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Fig. 1

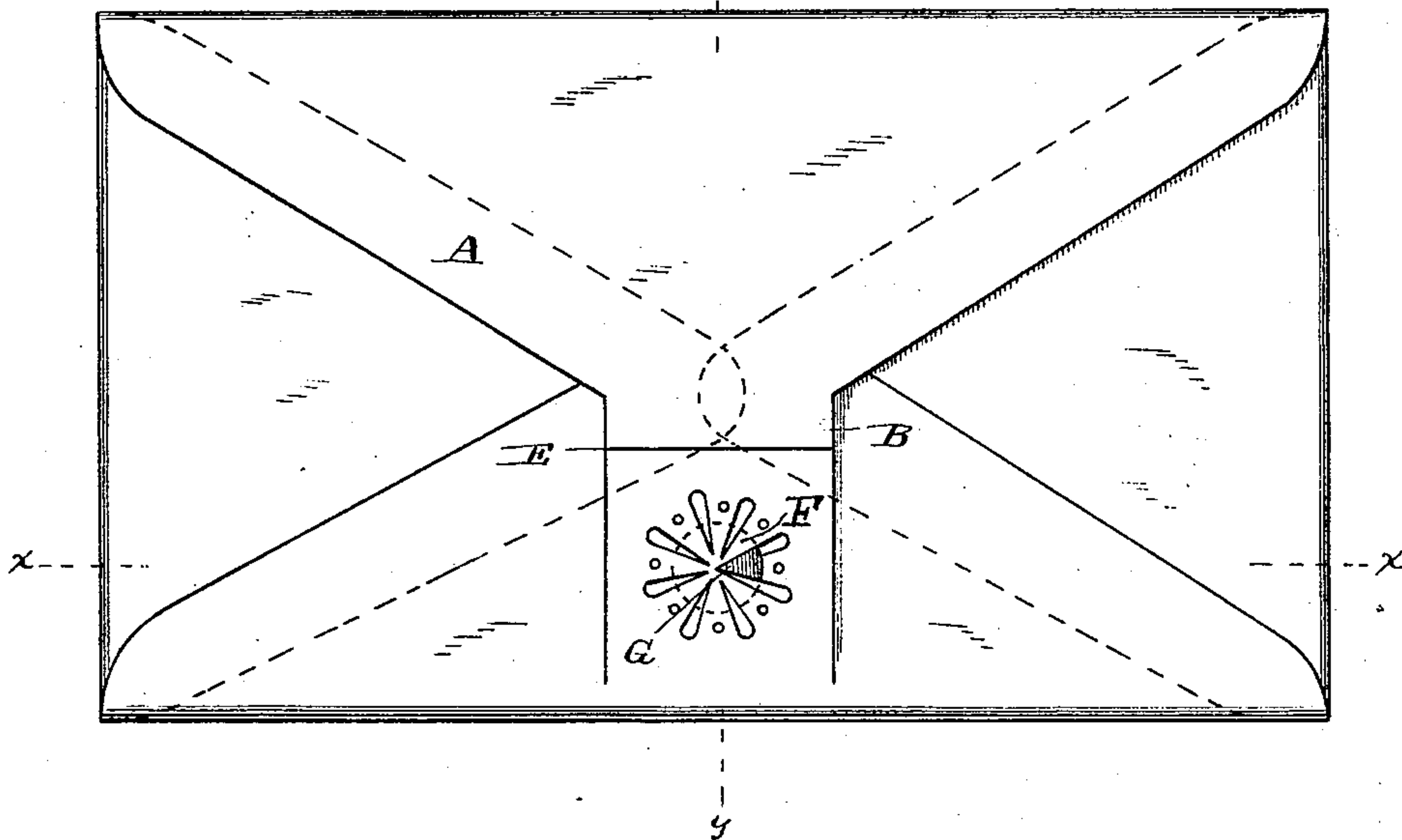


Fig. 2.

