

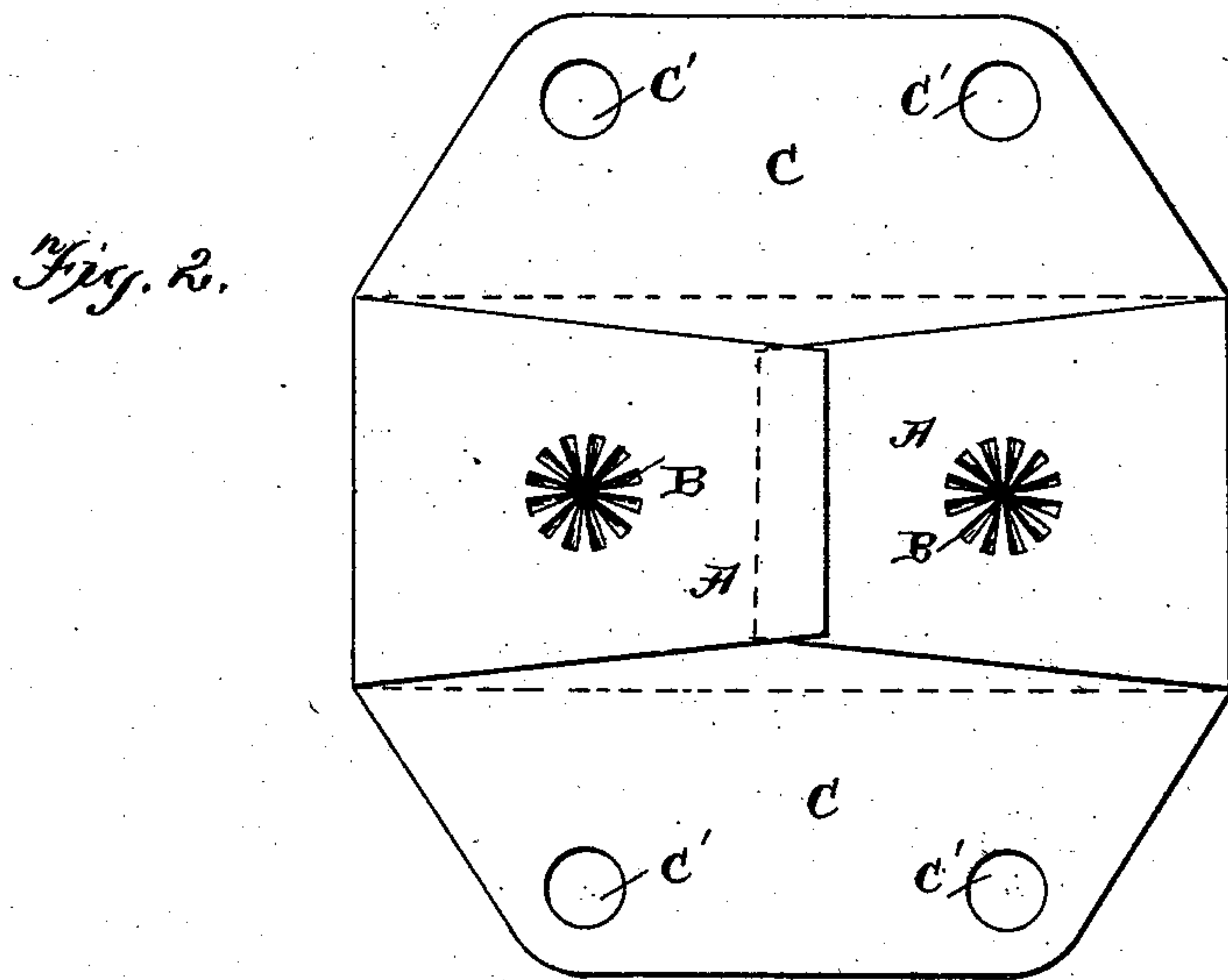
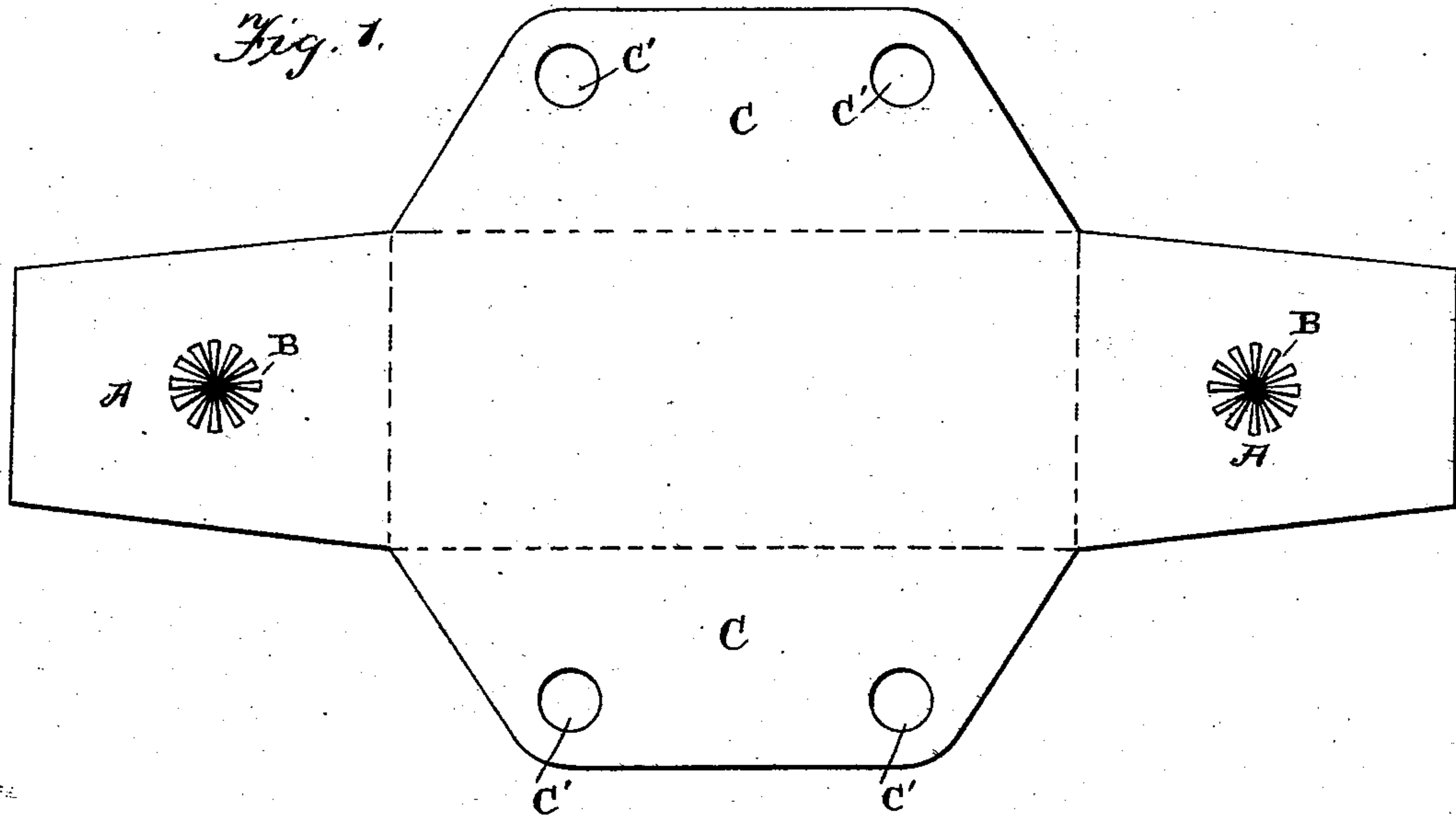
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Fig. 3.

