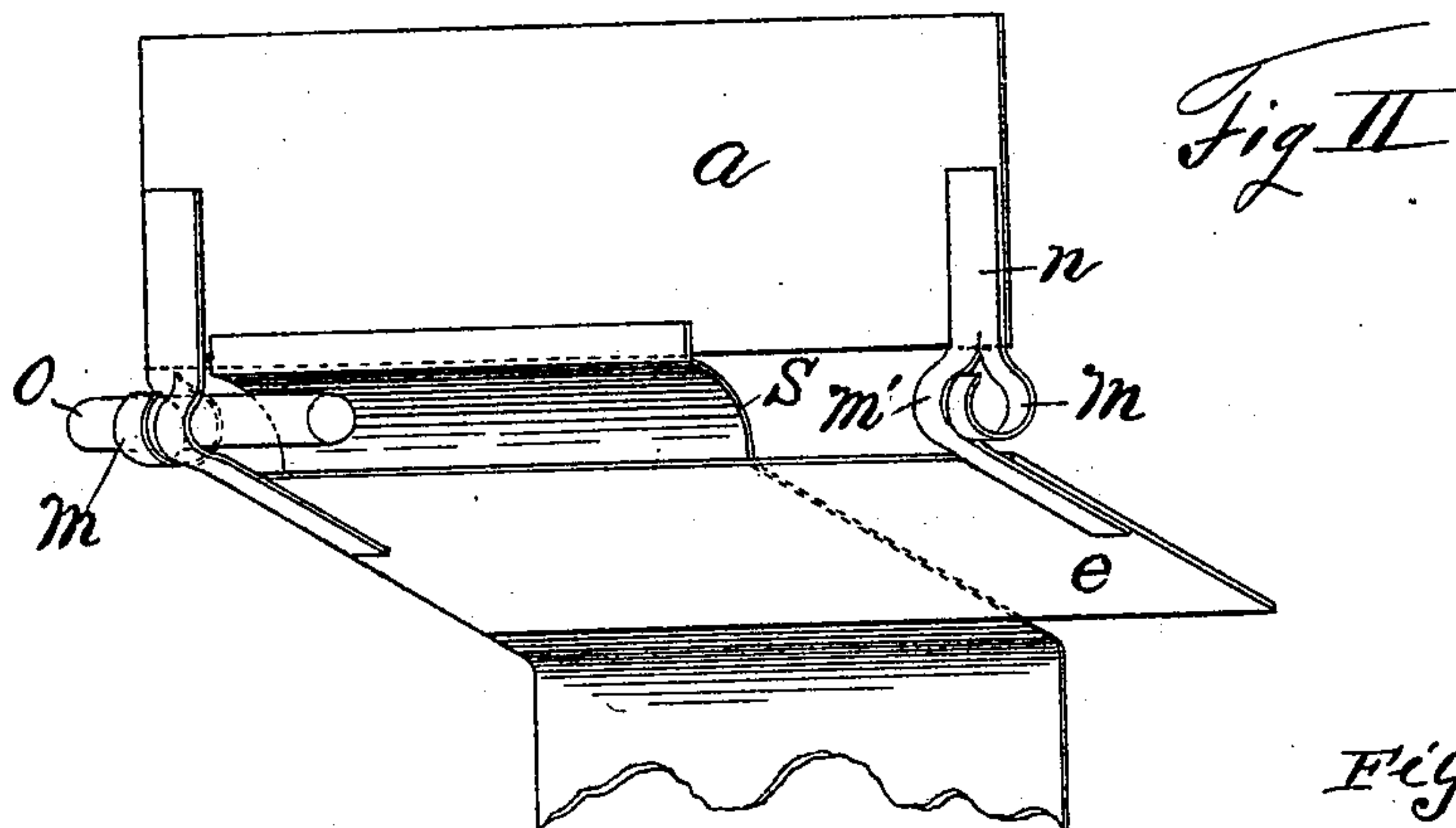


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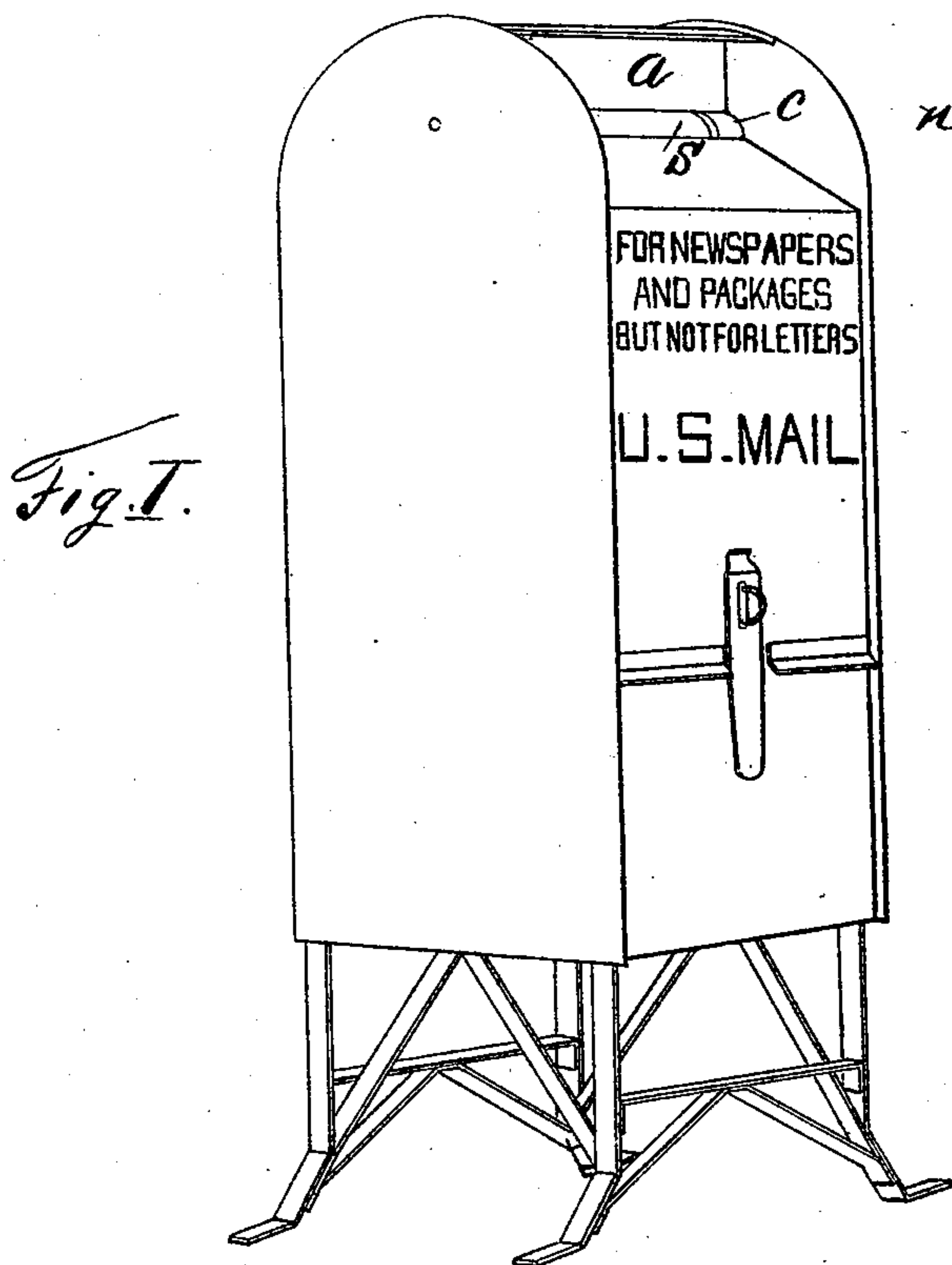
