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Combined Envelope and Letter Sheet.

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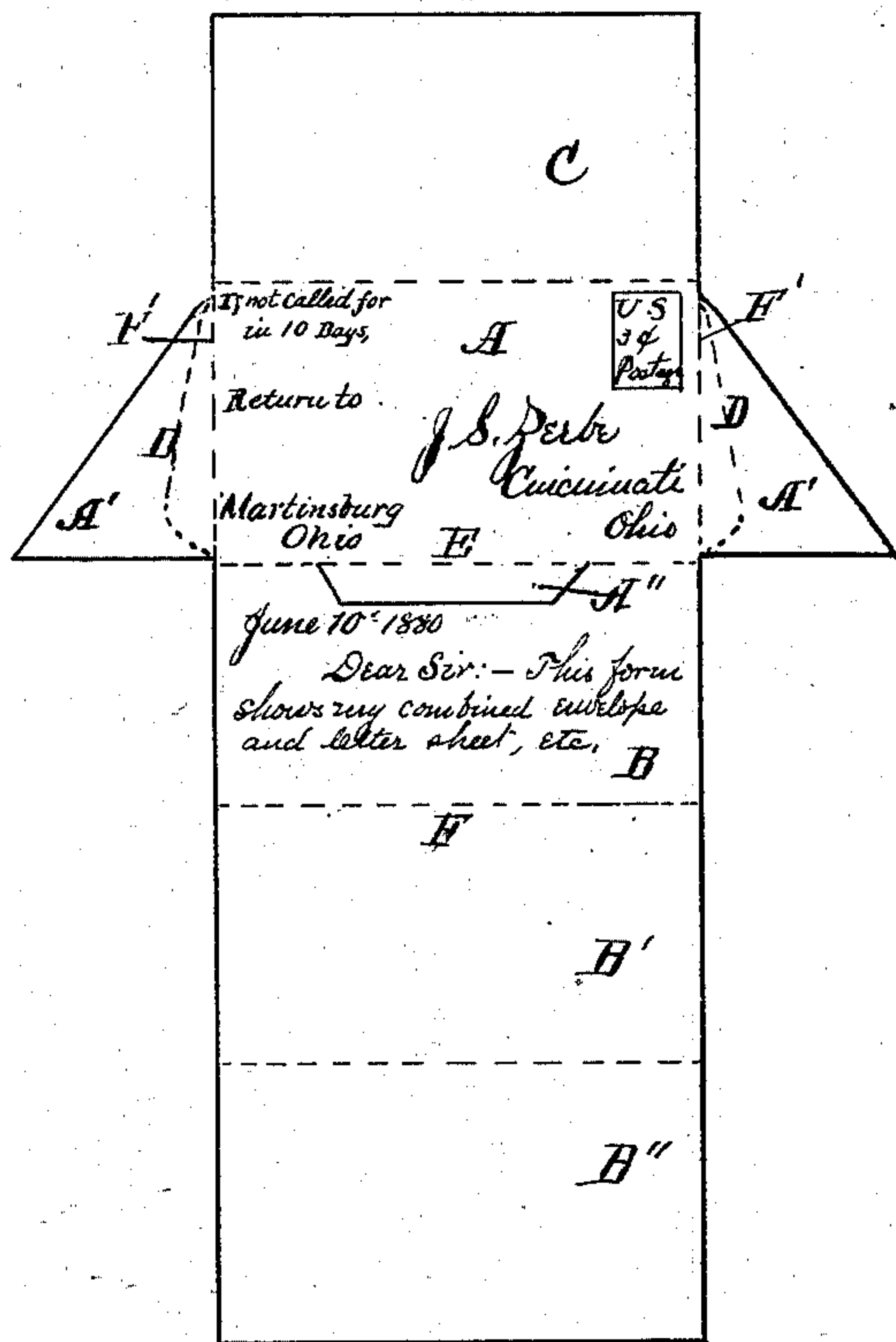


Fig. 1.

