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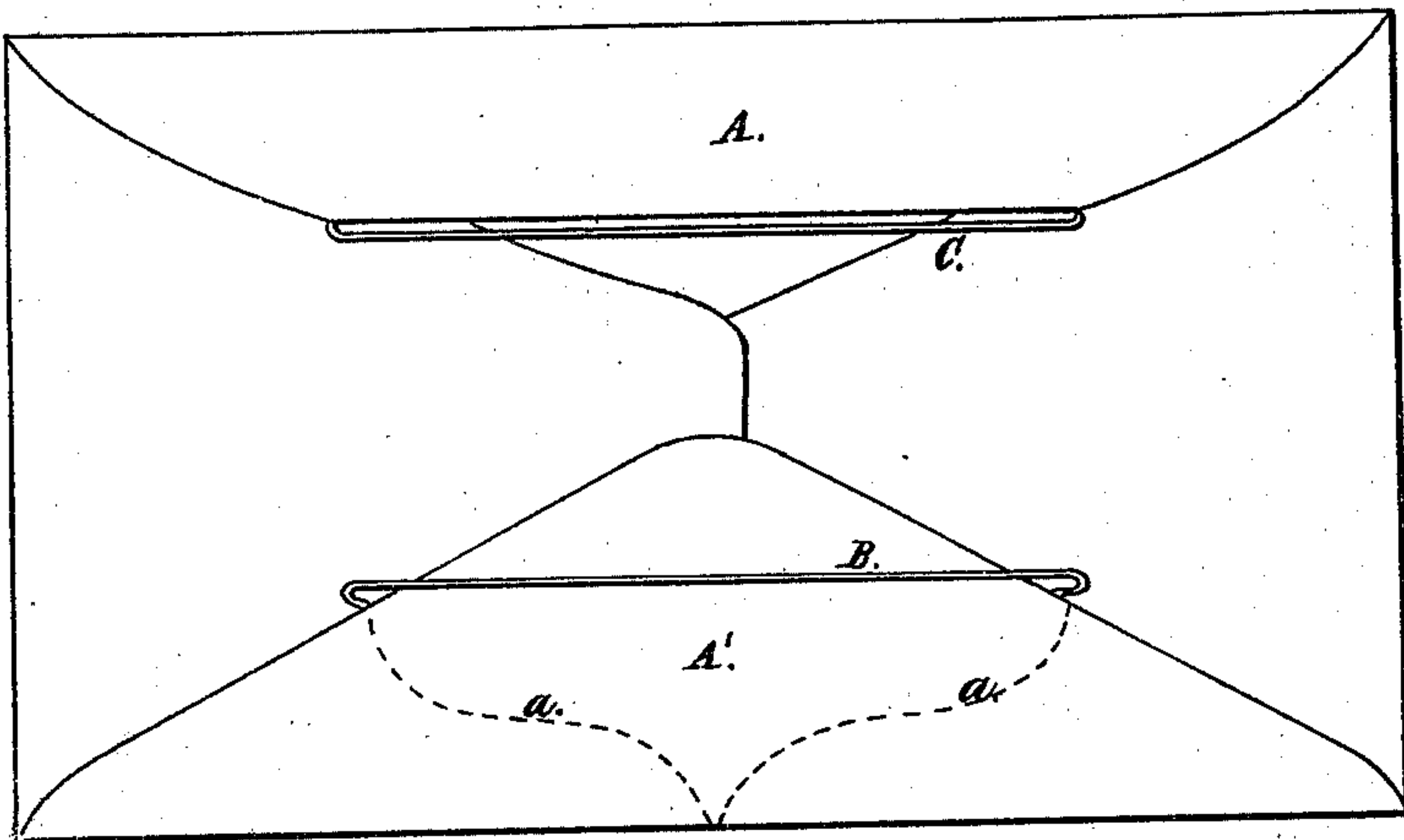
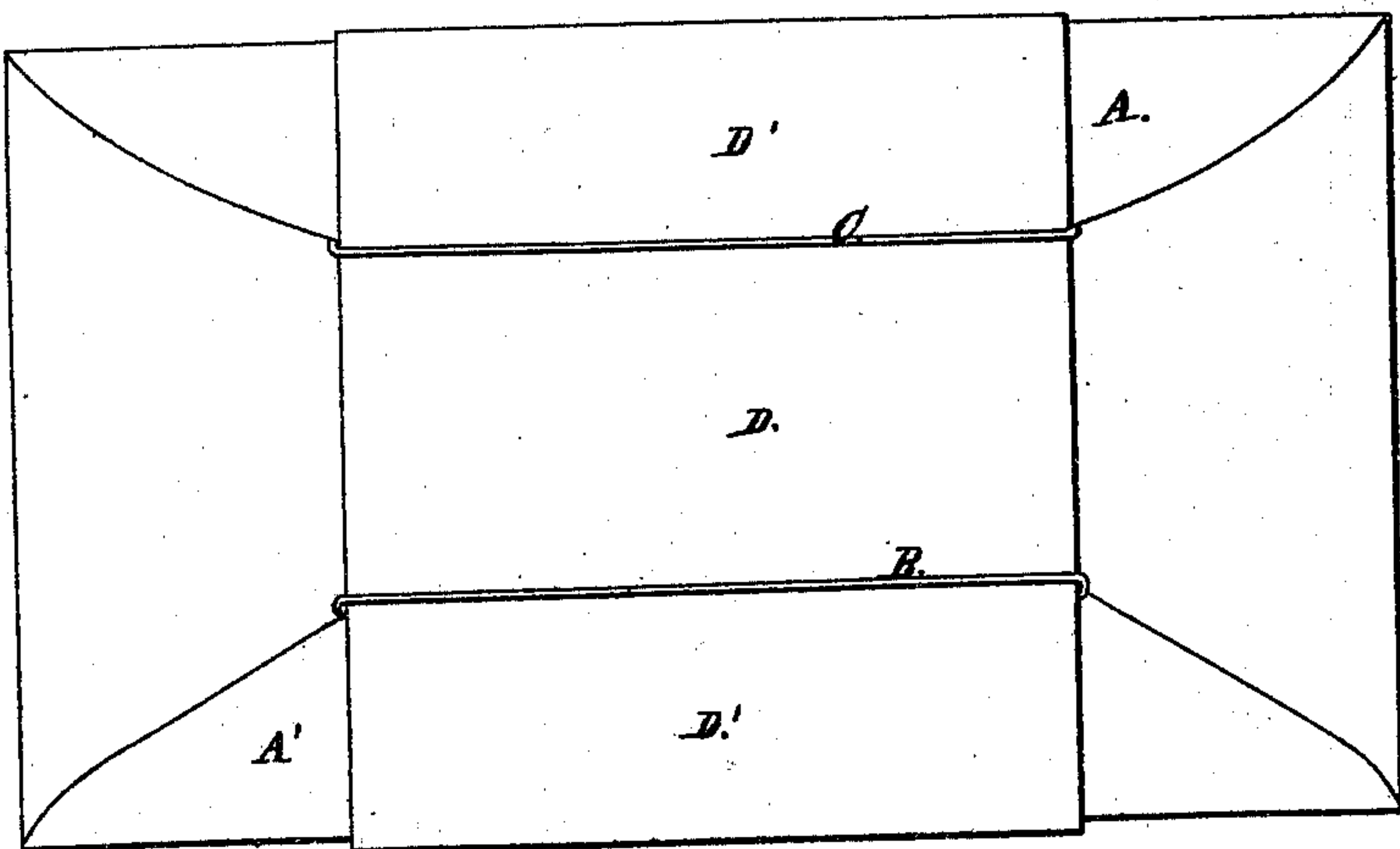


Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.

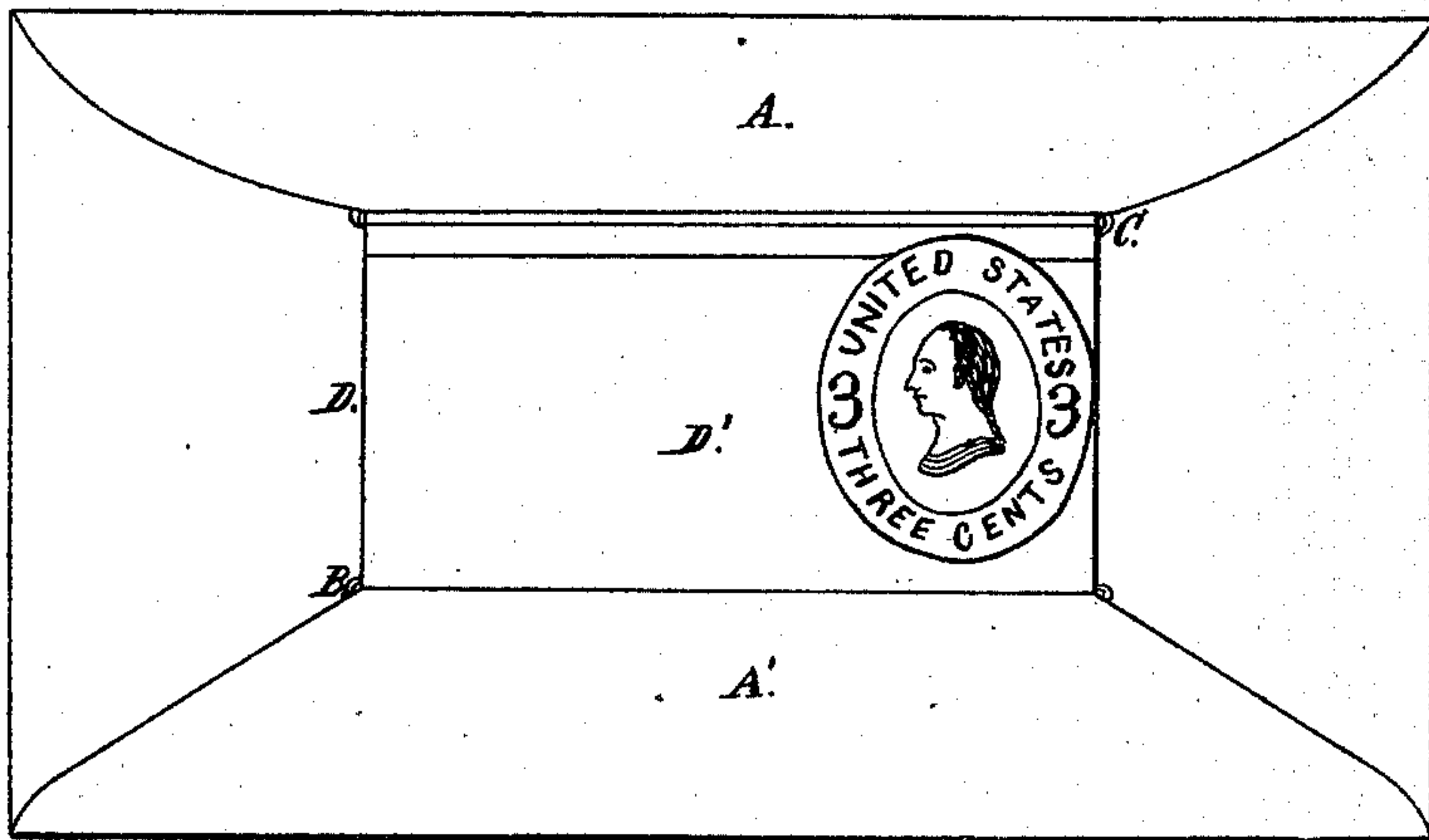
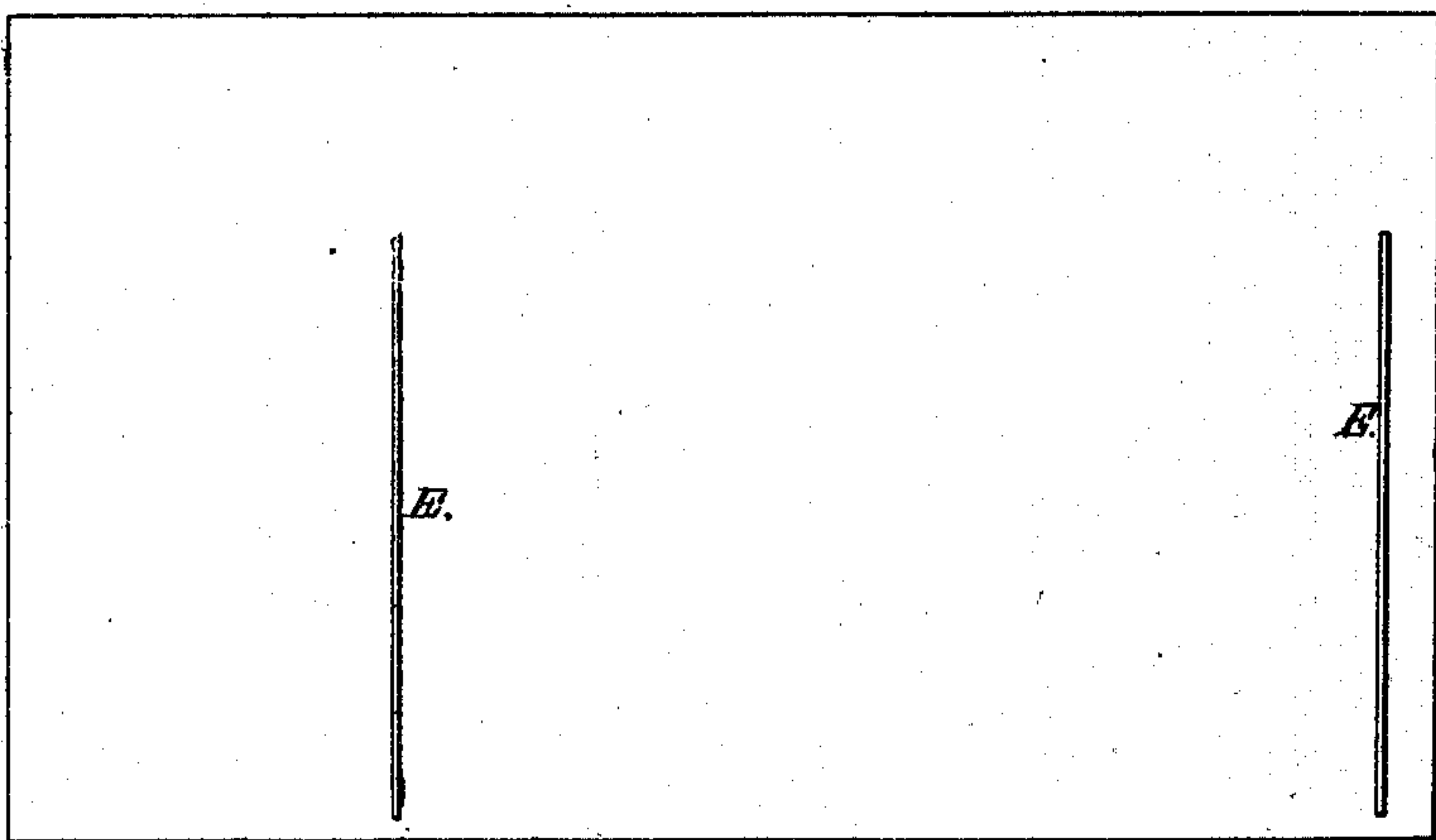


