

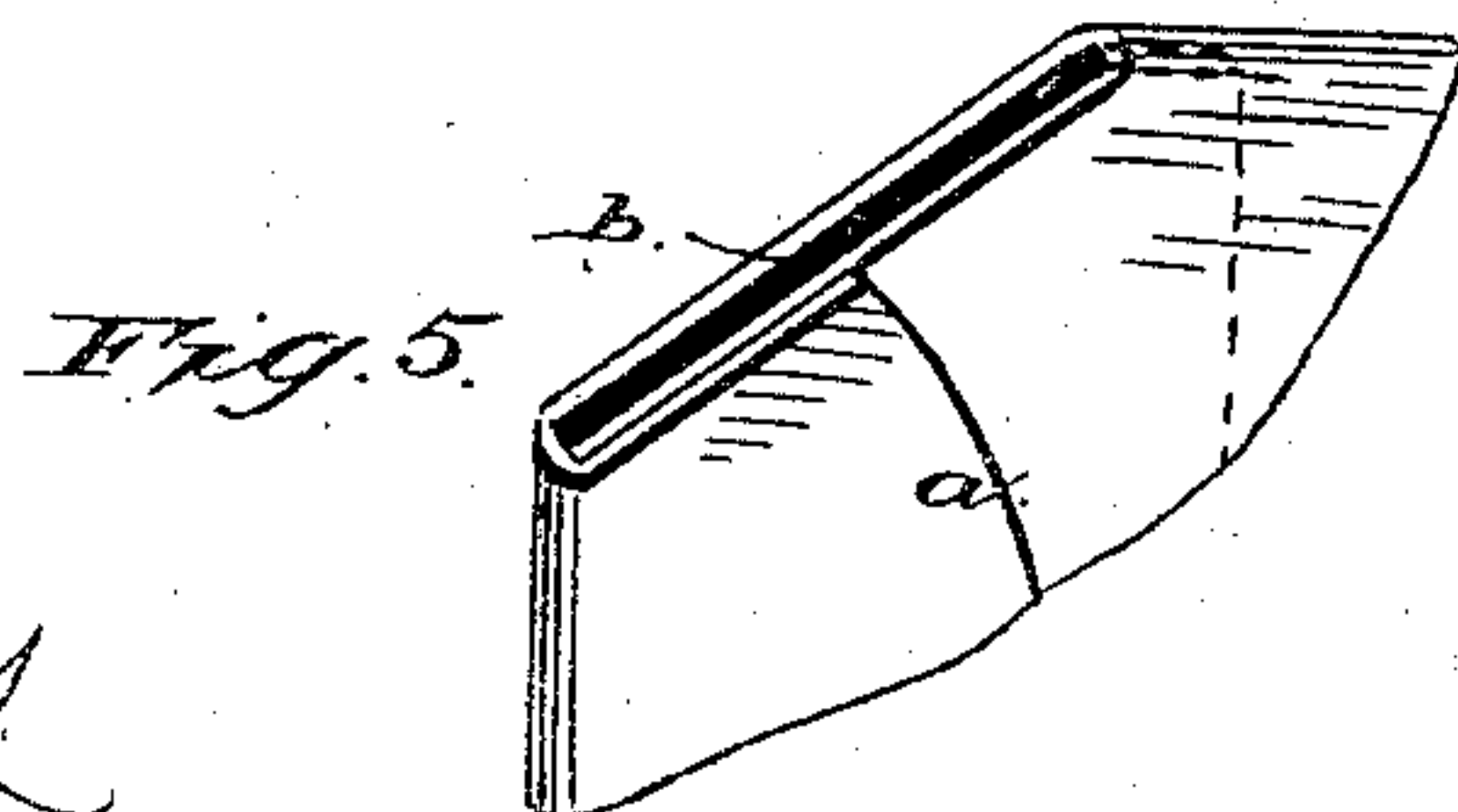
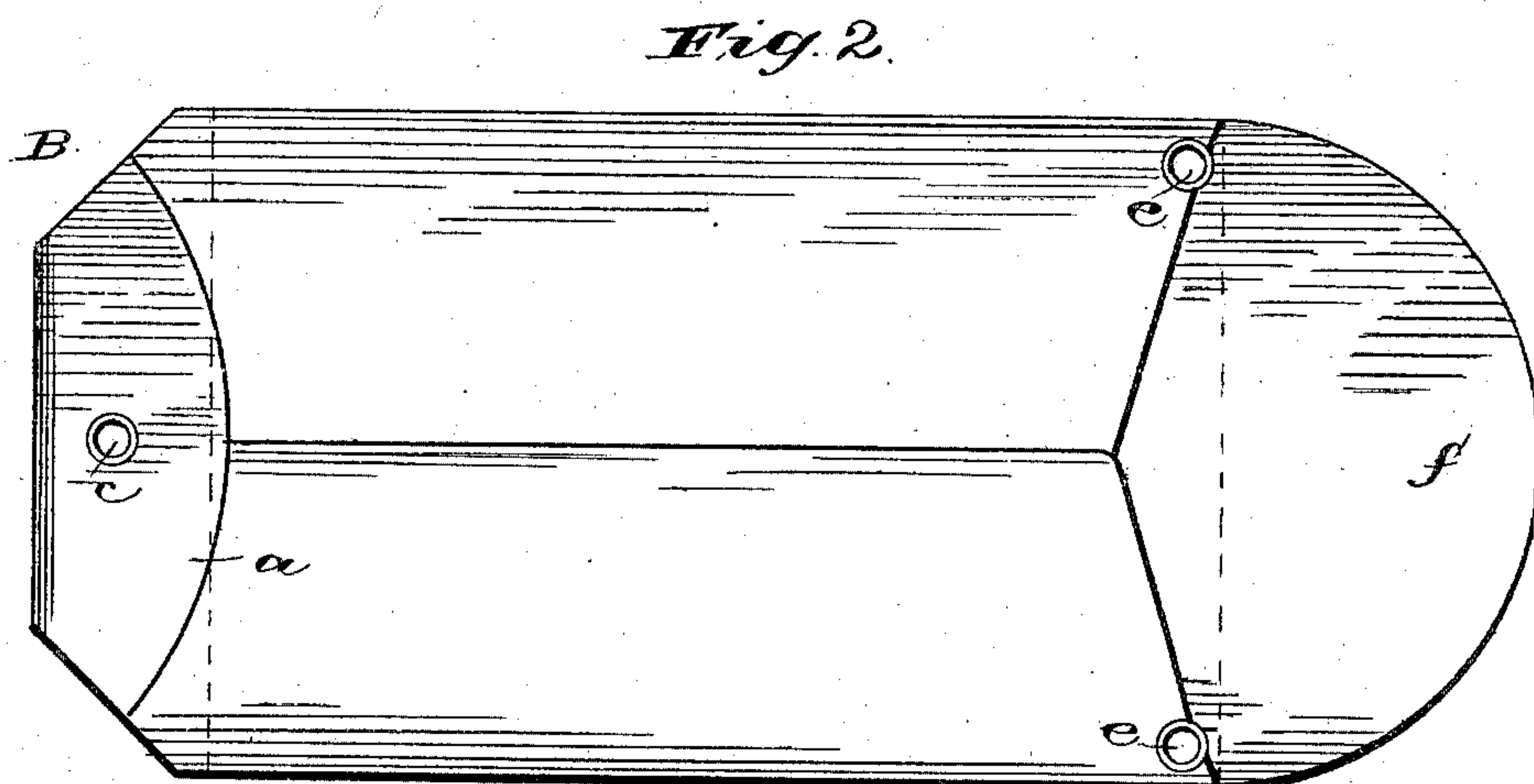
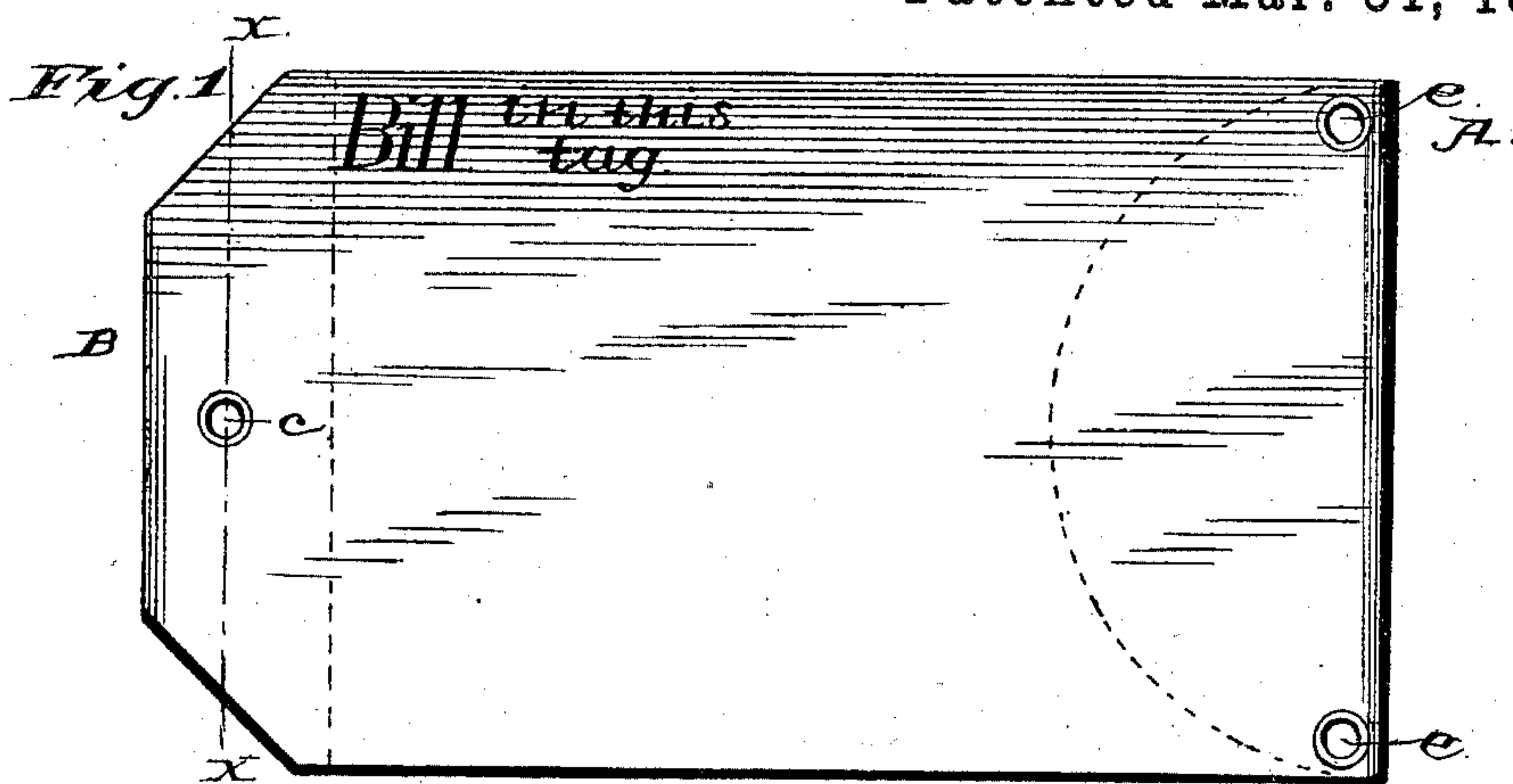
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARLEY M. STEVENS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bismarck, in the county of Burleigh and Territory of Dakota, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tags, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to an invoice-carrying tag; and it has for its object to provide a device of this character at a slight expense, which shall be easy to manufacture, one that will be thoroughly serviceable, and will serve the double purpose of a tag and invoice-carrier, and as the latter will prevent access to the contents of the tag without removing or mutilating the same.

