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BILL BOOK.

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Fig. 1.

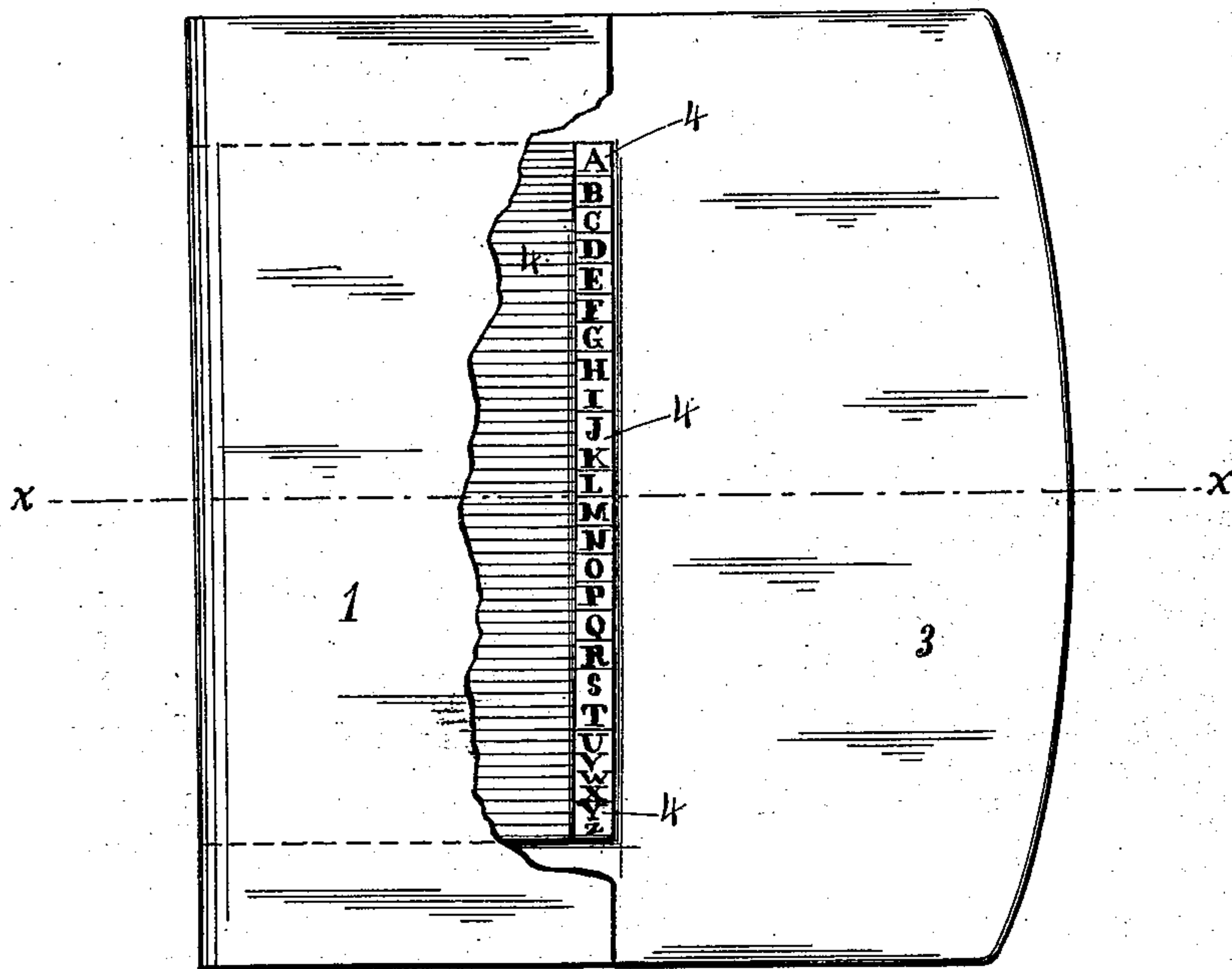


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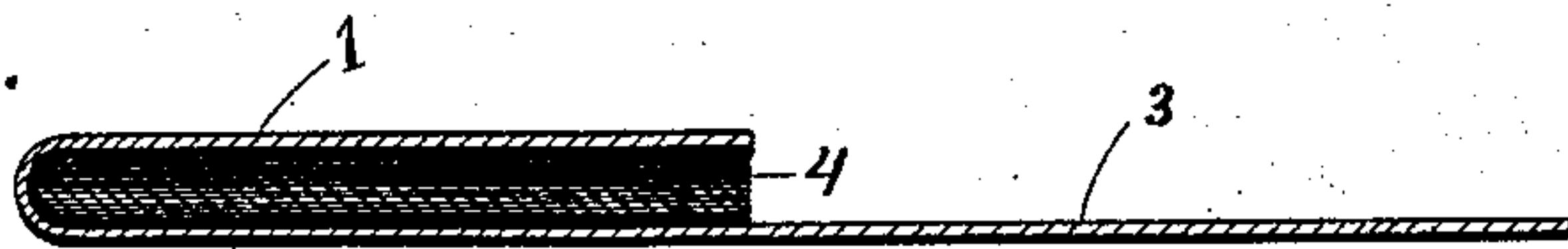


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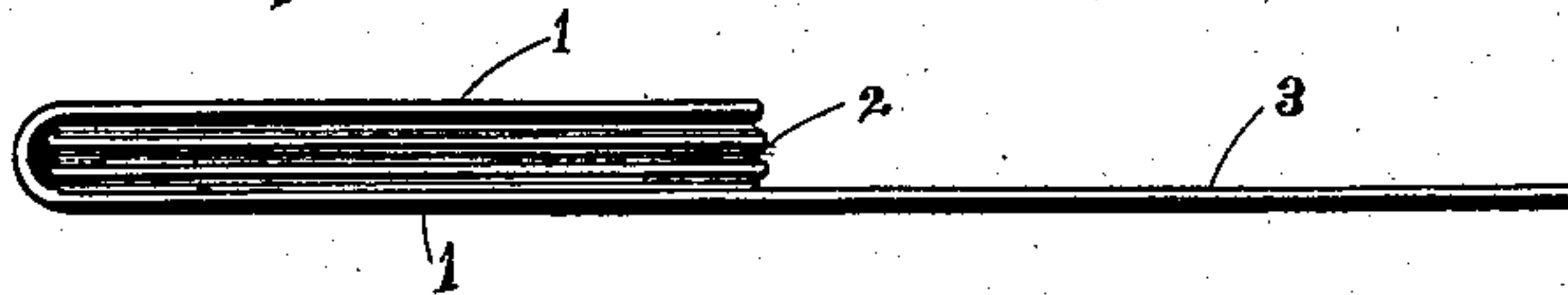


