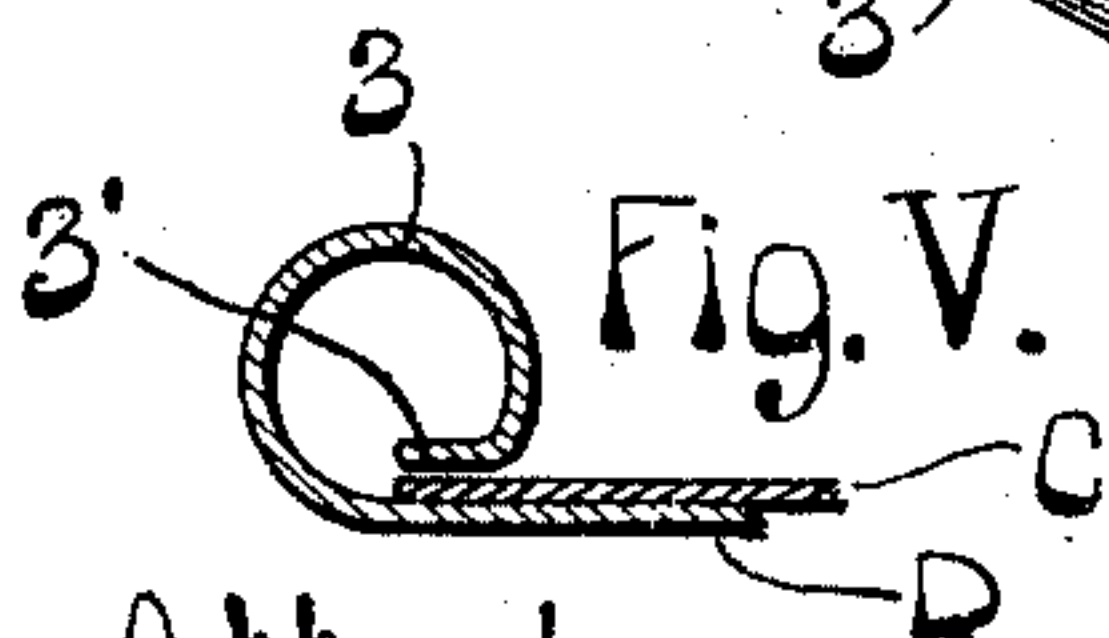
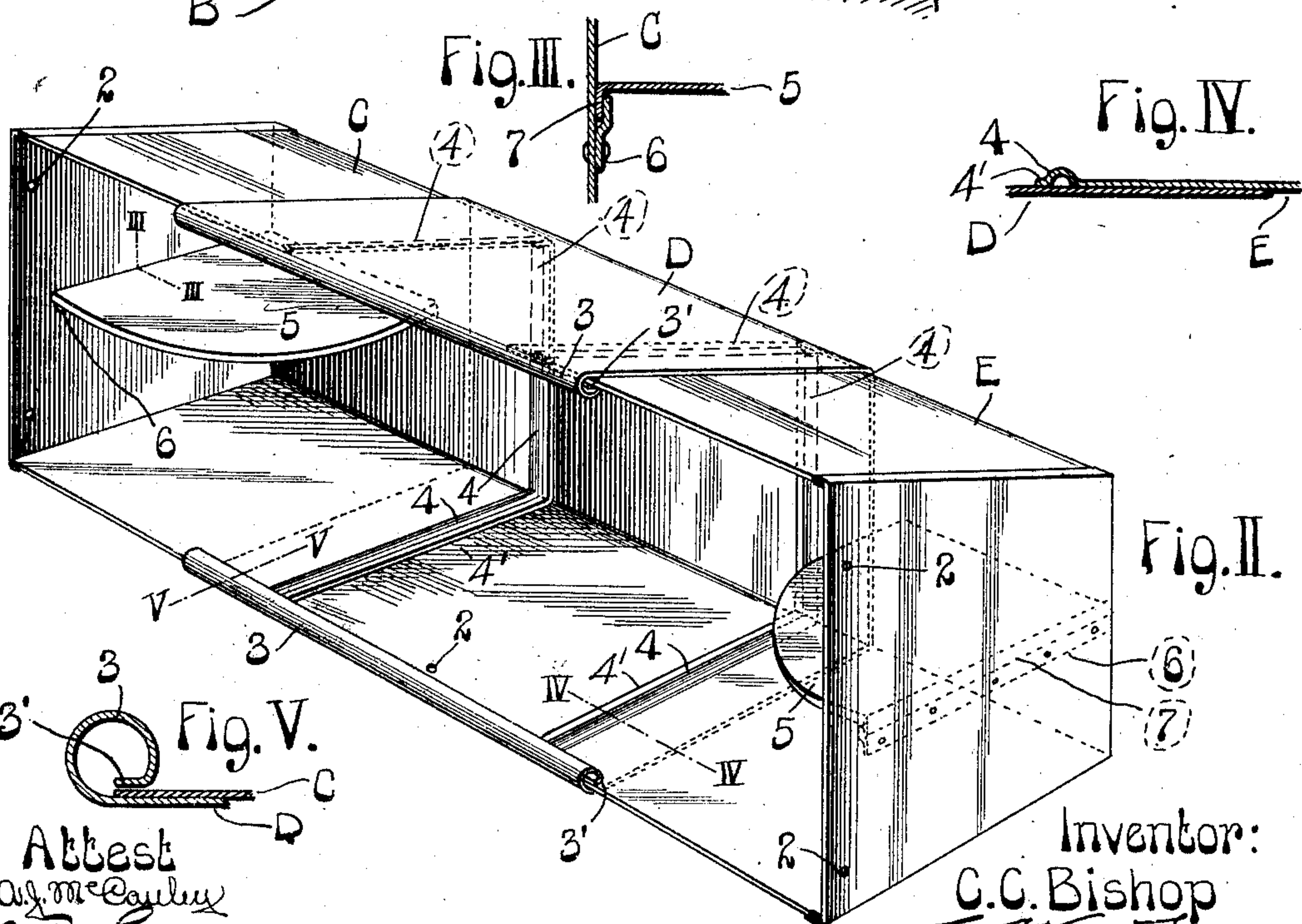
