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TICKET CASE.
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Fig. 1.

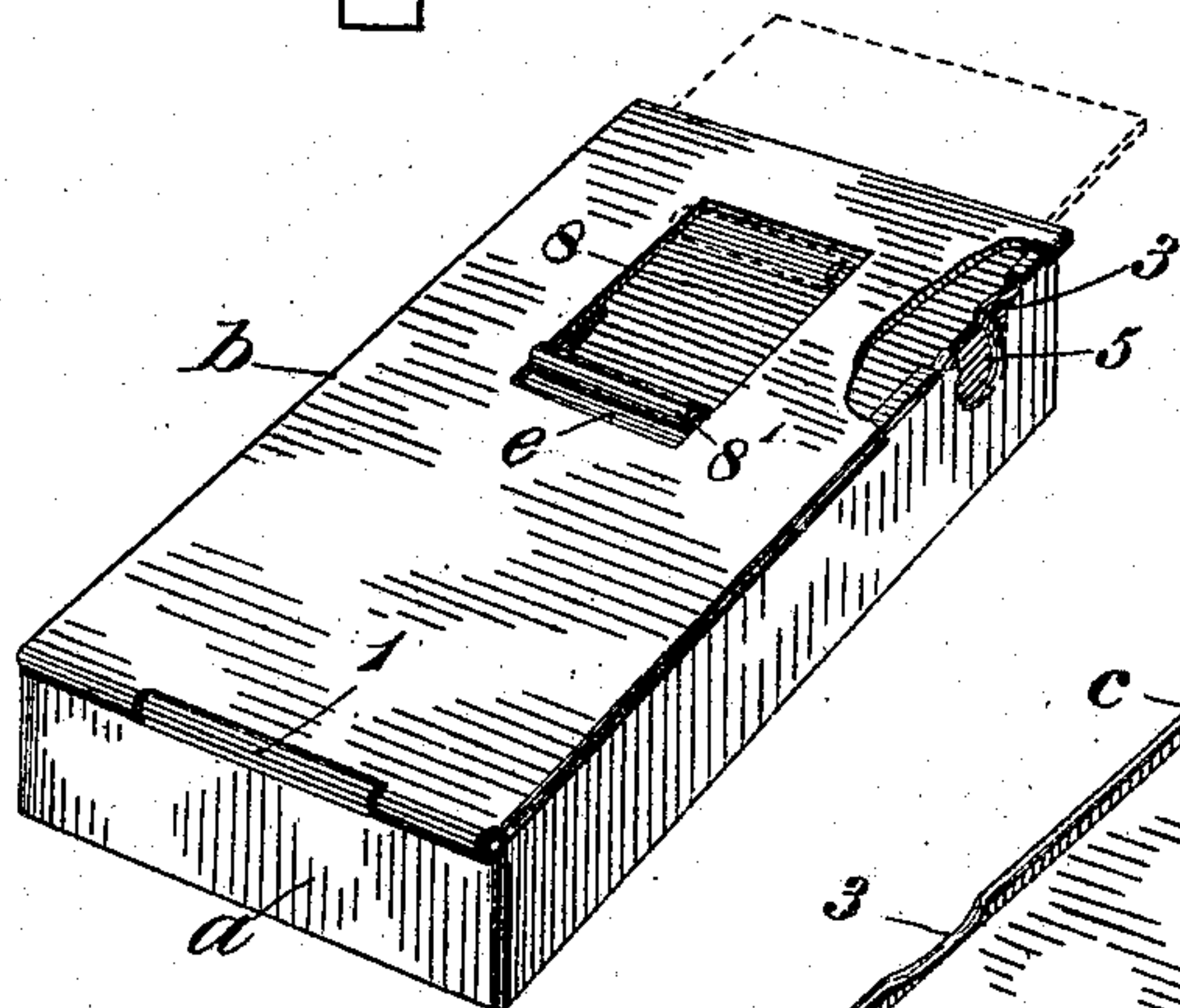


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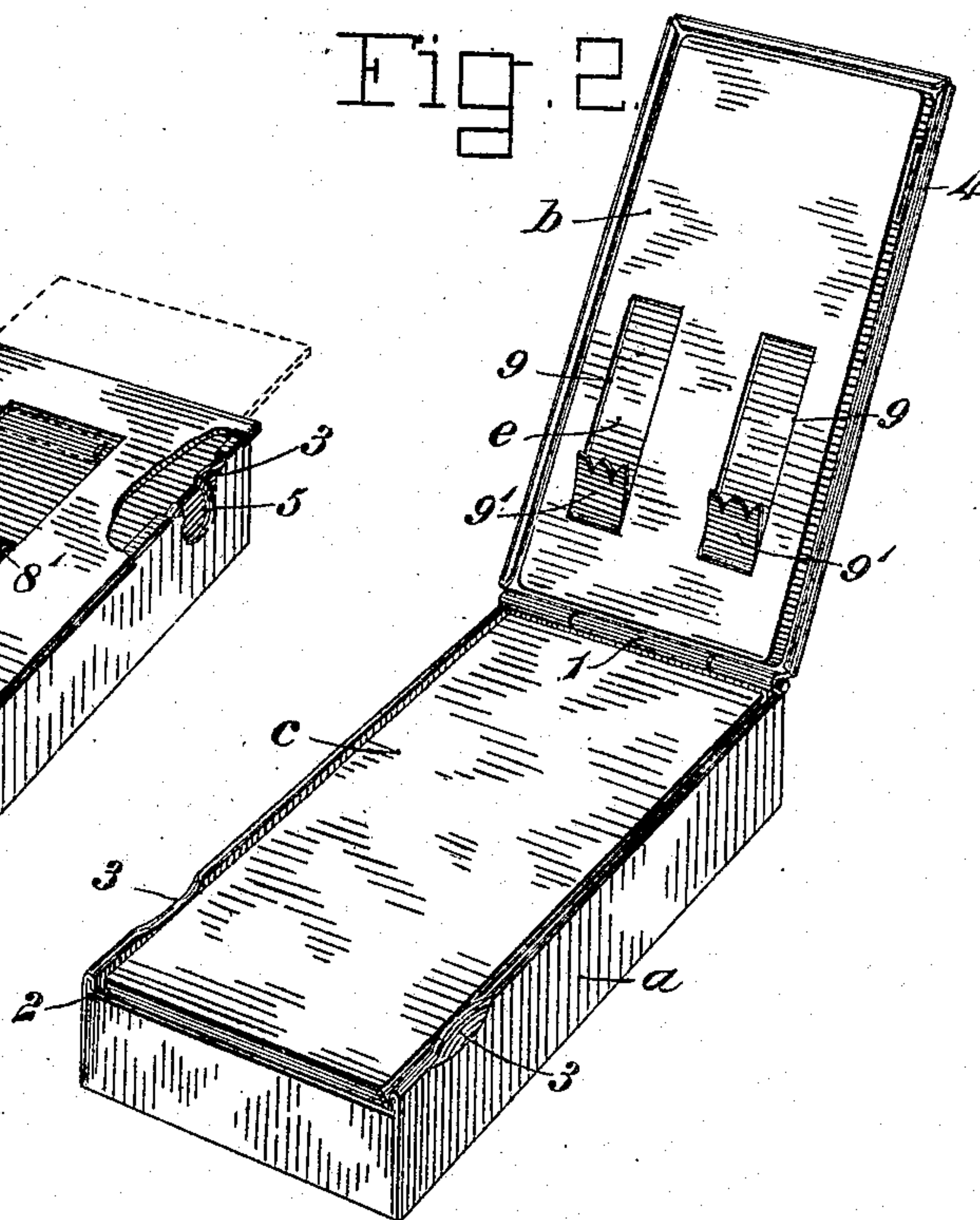


