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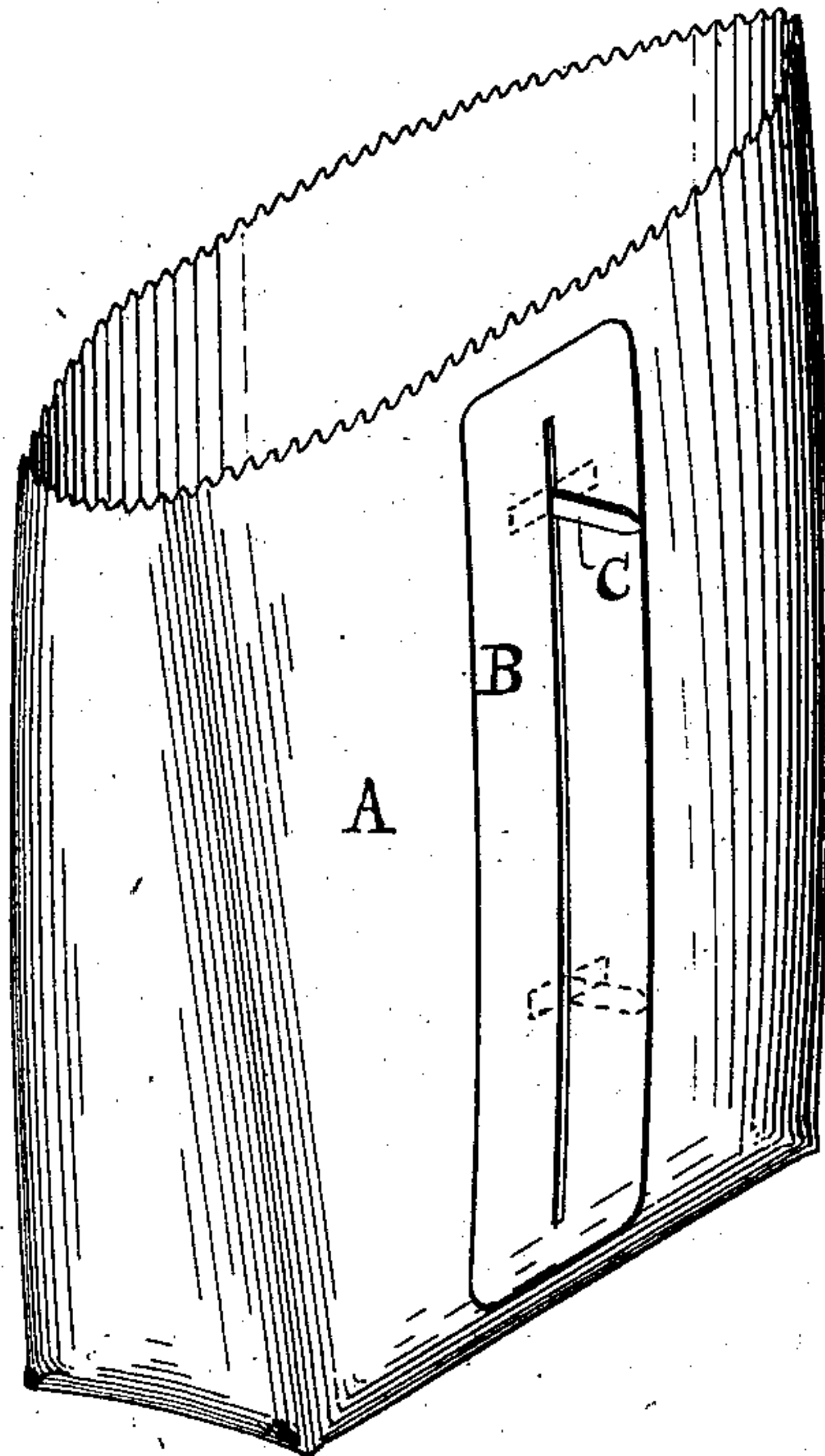
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