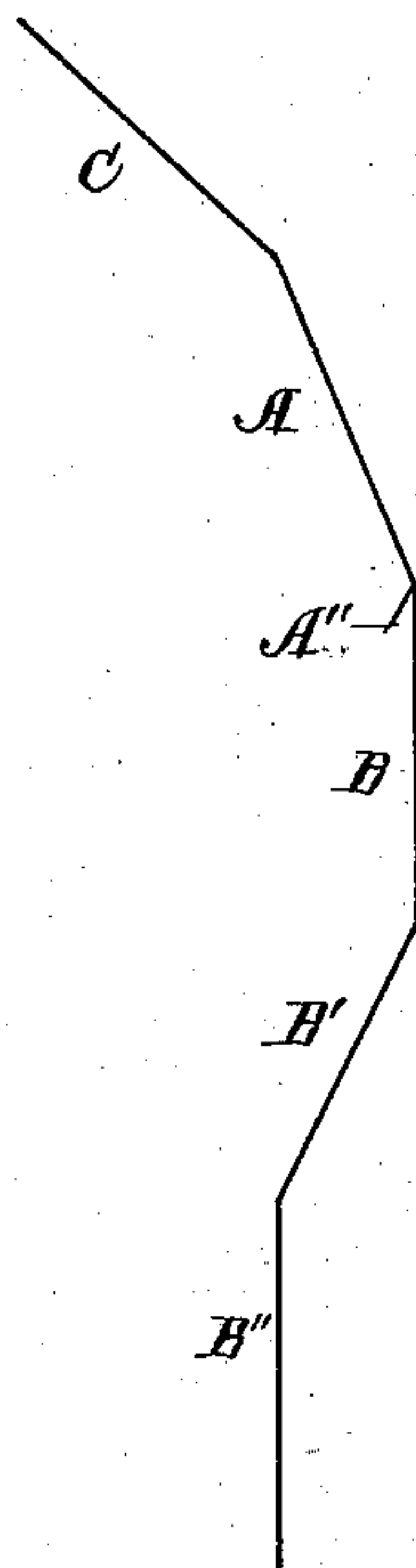


Fig. 2.

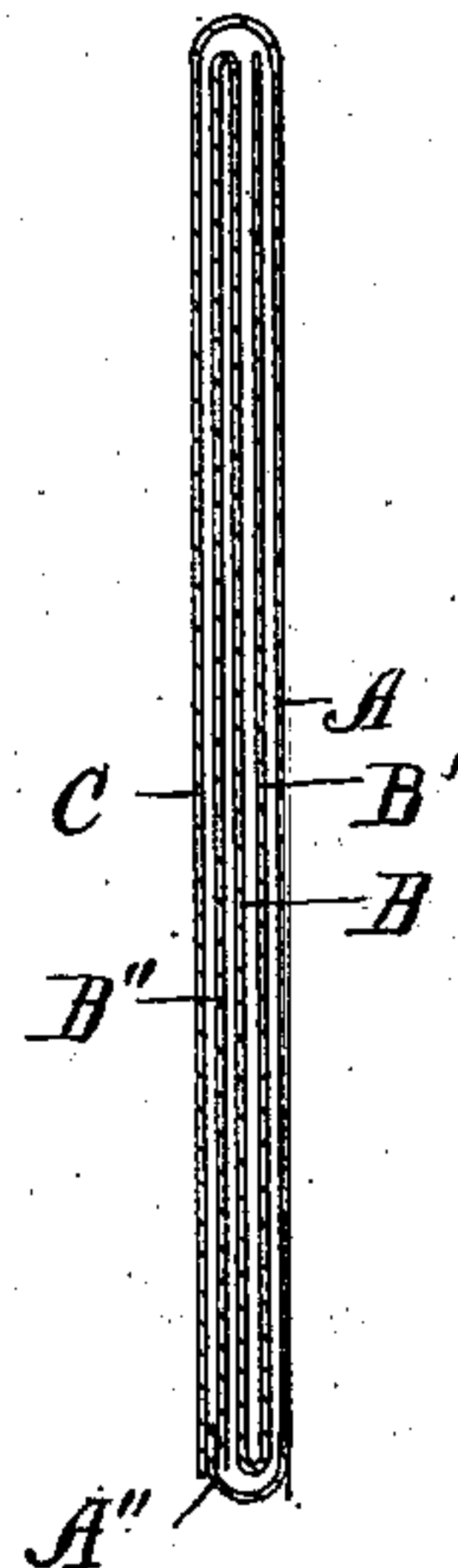


Fig. 3.