Fig. 4.



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Fig. 5.

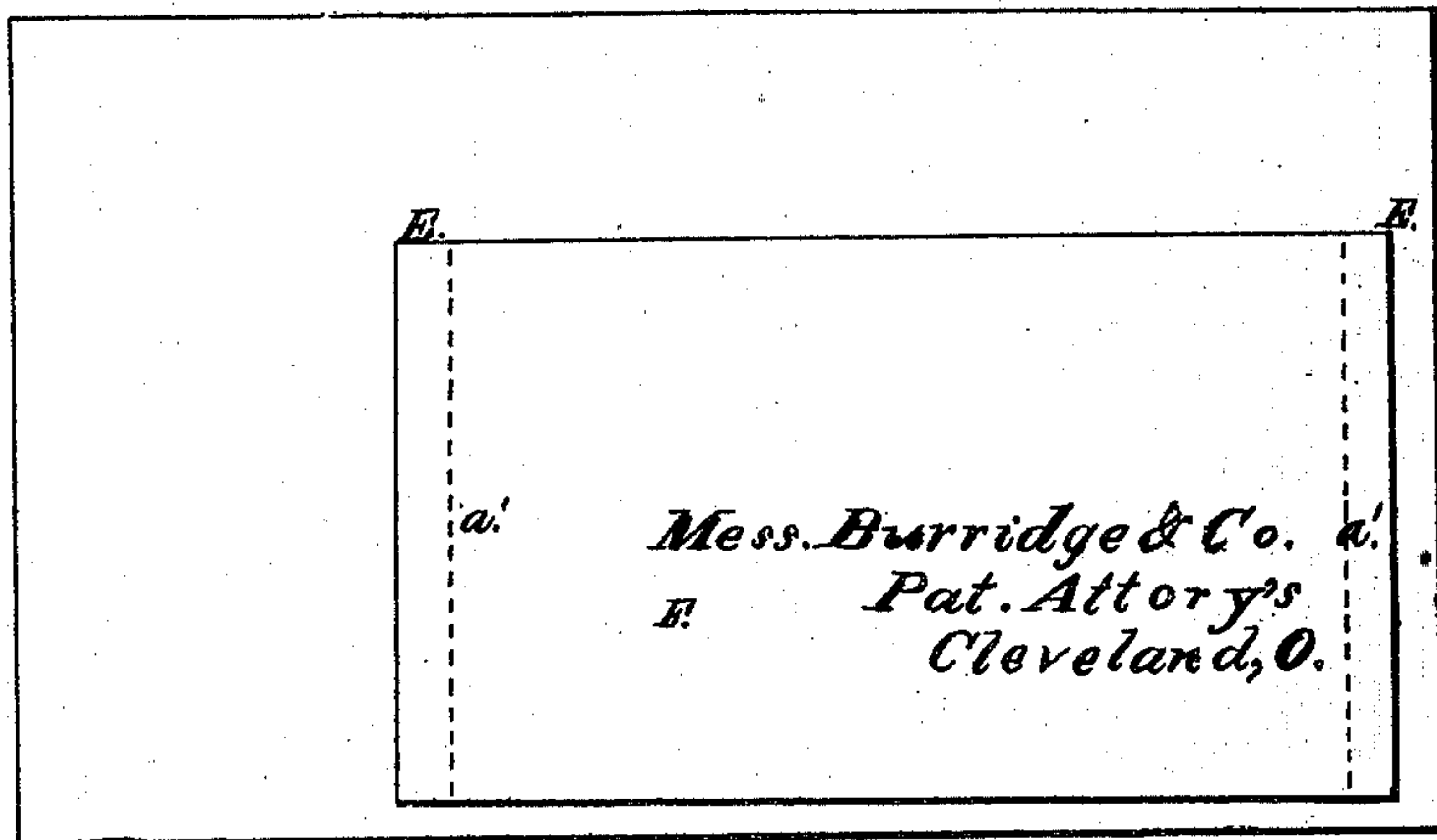


