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Fig. 1.



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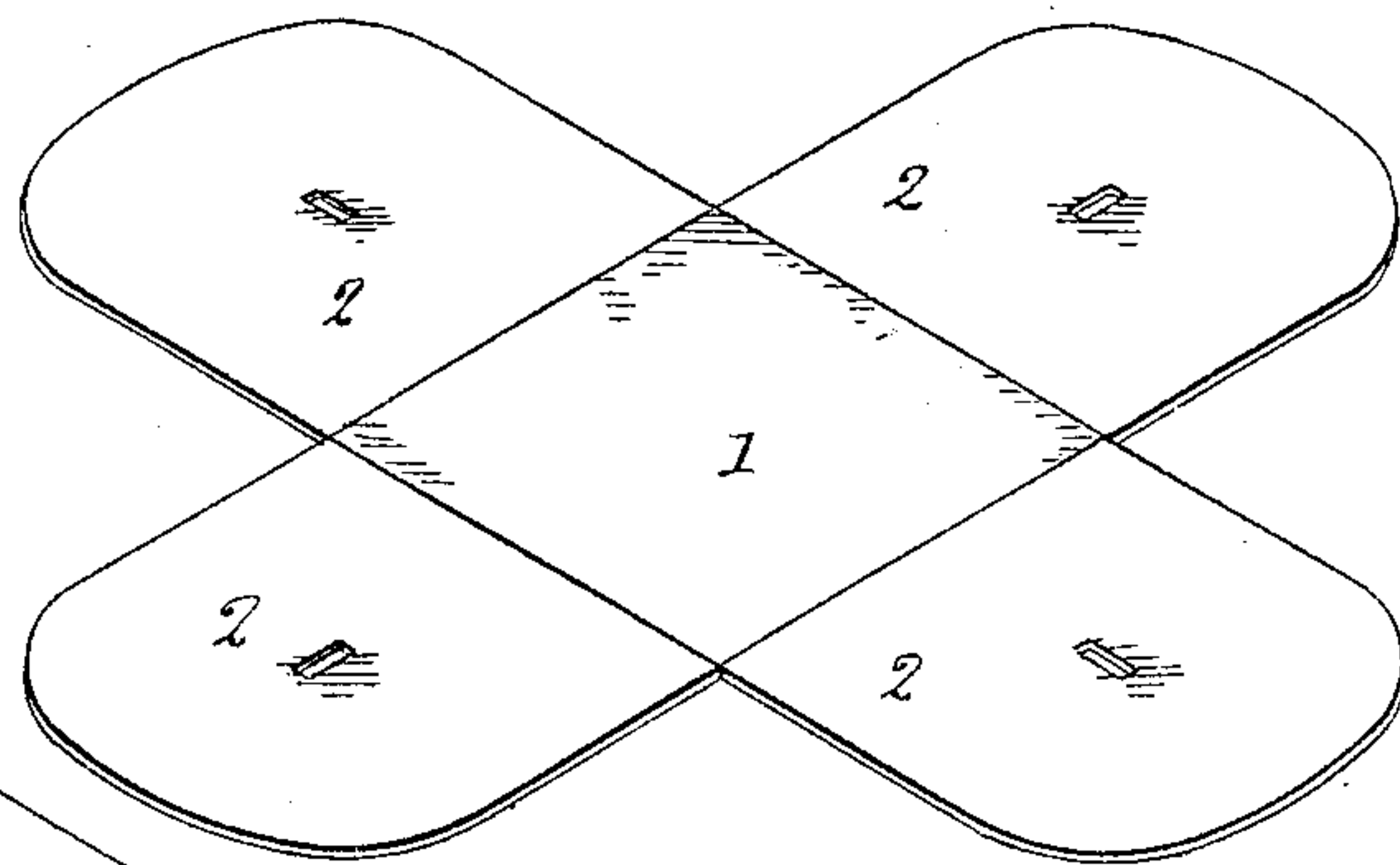


Fig. 3.

