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Envelopes.

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Fig. 1.

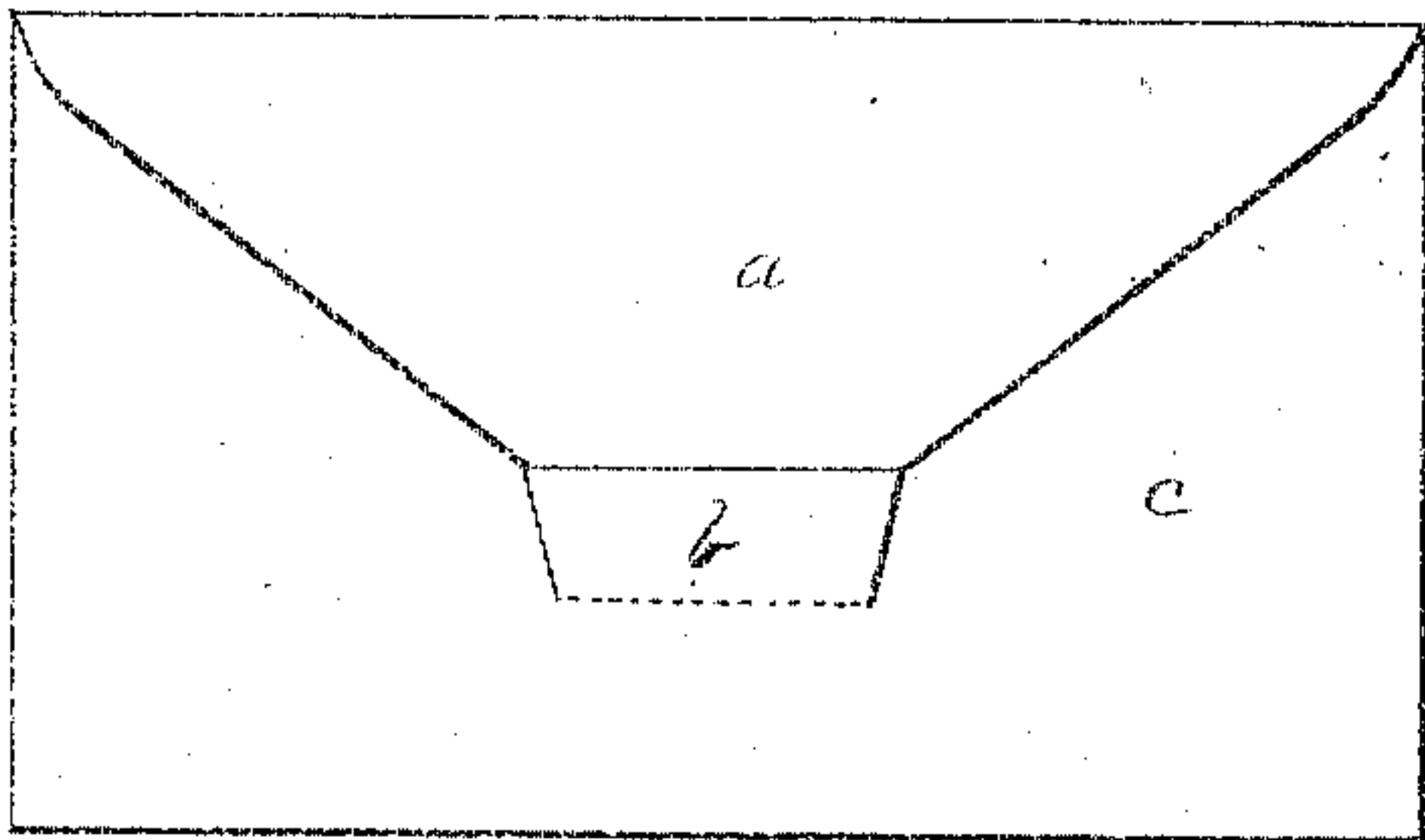


Fig. 2

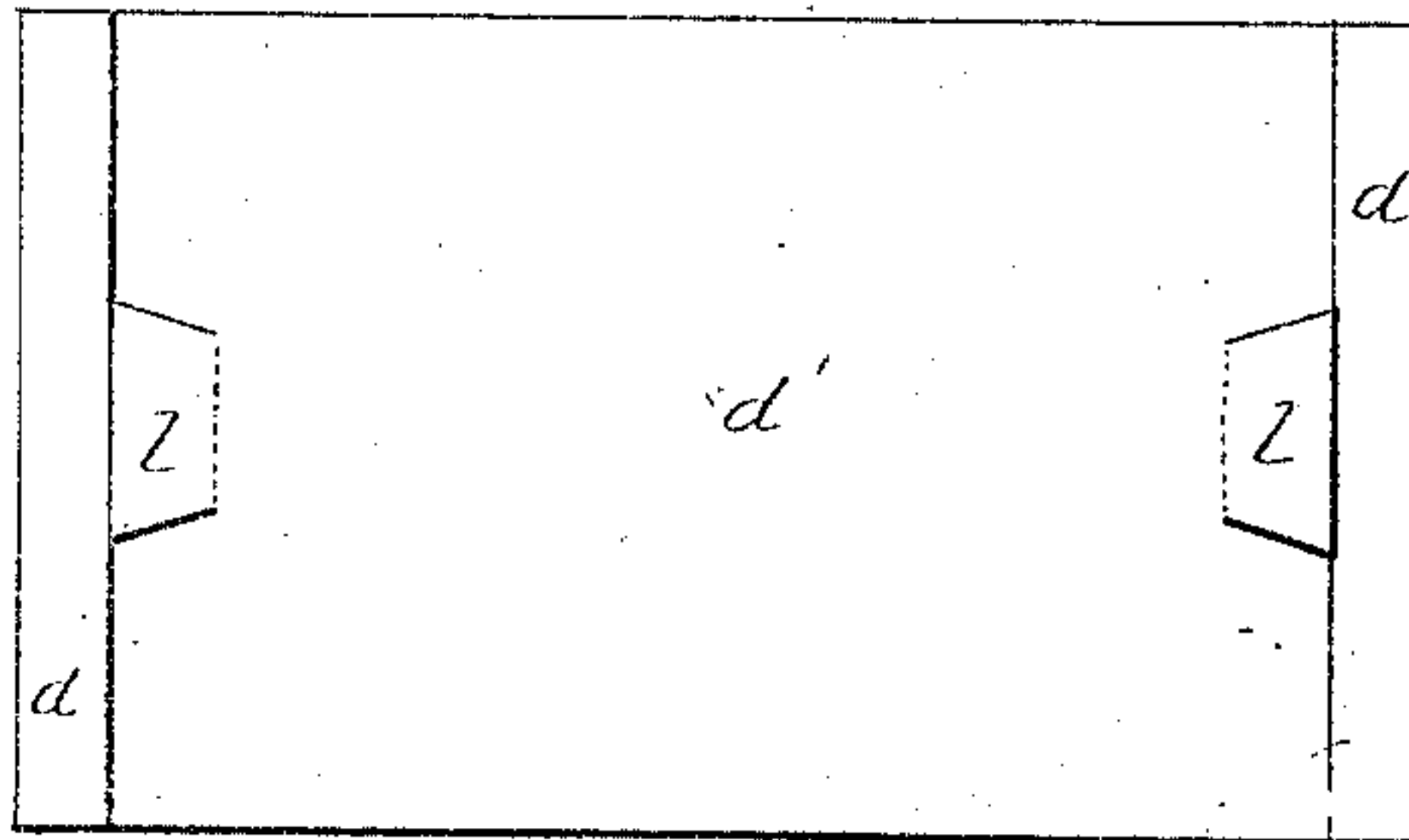
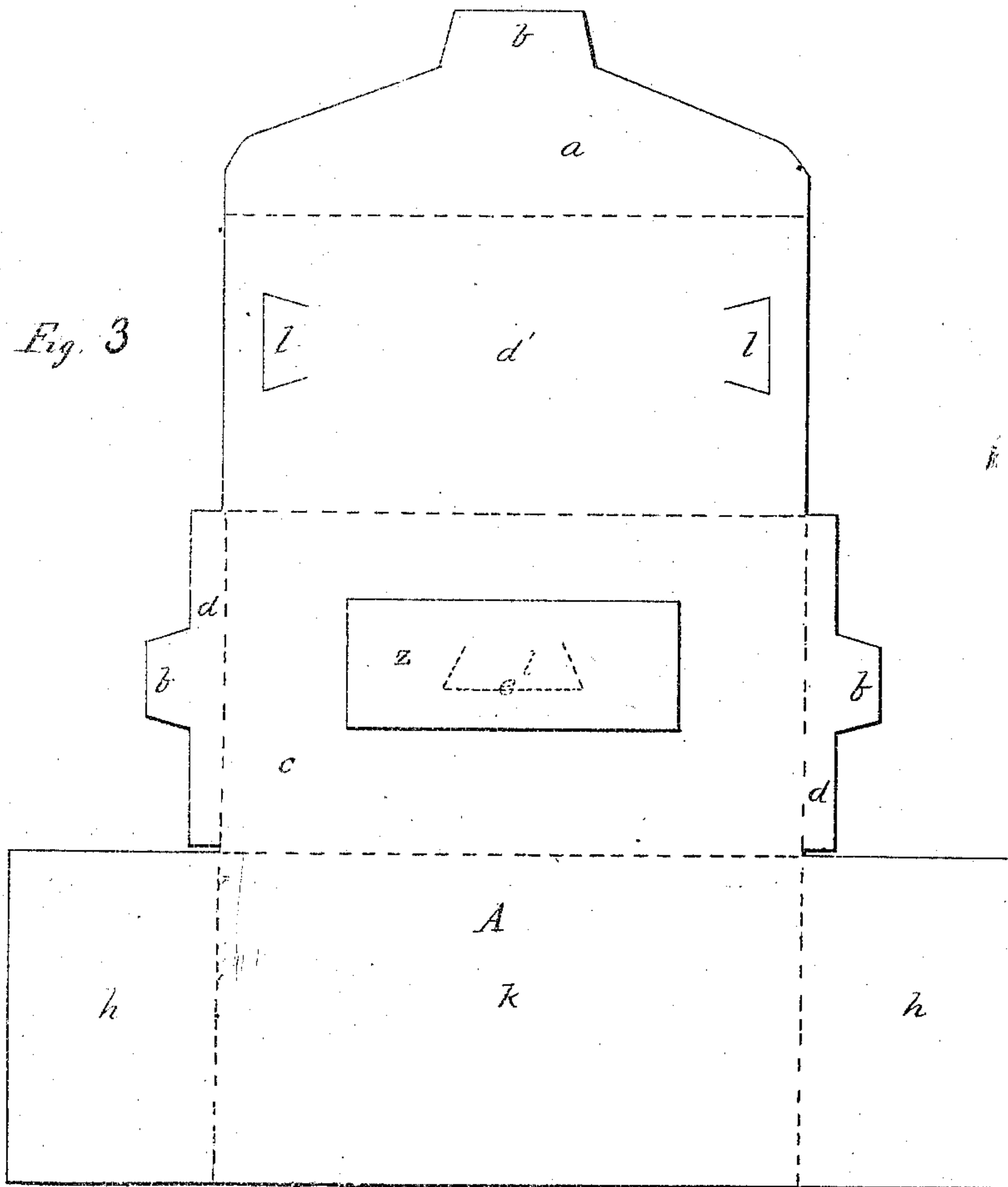


