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FIG. 1.

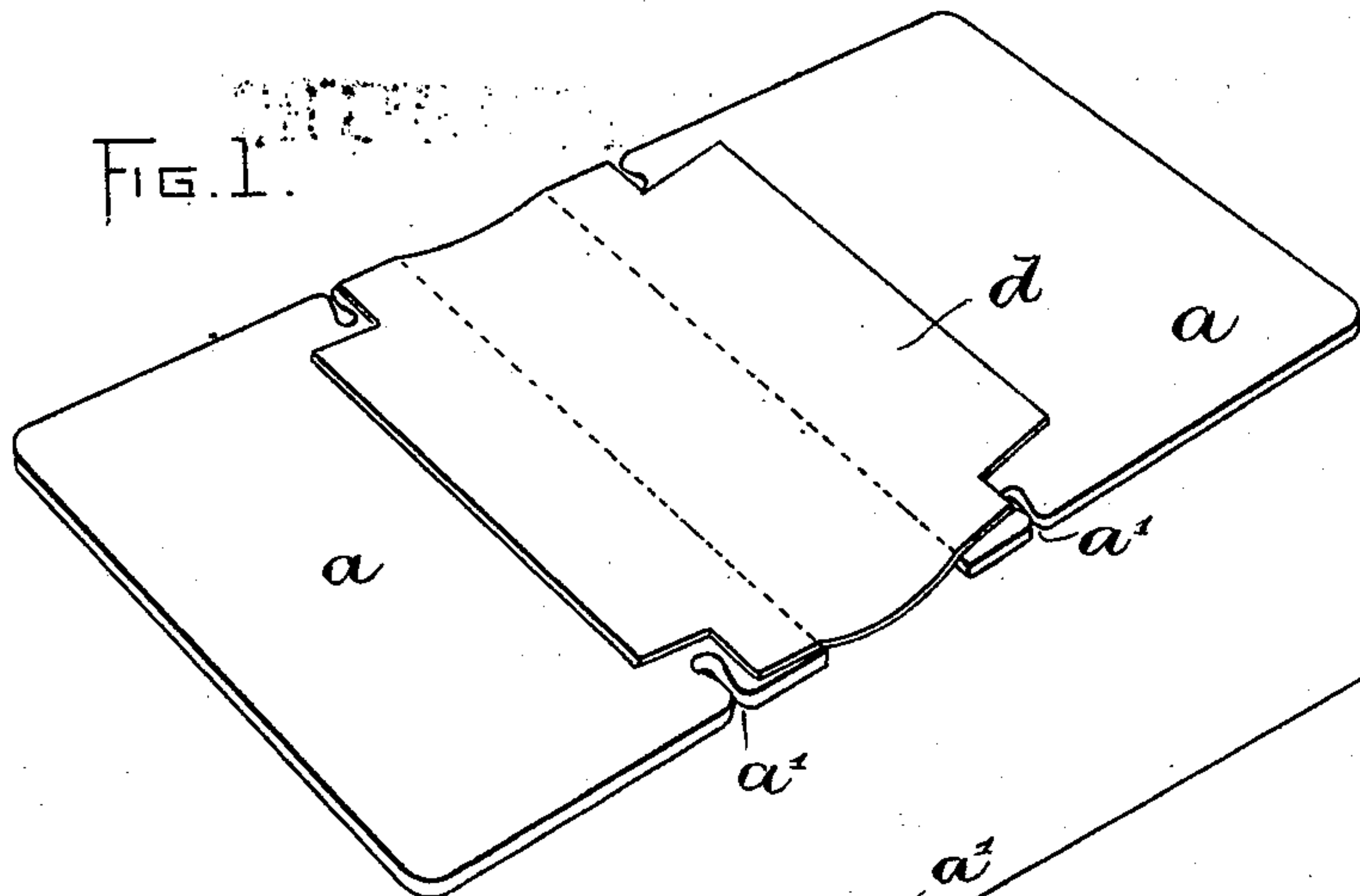


FIG. 2.

