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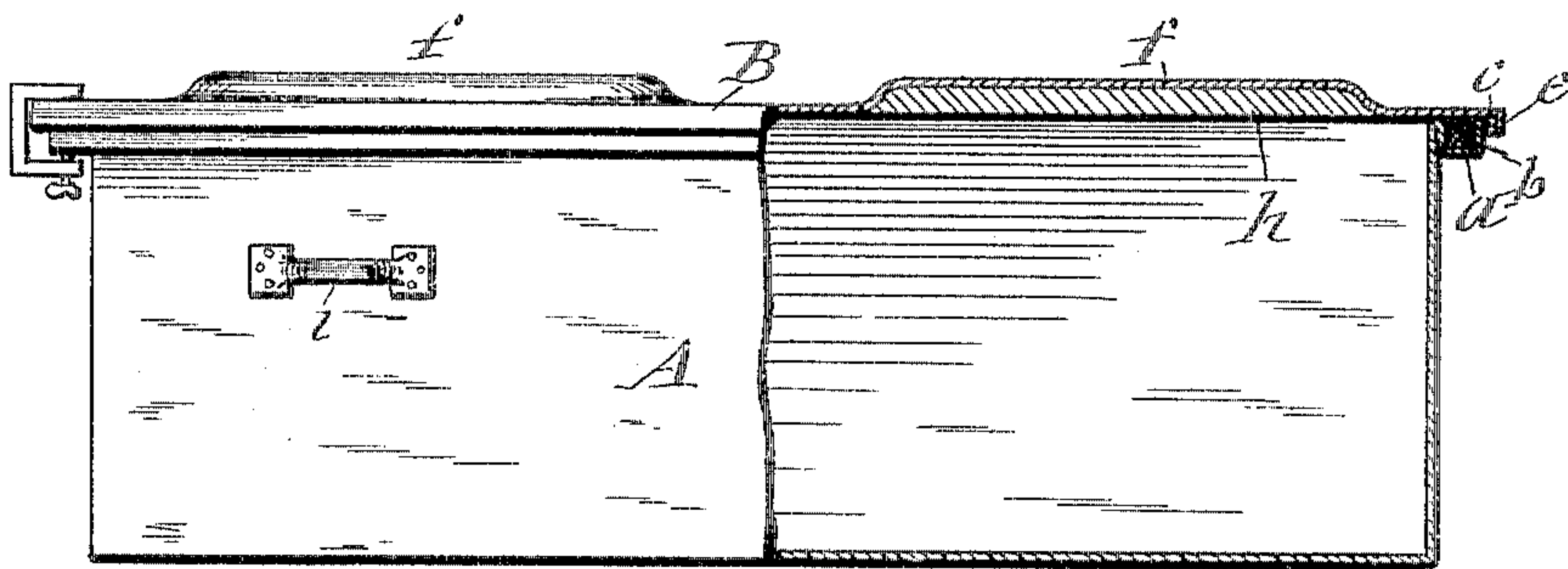


