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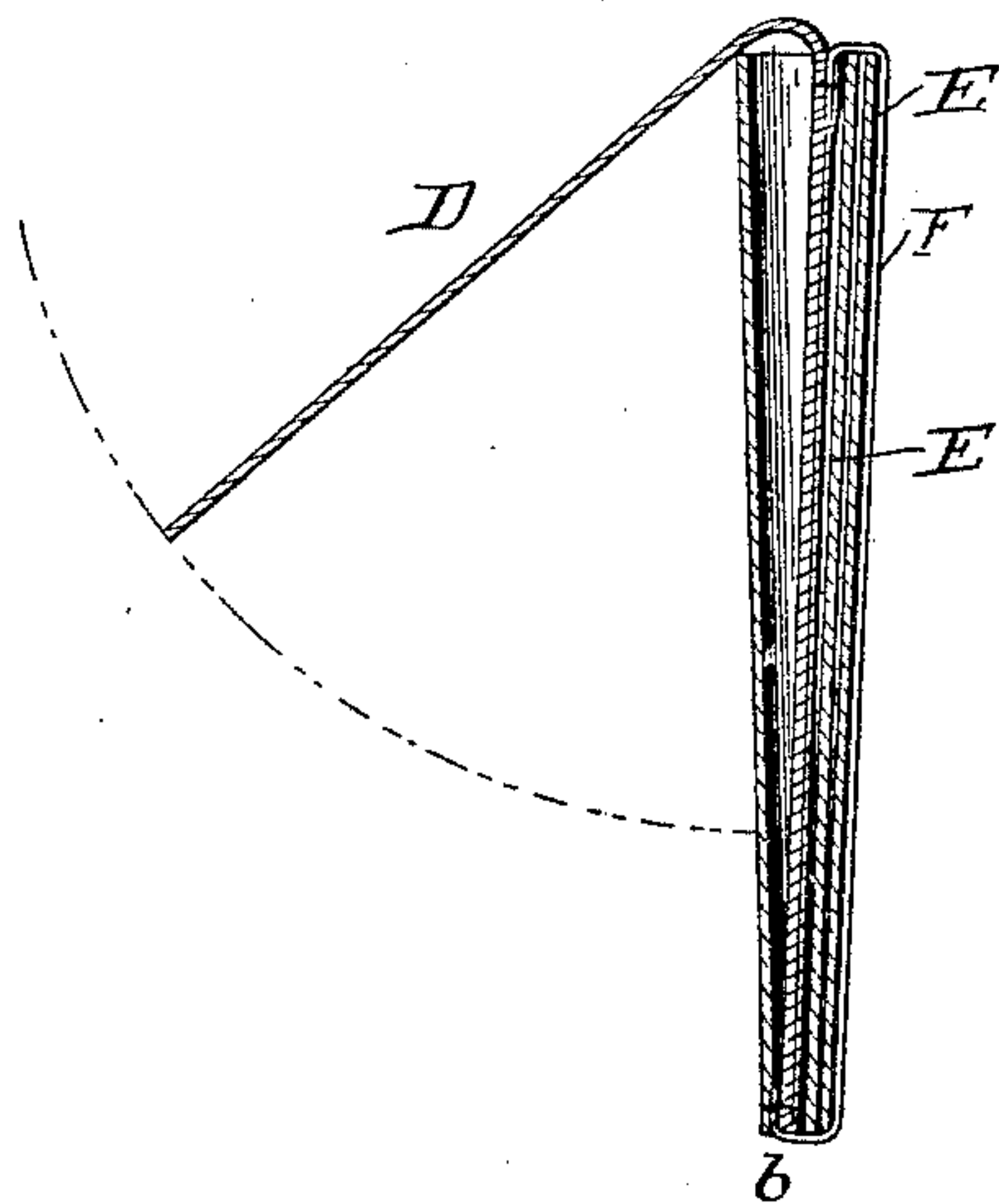


