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Fig 1.

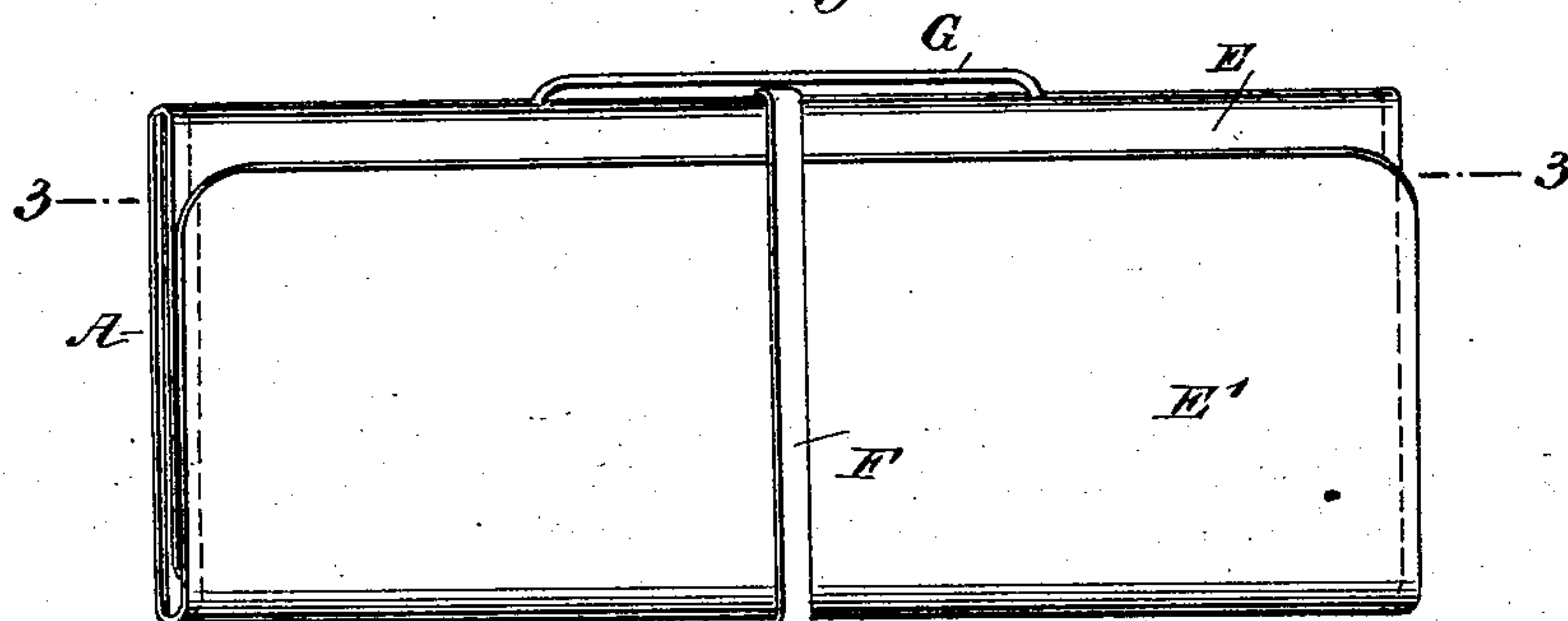


Fig 2.