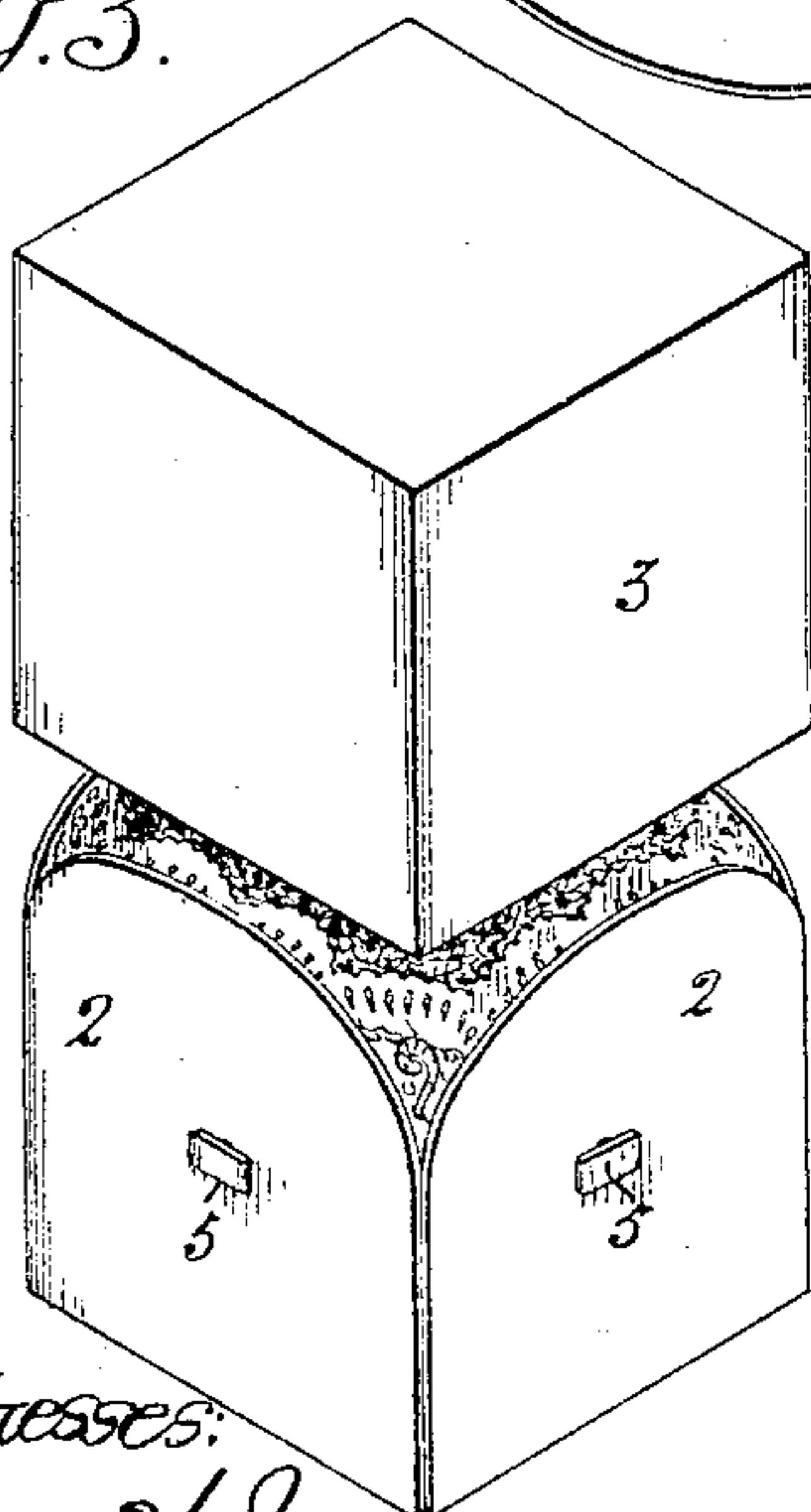
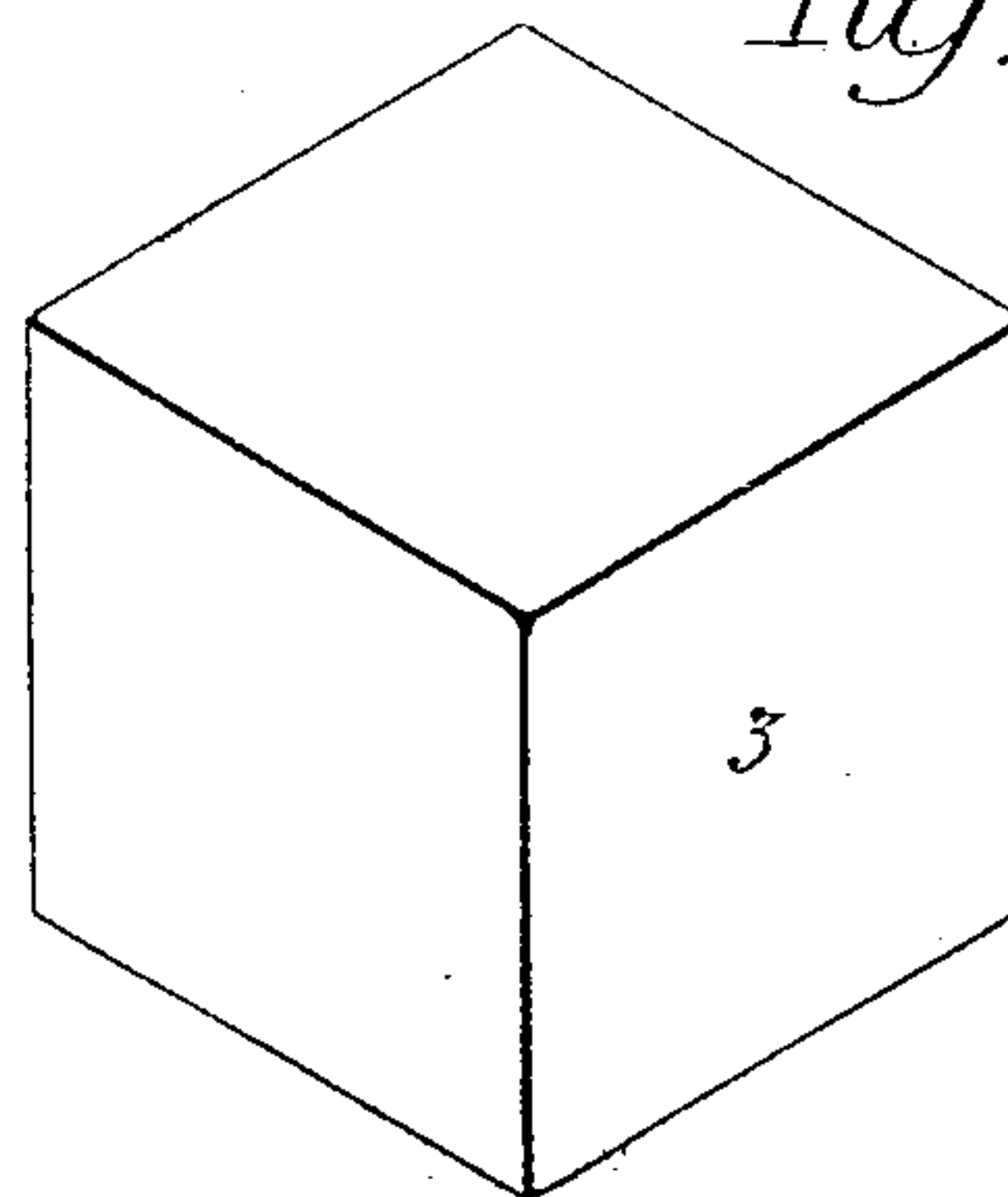


