

G. H. Mathews, Envelope.

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Figure 1.

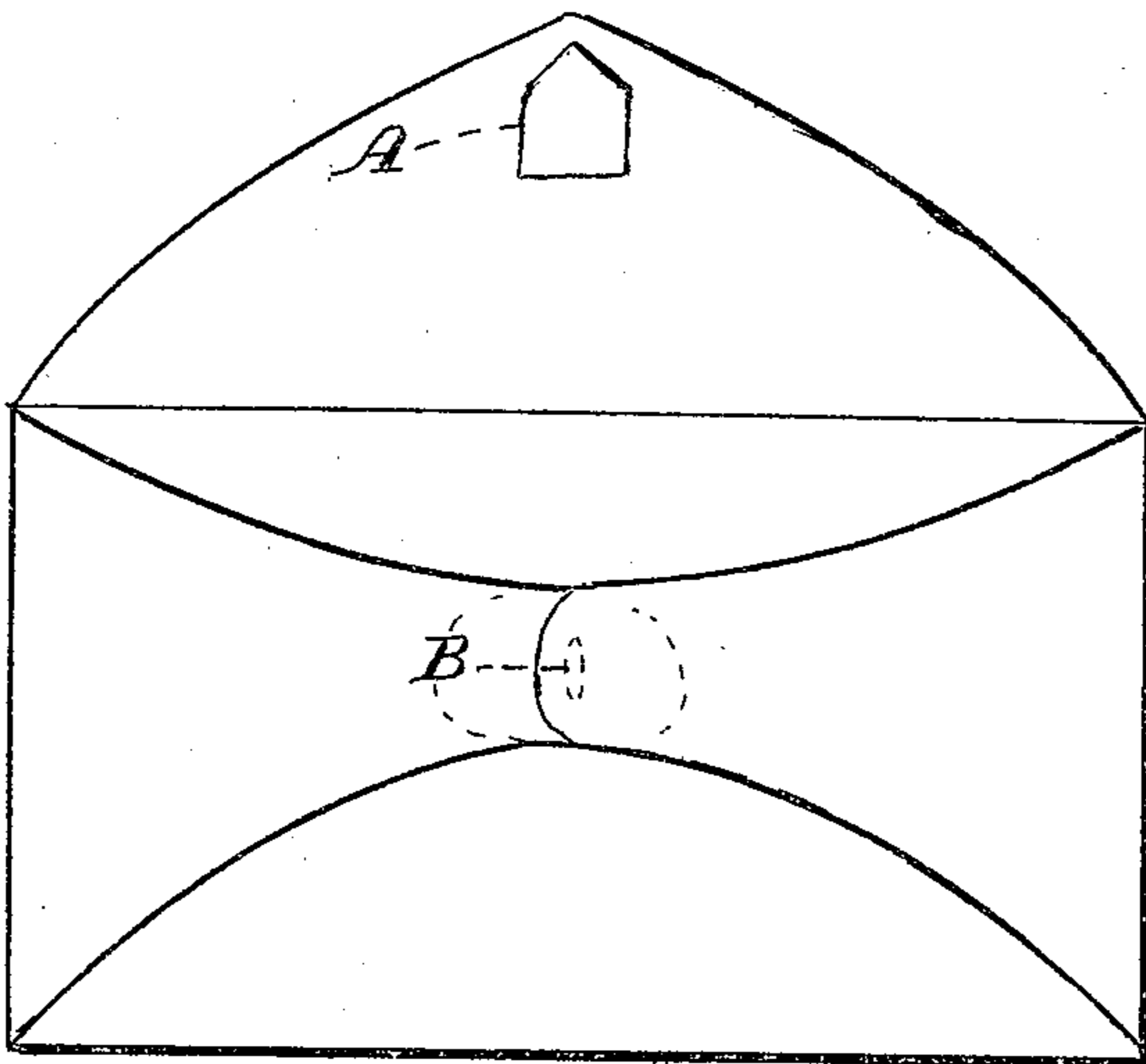


Figure 2.

