

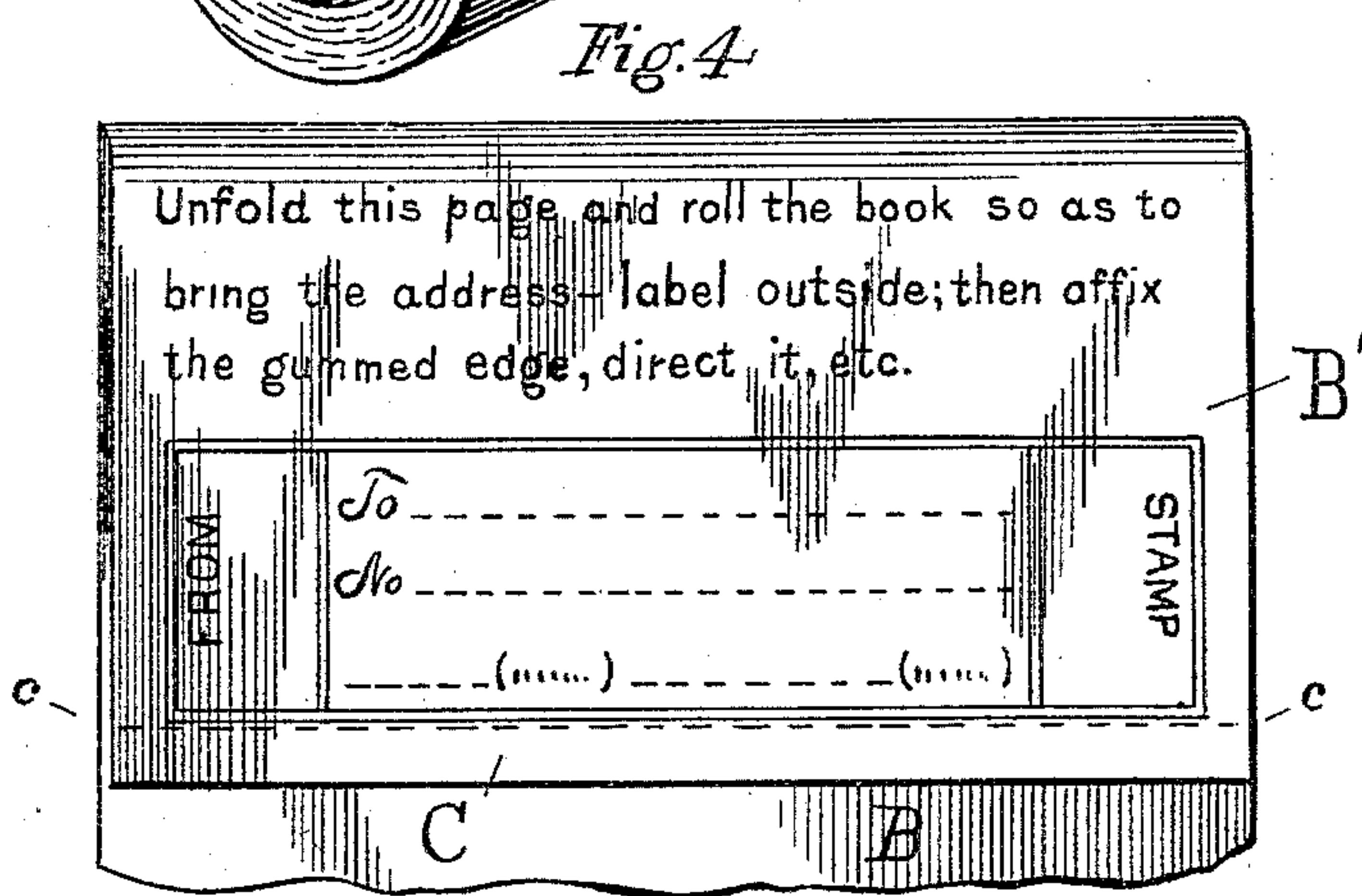
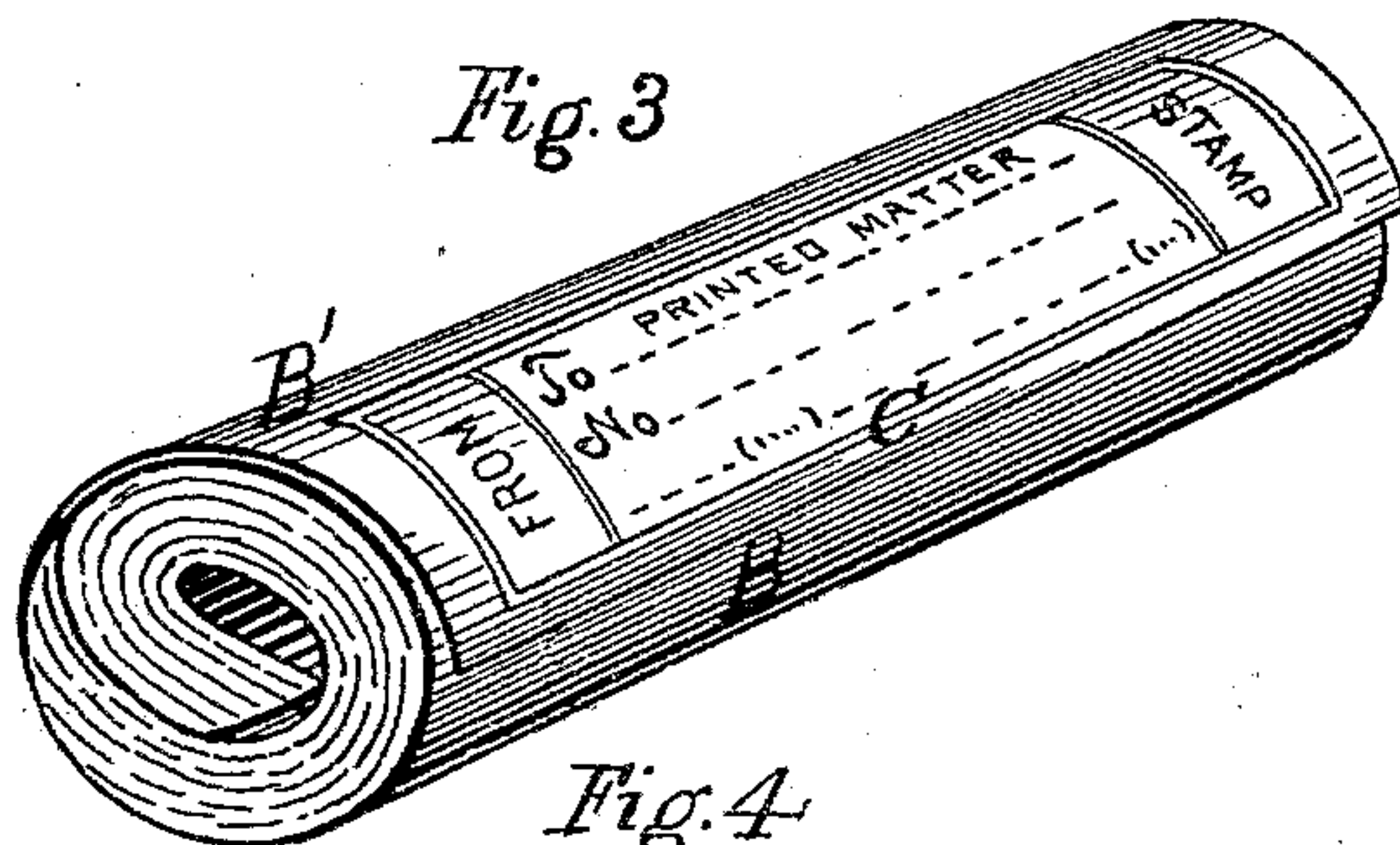
