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Fig. 1

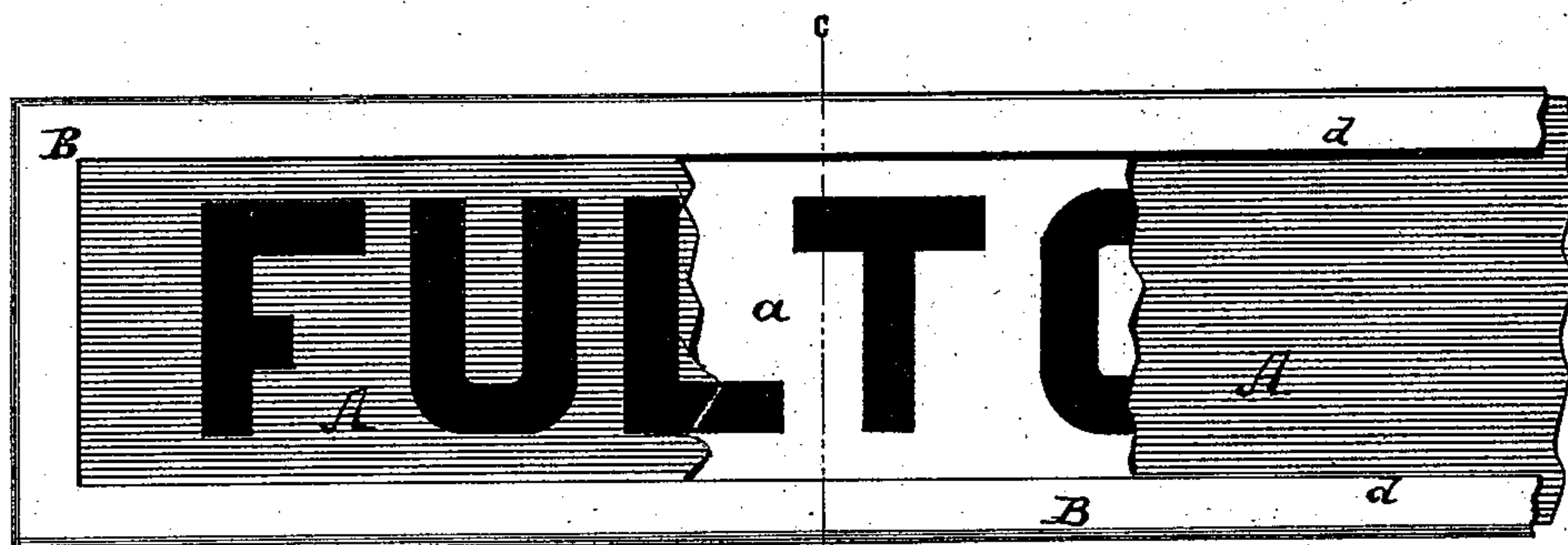


Fig. 2.