Fig. 1

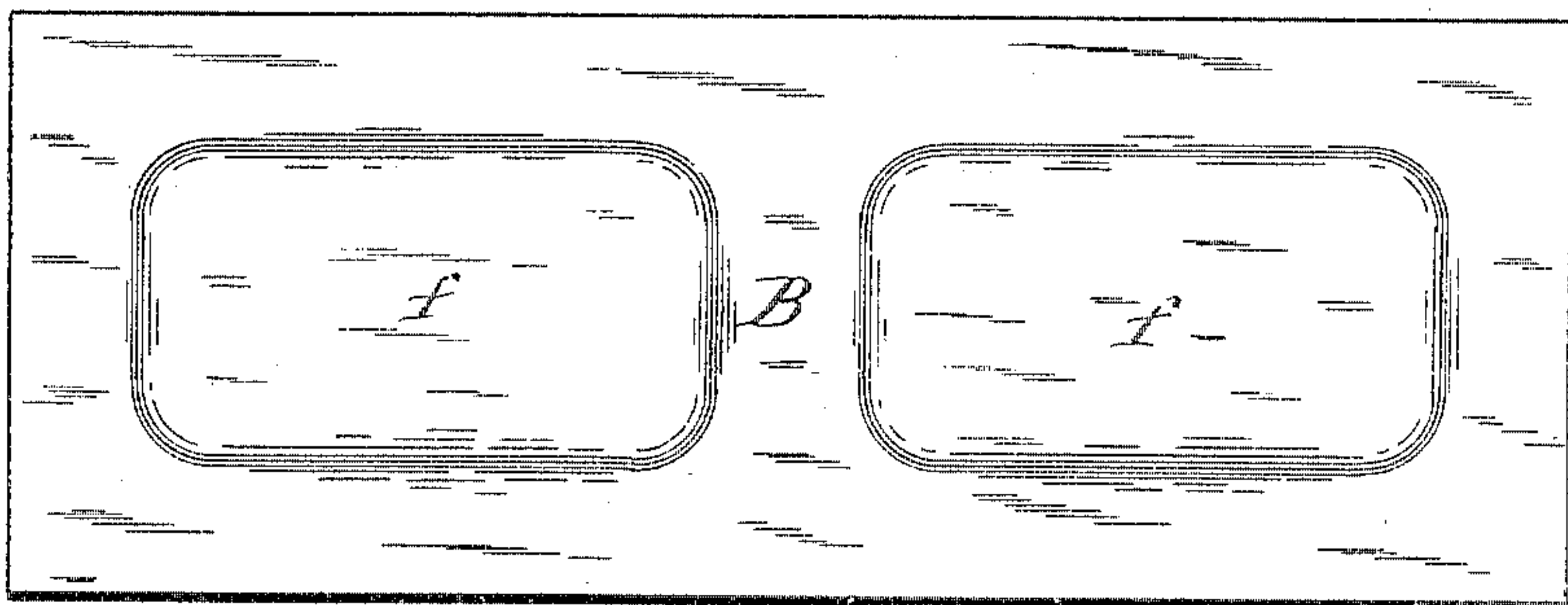


Fig. 2

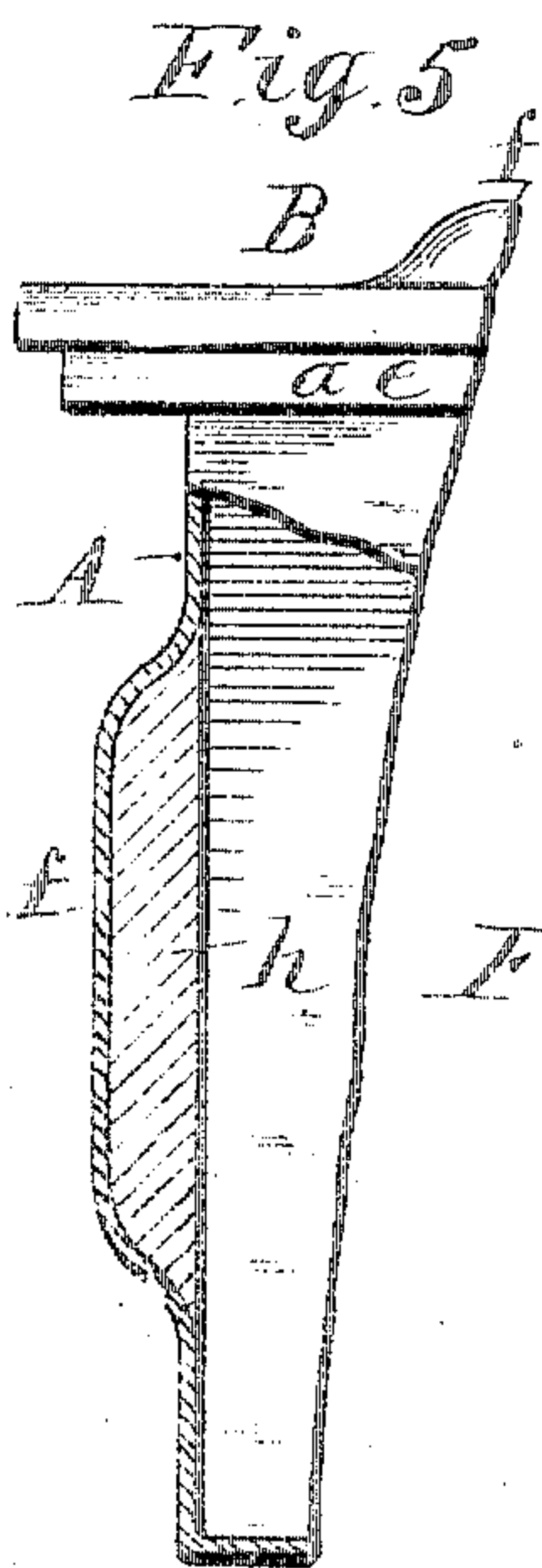


