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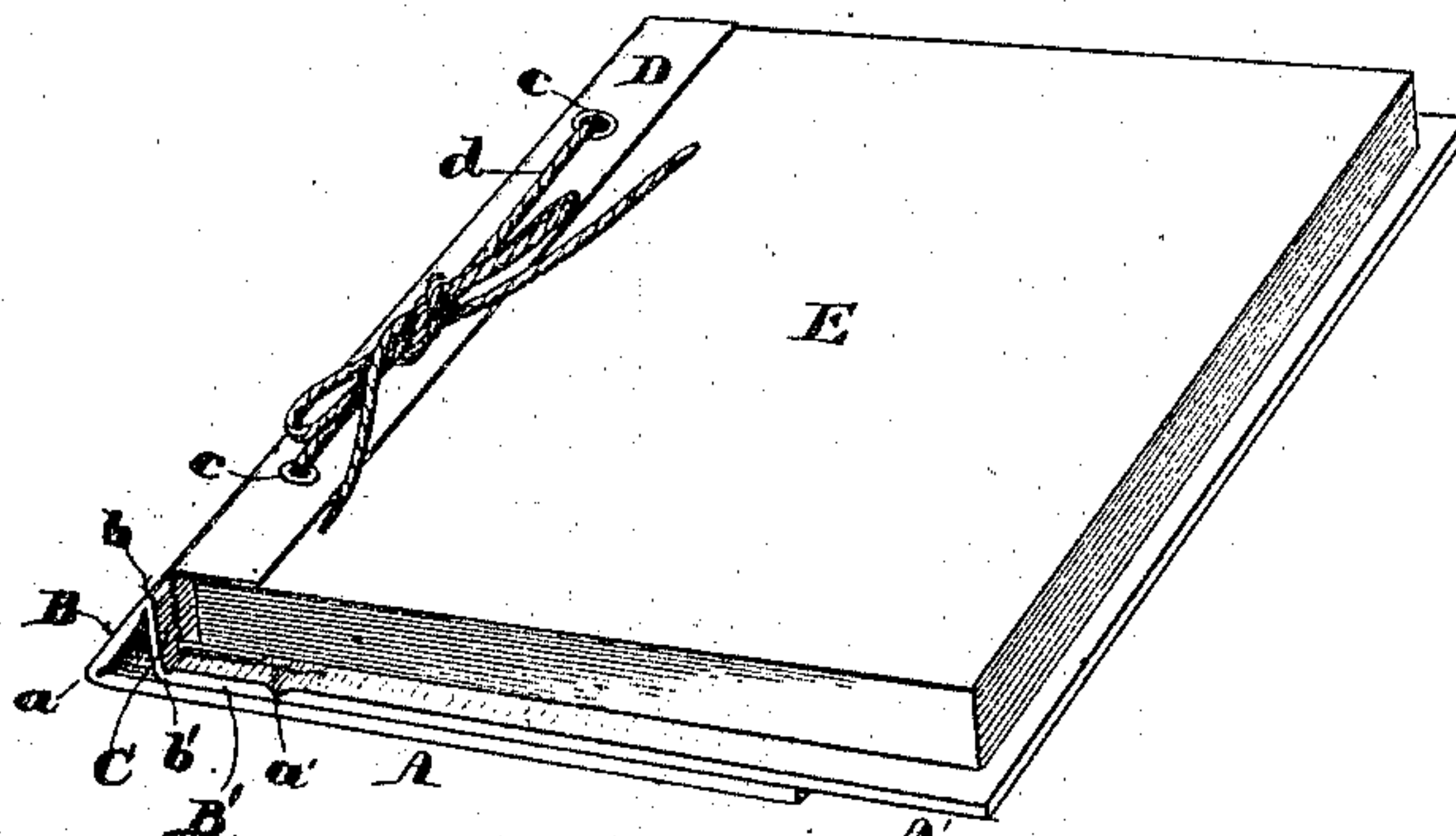


Fig. 1.

