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Fig. 1.

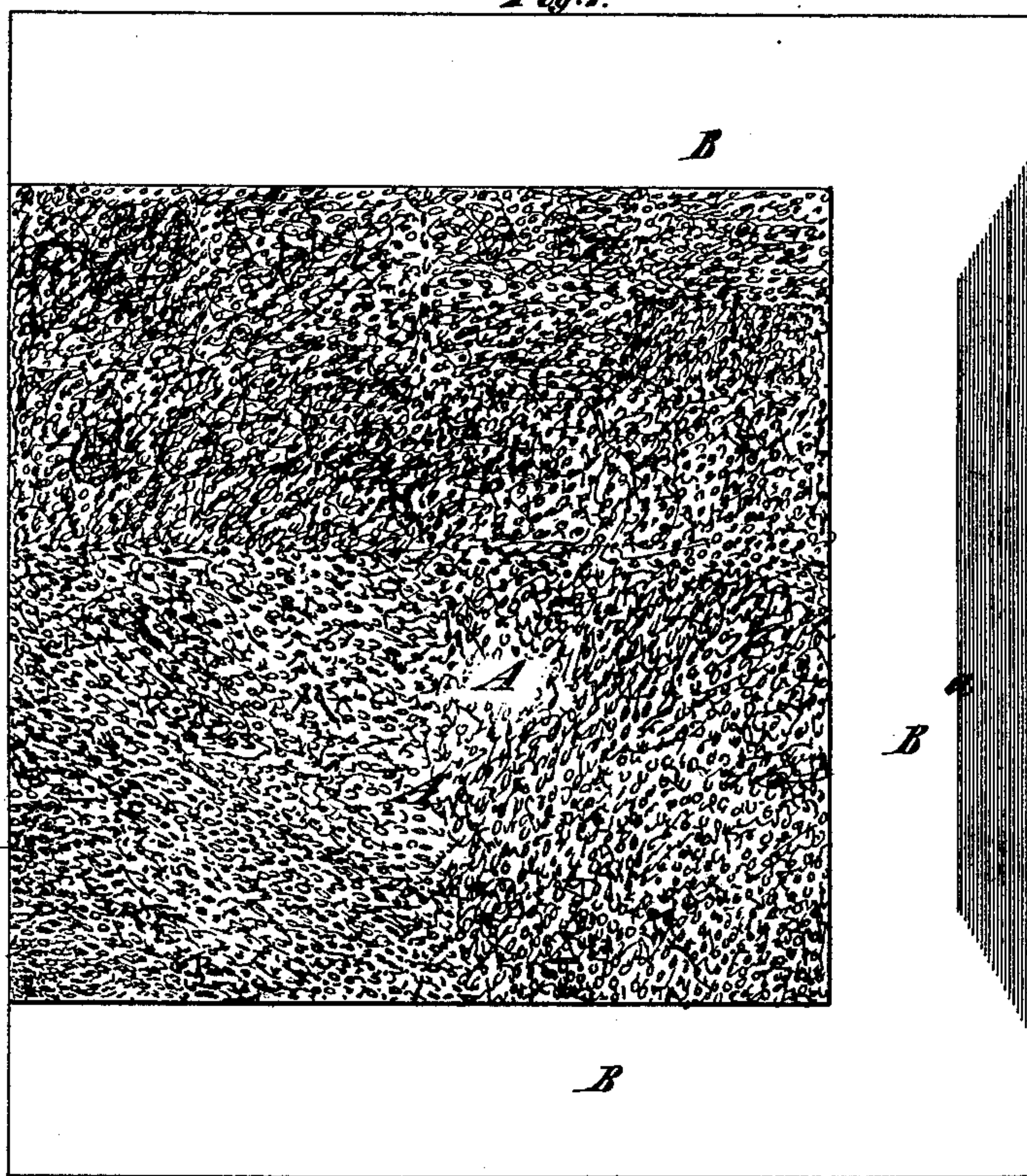


Fig. 2.

