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Envelope.*

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Fig. 1.

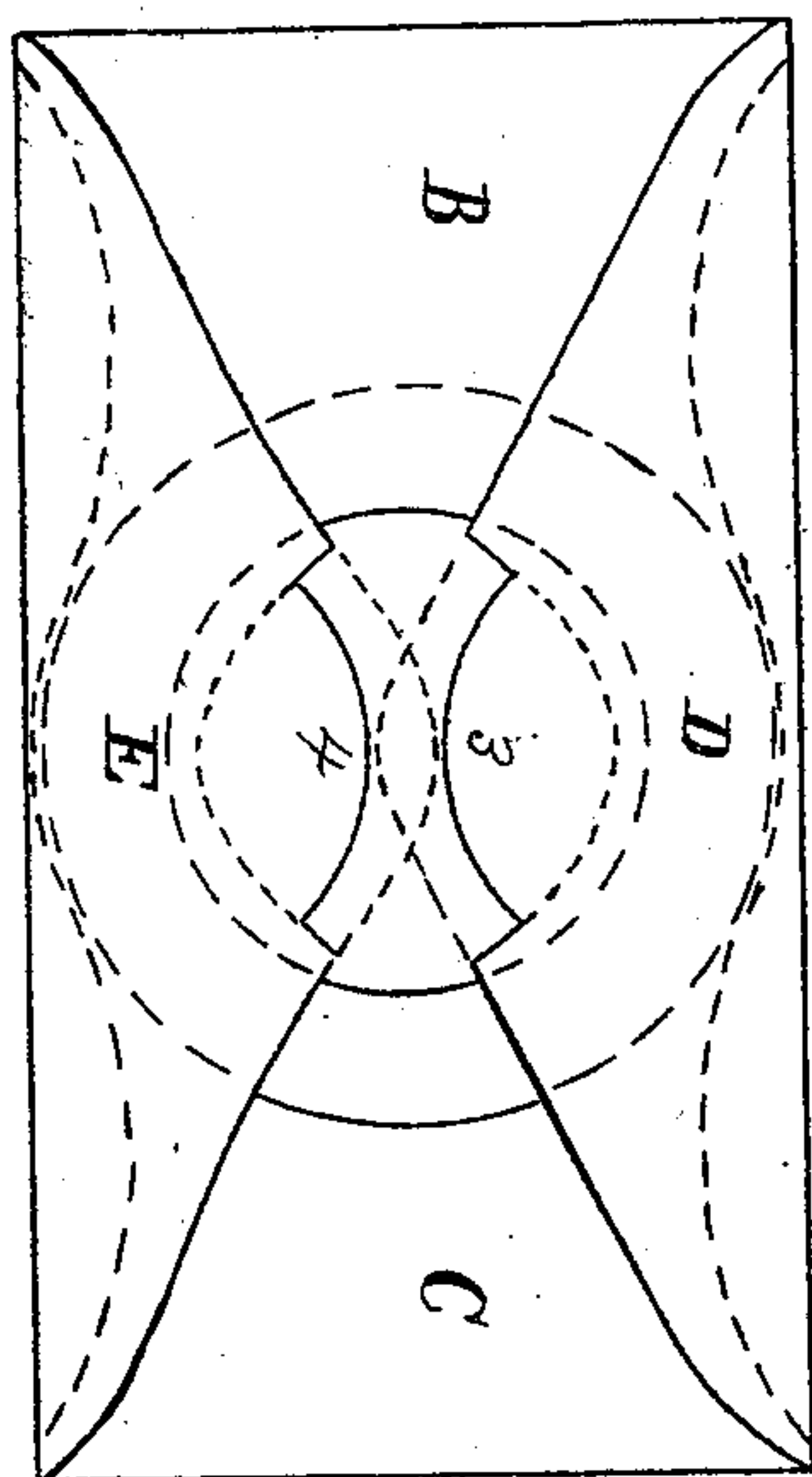
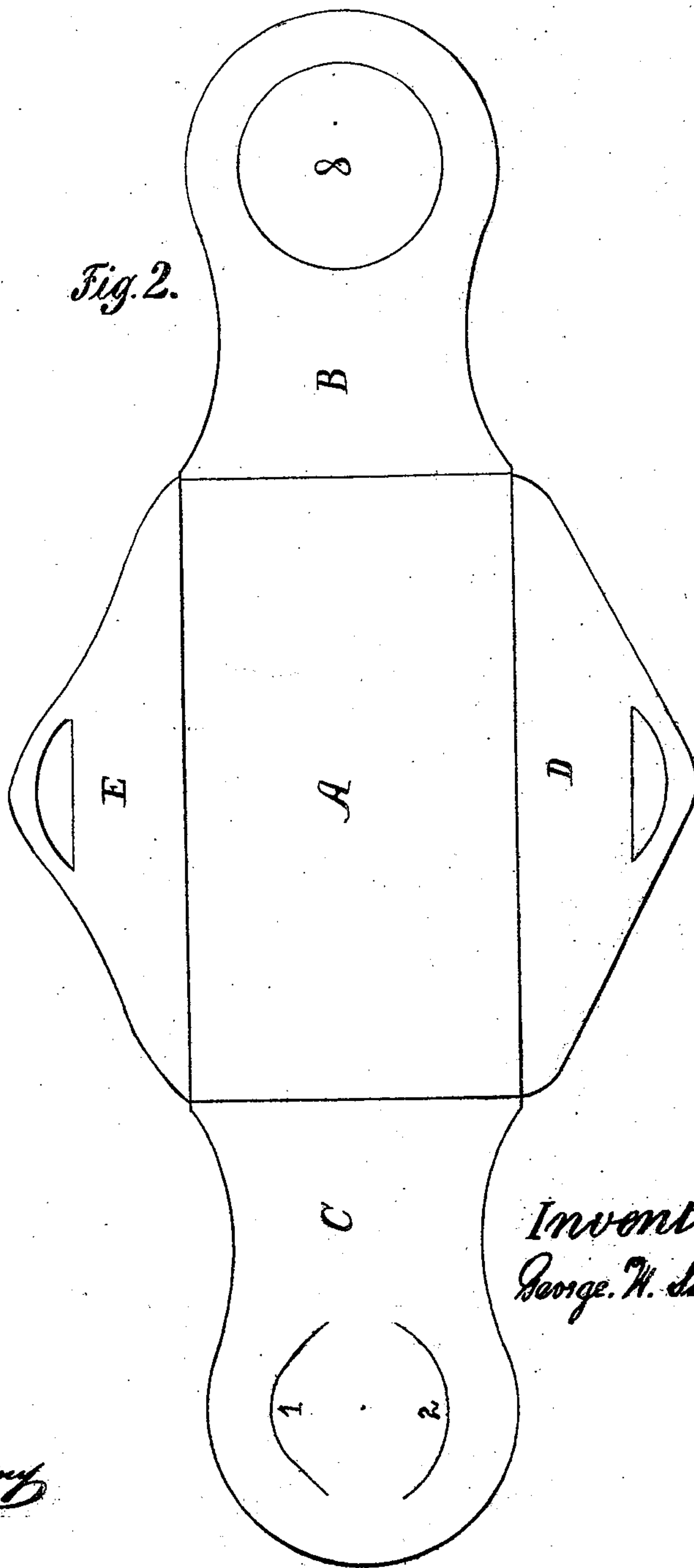


