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INDELIBLE INK APPARATUS.

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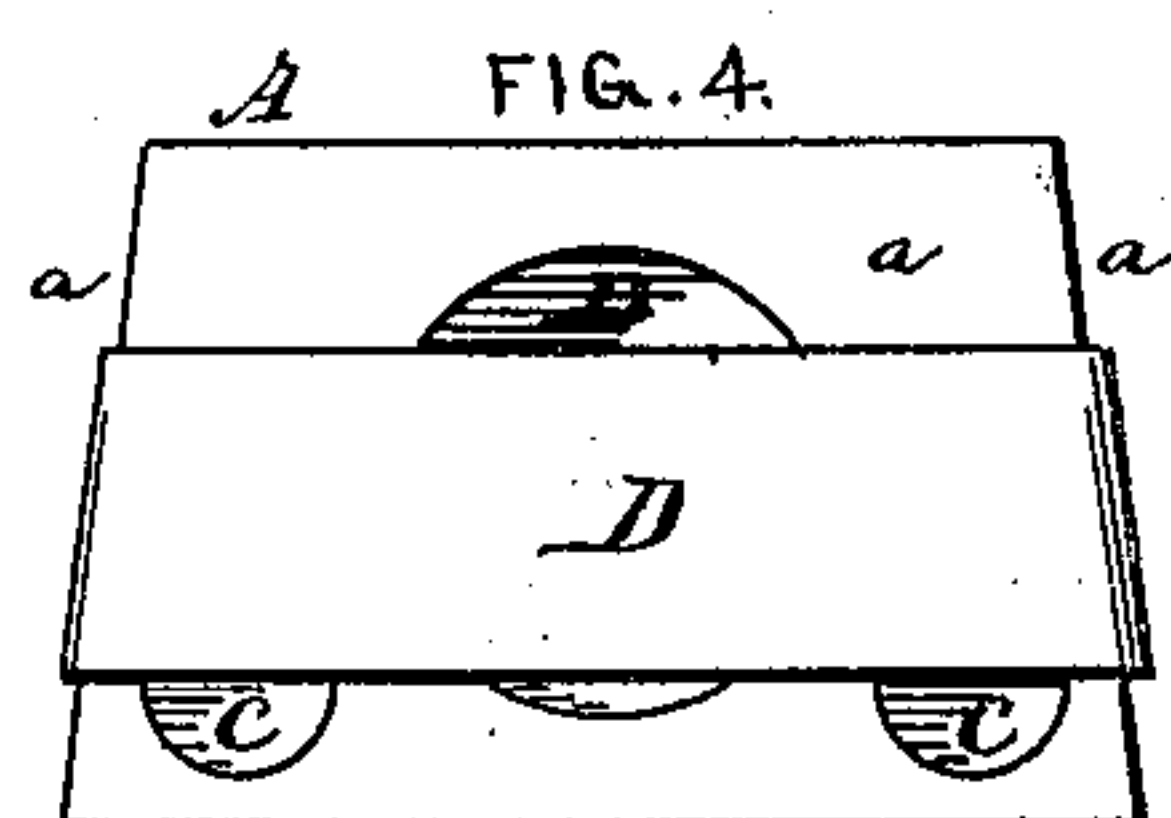
