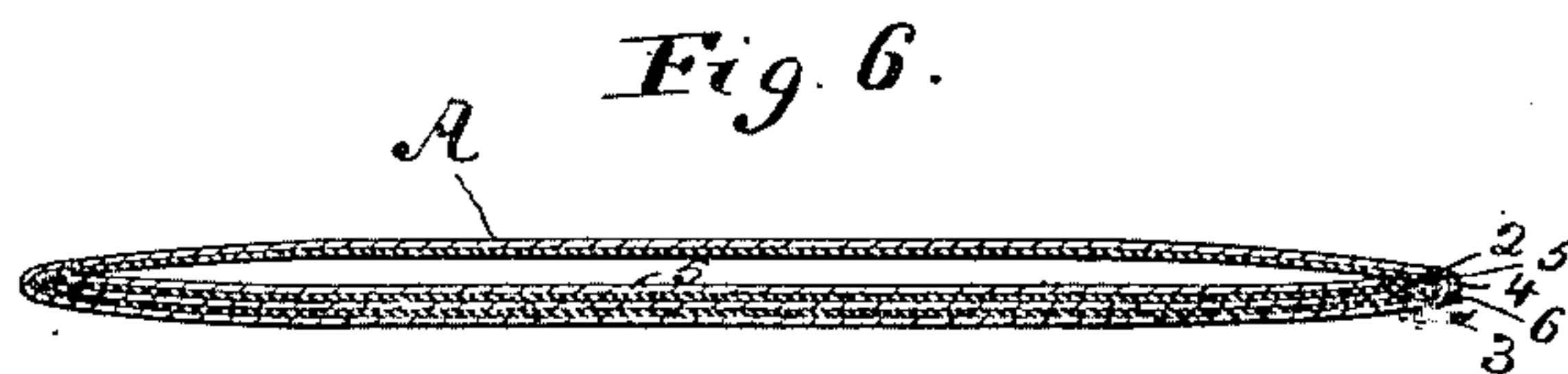
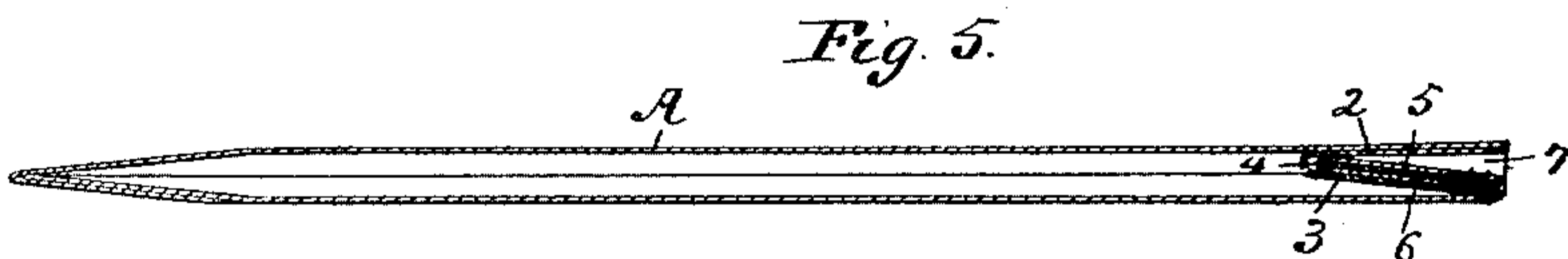
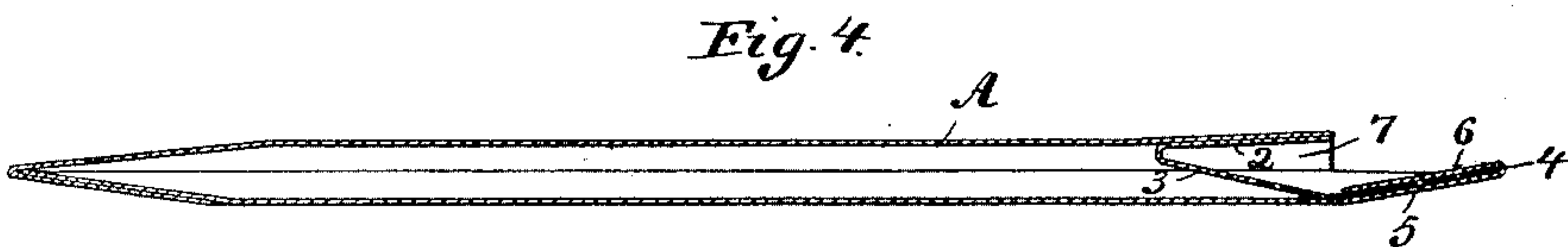