Fig. 3



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## IMPROVEMENT IN ENVELOPES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIS GIEBRICH, of Ottumwa, in the county of Wapello and State of Iowa, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Envelopes; 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.

The figures of the drawings show representations of my safety-envelope during folding.

This invention has relation to the construction of safety-envelopes; and it consists in the peculiar formation and arrangement of the front and back sealing-laps, and the slits of the main wall of the envelope, through which they are passed before sealing.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A indicates the blank, which, when folded, as indicated in Figures 1 and 2, forms an envelope with two pockets, of which the inner one next the back cannot be reached without destroying the envelope, and the outer one next the face or address is very nearly as safe. On the flap *a* is formed a narrow tag, *b*, which is designed to be provided with adhesive substance on its outside face. On the edges of the back of the envelope *c* are provided rectangular flaps *d*, having also narrow tags *b*, the flaps *d* being dextrined on their inner faces, and the tags *b* on their outer faces. In the middle of the back *c* of the envelope an angular slit, *e*, is cut in such a manner as to separate by three of its edges a lap, *l*, of sim-

ilar form to the tag *b* of the flap *a*. Similar slits are cut through near each end of the face or address wall *d'* of the envelope, and similar laps provided.

In folding this envelope, the ends *h* of the middle or dividing wall *k* of the two pockets are first folded toward each other. Then this middle wall with its ends is folded up against the back *c* of the envelope, a strip, *z*, being sometimes, for greater security, pasted by its ends across the slit *e* and lap *l* in the middle of said back. The face *d'* is now folded down on the partition-wall *k*, the flaps *d* sealed to the ends of the address-wall by their adhesive inner surfaces, and the tags *b* of said flaps by their outer surfaces to the under faces of the laps *l* of the address-wall *d'*. Finally, the flap *a* is folded down and sealed to the back *c* by its inner face, its tag *b* being sealed by its adhesive outer face to the under side of the lap *l* of the back *c*.

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

A safety-envelope, having the lap *l* cut in the body of the envelope to fit the tag *b* of the flap *a*, and provided with the back tag arranged to pass through a suitable slit in the face of the envelope, or through the bend of the flap, substantially as specified.

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

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