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FILING CASE.

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FIG. 1.

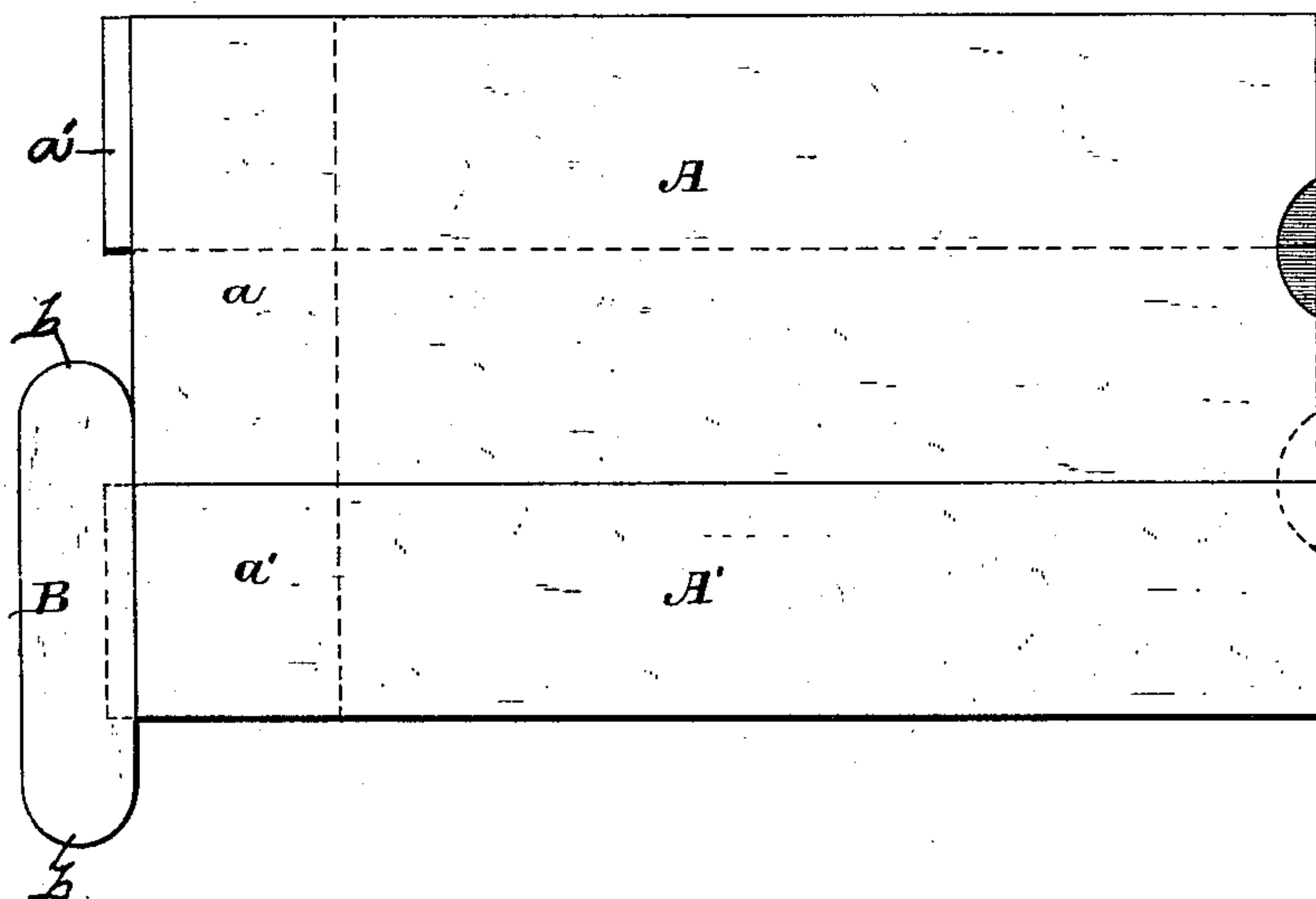


FIG. 2.

