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Fig. 1.

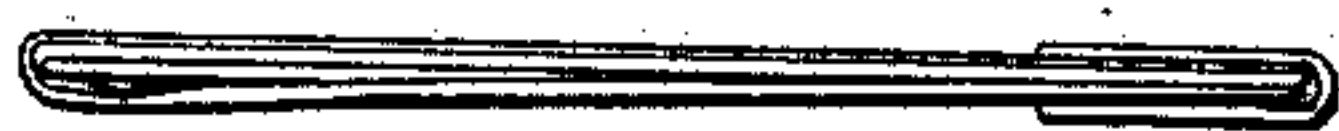
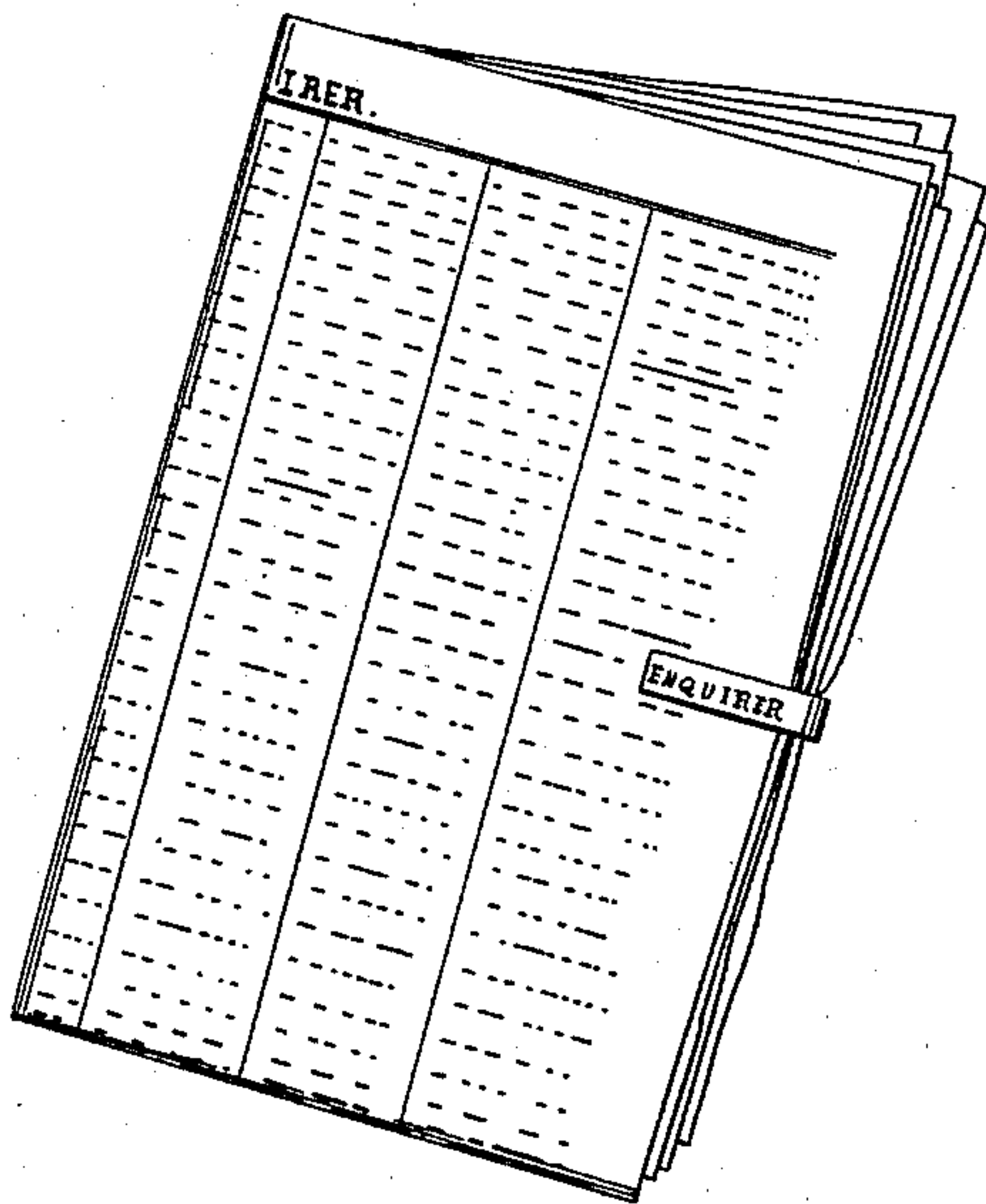


Fig. 2.

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SEAL FOR NEWSPAPERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. WOODARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improved Seal for Newspapers, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to temporarily seal the free edges of a newspaper or other folded periodical, when sent out from the publisher, in such a manner that said seal will be destroyed when the paper is unfolded by the purchaser.

The accompanying drawings illustrate my invention.

Figure 1 represents a newspaper folded in the form usual when sent from the publisher to news agents, and having a narrow strip of paper, *b*, folded and pasted over the free or outside edges thereof, as clearly shown in Fig. 2, which is an end view of the same.

The strip *b* may be plain, or it may have printed upon it the name of the newspaper or some other distinctive mark.

It is customary for publishers of papers to allow their agents to return and receive credit for unsold papers, and it has been found in

practice that many papers that have been sold, but afterward abandoned by the purchasers in railway-cars, hotels, and other public places, are gathered up by the news agents and returned to the publishers as unsold. By the use of my device this practice is prevented. The sealing-strip *b*, being torn apart when the paper is unfolded, is readily noticed if returned.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, with a newspaper or other folded periodical publication, of a seal consisting of a separate and independent strip of paper folded over and secured upon the free edges of said publication, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. The combination, with a newspaper or other folded periodical publication, of a seal consisting of a separate and independent strip of paper having a distinctive mark thereon, and folded over and secured upon the free edges of said publication, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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