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Fig. 1.

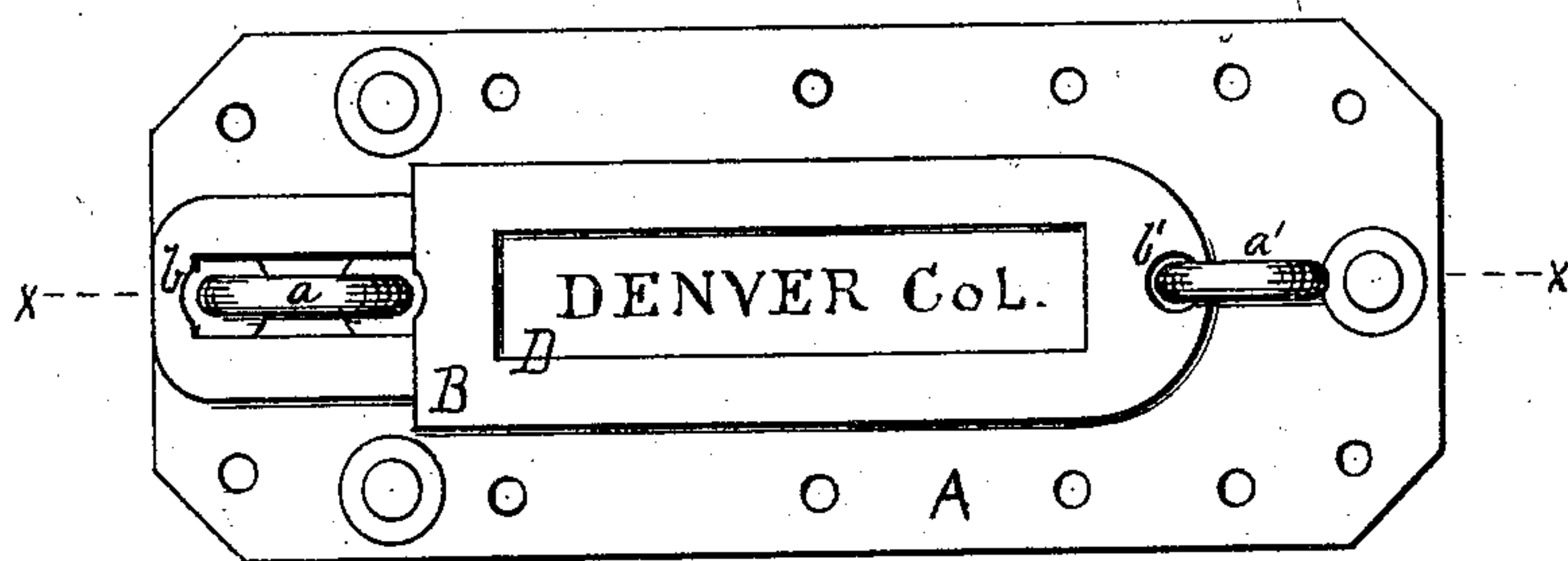


Fig. 2.

