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Fig. 1

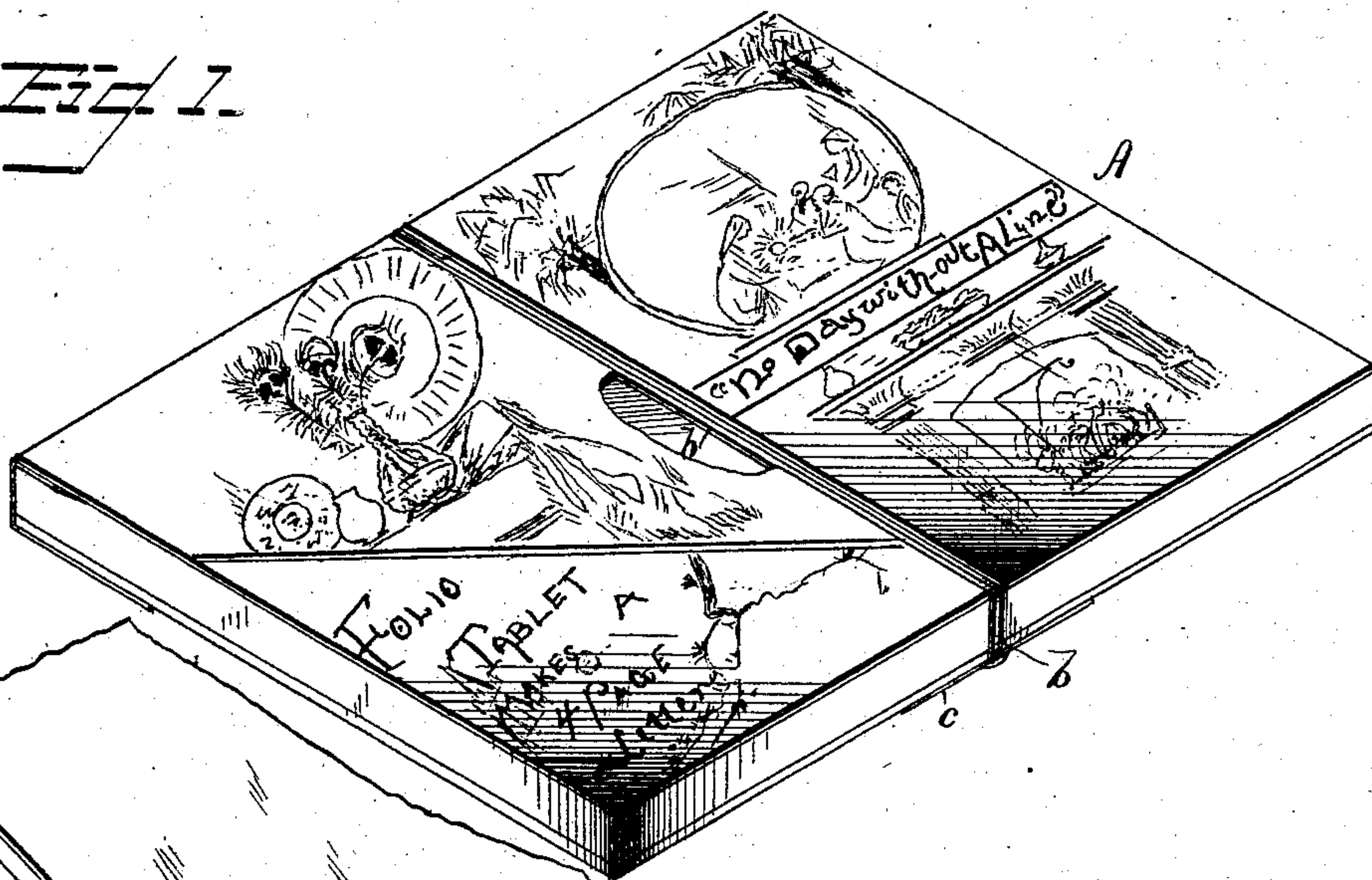
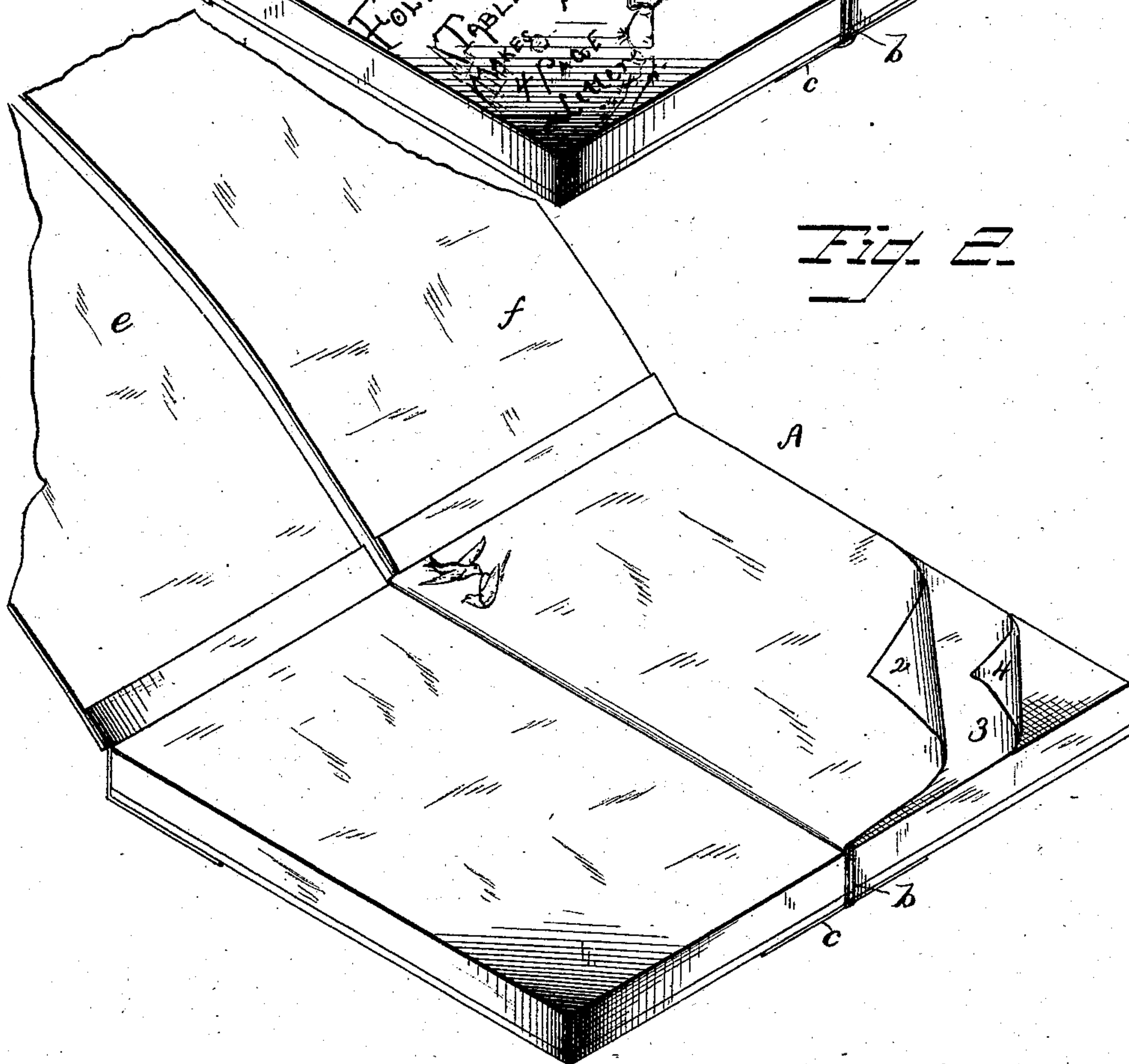