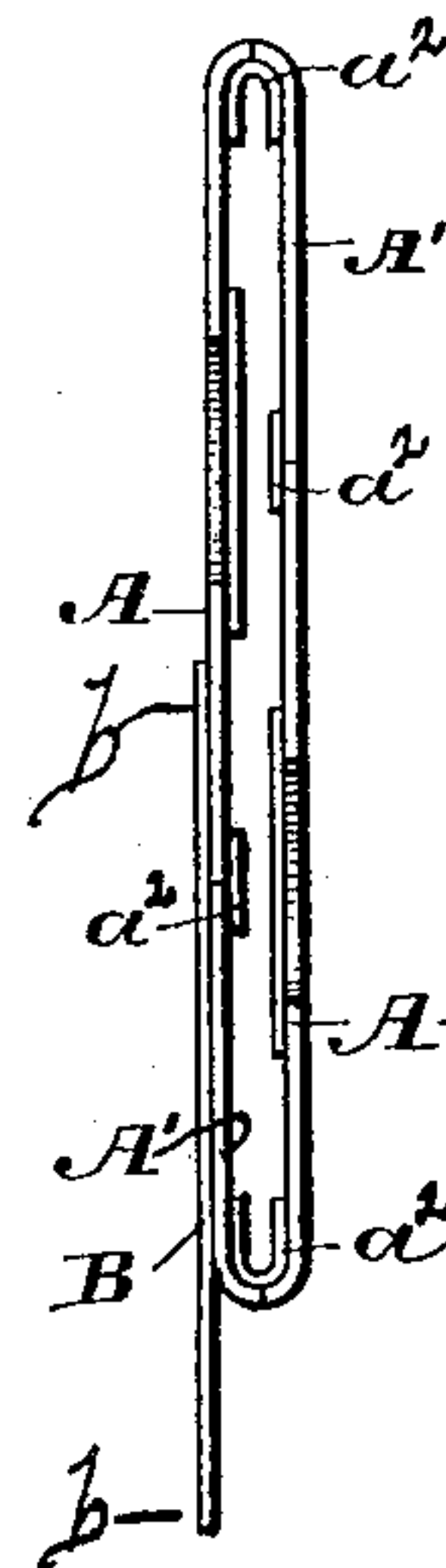


FIG. 4.

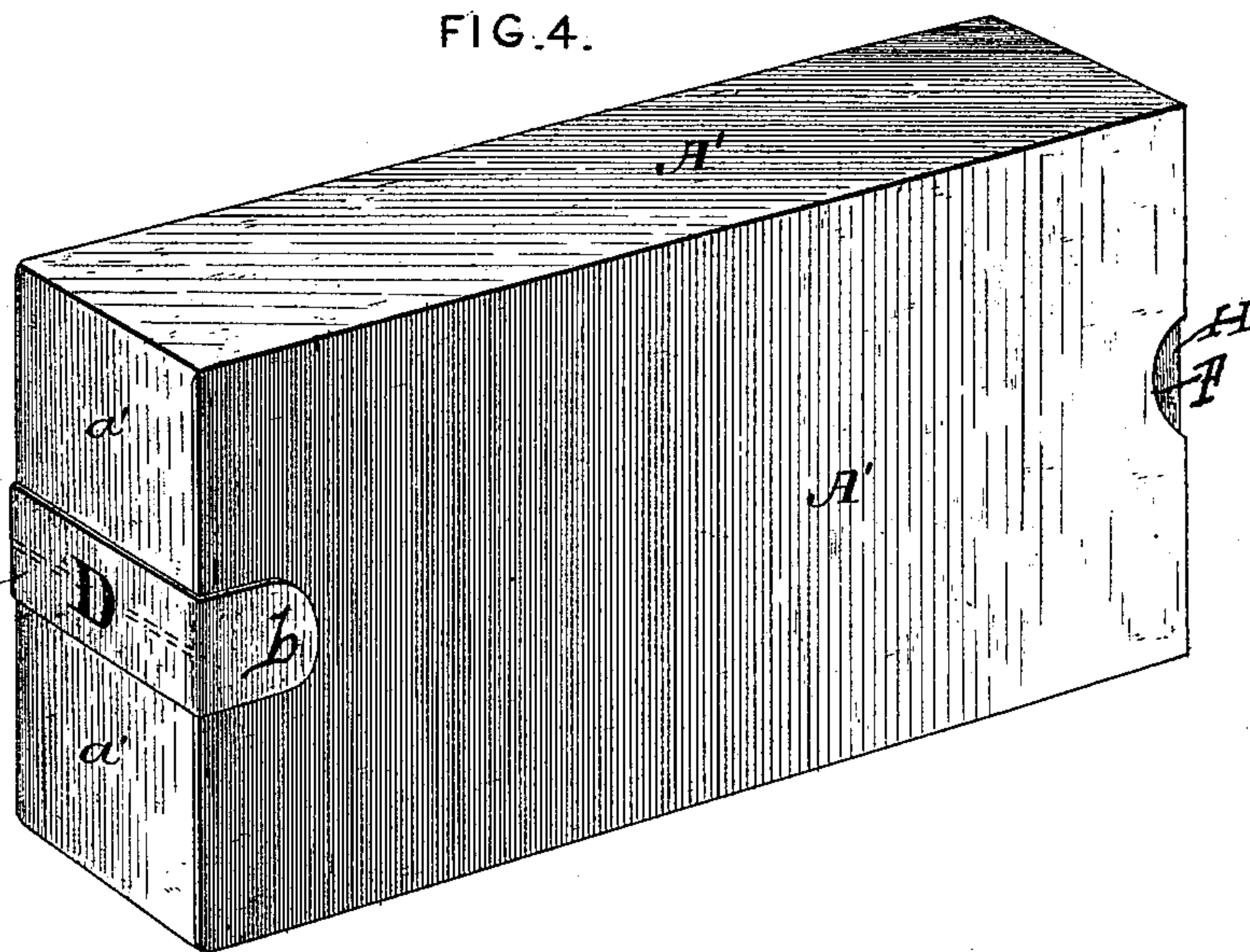


FIG. 3.