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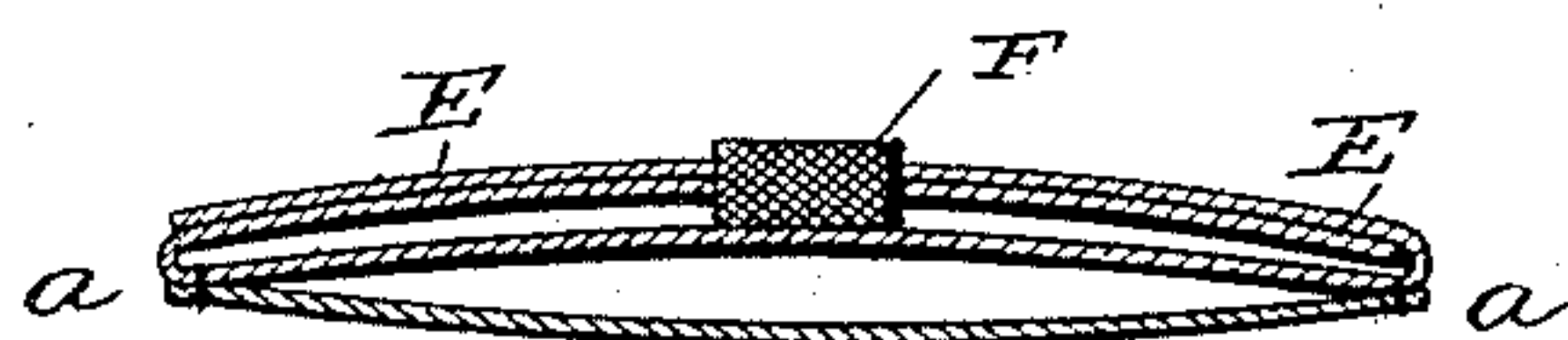
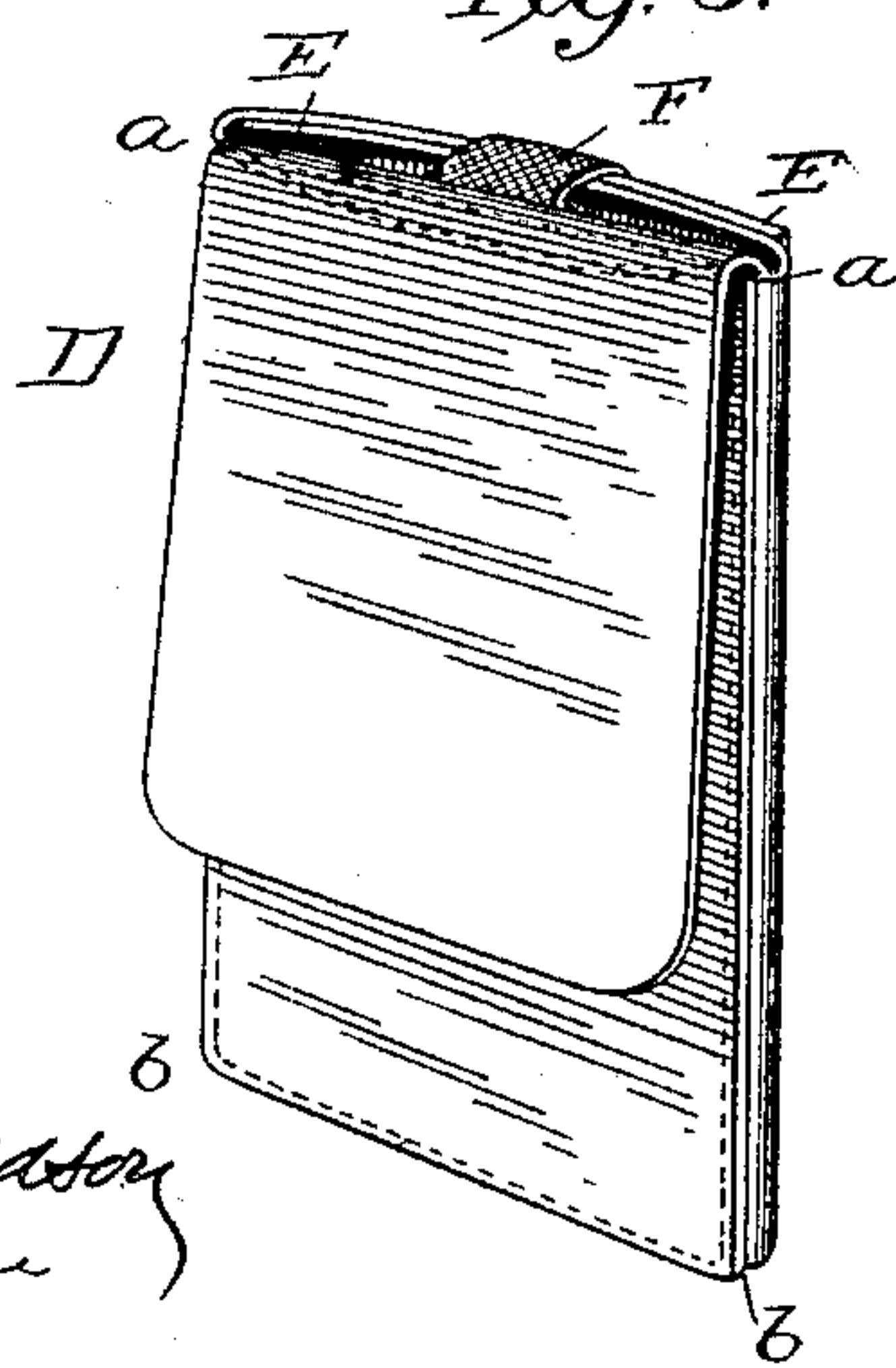