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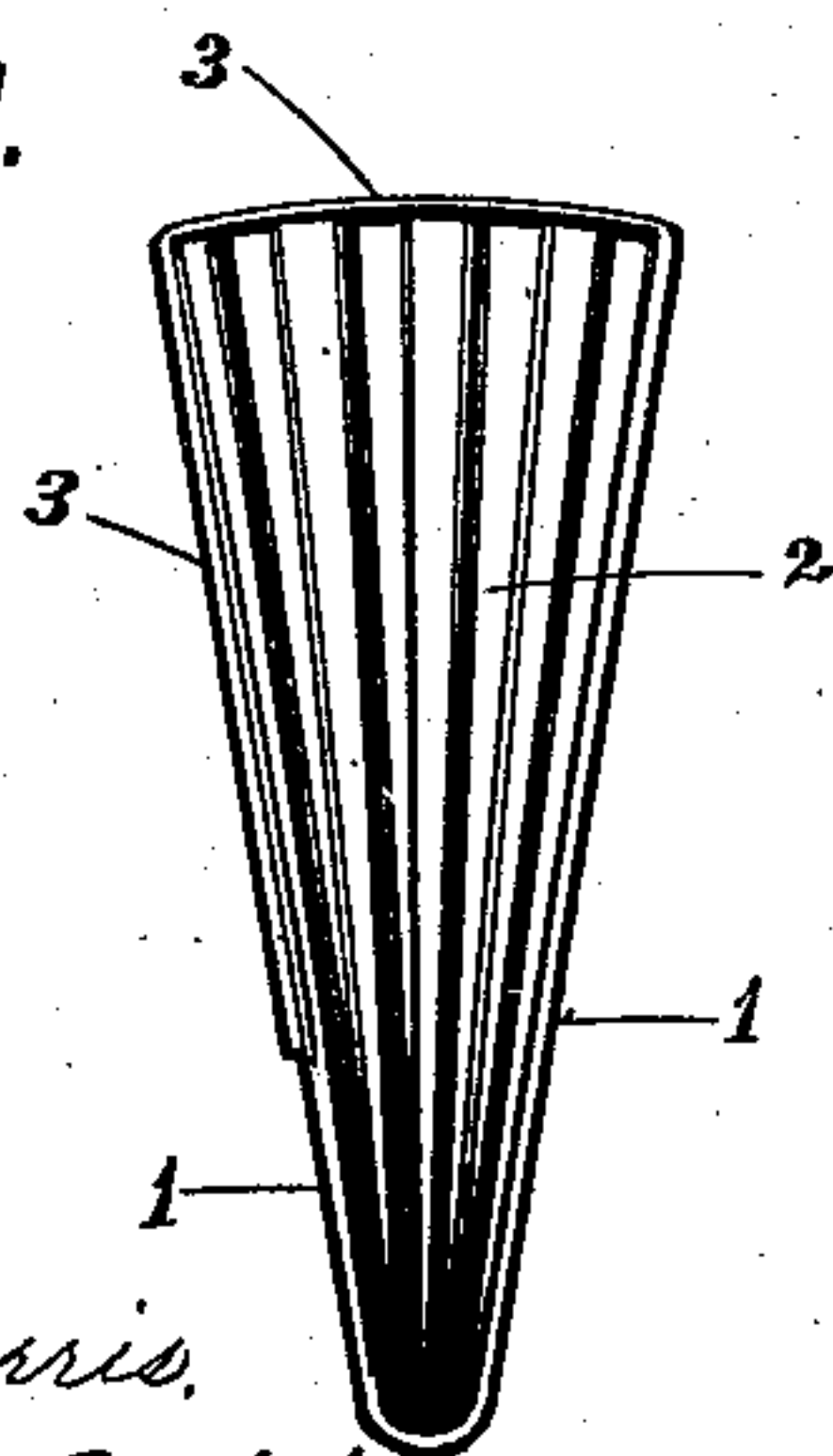
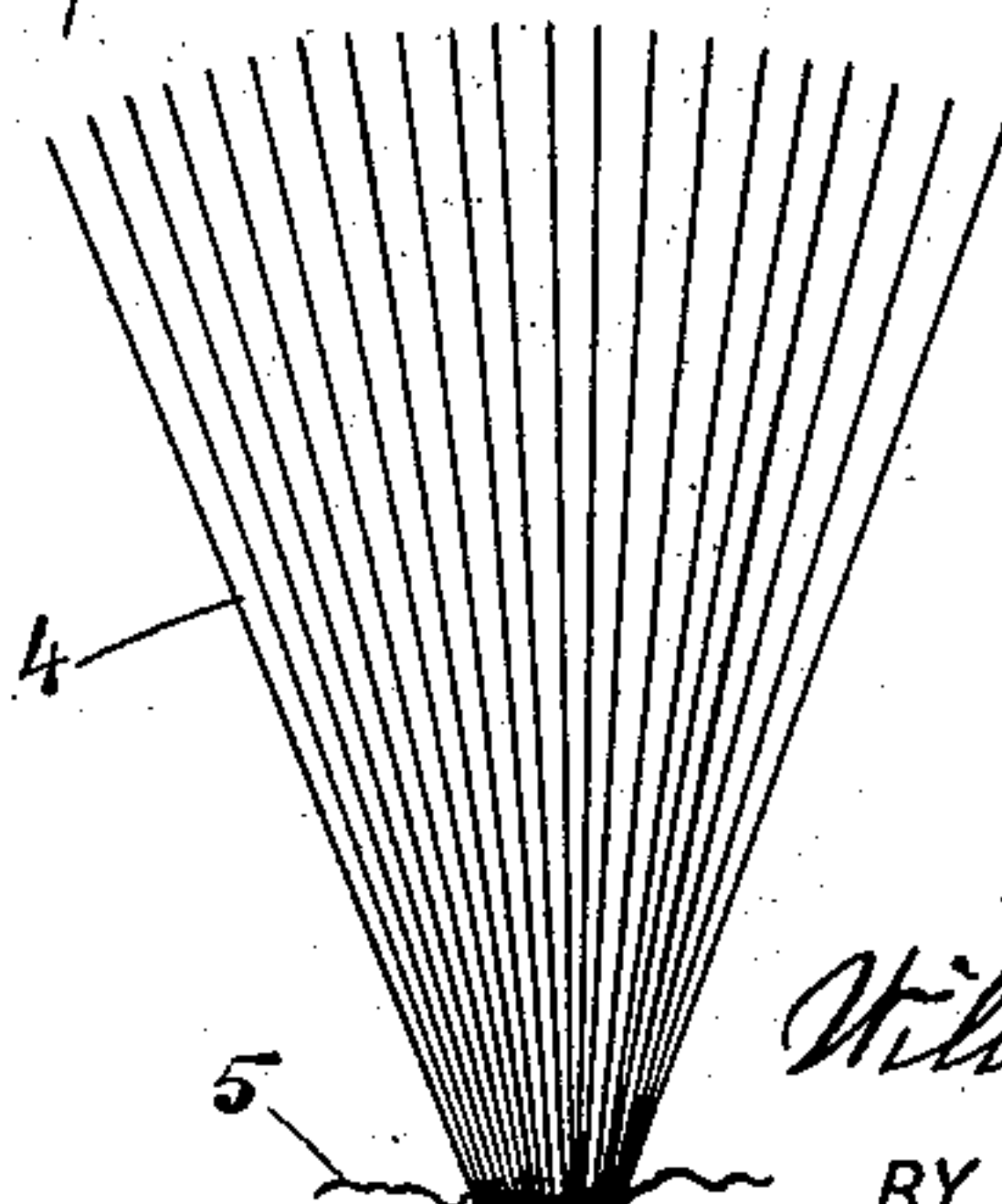