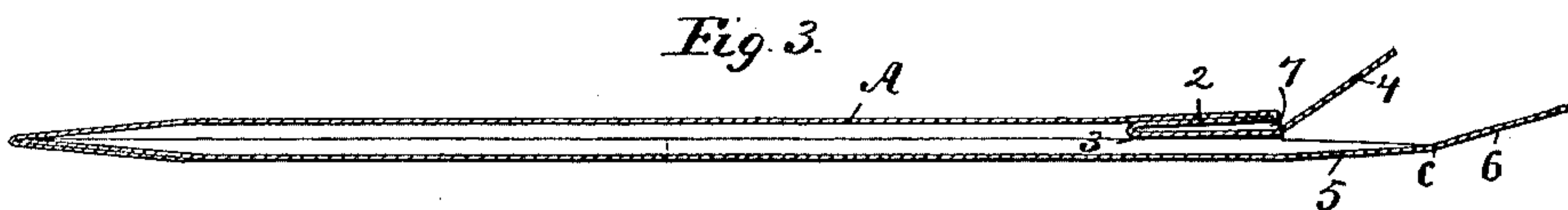
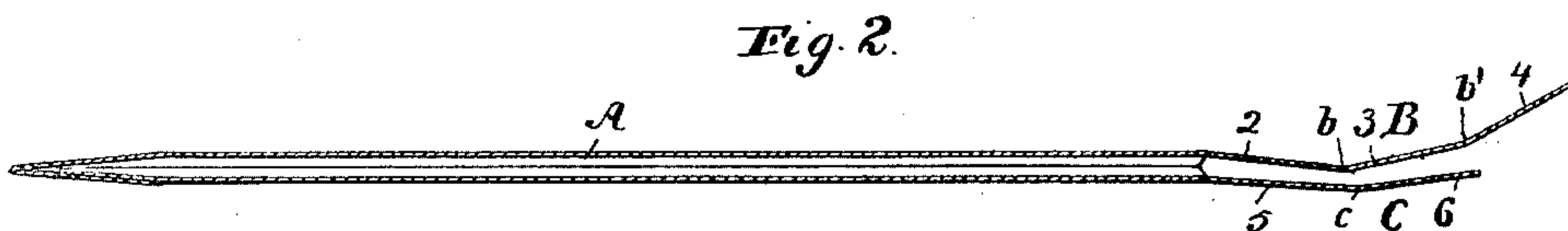
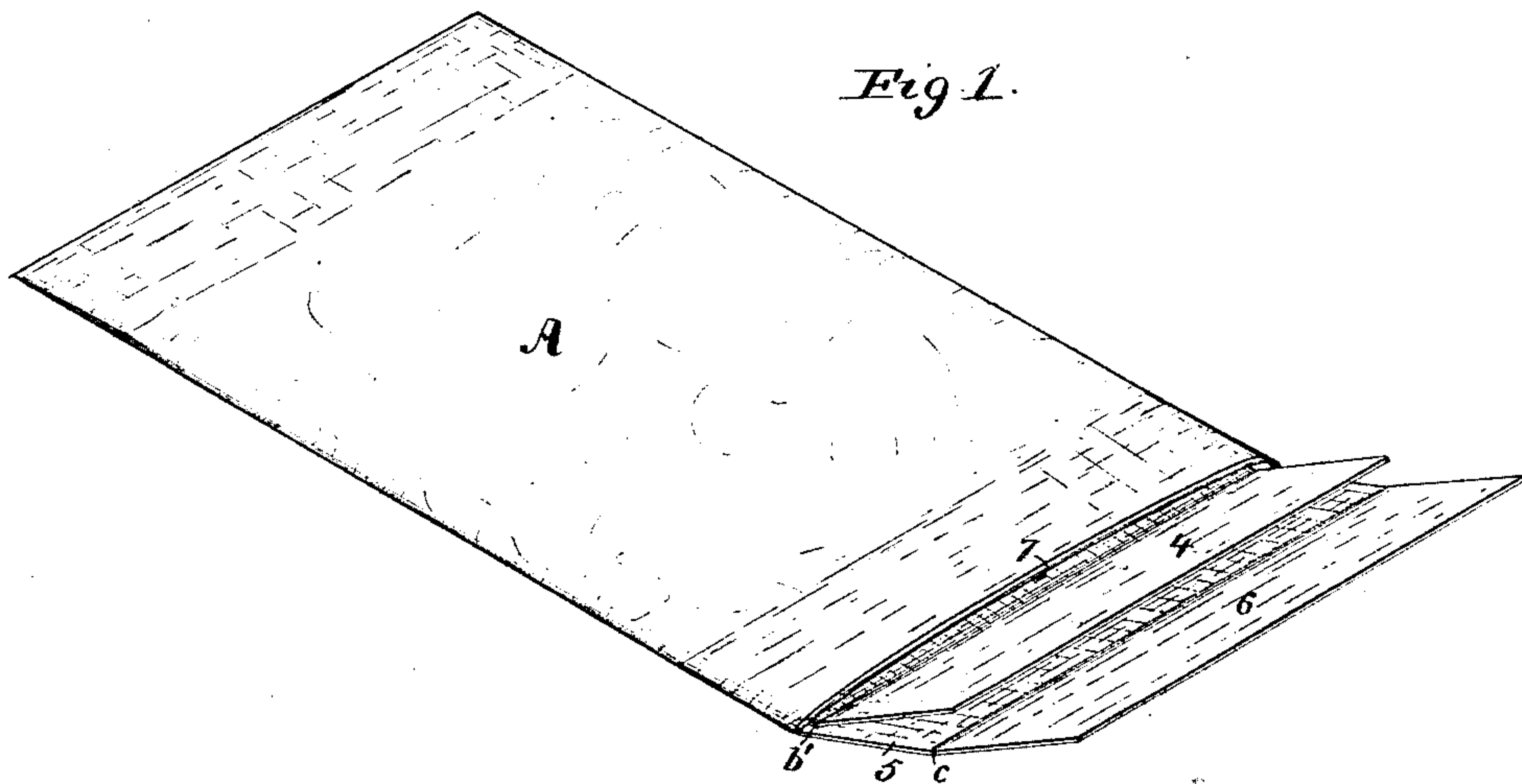