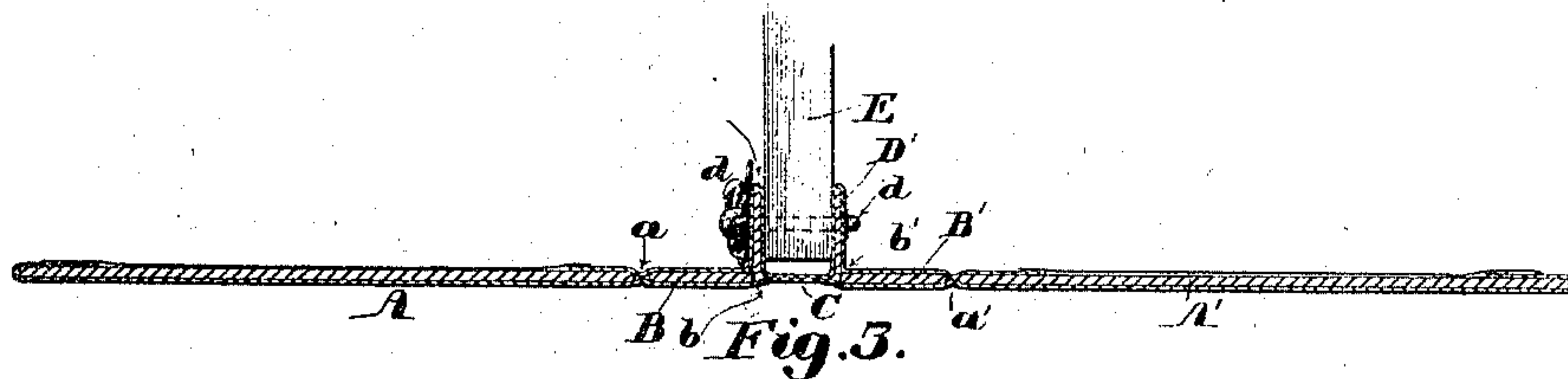


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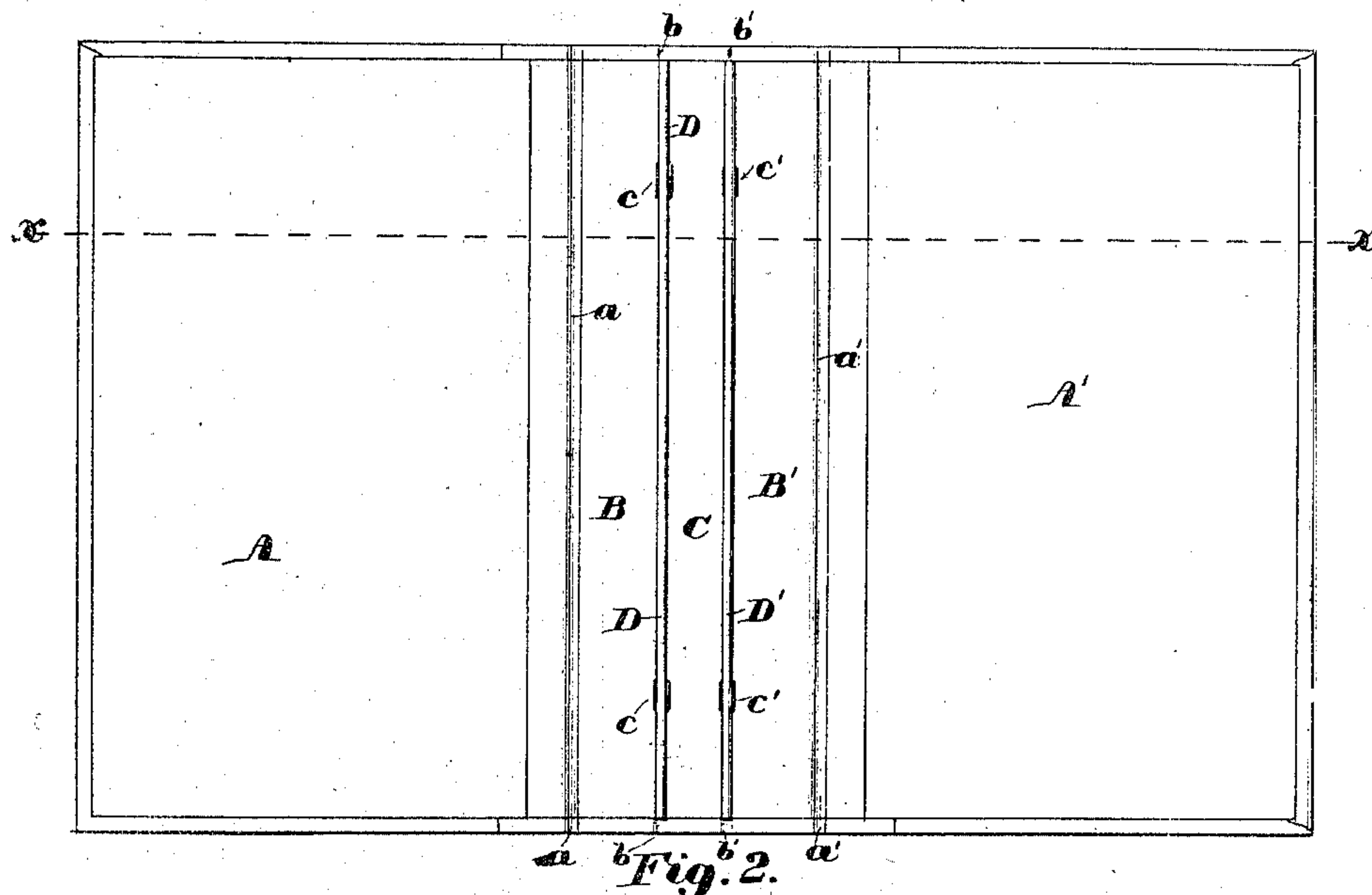


Fig. 2.

