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Show-Card for Embroidery.

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FIG. 1.

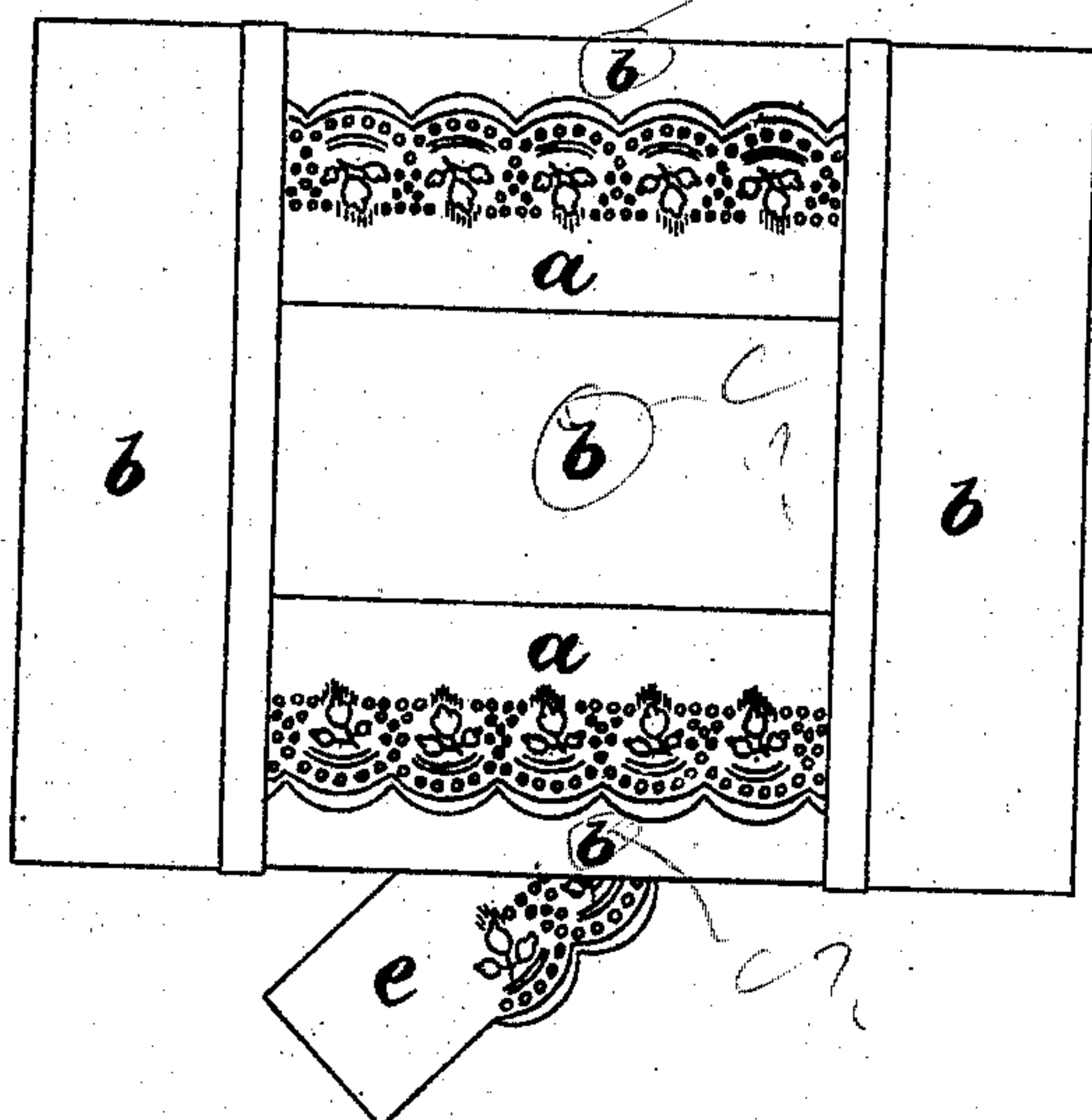


FIG. 2.