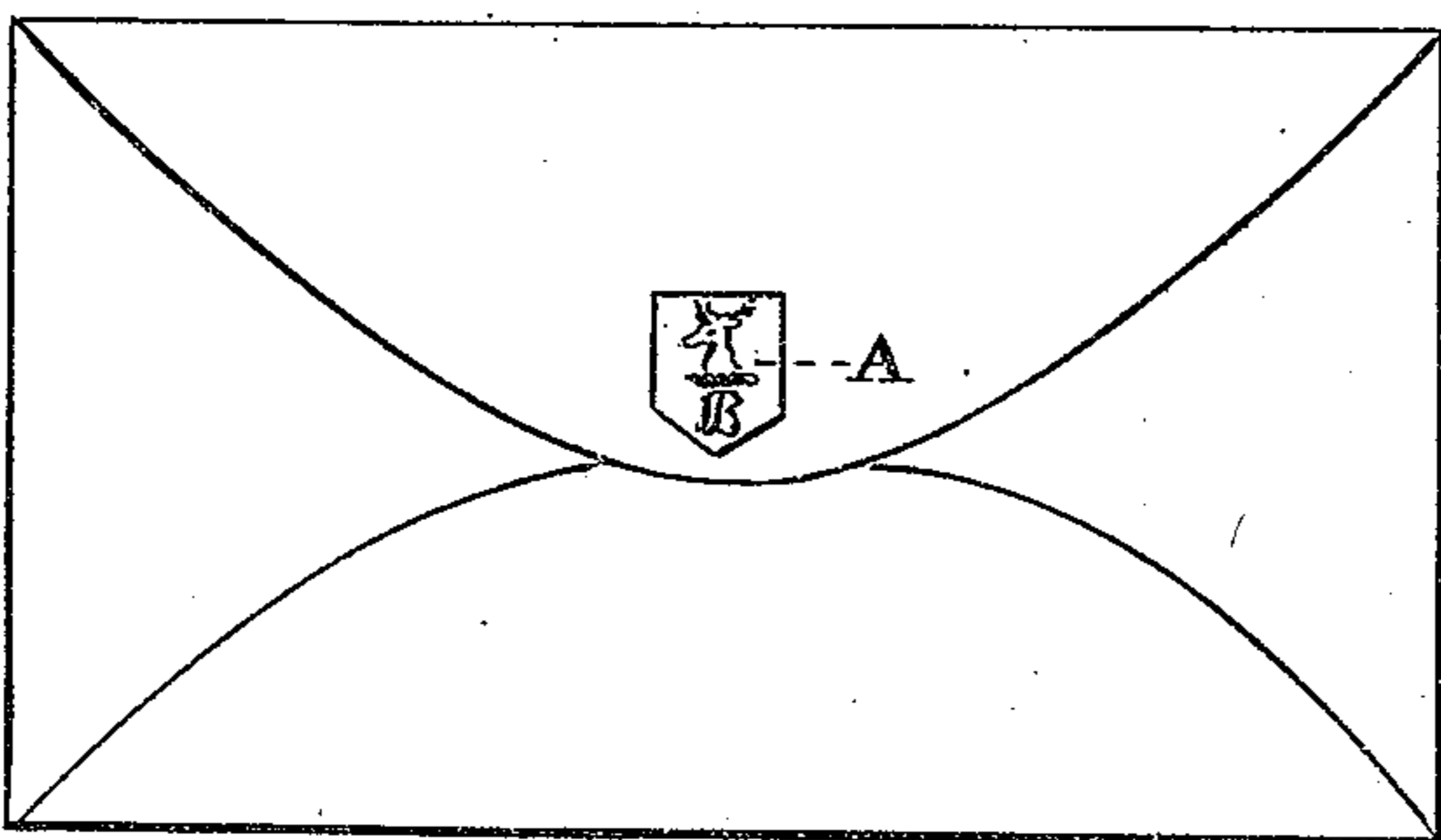
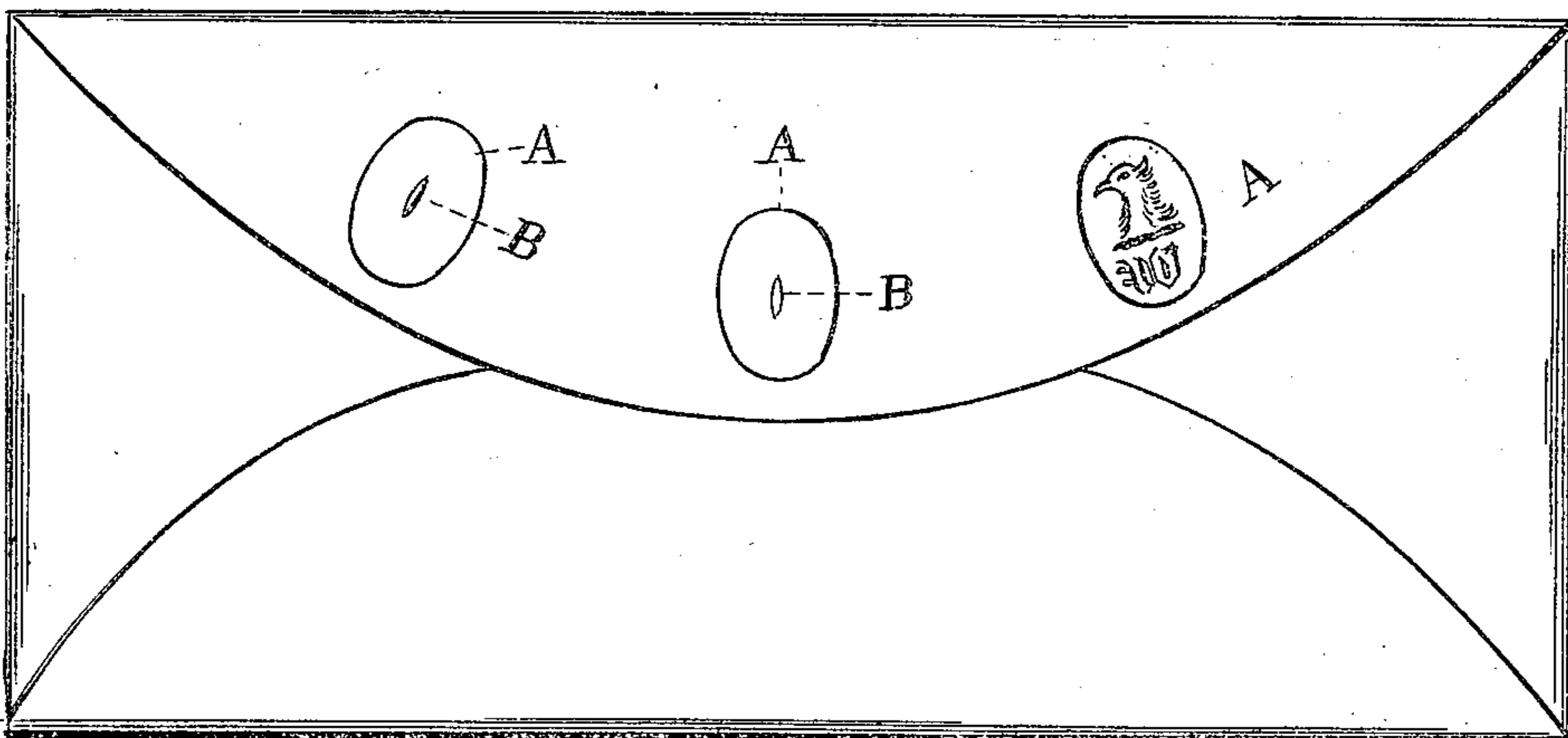