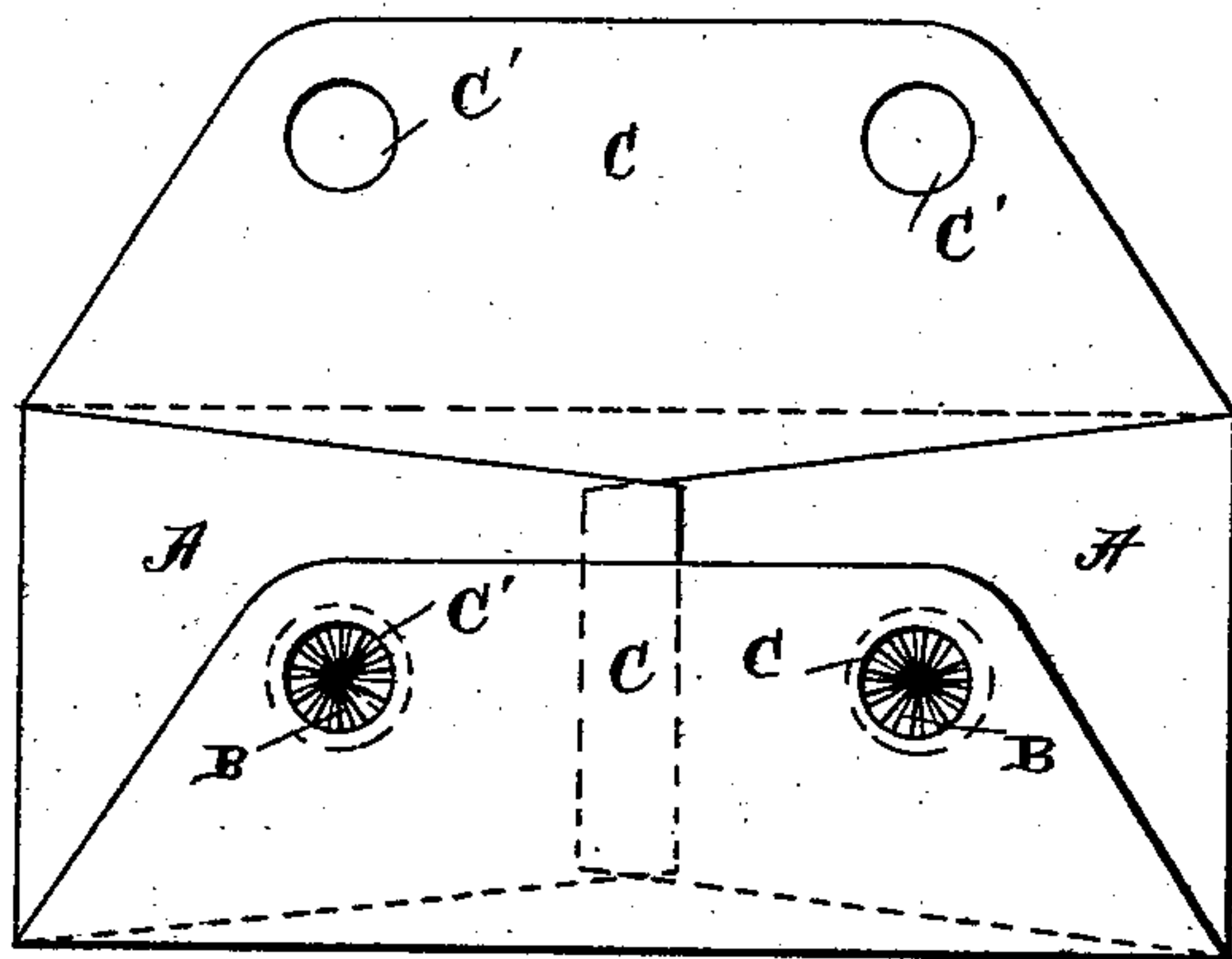


Fig. 4.

