

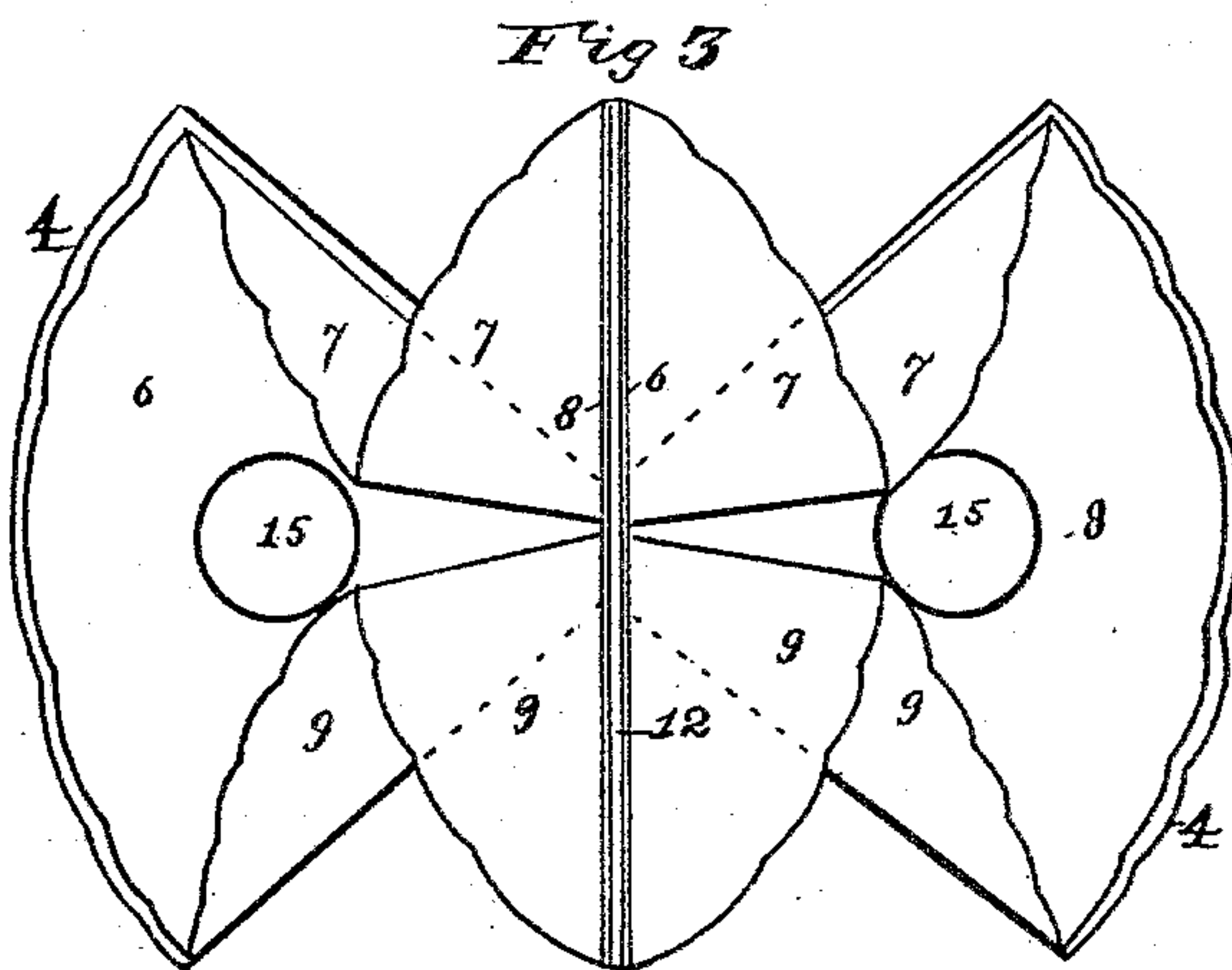
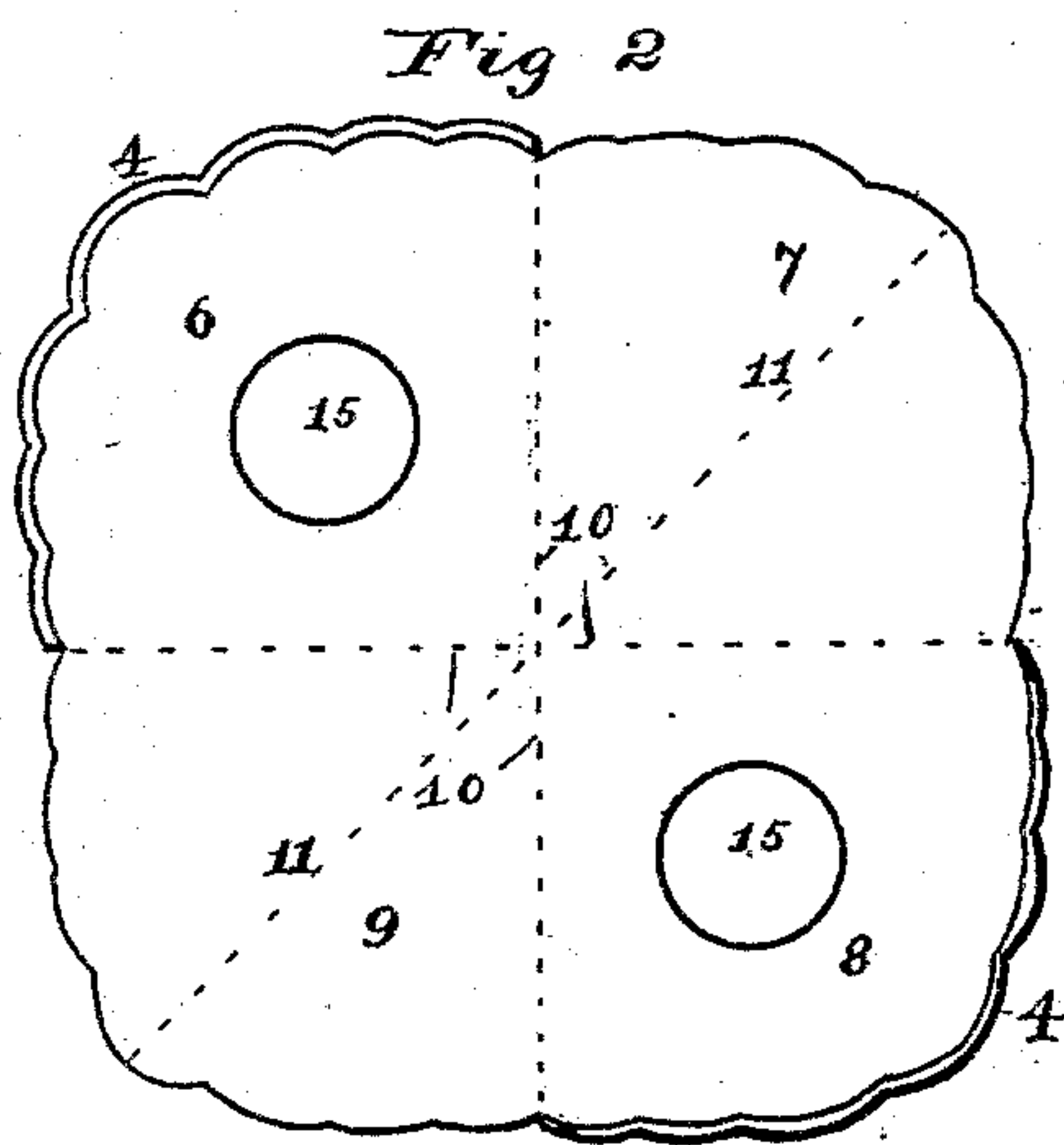
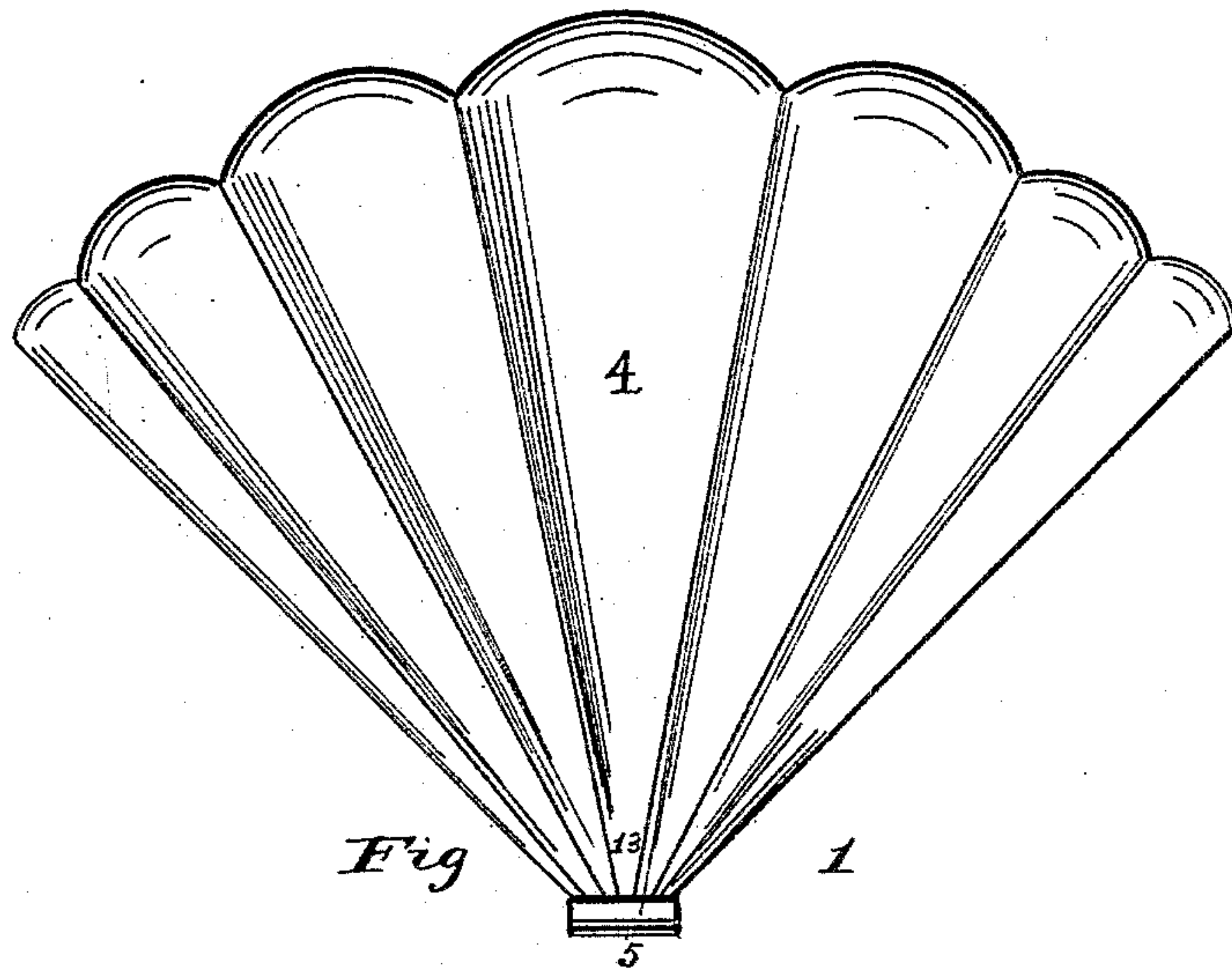
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NANCY J. DOBBINS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Books or Albums, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to a novel and improved construction of books, more especially adapted for use with the class of books ordinarily termed "albums," and used for the reception and preservation of flowers, pictures, and souvenirs; and its object is to furnish a book of novel yet highly-ornamental appearance, yet only of moderate cost of necessary construction, especially adapted for use as a flower or picture album, or for any of the uses such ornamental books are usually put to, to which ends it consists in the features and combinations more particularly hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings is illustrated a book embodying my invention, in which drawings—

