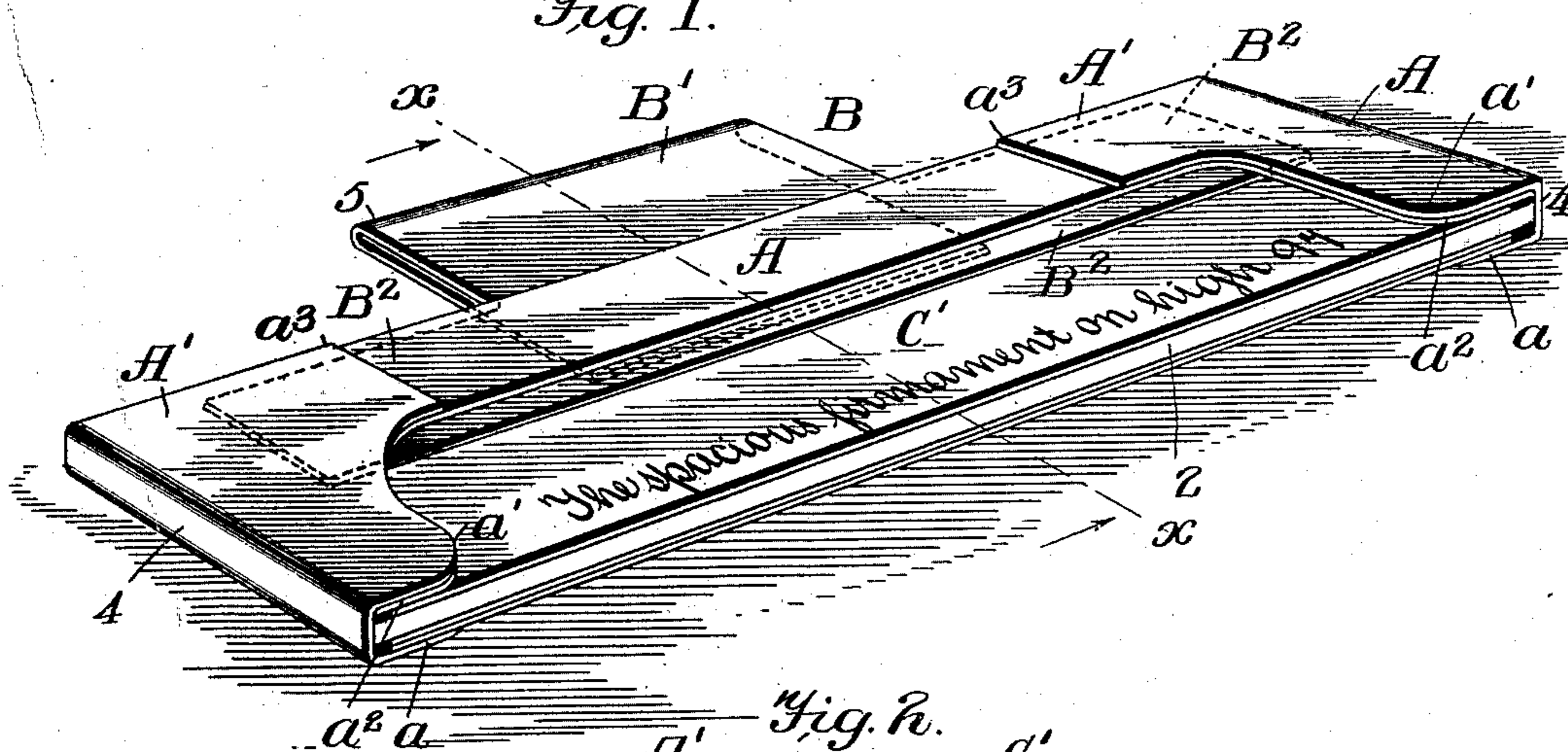


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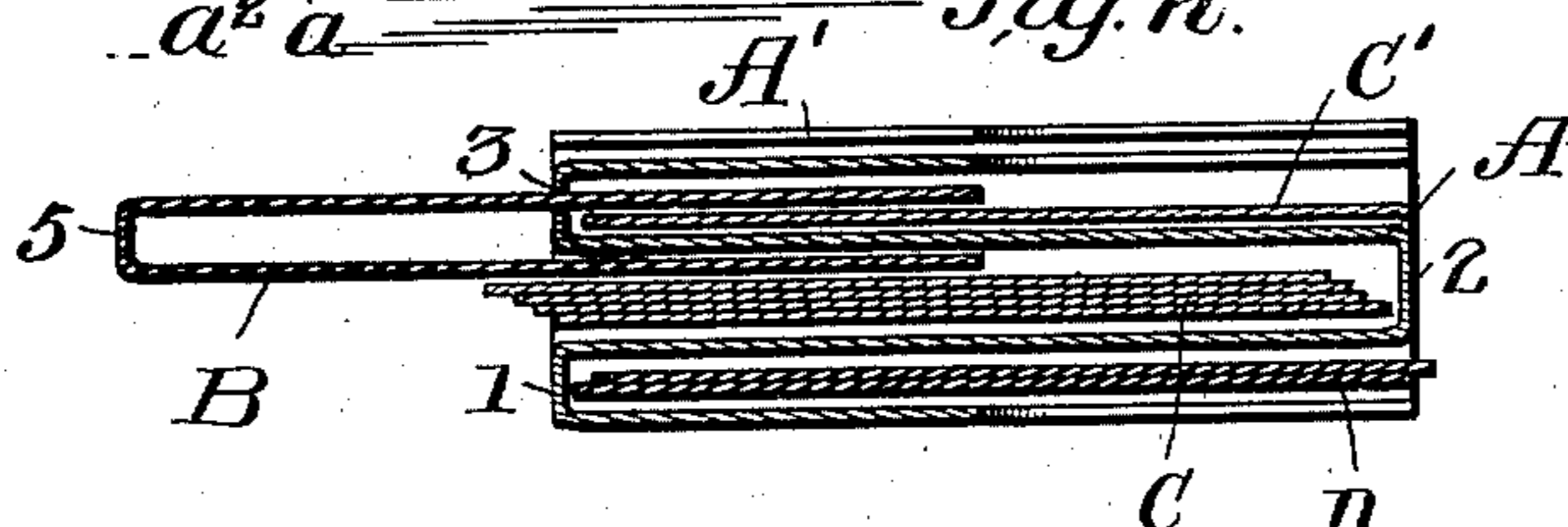


