

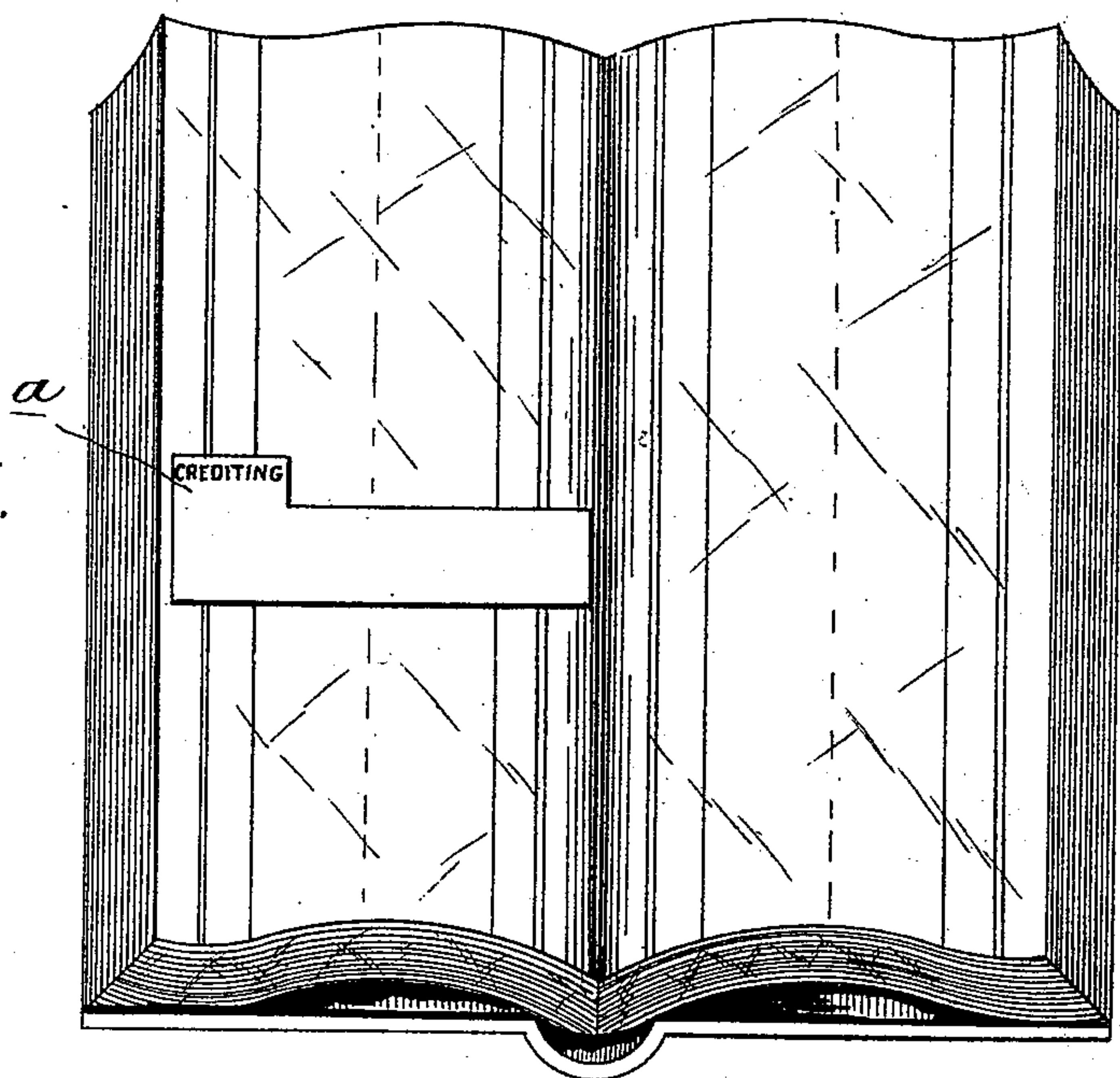
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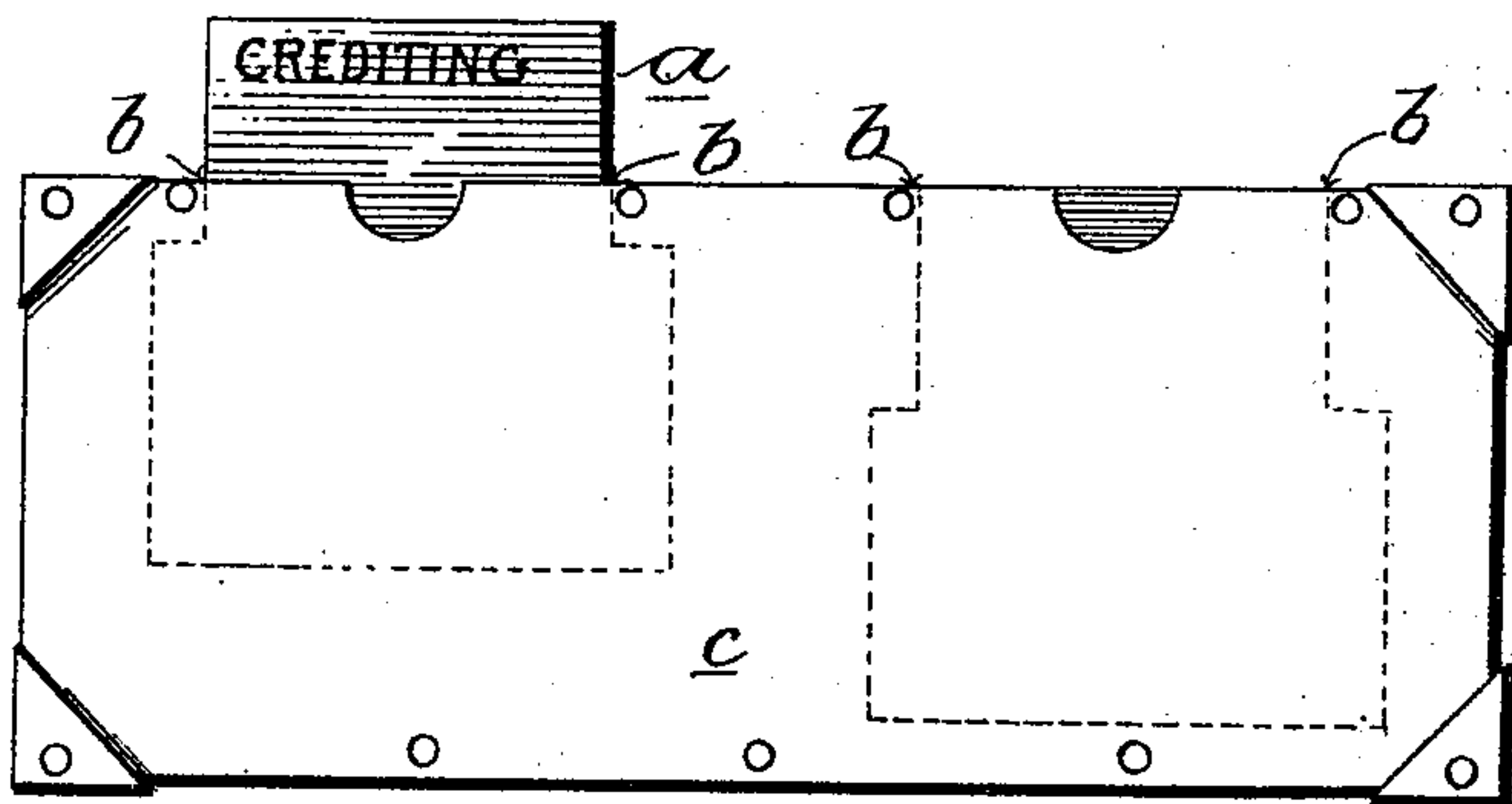
