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Fig. 1

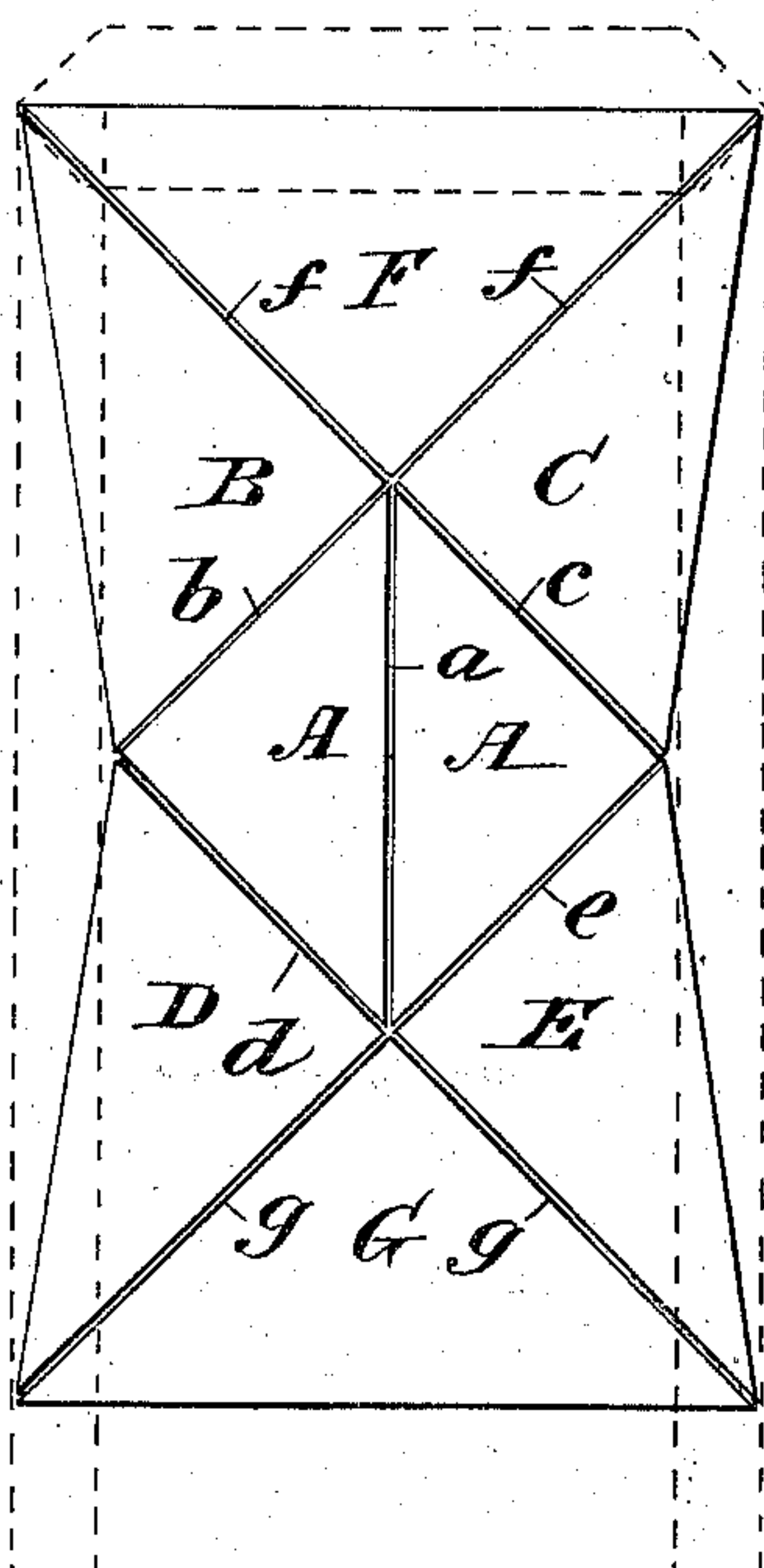