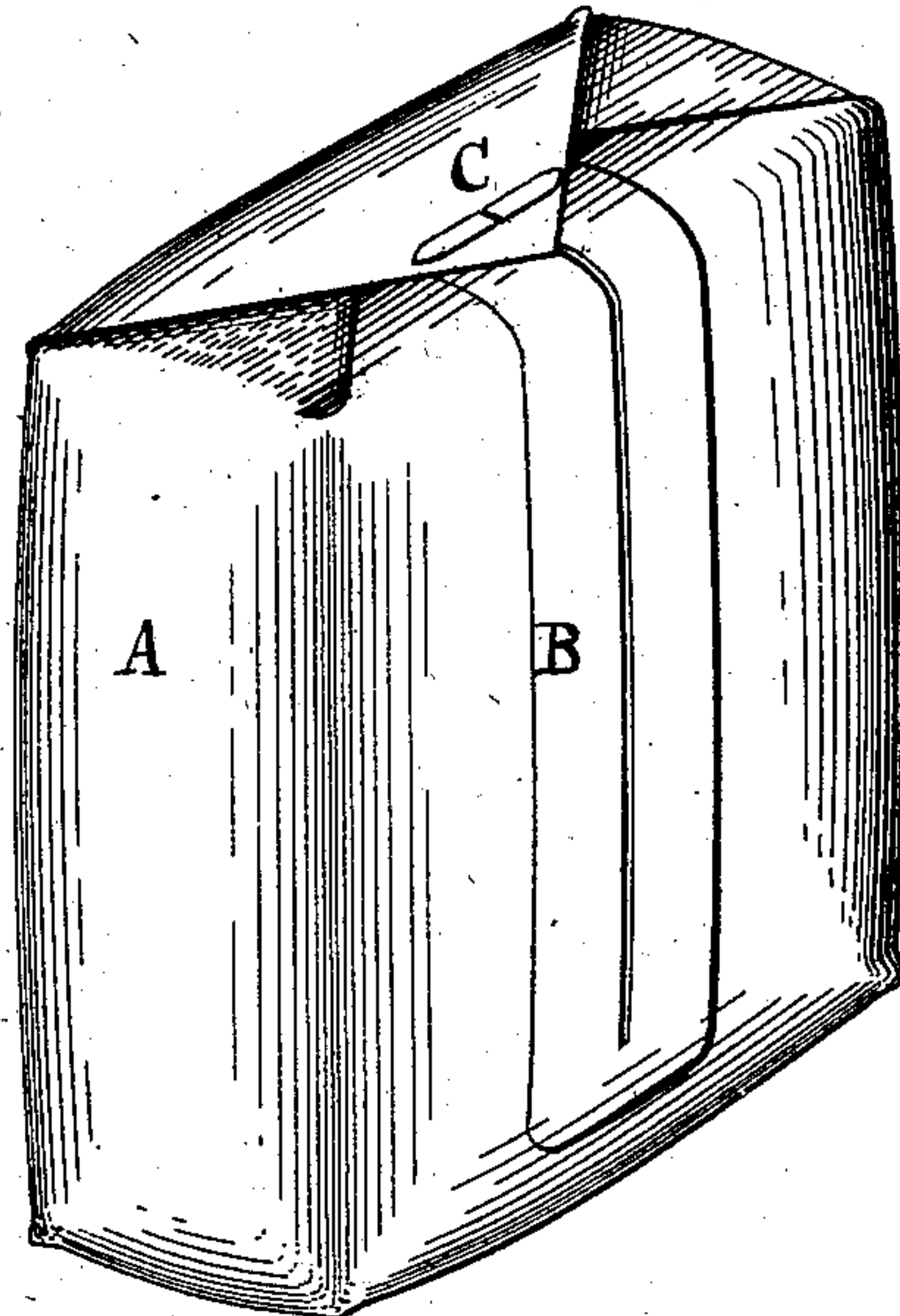
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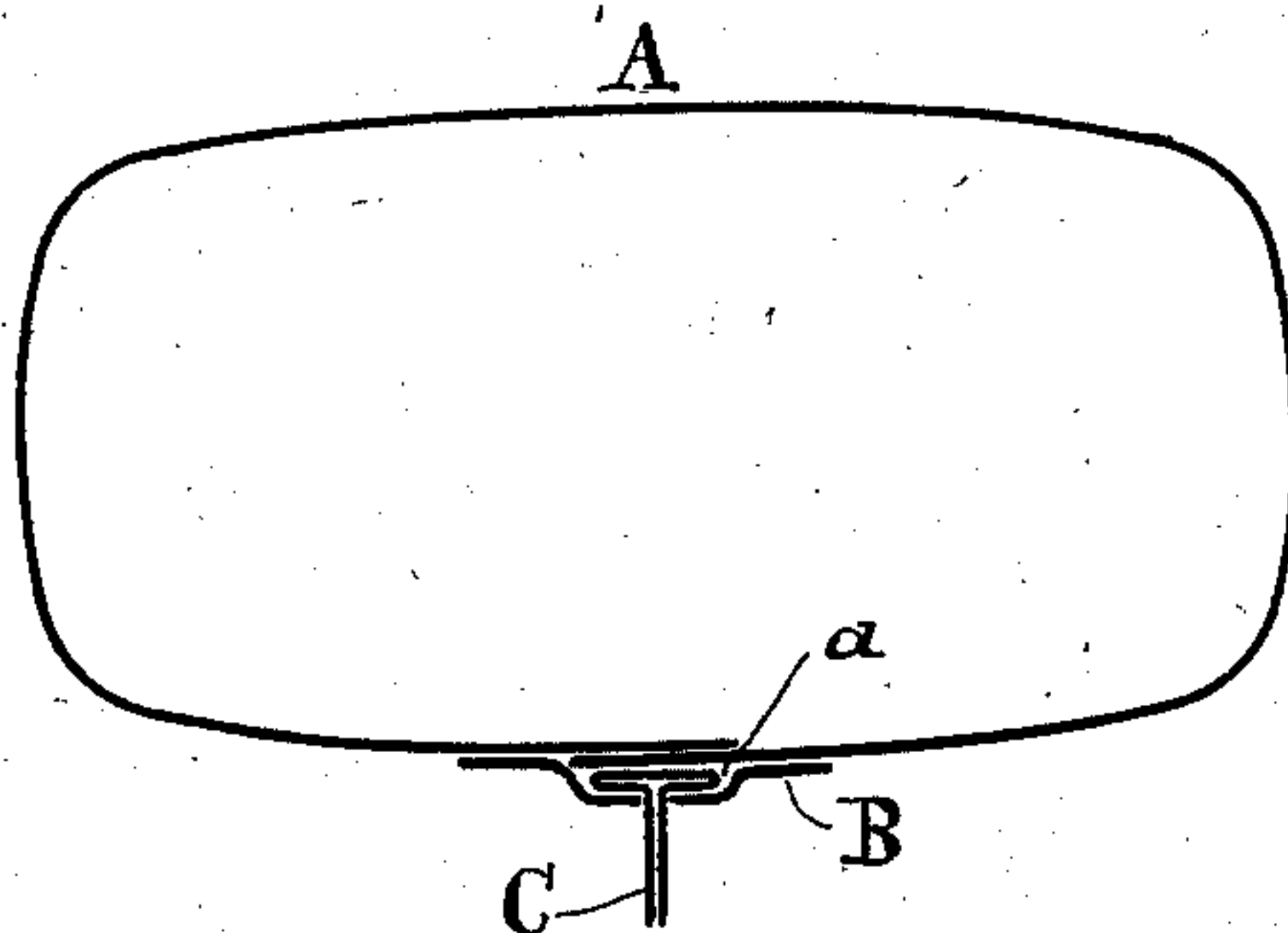
— FIG I —



