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Fig. 1.

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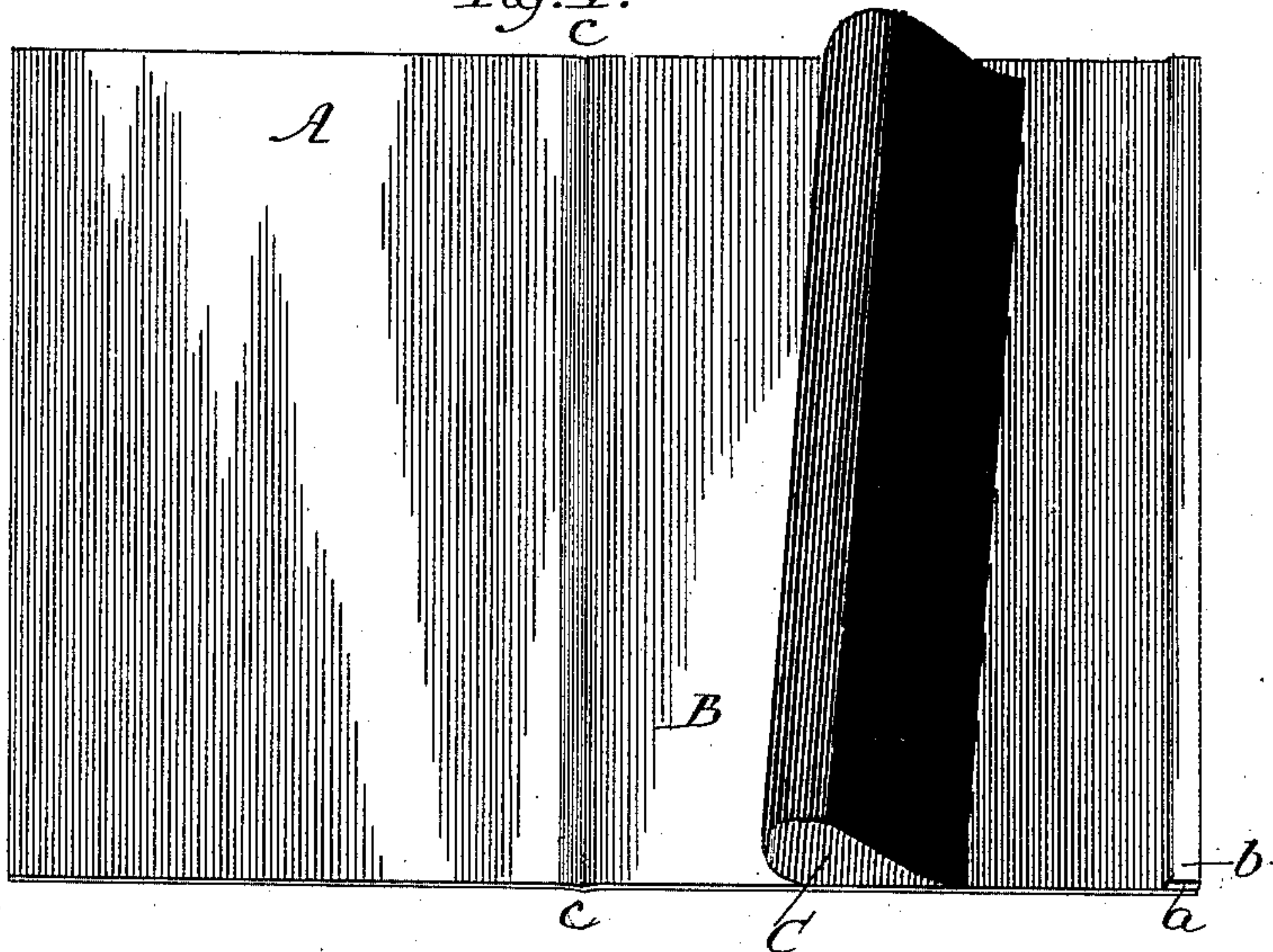


Fig. 2.