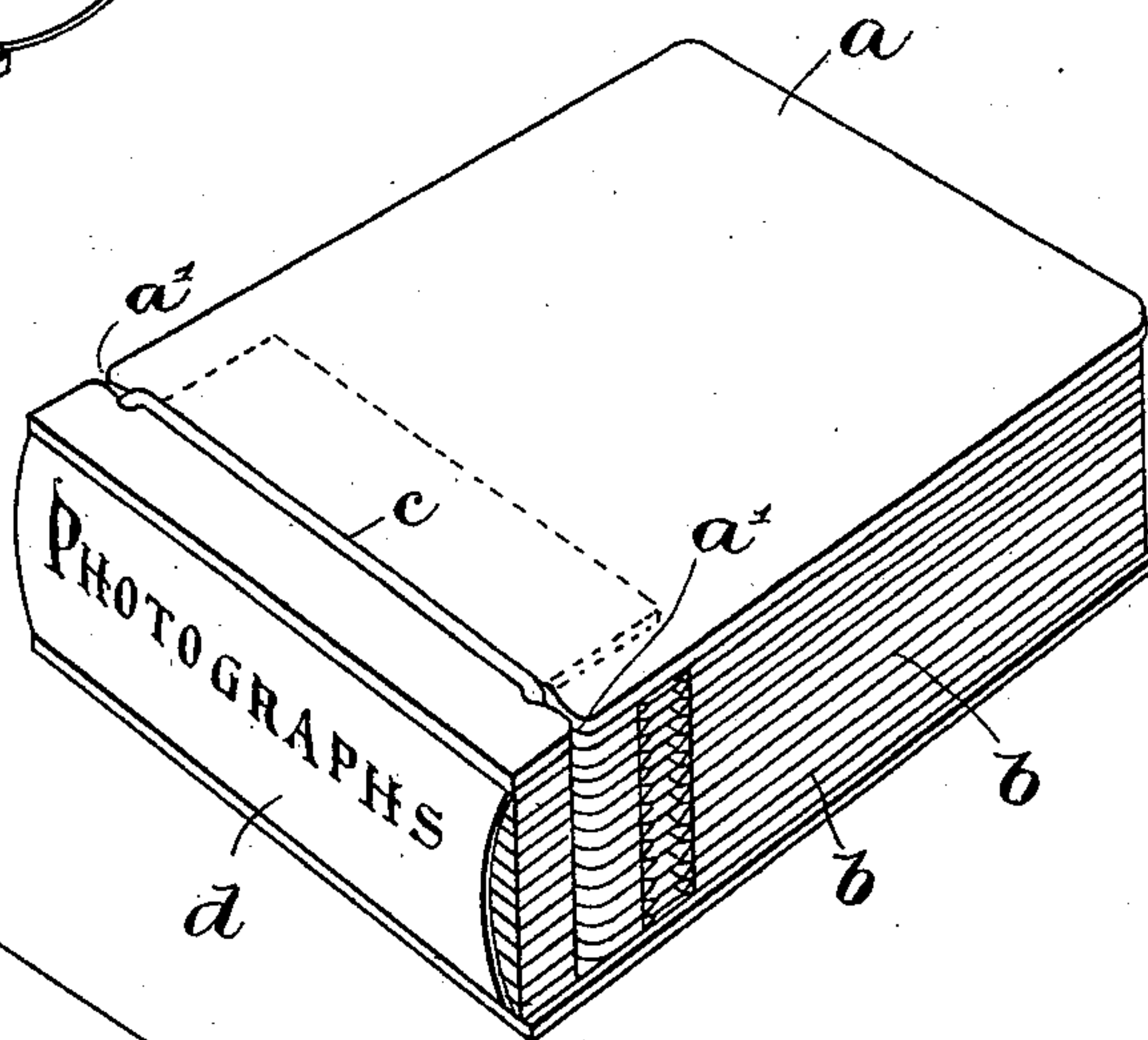


FIG. 3.

