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NEWSPAPER WRAPPER.

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Fig. 1.

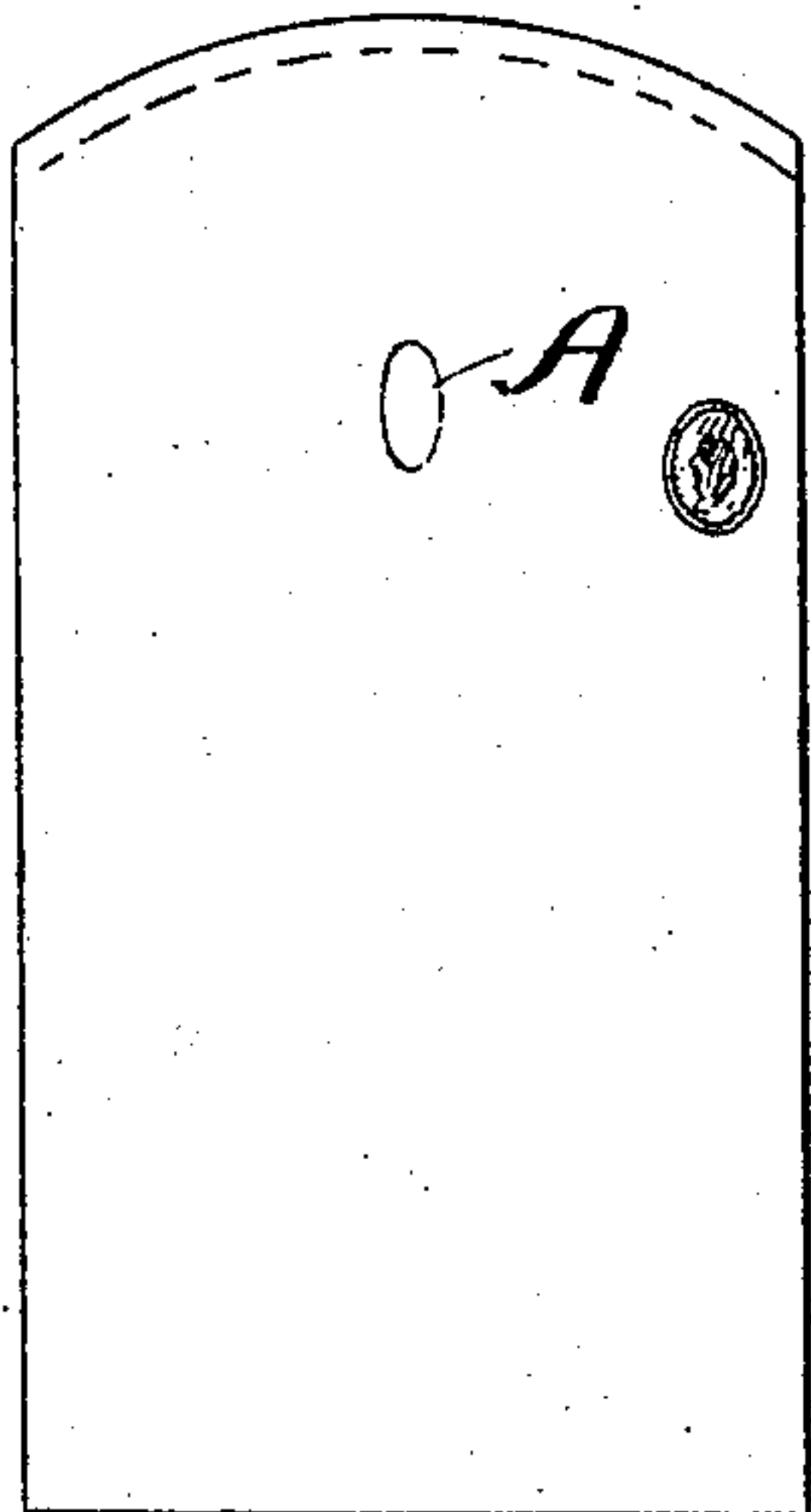


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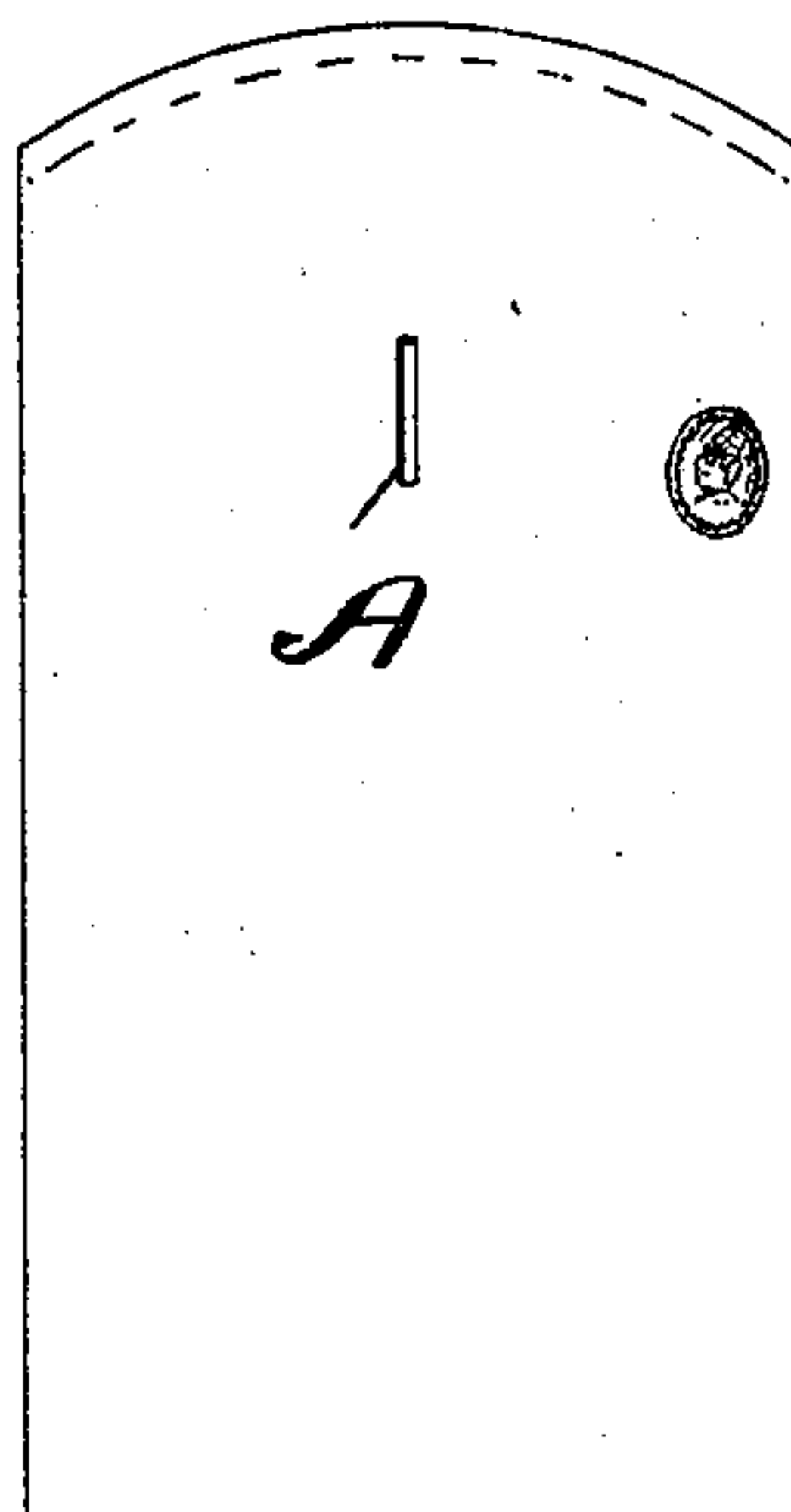


