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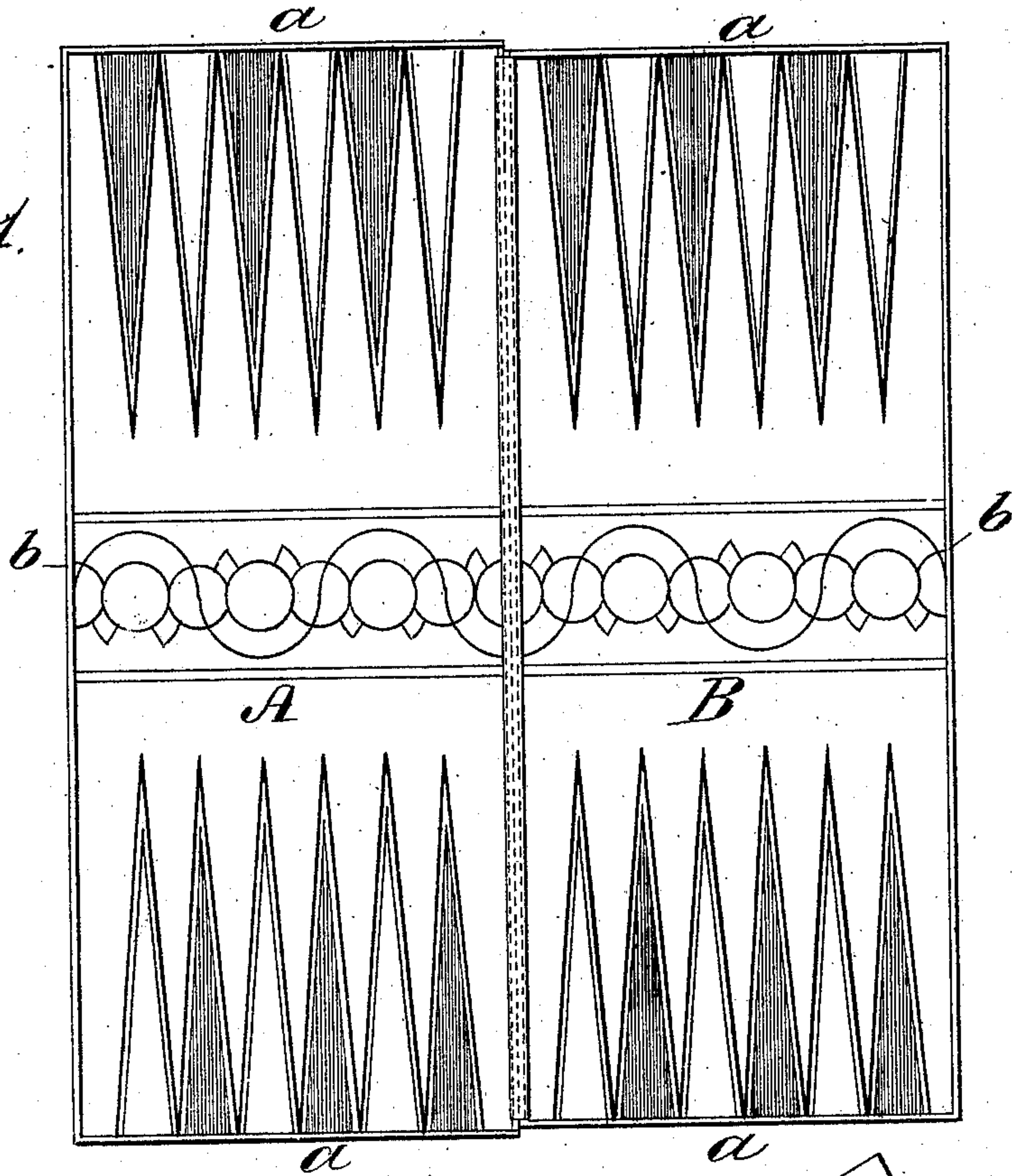


