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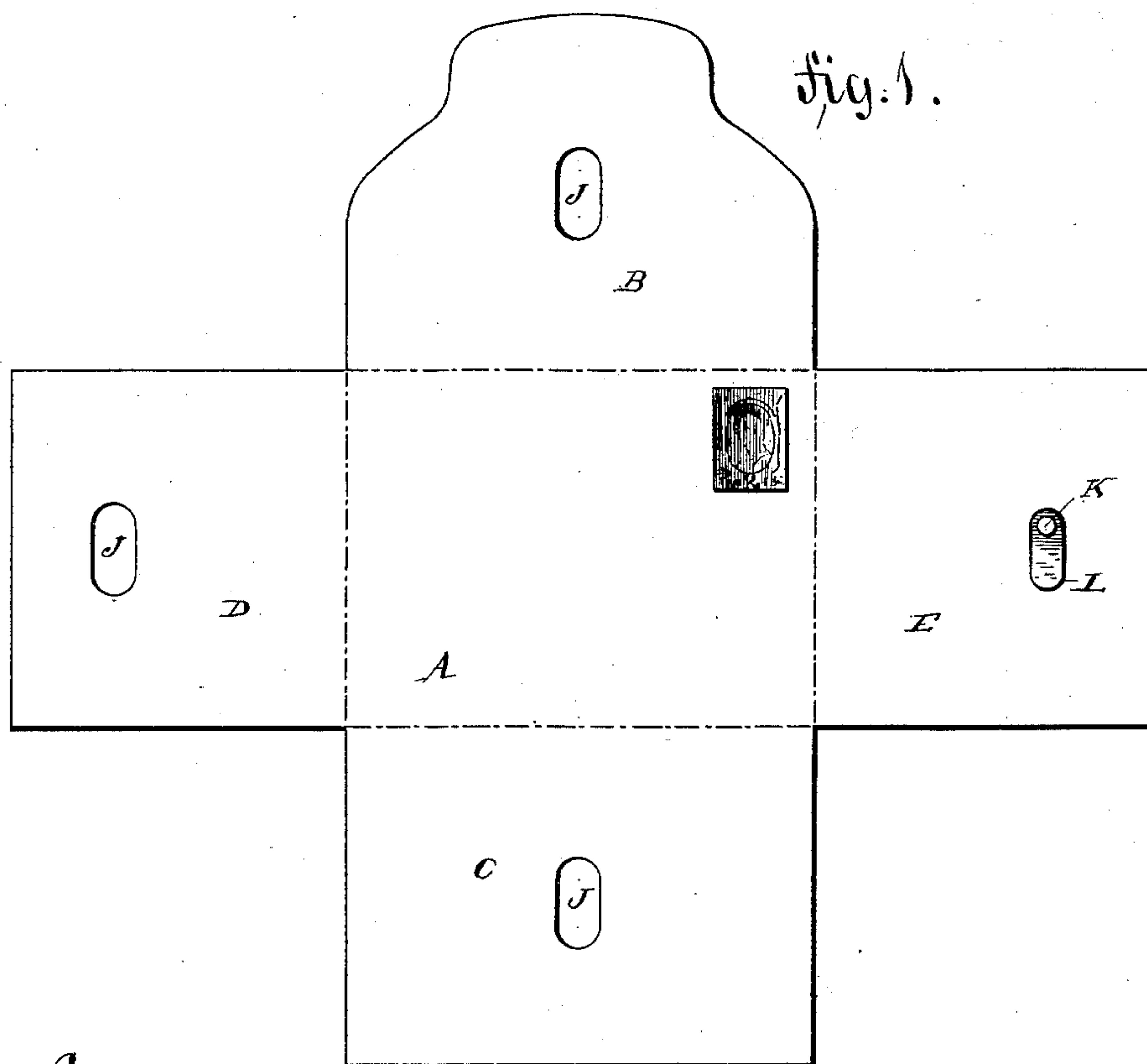


Fig. 2.