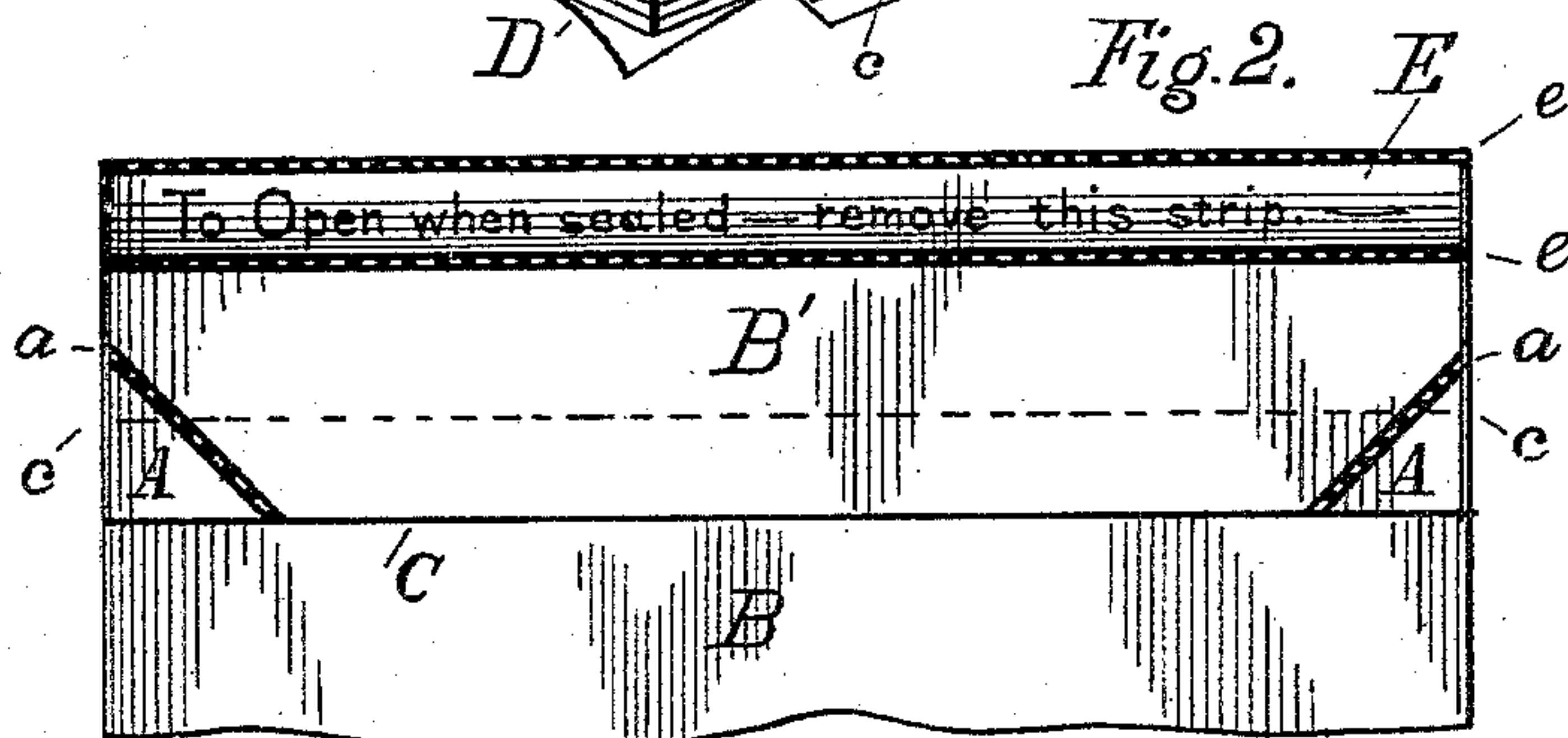
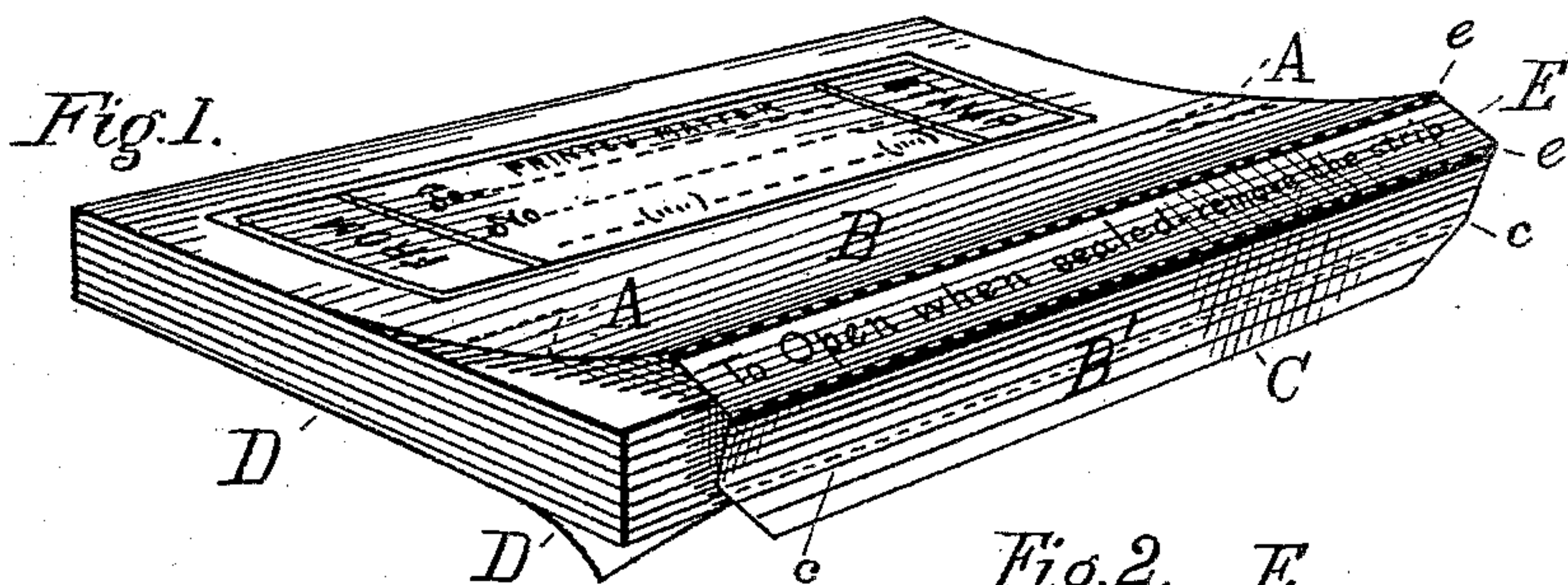
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Fig. 5.