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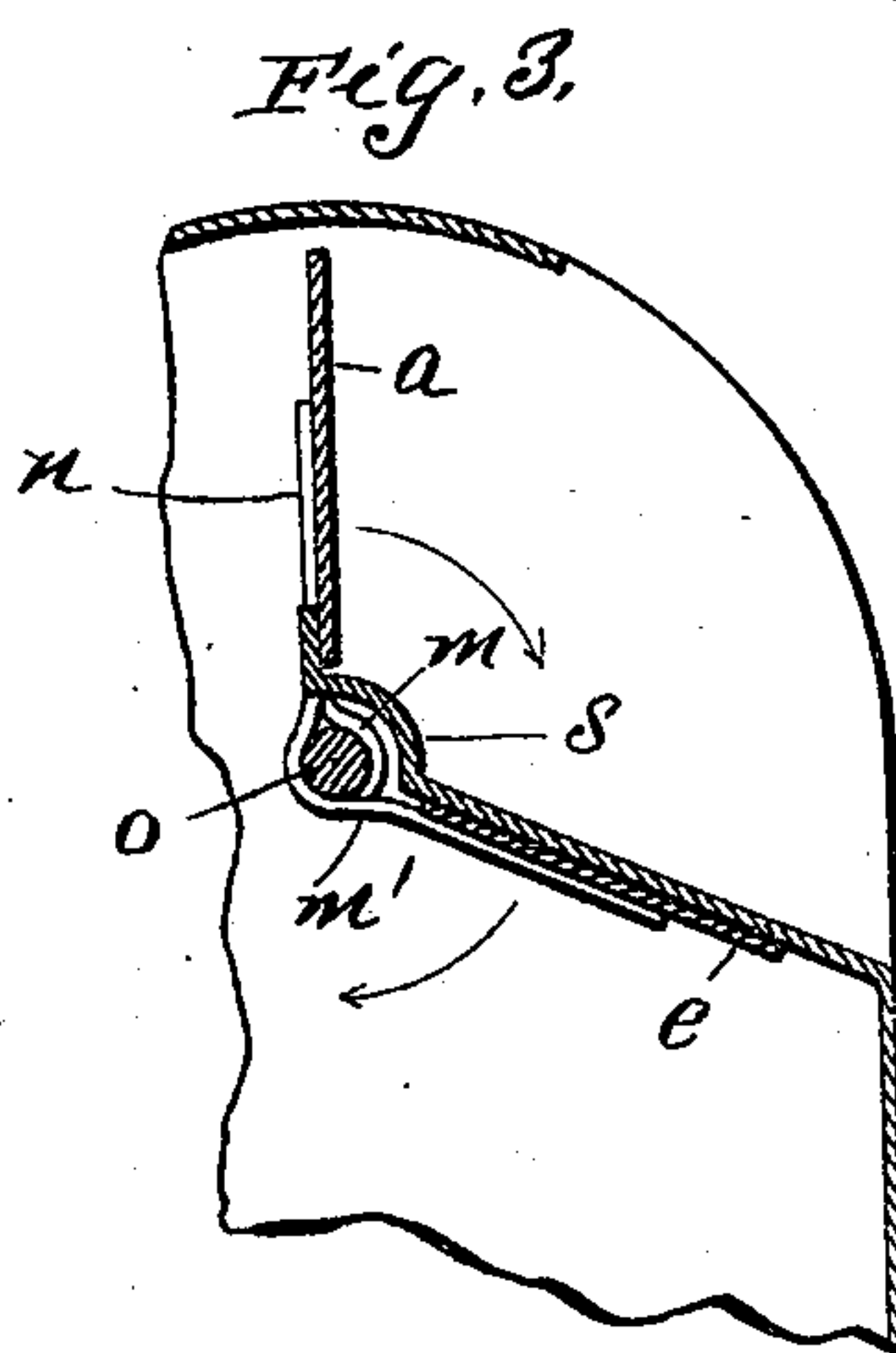
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*Fig. II*