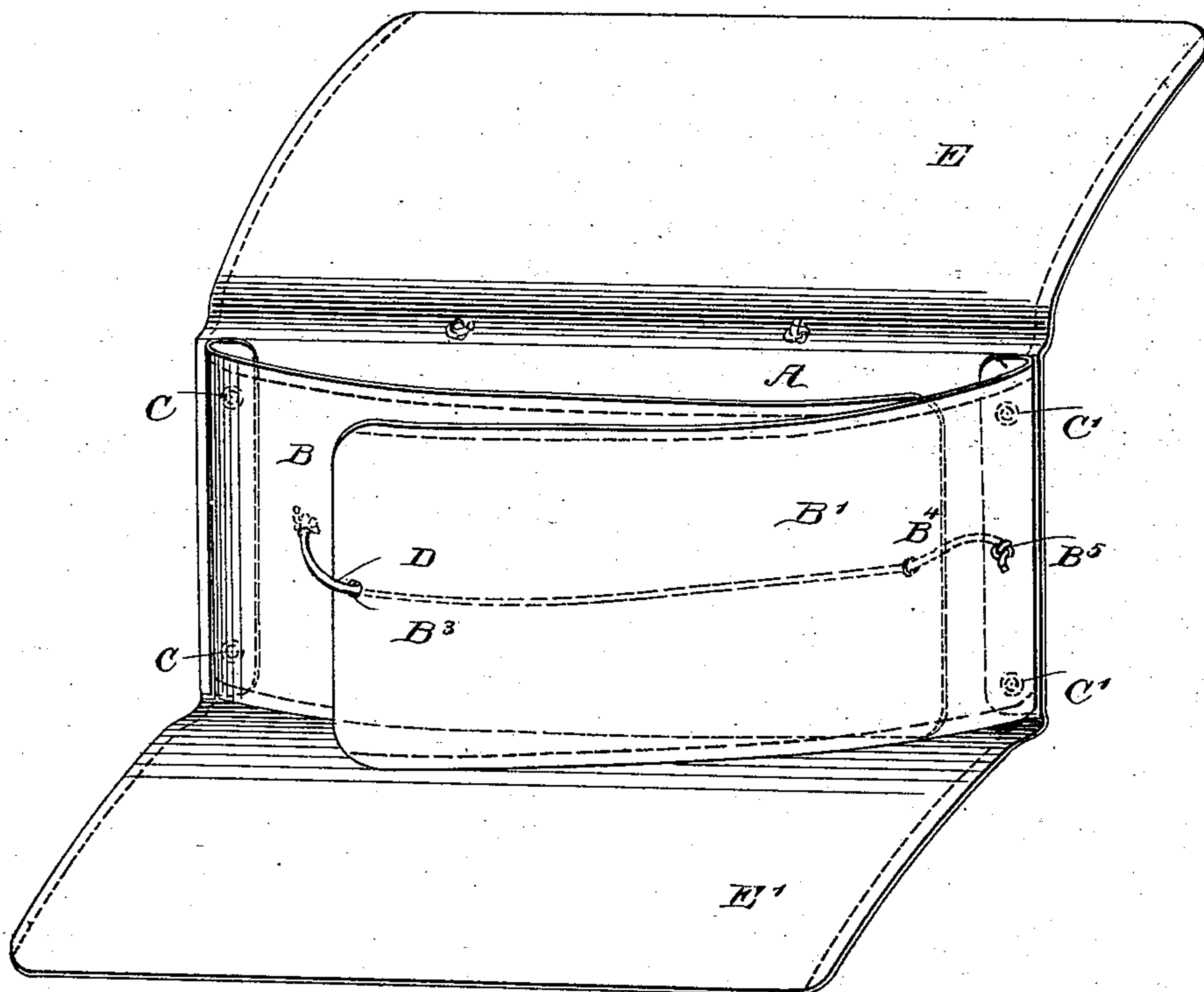


Fig 3.