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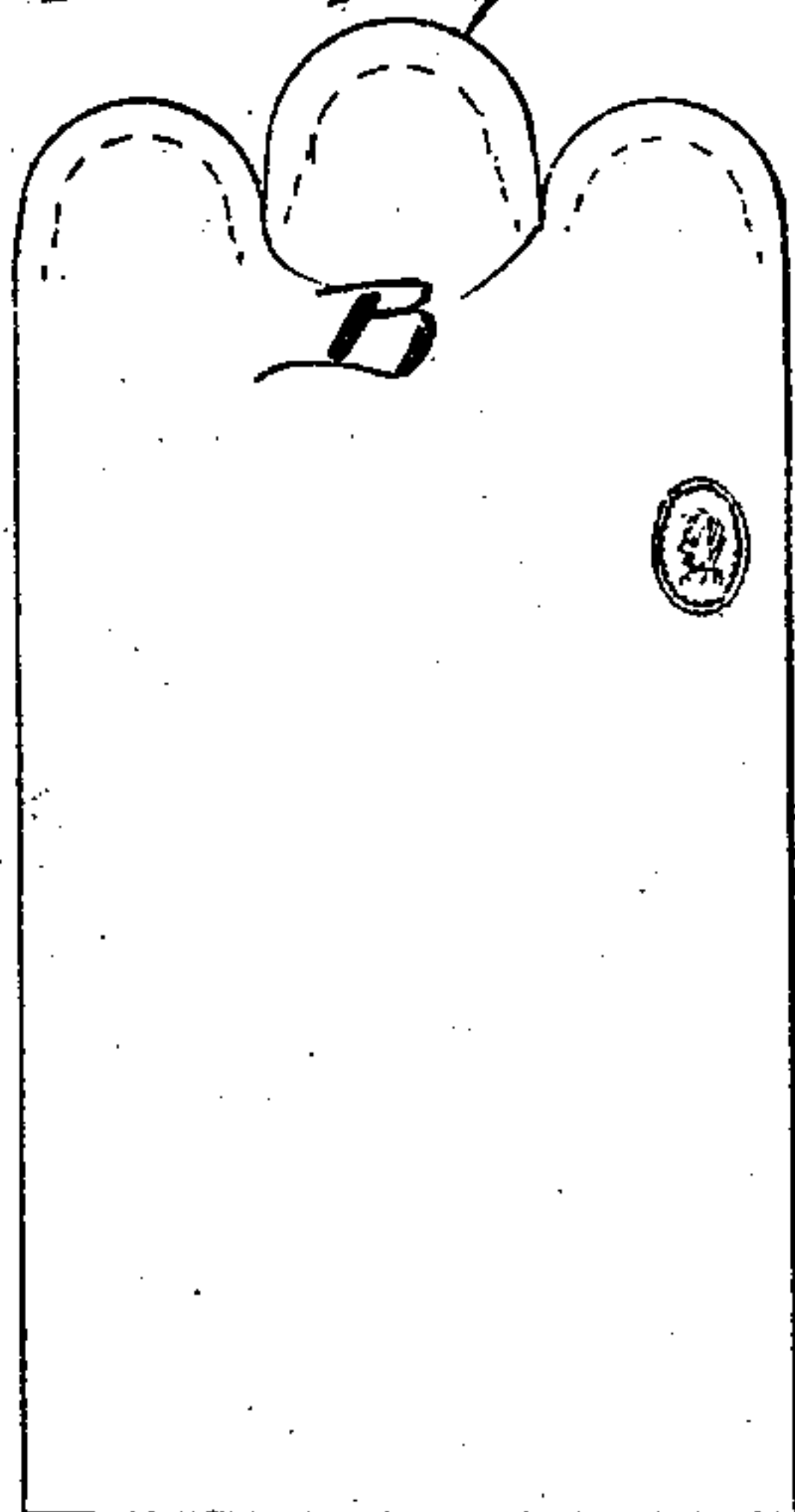