*Fig. I*



*Fig. 3*

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## POSTAL-PACKAGE BOX.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. HUNTINGTON, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Postal-Package Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to postal-package boxes, its object being to arrange the door and its inside flap that hinges to the front of the box in such a way that the front of the box acts as a watershed and prevents water from entering the box during stormy weather.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, my invention is fully illustrated, with similar letters of reference to indicate corresponding parts, as follows:

Figure 1 represents a perspective view showing the form of the box and particularly the front door *a* and hinge portion *c*, which as formerly constructed admitted more or less water during rain-storms. Fig. 2 represents a perspective rear view of the door *a* and inside flap *e*, which are secured together by means of the straps *n*, which, together with the rod *O*, forms the hinge upon which the door operates. Fig. 3 represents a vertical section through the door and flap.

The door *a* is provided with rearwardly-projecting arms, which are not shown in this specification, that act as counterweights to keep the door closed, as shown in Fig. 1. The principal feature of my invention, however, being the hinge, I have omitted to illustrate the counterweight-arms referred to.

To construct my improved hinge, I take a

piece of sheet metal, the requisite size to make the strap *n*. I split this up about two-thirds of its length. One of the straps thus formed I bend, as shown at *M*, Fig. 2, around the rod *O*, and these form the hinge-joint. The twin strap is provided with an offset, as *M*, to clear the rod *O*, and is then bent under at the proper angle to receive the flap *e*. One of the straps *n* is located at each side. The door *a* is riveted to the top of the straps and the flap *e* is riveted to the bottom portions of the same.

The front portion of the box, as shown at *S*, is provided with an offset which fits close to the bolt and extends upward between the door *a* and the flap *e*, so that the lower portion of the door *a* is always on the outside of the portion which forms the box-front.

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

A postal package box constructed as described, and provided with a front portion, a door *a*, flap *e*, hinge strap *n* joining said door and flap, leaving a suitable space between them, said front portion of the box extending upwardly and behind the said door through said space and forming a suitable water shed, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing improvement in postal-package boxes, as above described, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of July, 1895.

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