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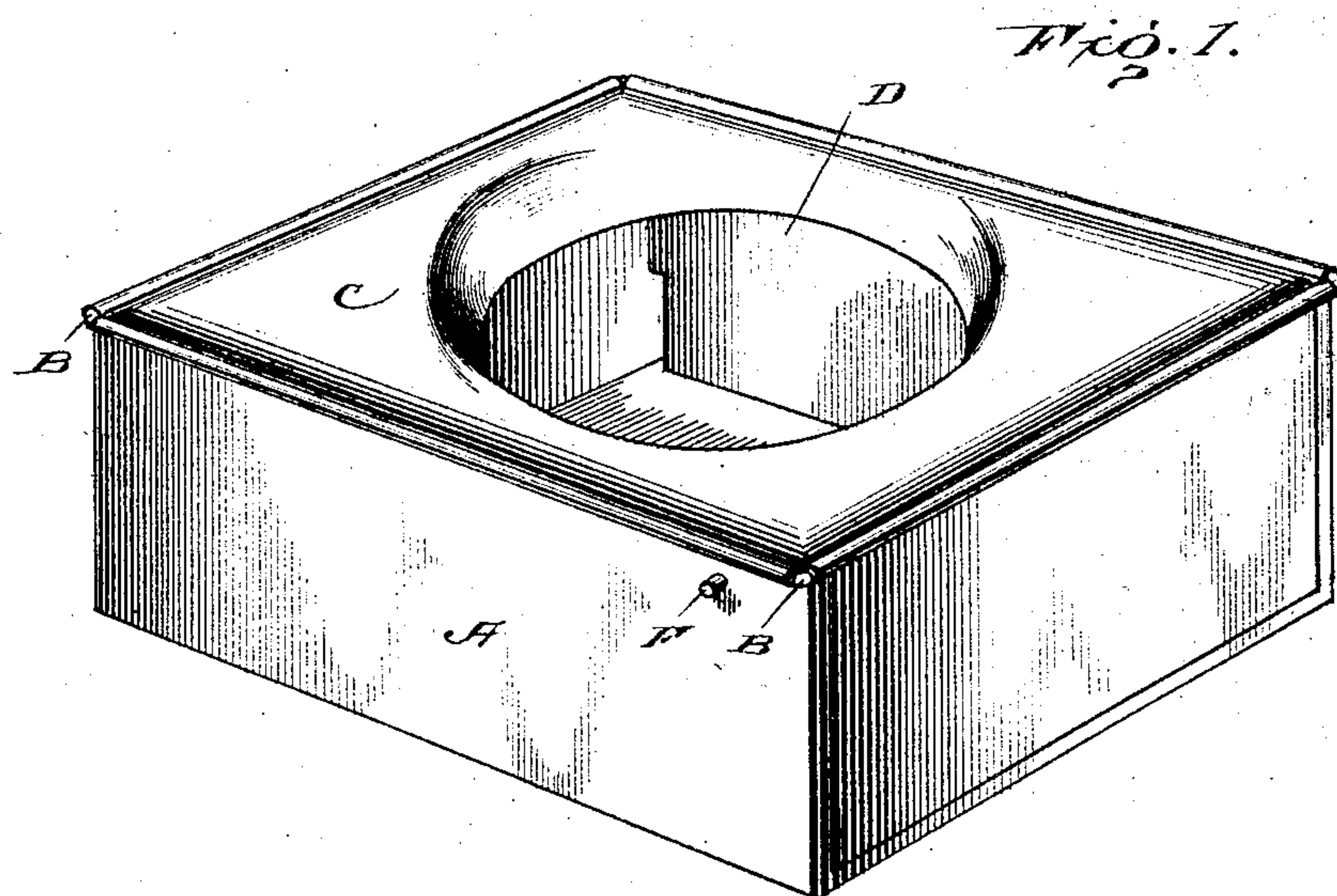