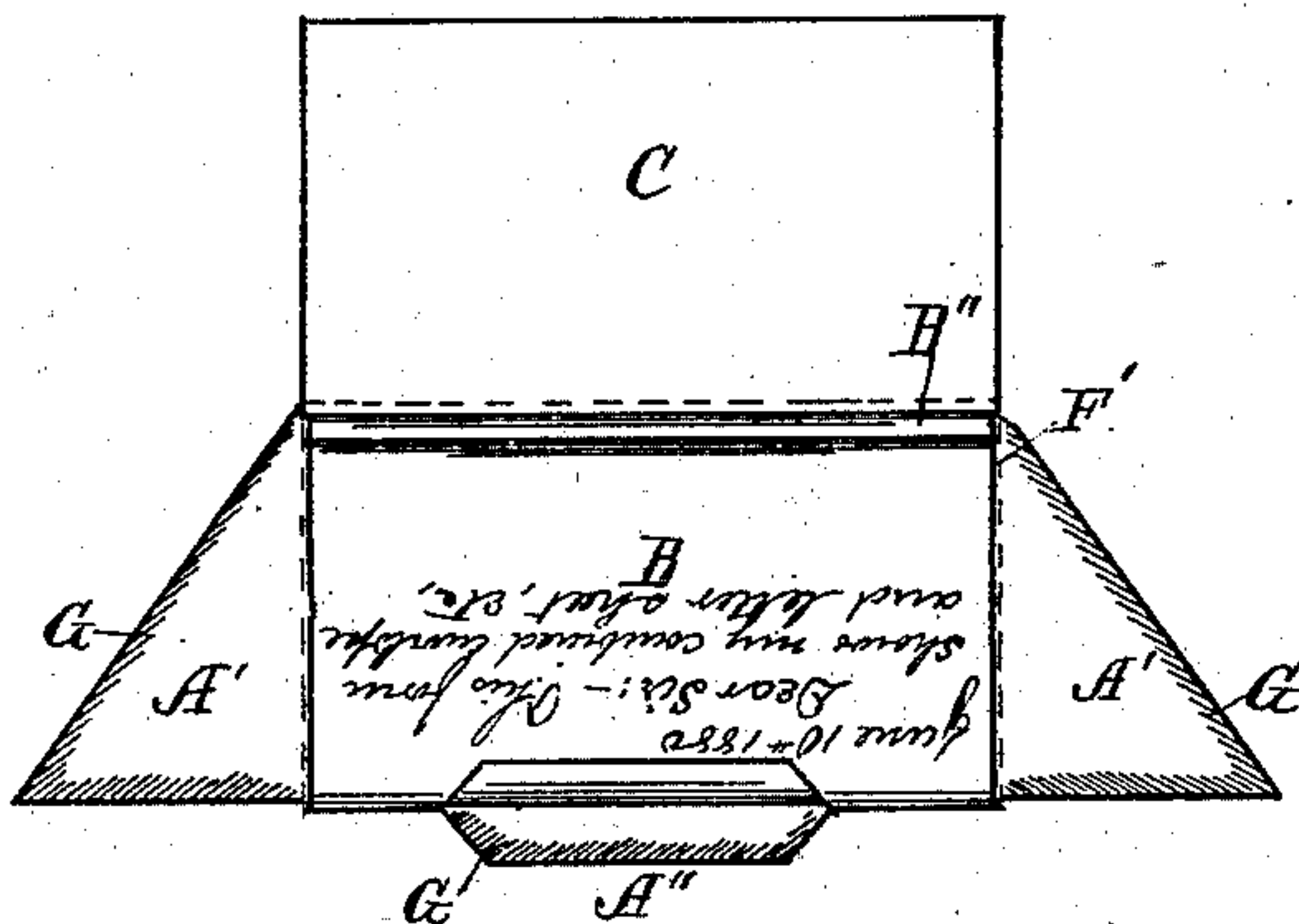


Fig. 4.