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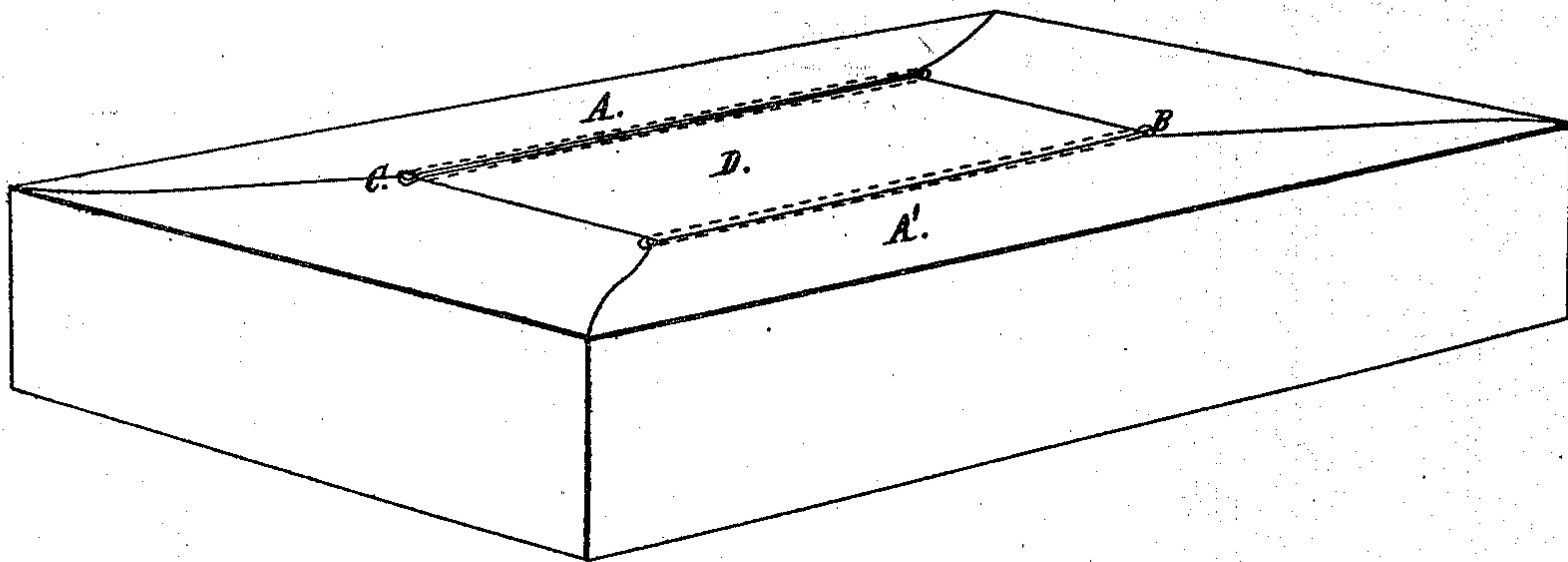
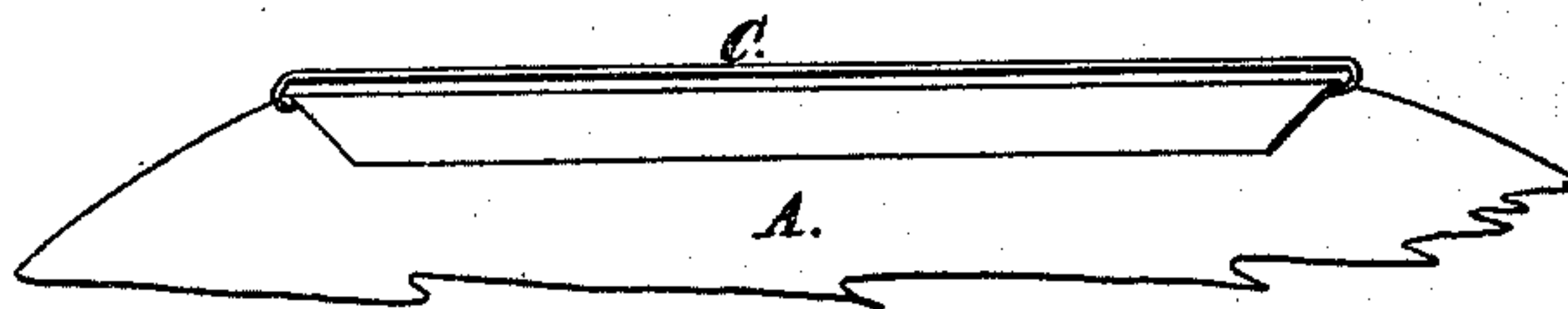