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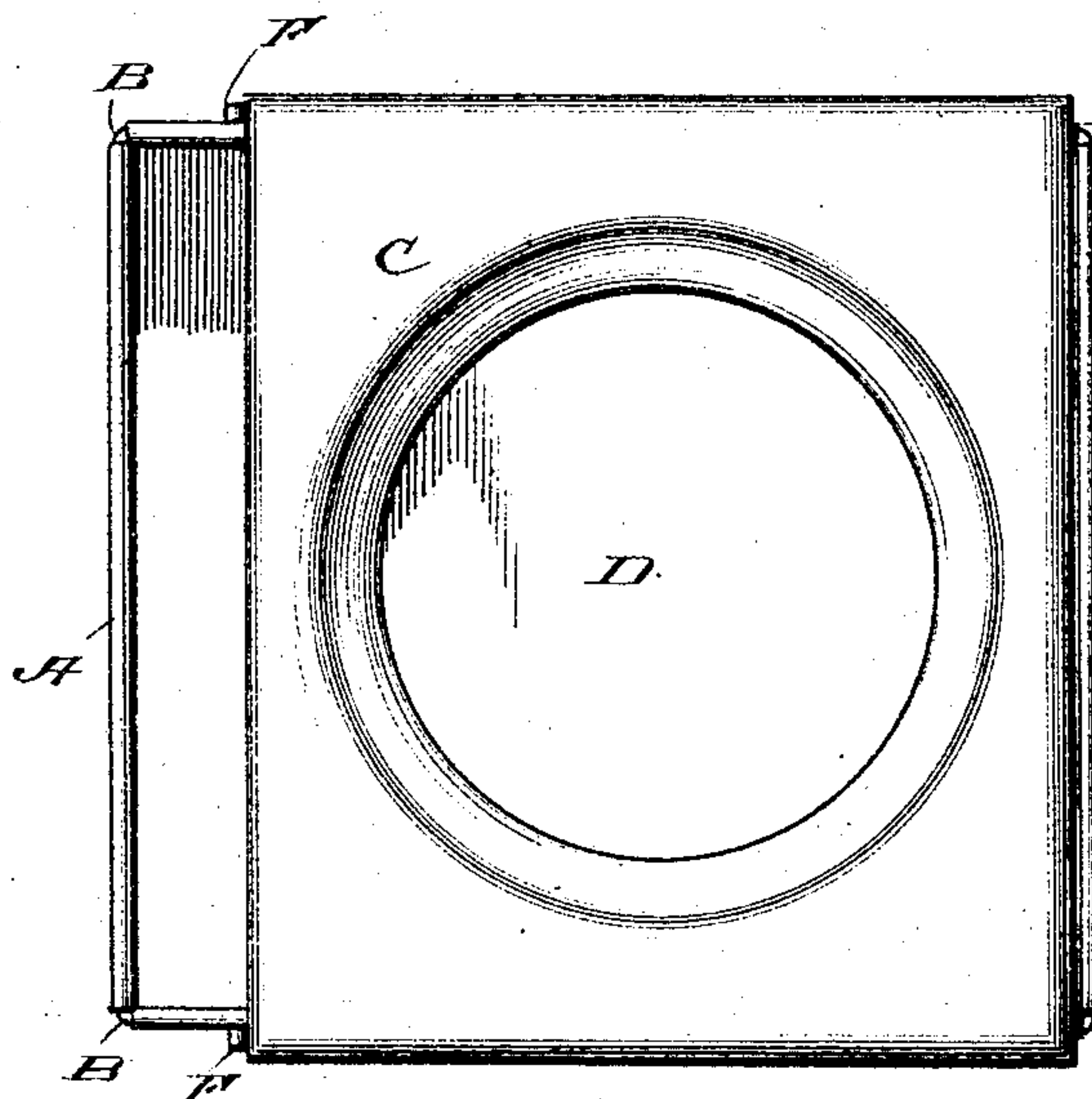
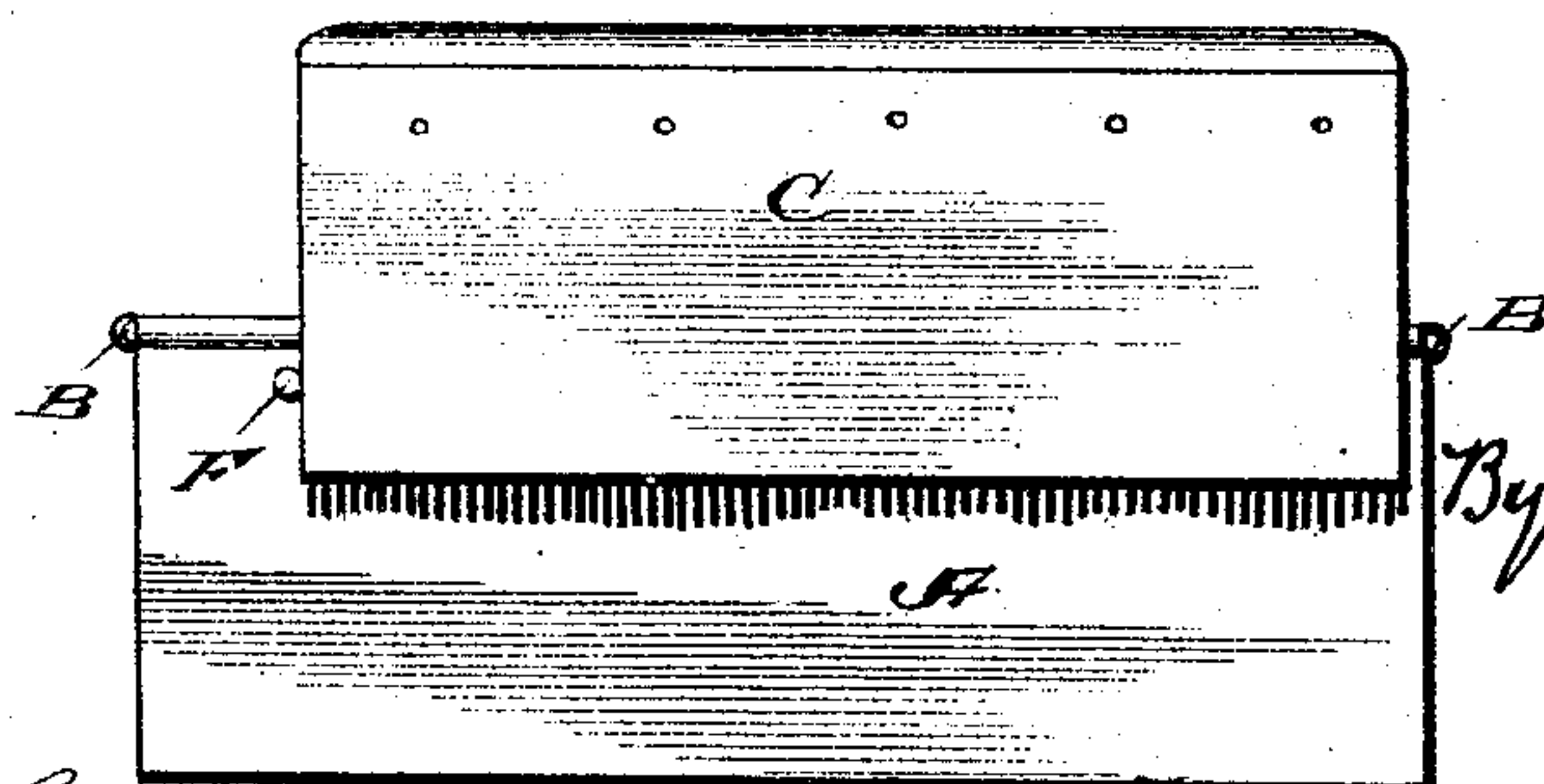


