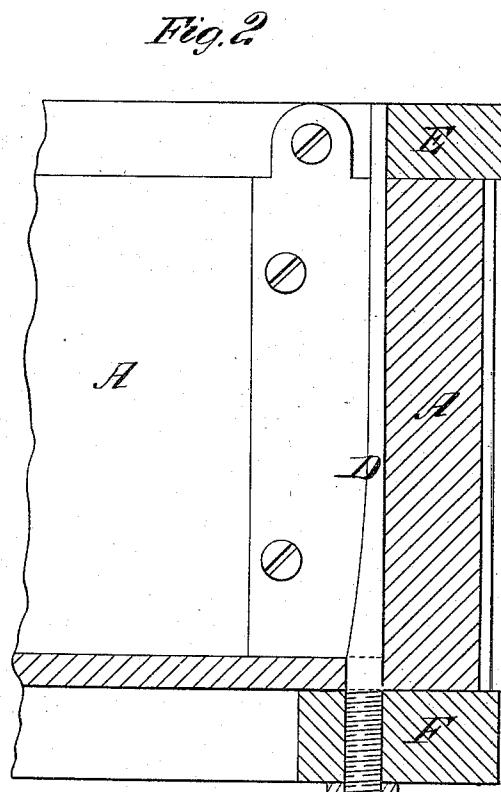
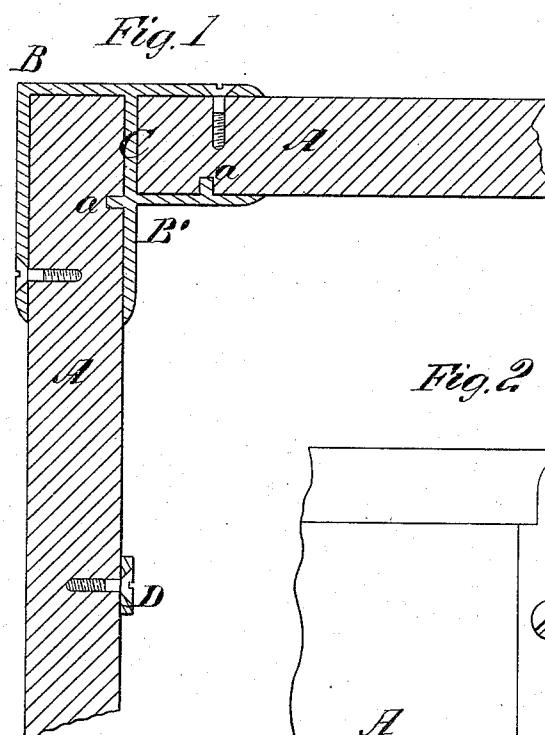


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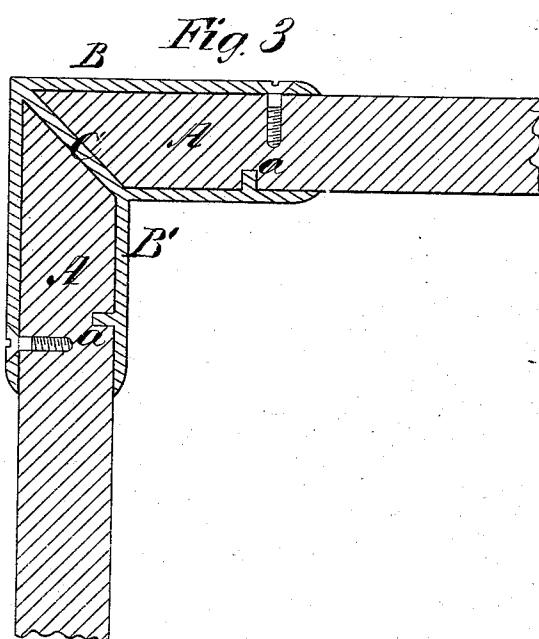
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IMPROVEMENT IN ANGLE-IRONS FOR BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, N. L. HOLMES, of Racine, in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Angle-Irons for Boxes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawing is a representation of a sectional view of my angle-iron. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view, and Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view, of a modification of the same.

This invention has relation to means for securing the corners or angles of boxes and other objects; and it consists in two angle-irons, which are connected together by a cross-plate, against which the ends of the box-stuff abut, and which are provided with ribs that enter grooves made in the box-stuff, whereby a rigid and very durable fastening is obtained, as will be hereinafter explained.

In the annexed drawings, Figs. 1 and 2, A designates two pieces of box-stuff, which are secured together by means of my improved angle-iron. This iron consists of two right-angular portions, B B', and a connecting portion, C, with ribs a a formed on the in-

ner sides of the angular portion B'. The inner sides of the pieces A A are grooved, as shown in Fig. 1, and when these pieces are inserted between the angle-irons B B' the ribs a a enter the said grooves, and prevent the pieces from being drawn out of place. The portion C not only serves as a means for connecting the two angles, but it also affords a metallic abutment for the ends of the pieces A. As an additional security I screw both of the angles B B' to the pieces A, and use cap and foot pieces E F to cover the ends of the angles. The pieces E F are confined in place by means of a tie-strap, D. (Shown in Fig. 2.)

When the box-stuff is sawed mitered, as shown in Fig. 3, the connecting-piece C extends diagonally across from one angle to the other.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The angle-irons B B', connecting portion C, and ribs a, constructed as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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