Fig. 2



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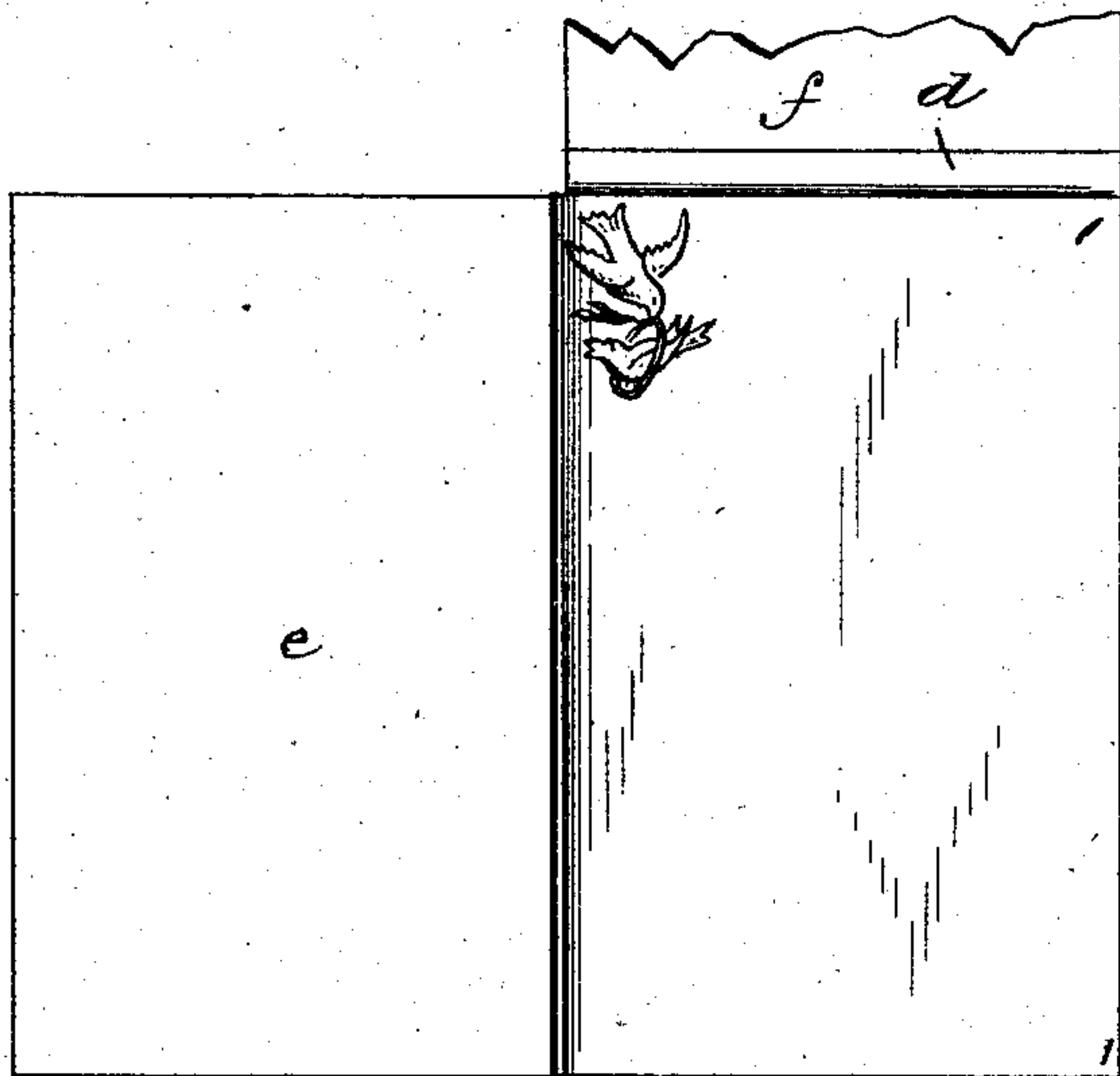