— FIG II —



— FIG III —



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERBERT R. OLIVER, of the city of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented certain Improvements in Paper
5 Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a paper bag having an adjustable fastening device, whereby it may be sealed or secured in a closed condition and a firm or solid package produced without
10 the bag being necessarily filled.

A bag constructed in accordance with my invention, as hereinafter described, of such size as to conveniently hold, say, ten pounds of a certain material, may be used equally as well
15 for half the quantity, or five pounds, and the package rendered firm or solid.

The said invention consists in providing one side of the bag with a flexible slide, in which a fastening device is held adjustably, the said
20 fastener being adapted for attachment to the flap of the bag formed in the folding or closing operation.

In the further description of the said invention which follows reference is made to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, and in which—

Figure I is a perspective view of the improved bag in an empty condition. Fig. II is a similar view of the bag after it is closed and
30 sealed. Fig. III is a cross-section of the bag.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts in all the views.

A is the bag proper.

B is a slitted strip of strong flexible mate-

rial, preferably paper, secured at its edges to
the outside of the bag, so as to leave a space, *a*. 35

C is a metallic fastening device, preferably a common paper-fastener, which is placed with its head within the space *a*, as shown. When the bag is empty the fastener may be easily moved
40 to any point longitudinally of the paper strip; but after the bag has received its contents and the open end is folded to form a flap, which is drawn down tightly and secured to the fastener, the position of the latter is not easily
45 changed, as the space *a* is closed.

I do not limit myself to the placing of the paper strip on the outside of the bag, as the same may be secured to the inner surface of the same and the bag slitted where the edges
50 are lapped. Neither do I restrict myself to the construction of fastener shown, as this device may be made in various ways.

I claim as my invention—

1. A paper bag having a fastening or securing device adjustable in position with refer-
55 ence to the end of the bag, substantially as specified.

2. A paper bag having a longitudinal flexible guide for a fastening device, whereby the
60 position of the said fastener may be changed to suit the quantity of material placed in the said bag, substantially as specified.

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