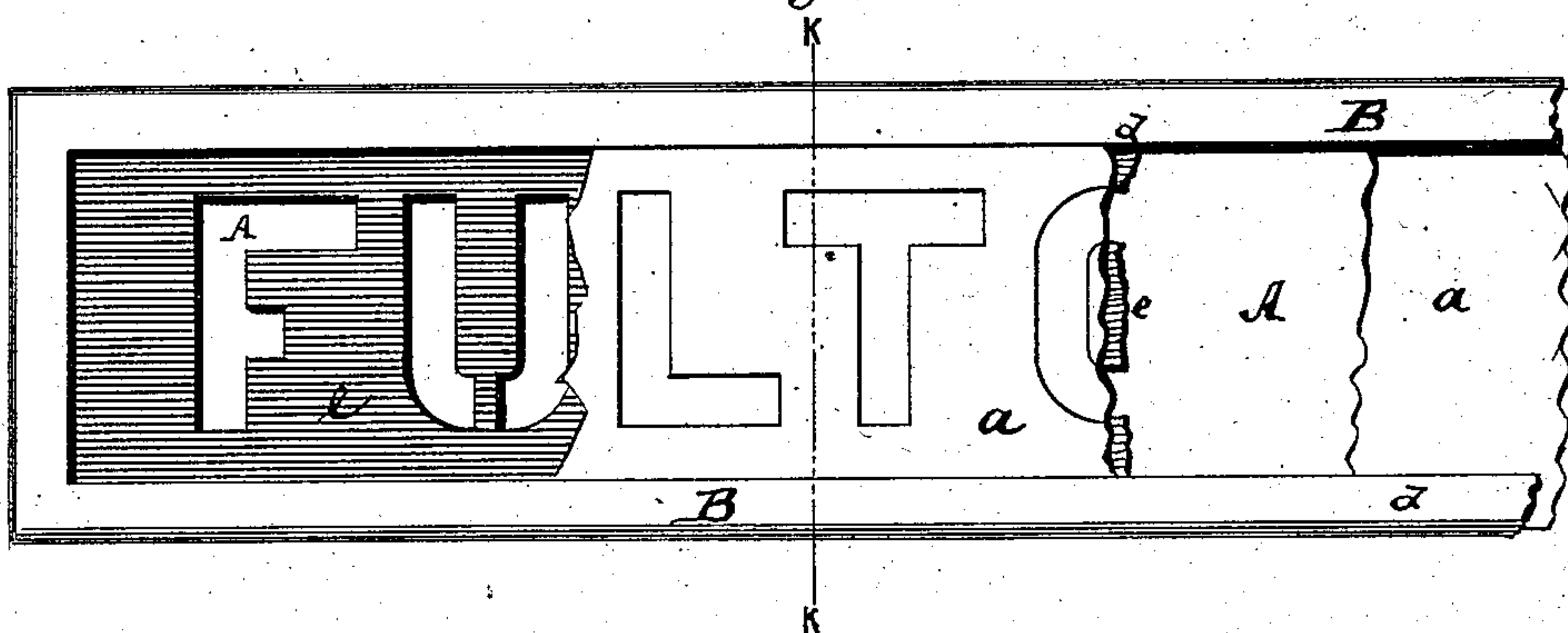


Fig. 3.

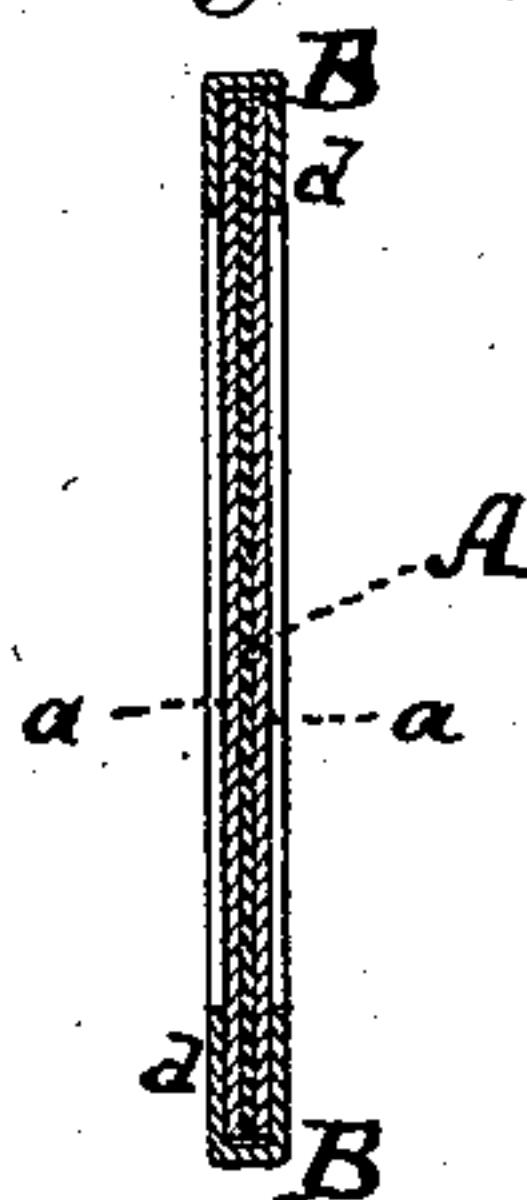
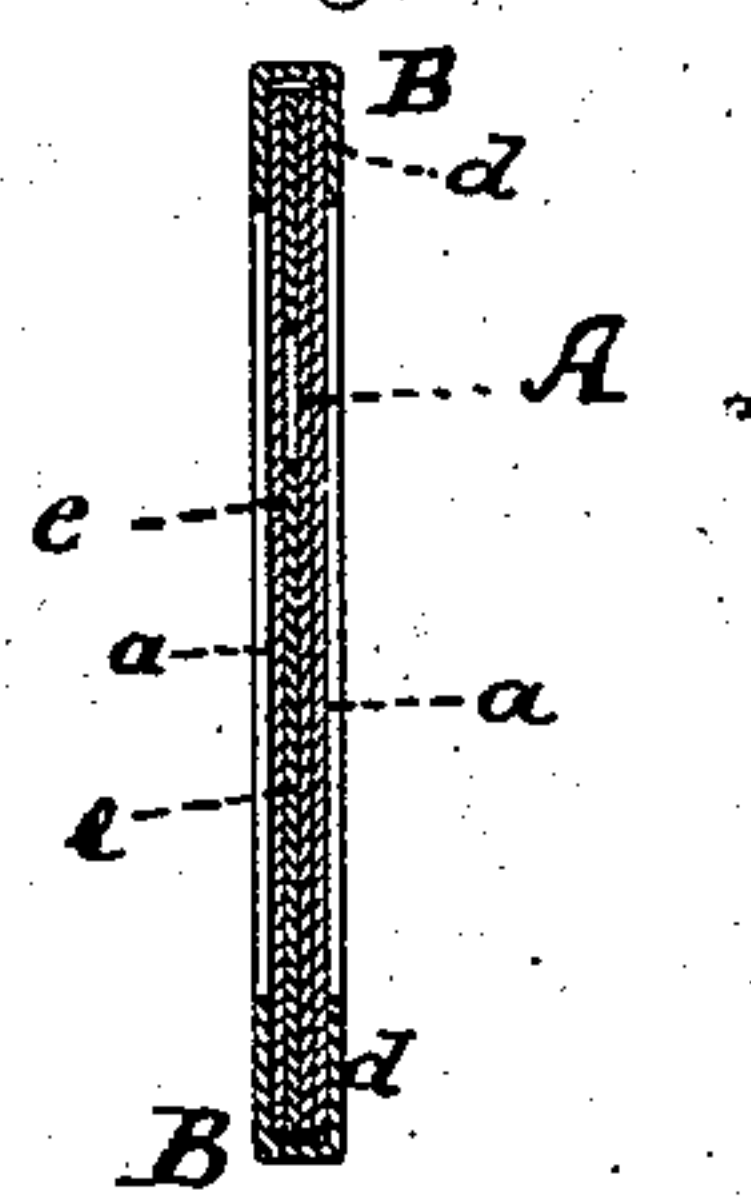