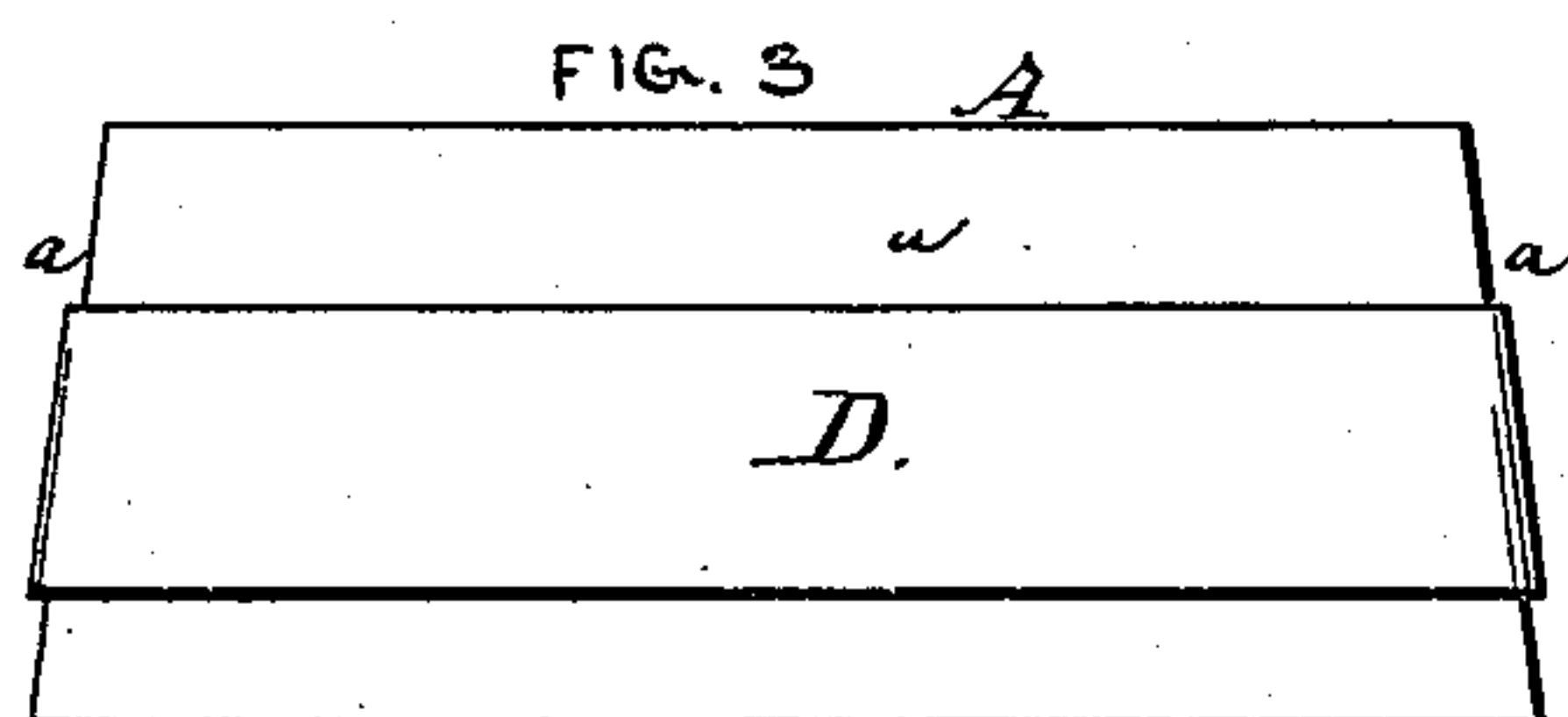
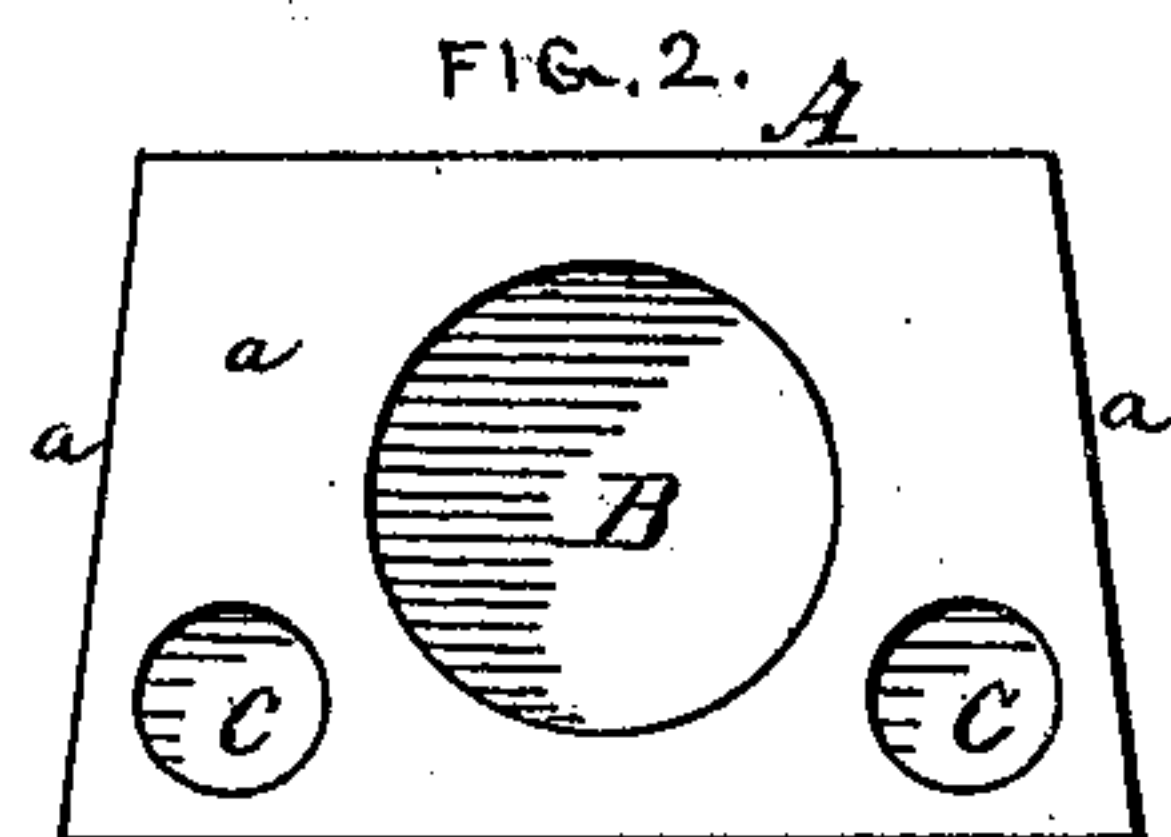