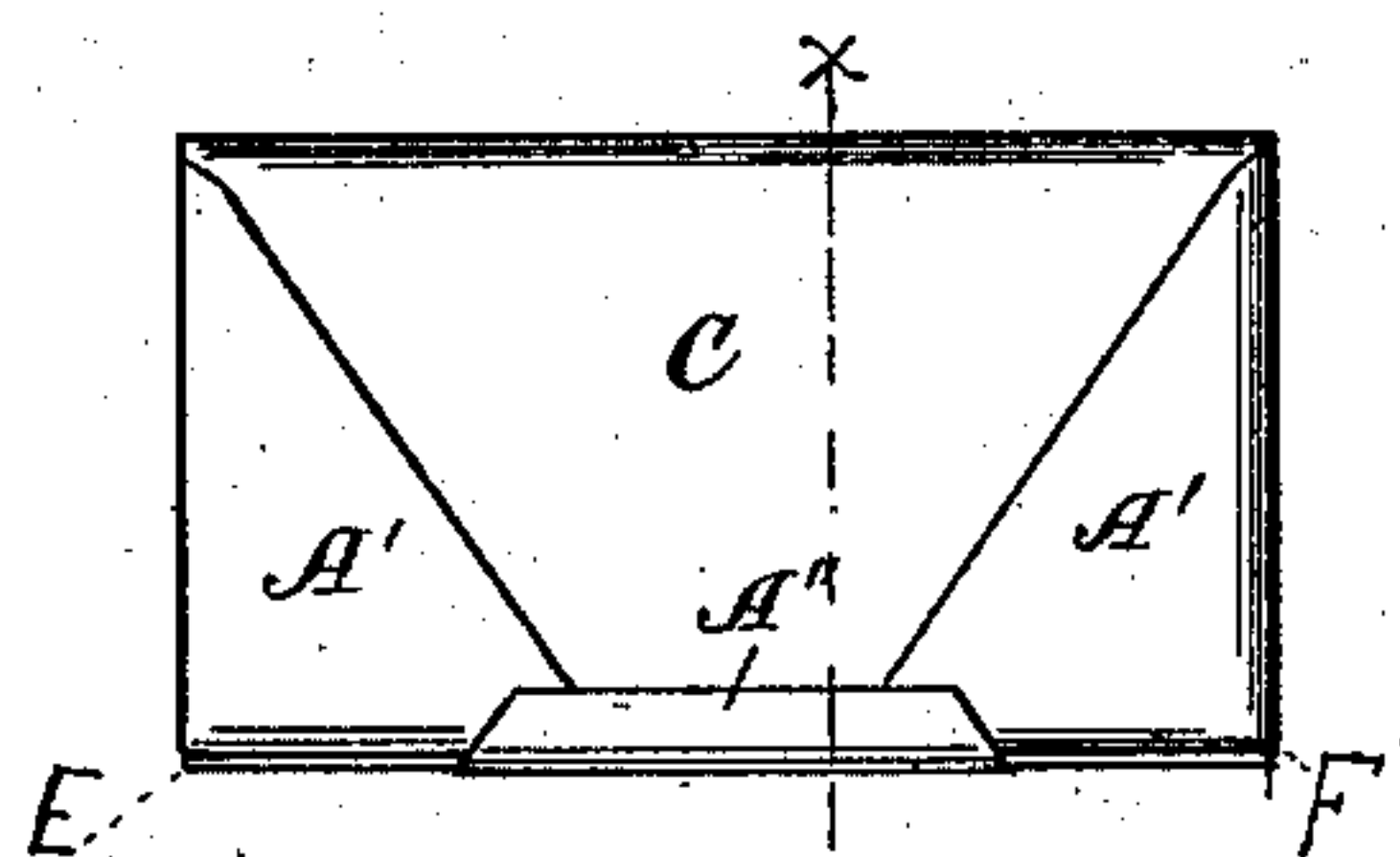


Fig. 5.

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COMBINED ENVELOPE AND LETTER-SHEET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES F. DODD, of Martinsburg, in the county of Knox and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Combined Envelope and Letter-Sheet, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows the shape of the blank which forms my combined envelope and letter-sheet. Fig. 2 is an edge view, showing method of folding. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view through the line *x* of Fig. 5, showing position of the letter-sheet when folded. Fig. 4 is a reverse side of the envelope and letter-sheet as distinguished from Fig. 1, with the letter folded in; and Fig. 5 is a back view of the envelope closed and ready for mailing.

The object of this invention is to provide a combined envelope and letter-sheet.

It is desirable to construct the portion which forms the envelope or outer part in such a manner that when it is opened no part of the letter or envelope would be mutilated; and, further, to provide a safe and effectual guard against opening and abstracting the contents of the envelope without destroying the same. To meet this want I have constructed a blank, as shown in Fig. 1, which is simply in the form of a rectangular piece of paper having near the upper end triangular flaps *A'* on the sides, removed far enough from the upper end to permit one fold about the width of the ordinary envelope *A*. These flaps need not necessarily be triangular in form, since the narrow form shown in dotted lines *D* will answer the purpose as well; but I prefer the flaps *A'*, as shown.

I propose to utilize the face of the envelope for a double purpose: first, to give the return address when the envelope is closed; and, second, to use this same address as portion of the letter, or what is termed the "letter-head," when the envelope is opened. Thus on the

upper left-hand corner I place the words "If not called for," &c., or their equivalent, with the address of the sender printed in the lower left-hand corner, as shown by "Martinsburg, Ohio." Below the folding-line *E*, and in the body of the sheet *B*, the date-line is placed, as represented by "June 10" in the drawings.

In folding, the side containing the address, as shown in Fig. 1, is reversed, and the parts *B'* *B''* are folded over on the parts *A B*, across the line *F*. The parts *B B'* are then folded over on the parts *A B''* across the line *E*, as shown in Fig. 4. The flaps *A'* and the upper part of the envelope *C* then remain extended. The upper part, *C*, is then folded down and the end flaps, *A'*, folded in, as shown in Fig. 5. An oblong flap, *A''*, cut out of part *B*, extending along the line *E*, is then folded over the whole. *G* represents the gummed surface, and it will be observed that the portion gummed covers the entire edge, excepting that side formed by the lap *C*.

In opening the sheet the flaps *A'* are cut along the lines *F'* and the flap *A''* along the line *E*. The letter-sheet and envelope will then appear entire, as shown in Fig. 1, minus the flaps *A' A''*, which leaves it in excellent form for filing.

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

In a combined envelope and letter-sheet, a blank provided with triangular flaps *A'* on the sides near the upper end, and having at the fold *E* an oblong flap, *A''*, cut out from the letter-sheet, which is adapted to embrace the ends of the flap *A'* when folded, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

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