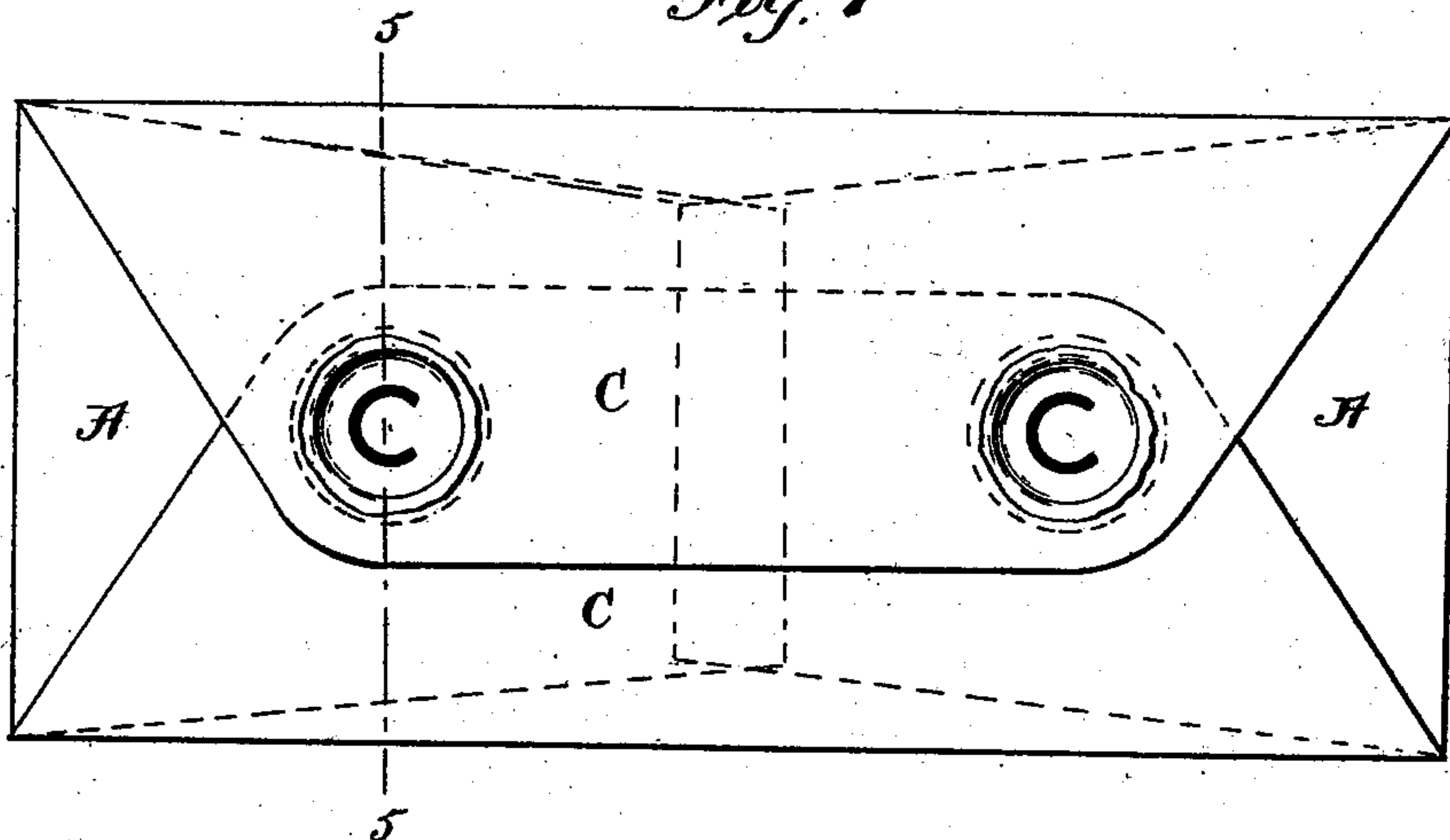
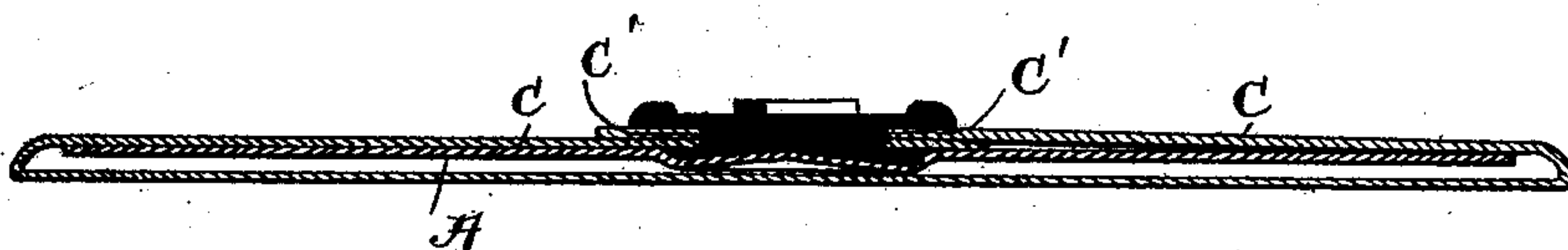


