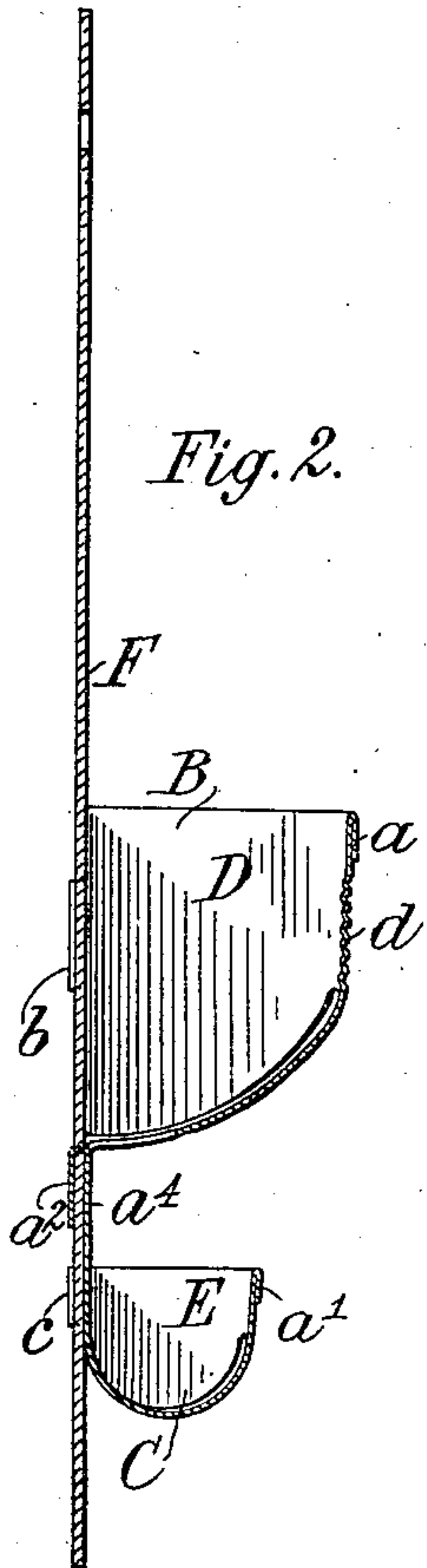


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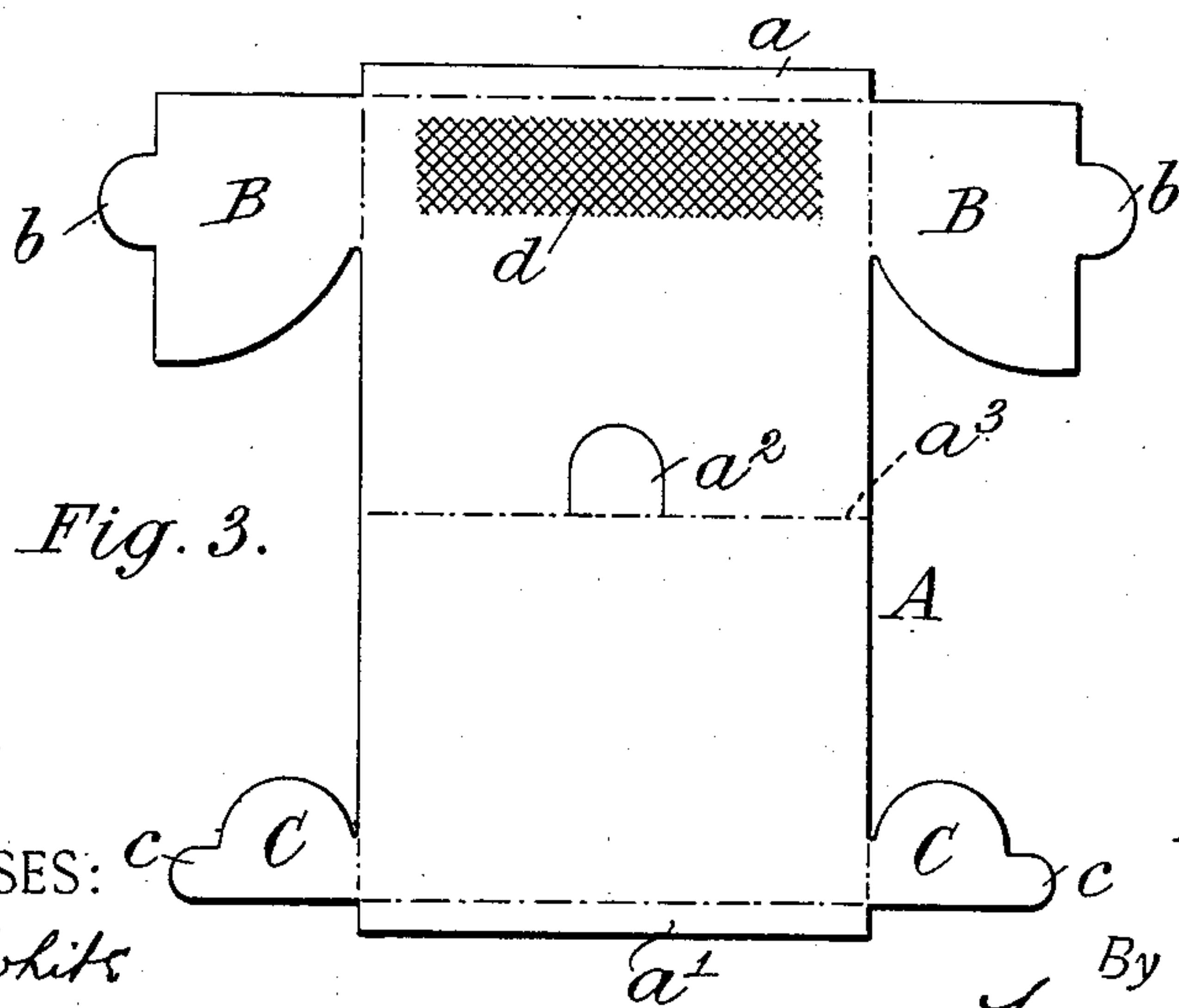
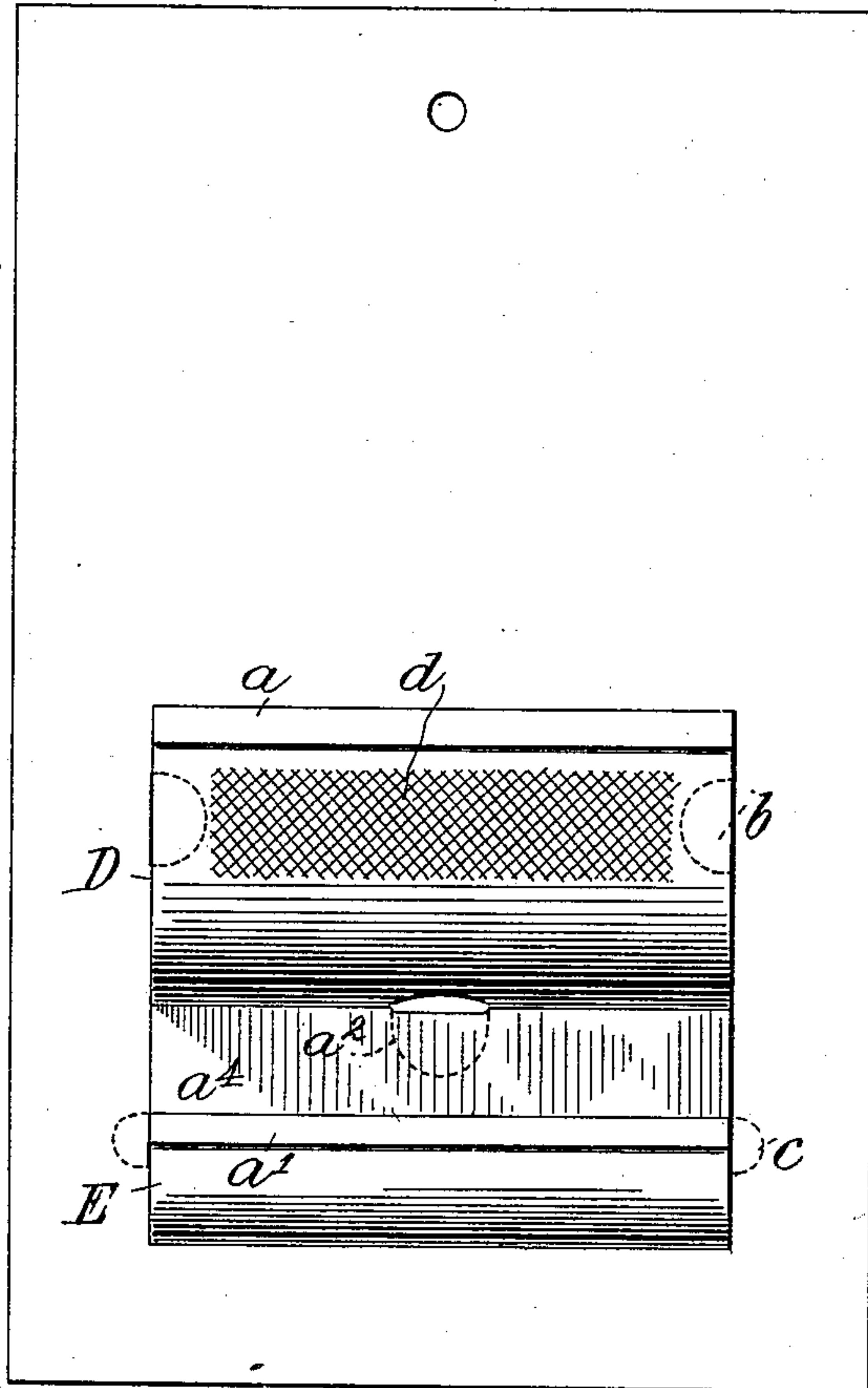
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK J. KRISTOFEK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Coshocton, in the county of Coshocton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Match-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention aims to provide an improved holder for matches or similar articles made in one piece, adapted to be cut from a sheet of thin metal or other suitable material, and designed to be hung upon the face of a wall. The construction provides two pockets, one of which may conveniently be employed for holding unused matches if adapted for that particular purpose, and the other for holding used matches.

