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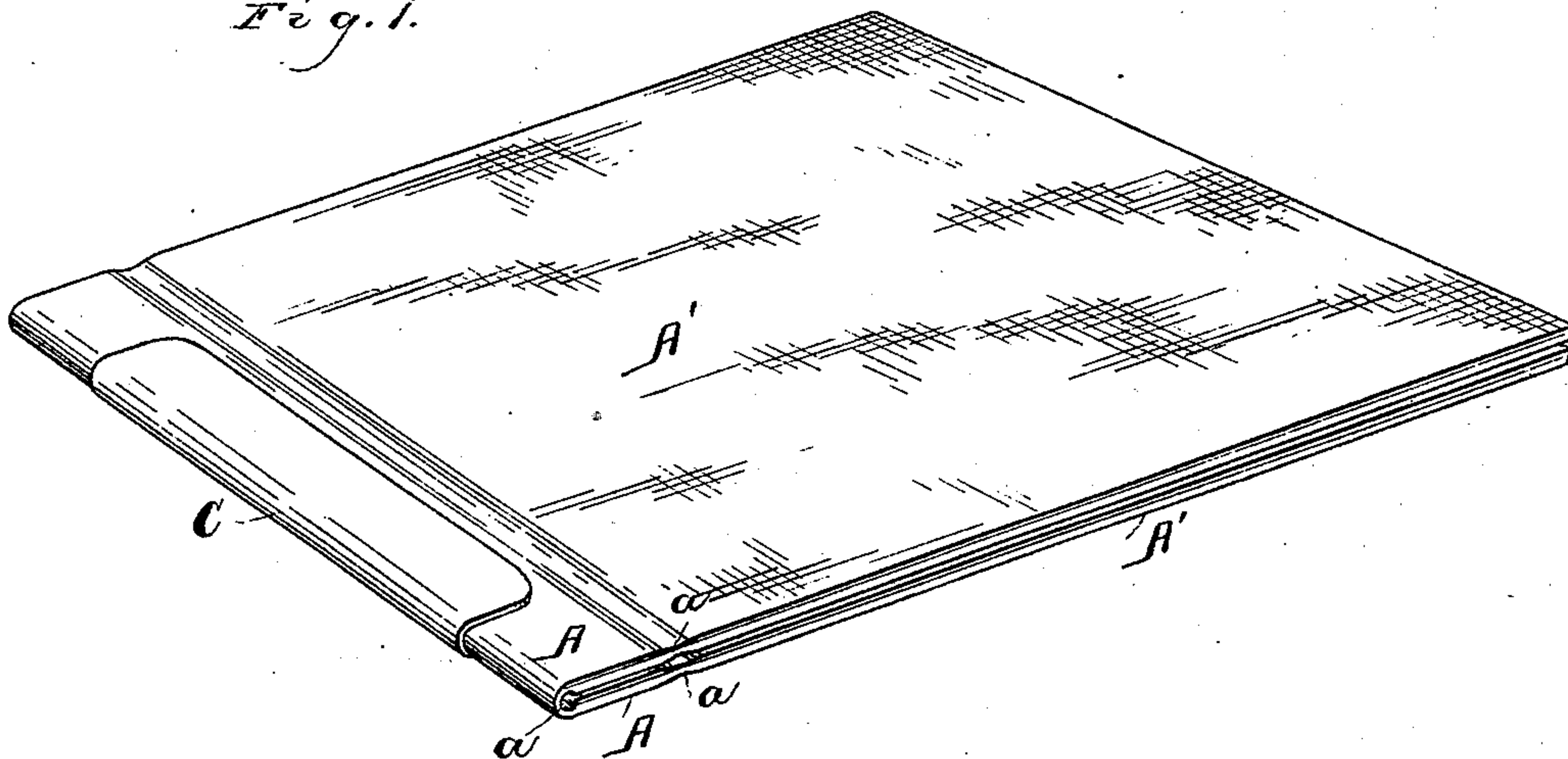
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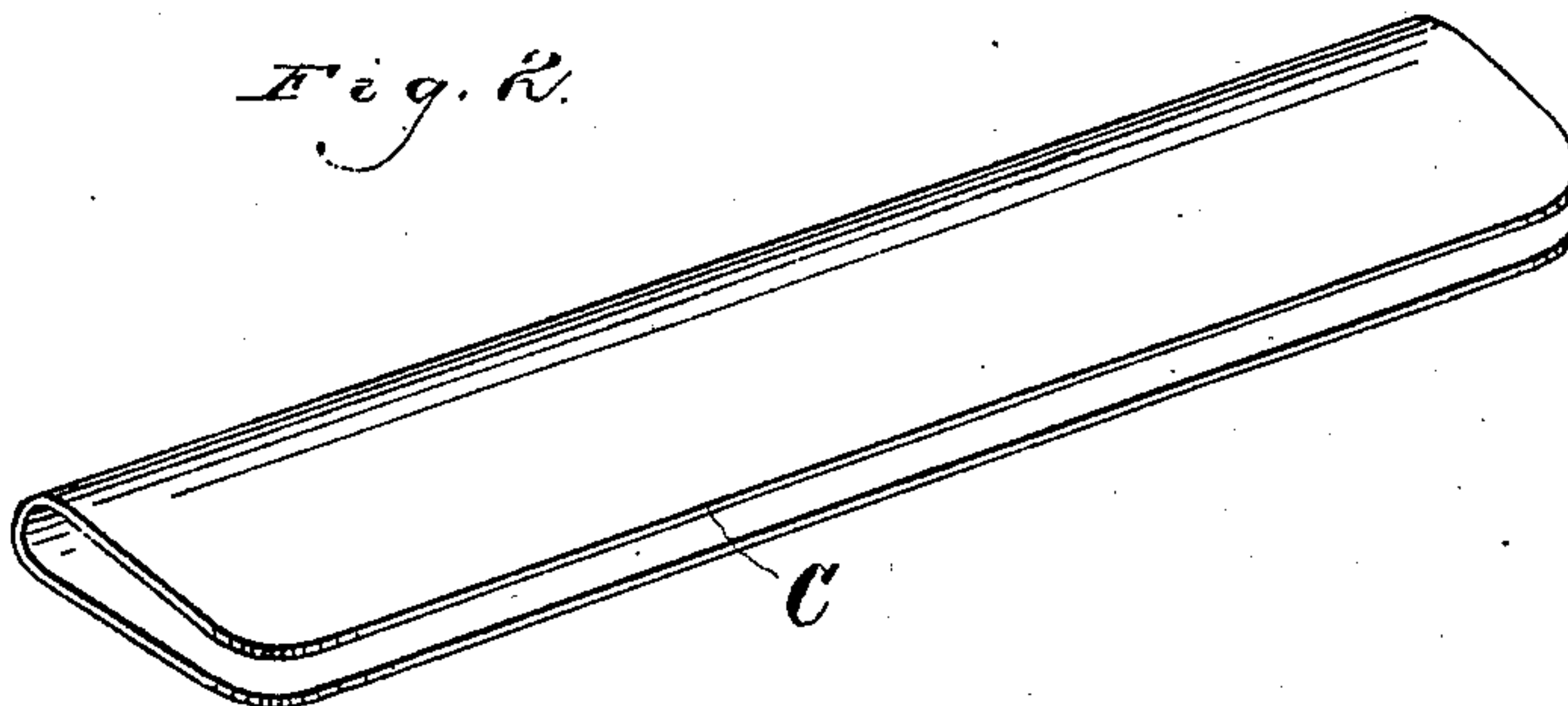
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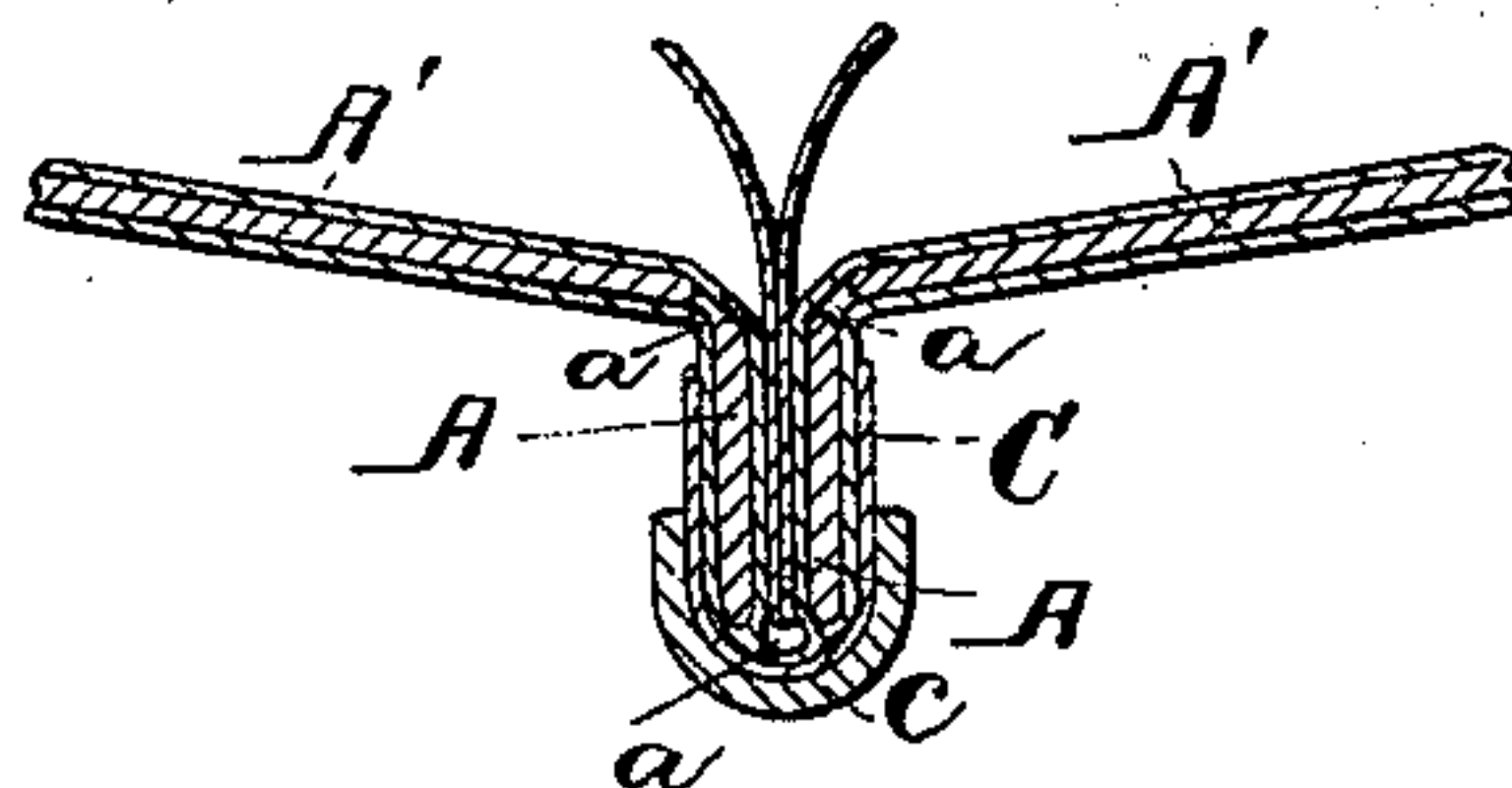
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## ORDER-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, EDWARD C. PAGE and JAMES B. McCLEERY, of Chicago, Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Order Holders and Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