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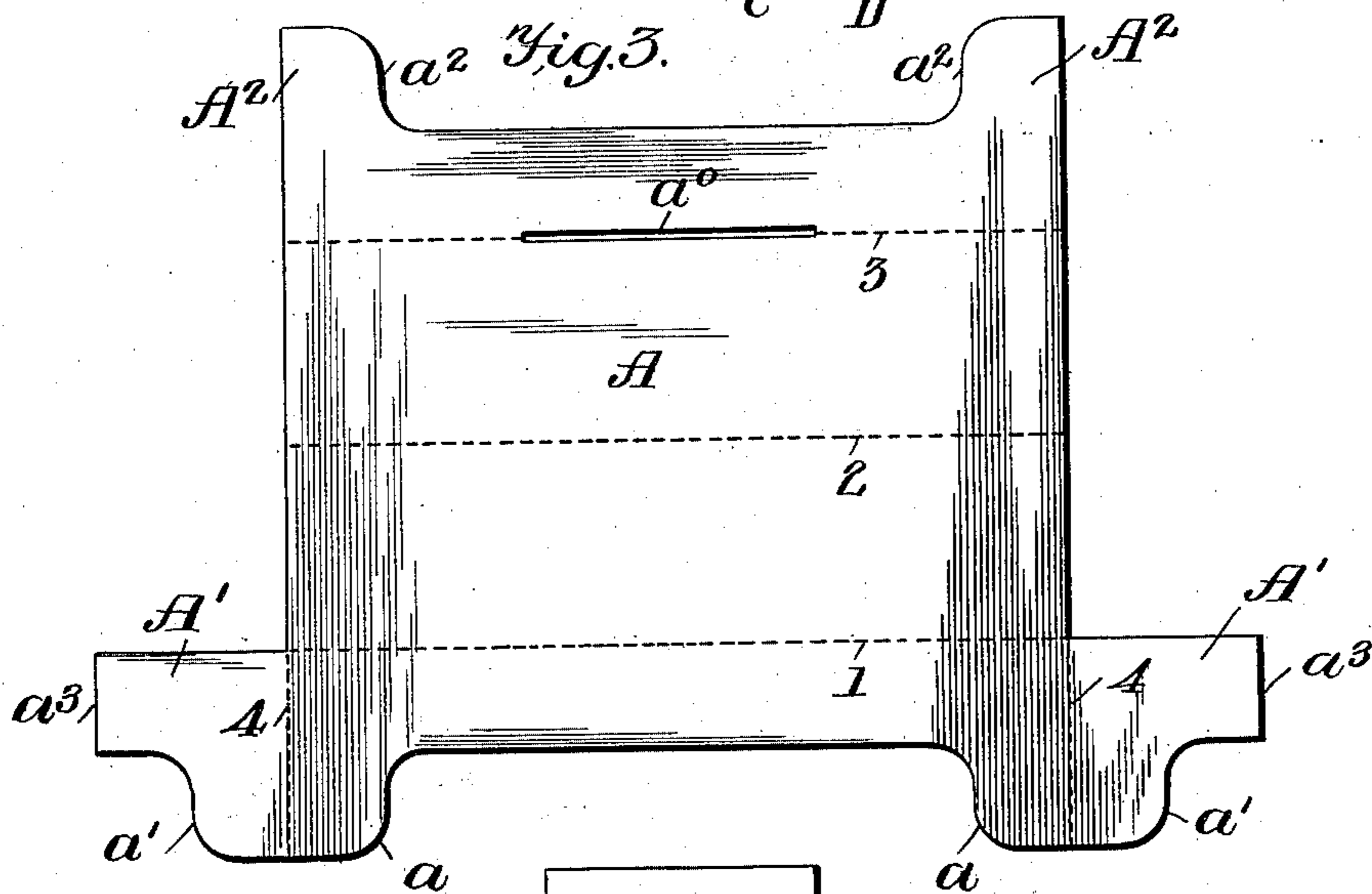
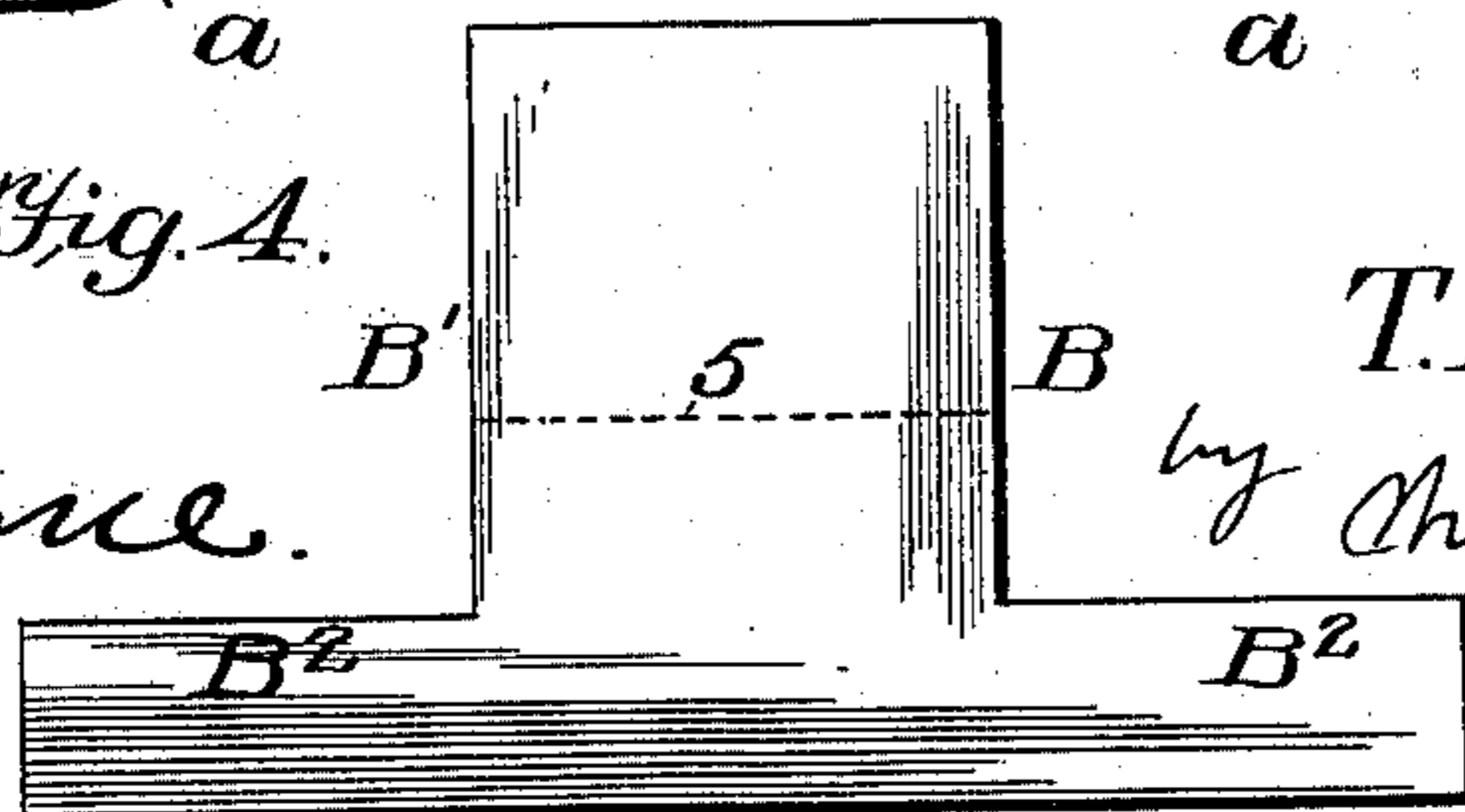