The advantages of this match holder are that it occupies a very small amount of space and is of simple construction. It is well adapted to be shipped in a knockdown or flat shape, thereby achieving the advantage of this style of shipment, and is easily bent to shape by the user.

Figure 1 is an elevation of my improved match-box assembled upon a backing; Fig. 2 is a section through the center line of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a plan of the blank which is bent to form the match box.

The blank comprises a portion A, which may be formed as shown with parallel sides, and upon the upper part of which on each side are projecting ears B, each of which is formed with a lug  $b$ . Between these the blank A is extended at  $a$  to form a short ledge. The lower part of the blank is provided with ears C each having projecting outwardly therefrom lugs  $c$ , and between these ears the blank is extended to form a ledge  $a^1$ . Midway of the blank I preferably perforate the same, forming a lug  $a^2$ . In bending the blank into shape, I preferably bend the ears B rearwardly until they are at substantially right angles to the main body portion A, and the body A may then be bent rearwardly, the curved form substantially conforming to the curved outline of the inner edges of the ears B to the point shown in dotted lines at  $a^3$ . This will form the upper pocket D, and the portion from which the lug  $a^2$  has been cut out will appear at the bottom of said pocket, as seen in Fig. 2. The portion of the blank from the dotted line  $a^3$  downward for a short distance, will then form the back plate  $a^4$ . The lower

ears C are then bent forwardly, and the lower part of the blank A is then bent forwardly and upwardly so that it forms the pocket E. During this operation the bending of the side blank is facilitated by the shape of the inner edges of the ears C, which are substantially semicircular. By this operation it will be seen that the upper pocket has its front surface formed by the face of the blank, which likewise forms the front surface of the back plate  $a^4$ , whereas the outer part of the lower pocket E is formed from the rear of the blank A. The ledges  $a$   $a^1$  may then be bent either forwardly or rearwardly as preferred, thereby forming a rounded surface for the forward upper edges or pockets D and E, and preventing their presenting a sharp edge which might cut the fingers. When the blank has thus been bent to shape, the ears  $b$ ,  $a^2$  and  $c$  may then be passed through slits in a suitable backing F, which may be a sheet of cardboard and bent to hold the match-box in position.

It will thus be seen that an extremely simple and efficient construction is provided, wherein the end walls of the upper pocket D are integrally attached at their forward edges to the longitudinal body of the said pocket, and at their rear edges are firmly held in place by the lugs  $b$ . Likewise at the lower pocket E the ends are also integrally attached thereto and held securely at their rear by the lugs  $c$ .

If desired the upper pocket D may be roughened as at  $d$  to provide a scratching surface for the ignition of matches.

The illustrated form for the outlines of the ends and sides, &c., of the blank are convenient, and result in the construction of a box with little loss of material. I do not, however, regard the particular form illustrated as essential to my purpose, as the same might be modified to suit the particular shape which it is desired to produce.

I claim as my invention:—

1. An article of the class described comprising an integral blank bent to form a plate and two pockets, the ends of one pocket being formed by ears bent rearwardly to substantially right angles with the blank and the longitudinal wall by bending the blank downwardly and rearwardly in substantial conformity with the edge of said ends, the ends of the lower pocket be-



ing formed by ears bent forwardly to substantially right angles with the blank and the longitudinal wall by bending the blank forwardly and upwardly in substantial conformity with the edge of said ends, and means for securing said article to a backing.

2. An article of the class described comprising two pockets connected by a back plate, one pocket formed by bending ears rearwardly and shaping the blank about them, the other pocket formed by bending ears forwardly and shaping the blank about them, the back plate formed by the portion of the blank intermediate said pockets, and means for attaching the structure to a backing.

3. An article of the class described comprising two pockets and a back plate, the metal being bent forward and upward above the plate to form the body of one pocket and portions thereof bent rearwardly to form the ends, and the metal being bent forward and upward below said plate to form the other pocket and portions thereof bent rearwardly to form the ends, and integral lugs in said

structure and a backing through which said lugs are passed.

4. An article of the class described comprising an integral blank bent to form a back plate and two pockets, the blank being bent forward and upward to form the body of one pocket, the end walls of said pocket being formed of ears attached to the upper part of said body and bent rearwardly to form the end walls of said pocket and having integral attaching lugs, and the blank being bent forwardly and upwardly to form the body of the other pocket, the end walls of which are formed by bending rearwardly ears attached to said body which have attaching lugs integral therewith and a backing through which said lugs are passed.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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