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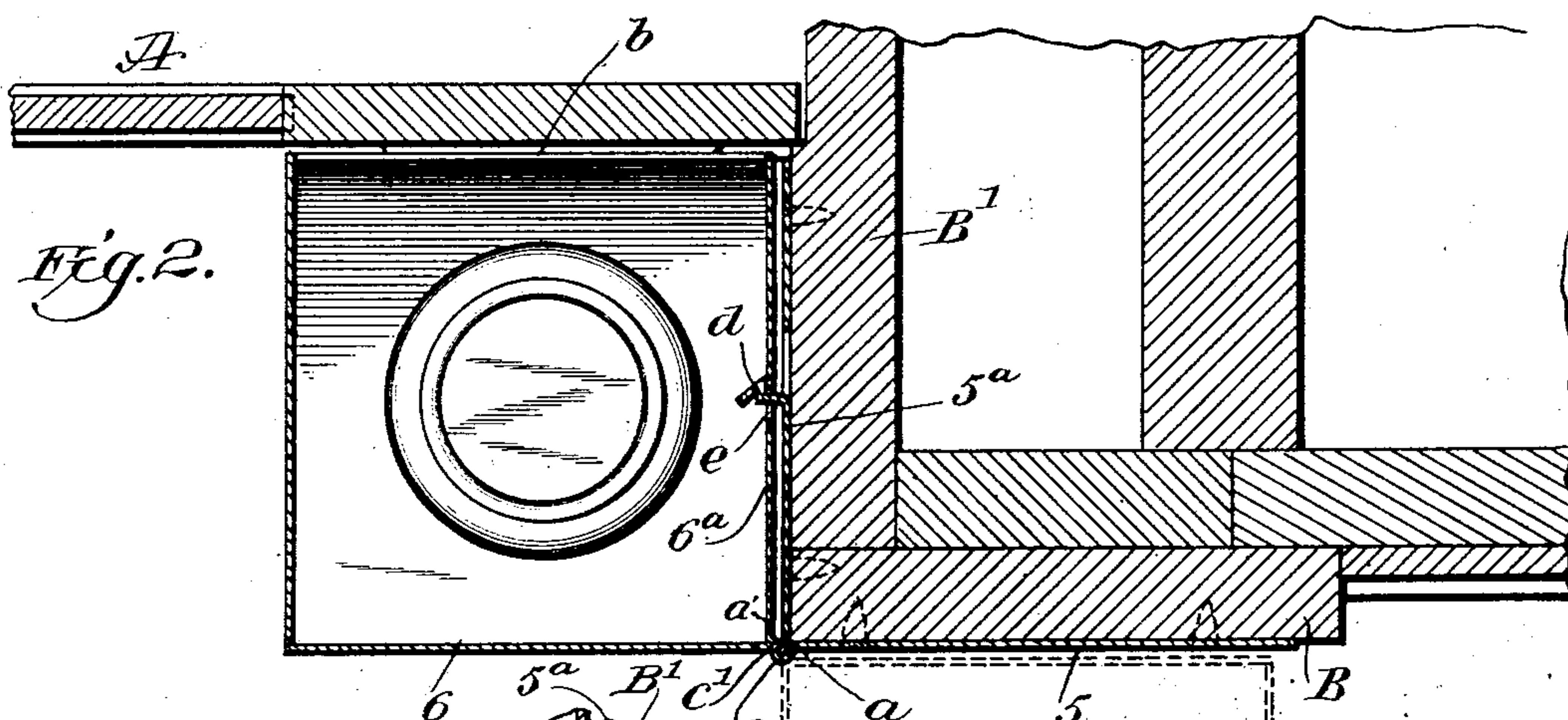
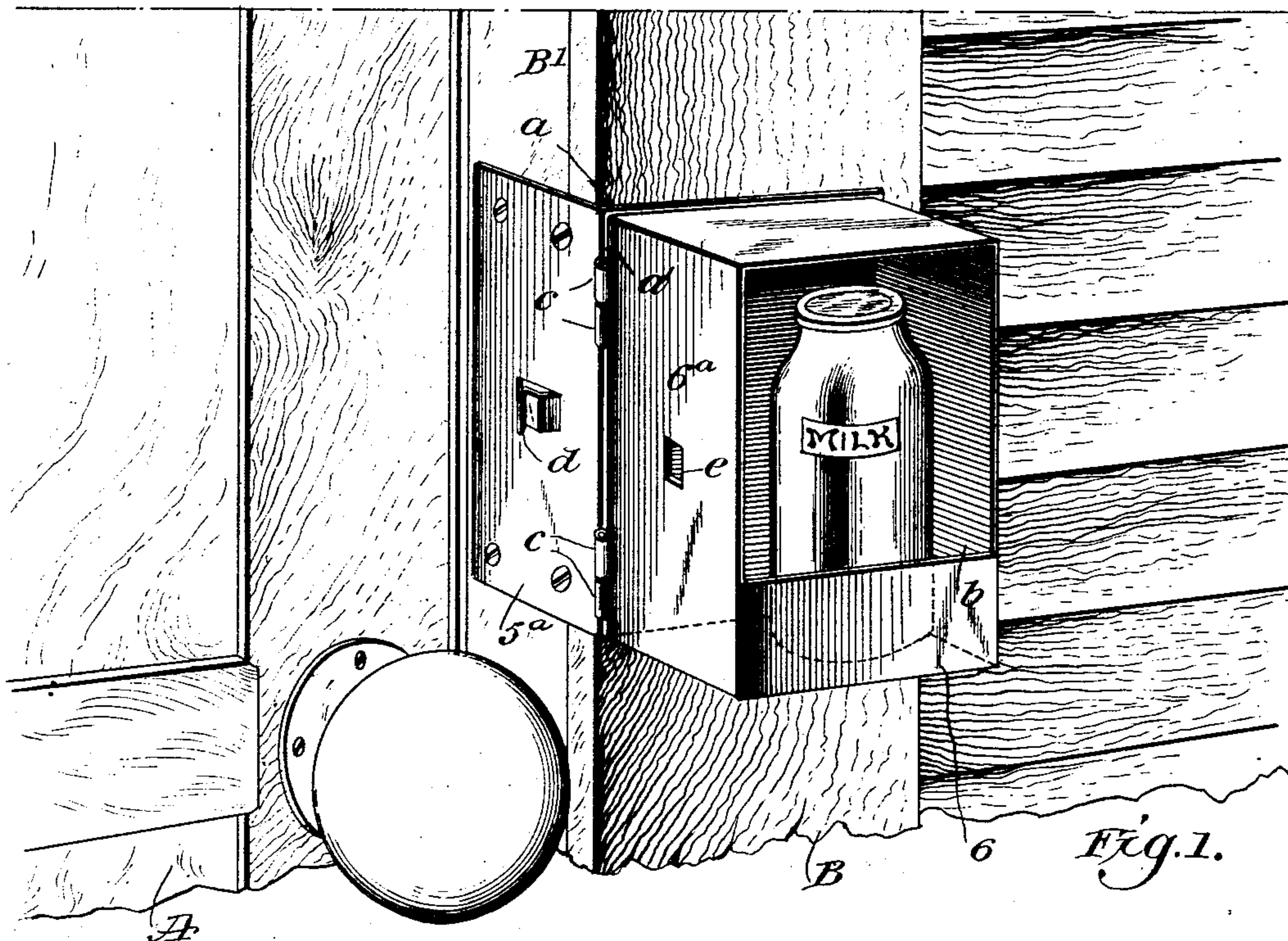
