

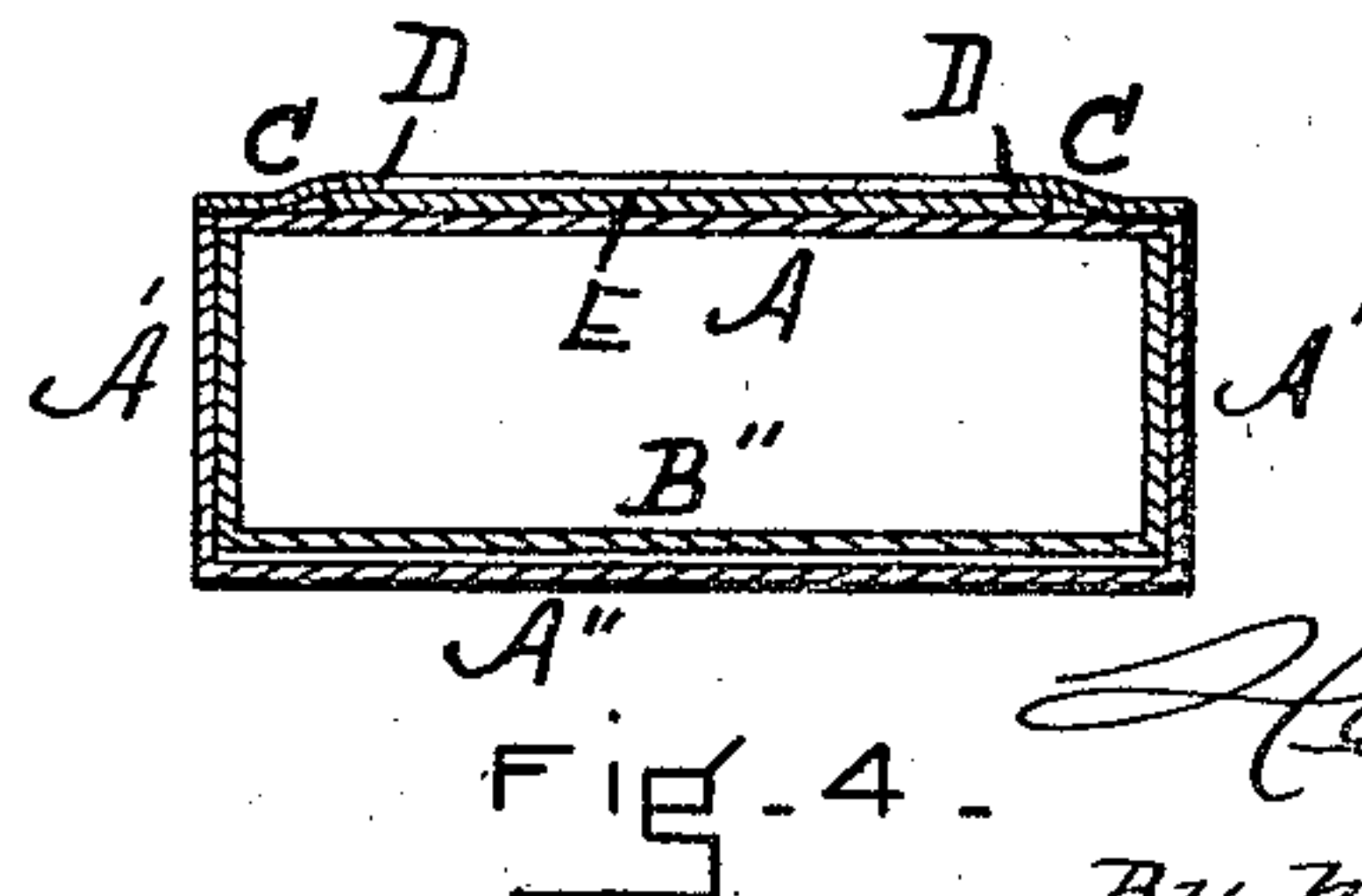
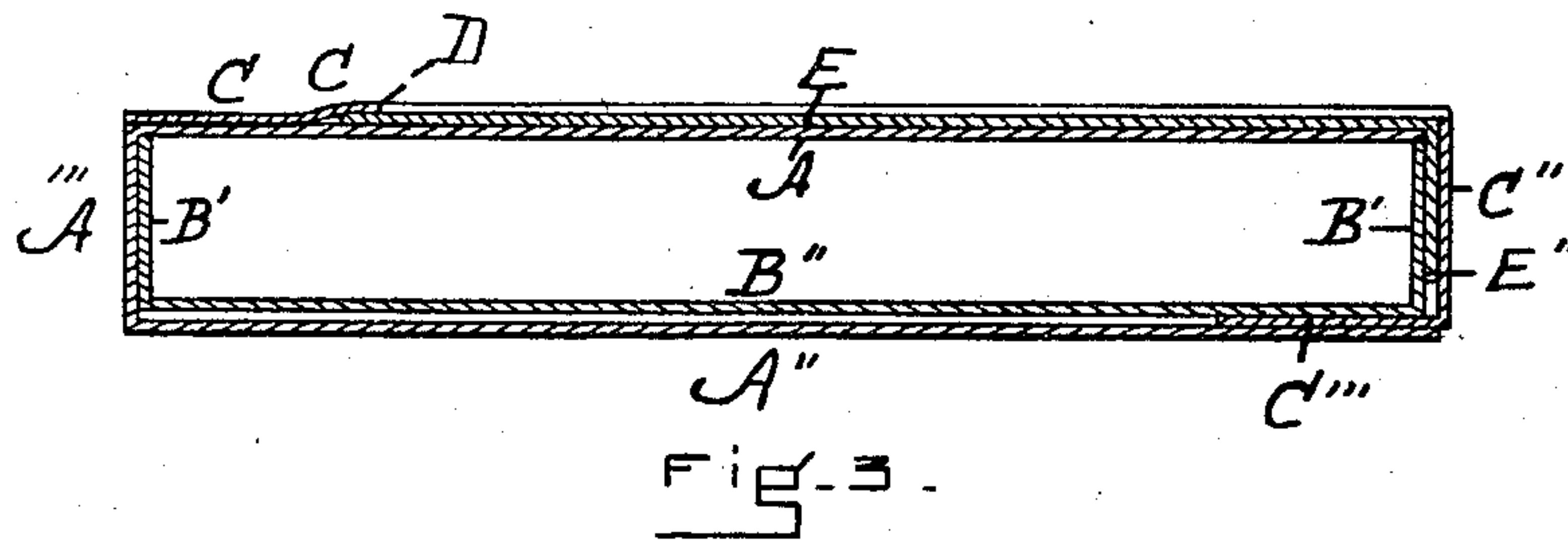
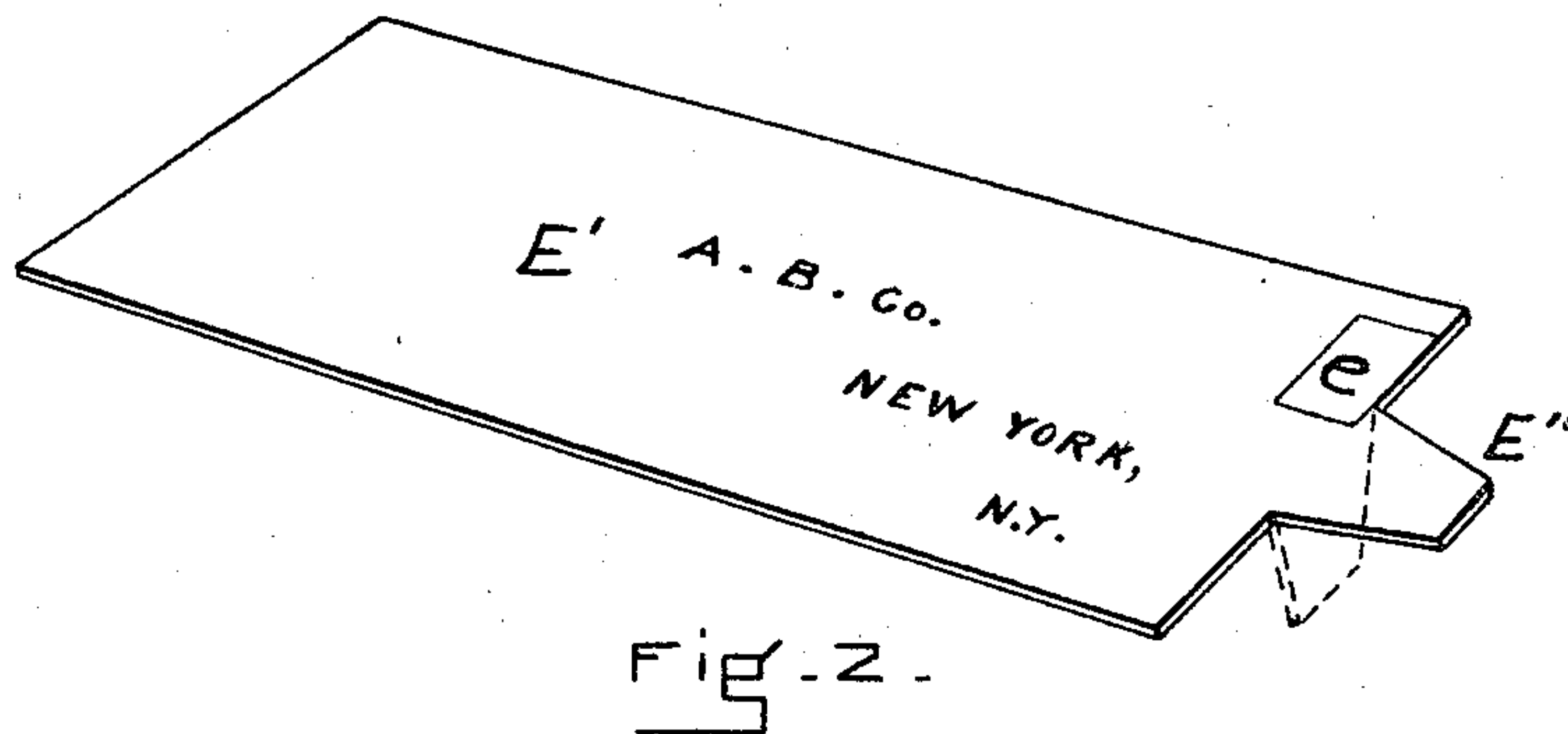
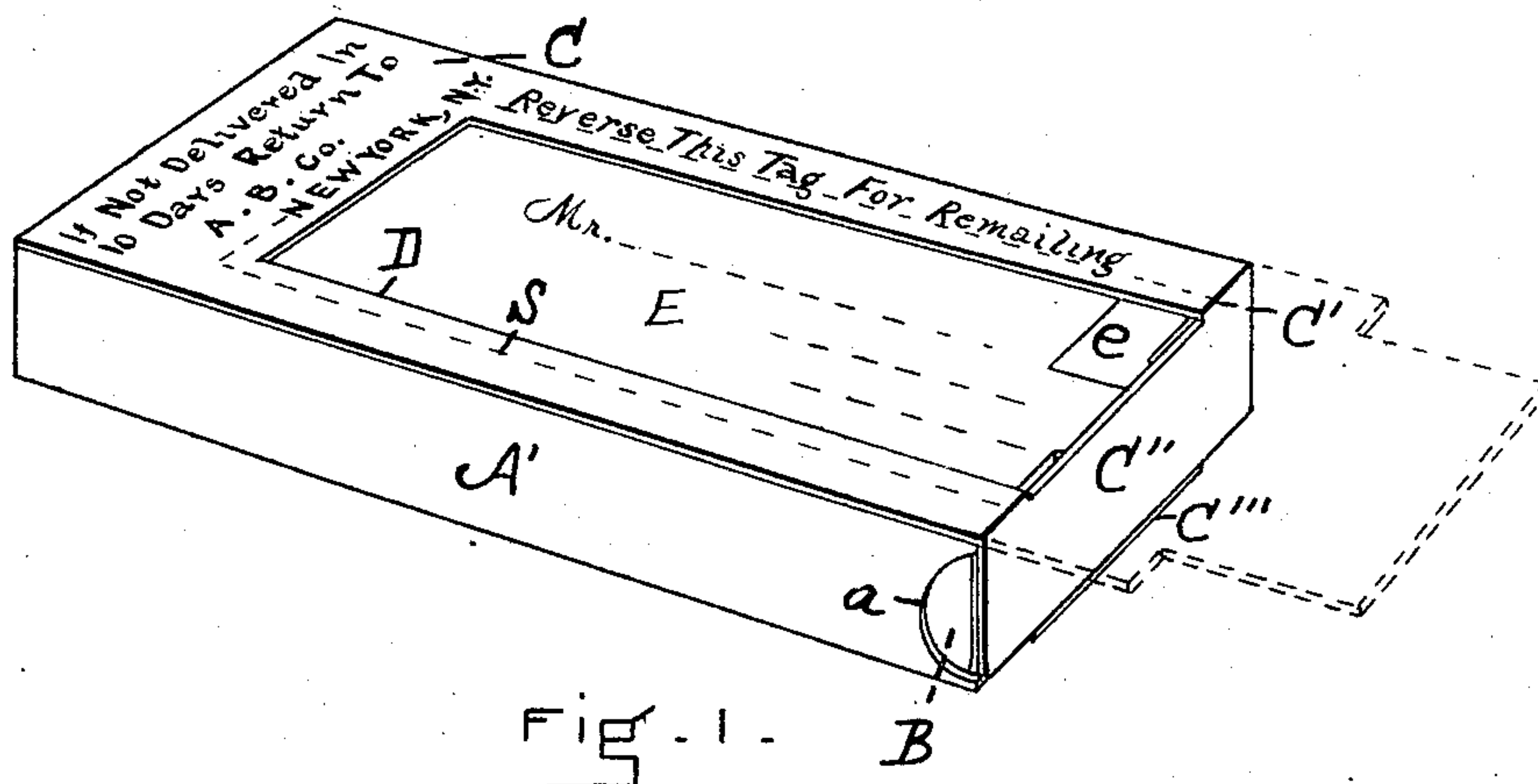
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HELEN A. AMES, a citizen of the United States, residing in Brookline, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Remailable Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This is a box, made of paper or pasteboard or similar material, adapted for use by merchants who mail samples, &c., of merchandise all or a portion of which are to be returned by the customer and by any others who are desirous of forwarding goods inclosed in a box through the mail and having said box returned to the original sender.