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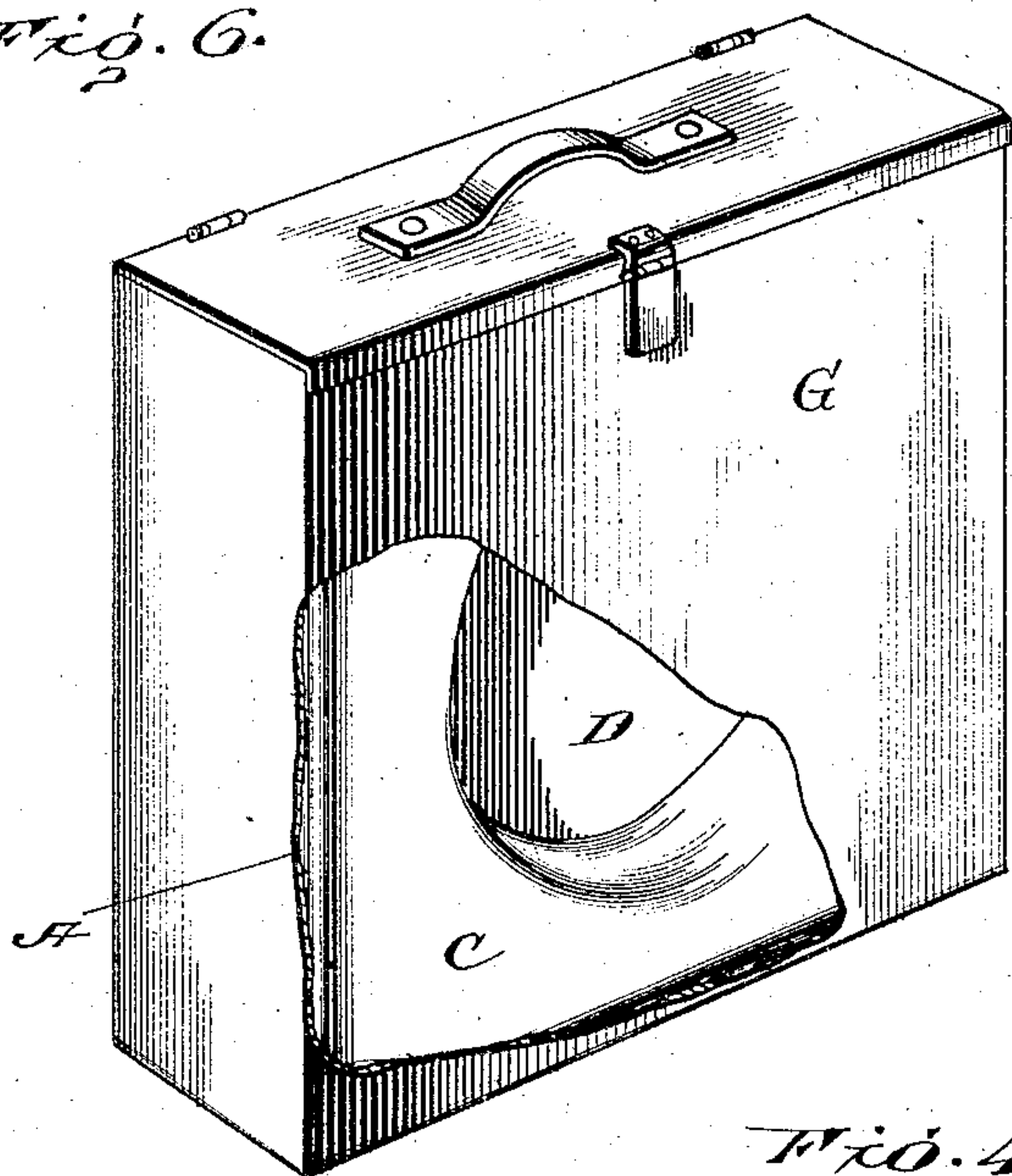