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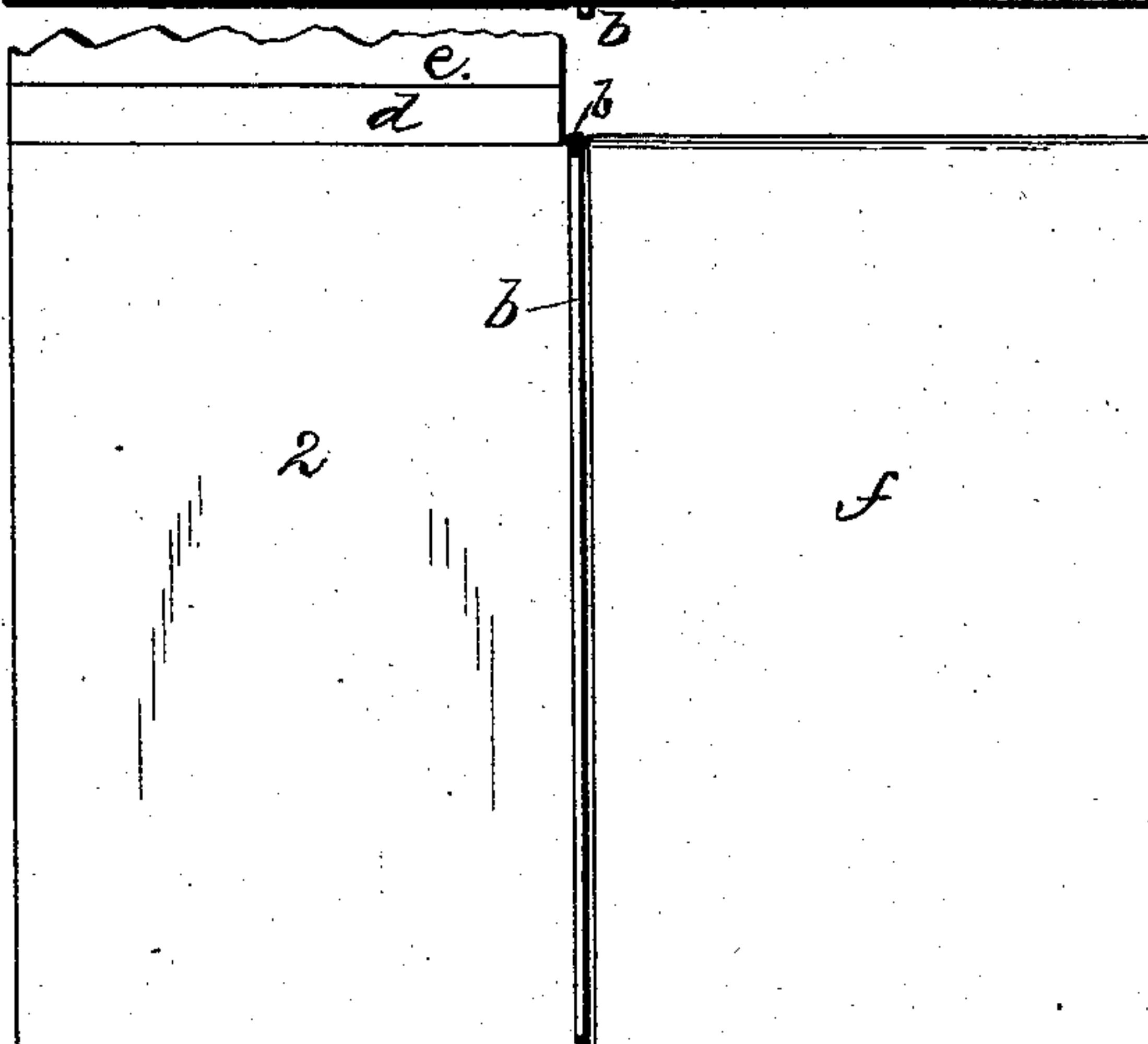
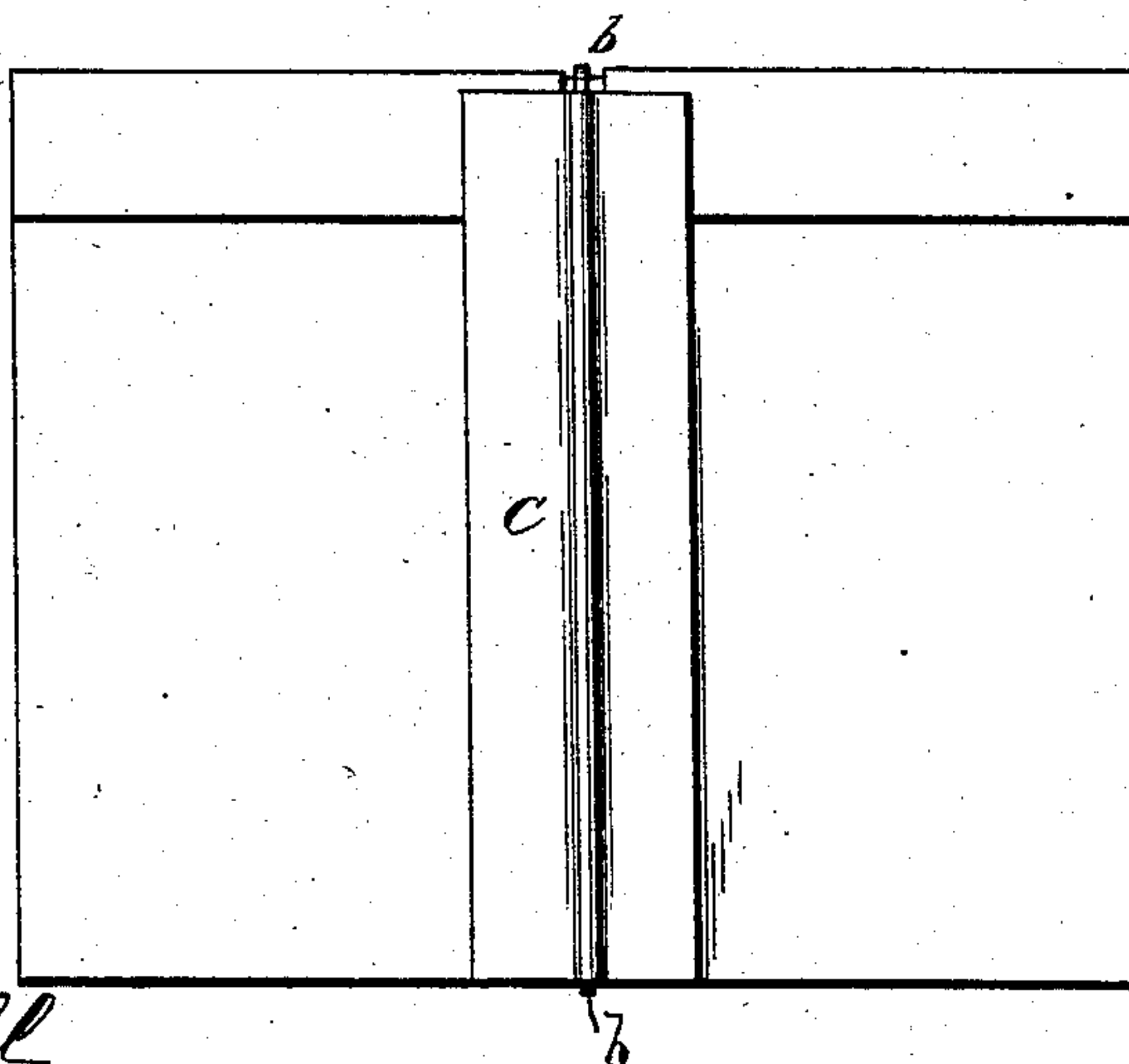