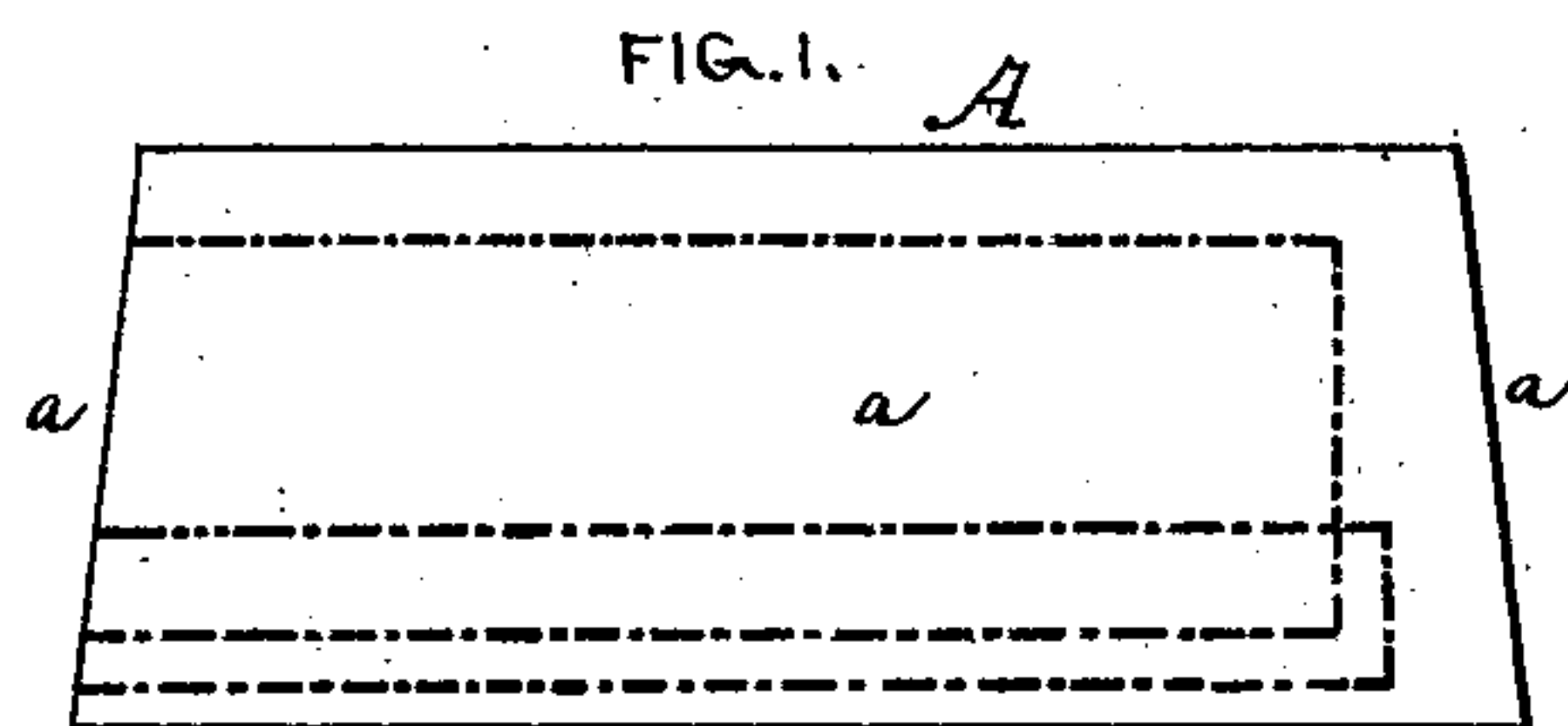
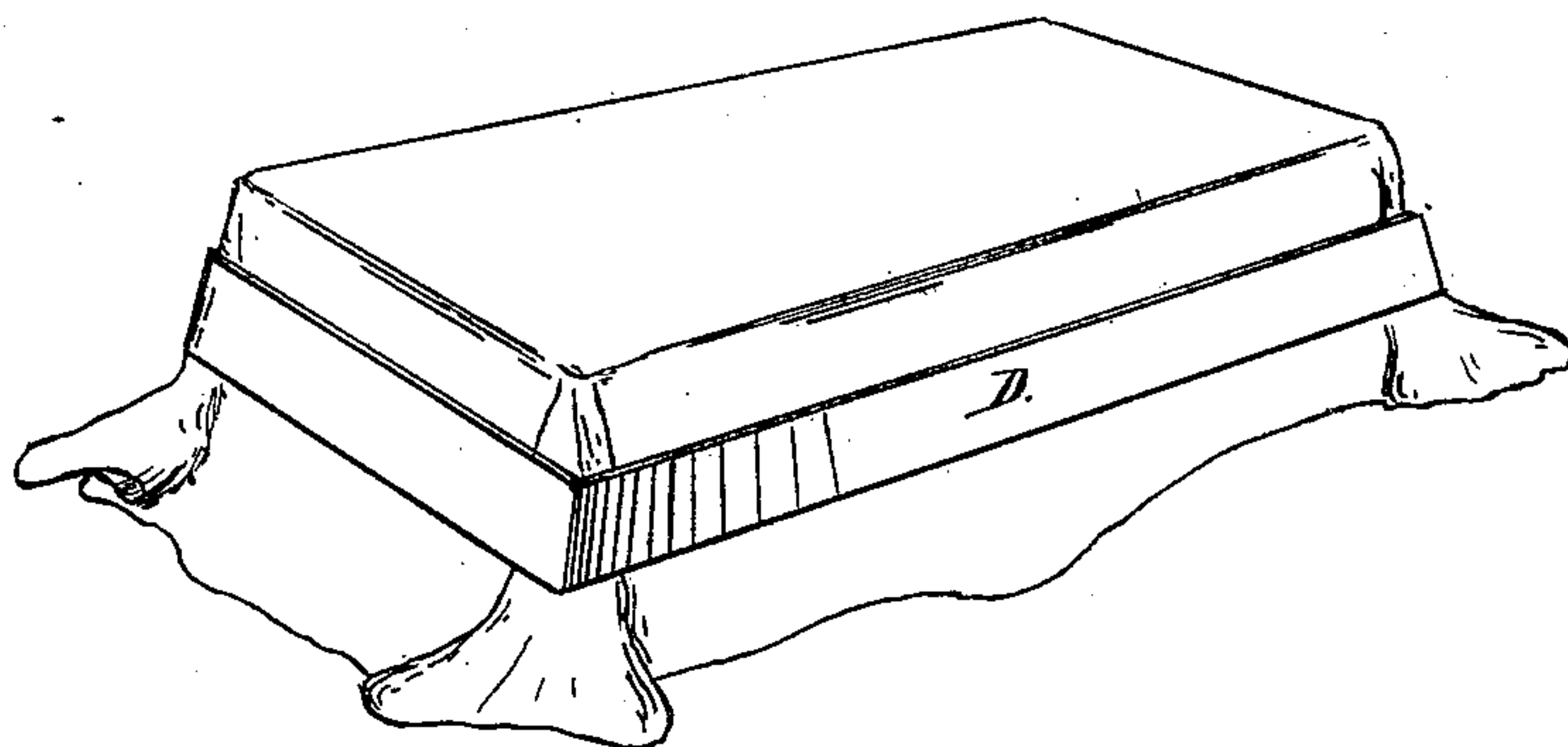