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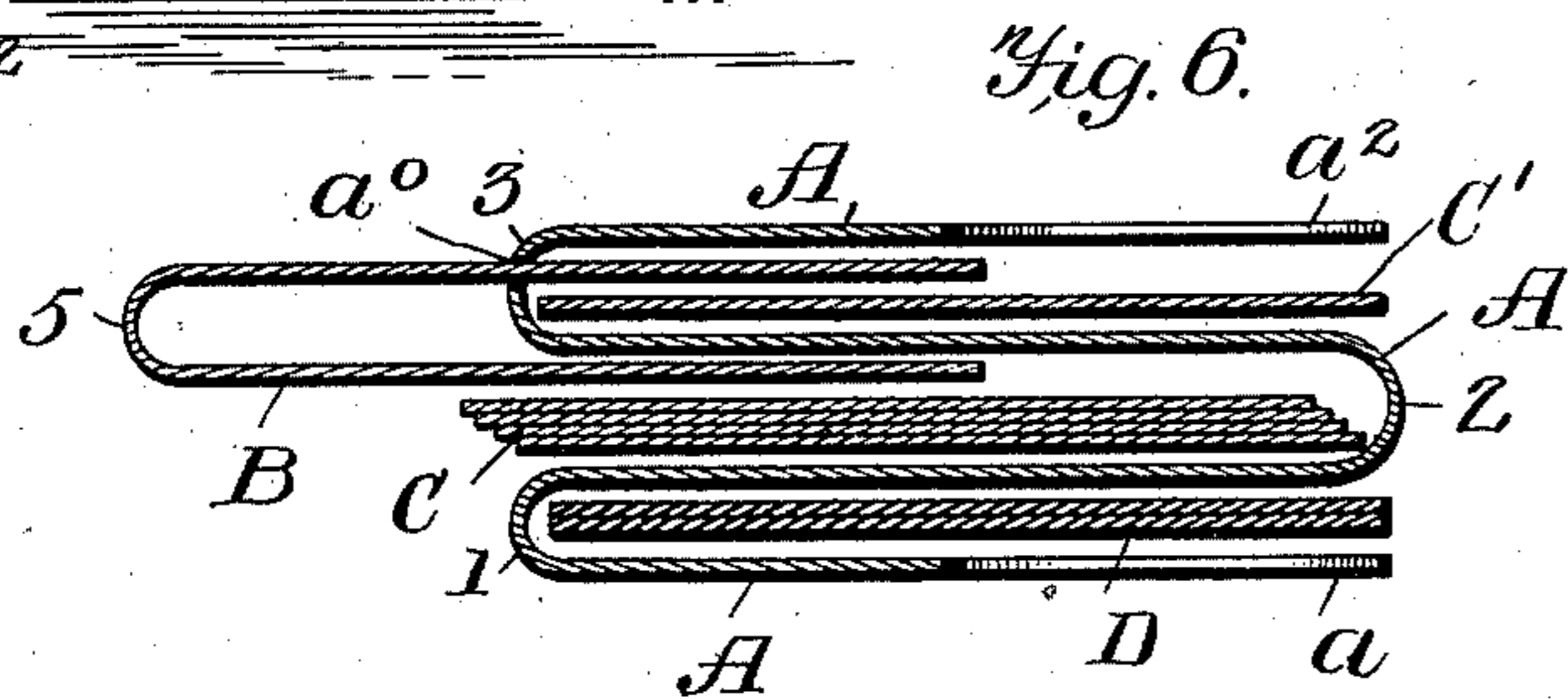
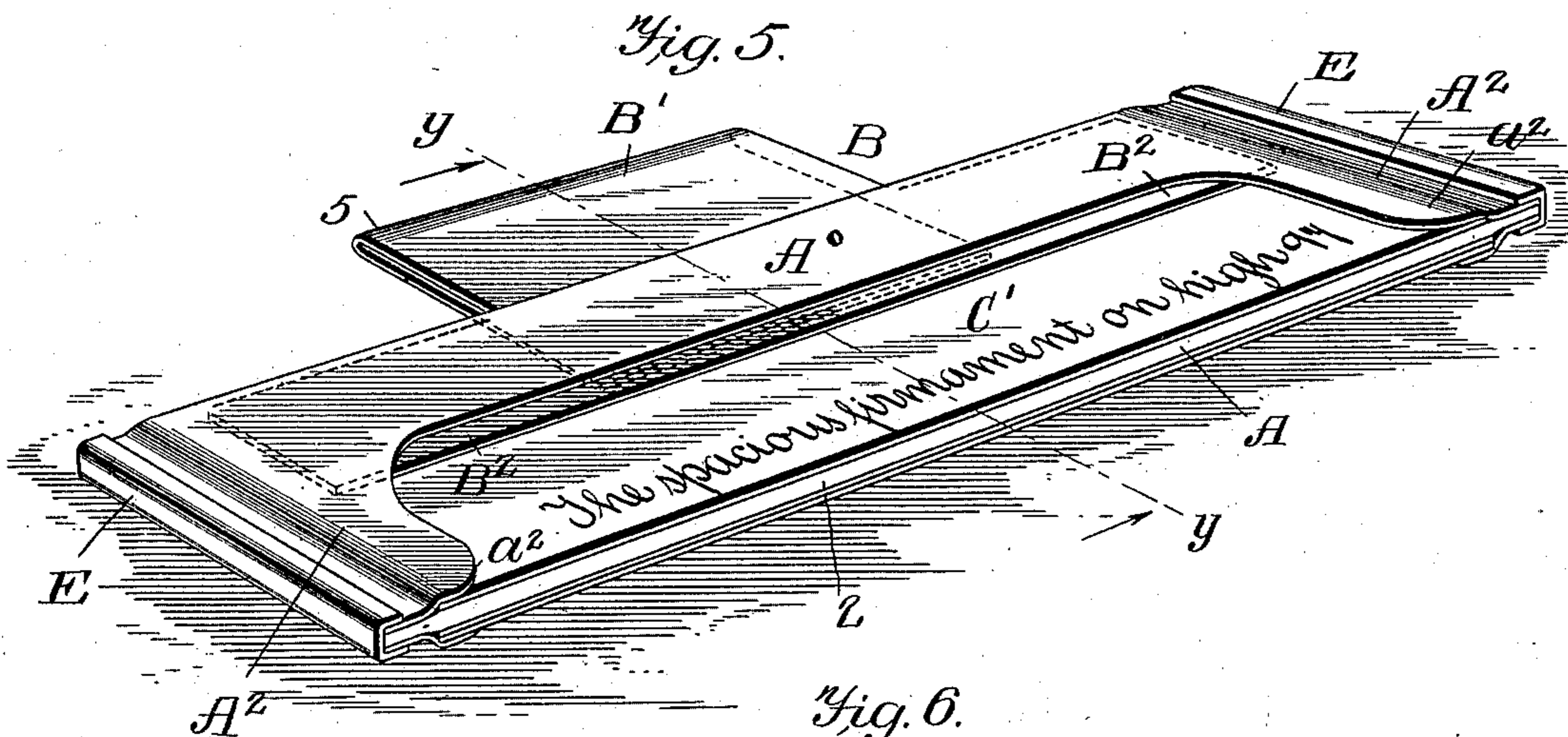