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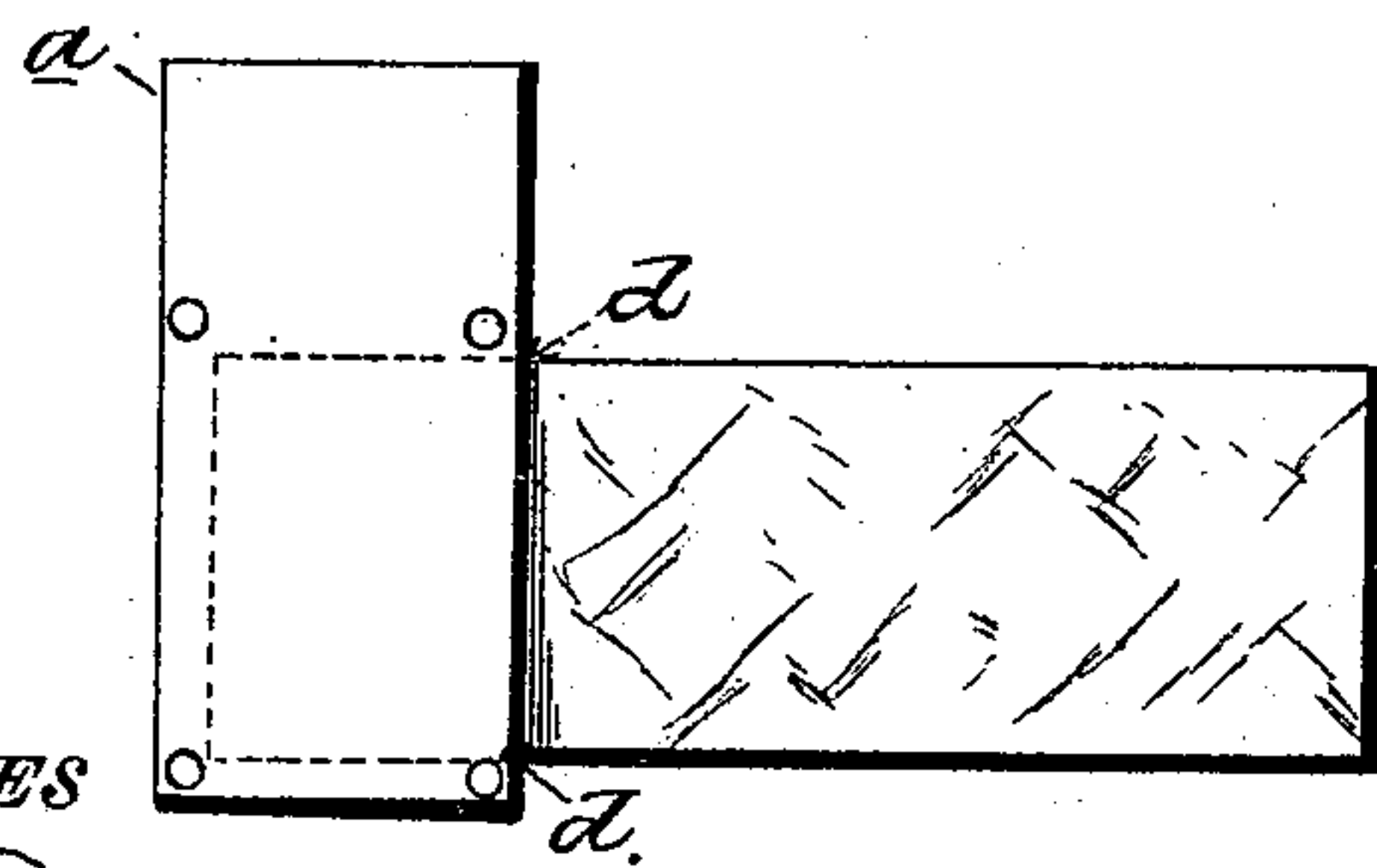
*Fig. 1.*