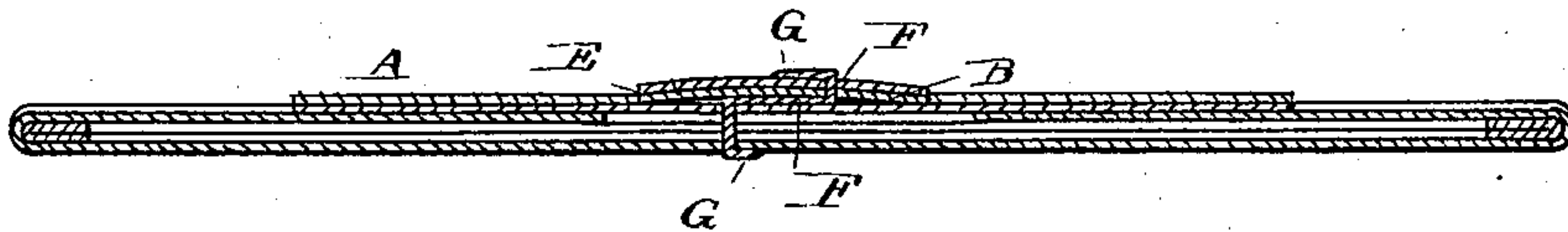


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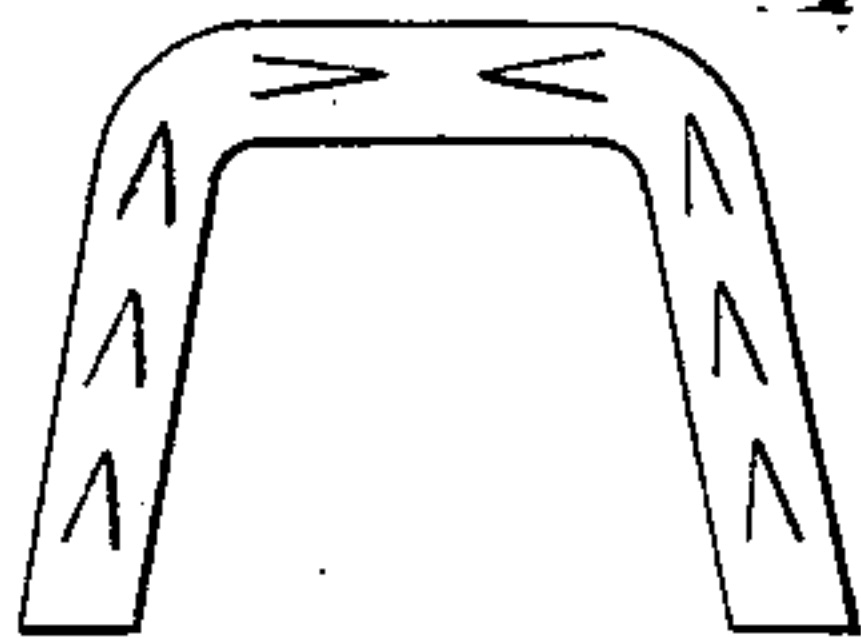


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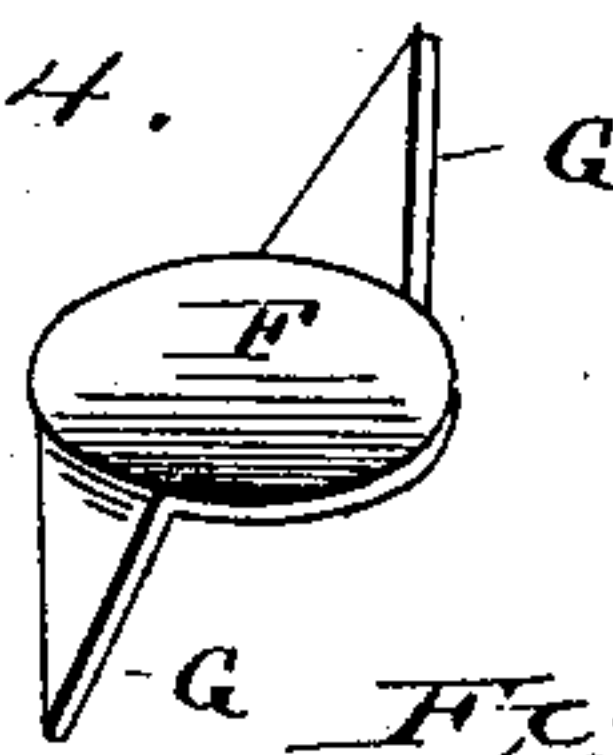


Fig. 3.