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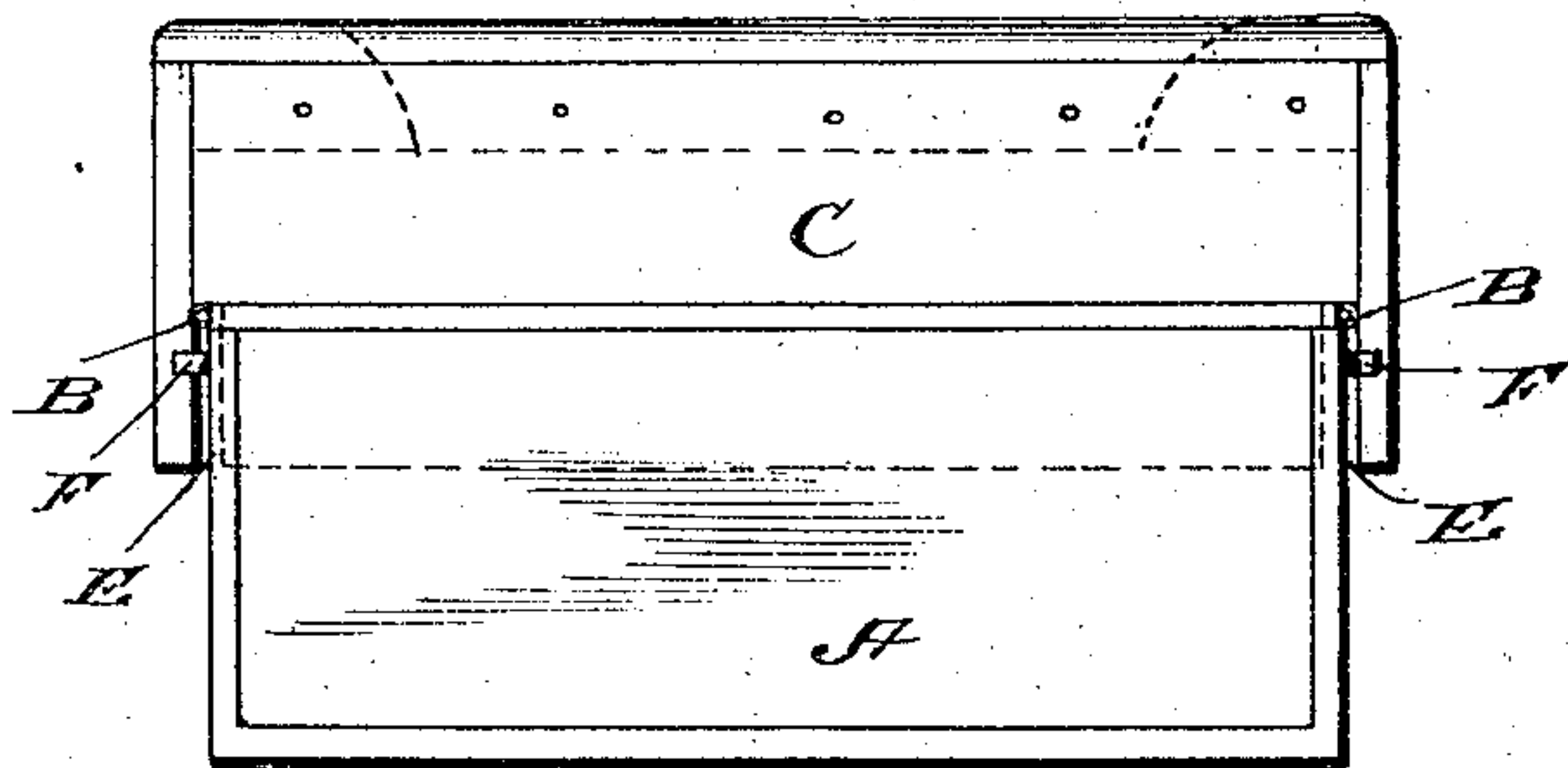
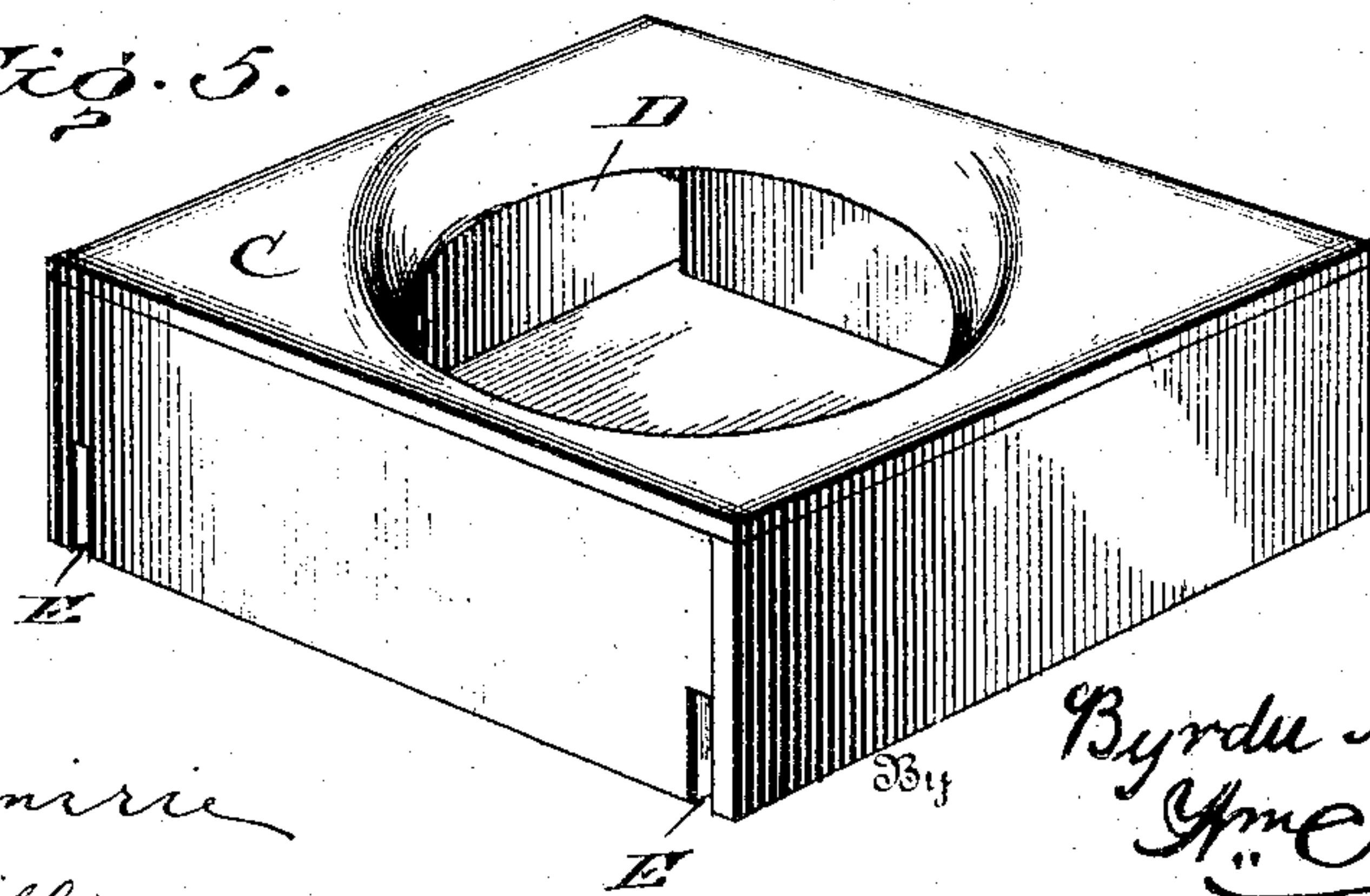