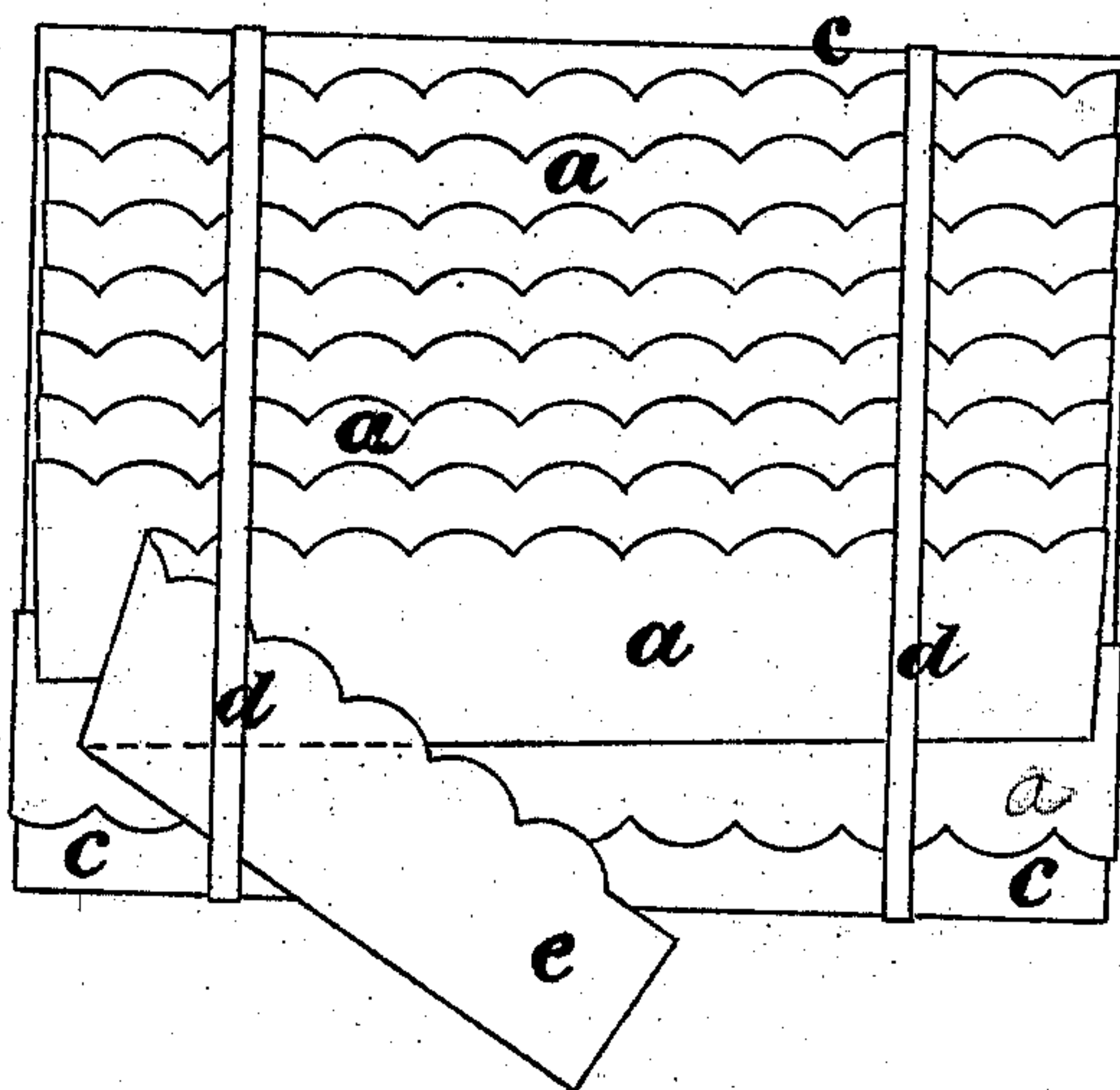


FIG. 3.