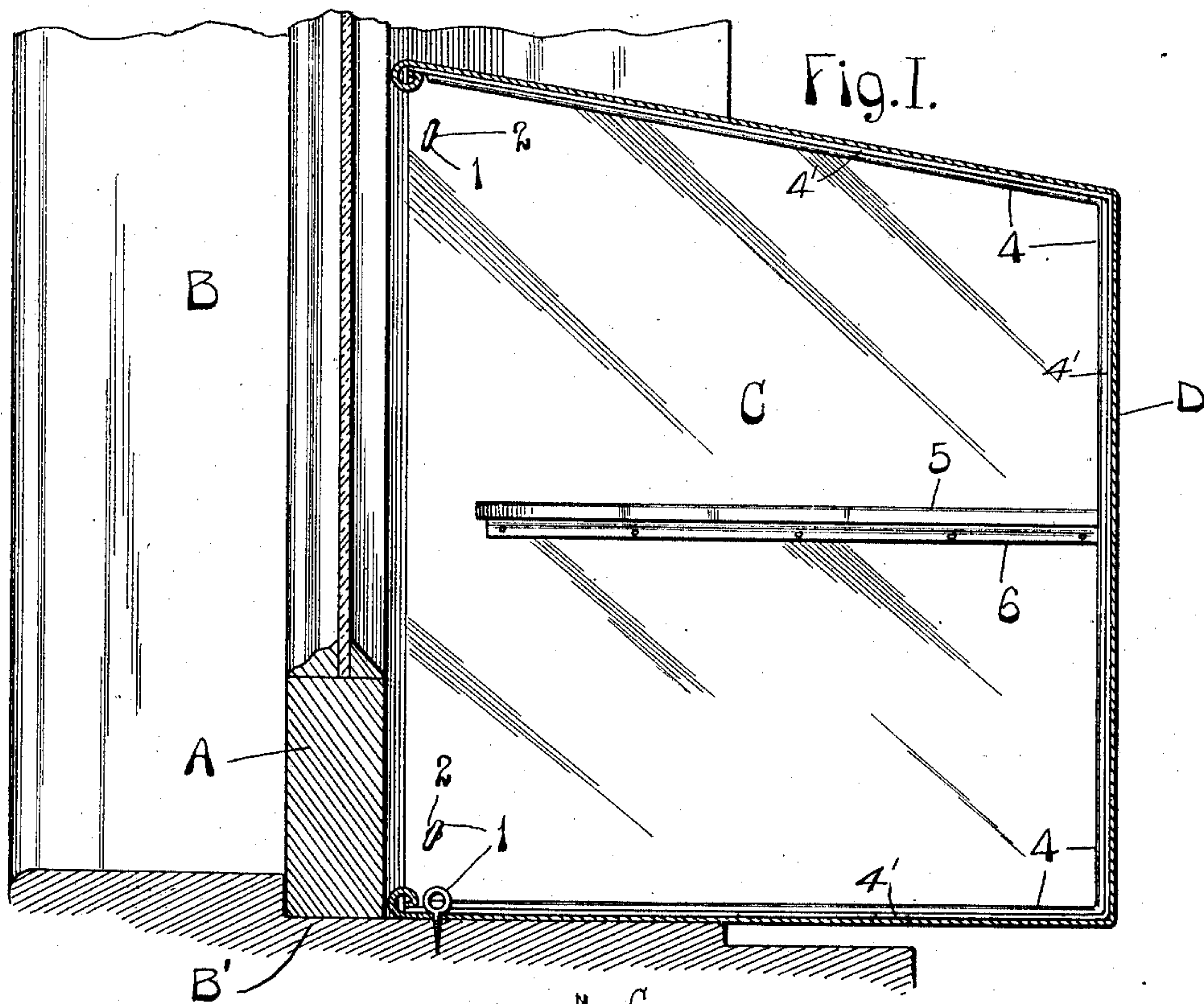