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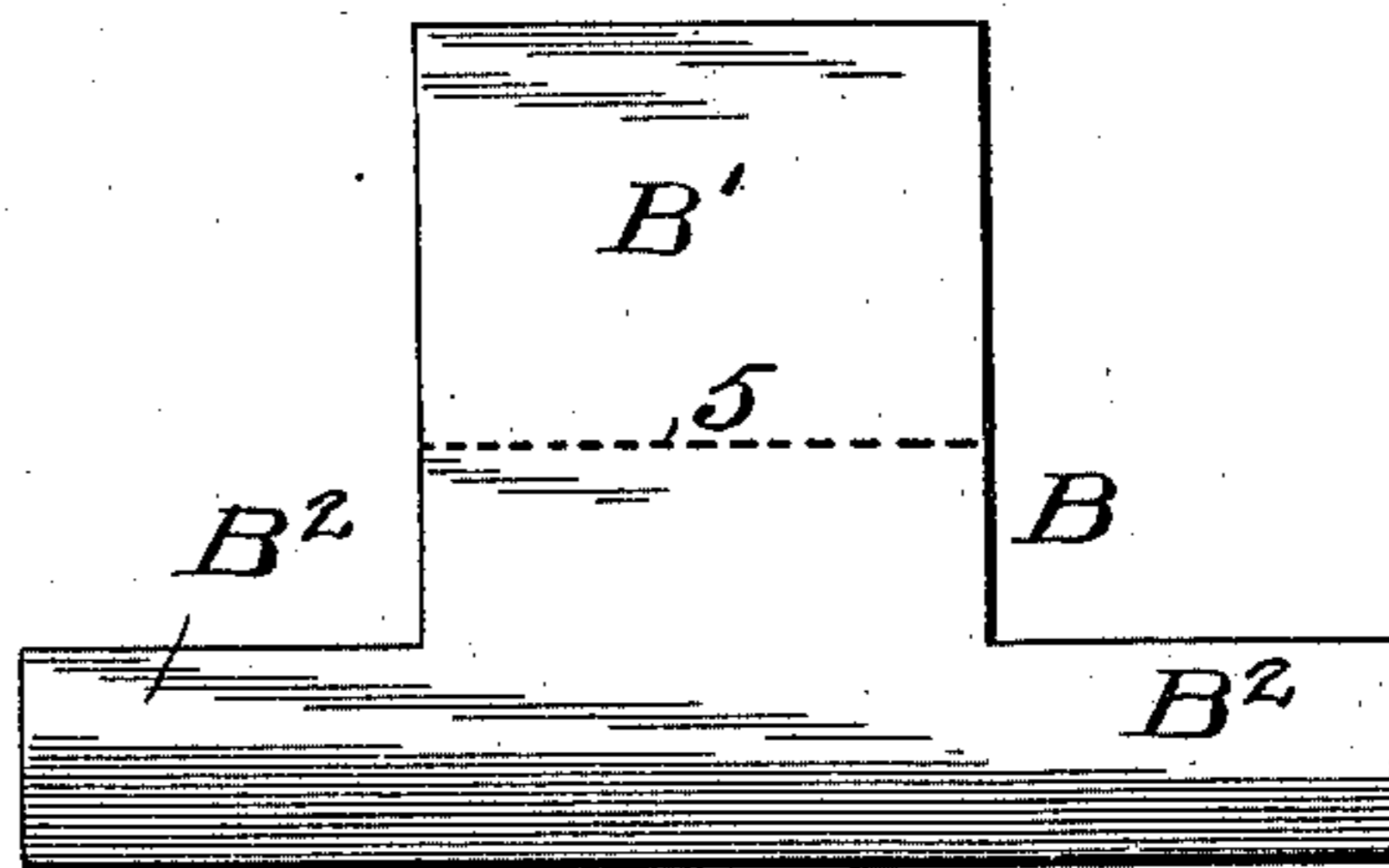
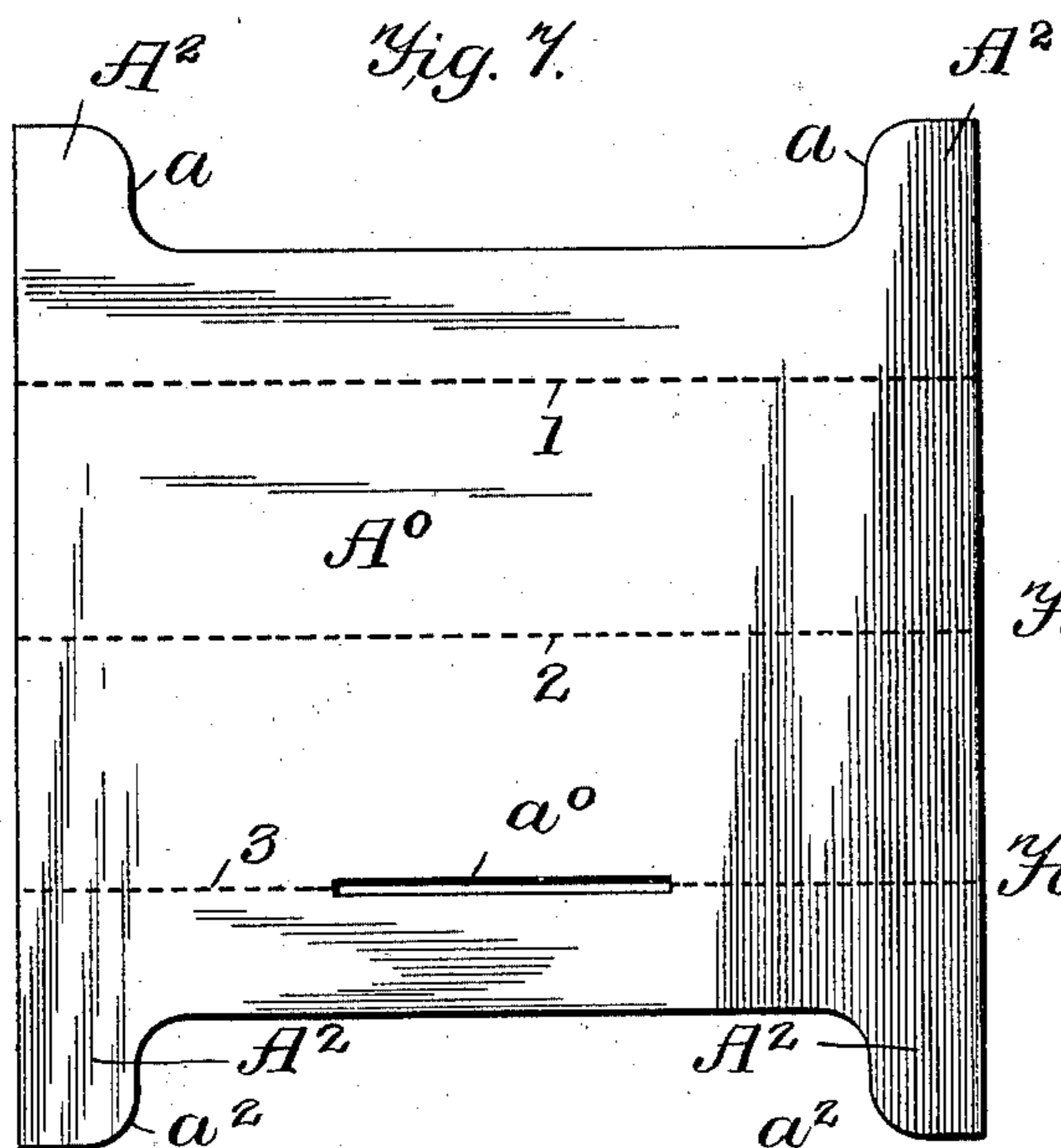