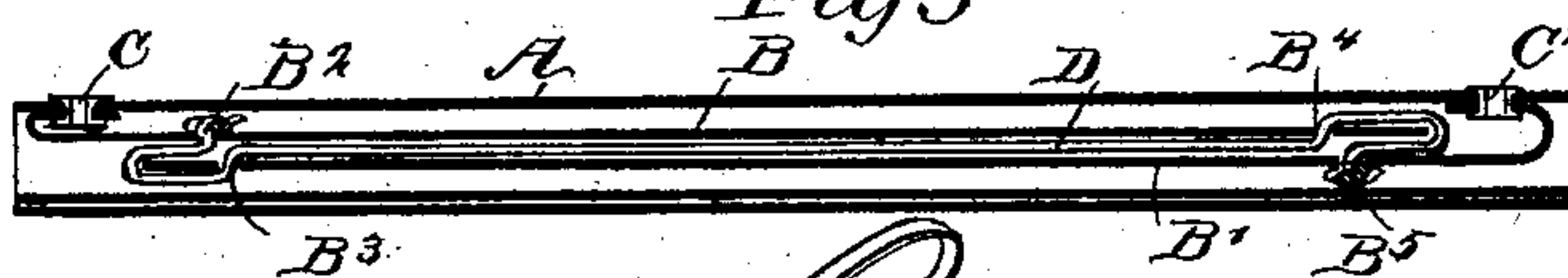
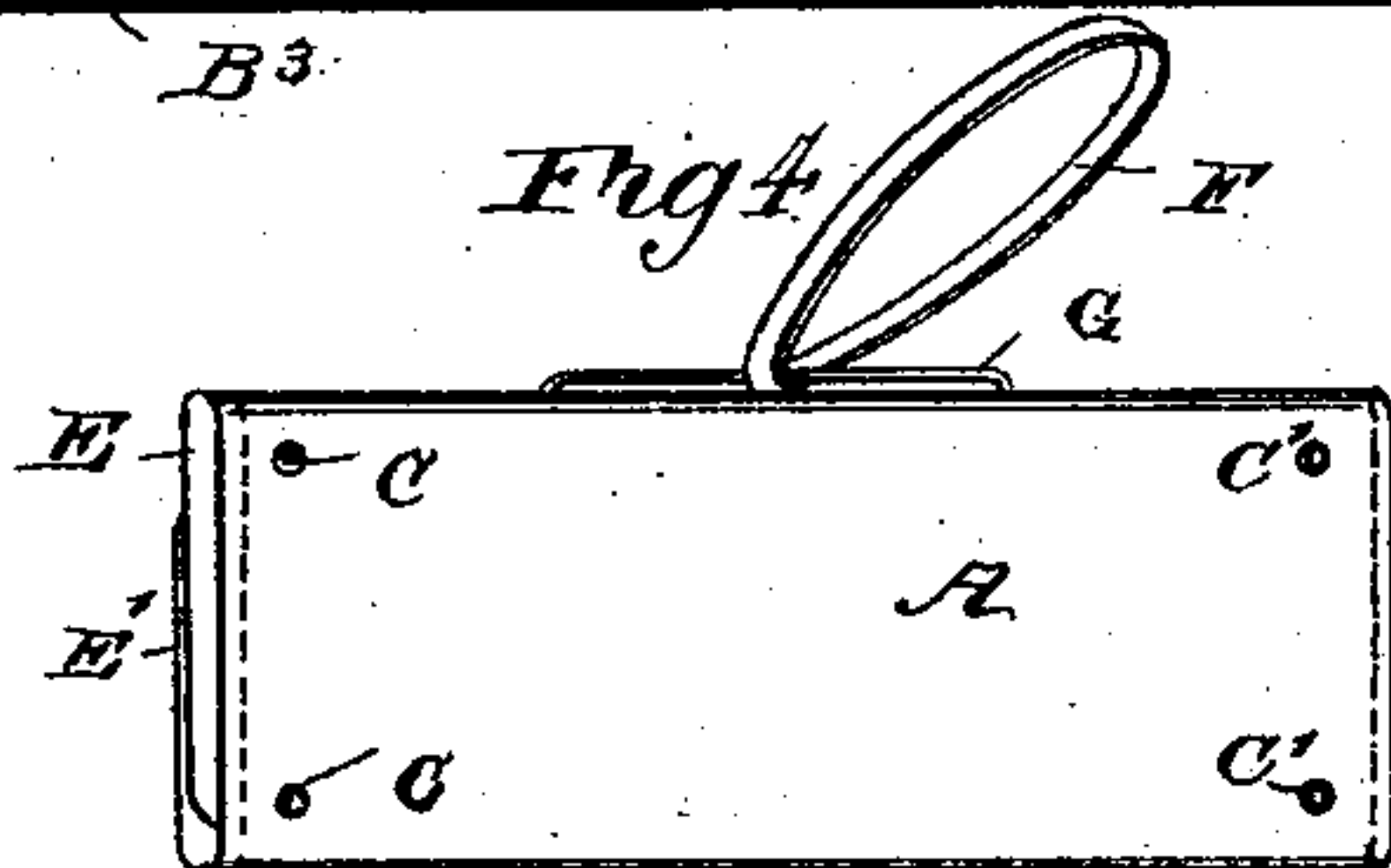