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD A. DUBEY, of Brooklyn, Kings county, New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Signs, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a sign for outdoor use which will be strong and durable and resist the action of the elements.

10 The invention consists in placing a piece of strong fabric, having the desired symbols produced thereon, between sheets of mica or isinglass, and in means for holding the parts together.

15 The invention also consists in placing a stencil between the fabric and one of the sheets of mica or isinglass, and in details more fully hereinafter set forth.

20 Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a face view of my improved sign, parts being broken away. Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 of a modification. Fig. 3 is a section on line *c c*, Fig. 1; and Fig. 4 is a section on line *k k*, Fig. 2.

30 *A* in the drawings represents a piece of strong fabric, preferably that known as "tracing-cloth." This tracing-cloth *A* may have produced upon it letters, figures, or symbols by painting or in any other desired manner.

35 The fabric *A* is covered on both sides by sheets of mica or isinglass, *a a*. The sheets of mica *a* may be secured to the cloth *A* in any desired manner. In the drawings, which represent a sign to be used in street-lamps, the sheets *a a* and *A* are held in a frame, *B*, which frame consists of strips of metal, rubber, or other suitable material folded over, as at *d d*, to em-

brace the edges of the sign. This gives a very strong and durable sign, and one which will withstand the effects of the elements to a great extent. This sign will also be found translucent and useful for a great many purposes, especially as a sign for street-lamps.

45 In the modification shown in Figs. 2 and 4 I place a stencil-plate, *e*, having the desired symbols cut therein, between a sheet *a* of mica or isinglass and the piece of fabric *A*. When the stencil *e* is used, the painting on fabric *A* may be dispensed with.

Instead of holding the sign in the frame *B*, it may be carried in any other suitable manner. The flexible fabric *A*, placed against the mica sheets *a a*, renders them strong and practically indestructible. The mica sheets, on the other hand, protect the fabric between them from injury by moisture, dust, heat, and the like.

Having now described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A flexible sign which consists of a piece of fabric, *A*, having letters or symbols produced thereon, and continuous sheets of mica or isinglass *a a*, placed on both sides of said fabric to completely cover the same, as set forth.

2. In a flexible sign, the combination of the translucent fabric *A*, having the letters or symbols produced upon it, and continuous sheets of mica *a a*, placed on both sides of same, so as to completely cover said fabric, with the frame *B*, as set forth.

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