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Fig. 1.

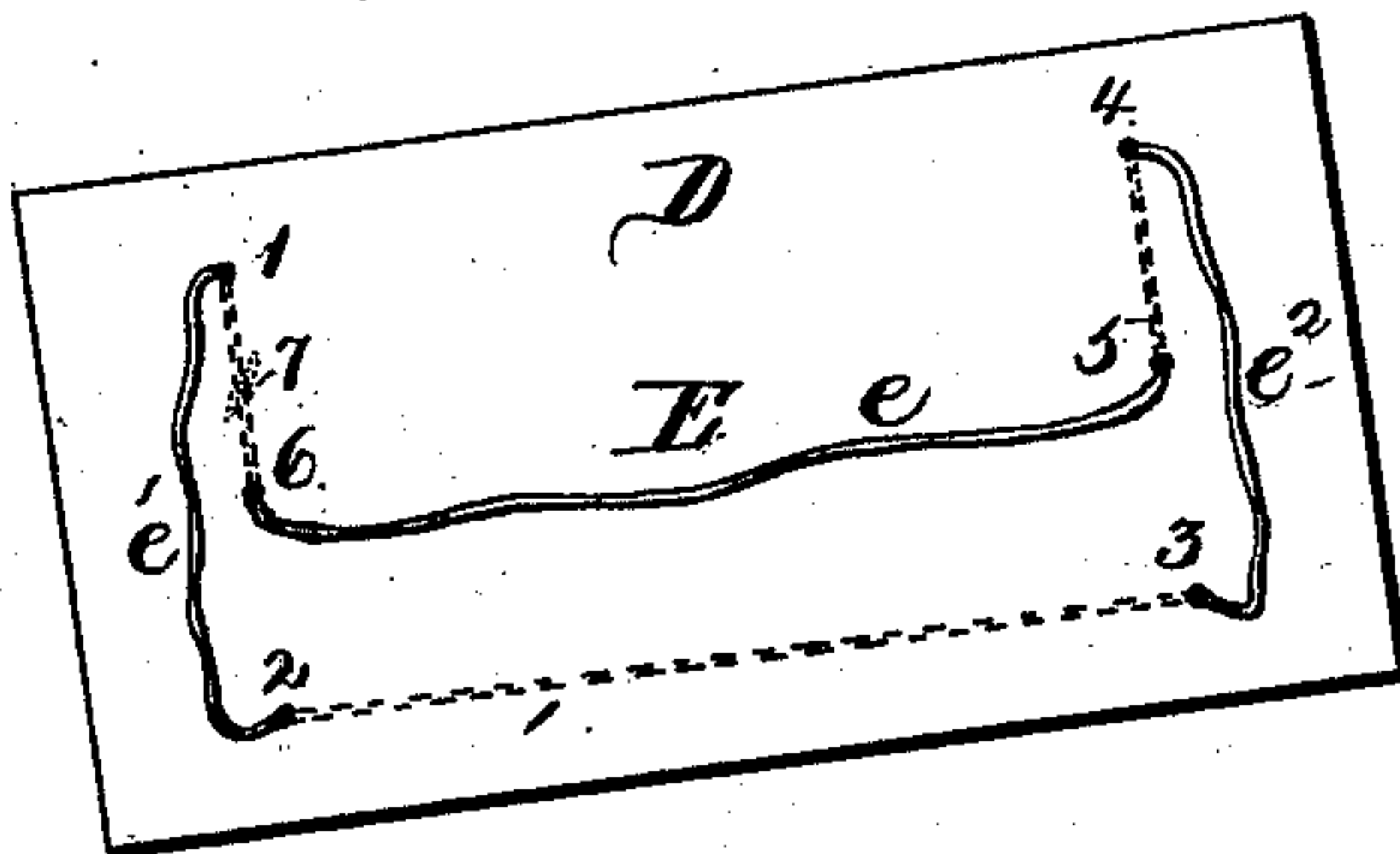


Fig. 2.