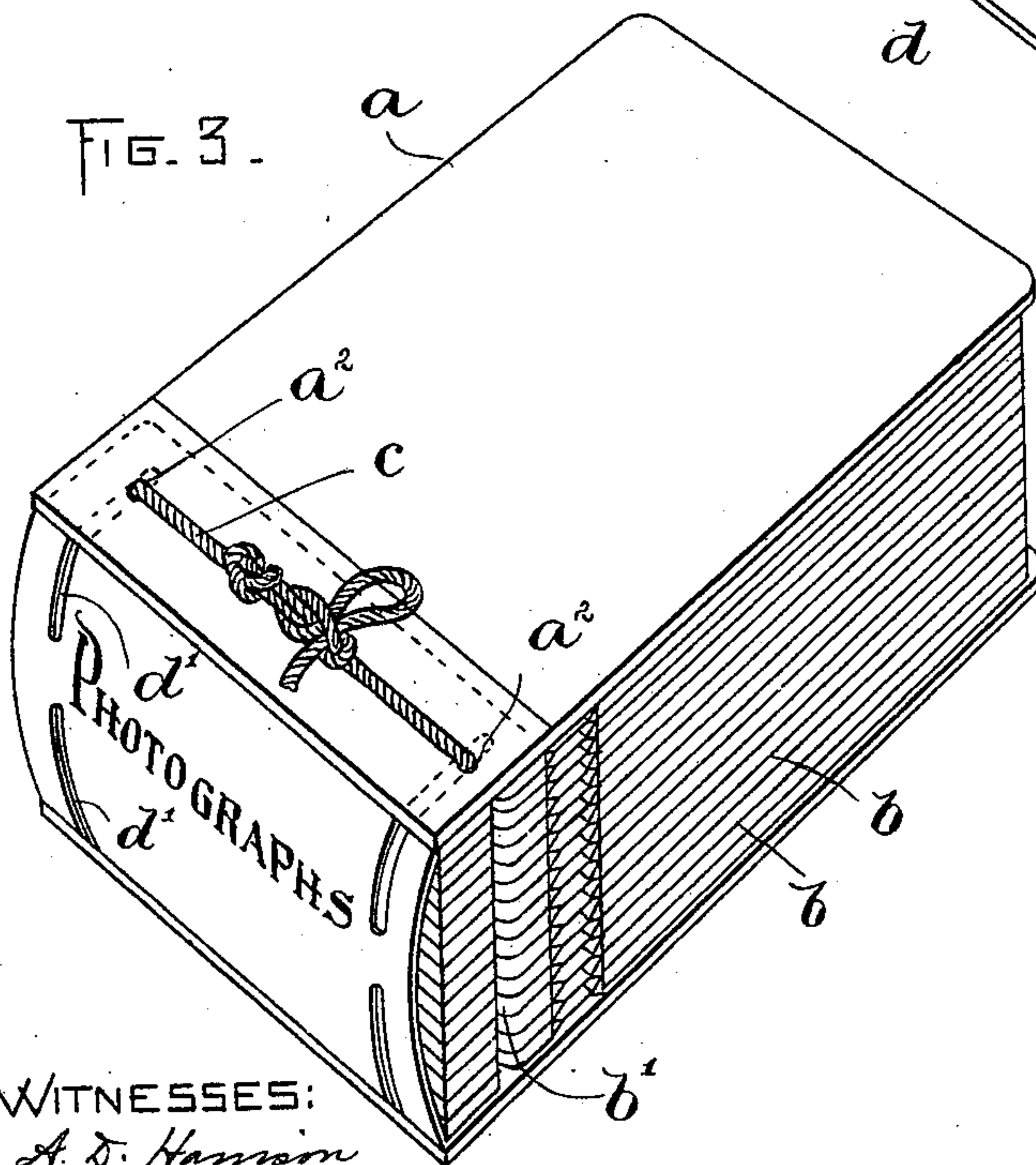
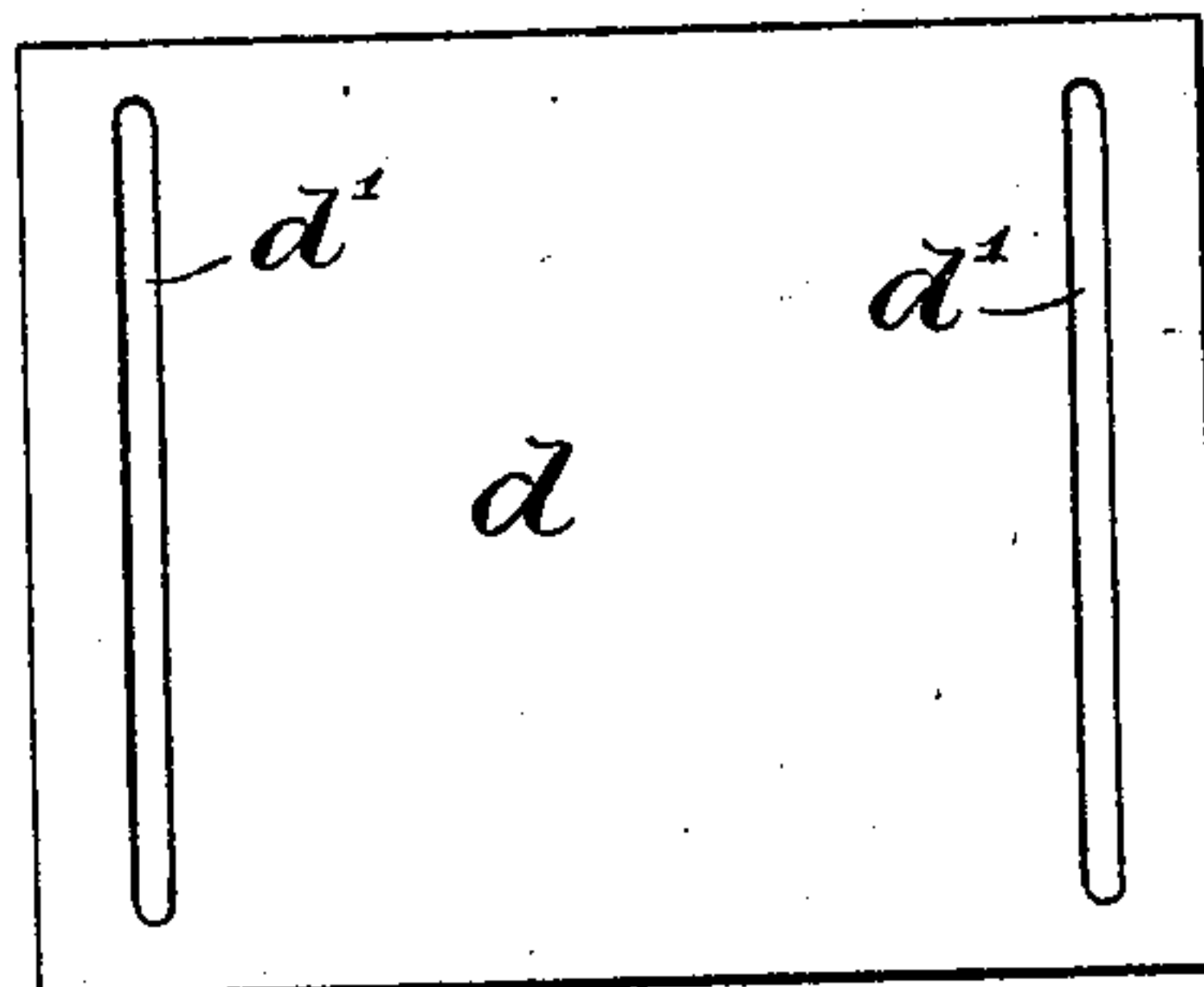