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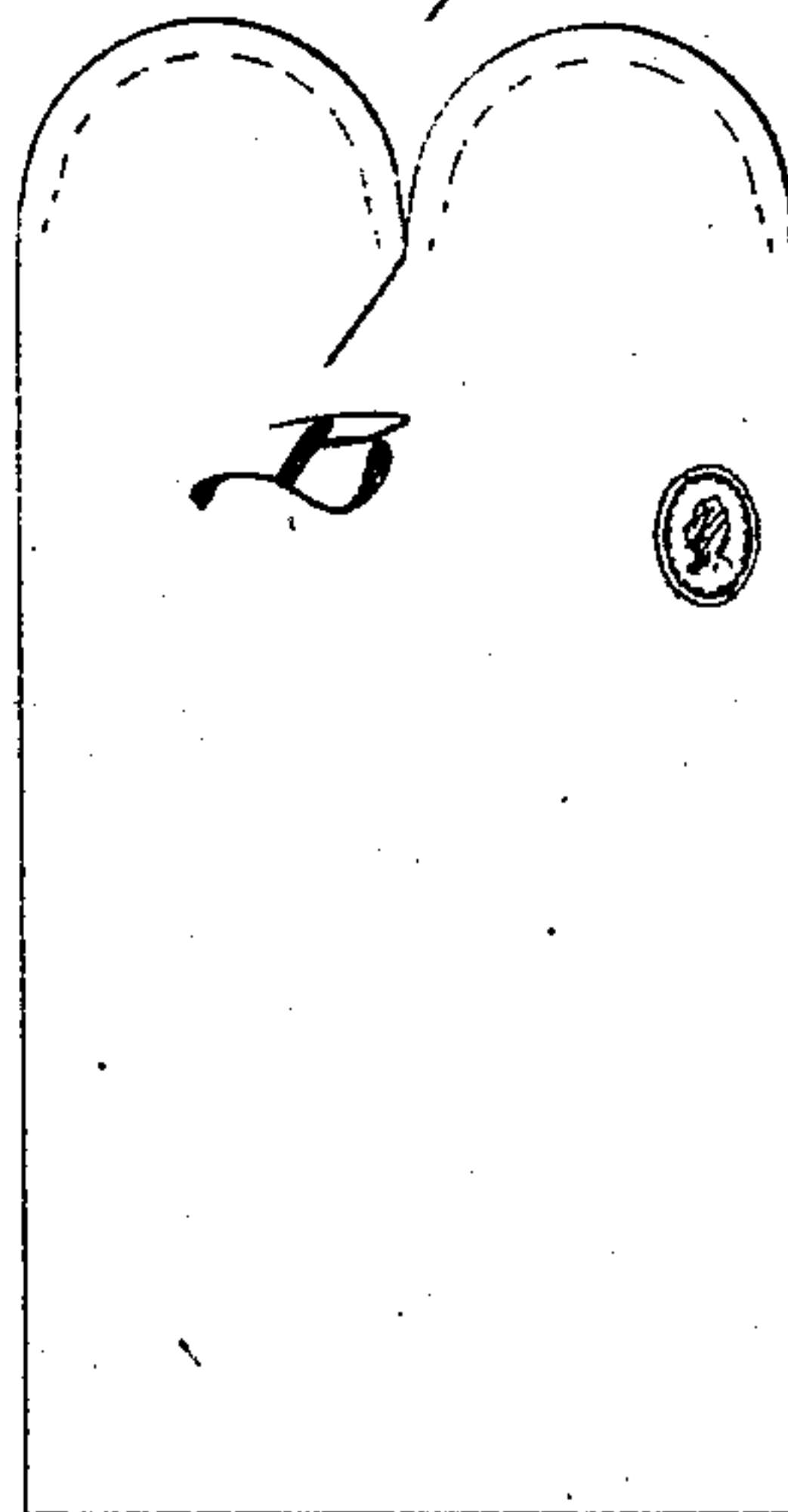