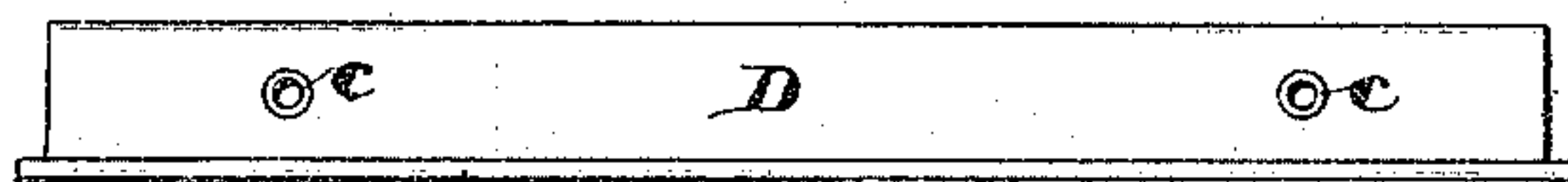


Fig. 4.

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SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 559,219, dated April 28, 1896.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM THOMAS SADLER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Cover for Manuscript or Printed Notes, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

This invention relates to the binding together of loose perforated sheets of manuscript or printed notes of students or others, such as notes of lectures or other data which are required for immediate use or future reference.

The object of this invention is to provide a means for binding such perforated sheets so that there may not appear on the outside of the binder when it is closed any indication that the cover is other than an ordinary book, and, further, to construct such cover so that its two sides may turn back interchangeably one to overlap the other, thereby giving a convenient writing-surface.

By this invention the sheets are connected with the cover by means of one, two, or more perforated strips or tongues, which are suitably attached to the flexible back of the cover, the whole presenting, when closed, the appearance of an ordinary book.

The invention consists of one, two, or more strips or tongues made of cardboard or other suitable material and covered with cloth or other flexible material, such strips or tongues projecting from the flexible back of the cover and attached by means of the cloth thereto. These projecting strips have each one, two, or more eyelet-holes, through which strings, tapes, or brass fasteners may be passed where-with to bind correspondingly-perforated sheets to the strips or tongues. The cloth intermediate between the strips of cardboard and the flexible back of the cover acts as a hinge to allow the entire packet of bound sheets to move within the cover entirely independent of such cover, and since the perforated sheets are attached not to the cover directly, but by means of these strips, either side of the cover may be turned completely back so as to overlap the opposite, thus making the cover serviceable from either end and

converting it, when either side of the cover so overlaps the other, into a convenient lap-tablet.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows in perspective a book-cover provided with my improvement, illustrating its reversible character and use as a lap-tablet. Fig. 2 is a view in plan of the open cover. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of the same, taken on line X X, showing the chute in place. Fig. 4 is an end elevation of the open cover.

Referring to the drawings, A and A' represent the two sides of a stiff book-cover, such as is commonly used for binding perforated sheets of manuscript.

B and B' are two cardboard strips covered with cloth or leather and connected with A and A' by the flexible hinges *a* and *a'*.

C is a flexible back connecting B and B', as in any book-cover.

D and D' are two strips of cardboard or other material covered with cloth or other suitable material, such covering being extended beyond the strips and fastened to the flexible back C, leaving intermediate flexible hinges *b* and *b'*.

*c c'* are eyelet-holes in the projecting strips D and D', through which a cord *d*, tapes, or brass fasteners may be introduced to bind loose sheets E of paper correspondingly perforated to the strips.

The projecting strips D and D' are hinged at *b* and *b'* in order to allow the entire packet of notes to be turned back, so as to rest either on the inside of the cover on A or upon the inside of the cover on A'. Furthermore, as the parts of the cover marked B and B' are not to receive eyelet-holes to bind the paper, the hinges *a* and *a'* are free to act in a reversible manner, so that the side A may be turned back so as to overlap the outside of A', or A' turned back to overlap the outside of A, as shown in perspective in Fig. 1.

It will be seen that inasmuch as the binding of the sheets is done entirely within the cover the appearance, when the cover is closed, will be that of an ordinary book, no brass fasteners, rings, tapes, or other devices passing through the outside cover to interfere with its free opening or give the cover an unsightly appearance, while its reversible char-



acter gives to a writer engaged in taking notes in a cramped position a compact rigid surface on which to write.

I claim—

- 5 A temporary binder, consisting in the covers A A', the strips B B' hinged at one edge to the covers A A' as shown at *a a'*, the back C hinged as at *b b'*, to the said strips B B' and the parallel strips D D', flexibly connected to  
10 the back C along its hinge-lines *b b'* respectively, to receive and hold the loose sheets removably between them; whereby the bound sheets are free to swing against the inner

side of either cover and either cover is free to be turned under the other by reason of the hinges *a a'*, *b b'* and the strips B B', substantially as set forth. 15

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, on this 8th day of 20 September, A. D. 1894.

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It is hereby certified that in Letters Patent No. 559,219, granted April 28, 1896, upon the application of William T. Sadlier, of Boston, Massachusetts, for an improvement in "Covers for Manuscript or Printed Notes," an error appears in the printed specification requiring correction as follows, viz: In line 61, page 1, the word "chute" should read *sheets*; and that the said Letters Patent should be read with this correction therein that the same may conform to the record of the case in the Patent Office.

Signed, countersigned, and sealed this 19th day of May, A. D. 1896.

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