FIG. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANKLIN H. GILSON, of Wellesley, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Separable Books, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a separable book; and one of its objects is to provide an improved extensible cover for articles of this character.

The invention consists in the improvements which I shall now proceed to describe and claim.

15 Of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of an album-cover embodying my invention, the cover being shown opened out and the leaves removed. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of the album complete. Fig. 3 represents a view similar to Fig. 2 of a modified form of my invention. Fig. 4 represents a plan view of one form of back employed in my improved album.

25 The same letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

Referring to the drawings, *a a* represent the two lids of my improved album-cover, the same being substantially alike and constructed of any suitable material.

30 *b b* represent a pack of leaves inserted between the lids, the said leaves being provided with slots *b'* in their upper and lower edges near their inner ends, the slots in all the leaves being adapted to coincide. The lids are provided with similar slots *a'*, which coincide with the slots in the leaves.

40 *c* represents a binding device, which may be a continuous rubber band adapted to encircle the end of the book and engage the slots *b'* and *a'*. This construction renders it possible to quickly take the book apart and assemble it and also to quickly and easily insert a leaf or leaves or remove the same.

45 *d* represents a flexible back free from direct connection with the lids *a a*. The said back is composed of a single piece of flexible material and is adapted to cover the rear ends of the pack of leaves and to lie with one

of its own ends underneath each lid between 50 the said lid and the pack of leaves.

In order to accommodate the binding-cord *c*, the back *d* may be partially cut away or recessed along its edges, as shown in Fig. 1, or it may be slotted to receive the said cord, 55 as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, in which two different methods of slotting are illustrated.

It now becomes evident that the whole album-cover, comprising lids and back, is capable of adjustment to accommodate a greater 60 or less number of leaves, and that the size of the exposed portion of the said back *d* may be varied by simply drawing up its ends underneath each lid or by allowing the same to be withdrawn. The back is thus prevented 65 from bulging, and may easily be centralized by an endwise adjustment, so that lettering or ornamentation on the back will be symmetrically exposed.

Fig. 3 shows a construction in which the 70 lid *a* is provided with orifices *a²* to receive the binding-cord *c* instead of the slots *a'*, and a discontinuous cord *c* is used, having its ends tied together, instead of the rubber band before mentioned. With either the slotted back 75 or that shown in Fig. 1 the binding-cord *c* is so arranged in relation to the said back that it engages the same and helps to maintain it in its proper position.

My invention is not confined in its applica- 80 tion to albums, but may be applied to any other separable book of this nature, such as books for holding samples of cloth or other merchandise.

I claim—

85 1. A book of the character specified, comprising a cover composed of two independent lids, each having openings at or near its top and bottom edges and near its inner end, the openings in one lid coinciding with those of 90 the other; leaves interposed between said lids and having openings coinciding with the openings in the lids; a flexible fastening-cord passing through the openings in the leaves and lids; and a flexible back piece free from 95 direct connection with the lids and having provisions for engagement with the portions of the cord that pass through the lids and

leaves, whereby the back piece is retained in its operative position by said cord, the back piece being adjustable endwise in either direction, to centralize its exposed portion between the lids.

5 2. A book or album cover comprising two lids have openings for the reception of a binding-cord, and an adjustable back free from direct connection with the said lids and having longitudinal slots arranged to coincide

with the said openings and adapted to receive the said binding-cord.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 5th day of 15 February, A. D. 1897.

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