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS G. REYNOLDS, of Dayton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Writing-Paper Tablets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which 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 of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Heretofore the flat unfolded sheets composing the ordinary solid paper blocks or tablets have had no appropriate device or means applied to them whereby each or any of the sheets, as desired, could be accurately folded into folio form, so as to write on opposite sides of such sheet, when needed, before severing the sheet from the block; hence, while these blocks are very convenient and are extensively used, their use has been mostly confined to memoranda, or for practical business purposes, being quite unsuited for the more refined or fashionable correspondence.

The object of my improvement is to make a paper tablet or block composed of any desired number of sheets in such manner as to conveniently admit of writing a four (4) paged or folio letter, note, or other instrument from a block or tablet made up of single sheets of paper, the sheets being gummed together at one or more of their edges, after the manner of making paper tablets.

Figure 1 represents in perspective the tablet complete, its outer flap or flaps lying down on the block; Fig. 2, a similar view with the flaps thrown back, and with the left-hand leaf of a sheet folded over on the right-hand leaf preparatory to commencing a letter. Fig. 3 shows the left-hand-cover flap down and the right hand one thrown back. Fig. 4 is the converse, the left-hand cover being thrown back. Fig. 5 shows the back of the tablet.

A is the tablet. A cord or elastic band, *b*, is placed around the tablet from top to bottom at a line which marks or indicates the middle of the sheet—that is, the line corresponding with the line of fold in a folio sheet. This band is properly secured and held in

place on the back of the tablet by a strip, *c*, or strips glued or pasted over it, or in any other appropriate way to make it fixed and permanent. The object of this cord or band is that it may serve as a guide for folding the sheet at its center, and also to hold the sheet in position on the tablet after both leaves of the folio may have been written on and have been detached along their gummed edge or edges which held the folio to the block. The elasticity of the band or elastic cord serves to hold all the sheets, even to the last sheet or sheets of the block, firmly in position.

Attached to the tablet by means of a pasted or glued strip, *d*, passing over the top of said tablet, is a protecting cover or lid, of paper or other suitable material, and which may be all in one piece, but preferably in two pieces, *ef*, each being the size, or nearly so, of one-half the tablet, and separated at the guiding cord or elastic by a small space, so that either half or piece *e* or *f* of said cover may be used independently of the other, for the purpose of protecting whichever half of the tablet is not for the time being used or written upon.

In making my tablet of ornamented or illuminated paper the sheets are placed one above another, with the ornamented page down and at the left, so that when the gummed edge of the first leaf of the top sheet is loosened and the left half of this sheet is folded over the guiding cord or elastic and upon the other half or second leaf of the same sheet said ornamented page will occupy its proper position as the first page of the folio, just as in ordinary writing with fine or ornamented note or letter paper. The back of the tablet should be of stiff pasteboard or other stiff material, as in the ordinary way of making paper tablets.

The following is the proper way to use my improved tablet: First open or fold back the lids; next fold the first leaf—viz., that which is to the left of the guiding-cord *b*—of the top sheet over this guiding cord or elastic and over and upon the second leaf—viz., that which is to the right of the guiding-cord. This act of folding this leaf over also loosens or detaches it along its gummed edge. Thus folded, the sheet becomes a four (4) paged folio sheet on the right side or half of the tablet, the right-

hand half of the sheet still remaining attached to the tablet. The writing is of course begun, as in ordinary writing on folio sheets, on this first page. (Marked 1.) When this first page is finished, turn the leaf back to its original position. This brings the second page (marked 2) of the folio face up. This second page being finished, then the writing may be continued on the third page, (marked 3,) and which is that part to the right of the guiding-cord, this right-hand leaf still remaining attached to the block. When this third page is finished, fold the second or right-hand leaf to the left, over the guiding-cord, and flat upon the first leaf, and write on the fourth or last page (marked 4) of the folio. Having finished the letter, next withdraw the sheet (which is still held firmly by the elastic band or by the cord, now no longer connected at its edges to the block) from under the holding-cord *b*, and it is ready for an envelope and mailing.

My tablet is applicable for all kinds of writing-papers, and permits the use in block form of ornamented or illuminated paper or papereries adapted for correspondence-paper of any and every fine grade.

The sheets of the block being held together in block form by the adhesive material applied to their edges, the cord or elastic *b* is not a holder to hold the block together; but its duty is that of a folding-guide, by means of which any individual sheet, when being written upon, may be truly folded. I therefore make no claim to a cord or band whose duty is simply to hold together the leaves of a folded book; but

I claim—

1. In an unfolded or solid paper block having its edges gummed, the combination therewith of the central guiding-cord or elastic band, *b*, serving as a guide for the initial folding of each or any of the sheets composing such block while such sheet is still adhering to the block, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, with a paper tablet composed of any desired number of sheets of paper gummed together at one or more of their edges, after the usual manner of making paper tablets, of the cord or elastic-band folding-guide *b*, passed around the tablet from top to bottom, at its middle line, and between the left and right edges of the sheet, said band or cord being securely fixed on the back of said tablet by means of a pasted or glued strip placed over it, said cord or band serving as a guiding-cord for the fold, and to hold the sheet in position on the tablet after both leaves of the sheet have been detached.

3. In combination with a paper tablet made as described, a protecting lid or cover in two parts, each part being about or nearly the size of one-half of said tablet, said cover being separated at the place occupied by the guiding-cord of the tablet, so that either half may be used independently of the other, substantially as set forth.

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