Figure 1 is an outer side view of such a book; Fig. 2, a plan view of the book opened; Fig. 3, a top edge view of a few of the leaves partially opened out.

In the figures the reference-numerals 4 indicate the covers of the book. Each cover has two edges at about a right angle to each other, the two covers being united together at such angle 13 by a hinge, 5. The other edge or side of the cover 4 curves from one straight edge to the other, this curved edge being cut into scallops, as shown, to give a shell-like appearance to the cover, or into any other ornamental and fanciful shape. The covers, one or both, may be covered with any desired material, and may be padded or puffed or embroidered to add to their general ornamental and artistic effect. The shape and mode of folding the leaves are shown in Fig. 2. While each leaf is a single or unitary sheet of paper or other fabric, the sheet may be considered as composed of four quarters, 6, 7, 8, and 9, each of which is of the same general shape and contour as is the cover, but slightly smaller, so that when the book is

closed the cover shall have the proper amount of protecting projection over the inclosed leaves.

The dotted lines 10 10 represent the lines of the main folding, dividing the sheet into the quarters noted, such lines being at right angles to each other. Across the center of two opposite quarters, 7 and 9, are folding lines 11, dividing such two quarters into eighths. To fold in the leaf or sheet, each of the two quarters 7 and 9 is folded inwardly on the creasing or folding lines 11, so that the backs of the eighths in each quarter are against each other, the other two quarters, 6 and 8, folding up flat against the folded-in quarters 7 and 9, as indicated in Fig. 3.

The leaves may be secured within the covers by stitching at the center of the leaves, their centers corresponding and coinciding with the angle 13. Preferably, however, as giving greater security and firmer attachment, and at the same time forming pockets for the reception and securement of pictures, &c., they may be secured together by pasting quarters 6 and 8 in one leaf to corresponding quarters of adjoining leaves, and pasting such quarters in the outermost leaves in either direction upon the inside of the covers. If the pasting be done by lines of glue or mucilage along the lines 10 and on the backs of the quarters of the leaves, pockets 12 will be formed, in whose faces or sides the customary openings 15 may be made to show the picture or object secured within the pocket.

With the exercise of taste and skill in the ornamentation and adornment of the covers and in the selection of the fabrics for the leaves an exceedingly novel, striking, and handsome book or album may readily be made, a preferable shape therefor being that of a shell, as shown.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A book or album having its leaves creased or folded diagonally into segmental quarters, two of the quarters being creased or folded into half-segments of such quarters, the leaves being united together at the angle or union of the creased or folding lines, substantially as set forth.

2. An album or book having its leaves

creased or folded segmentally into quarters, two of the quarters being creased or folded into half-segments of such two quarters, and a cover of shape corresponding to the shape
5 of the quarters, cover and leaves being united at the angle or union of the creased or folding lines, substantially as described.

3. A book or album comprising the leaves having folding or creased lines dividing each
10 sheet into quarters, two of which quarters are again creased or folded each into halves of quarters, the contiguous quarters of two adjoining leaves being secured together at their

edges to form a pocket, 12, one of the walls of the pocket being perforated, and a cover of 15 shape corresponding to the quarters, leaves, and cover being secured together at the angle or intersection of the creased or folding lines, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in 20 presence of two witnesses.

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