Figure 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN ENVELOPES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **84,501**, dated December 1, 1868; antedated November 16, 1868.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE HUMPHRYS MATHEWS, of the city of New York, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Envelope or Wrapper of such a description that on being sealed with sealing-wax or some corresponding substance the outline of the seal will be clear and well defined, and of any shape or size desired, being surrounded, if desired, with a raised or engraved ornamental border; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked therein—

Figure 1 representing an envelope with the flap opened, having one opening in the flap, Fig. 2 representing the same envelope closed and sealed, Fig. 3 representing a large envelope closed and partially sealed, having three openings in the flap.

The nature of my invention and the method of using it are as follows:

It consists in cutting one or more openings of any desired shape and size in the flap of an envelope or wrapper, (see Figs. 1 and 2, letter A,) the said openings being surrounded, if desired, with a raised or engraved ornamental border, and in making one or more marks, Figs. 1 and 3, letter B, according to the number of openings in the flap, on that portion of the envelope that is covered by the flap, in such a way that on closing the flap a

mark will be in the center of each opening in the flap, the object of these marks being to point out the spot where the sealing-wax is to be applied. A quantity of melted sealing-wax is then placed on the envelope over the mark or marks, and the flap of the envelope is pressed down, a portion of the wax filling up the opening or openings in the flap, while the remainder causes the flap to adhere to the body of the envelope. A seal or stamp is then pressed on the wax in the openings, and impressions are produced with clear and well-defined outline corresponding to the size and shape of the openings and even with the thickness of the material, instead of forming the irregular spot now made by putting the wax on the outside of the flap, where it meets the under edge, and making an uneven and irregular raised border around the seal when pressed upon the wax, and being liable to be chipped off the surface or broken while undergoing the rubbing incident to being transported by mail.

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

An envelope or wrapper having one or more openings cut in the flap, and having marks on that portion of the body of the envelope beneath the flap, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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