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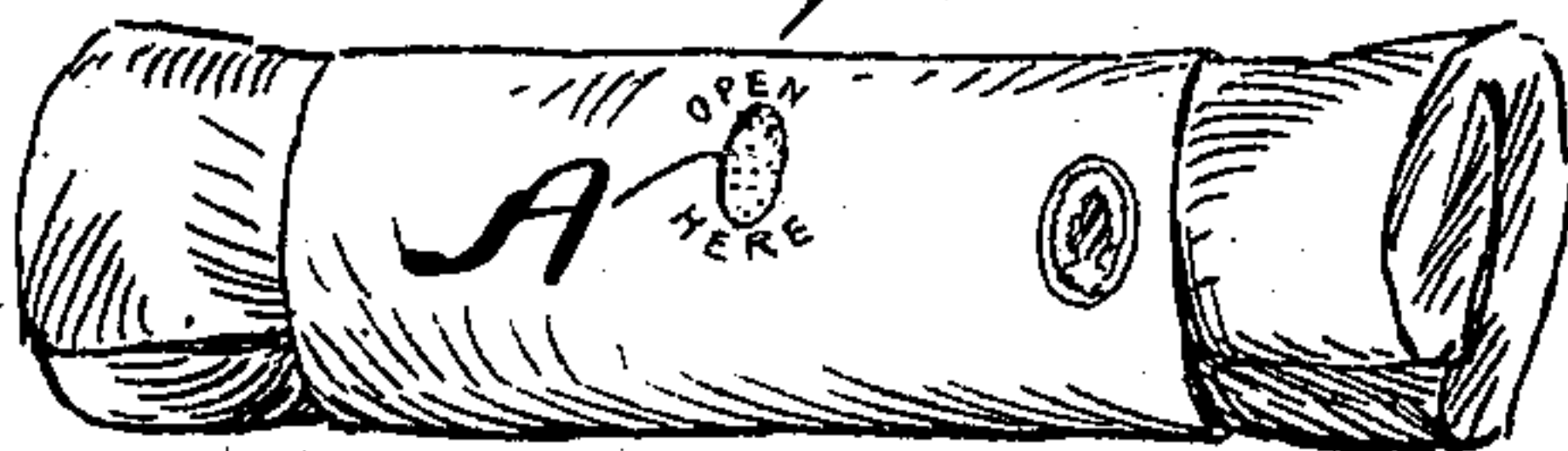
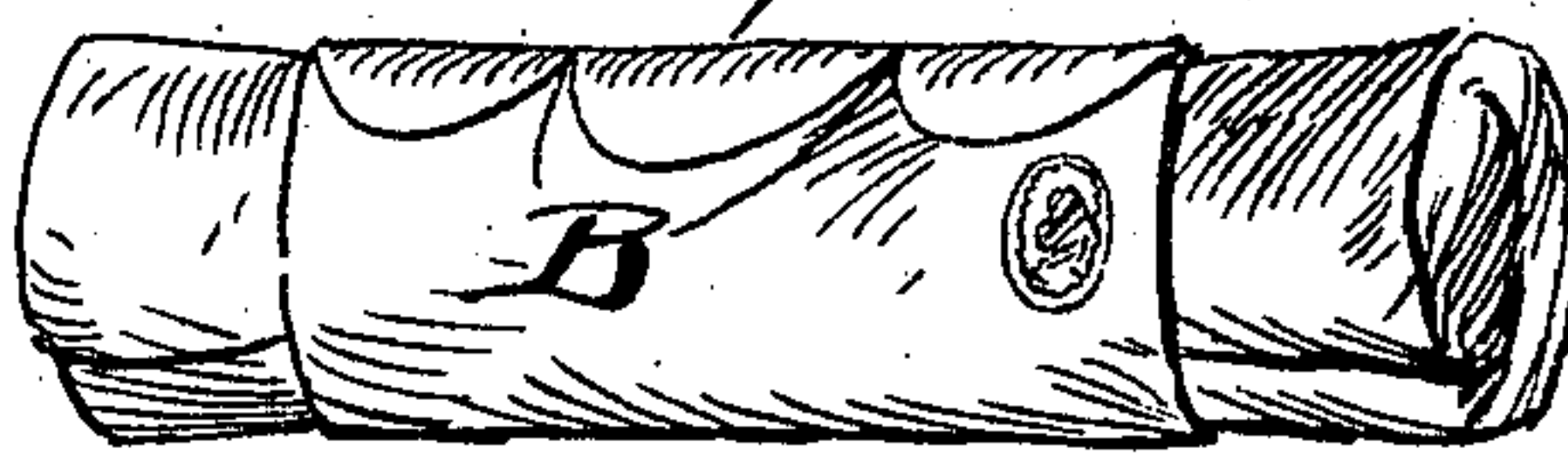


