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Autograph Book.

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Fig:1.

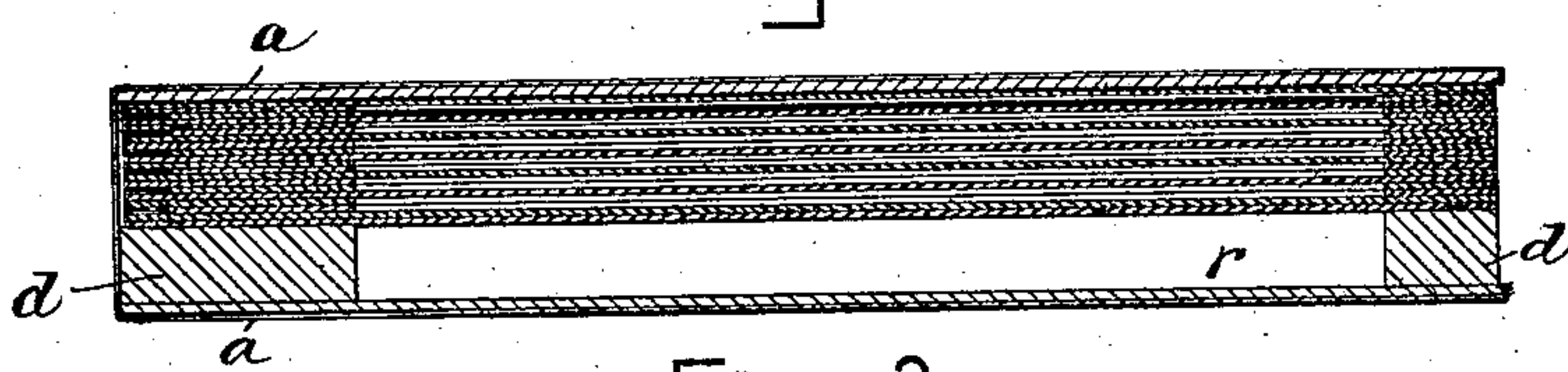


Fig:3.

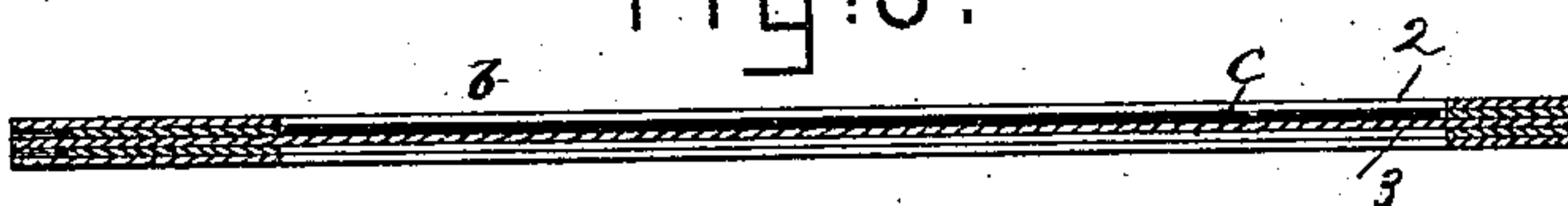
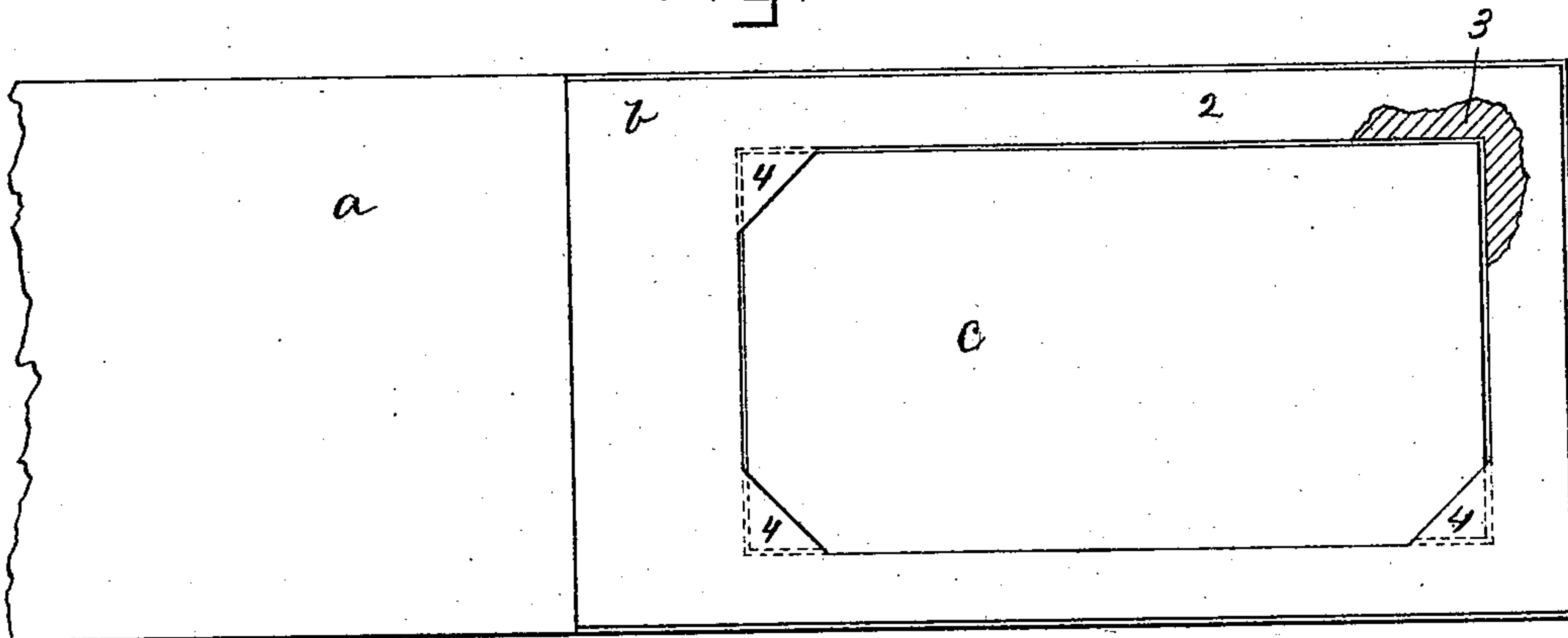