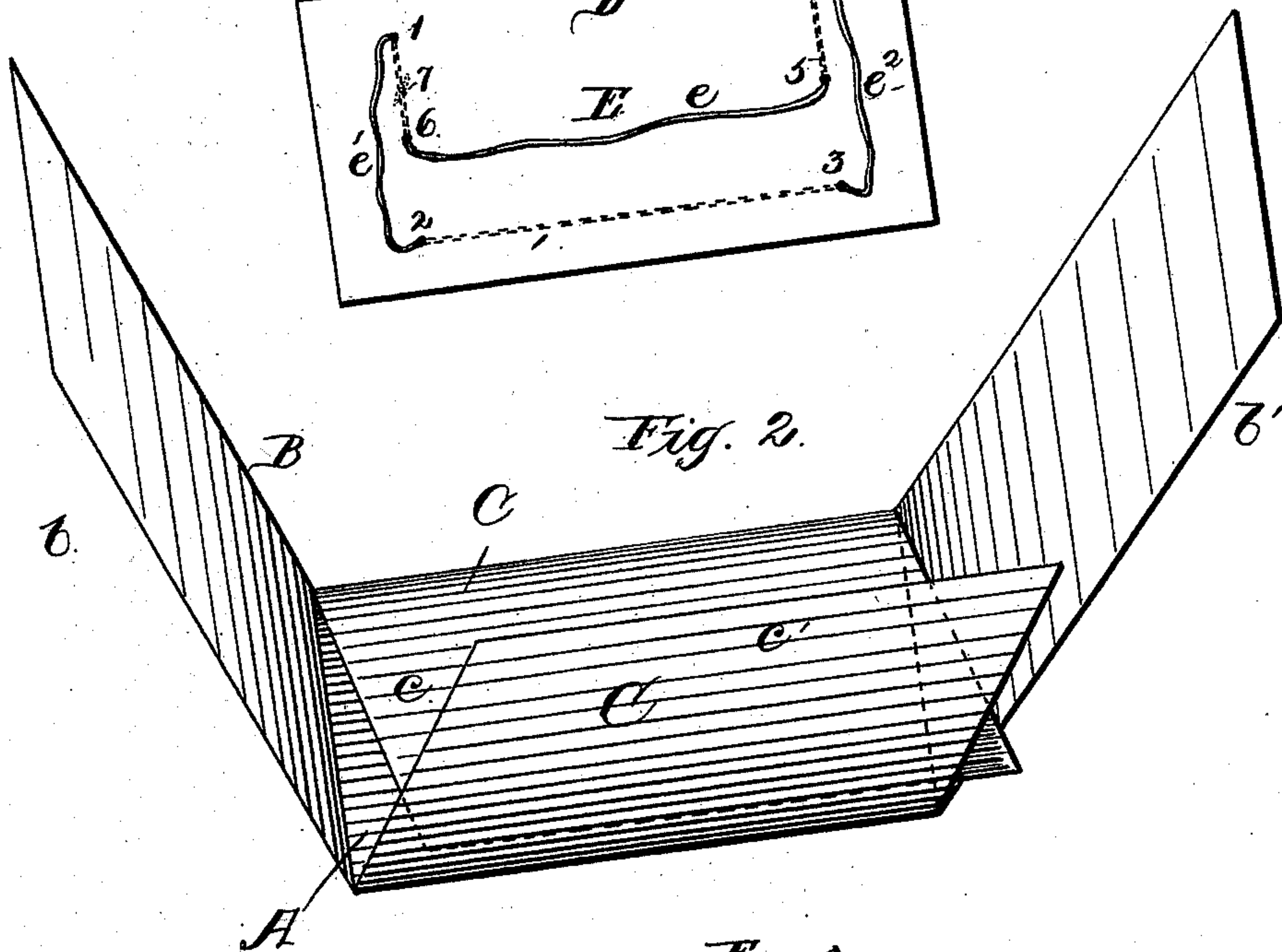
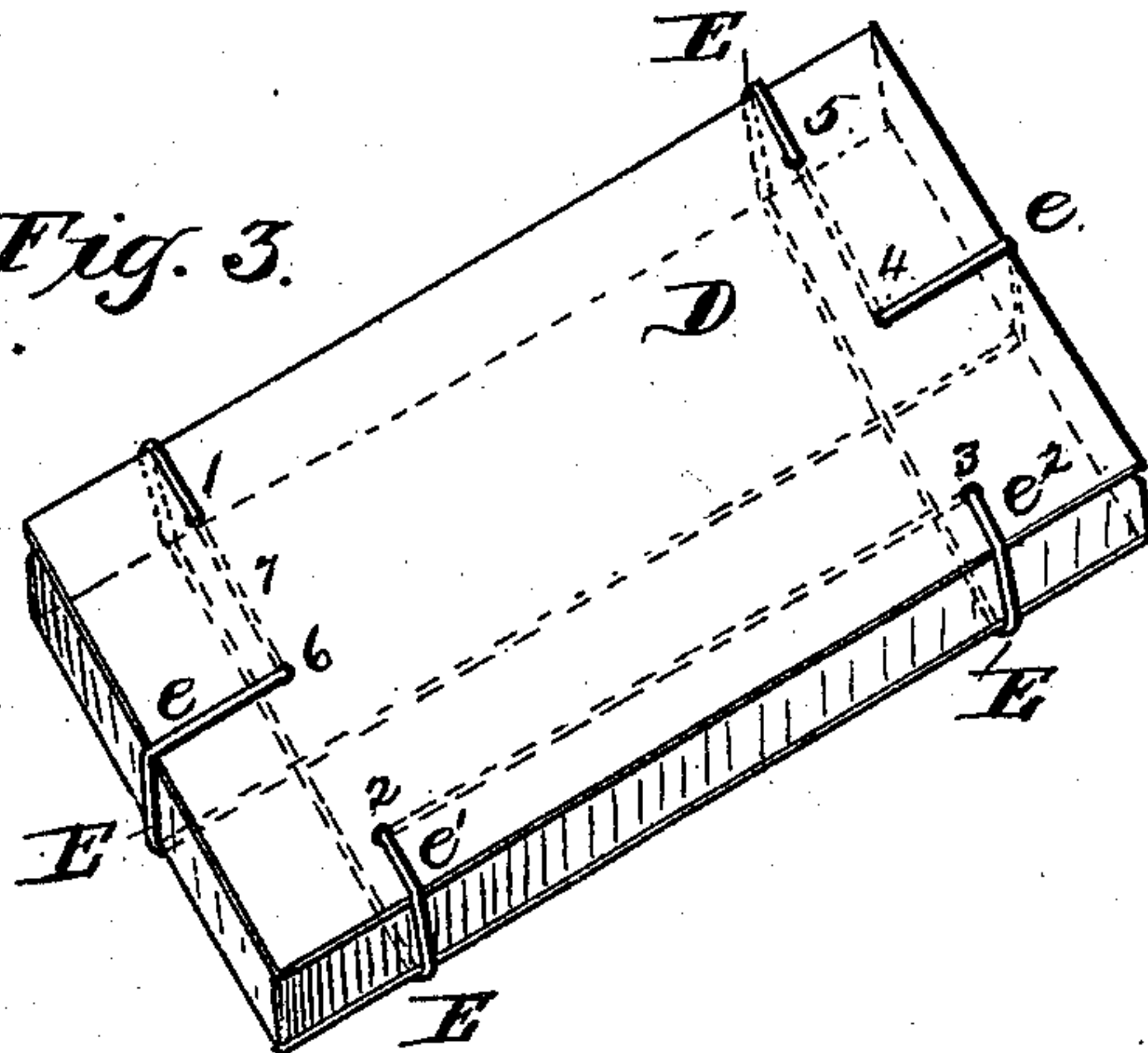