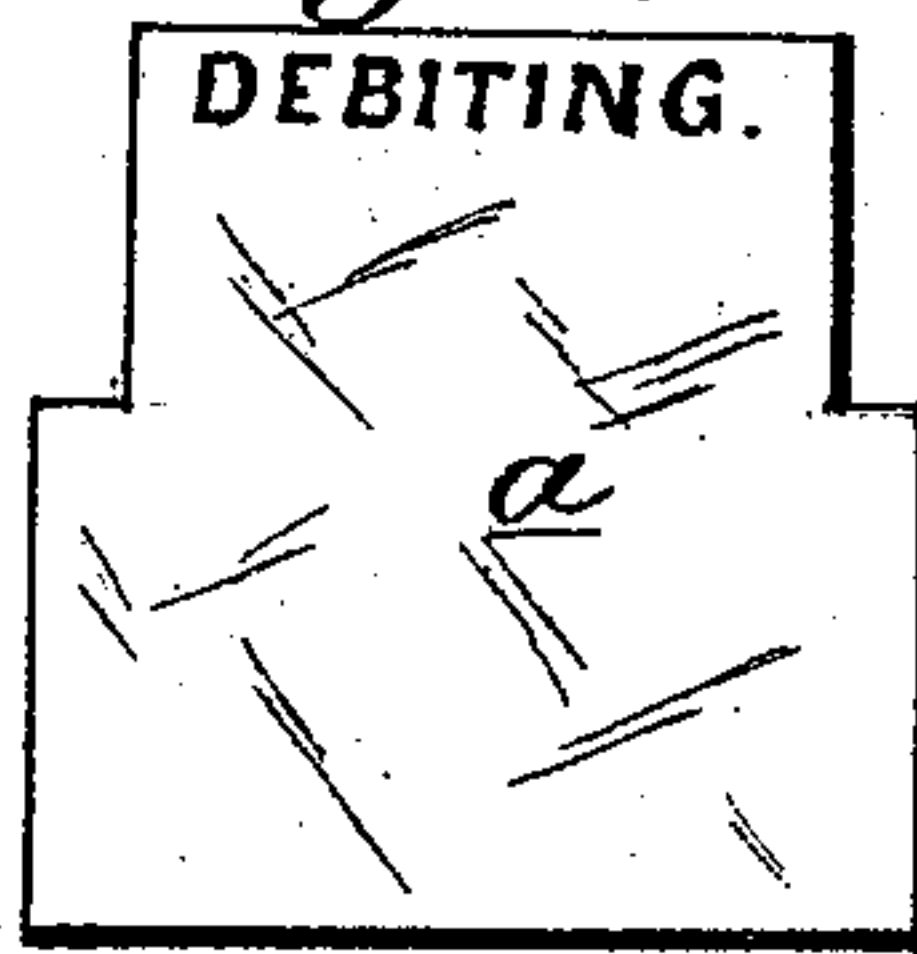
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## BLOTTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTER S. DAVIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at La Crosse, in the county of La Crosse and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blotters, as set forth in the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1, is a perspective view showing one of my blotters and its application to a ruled page or sheet. Fig. 2, represents a blotter having pockets or recesses at its ends to receive slidable pieces which form extensions of the blotter. Fig. 3, is a modification of Fig. 2. Fig. 4, is a detail of one of the removable tabs.