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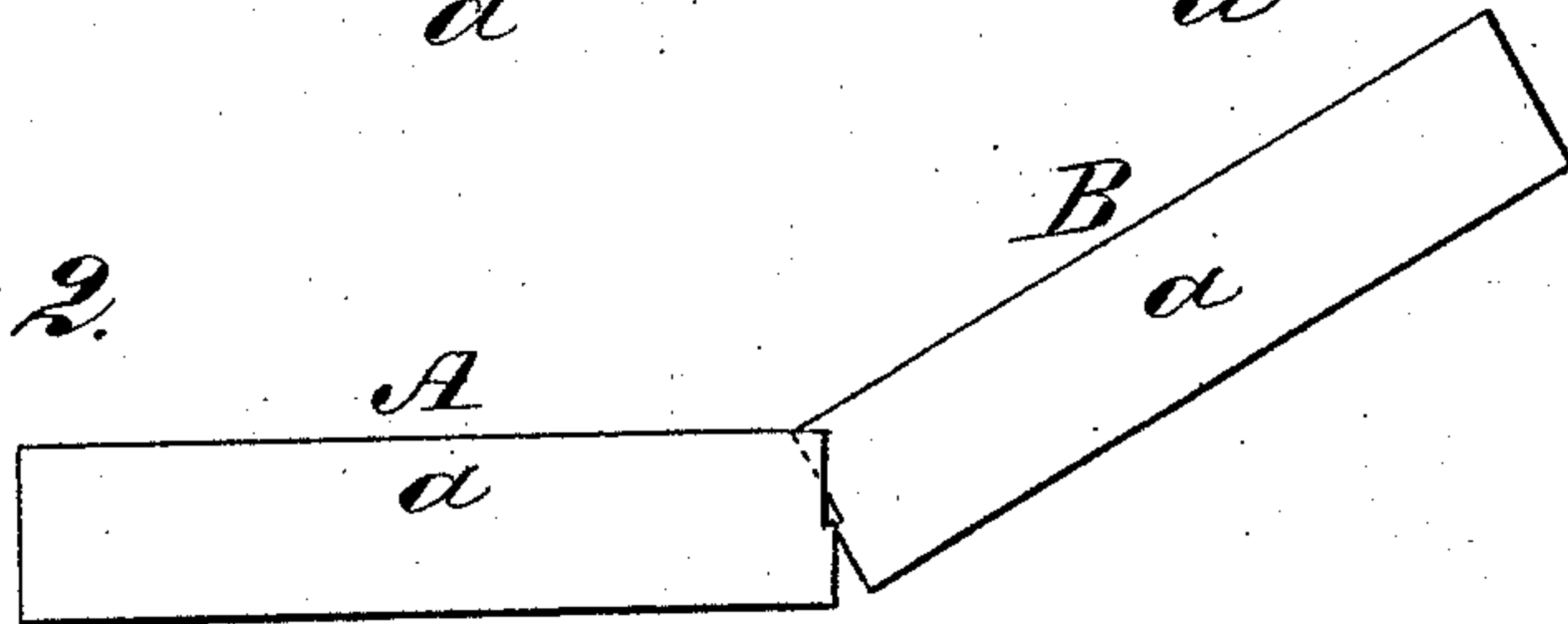
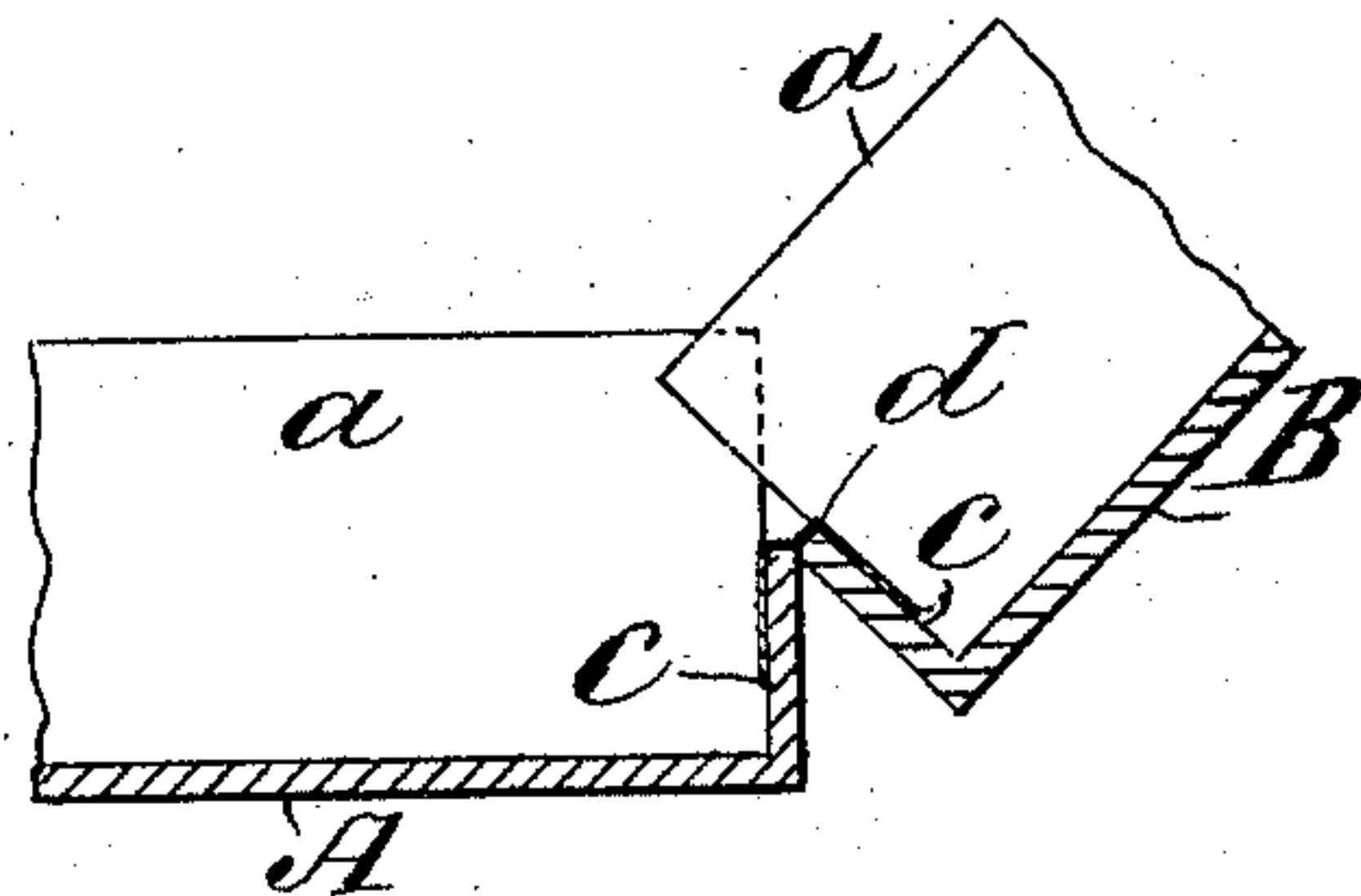