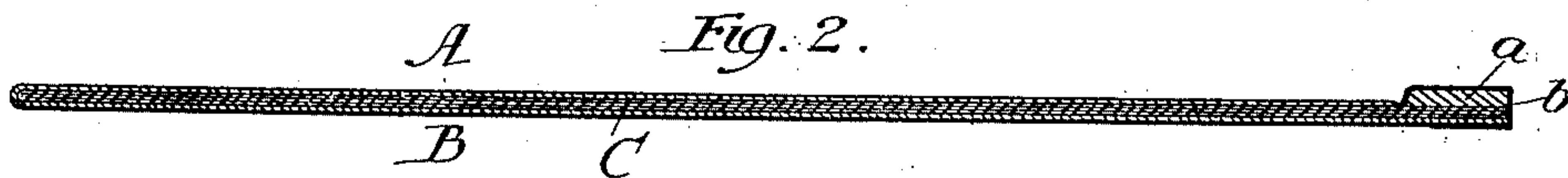
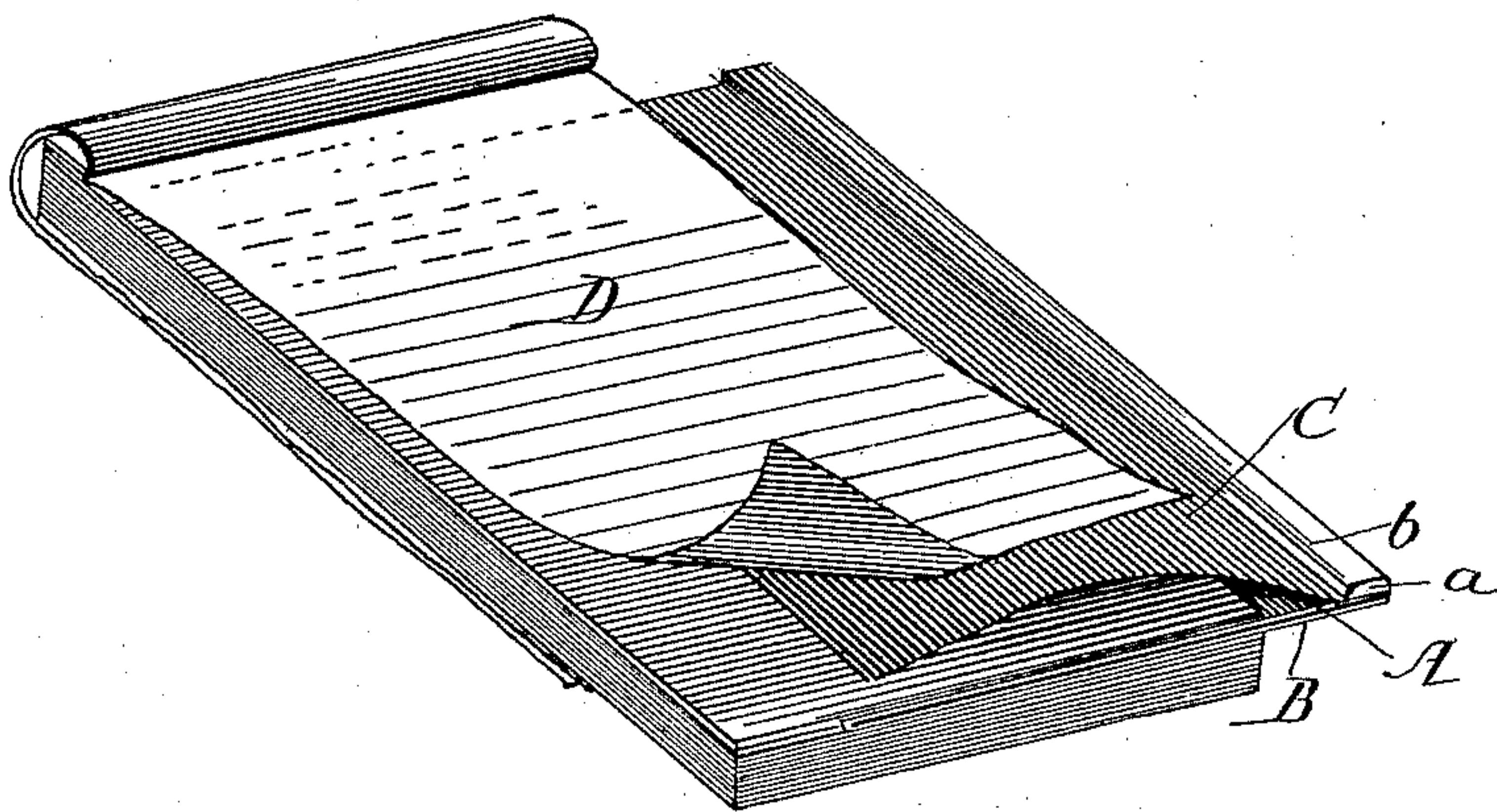


