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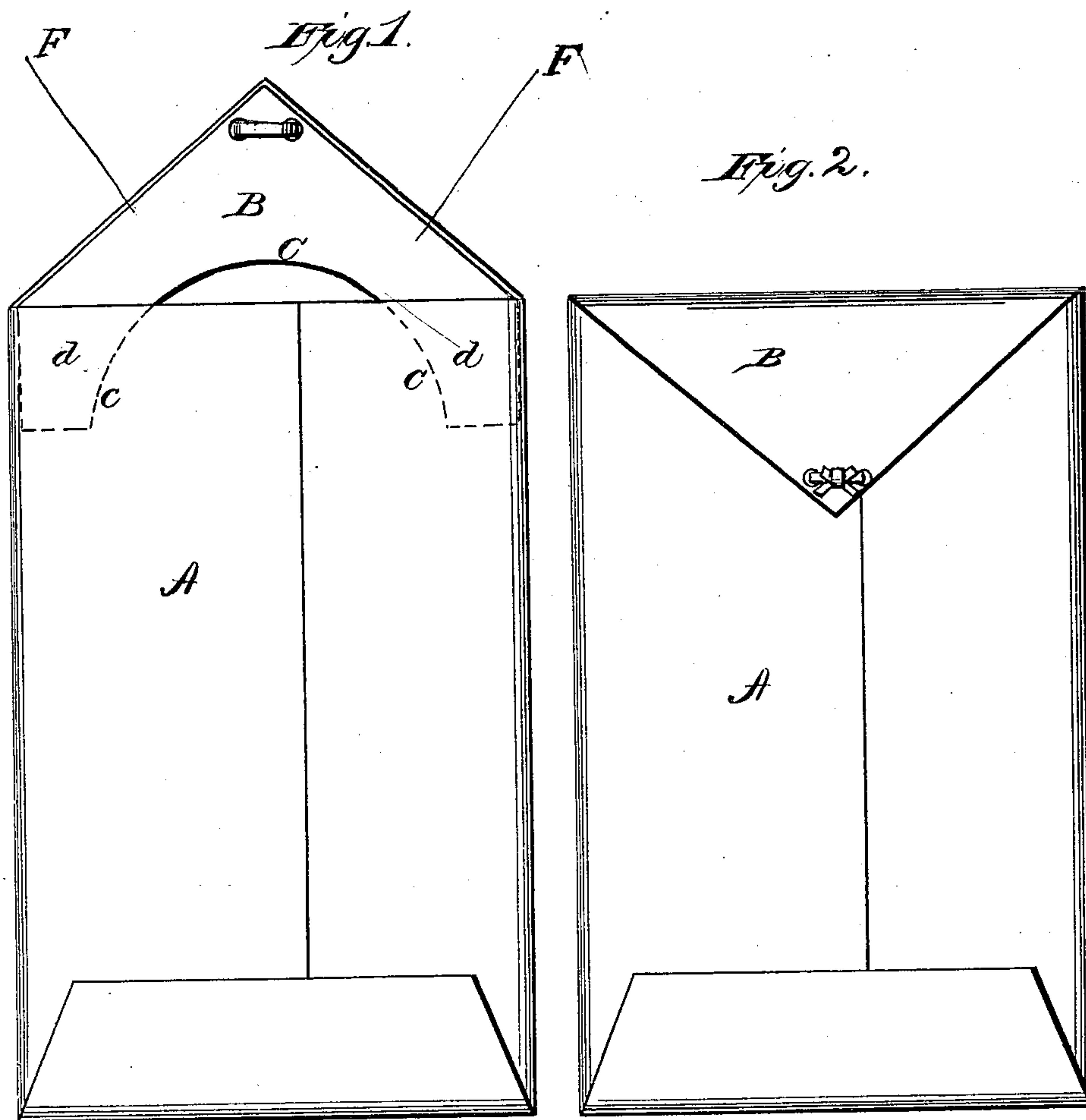
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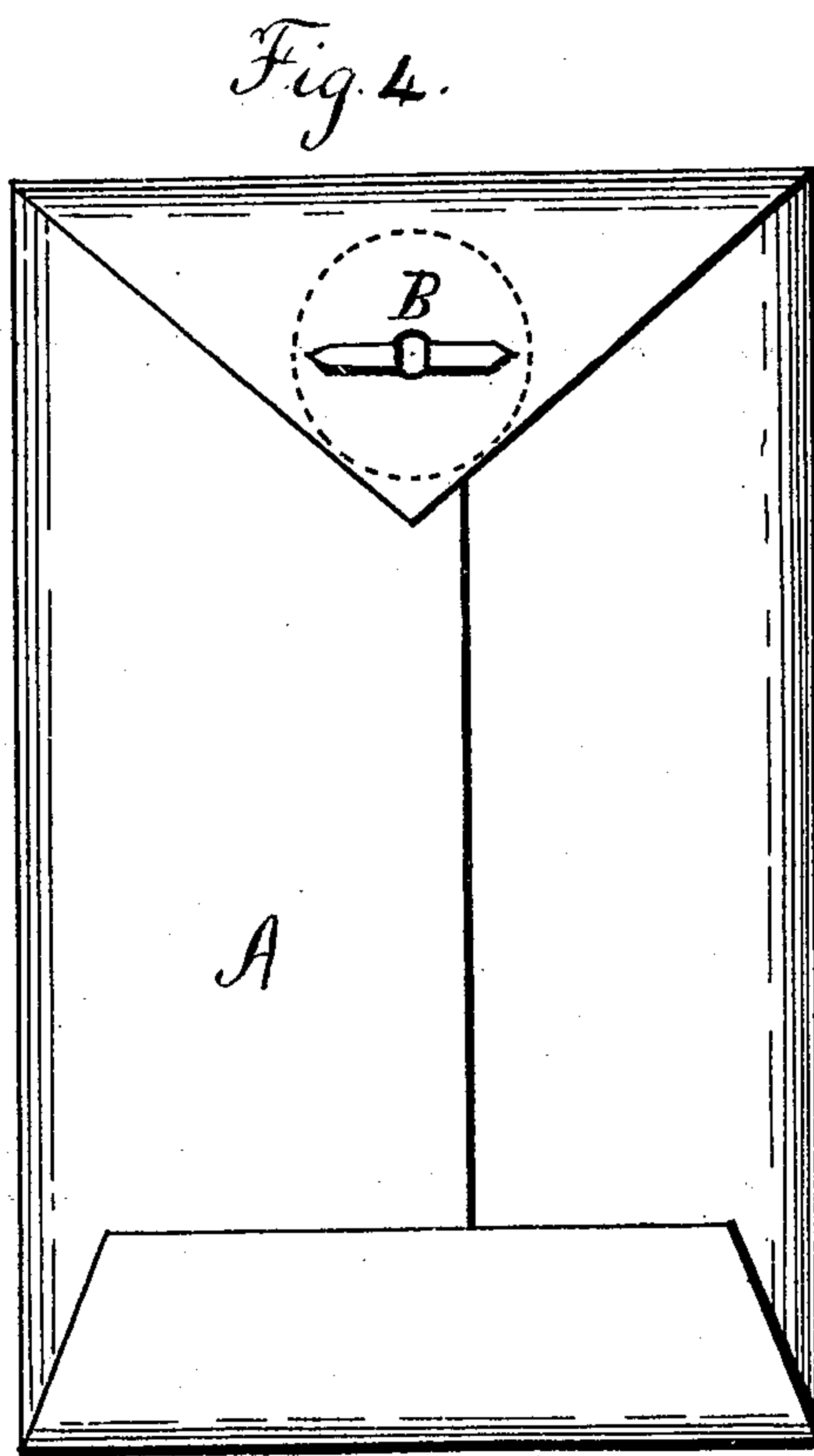
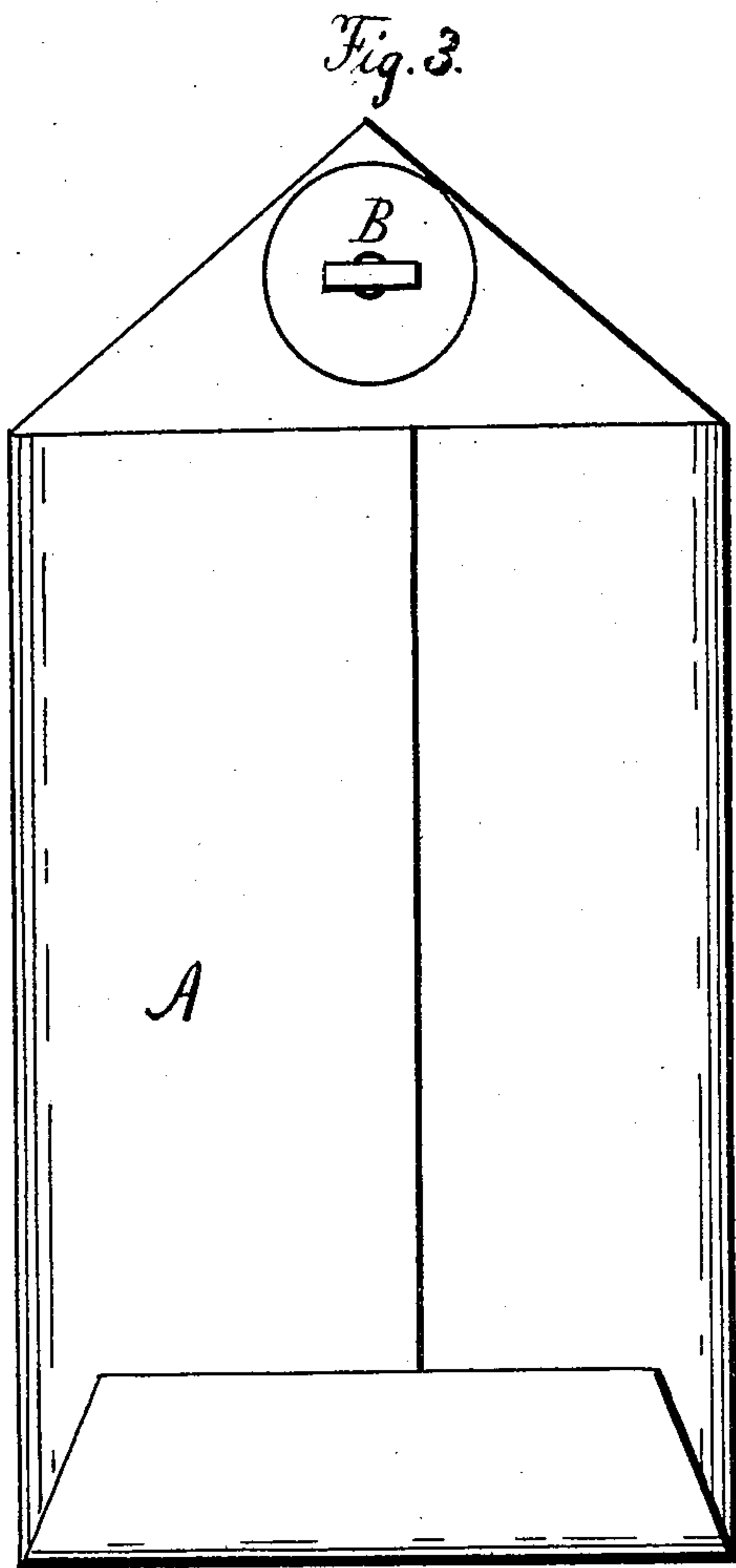
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER H. SCHULTZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Avondale, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sample-Envelopes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention consists in an envelope for third-class mail-matter, which can be closed as easily as any ordinary envelope, while it can be opened and refastened with great convenience by the post-office officials, for the purpose of examining the contents. In order to attain this desirable result, I attach a gummed tag to the flap of any envelope or box, by means of a clasp, tape, string, wire, or other suitable fastening. Upon closing the envelope for mailing, the flap, with the tag attached to itself in the manner described, is folded down as in the ordinary process of sealing an envelope, and the tag is sealed