Fig. 2

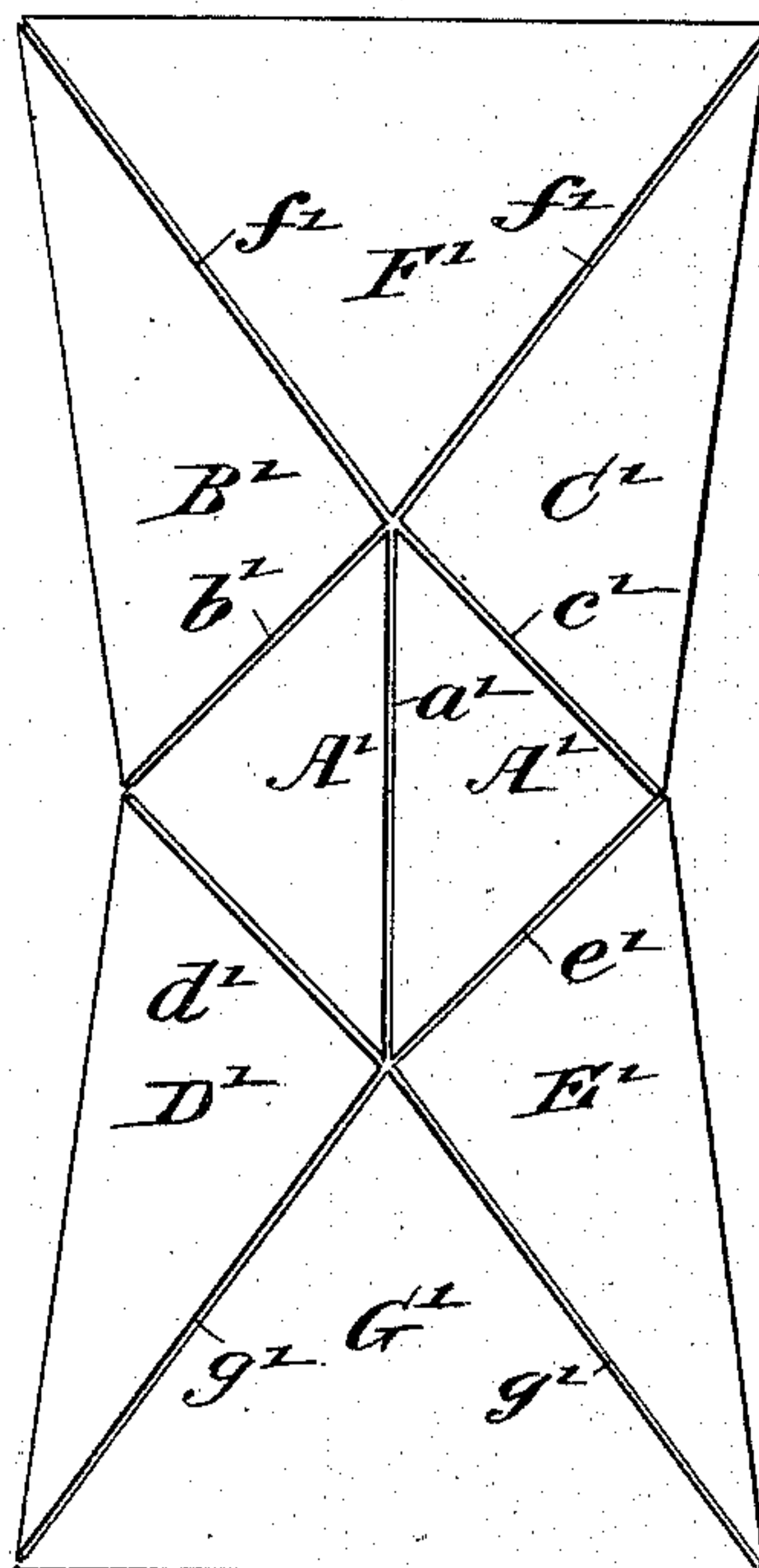
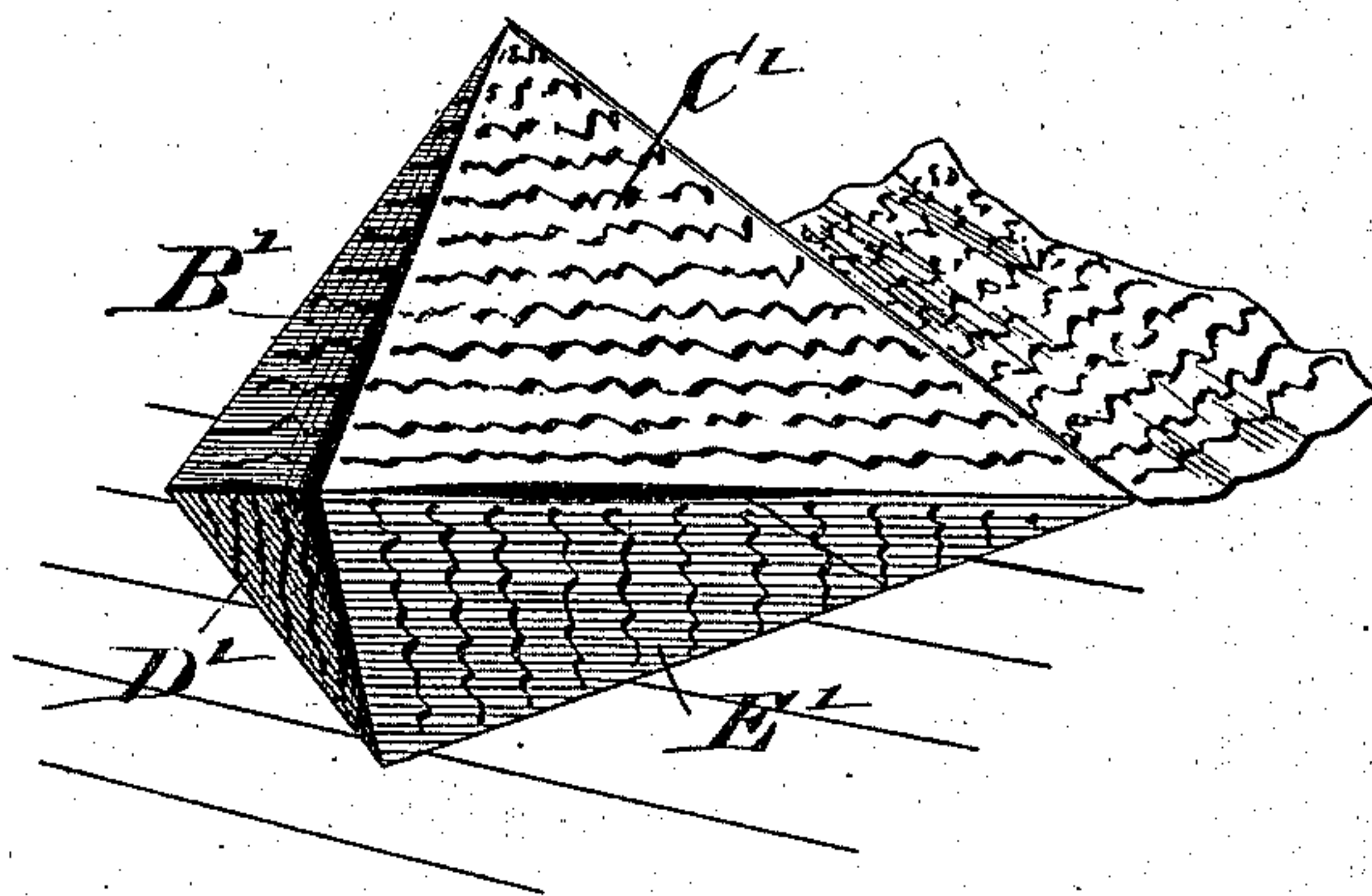


