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Fig. 1

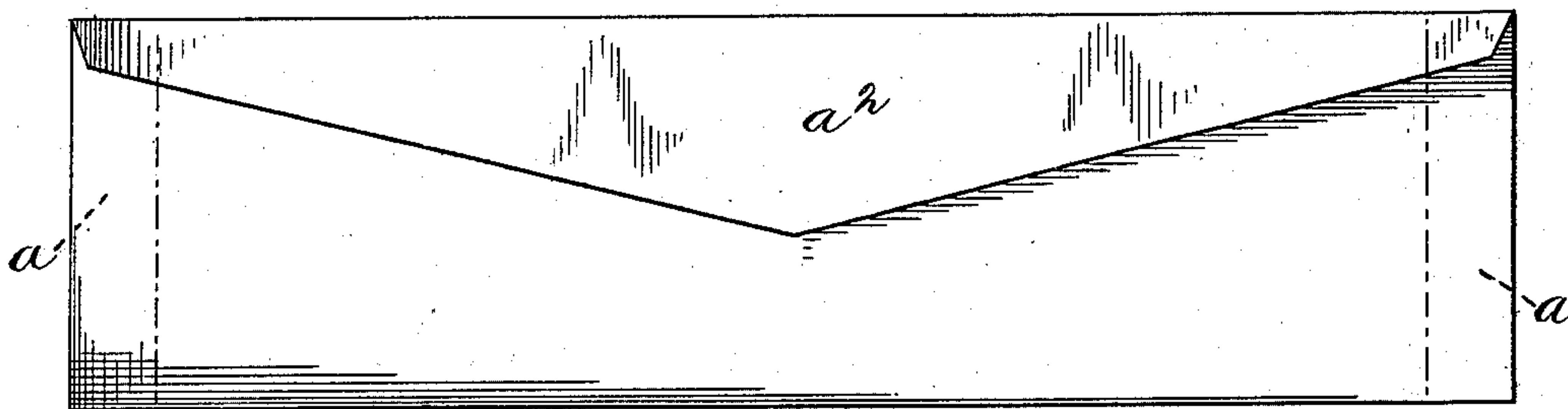
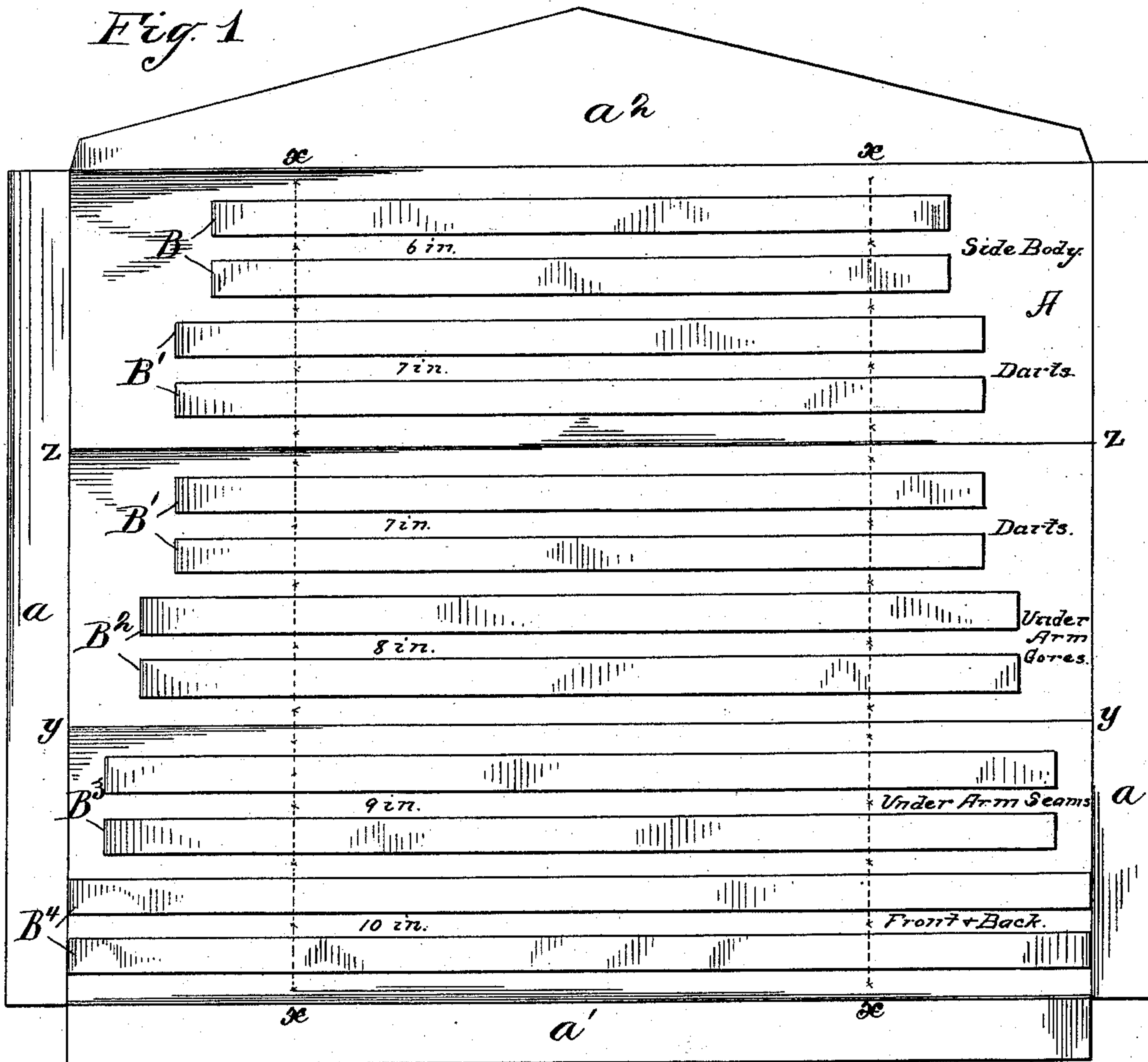