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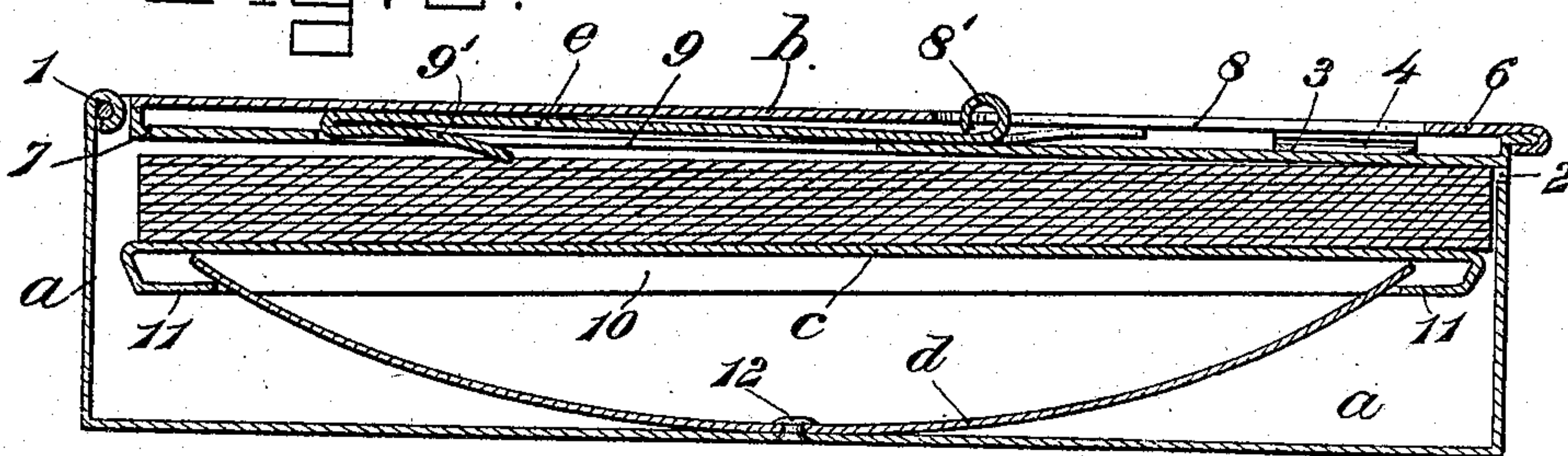