Fig. 3.



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Fig. 4.

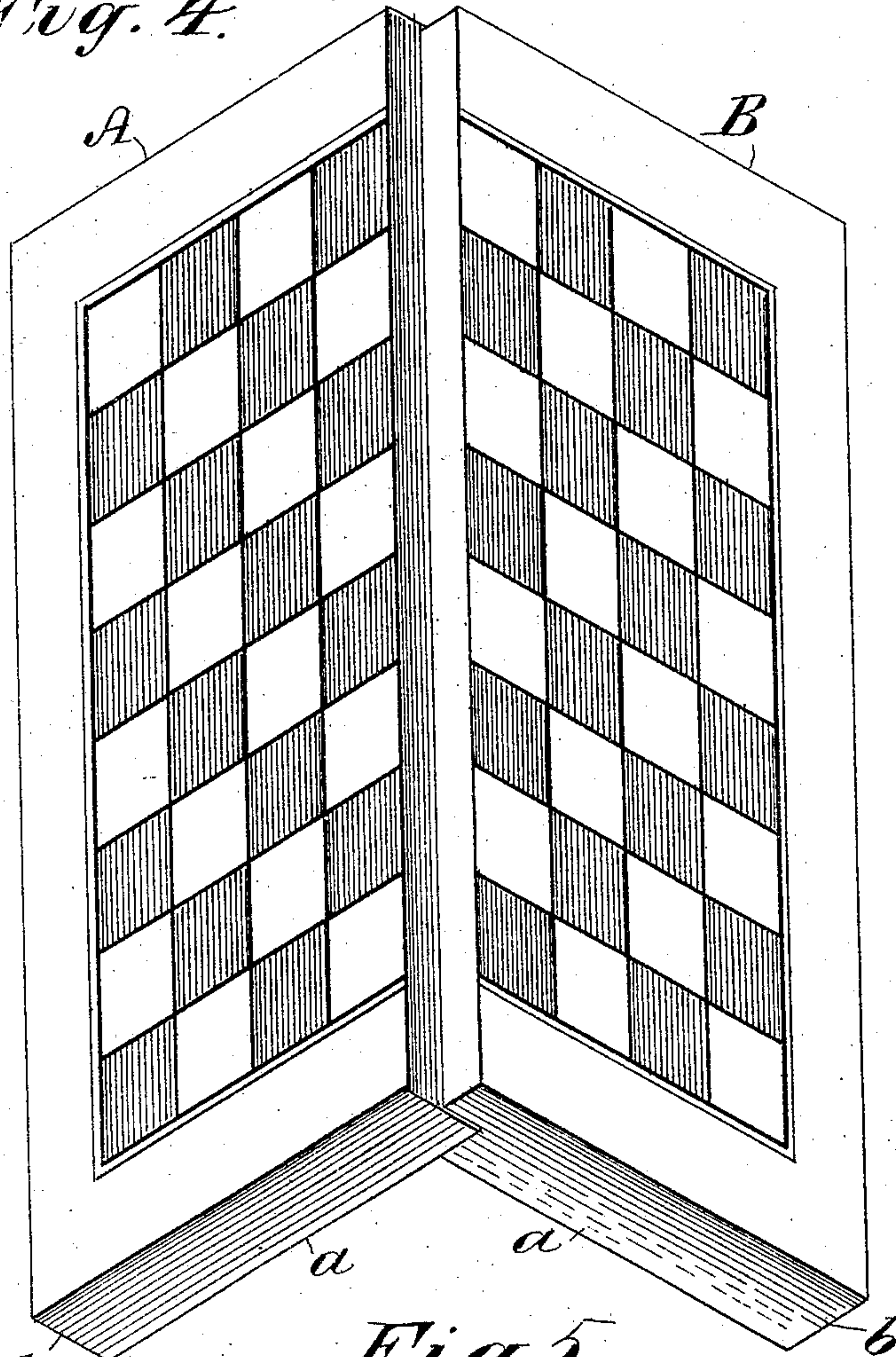
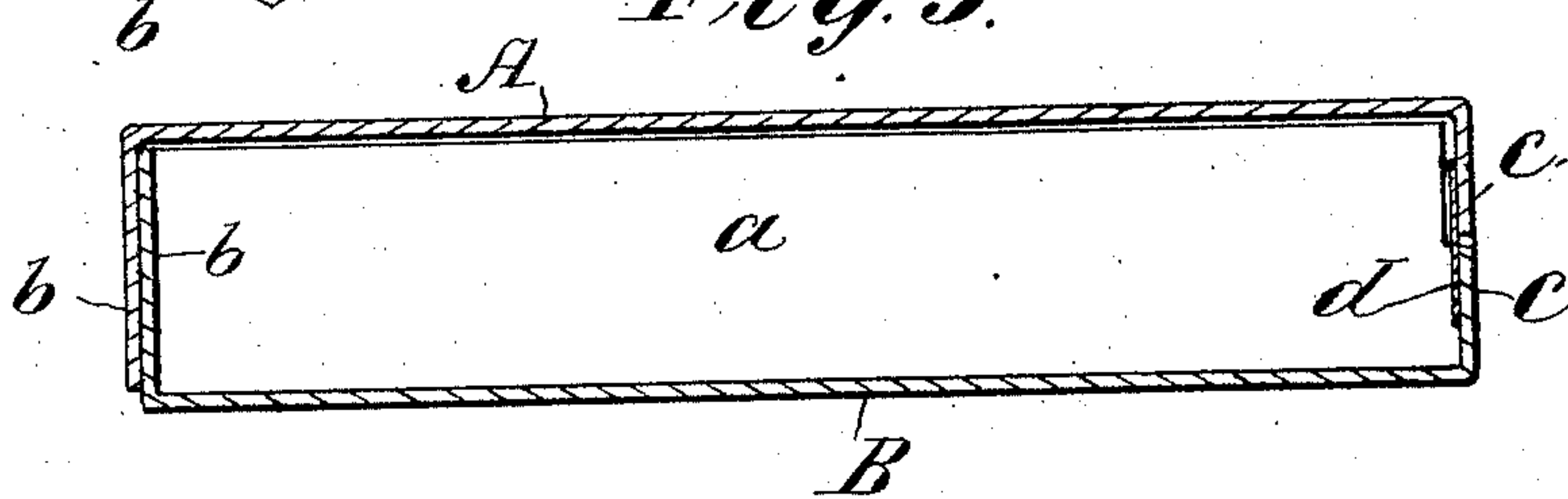