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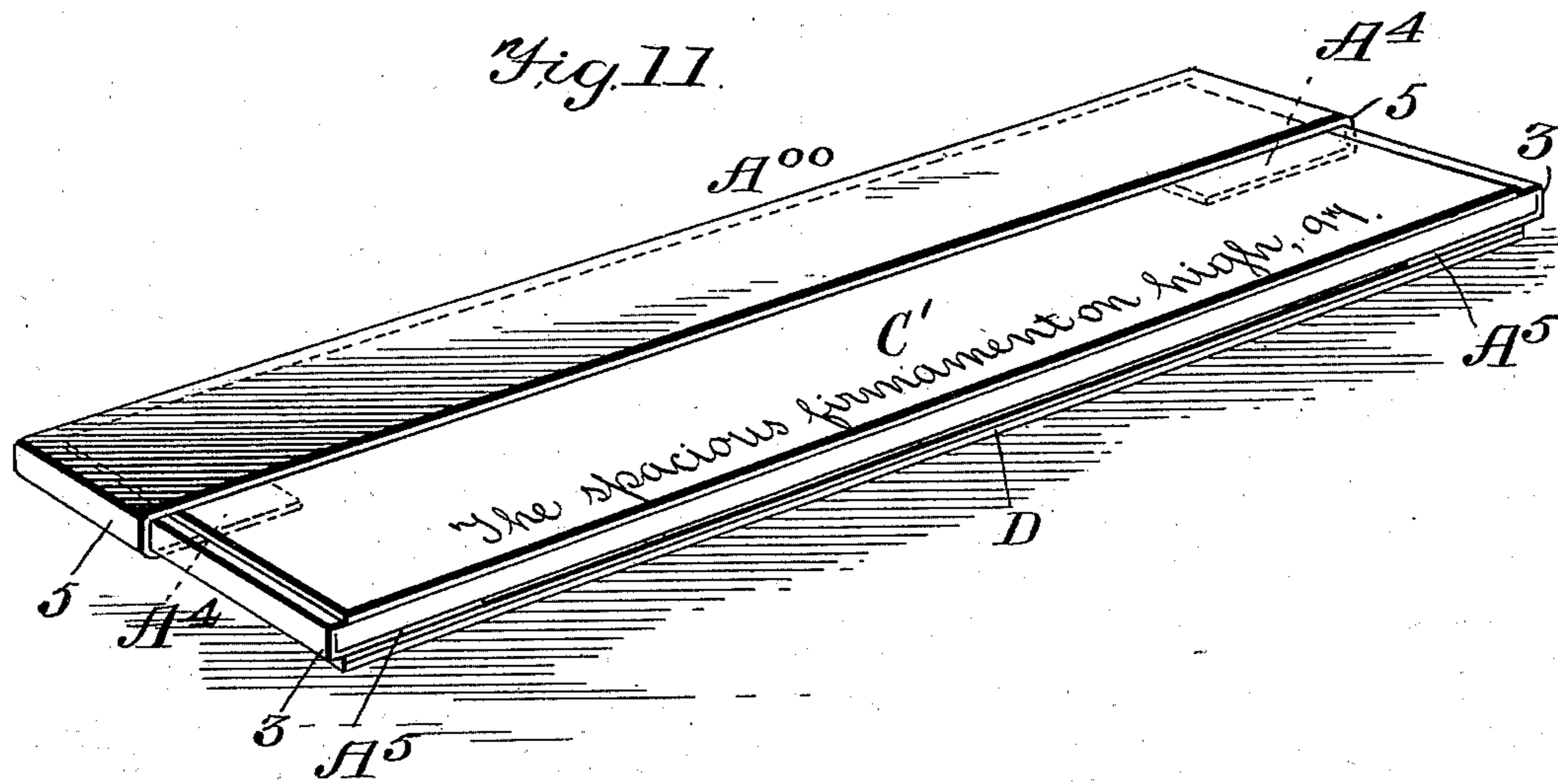
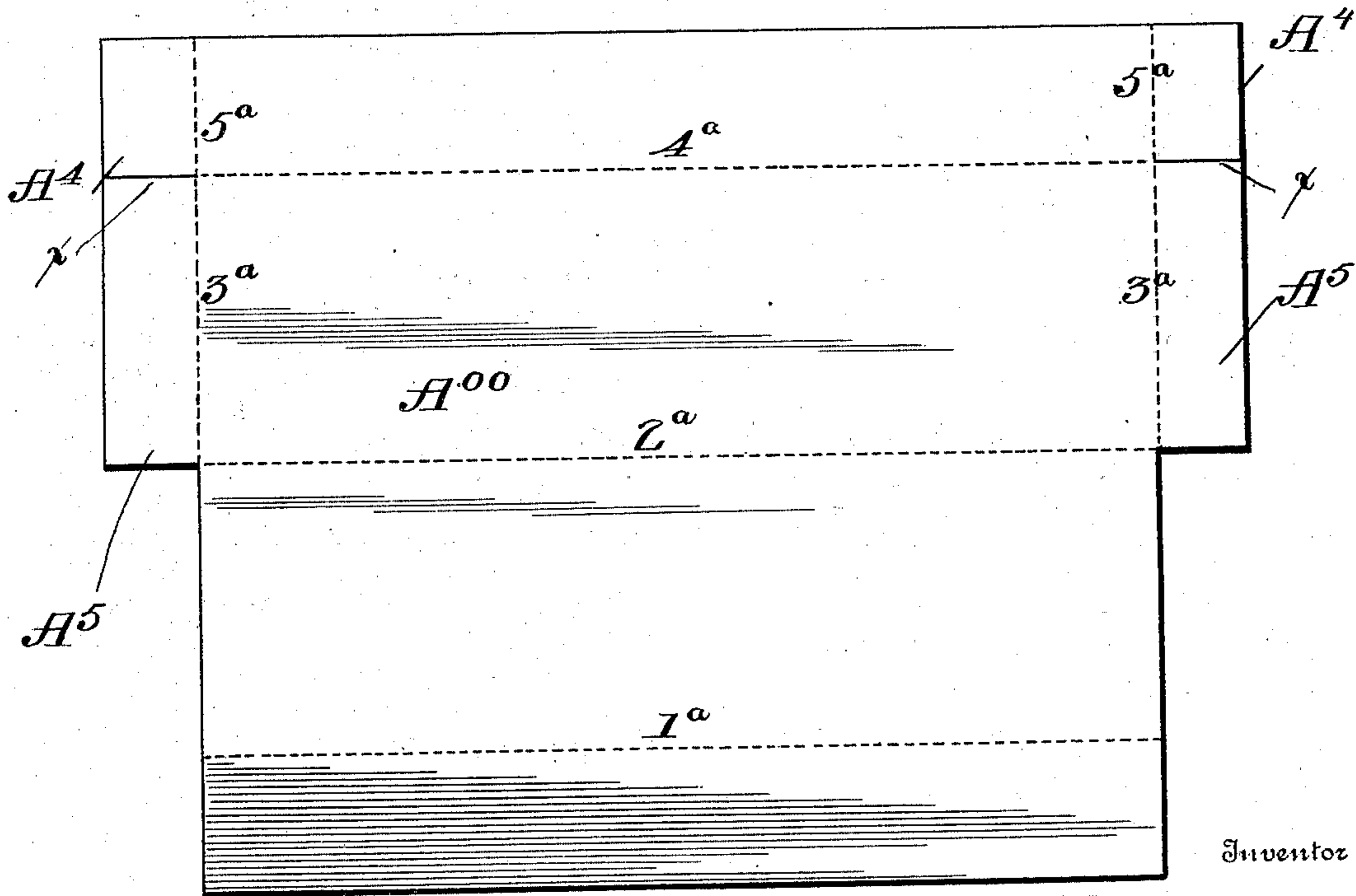