Fig. 7.



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LETTER ENVELOPE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, C. CONKLING, of Ashland, in the county of Ashland, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Envelopes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and complete description of the construction of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the envelope without the belt.

Figure 2 is a view with the belt passed through the loops.

Figure 3 is a view with the belt folded together and sealed.

Figure 4, a view of the opposite side of the envelope, showing the loops.

Figure 5 is a view of the same, with the duplicate back.

Figure 6 is a perspective view.

Figure 7 is a detached view.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts in the several views.

This envelope is made in the ordinary way and shape, as shown, with the additions which will be referred to in the description.

In fig. 1, B represents a wire loop, one side of said loop passing under the lap A of the envelope, and held down by pasting said lap in the ordinary way, or it can be fastened to a piece indicated by the dotted lines *a* in fig. 1, and pasted down. The loop C is fastened to the upper lap A of the envelope, passing the lap through the loop, and pasting the edge down on the under side of the lap, as shown in fig. 7. Thus the two loops are fastened to the envelope and held in position. The belt D, fig. 2, can then be passed through the loops, as shown, and the lappels D' of said belt folded, as shown in fig. 3, when it can be sealed and stamped, and the address, if wished, can be put on this belt. Fig. 4 is a view of the back of the envelope. E E are wire loops, by means of which the duplicate backs are held in place. The ends of these wires pass through the back of the envelope, and are bent down on the inside, so as to secure them in place; the back F is then put on, and the ends turned under the wire between the duplicate back and back of the envelope, as indicated by the dotted lines *a'* in fig. 5; the address to be put on the duplicate back. This envelope can be made with two loops for the belt, or two for the belt and two for the back, as desired, either with two or four loops. As a repeating envelope it can be used again and again; also, as a letter envelope, it will afford the postal revenue additional security against fraud in the second use of the postage stamps, as in opening the envelope it has to be cut through the belt, if the envelope is to be used again, and the stamp which is on said belt will have to be cut with it. Thus it supplies the place for a post mark, postage stamp, letter address, and to seal the envelope. When the gummed belt D is destroyed by opening the envelope, another can be replaced on reversing said envelope, and the duplicate back is to bear the letter address. When the belt is not used, which is optional, the back is to be destroyed, and another replaced, when the envelope is to be used again, as the belt before described. These envelopes can be of any size, to send as many letters as required in one, and can be made large and strong enough for express packages—a large one is shown in fig. 6. The nature of my invention admits of its being applied to envelopes of various forms and sizes. The imprinted belt it will be impossible to manage for purposes of fraud. The belt, with a stamp, will preclude fraud also, for the reason that it precludes the facility of it to such an extent that no advantage can be gained by it.

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

1. The belt D and loops B C, in combination with the envelopes, substantially as described.
2. The duplicate back F and loops E and envelope, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.
3. The duplicate back F, in combination with the envelope, as and for the purpose set forth.
4. The self-sealing belt D, in combination with the envelope, as and for the purpose set forth.

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