My invention relates to blotters especially designed to facilitate the posting of accounts in ledgers, and to prevent the entering of items on the wrong side of the ledger account, and my invention consists broadly in providing the blotter with a lateral extension adapted to cover a portion of the column of the ledger at one side to serve as a warning and to prevent the book-keeper or accountant from entering items in the wrong column.

My invention also consists in providing the blotter with a holder or pad in which supplemental pieces or tabs are mounted and adapted to be drawn outwardly to form extensions at right angles to said holder or pad whereby said extensions or tabs will extend over a portion of one of the columns in the ledger when the entries are being made in the other column whereby entries in the wrong column is prevented.

To enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same I will now describe its construction and indicate the manner in which the same is carried out.

In carrying out my invention I provide with a blotter, a portion or tab *a* which is designed to form a right angled extension at one side of the body of the blotter or pad, said extension or tab having upon one side the word "Crediting" and upon the other side "Debiting" and such other subject matter as may be desired. The extension or tab *a* may be integral with the blotting sheet or pad as

in Fig. 1, or may be secured as shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

In Fig. 2 I illustrate a blotting pad, where one or more sheets *c* of celluloid or other material are secured to the blotting sheets in such a manner as to leave pockets *b* near the ends of the sheets or pad, and within said pockets the supplemental pieces or tabs *a* are located and adapted to slide in and out when desired to form right angled extensions either at the credit or debit end of the blotter. In using a blotter of this kind the tabs or pieces *a* should be constructed so that they cannot be entirely detached from the pad or holder, and this may be done by any suitable means, as by making the tabs T-shaped with their head portions inserted in the portions and adapted to contact with stops formed by the walls of the opening through which the tabs are drawn out, or by rivets or other suitable means.

In Fig 3 the end of the blotting sheet is passed into a pocket *d* formed in the side edge of a holder or pad and may be permanent therewith or removable therefrom as desired.

In using my blotter and posting the accounts on the credit side, the blotter is laid upon the page with the tab extended and the side having the word "Crediting" on it uppermost and covering a portion of the debit column to prevent the entry of items in said column. In posting items in the debit column the blotter is reversed, or the tab at the debit side pushed back into its pocket, and the tab at the credit side pulled out or extended so that it lies at the right hand side of the page and partially covers the credit column to prevent entries on that side of the ledger page; the pad being also used for the ordinary purpose of a blotter on the page.

In using the holder or pad of Fig. 3 with its pocket as shown and described, I am enabled to utilize the customary blotting sheets and at the same time cause the extended portion of the pad or holder to serve as a tab for the purposes before explained.

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

1. A blotter provided with a lateral extension—

sion at one side having one of its surfaces designated "Crediting" and the other "Debiting."

2. A blotter having a holder or pad provided with a pocket or guide, in combination with a  
5 tab mounted to slide in said pocket or guide and to be drawn therefrom to form an extension at one end of the blotter opposite to the

column in which entries are to be made, substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

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