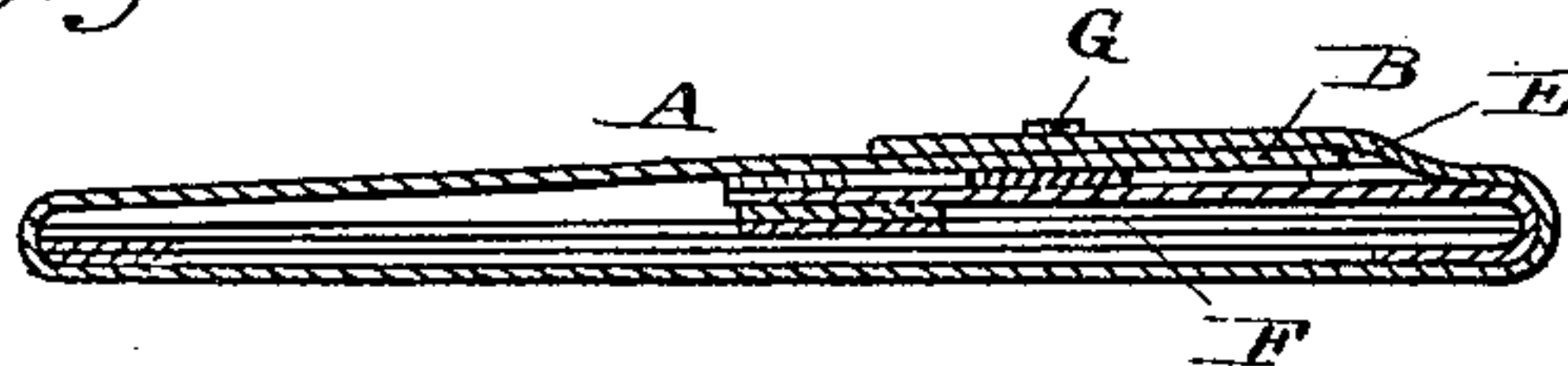
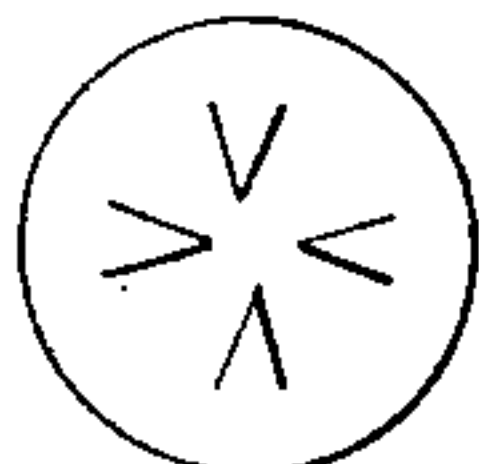
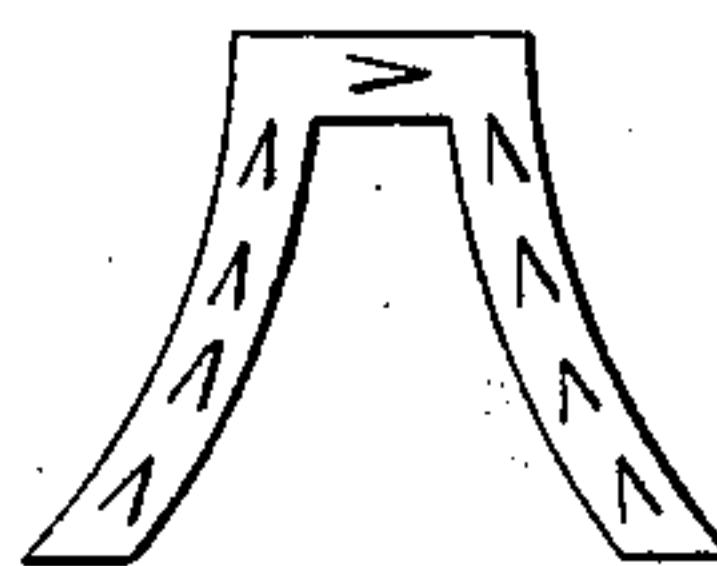