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FLETCHER B. GIBBS, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, and a citizen of the United States, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Combined Carbon-Paper Holder and Writing-Tablet, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—
Figure 1 is plan view of the carbon-paper book open and one of the carbon sheets turned partially back. Fig. 2 is an enlarged section of the book closed. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the device partially inserted into an ordinary order-book.

This invention relates to a carbon-paper book for use in connection with salesmen's order-books or other books where it is desired to make duplicate copies of the writing, and has for its objects to produce a device consisting, essentially, of a thin smooth cover, to the outer edge of one section of which are bound a number of leaves of carbon paper, which are secured beneath a thin strip of suitable material attached to the edge of the cover, by means of which device one section of the cover can be used as a base or rest for the sheets of paper to be written upon and one sheet of the carbon paper can be used until worn out without creasing or handling the other pieces, all as illustrated in the drawings and hereinafter described.

That which I claim as new will be pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, A B represent the two sections of an ordinary cover, which is to be made of card-board, pasteboard, or other thin smooth material. These sections A B are flexibly united on the line c.

C are sheets of carbon paper of about the same size as the section B of the cover. They are secured to the right-hand edge of the section B.

a is a narrow strip of pasteboard or other suitable material, which is held in place above and along the edge of the carbon sheets C by a piece of paper or cloth b, pasted to the strip and to the edge and under side of the section B. The section A is narrower than the section B, and when the section A is folded over its free edge will be against or along the line of the strip a.

D is an ordinary salesman's order-book bound at the top.

To adapt my device for use, the section A of the cover is to be turned back, as in Fig. 1, and the upper carbon sheet C raised and turned back in the other direction, after which the section A is to be folded over upon the upper sheet of the carbon papers that have not been disturbed. After this has been done the device is ready to be placed in an order-book, which is accomplished as follows: Two or more leaves of the order-book are to be raised sufficiently to permit the cover A B and the carbon sheets that are between them to be placed beneath the raised leaves. The carbon sheet that had been previously turned to one side is then to be placed beneath the upper leaf of the order-book. Such upper leaf can then be written upon, and by reason of the interposed carbon sheet a duplicate of the writing will be made on the second page of the order-book.

As the cover, which is to have a smooth surface, is to be placed immediately beneath the leaf on which the duplicate copy is to be made, or beneath some of the succeeding leaves of the order-book, a good back for the paper is provided when writing, and by having the sheets of carbon paper which are not in use between the cover-sections A B such sheets will be kept smooth and uninjured. When a sheet of carbon paper has become worn out, it can be torn off and the next one in the pile turned back and applied, as just described.

The strip a, in addition to holding the carbon sheets in place, acts as a stop, against which the edges of the pages of the order-book come, when the carbon-holder is inserted between the leaves and prevents the cover A B from being slipped too far into the order-book. The strip a also furnishes the means for holding the device when inserting it in an order-book or withdrawing it therefrom.

I am aware that books of carbon paper have heretofore been made for use in connection with salesmen's order-books, but such carbon-paper books, so far as I am aware, have been objectionable for the reason that as constructed they were not capable of being as easily handled as a book containing my improvements, and for the further reason that a portion of the cover of the book was ex-

posed at the right-hand side of the salesman's order-book and was greatly in the way.

The cover herein shown and described can be used with a single sheet of carbon paper, 5 if desired.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new of article of manufacture, a book consisting of the cover A B, one section A of

such cover being narrower than the other section, and one or more carbon sheets C, secured to the outer edge of the cover-section B, and the strip *a*, substantially as and for the purpose specified. 10

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