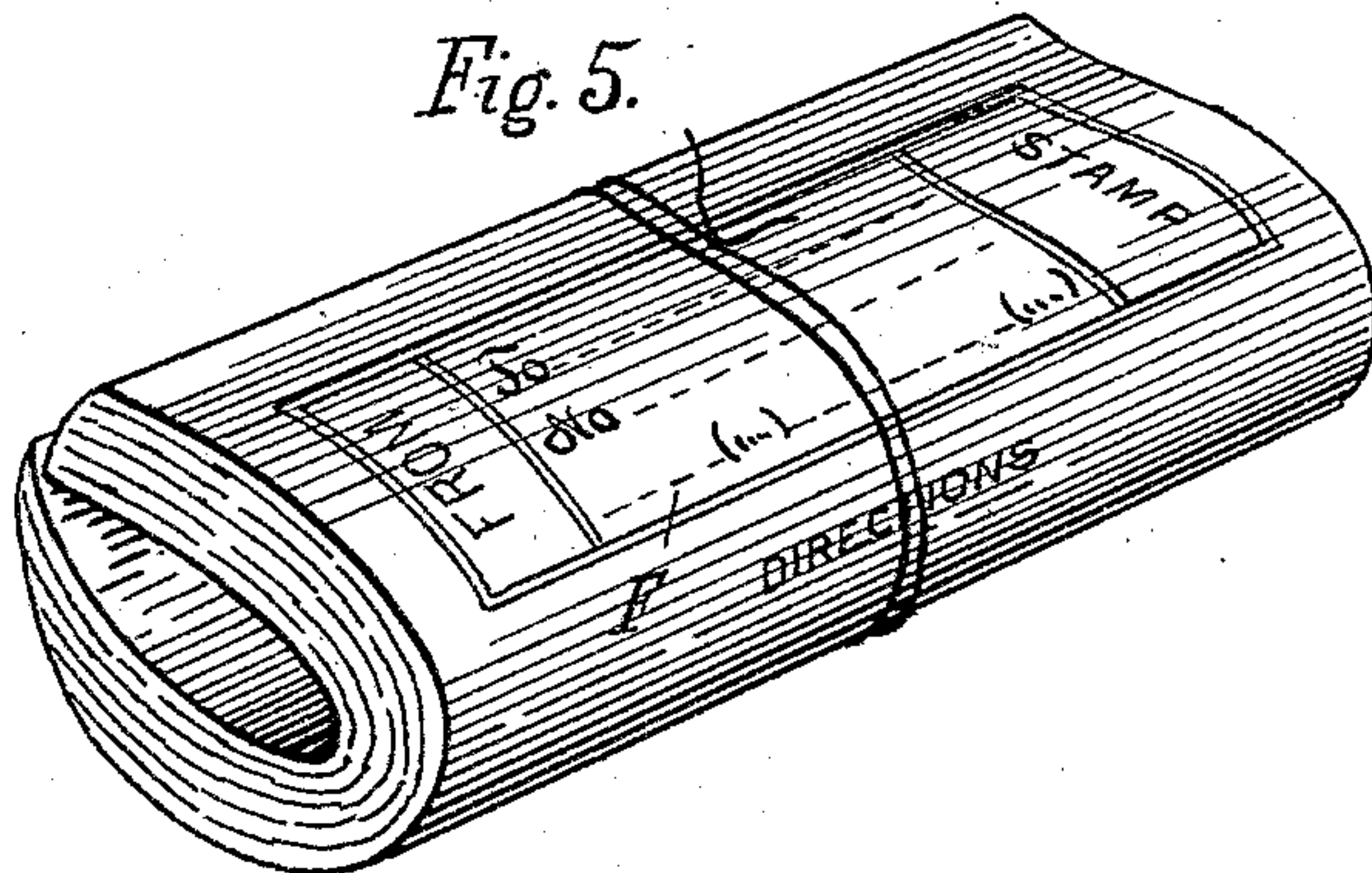