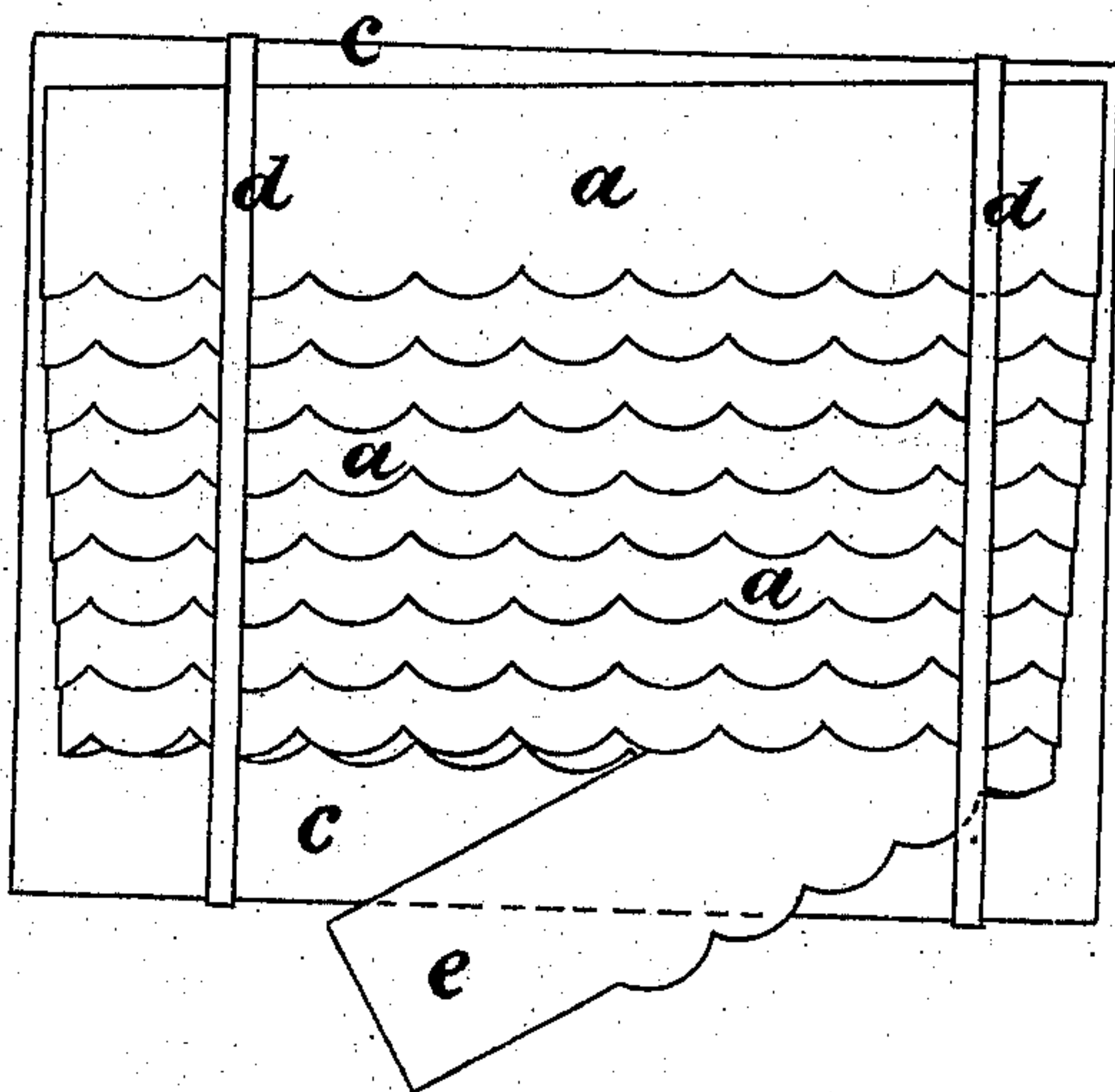
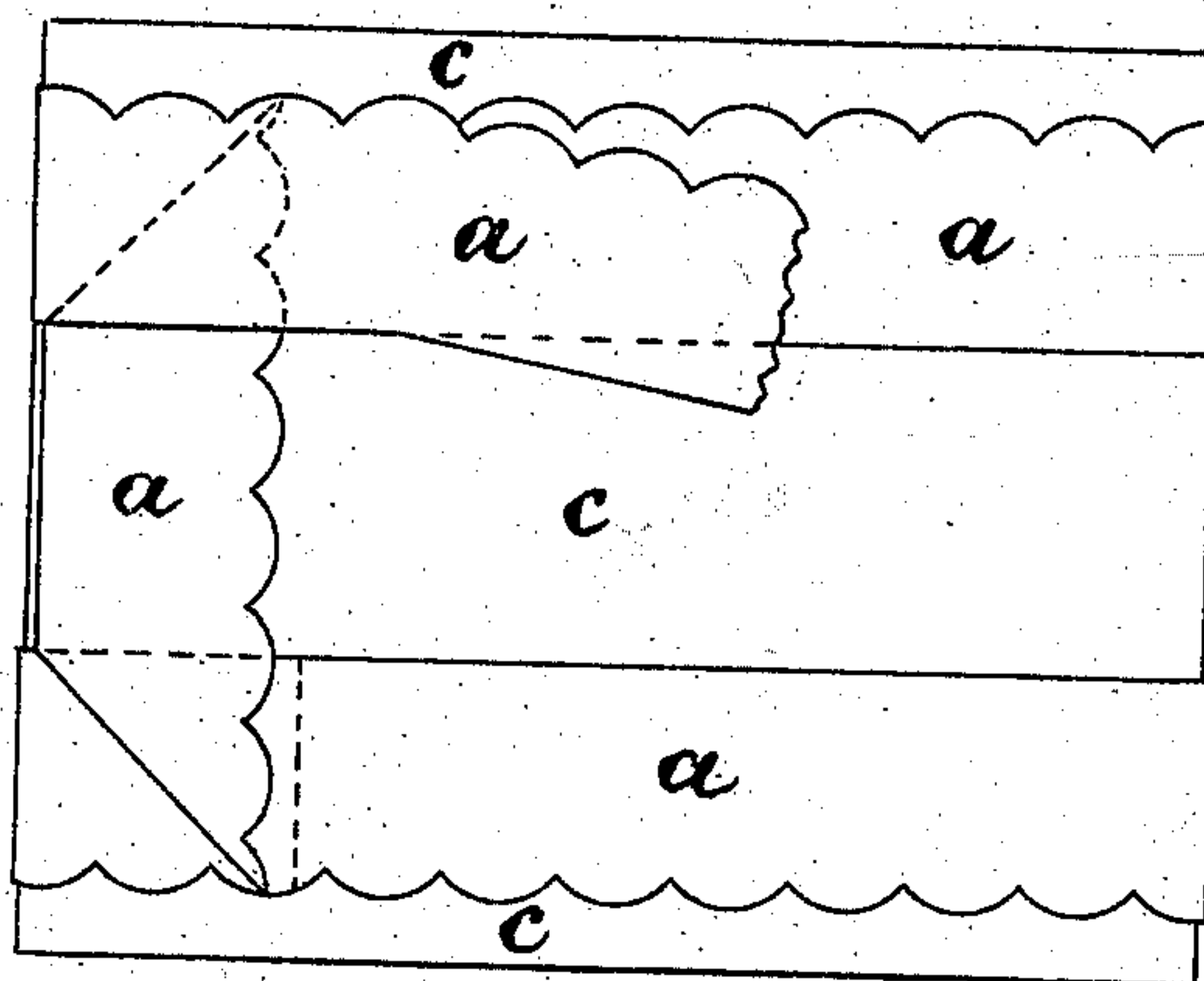