Fig. 3

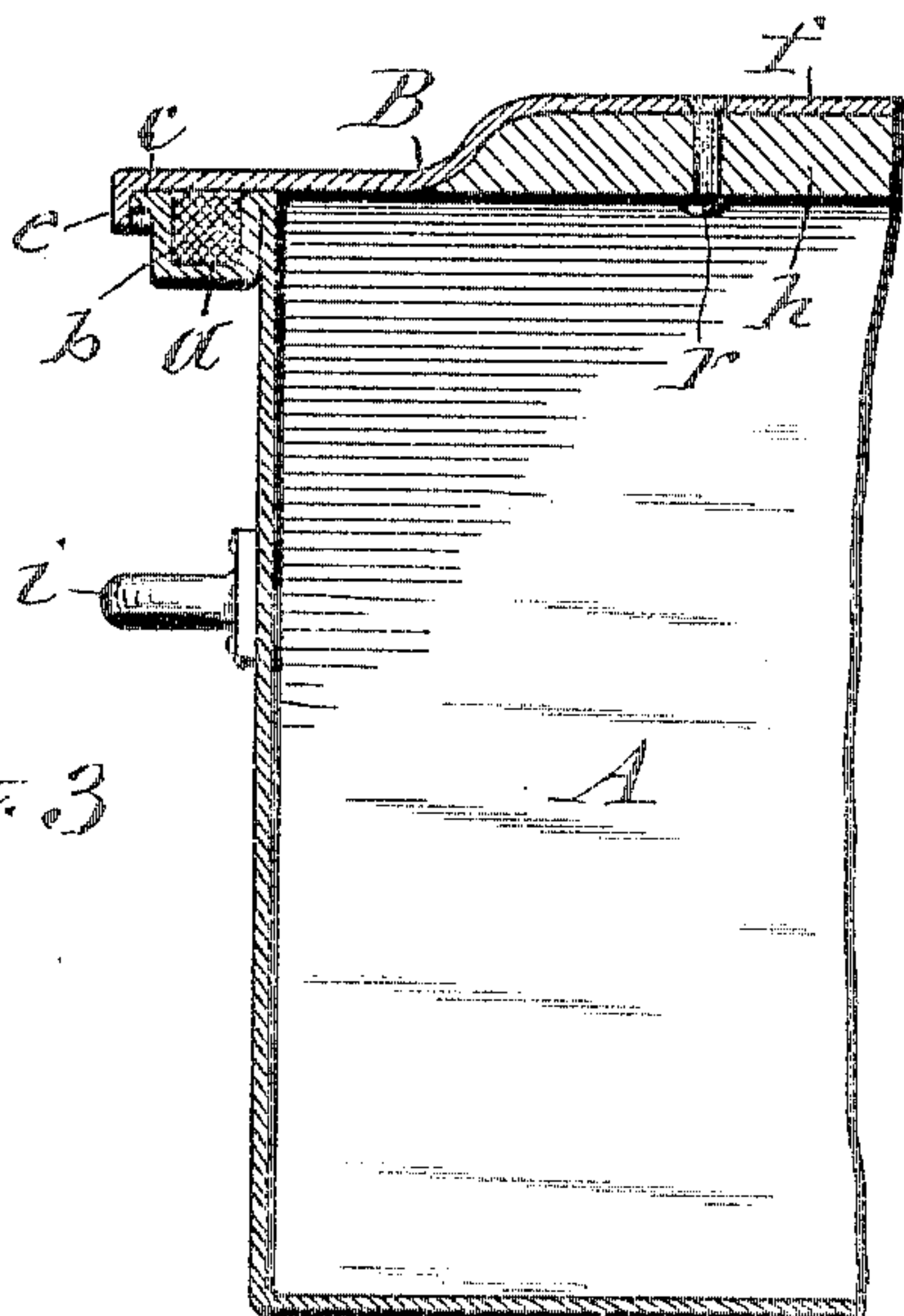
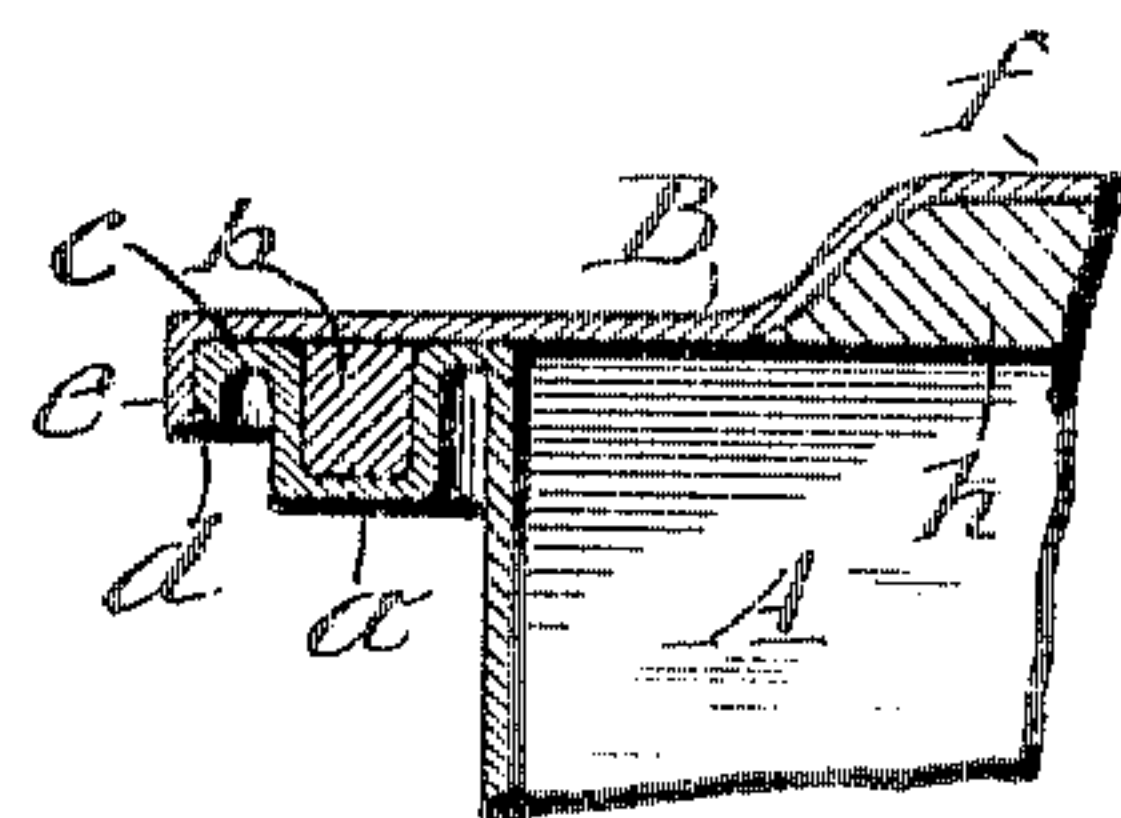