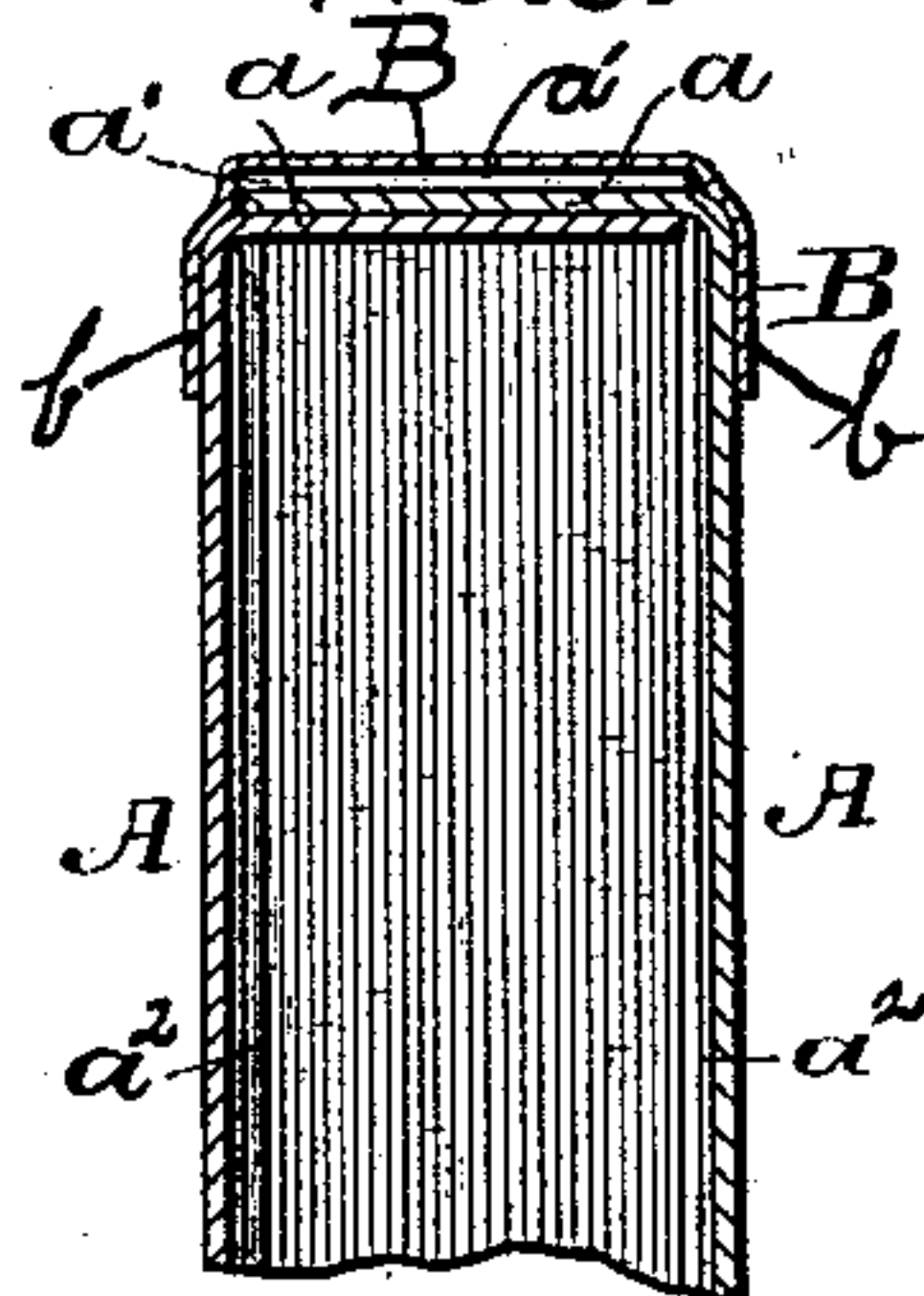
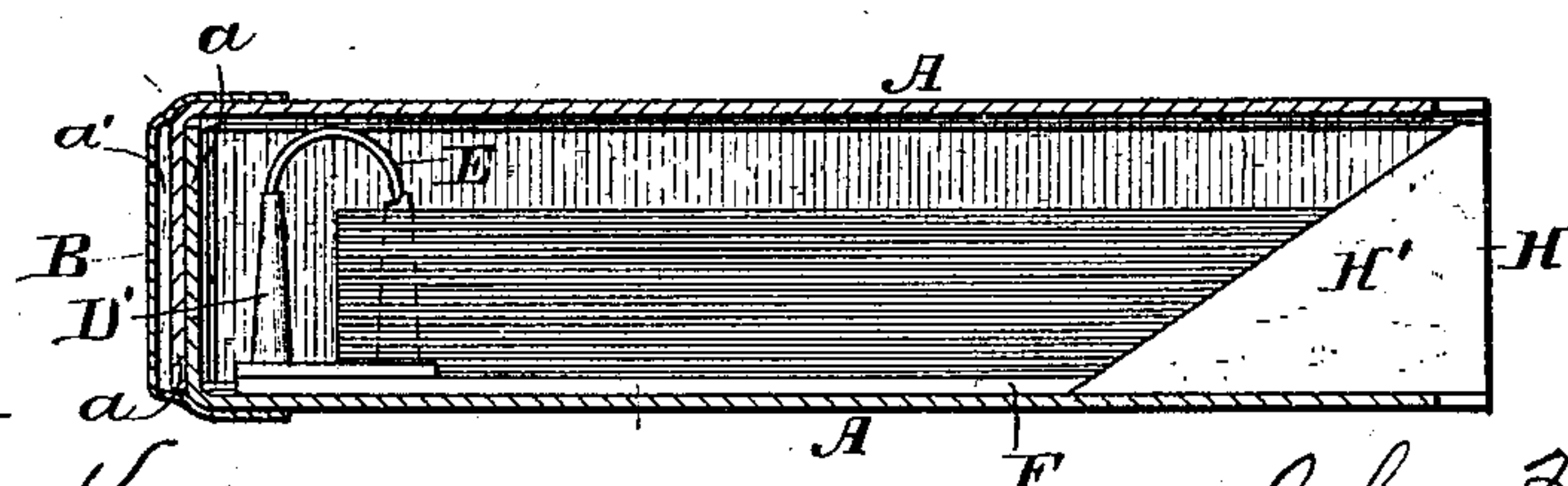