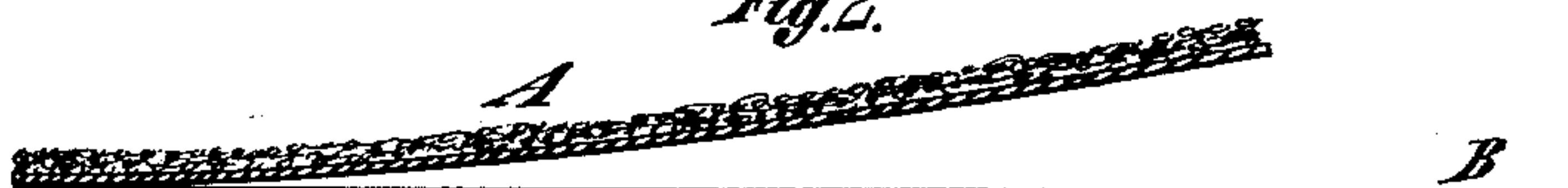
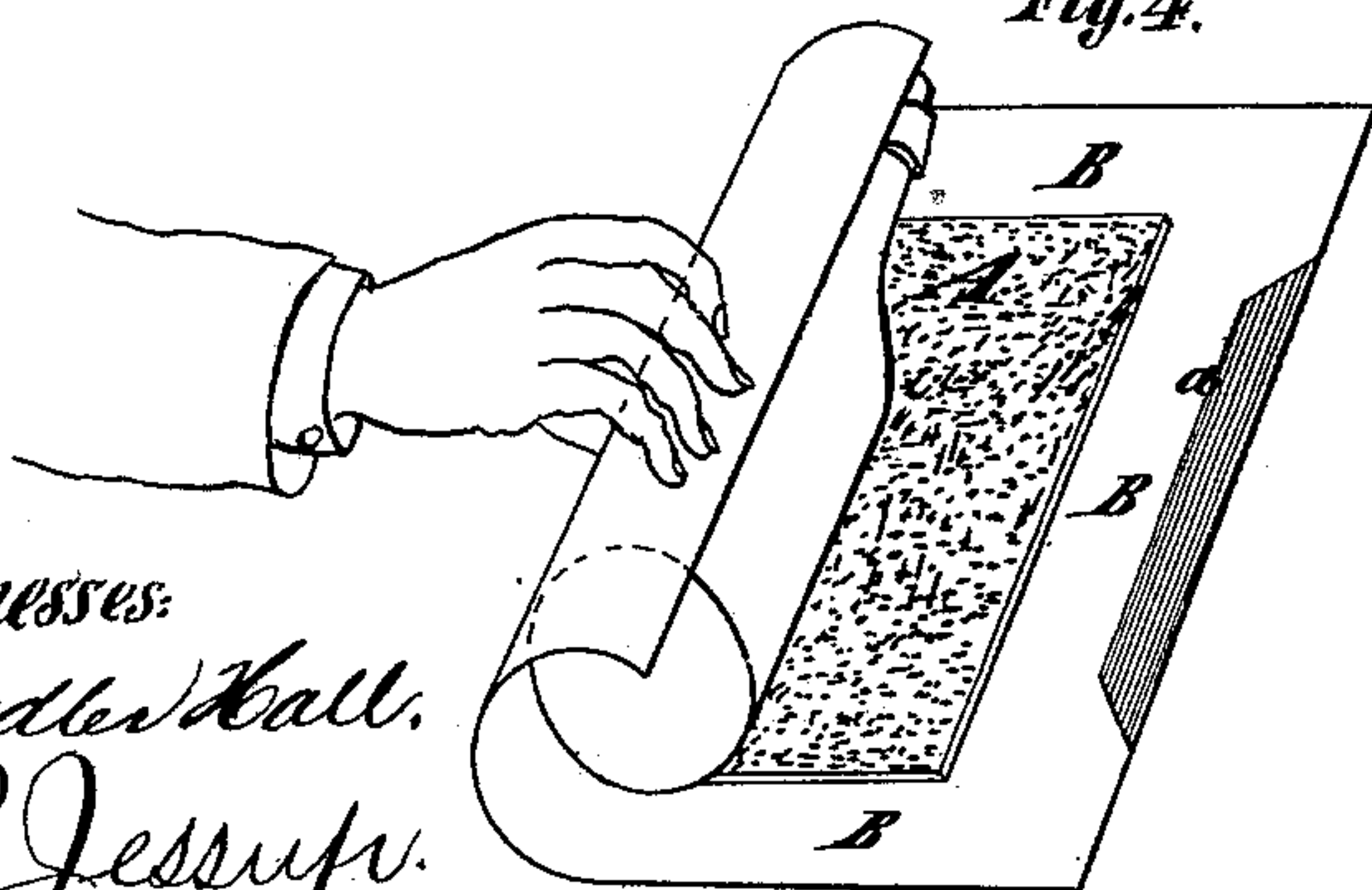