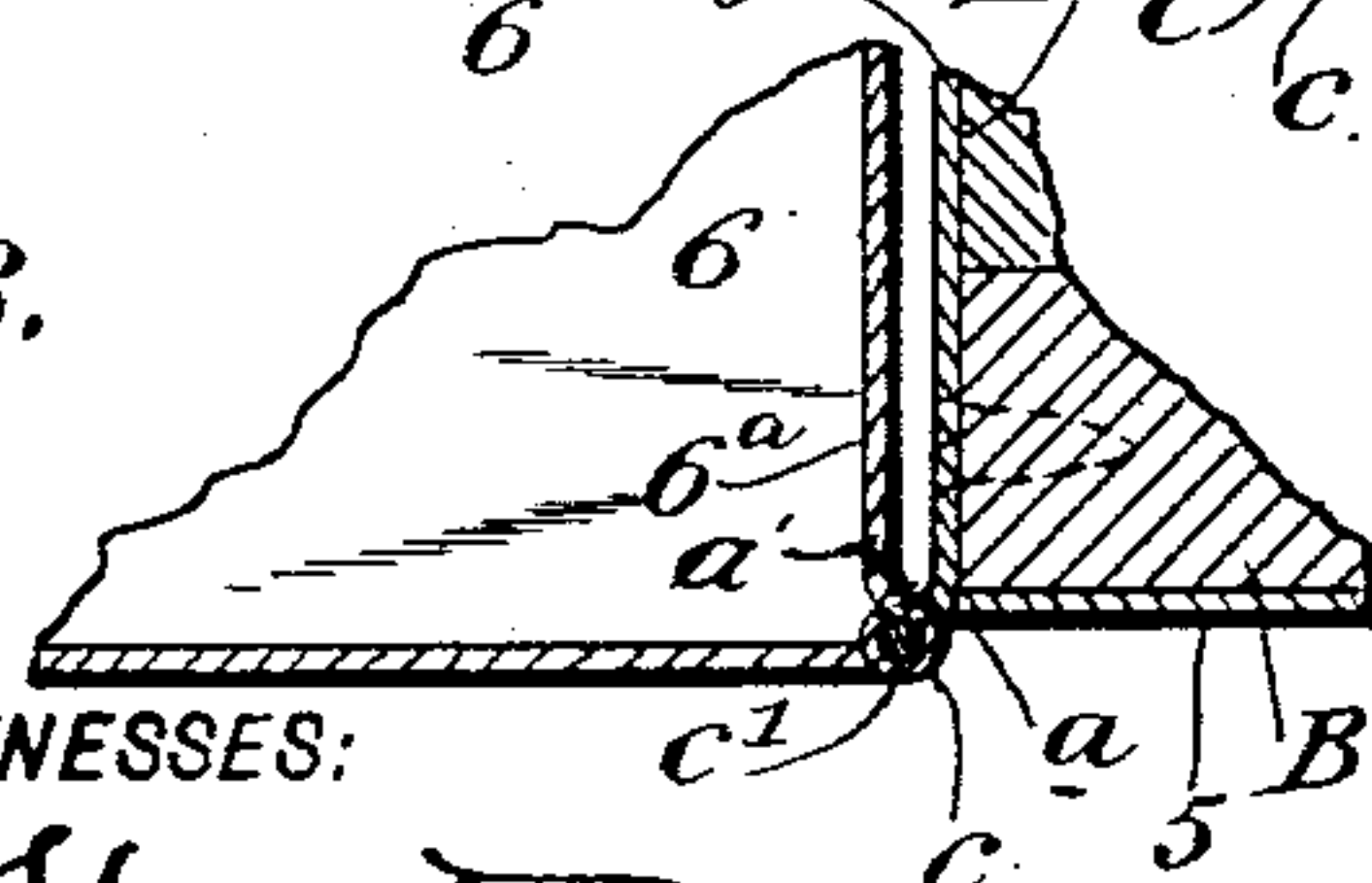


