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Fig. 1.

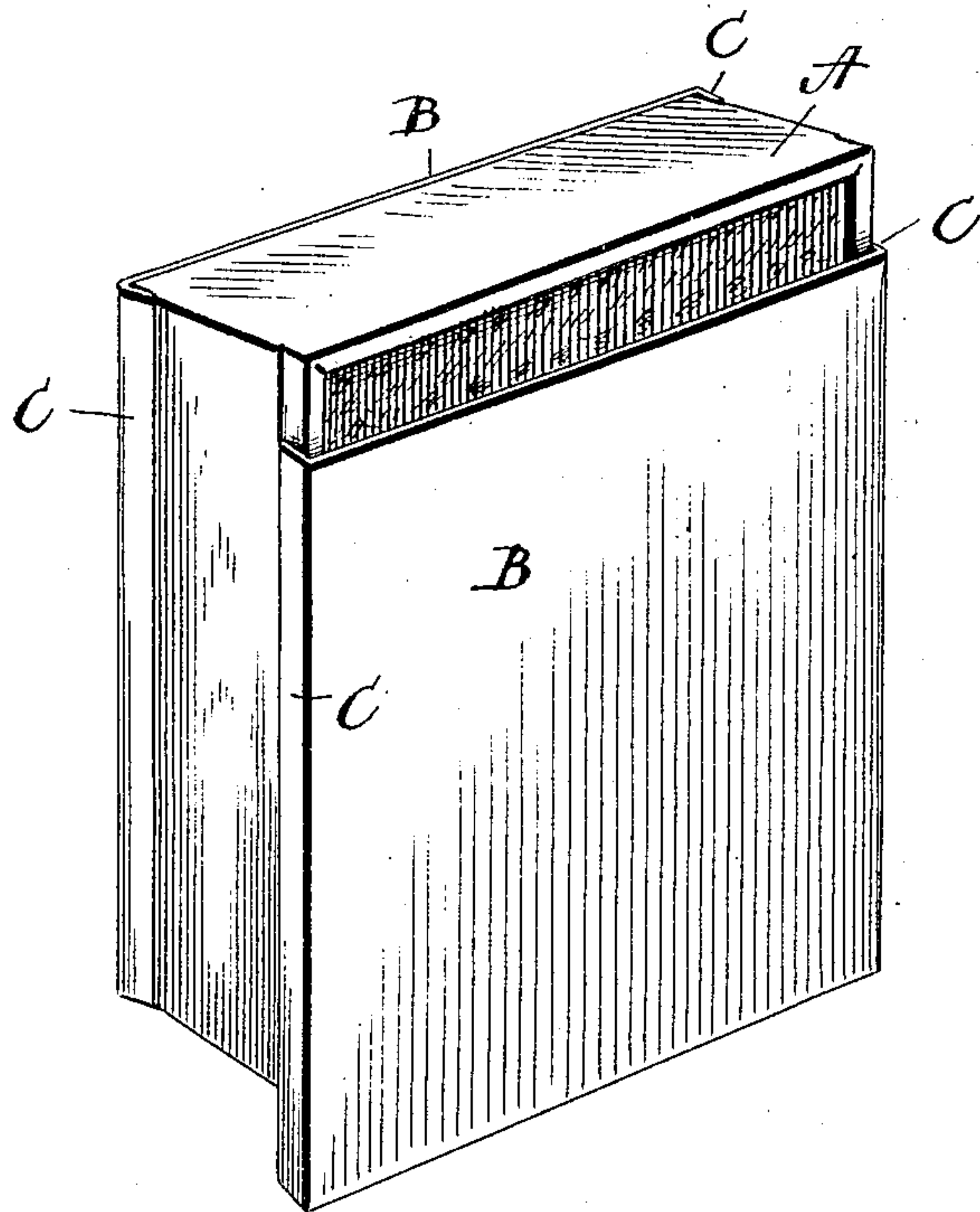
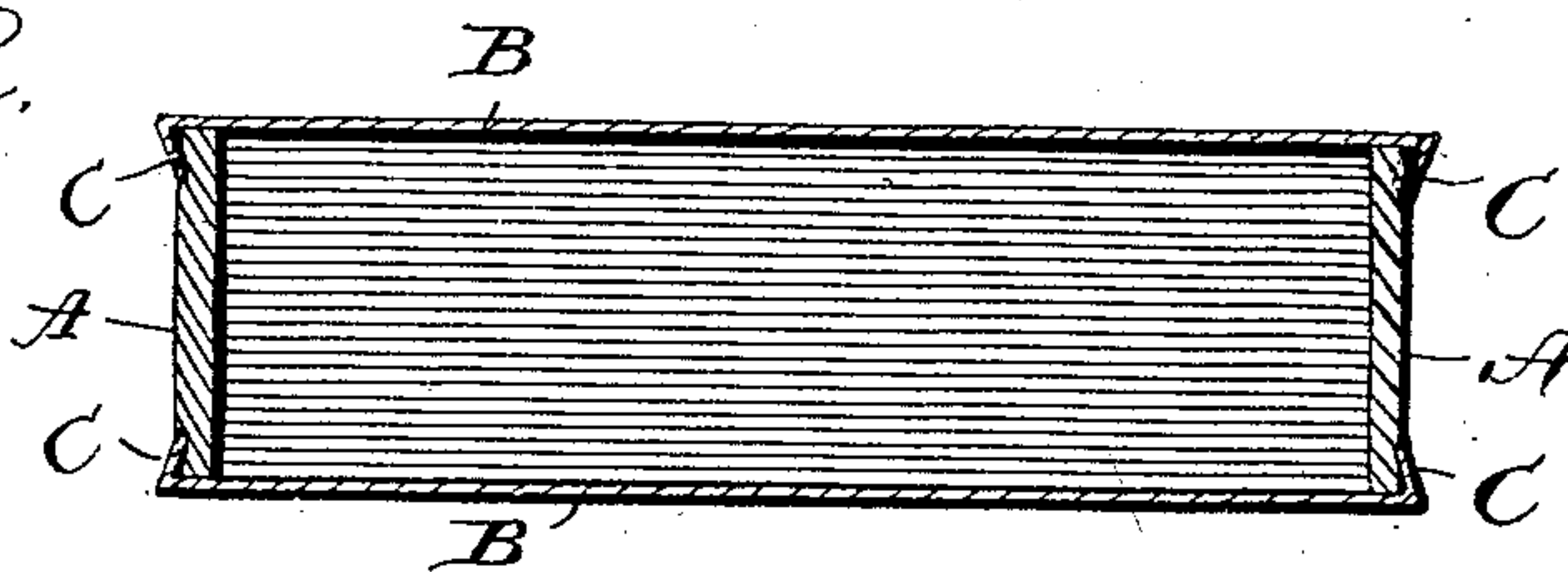