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



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WRAPPER OR ENVELOPE FOR BOTTLES, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT H. THOMPSON, of Brooklyn, Kings county, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Wrappers or Envelopes for Bottles, Jars, and other fragile articles, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple, cheap, and convenient wrapper or envelope, composed of or comprising elastic or other material suitable for packing, and provided with fastening devices, and adapted for use with glass bottles, jars, or other fragile articles of various sizes and shapes, in lieu of the paper wrappers and card-board boxes commonly used.

To this end my invention consists in a wrapper for a bottle or other article, composed of a sheet or piece of elastic packing material and a cover, to which the sheet of packing material is secured at one edge only, and which extends beyond the said packing material, so as to form flaps for securing the wrapper upon a bottle or other article, whereby I produce a wrapper which may be folded or rolled around a bottle or other article and readily fastened, and one which will protect the article so fully as to greatly reduce the liability of its breakage.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan of a wrapper or envelope embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same. Fig. 3 is a transverse section of a modified construction; and Fig. 4 is a perspective view, illustrative of the application of the wrapper or envelope to a bottle.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures.

A designates a sheet or piece of card-board or equivalent material provided with or comprising elastic material—as, for instance, granules or chips of cork secured by an adhesive substance, such as glue.

B designates fastening devices, consisting of flaps, which may be made of paper or other suitable material, and extend beyond the ends and one side of the card-board A, one or more being provided with mucilage or other adhesive substance *a*, to provide for readily fastening it.

In Fig. 3 a sheet of corrugated paper is employed in lieu of the card-board and granules or chips of cork.

The flaps B are parts of a sheet of paper covering the back of the card-board A and corrugated paper A', respectively, and secured to one edge thereof.

It will be observed that inasmuch as the cover is outside the packing material it will, when wrapped about a bottle, describe a larger circle or have a greater circumference than the said packing material, and when the latter is secured to the cover at one edge only one may move upon the other and prevent the wrinkling of the packing material or the straining of the cover.

To apply the wrapper or envelope, I preferably lay the bottle or other article upon it, roll or fold the wrapper or envelope around it tightly, as represented in Fig. 3, moisten the mucilage *a*, and press down the flaps.

By folding the other flaps over the bottom and top of the bottle or other article the wrapper or envelope will be additionally secured in place.

Thus I form a neat package which, through its elasticity, will protect the bottle or other article inclosed by it from injury.

Numbers of these wrappers or envelopes laid out flat, or with the flaps folded back, may be laid together and transported with facility.

In lieu of the granules or chips of cork, corrugated paper or strips or pieces of felt or other yielding material suitable for packing may be used.

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

A wrapper for a bottle or other article, composed of a sheet or piece of elastic packing material and a cover to which the sheet of packing material is secured at one edge only and which extends beyond the said packing material, so as to form flaps for securing the wrapper upon a bottle or other article, substantially as specified.

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