Fig 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MALCOLM SCOUGALE, of Fort Worth, in the county of Tarrant and State of Texas, have invented a new and Improved Envelope, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved envelope, which is simple and durable in construction, and arranged to readily expand to accommodate a large number of letters, documents, or other matter.

The invention consists of two overlapping end flaps connected with each other by a band and forming, with the front, an expansible pocket for the accommodation of the documents, a top flap and a bottom flap adapted to be folded one above the other, and both over the end flaps, and a band for holding the top and bottom flaps closed.

The invention also consists of certain parts and details, and combinations of the same, as will be hereinafter described and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement in a closed position. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same in an open position. Fig. 3 is a sectional plan view of the same on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 4 is a reduced front perspective view of the improvement.

The improved envelope is provided with the front A, from the sides of which extend the end flaps B and B', either formed integrally with the front A, or fastened thereto by eyelets C C' or other means. The two end flaps are adapted to overlap one another, and are connected with each other by a band D, preferably made of flexible material, the band being fastened at B² to the end flap B, near its fastening end, and then the band passes through an aperture B³ formed near the free end of the flap B', then through an aperture B⁴ formed near the free end of the flap B, and then the end of the band D is fastened at B⁵ to the overlapping flap B' near the fastening end thereof. By this arrangement, the two flaps B and B' can readily expand so as to form a large pocket between the flaps and the front A, to accommodate a large number of letters, documents, or other matter.

From the upper edge of the front A extends a top flap E adapted to close over the flaps B, B', and on this flap E is adapted to fold a bottom flap E' extending from the lower edge of the front A, as shown. Thus, when the several flaps are closed, as illustrated in Fig. 1, the matter arranged in the expansible pocket formed between the front A and flaps B and B', is securely locked in place, as endwise movement is prevented by the flaps B, B', and up and down movement by the flaps E, E'.

In order to hold the flaps E, E' in a closed position, I provide a band F, preferably made of a flexible material such as rubber, and held in a staple G secured to the upper end of the front A at the joint with the flap E. This staple G may be in the nature of an elastic band or may be of metal, as desired.

It will be seen that the band F can be readily withdrawn from the front A and the flaps E, E', to extend only from the staple G, as illustrated in Fig. 4, to permit of conveniently opening the flaps E and E' for the purpose of inserting the documents.

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

1. An envelope, comprising a front, two end flaps extending from the ends of the front, overlapping each other, and secured together by a flexible band, a top flap, a bottom flap adapted to be folded over the top flap, and a band secured to the upper part of the front for holding the top and bottom flaps closed, substantially as described.

2. In an envelope, the combination with a front and top and bottom flaps, of end flaps extending from the ends of the front and overlapping each other, and a flexible band passed through apertures near the free ends of the said flaps and having its ends secured to the flaps near their fastened ends, substantially as described.

3. An envelope, consisting of a front, end flaps extending from the ends of the front and overlapping one another, a flexible band securing the end flaps together, a top flap, a bottom flap, and an elastic band secured to the front by a staple, substantially as set forth.

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