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES C. BISHOP, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Window Provision-Boxes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to a box or receptacle to be placed in a window to contain foods such as are usually kept in refrigerators during warm weather, the box being intended to be used more particularly in cold or cool weather in lieu of a refrigerator, thereby saving the expense of the operation of the refrigerator in a household, due to maintaining a supply of ice therein.

The object of the present invention is the production of a box of the kind named that is extensible and contractible and which may, therefore, be extended or contracted to fit within certain limits the widths of the window openings in which the box may be used.

Figure I is a vertical section through my window box in position in a window opening. Fig. II is a perspective view of the box on a reduced scale. Fig. III is a section on line III—III, Fig. II. Fig. IV is a section on line IV—IV, Fig. II. Fig. V is a section on line V—V, Fig. II.

In the accompanying drawings: A designates the lower sash of a window operable in a window frame B at the bottom of which is the usual sill B'.

My window box comprises end sections C and E and a central section D, the end sections being telescopically fitted to the central section, thereby providing for variation in the length of the box. The several sections C, D and E are all approximately U-shape in cross section and the end sections C and E are provided with end walls, thus producing a box having a bottom and roof, a rear wall and end walls, while the front of the box is entirely open to permit access therinto when the box is located in a window, as seen in Fig. I, with its open front so presented as to be closed by the lower window sash of a window when said sash is in a lowered position.

The window box may be held in the window in any suitable manner, but I preferably provide for its being held in its

proper position by the employment of screw eyes 1 that are inserted through perforations 2 in the bottom and main members of the box, and which are inserted into the sill and within the frame thus enabling the box to be readily removed.

The end sections C and E of my box are telescopically connected to the central section D through the medium of inwardly curled pocket members 3 formed upon the front ends of the bottom and roof members of said central section, as best seen in Fig. II. Each of these pocket members terminates in an inturned horizontal flange or lip 3' that extends into the pocket member and provides a broad flat slide and is spaced apart from the body of the bottom or roof member supplied with such pocket member. The pocket members 3, aside from their function as pocket members to receive the bottom and roof members of the end sections of the pockets, serve to reinforce or stiffen the central section B at its bottom and top whereby it is enabled to hold the bottom and top members of the end sections more rigidly than they would otherwise be held. The inner ends of the end sections are also stiffened or reinforced by the provision of beads 4 that are present at the bottom, rear walls and roof members of these sections and provide guiding edges 4'.

Shelves 5 are located in the end sections C and E intermediate of the bottom and roof members of these sections. These shelves are removably mounted in the end sections and are supported by bracket strips 6 secured to the walls of the end sections and having their upper portions spaced apart from said walls so that flanges 7 extending downwardly from the shelves 5 may enter between the walls and the brackets, as seen in Fig. III, to hold the shelves firmly while supported by said brackets.

It will be appreciated that when the several sections of my box have been assembled, the box may be either lengthened or shortened to suit the width of the window in which it is to be used and when the sections have been properly adjusted, they may be readily attached to the window frame and sill so that the box will occupy the entire width of the window and be firmly supported for use in the manner intended.

I claim:—

A window provision box comprising a central section formed with inwardly curled

reinforcing pocket members at the front edges, each pocket member consisting of an inturned horizontal flange spaced from the body thereof and providing broad flat slides, 5 and end sections formed with beaded inner ends at the bottom, rear walls and roof members and providing guiding edges, and telescopically fitted to the central section and having the flat front edges adapted to slide between the inturned horizontal flanges 10 and bodies of said pocket members.

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