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER J. LEWIS, of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Comb-Honey Sections, and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a comb honey section embodying my invention, with one of the covers partially removed; and, Fig. 2 a horizontal section thereof.

Comb honey, as is well known, is offered for sale in the familiar rectangular sections in which the bees store the honey in the hive, the fronts and backs of such sections being open. By reason of the absence of a cover for the exposed sides of the honey, the caps of the honey cells are apt to be struck and broken in handling the same, and for the same reason it is a disadvantage to wrap the sections in paper because of the liability of breaking the caps. Loss of honey and spoiling of the appearance of the honey, with depreciation of value of the injured section, are the results.

To obviate this serious objection to the ordinary honey section, is the object of my invention, which invention consists in the honey section constructed substantially as hereinafter specified and claimed.

The honey section illustrated in the drawings is one of ordinary form, consisting of a strip of wood bent into a rectangular form to produce a frame, A, that is open from front to back. After the section A has been filled with honey and removed from the hive, I apply to each of the open sides of the section a plate or sheet B, preferably of tin, or other metal, which has on each of its

opposite sides a flange or lip C to overlap the outer side of the section side, the flanges or lips being bent inward so, that their inner sides form an acute angle with the inner surface of the cover plate, with the result that the edges of the flanges tightly pinch the sides of the sections and form slight grooves therein, so as to firmly interlock the flanges with the section, and prevent accidental separation of the cover from the section. By reason of this angle or arrangement of the flanges, the covers are applied to and removed from the section by being slid endwise over the same.

It will be seen that by my invention the honey in the section is perfectly protected from damage by the breaking of the comb, by such handling it may be subjected to by the dealer and the customer, and yet the inspection of the honey is very easily obtained merely by sliding the covers either partly or wholly from the section; the honey is protected from dust; and it may be shipped without danger of injury. Yet, my covers are very cheap to make, and add but little to the cost of the section.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

A honey section consisting of an open rectangular frame of wood, having sides and top and bottom, and having a cover formed of sheet metal with opposite edges bent to form flanges that overlap the outer surfaces of the sides of the sections, the section-engaging edges of the flange being inclined and pinching the section sides.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand.

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