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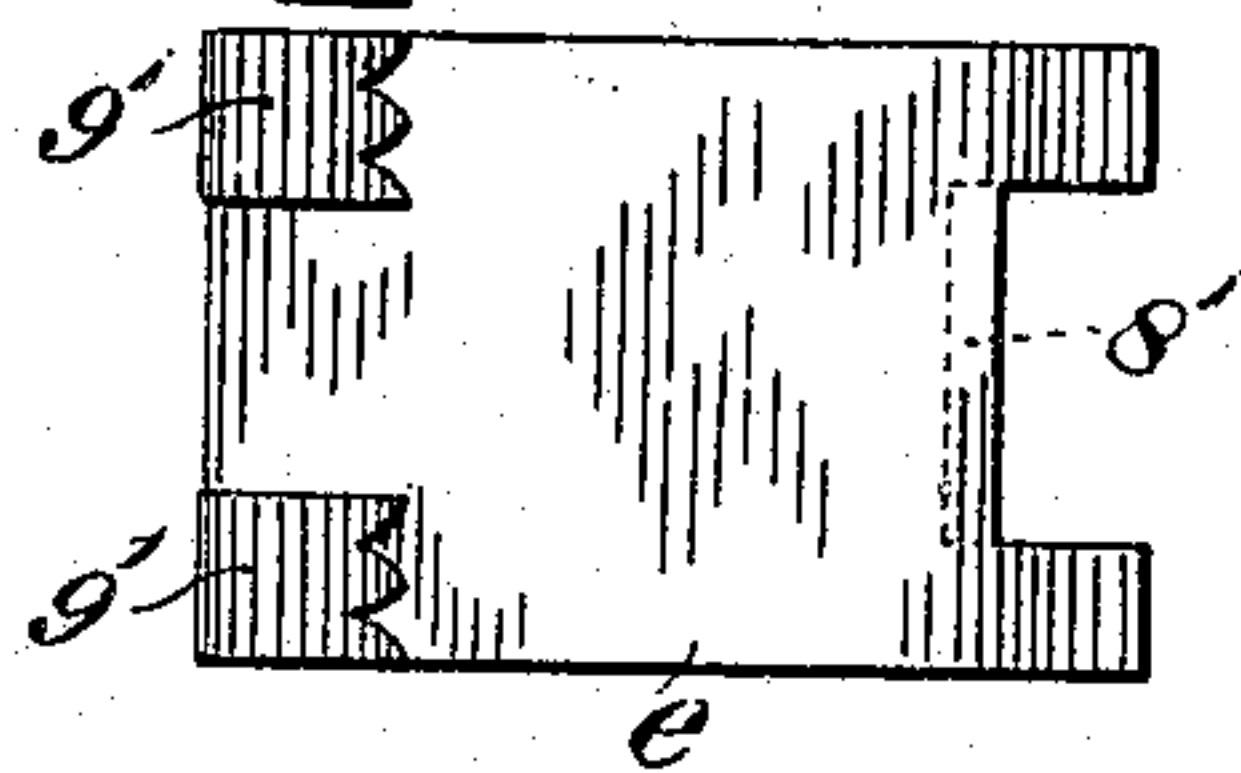
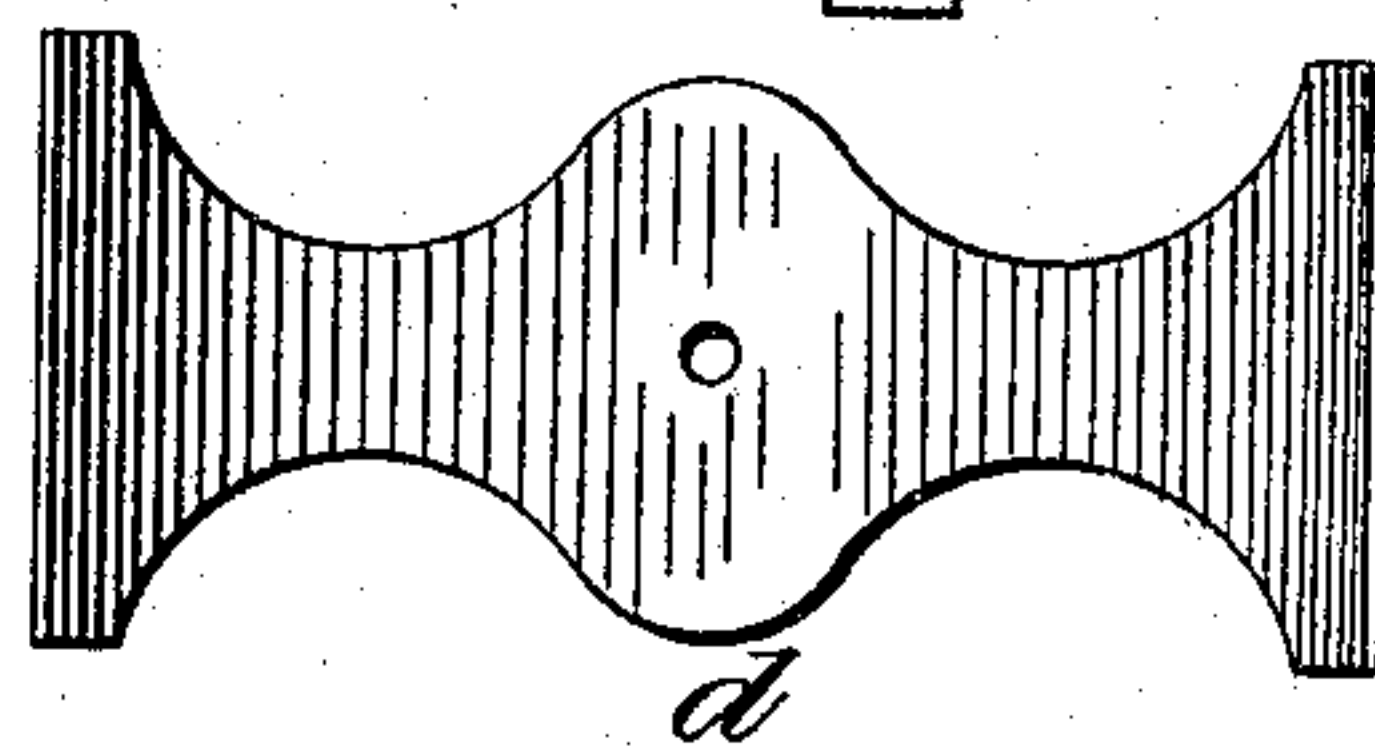


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMANN STEPHAN, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the borough of Brooklyn and city of New York, in the State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ticket-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to sheet-metal boxes or cases for car-tickets and the like, adapted to be carried in the pocket or hand bag, and provided with single-delivery ticket ejecting means.

The present invention consists in certain novel combinations of parts, and in an improved ticket case embodying them or any of them, as hereinafter more particularly described and claimed.

The leading object of the present invention is to produce a single-delivery ticket case having a smooth exterior and adapted to be made wholly of sheet metal.

Other objects will be set forth in the general description which follows.

A sheet of drawings accompanies this specification as part thereof.