Fig. 3.



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2 Sheets—Sheet 2.

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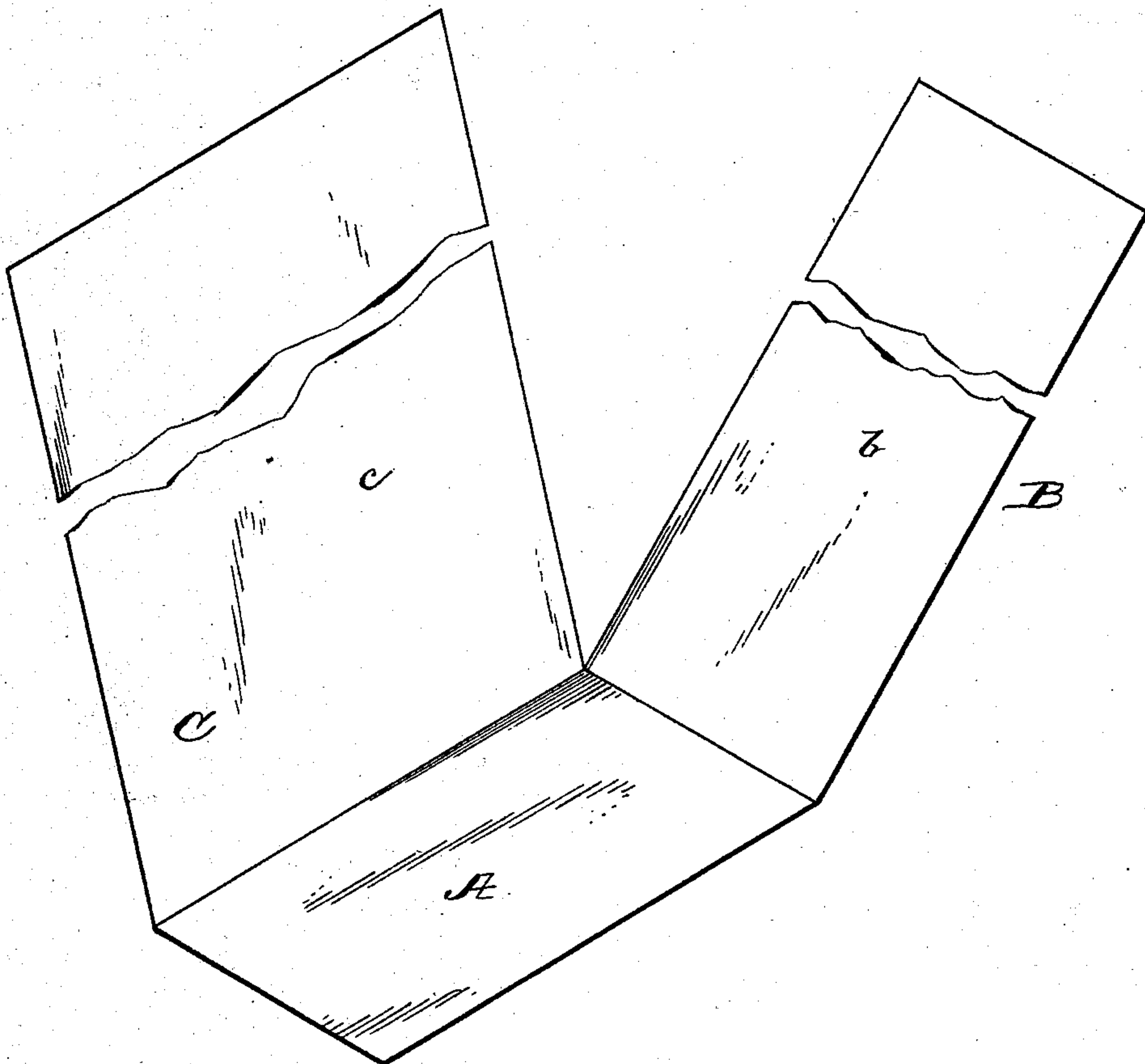