The object is to provide a convenient holder for holding and protecting original orders for goods while shipments are being made from the same and previous to filing the orders away.

The invention consists of a cover made of four rigid parts united by three pliable connections or hinges, and a clasp adapted to be used with the same, as hereinafter shown.

The accompanying drawings illustrate the invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder complete. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the clasp. Fig. 3 is a cross-section through the clasp and a portion of the other parts.

The cover consists of the central parts, A A, and the outer parts, A' A', made of three-ply veneer board, or other board suitable for the purpose. These parts are preferably united by a continuous covering of canvas, glued or secured to both sides, there being sufficient spaces *a a a* between the rigid parts to allow them to be folded at the points *a*, where they are thus united or hinged together by the canvas; but almost any other form of hinge may be used.

C is the clasp, made of steel, and adapted, when sprung open, to fit over the outside of the central parts folded together, and sufficiently clamp them to hold itself on and hold an order in when placed between them. The clasp is preferably made flat, or nearly so, to fit closely

on the cover; otherwise it would afford a fulcrum which would open the clasp when the covers are folded back and pressed together, and allow the order to fall out.

The holder is not intended to hold a volume, but only a single order at a time, on one or more, but not a great many, sheets of paper. The order is put in either by taking off the clasp, which can readily be detached from the cover, and replacing it when the order is in, or by pressing the backs together on a small fulcrum placed temporarily on the rear edge of the clasp, so as to spring the holder open without taking off the clasp. We have used a small grooved block or strip of folded tin, *c*, adapted to be fitted over the rear of the clasp, and thicken it for such fulcrum, as shown in Fig. 3.

Upon receipt of an order it is put into a holder without transcribing, and goes with the holder through the different processes of getting out, making up, packing, and shipping the goods, and is then taken out of the holder and filed away.

What we claim is—

An order-holder consisting of four rigid boards connected by three pliable connections or hinges, and a clamp adapted to fit over the outside of the central boards when folded together, as shown.

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