FIG. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOW-CARDS FOR EMBROIDERY.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES WILLIAM MASON, of Bread street, in the city of London, England, have invented new and useful Improvements in Carding or Packing Lengths of Embroidery, Lace, and other such like articles, which improvements are fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

Hitherto it has been usual to wind embroidery, lace, and such like articles on a card, thereby necessitating the opening of the parcel containing the article so wound in order to take off any desired length, by which the article is liable to get spoiled by continual handling and exposure, and the parcel becomes unfit for exhibition.

The object of this invention is to card or pack lengths of embroidery, lace, and such like articles in such a way that any desired length may be withdrawn from the whole without opening or destroying the outside cover of the parcel or wrapper, or, if in a flat box, without opening the same.

In carrying out this invention the length of embroidery or other article is folded backward and forward. The article thus folded is then placed on a card or between two cards or pieces of stout paper, with two or more bands placed around same for keeping the article in position when being withdrawn, and the whole wrapped up in paper, which is then gummed or otherwise fastened round it, a certain distance being left open at one of the sides or ends of the parcel, through which one end of the length of the embroidery or other article protrudes.

In order to withdraw any desired length of the embroidery or other article contained in the said parcel, it is simply necessary to pull the aforesaid protruding end, by which any required length may be withdrawn without liability of entanglement, exposing, or handling of the remainder of the article, thus keeping the whole fresh and clean.

The pattern or design of the article contained in the parcel may be exhibited on the exterior by allowing one or more folds to pass outside.

Figure 1 shows a card or package of embroidery or other article complete. Fig. 2 shows the card without the outside wrapper, but having the embroidery or other article thereon folded according to this invention. Fig. 3 shows a similar view, but having the article folded in another way according to this invention. This way of folding may be effected by winding the article round a piece of card, metal, or other suitable material, and afterward withdrawing the said piece, thus leaving the article folded and ready to be packed up, as described. Fig. 4 represents a view of the card, showing how a part of the embroidery or other article is passed round the card in order to exhibit the pattern on the outside of the wrapper.

a is the embroidery, lace, or other like article. *b* is the outside wrapper. *c* is the card or piece on which the embroidery or other article is placed. *d d* are bands (by preference india-rubber) passed round the card and over the embroidery or other article, to keep such article in position when it is being withdrawn. *e* shows the end of the article which protrudes outside the outer wrapper through a narrow part or opening left for the purpose, and merely requires pulling in order to withdraw the same from the closed package, by which means any portion or the whole may be withdrawn, with the exception of the short length at the end, which is passed round the card, in order to exhibit the pattern of the article outside.

What I claim is—

The package for lace, embroidery, and other articles consisting of a backing, *c*, of cardboard or similar material, bands *d*, for holding the material in a folded condition, and an external wrapper or envelope that is partially open to allow the removal of the material, substantially as specified.

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