Fig. 3



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## FORM FOR DISPLAYING DRESS-GOODS, &c.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER ALLEN MURPHY, of the city of Montreal, in the district of Montreal and Province of Quebec, in the Dominion of Canada, have invented a certain new and useful Improved Device for Displaying Textile Fabrics; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, for which I have obtained Letters Patent in the Dominion of Canada, numbered 21,182, dated February 27, 1885.

It has always been the custom of dry-goods merchants, in dressing their windows, to have their wares, especially the costlier fabrics, displayed in such a way as to present them at different angles to the light, thus showing them off to the best effect. Up to the present time this has been done by folding by hand, with such assistance as could be afforded by a stiffening of paper placed inside the goods. This could only be done by a skilled hand, and consumed much time.

The device which I have invented as a form upon which to display dress-goods (and which is in the trade denominated a "dress-puff") consists of a number of triangular pieces of mill-board or its equivalent bound together so as to fold both ways. These together form a blank, which is laid upon the piece of goods to be shown and then folded into shape with it. In the center of the blank is a square piece divided diagonally. To each of the faces of this square is attached a triangular piece, the ends of the blank being formed by two triangles, the sides of which are attached to the sides of the other triangles, and their apices touch the square at the end of the diagonal cut in it.

For full comprehension of the invention, reference must be had to the annexed drawings, in which Figure 1 shows the blank laid out upon the fabric; Fig. 2, a modification of the same, and Fig. 3 a view of the form when folded.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

A A in the first figure and A' A' in the other show the central square, *a a'* being, respectively, the diagonal cuts. B B', C C', D D', and E E' are the triangular pieces, the bases of which are formed upon and attached to the sides of the square, as shown at *b b'*, *c*

*c'*, *d d'*, and *e e'*. F F' and G G' are the end triangles, the former being connected at *f f'* to the triangles B C B' C', and the latter at *g g' g' g'* to the triangles D and E, D' and E'. The connections of these several parts will be effected by means which will allow them to be bent both ways.

It will be seen that in Fig. 1 the triangles B, C, D, and E are right-angled triangles, and that the triangles B', C', D', and E' are not so, and it must be understood that the angle of the lines *f' g'* to the sides of the square may be varied, so as to increase the length of the blank, and consequently of the form when folded.

The blank above described is laid upon the fabric to be shown, the sides of which are turned in and the end folded, as shown by dotted lines. The blank, with the fabric on it, is then folded into the form shown in Fig. 3, the two triangular faces A A of the center square being folded in upon one another, with their joined edges in a vertical line, the sides formed by triangular pieces B, C, D, and E, and the top and bottom by the triangles F and G.

Having thus described my invention, I beg to state that what I claim is—

1. A form or puff for displaying dress-goods or other fabrics, consisting of several triangular pieces hinged together and adapted to be folded into shape, together with the fabric covering the same, substantially as described and shown.

2. A form for displaying dress-goods and other fabrics, consisting of two triangular pieces folded vertically in upon each other, four triangular pieces forming the sides, and two triangular pieces forming the top and bottom, all secured together substantially as herein described.

3. A blank for a dress-puff or form having a central square divided diagonally, triangular pieces, the bases of which are secured to the sides of such square, and end triangles, the sides of which are attached to the side triangles, and the apices touch angles of the square, substantially as herein shown and set forth.

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