Fig. 5.



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BILL-BOOK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. DECKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Muskegon, in the county of Muskegon and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bill-Books, of which the following, with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

My invention relates to bill books, and its object is a simple, convenient and comparatively inexpensive device for carrying bills wherein bills may be conveniently arranged to be easily found; and to provide for using the full expansibility of the book without reference to the relative space filled between the leaves of the book.

The invention consists in the details of construction and combination of parts as described herein and defined in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my book open, part of the pocket being broken away. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of Fig. 1 on the line $x x$. Fig. 3 is an end view of my book partly expanded. Fig. 4 is a sectional view of Fig. 1 on the line $x x$ with the separable leaves removed, and Fig. 5 is an end view of the separable leaves removed from the pocket.

Like numerals of reference in the different figures of the drawings refer to like parts.

1 is a pocket, having expansible ends 2, and a flexible flap 3 to lap over the open side of the book to close it. Within the pocket 1 is placed a series of leaves 4, which are fastened together at their lower edge by a thread 5, or secured together by other suitable means. These leaves are indexed on their outer edge by cutting the edge of the leaves away and placing on them the letters of the alphabet, as illustrated by Fig. 1. These leaves are made shorter than the inside of the pocket, and are secured within the pocket in any suitable manner.

The purpose of making the leaves 4 shorter than the pocket is to allow the pocket to expand freely without reference to the relative space filled between the different leaves 4 by bills or papers. In this manner, if many bills be placed between any two leaves and few or no bills be placed between other leaves, the whole expansion of the pocket is utilized for the space occupied by the inclosed bills wherever placed. This could not be done if the

leaves extended to the ends of the book, as then the only room between any two leaves would be the expansion of that part of the end opposite these two leaves; and when the space between some of the leaves is filled and others not filled, only a part of the expansion of the ends could be used.

Upon the pocket, under the flap 3 is placed a memoranda 6, as illustrated. This memoranda may be made of slate or other material from which pencil marks may be erased, or it may be a removable pad from which used slips may be torn. This enables the user to keep trace of collections made, engagements, &c. The book may also be made with expansible back (not shown), and two or more pockets may be combined together in one book.

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

1. The combination, in a bill-book, of a pocket 1 having expansible ends 2 and a flexible flap 3, with a series of leaves that are shorter than the inside of the pocket, said leaves being indexed on their outer edge with the letters of the alphabet, and being fastened together at their lower edge and secured within the pocket, whereby the full expansibility of the book is used without reference to the relative space filled between the several leaves of the book, substantially as shown and described.

2. A bill-book having a pocket provided with expansible ends and a flexible flap, a memoranda blank secured to the side of the book over which the flexible flap laps, and a series of leaves that are shorter than the inside of the pocket, said leaves being indexed on their outer edge with the letters of the alphabet, and being fastened together at their lower edge and secured within the pocket whereby the full expansibility of the book is used without reference to the relative space filled between the several leaves of the book, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses, this 14th day of April, 1892.

WILLIAM S. DECKER.

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