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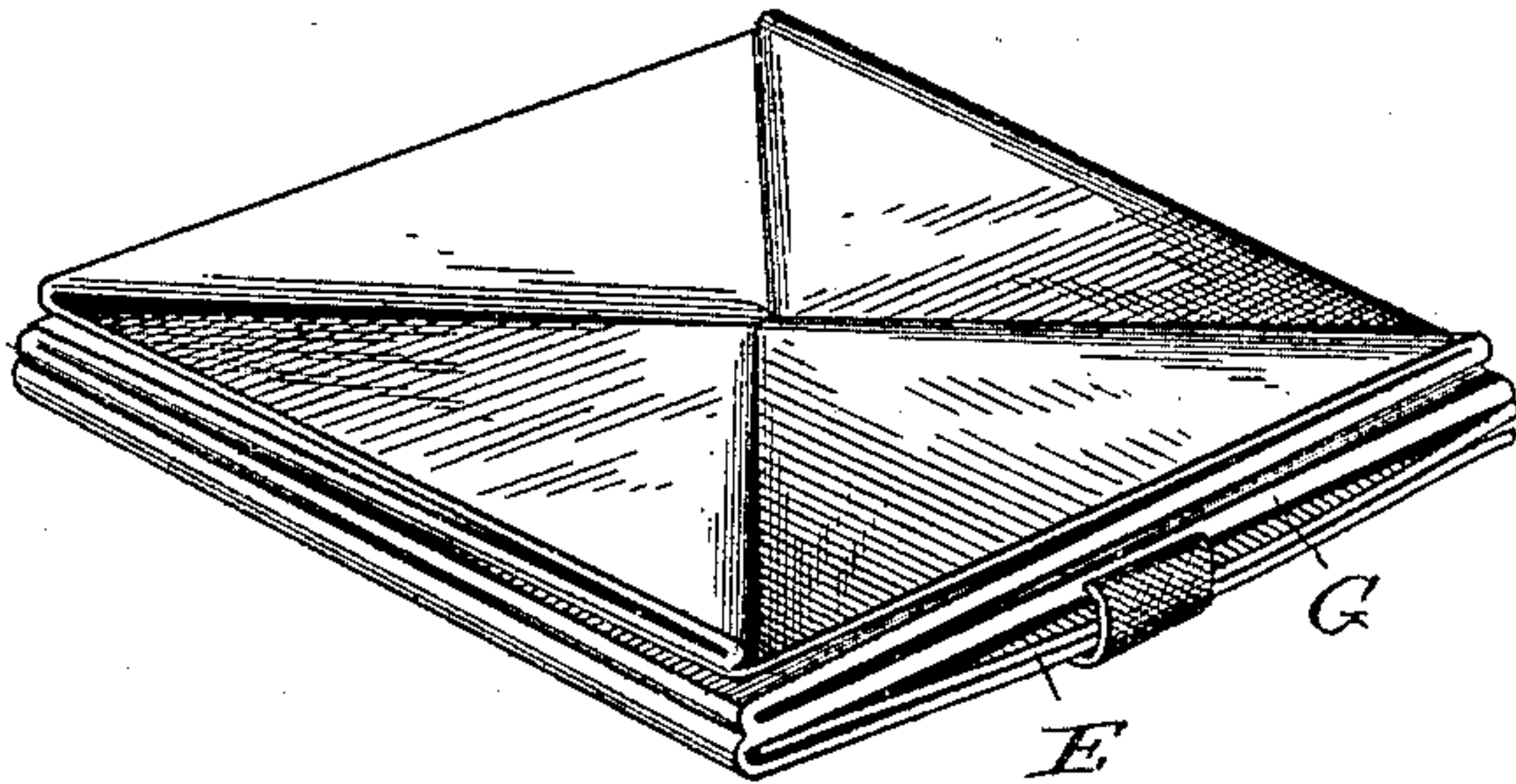
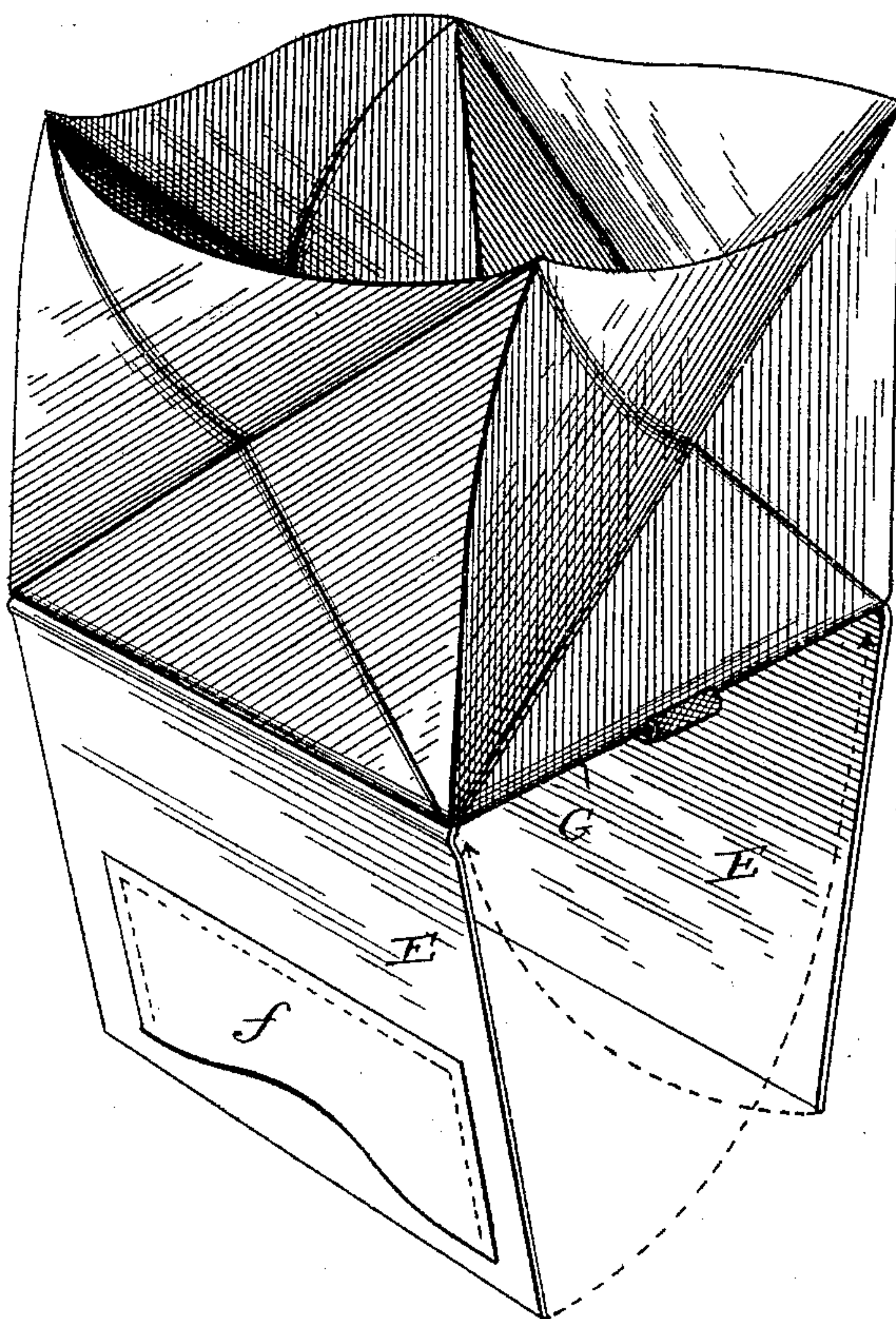