Fig. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES MOSHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at South Bend, in the county of St. Joseph and State of Indiana, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Packages for Dress-Stays, which is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a package embodying my invention, the same being shown in an open or unfolded condition; and Fig. 2, a view showing the package in a folded or closed condition.

Like letters refer to like parts in both figures of the drawings.

My invention relates to packages for dress-stays, and has for its object to provide a package to receive and protect a set or complement of dress-stays and facilitate the storing, sale, and handling thereof.

To these ends my invention consists in certain novel features, which I will now proceed to describe, and will then particularly point out in the claim.

In the drawings, A represents an envelope, which may be constructed of stout paper or other similar material, and has the form of a rectangular sheet provided with side flaps a , a bottom flap a' , and a top flap a^2 . The top flap is larger than the other flaps, in order to provide means for securing the package when closed. Upon the inner face of this envelope are secured by any suitable means the dress-stays, of which a complete set or complement is inclosed in each separate envelope. Each set consists of two side body-stays B, four dart-stays B', two stays B², for the under-arm gores, two stays B³ for the under-arm seams, and two stays B⁴ for the front and back, respectively. These vary in length, as indicated in the drawings, being six, seven, eight, nine, and ten inches in length, respectively. They may be secured to the envelope in any suitable manner, and in the present instance I have shown lines of stitching $x x$ near each end, which pass over each stay and hold it in position upon the envelope. Other means for securing them in position may be employed; but I prefer that shown, since by cutting the stitching at any one point the

whole becomes detached, the thread being continuous.

It will be observed that the inner face of the envelope has printed upon it not only the designation of the different stays composing the set, whereby the location in which they are to be used is indicated, but also the length of each particular kind of stay. The inner faces of the flaps may also be used to print thereon advertising-matter or directions for the use of the stays, or other information in connection with the same.

When the stays have been secured to the envelope, the flaps a and a' are folded inward, and the envelope is then folded upon itself upon the lines $y y$ and $z z$. The flap a^2 being then folded over the body thus formed, the whole forms a closed package which incloses and protects the stays. The flap a^2 may be secured by mucilage, eyeletting, or any other suitable means.

It is at present customary to pack these dress-stays in boxes in large numbers containing a gross or more, all stays of the same length and color being packed in the same box. It will thus be seen that when a set of stays is to be sold at least four different boxes have to be opened and the proper number of stays taken from each box. Moreover, the stays often lie around loosely upon the counter or table and the sizes and sorts become mixed, thus creating great confusion and loss, and at the same time exposing the stays to discoloration and damage. By the use of my improved package these difficulties are overcome, since the stays are not only thoroughly protected from dust and dirt, and also discoloration, but each package contains a complete set of the same color and of the right size and number. The trouble of handling, sorting, and renumbering is entirely done away with and the trouble and expense thus greatly decreased. The whole package may be displayed open as an advertising-card, and any suitable advertising or other printed matter may be printed upon the back of the envelope.

It is obvious that various modifications in the details of construction may be made without departing from the principle of my invention, and I therefore do not wish to be under-

stood as limiting myself strictly to the precise details hereinbefore described, and shown in the drawings.

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

A dress-stay package consisting of the rectangular sheet A, having the set or complement of dress-stays B, B', B², B³, and B⁴ secured on its inner face by lines of stitching *xx*, and having printed thereon characters designating the nature and length of said stays, said sheet being provided with mar-

ginal flaps *a* and *a'* at the sides and bottom to fold inward and protect the contents, and 15 a flap *a*² at the top to fold over the body of the envelope when folded, the whole sheet being adapted to fold upon the transverse lines *yy* and *zz* to form a flat package or envelope to inclose and protect the stays, substantially 20 as and for the purposes specified.

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