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANSON R. SPEAR, of Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain  
5 new and useful Improvements in Envelopes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in envelopes designed for use in transporting through the mails samples of merchandise,  
10 cards, photographs, or other articles; and the object I have in view is to provide an envelope in which such articles can be safely transported, and which can be securely closed by simply folding the parts together without  
15 sealing them or using any fastener.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved envelope. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same, the  
20 flaps being in the position which they occupy before the pocket is formed. Fig. 3 is a similar view with the flaps in the position which they occupy when the envelope is open. Figs. 4 and 5 are similar views illustrating the  
25 manner of closing the envelope. Fig. 6 is a transverse section through the folds of the closed end.

In the drawings, A represents the body of the envelope, which may be of any suitable  
30 size and shape and of any suitable material. One end or edge of the envelope is preferably left open and is provided with means for closing it, as hereinafter described. At this end of the envelope, preferably formed integrally with the body A, are the flaps B and  
35 C. The flap C is preferably of about two-thirds the length of the flap B. The flap B is provided with the scores or creases *b b'*,

which extend parallel with the end of the flap and divided into the three substantially  
40 equal sections 2, 3, and 4. The flap C is similarly creased at *c*, dividing it into the two sections 5 and 6. The section 3 of the flap B is folded on the crease *b*, and the sections 2 and  
45 3 are then folded into the envelope.

The inner surface of the section 2 is preferably pasted to the inner surface of the body of the envelope. A pocket 7 is thus formed between the sections 2 and 3 of the flap B. In this condition the envelope is put upon the  
50 market, the parts being in substantially the position shown in Figs. 1 and 3.

When it is desired to close the envelope, the section 6 of the flap C is folded over section 4 of flap B, as shown in Fig. 4, and the  
55 three sections 4, 5, and 6 are then folded into the pocket 7, as shown in Fig. 5. The envelope is then securely closed. If desired, however, an ordinary paper fastener may be put through the end of the envelope and the sev-  
60 eral sections of the flaps B and C.

I claim as my invention—

The envelope herein described, comprising the body A and the flaps B and C, the flap B being divided into three sections 2, 3, and 4,  
65 the sections 2 and 3 being folded into the body of the envelope, and section 2 being pasted to the inner surface of said body, and the flap C being divided into the two sections 5 and 6, substantially as described. 70

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of December, 1888.

ANSON R. SPEAR.

In presence of—

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J. JESSEN.