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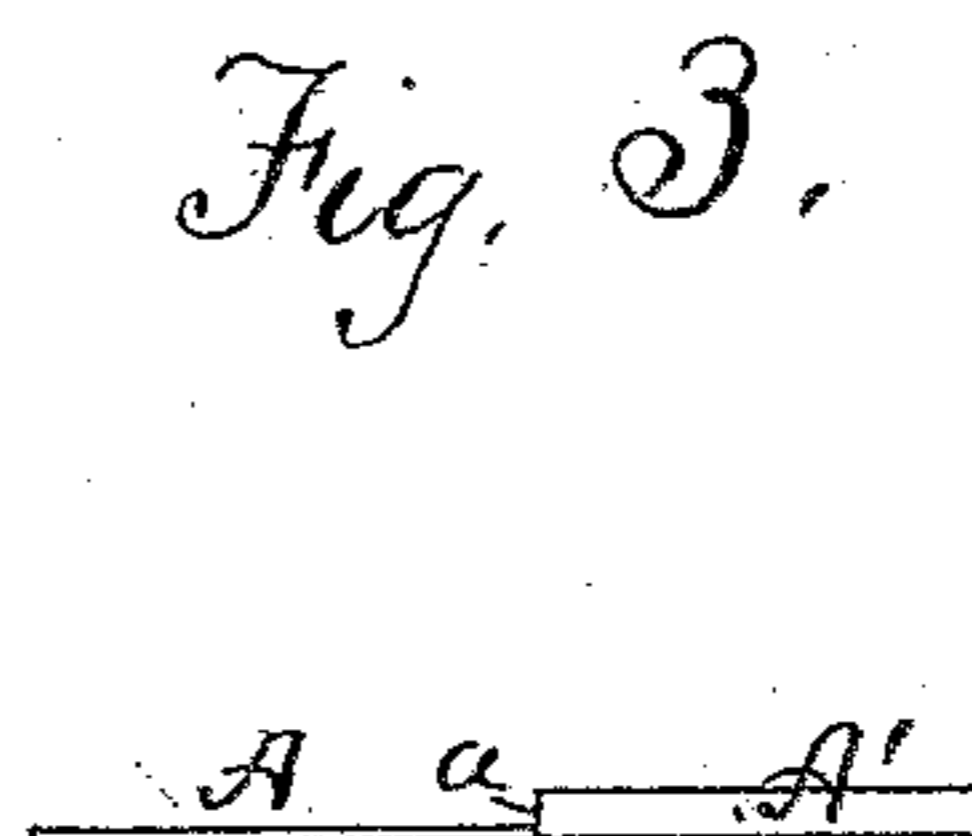
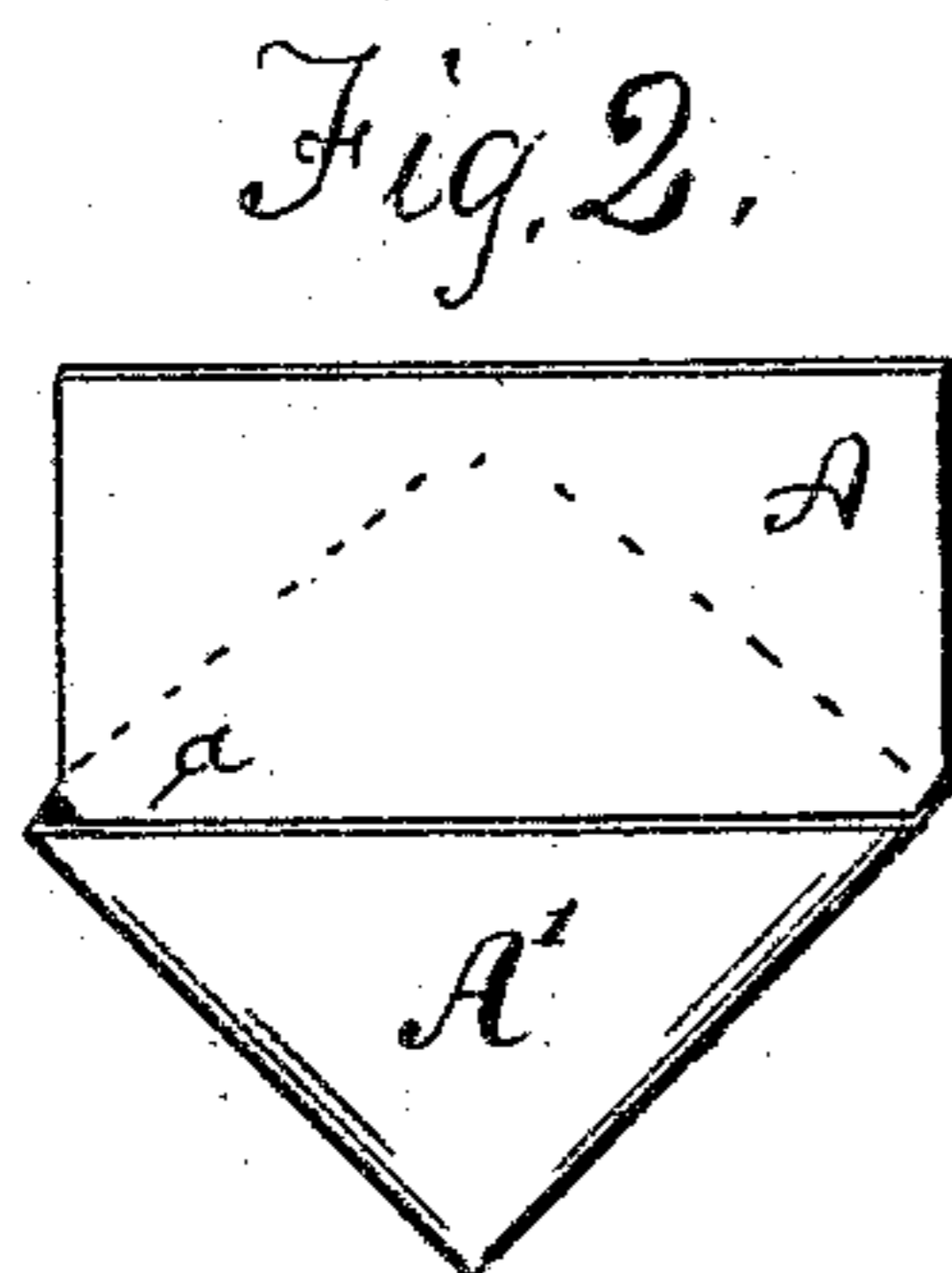
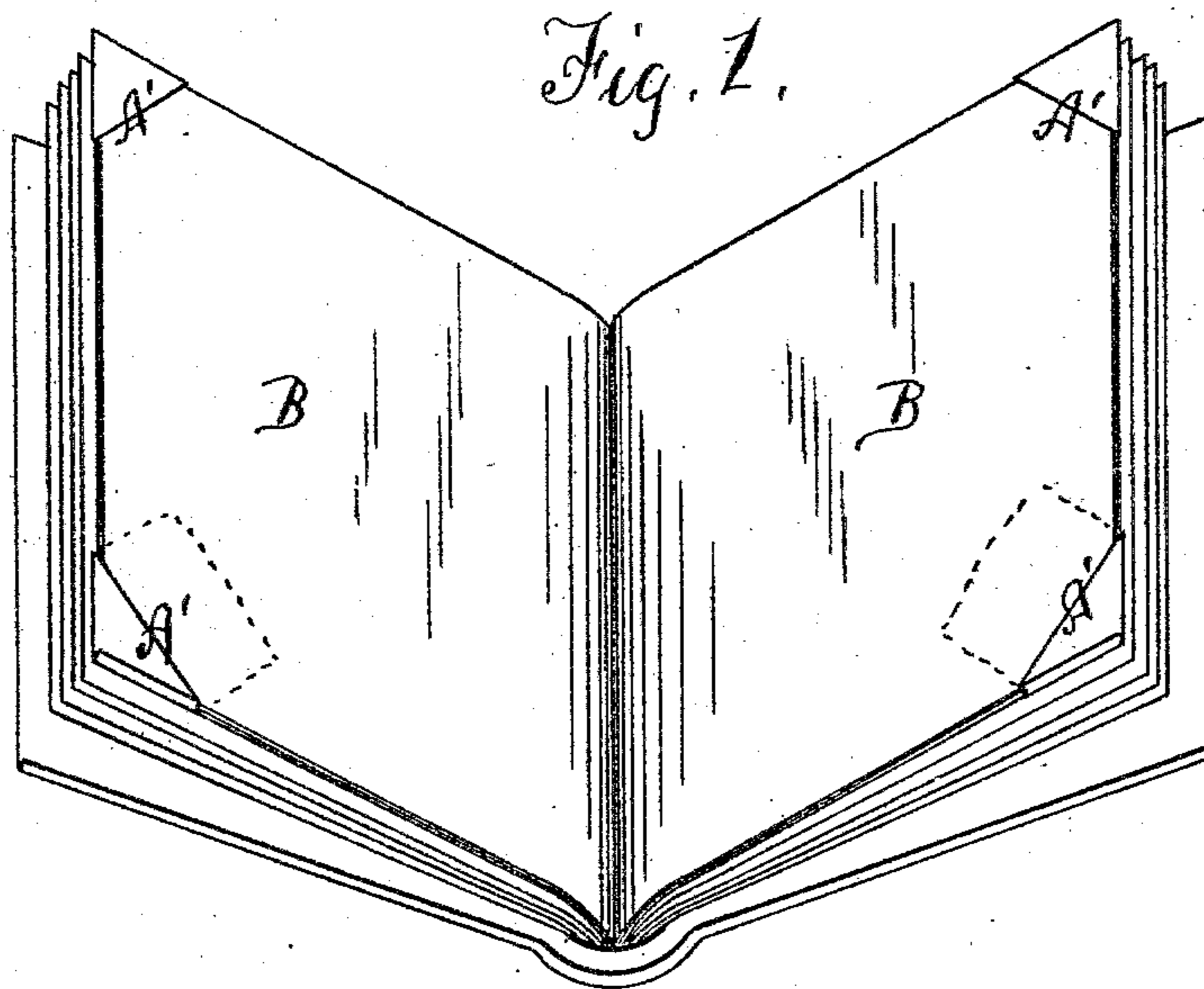
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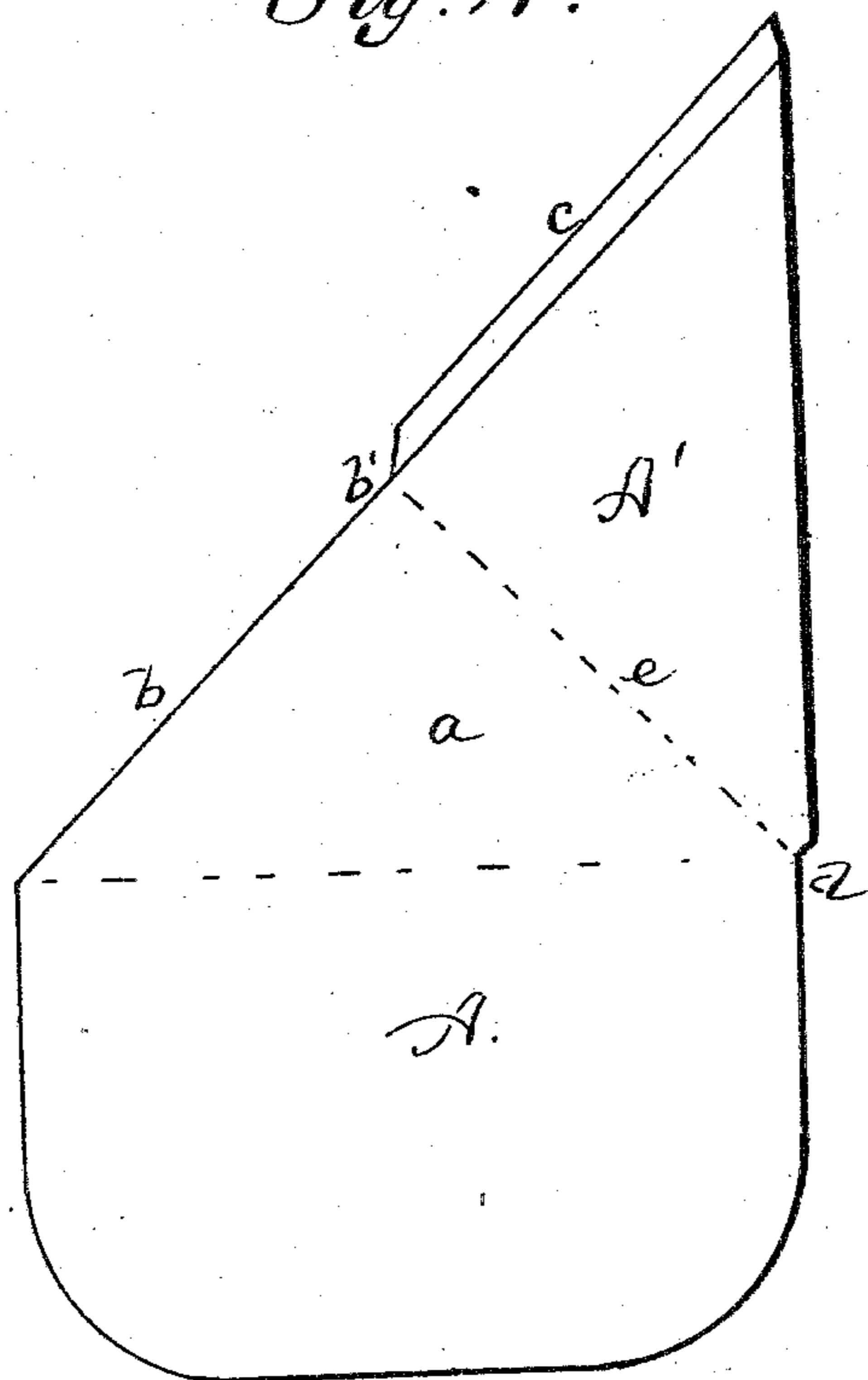
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PROTECTOR FOR BOOK-LEAVES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN AKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Protectors for Book-Leaves, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to a device for inclosing and covering the corners of a number of the leaves of a book to prevent their being turned over or "dog-eared" by constant rubbing on or over them, and is more especially intended for large books—such as hotel-regis-
15 ters, ledgers, visitors' books at public places, &c.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my device slid under the leaves of a book. Fig. 2 is a plan, and Fig. 3 an edge view of
20 the device separate from the book-leaves, and Fig. 4 a view of the blanks before being bent into shape.