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS PAUL LECLERCQ, a citizen of the French Republic, residing at Lille, in the French Republic, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Merchandise Wrappers or Envelopes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the upper or address tablet of the wrapper or envelope. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the bottom tablet thereof with the wrapping-sheets attached thereto. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a package made up with one of my improved wrappers, and Fig. 4 is a like view of a modification in the construction of the wrapper.

The invention relates to improvements in wrappers or envelopes especially designed for use in sending merchandise through the mail, such as samples of dry goods or other merchandise; and it has for its object to provide a cheap wrapper or envelope simple in construction, readily secured around the articles to be mailed, and as readily unfastened.

The invention consists in structural features and in combinations of parts, substantially as hereinafter described, and as set forth in the claims.

The wrapper or envelope consists of a bottom tablet, A, which, according to the uses made of the device, may be made of sheet metal, wood, card or paste board. To this tablet are pasted or otherwise secured at right angles to each other two sheets or strips, B and C, the sheet B being of the same width as the tablet A, and of such a length as to form two flaps, *b b'*, that when folded over the goods will overlap each other, or nearly so. The strip or sheet C is in width equal to the length of the tablet A, and of such a length as to form flaps *c c'*, that when folded over the goods inclosed will overlap each other.

The wrapping strips or sheets may be of any suitable material, such as paper, cloth,

or water-proof, flexible textile, or other material, according to the uses made of the wrapper.

D, Figs. 1 and 3, is the upper tablet, which is of the same dimension as the lower tablet, A, and has six holes, 1 2 3 4 5 6, arranged as shown in Fig. 3, and an endless elastic band, E, secured thereto, as shown in Fig. 1, to form the three loops *e e' e²*, the loop *e* serving to tie the package lengthwise, while the loops *e' e²* serve to tie the package crosswise at opposite ends, as shown in Fig. 3, thus leaving ample space for the address. The band or elastic cord may be attached to the top tablet, D, in various ways. For instance, one end of the band may be inserted through the hole 1, then carried across the tablet to and through hole 2 to form the end loop, *e'*, thence lengthwise under the tablet to and through hole 3, again across the tablet to form the end loop, *e²*, to and through hole 4, again partly across the under side of the tablet to and through hole 5, thence lengthwise along the upper face of said tablet to form the longitudinal loop *e*, to and through the hole 6, the ends being tied or otherwise connected or attached together or to the under side of the tablet, as shown at 7. Any other arrangement of elastic tie may, however, be used so long as a longitudinal and one or more cross ties are provided for the wrapper.

It will not be necessary to describe the mode of using my improved wrapper or envelope, as this is clearly indicated in the drawings and will be readily understood.

For some classes of goods the lower tablet may be dispensed with, the wrapping-sheets B C being secured to the upper tablet; or instead of two sheets, B C, but one may be used when it is desired to leave the outer ends or sides of the package open; or said sheets may be secured to either the top or bottom tablet, as shown in Fig. 4, so as to form but two wrapping-flaps, *b c*.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A wrapper or envelope comprising a tablet of a more or less rigid material, provided with an elastic fastening band or cord arranged to form the tying-loops *e e' e²*, and a

wrapper of flexible material, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

2. A wrapper or envelope comprising the tablet A, the wrapping-sheets B C, secured thereto, and the tablet D, having the elastic band E, secured thereto to form the tying-loops $e e' e^2$, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand.

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