Fig. 5.



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## PURSE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE TOPHAM, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Washington, District of Columbia, have  
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Purses, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is a combination of purse and bill-holder in which no frame is required and  
10 in the use of which the purse and bill-holder are independent. In the constructions shown the bill-holder and purse are back to back, the bill-holder being substantially formed by wings on the back of the purse.

15 The combined purse and bill-holder form a complete receptacle, one for coin and the other for bills, all in one, and yet each independently usable.

In the accompanying drawings two forms  
20 of purse only are shown, both old, but shown in order to illustrate fully my invention; but I do not confine myself to these forms, as others can be used without departing from the spirit of my invention.

25 In the drawings, Figures 1, 2, and 3 are views of my invention embodied in a purse of ordinary form. Figs. 4 and 5 are views of the invention as combined with the Capehart purse.

30 In Figs. 1, 2, and 3 is shown an ordinary form of coin-holding purse. It consists of a simple pocket bounded by the lines *a b*, which indicate the closed sides, and the line *b b*, which indicates the closed bottom. The  
35 line *a a* indicates the open end, constituting the mouth of the purse. At this end is the flap D, attached to or formed continuous with the back of the purse and adapted to fold down over the front and thus to close the  
40 mouth.

On the back of the purse shown in Fig. 2 is the bill-holder. This is formed by two wings E E, attached to the margin, or, as I prefer, formed continuous with the material of the  
45 back. These wings are preferably of the same size as the back of the purse, and the whole is so proportioned that when the wings are opened and laid flat they, with the back of the purse, form a surface equal, at least, to the area of a bill. The wings fold at the margin of the back, and when the bills have been

laid upon the back and wings, the wings are folded down one on top of the other, as illustrated in Fig. 3. An elastic strap is shown as forming a holder to keep the flaps in place; 55 but a catch or any well-known holder may be used instead. The elastic strap F is attached by inserting the ends and sewing in the ordinary manner.

In Figs. 4 and 5 I have shown the bill- 60 holder applied to the Capehart purse. In this the wings E E are in the same manner attached to or form a part of the back G of the purse and are folded down upon the bills in the manner above described, and also, in the 65 same way as above, held by an elastic strap or other fastening.

In both forms illustrated, or with any equivalent form of purse, the flaps are combined with or form a part of the back of the 70 purse, no frame is required, a great saving of material is effected in the manufacture, and the article is very convenient.

In one flap of the bill-holder I form a pocket 75 for tickets or postage-stamps. This is made by stitching or otherwise attaching to the flap a thin piece of leather in the ordinary manner. By folding this down first and the other flap over it the stamps are protected and kept in good condition. 80

I am aware that purses have been provided with bill-holding attachments—as, for example, in the United States Patent No. 262,486, wherein a flap having folding edges is attached to a purse and is adapted to fold about 85 it. In my invention the flaps are attached to or form a part of the back of the purse itself and fold down on said back.

I claim as my invention—

A combined purse and bill-holder, the bill- 90 holder being formed of two overlapping wings attached to or forming a part of opposite sides of the back of the purse, the fold of said wings being on the margins of the back, substantially as described. 95

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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