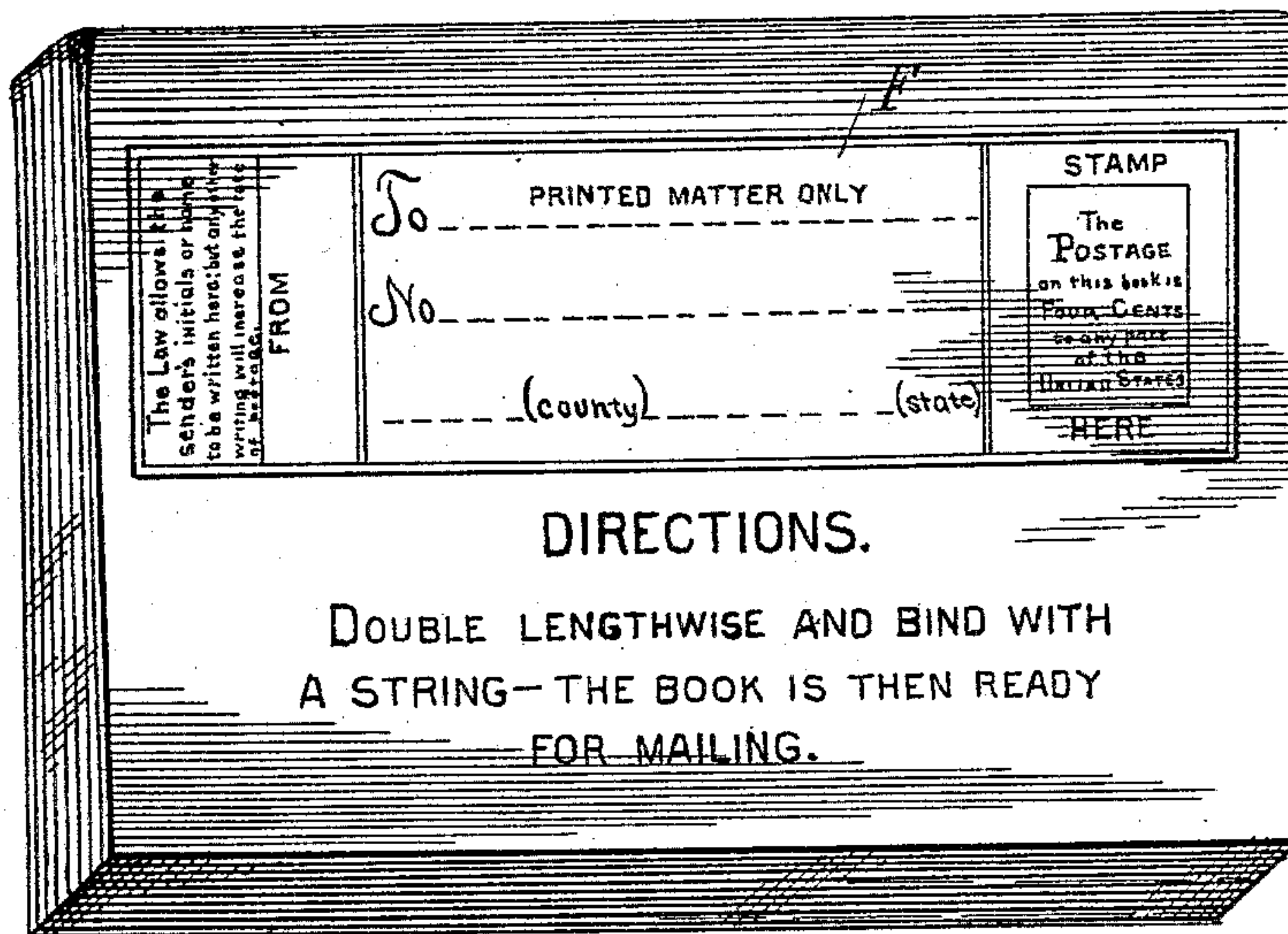