The nature of the invention is fully described in detail below and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the under side of the address-card removed. Fig. 3 is a central longitudinal vertical section of the device. Fig. 4 is a central cross vertical section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the top, A' the sides, A'' the bottom, and A''' the closed end, of a substantially rectangular box made of pasteboard or stiff paper. One end of this box is open, and next said end the sides are formed with recesses *a*. Fitting within said box and adapted to slide in and out thereof is a box or tray consisting of sides B, ends B', and bottom B''.

C is a rectangular piece of paper or pasteboard, preferably somewhat thinner than that of which the boxes are made, laid upon the top A of the outer box, to the shape of which it conforms, and adhesively secured to the upper surface of the top A, outside the broken line S. (Indicated in Fig. 1.) This piece C folds at C' down over the open end of the outer box and the corresponding end B' of the inner box, such portion constituting a flap and being lettered C''. This flap is provided with a narrower extension C''', which constitutes a tongue and extends between the bottom B'' of the inner box or tray and the bottom A'' of the outer box, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 3.

The piece C is formed with a substantially rectangular opening D, said opening extending from the bend C' to a short distance from

the left edge and corresponding in shape with the broken line S. Between the edge of this opening and the broken line on the upper, under, and left sides of the opening the piece C is not stuck to the top A. At the left of the opening D the piece C has inscribed upon it directions to the postmaster, and above the opening the words "Reverse this tag for re-mailing" or some phrase of similar import.

E is the upper side, and E' the under side, of an address-card which is adapted to slide in between the top A of the outer box and the piece C, the space between the broken line S and the edges of the opening D constituting a slideway. The right-hand end of this address-card is provided with a tongue E'', which, when the address-card is in position, folds down between the end B' of the inner box and the flap C'', as shown in Fig. 3. On the upper side E of the address-card is provision for the address of the person to whom the box is to be mailed by the merchant. On the under side is the address of the merchant or sender. On both sides are spaces *e* for the postage-stamp.

When the merchant desires to send out goods through the mail for inspection and subject to being returned, he slides the address-card with the side E uppermost between the piece C and upper side A of the outer box, folds the tongue E'' down against the end B' of the inner box, and tucks the tongue C''' between the bottoms A'' and B'' of the two boxes, all as shown in full lines in Figs. 1 and 3. The recipient or customer draws the flap and tongue out into the position indicated by broken lines in Fig. 1, withdraws the inner box or tray, and, if desirous of returning any goods to the sender, replaces the inner box or tray, withdraws the address-card, and slides it again into place with the side E' uppermost, folds down the tongue E'' and flap C'', and tucks in the flap C''', and the box is ready for remailing.

I do not confine myself to the exact shape of the boxes nor to the employment of the tongue E' and recesses *a*.

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

In a remailable box, an outer box open at one end or side; an inner box adapted to slide

into the outer box; the paper or pasteboard piece C provided with the opening D and adhesively secured to the upper side of the outer box around said opening leaving a small portion next said opening with a space or slide-way between it and the box, said piece C being provided with the flap C'' and tongue C''' for folding around and under the end of the inner box; and a reversible address-card having provision on one side for the address of the recipient and having the other side inscribed with the address of the sender, said address-card being adapted to slide between said piece C and the top of the box and exhibit its address through said opening D, substantially as set forth.

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