Fig. 4



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## BURIAL-CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PATRICK D. SKAHEN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Burial-Cases, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to the species of burial-cases which are formed from sheet metal.

My present invention consists in improved construction of said cases, and embodies novel features of details which render the case suitable to be used either as a burial-casket or as a rough box for containing said casket.

In the drawings hereto annexed, Figure 1 is partly a side view and partly a sectional view of a burial-case embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is an enlarged transverse section of a portion of the burial-case, showing more clearly the seat of the lid; and Figs. 4 and 5 are sectional views of modifications of the invention.

A represents the body of the box or case, and B the lid thereof, both of which are formed from suitable sheet metal bent into the desired shape. The upper edges or top margins of the sides and ends of the body A, I deflect or offset laterally and depress said offset portions longitudinally to form lengthwise grooves *a* for the reception of a suitable gasket *b*, which forms an air-tight seat for the lid B. The depression which forms the groove *a* also serves to brace the deflected margin. The outer wall of the groove *a* may be stiffened by means of a flange *c*, formed on said wall, as shown in Fig. 3, and may also be braced vertically by means of a downwardly-deflected flange *d*, formed on the flange *c*, as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings. By bending the side of the grooved portion *a* adjacent to the wall of the case downward and onto said wall, as

illustrated in Fig. 3 of the drawings, the top portion of said wall and the deflected margin thereof are thoroughly braced.

The lid B is formed with a horizontal margin by which it is seated on the gasket *b* and with a downwardly-turned edge *e*, which laps over the edge of the flange *c* and serves to prevent lateral displacement of the lid. The central portion of the lid and the walls of the body *a* are formed with one or more bulges in imitation of panels *f f*, preferably two of said bulges, as represented in the drawings, and similar bulges may be formed in the sides of the case. In each of these bulges I place a board *h*, of either wood or other suitable material, fastened to the lid, preferably by means of rivets *r*. The bulges *f f* serve to stiffen the lid, while the board *h* forms a muffler of the sound of metal incident to jars or vibrations thereof.

It is obvious that suitable clamps are to be employed for pressing the lid onto the gasket *b* so as to hermetically seal the case. A very simple and well-known style of clamp suitable for the aforesaid purpose is shown at *k* in Fig. 1 of the drawings; but I do not limit myself to the use of such a clamp, as other and better forms of clamps, equally well known in the art, may be employed.

*i* denotes one of the handles for carrying the case, which handles may be of any suitable form.

What I claim as my invention is—

A burial-case consisting of a sheet-metal body having the upper edge of its sides and ends offset laterally and outwardly and depressed longitudinally to form lengthwise grooves, a packing in the grooves, and a lid resting on the packing and having a downward flange inclosing the offset edges of the body, and means to clamp the lid on the case.

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