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BYRDEE A. RANDOLPH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Memphis, in the county of Shelby and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Commodes; 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 invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in portable commodes especially adapted for use by babies and small children.

My invention has for its object to provide a commode which may be readily carried on excursions or used in the house and which may also be conveniently used in a bed in lieu of an ordinary bed-pan; and with these ends in view my invention consists in the details of construction and arrangement hereinafter and specifically described.

My invention is especially designed for the use of babies and small children both at home and upon outdoor excursions, where, on account of its compactness and portability, it may be readily and conveniently transported.

With these ends in view my invention consists of preferably a rectangular metallic vessel, such as tin or enameled ironware, and a rectangular seat portion composed of thin wood, which for the sake of lightness and strength is preferably composed of veneered sections, the thin wooden sections being provided with a comparatively thick and beveled interior rim to constitute a comfortable seat and so constructed that the seat may be located within the receptacle when not in use to secure the compactness of the whole and when in use to be supported in a suitably-elevated position upon the receptacle and out of contact with any deposits in the receptacle, all as will be hereinafter and in detail explained.

In order that those skilled in the art to which my invention appertains may know how to make my improved commode and fully appreciate its advantages, I will proceed to describe the same, referring to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved commode with the seat located within the receptacle to secure compactness. Fig. 2 is a top or plan view showing the seat secured upon the receptacle in position for use. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 4 is a front elevation of the same. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the seat portion; and Fig. 6 is a perspective view of any ordinary case for concealing and transporting the device, the case being broken away to expose the relation between the same and the inclosed device.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in the several figures of the drawings.

A represents a rectangular receptacle with a flat bottom and with its upper edges stiffened and strengthened by a wire B. This receptacle may be made of tin, enameled ironware, or other suitable metal.

C is a rectangular seat portion composed of wood, which for portability and lightness is preferably made of veneered wood, the sides, ends, and top connected in any suitable manner by dovetails, screws, or nails. The top is of such thickness as to provide for the proper bevel to the central opening D to produce a comfortable seat and to also provide for staple connection therewith of back, front, and sides of the device, which may be secured thereto in any suitable manner.

The front and back vertical portions of the frame are formed with kerfs or slots E, adapted to receive the side walls of the receptacle A and to rest securely thereupon. When in position upon the said receptacle, as shown in Fig. 3, projecting rivets or lugs F in the sides of the receptacle A serve to maintain the seat portion in proper relation within the receptacle.

I may dispense with the rivets or lugs F and so proportion the receptacle and the seat portions that when the latter is removed from the former and reversed with reference thereto the rear end of the seat portion will contact with the rear wall of the receptacle, and thus prevent the seat portion from any horizontal movement with reference to the receptacle.

From the construction shown and described it will be seen that when the seat portion is

located within the receptacle the device is in very compact form and that as a whole it may be readily concealed within any ordinary cover G, such as a leather or paper carrier having the appearance of an ordinary kodak-case to disguise the character of the contained device.

It will be also readily understood that as the receptacle is of rectangular form the base provides a substantial supporting area, and consequently the device may be advantageously used as a bed-pan, and that it can likewise be successfully used upon the floor of a bed-chamber.

The construction and arrangement of the seat portion relatively with the receptacle is such that any deposits in the receptacle cannot come in contact with the seat portion and that when the latter is removed from the receptacle the latter may be readily emptied and cleansed.

Many variations may be made in proportions and details of construction without departing from the spirit of my invention, which resides in the generic idea of the receptacle and seat portions, the latter designed to be contained within the latter and to be removed therefrom and supported thereon to provide an elevated seat.

While I have shown and described the seat portion as consisting of a rectangular body of thin wood with a central wooden rim, it will be understood that I do not wish to be confined to the use of wood or any other special material.

Having described the construction and advantages of my improved commode, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A commode consisting of a receptacle, and a seat portion, the latter so proportioned relative to the receptacle that the former may be located within the latter, and having in its opposite side portions kerfs, or channels to receive the side walls of the receptacle, whereby the seat portion may be supported thereon in an elevated position, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a commode such as described, a sheet-metal receptacle of rectangular form, a seat portion of rectangular form and provided with vertical kerfs adapted to straddle the walls of the receptacle, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. In a commode such as described, a sheet-metal receptacle of rectangular form and having its opposite walls provided with pins or rivets, and a rectangular seat portion provided with kerfs in its sides and adapted to contact with the pins or rivets in the side walls of the receptacle, substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

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

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