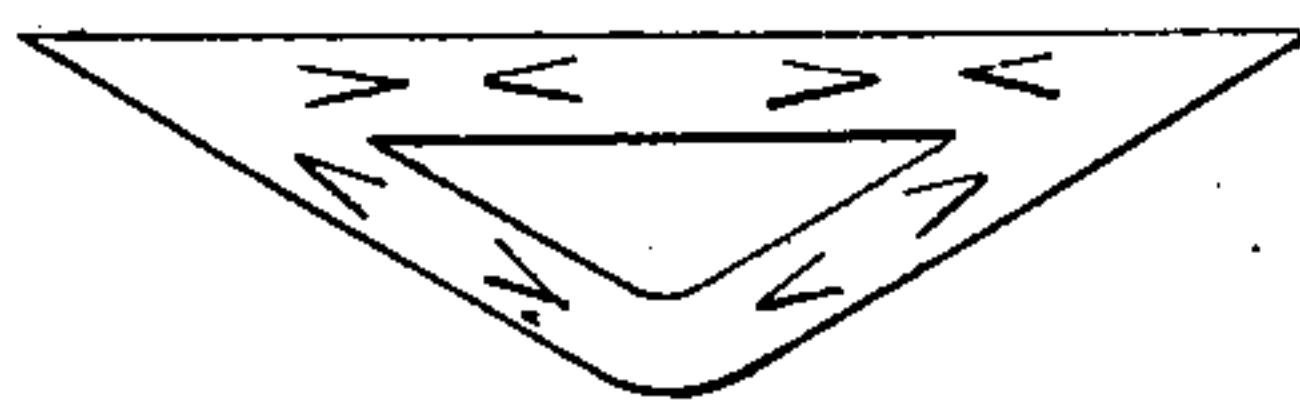
Fig. 6.



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## ENVELOPE.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 272,725, dated February 20, 1883.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DAVID LUBIN, of Sacramento City, in the county of Sacramento, and in the State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelopes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

This invention has for its objects to provide certain improved means for sealing and securing envelopes, and it is specially designed to be used in connection with the improved envelope for which Letters Patent No. 258,861 were granted to me January 31, 1882, although it may be applied to other envelopes without changing the spirit of my invention.

The above-mentioned objects I attain by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the back of my improved envelope. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view thereof, taken on the line *x x* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view of the envelope having my fastening device applied thereto, same being taken on the line *y y* of Fig. 1; Fig. 4, a detached perspective view of my connecting-plate; and Figs. 5, 6, 7, and 8 represent, respectively, modifications in the form or configuration of my improved fastening or connecting plate.

The letter A indicates the envelope, which at its inclosing flap is provided with an extension, B, adapted to be inserted in a pocket, E, in the lower portion of the back of the envelope, as shown in the drawings, in order to secure the flap.

The letter F indicates a metallic plate, sheet, or bar provided with pins or projections G, the said plate being adapted to be inserted between the flap which is cut from the back of the envelope and the re-enforce piece, which is applied to the inner side of said back, and to have its prongs inserted, the one through the re-enforce piece, the contents of the envelope, and the face thereof, and finally bent or clinched, the other through the flaps E' and B,

which is also bent or clinched, as seen in Fig. 2, whereby the several parts are securely united.

It will be seen that an envelope having the mail-matter inclosed and secured as described cannot be readily tampered with or fraudulently opened, as the metallic plate, when once removed, or the parts of the envelope, when once separated, cannot be replaced or rearranged without showing or indicating the fraudulent opening or manipulation of the envelope.

The fastening-plate may be made of any approved form—such as a disk with points, a bar, or otherwise, as seen in Figs. 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the drawings—and may be employed not only with the particular class of envelopes mentioned, but with all other classes of envelopes in which the flap overlaps the back to such an extent as to permit the application of the fastening. The fastening, instead of being applied so as to pass through the flap and front of the envelope, may be formed to pass through the flap and back, being interposed between the same, if it may be desired.

The fastening-plate, instead of being made of metal, may be constructed of compressed paper, pasteboard, or any other suitable material, in which instances it is applied in the manner above indicated, mucilage or other suitable adhesive substance being employed to retain the prongs when bent or clinched.

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

An improved fastening for envelopes, consisting of a plate constructed with oppositely-extending prongs, as described, and placed between the back and the flap or flaps of envelope and secured, substantially in the manner specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses, this 14th day of June, 1882.

DAVID LUBIN.

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