FIG. 5.



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## FILING-CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN H. LANEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indiana, in the county of Indiana and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Filing-Cases, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings, in which—

10 Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved knockdown file case or envelope. Fig. 2 is an end view of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a cross-section in detail. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the case, showing its end sealed. Fig. 5 is  
15 a section taken longitudinally through the case, showing a transfer-file filled with letters inclosed therein.

The object of my invention is to provide a light portable knockdown case or envelope of  
20 rectangular form, which has secured to it a self-adhesive strip grooved on its free ends and back, and adapted to securely hold the end flaps of the case when the latter is set up, as will be fully understood from the following description, when taken in connection with the  
25 annexed drawings.

My improved file-case may be made of thin strips of wood, of straw-board, or of any other suitable material. When it is set up for receiving a transfer-file, it presents four flat closed  
30 sides, one closed and sealed end, and one open end. The two broad sides A A are flexibly united to the two narrow sides A' A', the joints of which are re-enforced by narrow strips  $a^2 a^2 a^2$   
35  $a^2$ , of cloth, pasted on the inner side of the case, and shown in Figs. 2 and 3. One end of the case is constructed with four flaps,  $a a' a'$ , to one,  $a'$ , of which is cemented a self-sealing strip, B, having two free flaps,  $b b$ , and provided on one side with an adhesive substance.  
40 A case thus constructed will lie flat, as indi-

cated by Figs. 1 and 2, and a great number of them can be packed in a comparatively small space for cheap transportation.

To set up a case in the form of a rectangular box, (shown by Fig. 4,) the two flaps  $a a$  are  
45 lapped one over the other, as shown in Fig. 3, and the two flaps  $a' a'$  are then lapped over the flaps  $a a$ , after which the end of the case is sealed by cementing the strip B in place, as  
50 shown in Figs. 3, 4, and 5. The case or box is now ready for receiving the transfer-file, as shown in Fig. 5.

The transfer-file consists, essentially, of a tablet, F, four tubular posts or letter-holders,   
55 D', a curved movable guard, E, an end piece, H, and two angular side pieces, H', all of which has been fully set forth in my application for Letters Patent bearing even date with the filing of this.  
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When the transfer-file is in place in the case, the headings of the letters, bills, &c., are next the closed end of the case, and the piece H closes the opposite end of the case, as shown  
65 in Fig. 5.

The filled cases can be placed on a shelf on edge, and the contents of the cases can be briefly indicated on the piece H of the file for ready reference.

Having described my invention, what I claim 70 as new is—

The within-described new and improved article of manufacture, consisting of a knock-down case having four folding end flaps and a self-sealing or adhesive flexible closing-strip,   
75 B, across one of the end flaps, as set forth.

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

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