Fig. 6.



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NEWSPAPER-WRAPPER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN McCONNELL, of Cleveland, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops and Paper-Wrappers; 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 the same.

My invention relates to envelops and wrappers for magazines or articles to be folded and inclosed therein; and it consists in providing the envelop or wrapper with an opening so arranged that when folded or closed a slit or opening shall be on the outside, as hereinafter described and shown.

The object of my improvement is to afford a means whereby the wrapper or envelop may be easily and readily removed by inserting a pencil, the finger, or any instrument into the slit or opening and tearing away the wrapper without the liability of injuring or marring the contents, the slit or opening affording a convenient place to secure a purchase on the wrapper for the purpose of tearing it.

In the drawings, Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4 represent forms of the slits or openings in the wrapper, and Figs. 5 and 6 represent the wrapper when in use.

Fig. 1 represents a wrapper provided with an oval or circular opening A, located a short distance below the gummed edge. When the paper, magazine, catalogue, &c., is inclosed in the wrapper, the opening A is on the outside, and by the process of folding is so located that another fold of the wrapper intervenes between the opening and the contents, thus protecting the contents from exposure or from being soiled. Instead of the oval or circular opening I may use a slit, as shown in Fig. 2, in the same relative position in the wrapper.

Figs. 3 and 4 represent wrappers which are provided with scalloped edges, the scallops extending downward, and at their meeting-point vertical slits B are formed. The outer edge only of the wrapper is provided with

mucilage, the inner edges of the slits being left loose, affording a purchase for the purpose of tearing the wrapper.

Figs. 5 and 6 represent the wrappers when in use and also illustrate the position of the openings or slits when the wrapper is folded.

Contiguous to the opening or slit may be printed instructions, as indicated in the drawings.

Heretofore articles, such as papers, &c., inclosed in wrappers have often been torn or injured in the attempt to remove the wrapper, because the wrapper adhered so closely to the contents that no convenient space was provided in which to insert a pencil, knife, or other instrument by which the wrapper could be torn or removed.

By my invention I afford a ready and convenient means, as hereinbefore described, of tearing and removing the envelop or wrapper, and as a lower fold is beneath the slit or opening in the wrapper the contents are in no wise exposed, and thus the liability of injuring the contents is greatly lessened.

What I claim is—

1. A paper-wrapper provided with a scallop in its loose gummed edge, said scallop extending so as to form a slit or slits having ungummed edges, and being so located as to be in the exterior fold when the wrapper is in use, so that the wrapper may be removed without injury to the contents, substantially as shown and described.

2. An envelop or wrapper for papers or the like, consisting of two or more folds, the inner fold or folds being imperforate beneath the slit or opening of the outer fold whereby the contents are in no wise exposed, and the liability of injuring the contents is lessened.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification, in the presence of two witnesses, this 27th day of November, 1895.

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