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. PRICE, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have
5 invented a certain new and useful Improved Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to folding game boards and apparatus and it has for its object to provide a strong folding receptacle serving both as a board for games and a receptacle for the men or pieces used in the game, all as will be particularly hereinafter described with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein an embodiment of the
15 invention is illustrated.

In the said drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the inside of the receptacle or box, represented as opened out flat, this inner face of the board
20 being shown as laid out and marked to serve for playing the game of backgammon. Fig. 2 is an end view of the receptacle, showing it partly folded. Fig. 3 is a sectional detail view illustrating the construction of hinge
25 connecting the two sections of the receptacle. Fig. 4 is an exterior perspective view of the receptacle, showing it partly unfolded or open. The exterior surface is herein represented as laid out and marked for playing
30 the game of checkers or draughts. Fig. 5 is a cross-section of the folded or closed box or receptacle.

The receptacle is economically constructed, preferably of paper-board, in two nearly like
35 sections, (indicated as a whole respectively by A and B,) each section comprising a half game-board, provided with two ends *a*, a side *b* of the same width as the ends, and a narrower side *c*. These sides and ends are disposed perpendicular to the half-board, like
40 the sides and ends of a paper box. In forming the receptacle or box the two lower or narrower sides *c* are brought together, the sections being placed side by side, and a hinge
45 formed by gluing or pasting over the edges of the sides *c* a hinging-strip of flexible fabric *d*—such as muslin, for example. (See Fig. 3.)

One section, as A, is made slightly longer and wider than the other section, B, so that
50 when the two sections are folded or closed together, as in Fig. 4, the sides and ends of the wider and longer section A will take outside of the respective sides and ends of the other section. Thus one section will be substantially wholly inclosed within the other,

and the two narrower sides *c* of the sections will together form one side or edge of the closed box.

This construction provides an inexpensive and compact article adapted to provide a
60 game-board having markings on its respective faces and a receptacle for the men or pieces used in the game. These latter are well known for the games mentioned and form no part of the present invention.

By making one section inclose the other when folded together no fastening is required on the receptacle, and when opened out, as in Fig. 1, the box will be evenly supported,
70 whichever face may be uppermost.

As stated, the device will usually be made from paper-board for the sake of economy; but obviously it might be made from other material—as wood, for example—and be made to form a board for any game or games
75 requiring a board. By making one section close or telescope within the other the folded device will occupy a small space and be strong and compact.

Having thus described my invention, I
80 claim—

1. A game apparatus, having a box or receptacle consisting of two similar sections each consisting of a half game-board, properly marked, provided with two upright ends
85 and a side, of equal width, and an upright side of lesser width, the said narrower sides of the two sections being hinged together, one of said sections being slightly larger than the other so that when folded together the
90 wider sides and ends of one section will embrace and house those of the other, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. A game apparatus, having a receptacle consisting of two half game-boards, each having about its margins upright ends and sides,
95 one side being substantially one-half the width of the other side and ends, the said narrower sides of the receptacle being hinged together, at their upper edges by flexible
100 means and the wider sides and ends on one-half of the game-board being adapted to embrace and house on the other half thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name, this 17th day of May, 1906, in the
105 presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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