Fig. 3.



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## RECEIVER FOR MAIL, &c.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, NELSON DENISON CLEARWATER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Binghamton, in the county of Broome and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Receiver for Mail or other Matter, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple, convenient, and safe receiver and holder for mail, milk in bottles, or other packages of material that are to be delivered periodically at the door of a residence; and it consists in the novel construction and combination of parts, as is hereinafter described, and defined in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the improved receiver opened and holding a jar of milk. Fig. 2 is a sectional plan view showing the receiver in closed adjustment by full lines and in open adjustment by dotted lines, and Fig. 3 is a fragmentary sectional plan view showing the hinged connection of the receiver with a stationary bracket-plate that affords support thereto.

In the drawings that show the construction and application of the improvement, A indicates a house-door, and B the casement or door-frame portion toward which the door swings when closed.

Upon the upright jamb-wall B' of the door-frame B that is exterior of the door A the bracket-plate 5 is secured at a proper height thereon, said bracket-plate being formed of sheet metal that is bent at a right angle, as at *a*, so as to produce two portions that embrace the outer corner of the casement. The bracket-plate may also be cast into shape from metal. The receiver for mail, milk, or other small packages of material that in a safe manner is to be delivered at the door of a building is in the form of a rectangular box 6, formed of sheet metal or other suitable material and having proper holding capacity for efficient service. The box 6 is open at one side, as shown at *b*, and at one corner *a'* thereon, where the

side of the box that is at right angles with the open one joins the side thereof that is opposite the opening *b*. The box is hinged, as at *c*, upon the corner *a* of the bracket-plate 5.

It will be seen that the hinged connection between the receiver or box 6 and the angular bracket-plate 5, at the respective corners thereof, permits the swinging adjustment of the box, so as to dispose the open side *b* at the front side of the door-jamb or casement B, so that mail or other material the box is to receive and hold may be readily deposited therein through said open side. After the goods or mail has been placed within the receiver or box 6 the latter and its contents may be swung upon the hinges *c*, so as to dispose the open side *b* of the box opposite and close to the outer surface of the door A, as shown in Fig. 2.

A spring-catch *d* of any preferred construction is preferably formed or secured upon the portion 5<sup>a</sup> of the bracket-plate 5 that has contact with and is secured to the wall of the casement—that is, at a right angle to the door A. In the side wall 6<sup>a</sup> of the receiver-box 6 that contacts with the portion 5<sup>a</sup> of the bracket-plate a suitable aperture *e* is formed—that is, so positioned as to permit the catch *d* to pass into said aperture and hook fast upon one edge thereof. This locked engagement of the catch *d*, that secures the box in the position shown in Fig. 2, can only be released when the door A is opened into the building, and is thus removed from the open side *b* of the box 6.

In Fig. 3 the hinged connection between the corner of the box and the corner of the bracket-plate is clearly shown, and it will be seen that the hinge-scrolls which receive the pintles *c'* of the pair of hinges may be formed integral with the bracket-plate and box-wall; but this feature is not important, as any other means for reliably hinging the box and bracket-plate together at their right-angular corners may be employed.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A receiver for mail and other matter, comprising a right-angular bracket-plate securable upon the jamb of a door-casement, a catch on the bracket-plate, a rectangular box open at

one side, a hinged connection between a corner of the box and the angle of the bracket-plate, so that the box may be swung to contact with one side on the portion of the bracket-plate having the catch thereon, a corresponding catch on the side wall of the box that is swung toward the bracket-plate, and which will interlock with the catch on the bracket-plate.

10 2. The combination with a door, the casement for the door, and a right-angular bent bracket-plate securable on the jamb-wall and adjacent front wall of the door-casement, of a rectangular receiver or box having one open side, a  
15 catch on one side of the box that is at a right angle to the open side, a hinged connection between the angular corner of the bracket-

plate and the corner of the box formed by the junction of the wall opposite the opening in the box with the wall provided with the catch, 20 and a coacting catch on the part of the bracket-plate secured on the jamb-wall of the casement, the adjustment of the box to dispose the open side thereof opposite and near the door, adapting the mating catches to interlock with each 25 other.

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

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