Fig:2.



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## AUTOGRAPH-BOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RUDOLPH SCHUERCH, of Boston, county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Autograph-Books, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

This invention relates to autograph-books; and it consists, essentially, in a book the separate leaves of which have four pockets to receive the four corners of an oblong sheet of paper, such as ordinary letter-paper, adapted to receive an autograph, the said book having at its rear part a receiver of sufficient size to receive and contain a number of prepared slips of paper of suitable size and kind for autograph-cards, either before or after they have been written upon, the said receiver being covered by the leaves of the book when closed.

This autograph-book, when prepared for sale, will preferably contain in the pockets of each leaf an autograph-card, and in the receiver will be placed a number of extra cards, in order to serve as a reserve in case the cards in the leaves are spoiled.

A person having a book of this kind may send a card to any one for an autograph or other desired writing, which, when finished, may be returned to the sender and placed in position in the book.

A person may readily change the autograph-card from any one page to another, or substitute new for the old ones, without defacing the pages, which cannot be done with autograph-books now in use.

The leaves of this autograph-book are made quite thin and take up less room than do the leaves in photograph-albums, wherein the photographs are inserted in a slot of the width of the photograph.

Figure 1 of the drawings represents one of my autograph-books in longitudinal section; Fig. 2, a view of one of the leaves thereof, the cover being open; and Fig. 3 is a modification showing, in section, a page adapted to receive an autograph-card at each face thereof.

The cover *a* of the book may be of any de-

sired material. The leaves *b*, of any desired number, are united together and bound into the book in any way commonly practiced in binding books. Each leaf *b* is composed, essentially, of a piece of paper or thin card-board, 2, pasted about its edges to another sheet, 3, of like size; but the sheet 2 is cut and its central portion is removed, as shown in Fig. 2, leaving small corner-pieces 4, which, between their under sides and the sheet 3 of card-board, constitute pockets, as shown in dotted lines, Fig. 2, in which may be placed the corners of the autograph-card *c*. The pockets under these corner-pieces 4 are just large enough to receive the corners of the autograph-cards and hold them in position, but yet permit their easy removal by bending the card slightly whenever desired. At the inner portion of one of the covers (see Fig. 1) is formed a receiver, *r*, which is a sort of a box, in which may be kept any desired number of autograph-cards of suitable size to be inserted in the leaves of the autograph-book.

To avoid confusion in the drawings I have omitted the autograph-cards from the receiver *r*. The walls of the receiver are represented by *d*.

I do not broadly claim holding a card by inserting its corners in small pockets, as I am aware that has been done in picture-exhibitors; nor do I broadly claim a box or drawer in an album.

I claim—

As an improved article of manufacture, an autograph-book composed of a series of leaves having independent pockets, as described, for the corners of the cards, and a card-receiver to hold a number of cards, the receiver being covered by the leaves of the book when closed, all as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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