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. CAMERON, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Money-Envelopes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in money envelopes; and the object of the same is to provide an envelope of improved construction whereby when it has been once sealed it will be practically impossible to open the same without defacing the body of the envelope.

The invention consists in the novel features of construction hereinafter fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the blank of my improved envelope. Fig. 2 is a view of the same with the end flap folded in place. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing all the flaps in place with the exception of the upper or sealing flap. Fig. 4 shows the envelope closed and sealed. Fig. 5 is a cross sectional view on line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

A are the end flaps of the envelope blank which are folded inward and pasted as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 2. Each flap is formed with a roughened or serrated surface B which are directly beneath perforations B' in bottom flap C when the latter is folded over on the end flap as indicated in Fig. 3; the said bottom flap being pasted as indicated by the dotted line in Fig. 3. The top flap D is also provided with perforations which register with those of bottom flap C so that when the envelope has been closed as indicated in Fig. 4 the perforations of the top and bottom flaps register and are directly over the serrated surfaces of the end flaps. Molten wax is then poured over or into these perforations for sealing in the usual manner and the same runs down through the channels of the corrugated or roughened surfaces, spread-

ing out therein beneath the bottom flap and the said wax when spread or flattened by the seal or press upon the outer side of the envelope forms a most secure hold for both the top and bottom flaps, the wax which spreads over the serrated surface forming an enlargement or head for the bottom of the seal while the stamp on the outer side has similarly spread that portion of the wax thus completely closing and holding solid in rivet fashion the top and bottom flaps of the envelopes.

It will be apparent that an envelope sealed as herein shown and described cannot be opened without either breaking the seal or lacerating the paper, as it is quite impossible to remove the seal bodily without tearing the paper and in opening the envelope without tearing it, it becomes absolutely necessary to break the seal.

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

1. An improved envelope having one portion provided with channels, and a flap or overlapping portion having perforations of smaller extent than the said channels and with which said perforations are adapted to register when the flap is closed, whereby when sealing material is applied it will spread in the channels and thus be caused to engage the inner as well as the outer surface of the overlapping portion, substantially as shown and described.

2. An improved envelope having one portion provided with radially arranged channels and a flap or overlapping portion having perforations smaller than the channels but adapted to register therewith when the flap is closed, whereby when sealing material is applied it will be evenly spread by said channels and be caused to engage the inner as well as the outer surface of the overlapping portion, substantially as shown and described.

3. An improved envelope having oppositely arranged flaps folded inward and each having channels formed therein, a second set of oppositely arranged flaps adapted to fold transversely over the first named flaps, said

second flaps having registering perforations
of less extent than said channels with which
they are coincident when folded, whereby
when sealing material is applied the same
5 will be spread by said channels beneath the
inner one of said second set of flaps, for the
purpose shown and described.

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

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