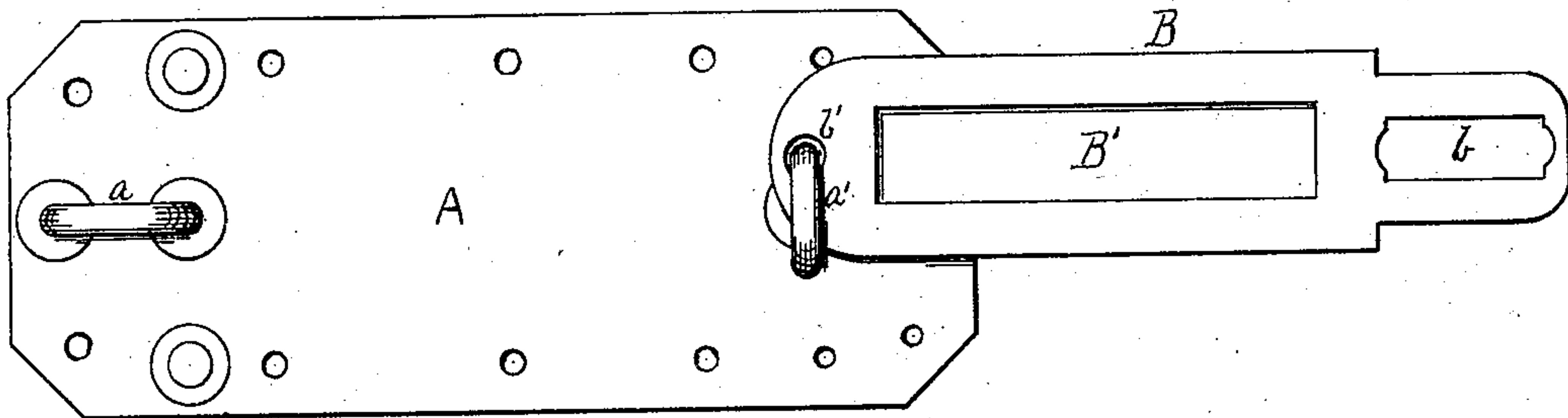
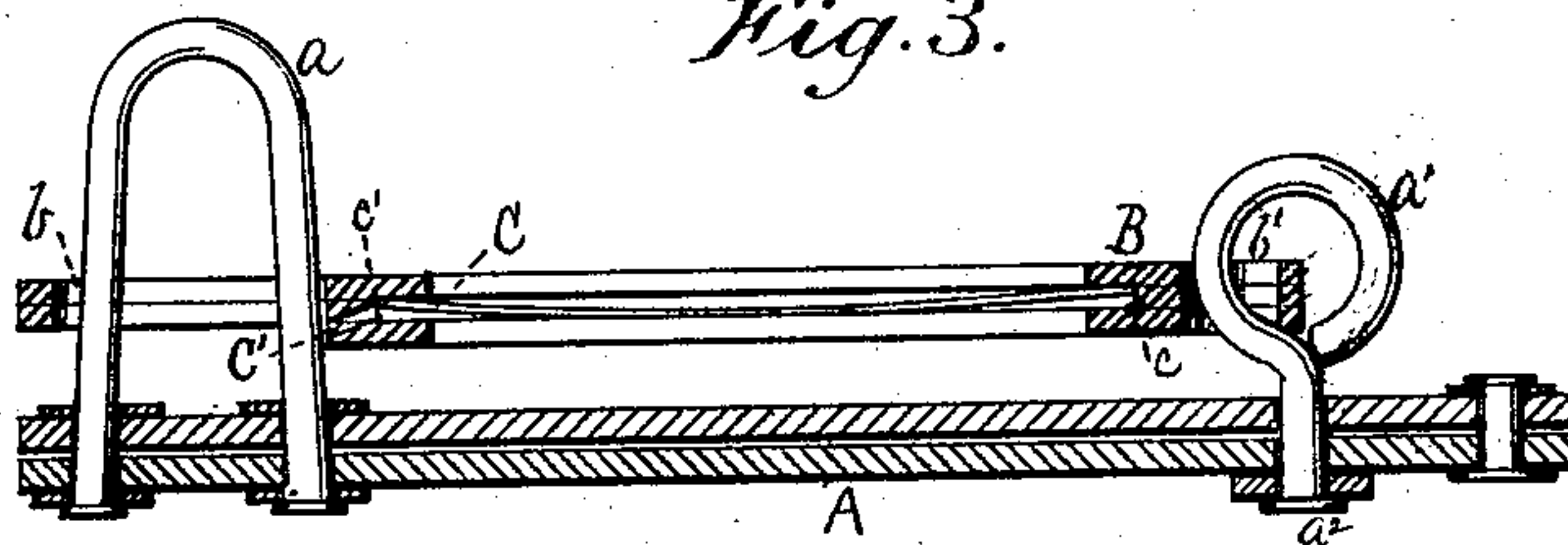


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TAG-HOLDERS FOR MAIL-POUCHES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JULIUS METZ and EGBERT HINMAN, both of Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and Territory of Colorado, have invented an Improved Tag-Holder for Mail-Pouches, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a top-plan view, the tag-holder being in position. Fig. 2 is a top-plan view, the tag-holder being reversed. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view on the line $x x$, Fig. 1.

The object of our invention is to so construct the tag-holder that there will be no necessity of pulling out the labeled tag from the holder and reversing the same in order to read the address on the opposite side, as is now the case with mail-pouches.

The nature of our invention consists in constructing the holder in the form of a rectangular plate having a hollow center with an open slot at one end, and a hole or orifice at the other. The hollow center is so constructed as to provide bearings at each of its shorter sides for springs, which extend a little more than the entire distance of the length of the hollow center, and has a slot entering into it for the ready insertion of the tag, all arranged as will be more fully hereinafter described.

The construction and operation of our invention are as follows: A is the leather base, to which the tag-holder is attached, it being a portion of the mail-pouch. B is the tag-holder, and is so constructed as to leave a hollow space, B', at its center, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. Preferably this holder is constructed of three sheets of metal, as shown in Fig. 3, the same being riveted or otherwise securely fastened together. One end of the holder B is provided with a slot, b , which is designed to fit over the staple a , attached to the base A,

and through which passes the lock. The other end of the holder B is provided with a hole or orifice, b' , by means of which it is attached to the swivel a^1 . This swivel passes through a hole in the base A, so as to be readily turned, having a nut, a^2 , at the end of its shank to prevent it from being drawn out. The middle section of the hollow center B' of the holder B is a little longer than the top and bottom sections, so as to provide bearings $c c'$ for the springs C, as clearly shown in Fig. 3. C' is an inclined slot, which terminates on its lower side in a shoulder, c' , against which rests one end of the springs C, and through which is inserted the labeled tag D.

The operation is as follows: The tag D is passed down through the slot C', and secured between the top plate and springs C, its index-face being exposed through the hollow center B', the springs C retaining it in position. Both sides of the tag being labeled, when it is desired to change the direction the holder is lifted up and reversed, as shown in Fig. 2, when, by turning the same on the swivel a^1 , it is again brought to the position shown in Fig. 1, except that the opposite side of the tag is exposed.

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The tag-holder B, provided with a hollow center or card-receptacle, B', which extends longitudinally nearly the length of the plate, and vertically through the same, bearings $c c'$, slot b , hole b' , springs C, and mouth C', in combination with swivel a^1 and staple a , substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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