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Envelopes.

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Fig. 1.

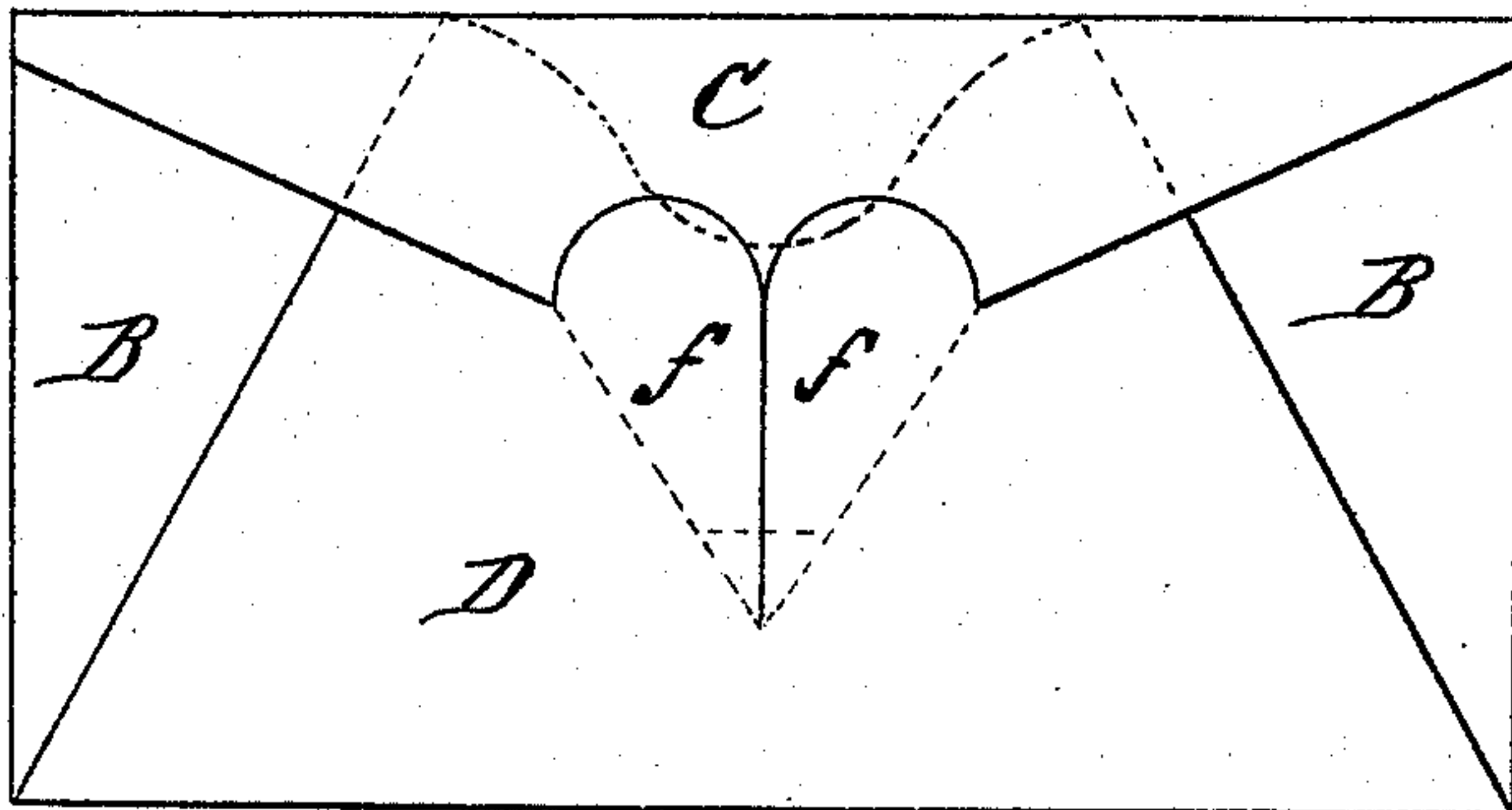
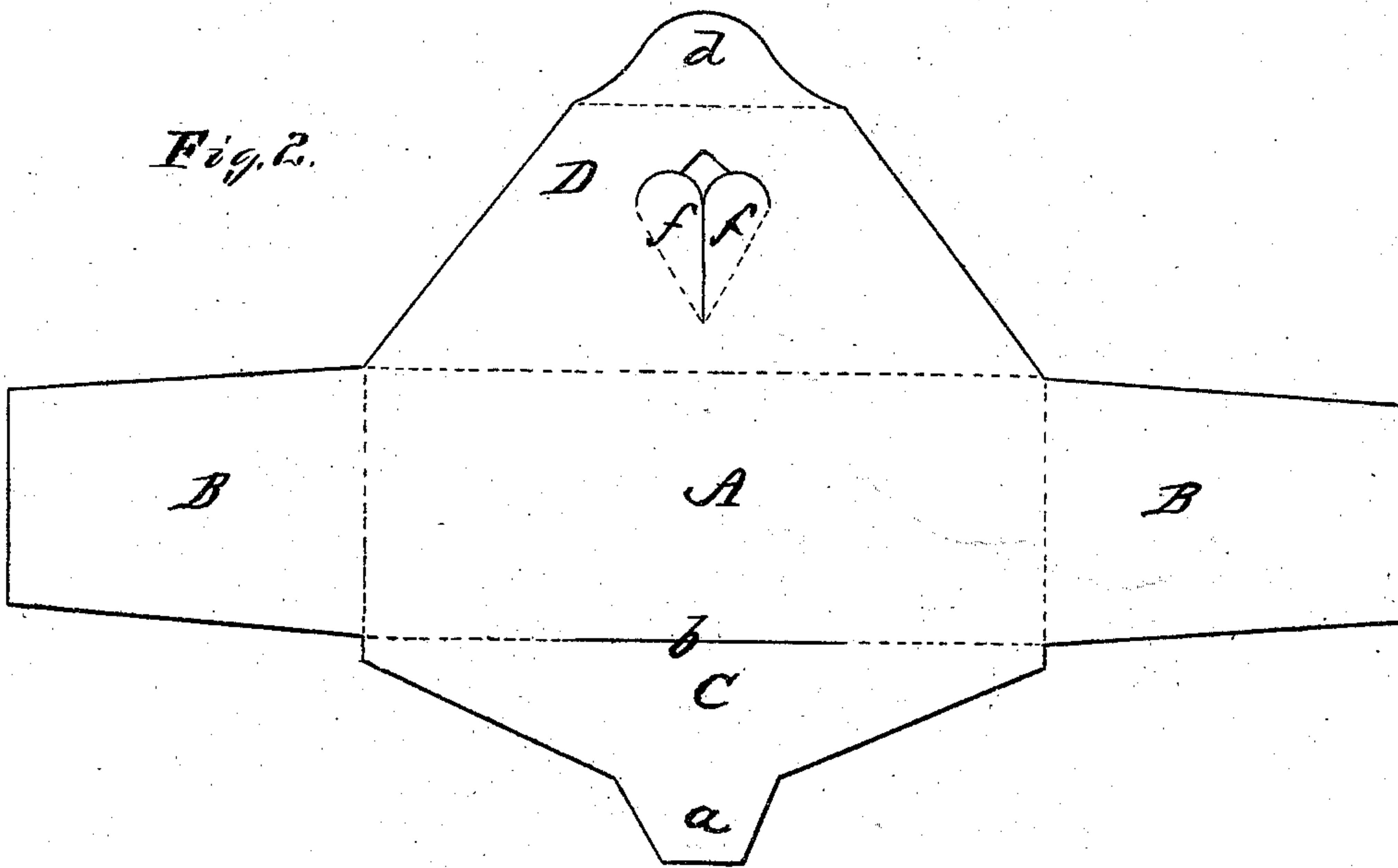