FIG. 5.



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IMPROVEMENT IN INDELIBLE-INK APPARATUS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. WEED, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented an Improved Indelible-Ink Apparatus, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to a package of implements and material necessary for marking clothing with indelible ink; and it consists of a block or tablet made with beveled edges in the form of a parallelogram, and furnished with a band of like form, which serves, when the apparatus is in use, to strain the fabric to be marked down smoothly over the block. Cavities for the reception of the ink-bottle, pen, and holder, are formed in the end of the tablet in such location that when the apparatus is not in use the band above mentioned, by being slipped into place, will serve as a cover to secure the contents of said cavities from dropping out.

The entire apparatus, when in the last-named condition, forms a package of the size and shape of the tablet itself, which may thus be conveniently and economically packed for the trade in a small square box.

In the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification, Figures 1 and 2 are, respectively, a side and end view of the tablet. Figs. 3 and 4 are similar views of the same with the band in place. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the apparatus with a piece of cloth strained over it as the same would appear when in use.

Like letters of reference made use of in the several figures indicate like parts wherever used.

In the said drawing, A represents the block or tablet, made in the form of a parallelogram, and having all its edges *a* beveled. This block I make, preferably, of wood. In one end a

cavity, B, is formed for the reception of the bottle containing indelible ink, and smaller cavities C C for the reception of the pen and holder. These cavities are shown in dotted lines at Fig. 1. D is a band of suitable material, preferably of metal, formed of a bevel shape to correspond to the bevel of the edges *a*, and of a proper size to slip down over the block, as shown at Figs. 3 and 4, to cover or partially cover the cavities when the block is not in use.

When the apparatus is to be used, the ink and writing utensils being first taken out, the tablet is placed, small side up, beneath the fabric to be marked, and the band D forced down over the fabric upon the tablet, as shown at Fig. 5, straining the fabric or that portion of it lying upon the surface of the tablet smoothly and tautly to receive the writing.

The rectangular shape of the tablet, besides possessing the advantage of being economically packed for the trade, also facilitates the marking by causing a surface less wrinkled than a round tablet, and it also may be adjusted more readily square with the direction of the threads, so that the writing, when the stretching is removed, will appear straight.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The package of indelible-ink apparatus consisting of the rectangular beveled tablet having cavities to receive the writing utensils, and furnished with the removable band, which serves to hold the utensils in place, and also when the device is in use to secure the fabric upon the tablet, substantially as specified.

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