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES HENRY FOX, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Packing and Display Cases, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to so construct a packing-box for the use of florists and others that when the cover of the box is removed the contents of the box will be artistically displayed. This object I attain in the manner hereinafter set forth, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the box open and its contents displayed. Fig. 2 is a perspective view, on a smaller scale, showing the box closed and with the cover applied. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the cover removed from the body of the box; and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the body of the box, showing the sides of the same in the fallen position.

The body of the box consists of a bottom portion 1 and side portions 2, which are hinged to the bottom portion 1 so that they can either be turned up to the vertical position, as shown in Fig. 3, or can drop down to a horizontal position, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4, the sides of the box when in a vertical position being retained by the cover 3, which resembles a box without a bottom. When the cover is removed, however, the sides of the box at once fall to the horizontal position, so as to fully expose the contents of the box, as shown in Fig. 1.

Boxes of this character have before been proposed, and my invention consists in so constructing such a box that it is available for use in packing flowers or other wares whose appearance when displayed will be enhanced by an artistic setting, and my invention consists in providing the box with a mat or doily 4, of ornamental paper, lace, textile fabric or other flexible material, which when the sides of the box are raised, as shown in Fig. 3, can be folded into the box along with

the other contents of the same, but when the sides of the box fall will spread out, cover, and hide said sides of the box, as shown in Fig. 1, so that the setting upon which the flowers or other wares are displayed will be of an artistic character and will convey no suggestion of the box or case in which they were packed.

The mat or doily 4 will usually be of a circular form. Hence the top portion of each side 2 of the box is curved or rounded, so that when the sides fall the outer portion of the mat or doily will extend beyond and completely hide the same, as shown in Fig. 1.

The mat or doily is disconnected from the sides of the box except at restricted points of connection, such as indicated by the fasteners 5 in Fig. 3, so that when extended it will present the appearance of a loose doily laid upon the table or other support.

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

1. A packing box or case having drop sides in combination with an internal ornamental mat or doily which, when the sides of the box are down, constitutes an ornamental setting for the contents of the box, said mat or doily extending beyond the dropped sides of the box, so as to cover and hide the same when it is extended, substantially as specified.

2. A packing box or case having drop sides in combination with an ornamental mat or doily disposed on the inside of the box, said mat or doily being connected to the sides of the box, and presenting a contour differing from that of said sides, and extending beyond the same whereby, when the sides of the box fall, they will spread said mat or doily and be covered and hidden thereby, substantially as specified.

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

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