Fig. 2.



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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.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of my envelope closed. Fig. 2 is a view of my envelope, showing the form.

My invention consists in the construction and novel arrangement of an envelope, whereby the contents of the same will be more secure than in the ordinary envelopes, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the main part of the envelope, with the four main flaps B, B, C, and D. The flaps B B are at the ends of the main part A, and when folded their ends are glued together. The flap C has in its center, at the outer edge, a small flap, *a*, and at the fold of the flap C is a slit, *b*, as shown in Fig. 2. The flap D has in the center, at the outer edge, a small flap, *d*, of such size that when the flap D is folded the small flap *d* will pass through the slit *b*, and be folded over and pasted on the front of

the main part A of the envelope. In the body of the flap D are cut two small flaps, *ff*, which, when folded open, leave an opening, in which the small flap *a* of the main flap C may be inserted and fastened to the flaps B B. After this is done the flaps *ff* are folded down over the flap *a*, and pasted to the same.

This makes an envelope in which the contents are perfectly secure, in so far that the envelope cannot be opened without detection; and the envelope can be made, by suitable machinery, equally as rapid and equally as cheap as the ordinary envelope now in common use.

The flap *d* and slit *b* may be dispensed with, if so desired, which makes the envelope more simple. The main flaps B, B, C, and D may be of any desired shape or outline.

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

An envelope formed of the usual main part A and four main flaps, B, B, C, and D, and provided with the flaps *a* and *ff*, as shown and described, and for the purposes herein set forth.

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

LOUIS GIEBRICH.

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