The invention consists in a device of tin made of a flat (metal) plate, A, cut into a single blank or form, the lower ends either square or rounded, the left-hand upper side or edge,
25 b, cut from about half-way of the plate slanting to a point, b', where a raised or standing piece, c, is left, about a quarter-inch wide, to the point of the plate, the point thus made by cutting away that side of the plate. About
30 one-half (or more) the way down the right edge a short slanting cut, d, is made, and from there to the bottom of the plate A the side is cut away about a quarter of an inch wide.
35 Then the pointed part of the blank is bent over from d to b', as shown in dotted lines e, Fig. 4, the part c making a close and closed

edge at that side and the part from the cut d up the other closed side, being properly bent
40 up the other closed side, being properly bent by a machine for that purpose. The flat part A makes the bottom and the turned-over part A' the top of a triangular space or pocket, a, between the top and bottom plates, as shown. The plate A projects under the leaves some
45 distance to give it a good hold, as shown in dotted lines, Fig. 1, the plate A' covering the corners of the leaves and preventing their being soiled, bent, or defaced.

These protectors may be put on all four cor-
50 ners, but the lower ones are the most important.

These corner-protectors for hotel-registers can be utilized for advertising purposes, for
55 business cards, &c., if desired.

This device has no connection with the corners of a book-cover, but only to hold in place and prevent damage to the leaves of a book, holding a few therein until slid out, to be re-
60 placed by others as the leaves are turned over.

I claim—

The corner-protector for leaves, consisting of the blank A, with the projection c on one side and the other side cut away from d to the bottom, the part A' turned over from d to b',
65 forming a triangular receptacle or pocket, a, for the corners of leaves, the part c making one closed side and the part from d up the other closed side of the pocket, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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