Figures 1 and 2 are perspective views, showing the improved ticket case respectively closed and open; Fig. 3 represents a longitudinal section through the closed case on a larger scale; Figs. 4 and 5 are face views respectively of the ejector and the feed spring, detached, on the same scale as Figs. 1 and 2.

Like reference characters refer to like parts in all the figures.

The relatively movable parts of the improved ticket case are a rectangular body, *a*; a hollow lid, *b*; a follower, *c*, between which and the lid the tickets are held; a feed spring, *d*, interposed between said follower and the bottom of the body part *a*, and a slidable ejector, *e*, within the lid *b*.

All the parts may be and preferably are made of suitable sheet-metal as indicated.

The body part *a* determines by its proportions the capacity of the ticket-case, and the other parts are fitted thereto. At its open side or top, to which the lid *b* is snugly fitted, the body part *a* is constructed with one member of a lid attaching hinge and with a ticket outlet, shown respectively at 1 and 2, at its respective ends, and with a pair of inwardly bent snap catches, 3, which interact with slots, 4, in the edges of the lid near the outlet end of the case. To

stiffen said catches 3 and to finish their upper edges, the sides of the body *a* are preferably doubled by inward bends, as shown at 5 in Fig. 1.

The lid *b* is made hollow by suitably shaping and uniting at their edges two pieces of the sheet-metal, as shown at 6 and 7 in Fig. 3, and is further provided with longitudinal slots, 8 and 9, through which portions of the ejector *e* protrude.

The follower *c* is preferably and conveniently stiffened by downturned lateral edges 10, Fig. 3; and is constructed with end portions, 11, Fig. 3, turned downward and toward each other, to interact with the ends of the spring *d*.

The spring *d* is fixedly attached by a central rivet, 12, Fig. 3, to the bottom of the body part *a* and is so shaped and bent as to press the tickets on the follower *c* against the bottom of the lid *b*. Compare Figs. 3 and 5.

The ejector *e* is constructed in sheet metal in one piece with a projection, 8', which is fitted to said slot 8 in the top of the lid *b*, and protrudes sufficiently to be conveniently engaged by the thumb of a hand holding the case; and with a pair of downwardly pressing toothed fingers, 9', which protrude through said slots 9 in the bottom of the lid *b*, and interact with the topmost ticket as in Fig. 3.

The pressure of the spring *d* keeps the topmost ticket in effective touch with said fingers 9', and the pressure of the thumb against the projection 8' slides the ejector *e* toward the outlet end of the case and causes the topmost ticket to protrude through the outlet 2 as represented by dotted lines in Fig. 1.

Downward pressure on the ejector *e* is resisted by the bottom of the lid *b*, and the pressure on the tickets is determined by the resiliency of the spring fingers 9' and feed spring *d* and thus equalized or standardized.

The fingers or ticket engaging ejector portions 9' may obviously be reduced to one, or may be more than two if preferred; and other like modifications will suggest themselves to those skilled in the art.

Having thus described said improvement, I claim as my invention, and desire to patent under this specification:

1. A self-fastening ticket case constructed wholly of sheet metal with a smooth exterior and having, in combination, a rectangu-

lar body part constructed with a hinge member and a ticket outlet at opposite ends and with a pair of inwardly bent catch portions near its outlet end, a hollow lid hinged to said body part and provided with slots in its lateral edges arranged to interact with said catch portions and with longitudinal slots in its top and bottom, a ticket supporting follower within said body part parallel with the bottom of said lid, a spring having upwardly pressing ends interposed between said follower and the bottom of said body part and attached centrally to the latter, and a slidable ejector within said lid constructed with thumb engaging and ticket engaging portions protruding through the slots last named respectively.

2. The combination, in a sheet-metal ticket case, of a rectangular body part constructed with a hinge member and a ticket

outlet at opposite ends and with a pair of inwardly bent catch portions near its outlet end the sides of said body being doubled by inward bends to stiffen said catches and finish their upper edges, a hollow lid hinged to said body part and constructed with longitudinal slots in its top and bottom and with catch engaging slots in its edges, a slidable ejector within said lid constructed with thumb engaging and ticket engaging portions protruding through said top and bottom slots respectively, and means for pressing the topmost ticket against the bottom of said lid and into engagement with said ticket engaging portions of the ejector, substantially as hereinbefore specified.

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