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN ENVELOPES.

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, GEORGE W. STARR, of Washington city, District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety-Fastening of Envelopes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, like letters and figures indicating like parts wherever they occur.

To enable others skilled in the art to construct and use my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

My invention relates to envelopes, and consists of a new and improved method of so cutting, folding, and fastening them with gum or mucilage, that they cannot be opened and closed again without so disfiguring the envelope as to be plainly seen.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a view of the envelope, folded, with its contents, and ready for use.

Figure 2 is a view of the envelope as cut before it is folded.

I first cut my envelope out, in shape as shown by fig. 2, and gum the edges, as shown on flap B, C, E, and D, when I lay the flap C over on the part A, and

then fold flap B over on flap C, with the circular cut of flap B, containing Nos. 1 and 2 of flap C, when I fold flap E over flap B, and place the rim, as shown by No. 5 of flap E, in fig. 2, under No. 1 of flap C, and No. 4 of flap E over No. 1 of flap C, and press flap E down level or flat on flap B and C, when it forms a pocket for the letter, which can be slipped in the pocket and flap D turned down over flap B, and the rim of flap D, as shown by No. 6 in fig. 2, placed under No. 2 of flap C, and No. 3 of flap D over No. 2 of flap C, and flap D pressed down until it becomes smooth.

The object of my invention is to prevent letters from being opened and closed again by unauthorized persons, and this I believe my safety-fastening of envelopes will do.

Having thus described my invention,

What I claim, is—

The cuts and perforations 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8, in combination with the flaps B, C, D, and E, of an envelope, all constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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