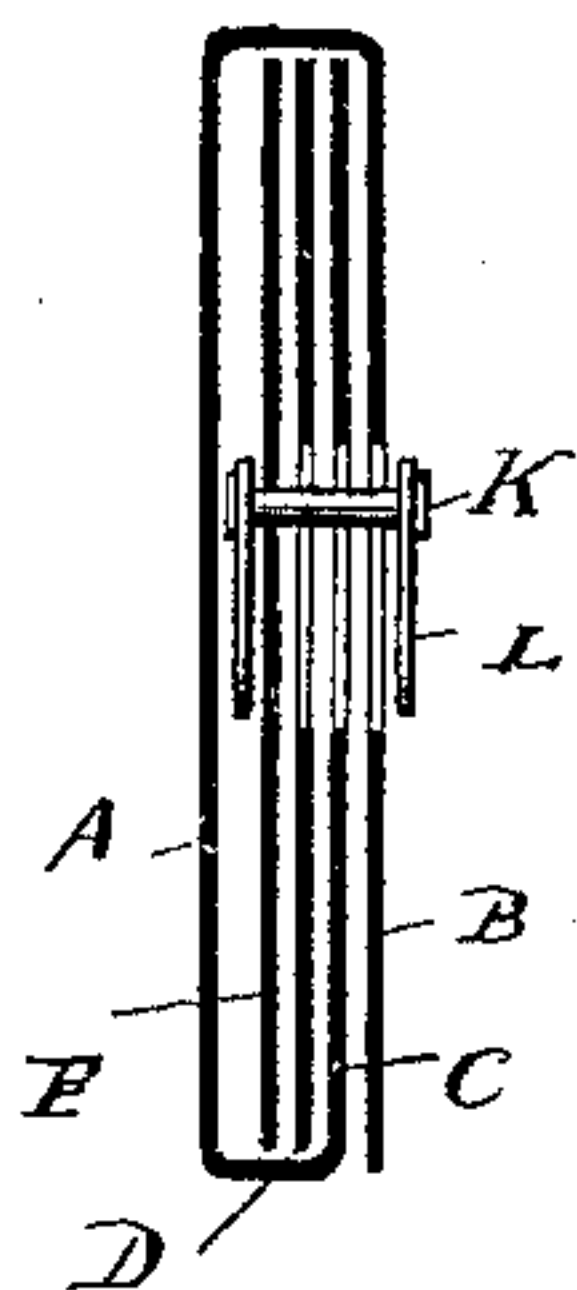
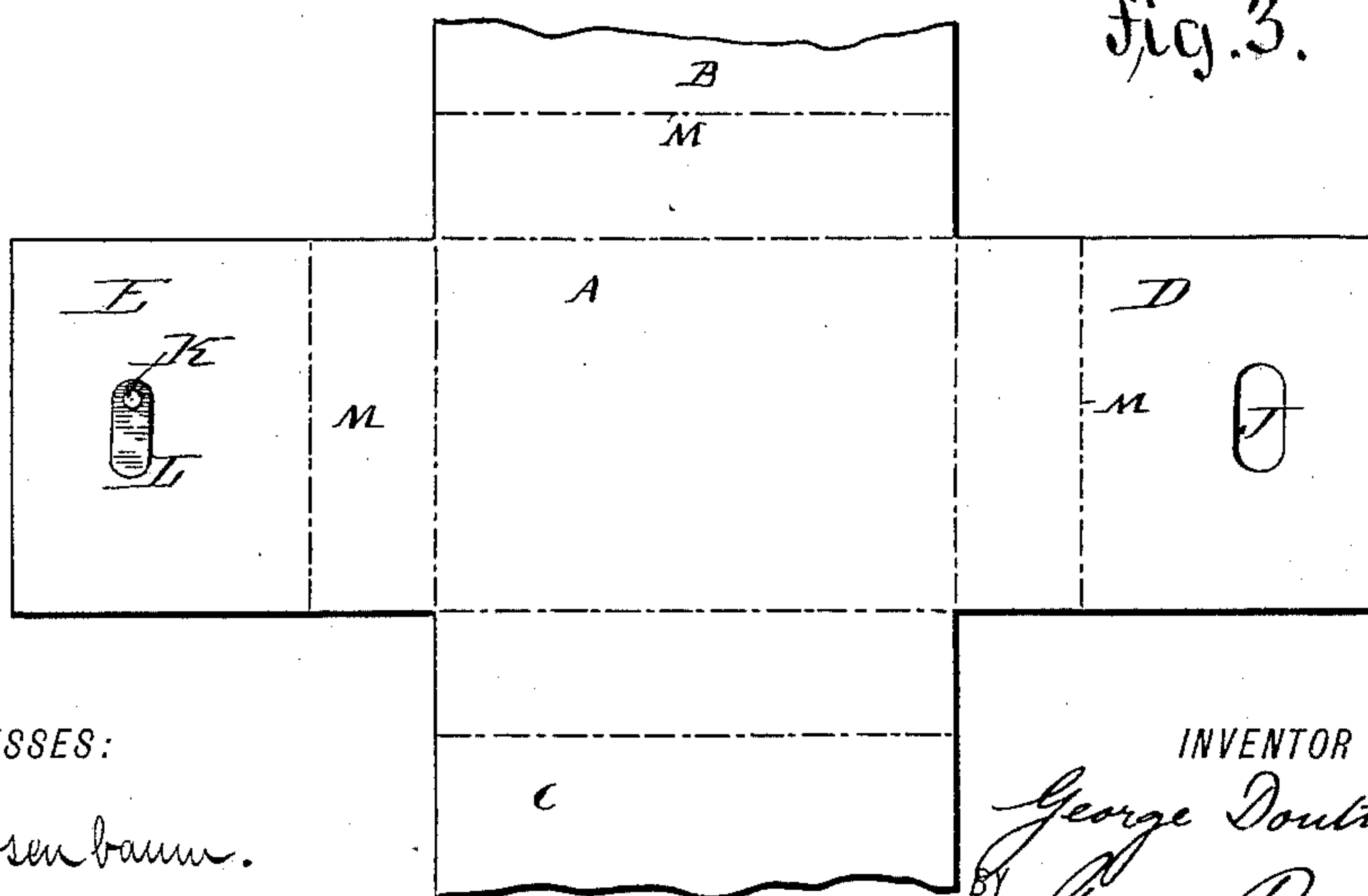