to the body of the envelope. The tag has now become a part of the envelope, and the flap may be easily detached therefrom by undoing the tape, clasp, or other fastening prescribed. The tag and flap may be provided with one or more holes through which the clasp, tape, &c., which holds the said tag and flap together is passed, and the said clasp is bent thereafter, and the said tape, string, &c., tied thereafter on the outside of the said flap. In this condition the envelopes are delivered to the consumer.

I do not confine myself to the form of tag. It may be that of a simple round disk, as represented in Figure 3 of the adjoining drawings,

or it may have the more complicated form represented in Fig. 1. Between these two forms the tag may have any convenient shape.

Figs. 1 and 3 represent the envelope open, as it is delivered to the customer.

In Fig. 1 the gummed tag F F, which is attached to the flap B, has nearly the shape of the flap, except the projections *d d*, which tend to hold it in place. They are formed by cutting the curve *c c c* out of the tag, which curve serves to render visible and to remove the contents more easily than would be the case if this curve were omitted.

Fig. 2 represents the envelope with the flap B closed so that the knot of the tape is on the outside of the flap and easily detached from the sealed tag.

In Fig. 3 the gummed tag B has the circular shape, and is represented attached with a clasp, but of course may be also attached by a wire, string, or tape, as in Figs. 1 and 2.

Fig. 4 represents the same envelope closed, the same purpose in unfastening and in all respects being met as in Fig. 2, while by bending the clasp the flap is easily detached from the sealed tag, the contents of the envelope examined, and the flap as easily closed again.

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

The described sample-envelope, sealed at one end and having the permanent flap at the other end, provided with a supplementary flap gummed on one side and attached to the permanent flap by an openable fastening, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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