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISABELLA REED, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Books and Book-Covers, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to combine in a common piece of material the functions both of a mailing-wrapper and a permanent book-cover, whereby the book therein contained may be readily converted into a convenient package for purposes of transportation by mail or otherwise without the employment of a separate wrapper.

The invention consists in placing upon a suitable portion of a book-cover printed matter of a novel character herein described, which shall convey useful information for the use of the sender, such as that concerning the rules of the Post-Office Department and the rates of postage relating to the matter to be mailed.

The invention applies more particularly to books of cheap construction having flexible covers of paper or other material, which is calculated to receive the rough handling of transportation, as in the case of novels or magazines and periodicals, which are sent in quantities through the mails, and which may be afterward rebound in covers of a substantial quality.

Having reference to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of my invention; Fig. 2, a detail view of a certain part of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of another form of my invention, and Fig. 4 a detail view of a part thereof. Fig. 5 is a perspective view, and Fig. 6 a perspective plan view, of a modified application of the invention.

The cover illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 is adapted to inclose the open or loose side of the book-leaves for the purpose of mailing in the flat form without folding or rolling. The device is shown in Fig. 1 as in a position about to be sealed, the flap B', which is a prolongation of the leaf B of the book-cover, being gummed on its inner side along the edge C to the dotted line *c*, and which, when moistened, will adhere to the exterior side of the

opposite leaf, D, of the book-cover preparatory to mailing.

When the book is originally bound, it is delivered with the flap B' folded in and temporarily attached to the inner side of the cover-leaf B in the position shown in Fig. 2, which is an interior view of a detached portion of said cover-leaf. The gummed edge C of the flap B' is here shown adhered to the interior of the cover B at the points A A, from which the remainder of the said flap is readily detachable by tearing it off on the oblique perforated lines *a a*. The corners A A of the flap B, which remain on the inner side of the cover-leaf B, are shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1, in which the flap has been detached.

When the book has been received from the mail in its sealed condition, it may be readily opened by the removal of the strip E, which is torn off along the perforated lines *e e*.

The form of my invention shown in Figs. 3 and 4 consists in the extension B' of one of the flexible cover-leaves B of a book, which is gummed along the edge C to the dotted line *c c*, but left loose and folded inside the cover when the book is bound, as shown in Fig. 4, said figure being a detached interior view of one of the cover-leaves B. When prepared for mailing, the extension B' of the cover-leaf B is opened outwardly and the book rolled, as shown in Fig. 3, so as to bring the said extension B' outside, with its gummed edge, when moistened, adhering to the exposed outer surface of the cover B on the roll.

In practice abbreviated directions for the manipulation herein described may be conspicuously printed on suitable portions of the book-covers, as illustrated in the drawings—as, for instance, the directions for removing the strip E of Figs. 1 and 2, or the directions indicated in Fig. 4, describing the use of the leaf B.

In books bound in rigid covers of cloth or other material not suitable to write upon, the wrapping-leaf, bearing the addressing-space, rate of postage, &c., may be a leaf of proper size to encompass the book infolded in any part of the volume, detachable, if not wanted for use, by severing it from the stub along a perforated line.

Figs. 5 and 6 illustrate a book of ordinary

construction, but upon the back cover of which, similarly to the preceding views, are printed forms and matter of a certain character which is novel and useful in its present
5 application, and which consists of the lines and blank spaces F and such words as may indicate their use in the proper arrangement of the name and particulars of the destination to which the package is addressed—such
10 as "To" and "No.," &c., as shown—and useful information for the convenience of the sender, such as hereinbefore mentioned, relating to the rate of postage on the matter contained and of which it forms a part, the quantity and nature of additional writing upon
15 the exterior of the package allowed by law other than the superscription for the given rate of postage, the statement of the nature of the contents—such as "printed matter

only," and such other information as may be 20 useful, each subject being placed upon an appropriate part of the blank form or in the proper spaces.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters 25 Patent, is—

A book-cover having designated spaces for an address, postage, or other indicated purpose, with words of direction and information placed thereon, said cover being permanently 30 bound with a book and serving also as a mailing-cover instead of a wrapper, substantially as described.

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