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COPY-PAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS B. FERGUSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Copy-Pads; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My present invention relates to improvements in devices for facilitating instruction in penmanship, and it is specially intended to provide an improvement upon the structure shown in my Patent No. 719,774, granted February 3, 1903, and entitled "Improvements in copy-pads."

I am aware that various devices have been patented in which a separate and movable text is shown, but the greater majority of copy-books now in use have the script to be copied at the head of the page, and the pupil copies down line after line until he involuntarily copies his own writing rather than that shown in the text at the head of the page.

My invention consists in a movable copy-holder which has three pockets, the top pocket to carry the example-card with which it is intended to commence practice, the center pocket or magazine carries a store of said cards, and the bottom pocket carries one or more blotter-slips, which can be readily replaced when soiled. Each part has four lines written on reverse sides of the part and the lines reversed on each card, so that four lines may be copied from each copy-slip. The supply of extra copy-slips is contained in the magazine, and the blotter-slips on the bottom of the pad causes the pupil involuntarily to dry the line just written when he moves the pad down. The copy-holder thus described may be combined with a hood-slip to protect the upper copy-slip from being soiled if desired.

Reference is had to the accompanying drawings, in which the same parts are indicated by the same letters throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing one form of copy-holder provided with a hood-slip. Fig. 2 is a section along the line xx of Fig. 1 and looking in the direction of the ar-

rows, the parts of the pad being distended to better illustrate the construction. Fig. 3 shows the blank which is folded to form the three pockets of the copy-holder. Fig. 4 shows the blank which is folded to form the sliding hood-slip. Fig. 5 shows a modified form of the device shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 6 shows a section along the line yy of Fig. 5 looking in the direction of the arrows, the parts in this figure being distended to better show the construction. Fig. 7 shows the blank used in the construction shown in Fig. 5. Fig. 8 shows the blank used for the sliding hood-slip of Fig. 5. Figs. 9 and 10 show reverse sides of one of the copy-slips used in the device. Fig. 11 shows a perspective view of a modified form, in which the sliding hood-slip is dispensed with and the blank is slightly different in shape from that shown in the other figures; and Fig. 12 shows the blank used in the construction of the copy-holder shown in Fig. 11.

Referring now to Figs. 1, 2, and 3, A represents a blank, which is provided with projections A^1 and A^2 with curved edges a^1 a^2 and straight edges a^3 . (See Fig. 3.) This blank is bent along the lines 1, 2, 3, and 4 to form a copy-holder having three pockets, the upper and lower pockets open to the front and the central pocket or magazine, which is preferably made larger than the others, opens to the rear, as shown in Fig. 2. In the upper pocket the example copy-slip C' is inserted, in the magazine a plurality of copy-slips C are placed, and in the bottom pocket one or more blotter-slips D are inserted, all as shown in Fig. 2. The hood-slip B when used has its tongue B' bent at 5 and projecting down into the magazine, as shown in Fig. 2. This tongue passes through slot a^0 in the blank A , and the arms B^2 pass over the top of the copy-slip, thus not only protecting the copy-slip when not in use, but also rendering it possible to have several lines one above the other on the copy-slip, which lines may be hidden *seriatim* by the hood-slip. It is obvious, however, that the device may be used without the hood-slip.

In the form of device shown in Figs. 5, 6, 7, and 8 the general construction of the parts is substantially the same as in the Figs. 1 to 4, just referred to, except that the flaps A'

on the blank A, as shown in Fig. 3, are cut off from the line 4 outward, leaving the blank A⁰ in the form shown in Fig. 7, and the ends of the blank when folded are held by fastening-strips E, glued or otherwise fastened to the copy-holder, as indicated in Fig. 5.

In the form of device shown in Fig. 11 the hood-slip is done away with, and the blank A⁰⁰ (shown in Fig. 12) is cut, as at *x x*, and is made to fold along the lines 1^a, 2^a, 3^a, 4^a, and 5^a, thus forming three pockets, the upper and lower pockets opening to the front and the middle pocket or magazine opening to the rear, as above described. It will be seen that in this construction the long flaps A⁵ will close the ends of the central pocket, while the flaps A⁴ will close the ends of the top pocket, and the parts should be glued together. Thus it will be seen that in all three of the devices herein described a copy-holder is shown made of a single blank folded on itself and having flaps pasted over, which holder is provided with three pockets, two opening to the front, the upper containing a copy-slip and the lower blotter-pads, while the central pocket opens to the rear and contains the reserve supply of copy-slips.

It is obvious that various modifications might be made which could be used without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A copy-holder made of a single blank provided with flaps bent over and glued to the body of the copy-holder thus forming three pockets substantially as described.

2. A copy-holder made of a single blank provided with flaps bent over and glued to the body of the copy-holder thus forming three pockets, the upper and lower opening to the front and the central pocket or magazine opening to the rear substantially as described.

3. A device of the character described comprising a copy-pad constructed of a single blank having flaps bent over and glued or otherwise secured together to form three pockets, the upper and lower pocket opening to the front and the central pocket opening to the rear, with reversible copy-slips adapted to go in the upper and central pockets, and blotter-slips adapted to slide in the bottom pocket substantially as described.

4. A copy-pad comprising a copy-holder made of a single blank with flaps bent over

and glued together to form three pockets, the upper and lower pockets opening to the front and being partially open above and below respectively, and the central pocket opening to the rear, with copy-slips adapted to slide in the said upper pockets and blotter-slips adapted to slide in said bottom pocket substantially as described.

5. A blank for use in the manufacture of copy-holders provided with a main body portion and a plurality of flaps adapted to fold over and form three pockets each with closed ends, the upper and lower pocket opening to the front and the central pocket opening to the rear, substantially as described.

6. A blank for use in the manufacture of copy-holders provided with a main body portion and a plurality of flaps adapted to fold over and form three pockets each with closed ends, the upper and lower pocket opening to the front and the central pocket opening to the rear, and the upper pocket being partly open along the top and front and the lower pocket being partly open along the bottom and front substantially as described.

7. A copy-holder made of a single blank provided with flaps bent over and glued to the body of the copy-holder thus forming three pockets the upper and lower of which are of less depth than the central pocket substantially as described.

8. A copy-holder made of a single blank provided with flaps bent over and glued to the body of the copy-holder thus forming three pockets, the upper and lower opening to the front and being of less depth than the central pocket, and the central pocket or magazine opening to the rear substantially as described.

9. A device of the character described comprising a copy-pad constructed of a single blank having flaps bent over and glued or otherwise secured together to form three pockets, the upper and lower pocket opening to the front and the central pocket opening to the rear, and the two outer pockets being of less depth than the inner with reversible copy-slips adapted to go in the upper and central pockets, and blotter-slips adapted to slide in the bottom pocket substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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