With these ends in view the invention consists in certain details of construction, herein after fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of a tag constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical section taken centrally through the tag. Fig. 4 is a transverse section on the line *xx* of Fig. 1, and Fig. 5 is a detail view of one of the corners.

In the accompanying drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the parts, A represents my improved tag, which is constructed as follows:

B represents what might be termed the "rear end of the tag," and as such it will be referred to. In this rear end of the tag, which is closed by a flap, *a*, turned over upon the body and secured thereto by any suitable adhesive substance inside of the tag, is located a strip of pasteboard, leather, or other suitable tough or strong material, *b*, which may be of any desired width; but it is only necessary that it should be of a width sufficient to strengthen the rear end of the tag and prevent it from tearing out when attached, as will be more fully described hereinafter. A hole or opening is made in the envelope, preferably midway between its sides, said opening passing through the strip midway between its sides. In this hole or opening, which passes through the re-enforcing strip *b* and the

envelope or tag, is located an eyelet, *c*, whereby the tag may be readily attached to a bundle or parcel, &c., by passing a cord or string through the same. The rear ends or corners of the envelope or tag are cut off diagonally, so as to prevent said corners from turning up or becoming "dog-eared." At the forward end of the envelope or tag are provided, at the corners thereof, eyelets *e*, of any suitable construction, said eyelets passing through the upper and under or lower sides of the envelope or tag, thus securing the same together and at the same time providing a passage for the securing means, and also to enable users to remove tacks without tearing the invoice when the tag is tacked to boxes or casks. The forward end of the tag or envelope is provided with a flap or extension, *f*, which is provided on its under side with a coating of mucilage or other adhesive substance, and which, when folded upon the under side of said tag, is adapted to cover the under sides of the eyelets.

In operation, to attach the tag to the bundle, the invoice is placed in the envelope or tag and the flap *f* of the same sealed. A cord or string is then passed through the eyelet *c* and attached to the bundle or parcel.

To attach the tag to a box, the invoice is placed therein and the flap or extension sealed. The tag is then placed upon the box, with its under side or flap resting upon the same. Tacks or nails are then driven through the eyelets and into the box, thus securing the tag in place, the tacks or nails which pass through the eyelets at the forward end of the tag also passing through a portion of the flap, which, as before mentioned, covers the under side of said eyelets. It will thus be seen that the tag is held firmly and securely in place and all possibility of tampering with the contents prevented. By the employment of the re-enforcing strip it will be seen that when the tag is attached to a bundle or parcel the tag is not liable to tear off from the attaching-string. It will also be seen that by cutting off the corners of the tag the same will be prevented from turning up when the same is attached to a box.

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

The herein-described improved envelope-tag, having a re-enforcing strip within the same at one end thereof and located transversely of the length of said tag, said re-enforcing strip 5 and the tag having their corners cut off diagonally, an eyelet located in the re-enforcing strip and tag, and eyelets located at the other end of the tag and adapted to be closed by a flap, *f*, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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