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE DOUTNEY, of Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful
5 Improvements in Reversible Sample-Envelopes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention consists in the construction of parts and details, as will be fully described and set forth hereinafter, and finally be pointed
10 out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my improved envelope. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of the folded envelope through the locking device shown in
15 Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a face view of the blank of the reversible sample-package, parts being broken out.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

20 The blank from which the envelope is made consists of the body-piece A, having the top flap, B, the bottom flap, C, and the two side flaps, D and E, which are stamped or cut out of one piece of paper or card-board with the
25 body-blank; or the flaps may be connected with the body-piece by means of glued linen strips or other analogous hinge devices to adapt the folding of the flaps on either face of the body-piece. The flaps are of the same
30 width as the body-piece A, and the side flaps, D and E, are of such a length that they overlap each other when folded on the body-piece. The free edge of the top flap, B, is rounded off in the usual manner.

35 One face of the body-piece A is left blank to receive the address of the person to whom the envelope is to be sent, and on the other face of the body-piece the name and address of the business house, firm, or party that has
40 sent the sample-envelope, and to who it is to be returned, is printed, written, or otherwise produced. On that face of the flap D which can be folded on the front face of the body A—that is, on the face on which the address
45 of the person to whom the envelope is addressed is to be written—the blank form of a letter may be written or printed, signed by the firm sending the envelope. On the corresponding face of the bottom flap, C, an or-
50 der-blank may be written or printed in the

form of a communication to the firm sending the envelope or package, with blank lines for the name and address of the party giving the order.

The flaps B, C, and D are provided with a
55 single slot, J, so located that the several slots J can register when the flaps B C D are folded to cover or partly cover each other. Through the flap E the pin K is passed, on each end of which a strip or latch, L, is pivoted or mounted
60 to turn, said strips or latches L being on the opposite faces of the flap E, and being adapted to turn independently of each other. Said latches or strips L may be made of stiff pa-
65 per, pasteboard, leather-board, metal, hard rubber, or any other suitable material, metal being preferred. These latches or strips are of such size that they can be passed through the slots when the same register, the said strips
70 or latches being so located on the flap E that when the flap E is first folded on the body A and the remaining flaps are folded over the flap E the slots J will be directly above the strips.

If desired, the flaps B, C, D, and E may be
75 provided with the creases M at greater or less distance from the edges of the body A, whereby the package or envelope may have a greater or less thickness, and will be adapted to re-
80 ceive a greater number of samples.

The packages of this construction are specially adapted for holding samples of thick cloth—such as cassimeres, doeskins, velvets, velvetens, plush, and the like.

In place of the fastening devices shown any
85 other suitable fastening devices may be used.

The samples are placed upon the face of the body, upon which the address of the party or firm sending the sample is to be printed. Then the flap E is folded over the sample. The
90 flaps C D B are folded on the flap E in such a manner that the upper latch, L, on the pin K passes through the slots J in said flaps B C D, and then said upper latch is turned to extend across the slots, thus keeping the en-
95 velope closed. The party receiving the envelope turns the said latch to be in line with the slots in the flap, raises the flaps and removes the contents. When he wishes to send an order to the party that has sent him the
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sample, he places the order and sample on that side upon which his address has been written, then folds the flap E on the samples, and the flaps B C D, as set forth, and then turns the
5 outer latch, L, to extend over and across the said slots.

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

10 An envelope consisting of a body provided with a flap on each edge, some of which are provided with slots which register when the flaps are folded on the body and over each other, and one of the flaps which is not pro-

vided with a slot having a pin or pivot, on each end of which a button or latch is mounted 15 to swing, which buttons or latches can be passed through the registering-slots and then turned across the outer flap, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as 20 my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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