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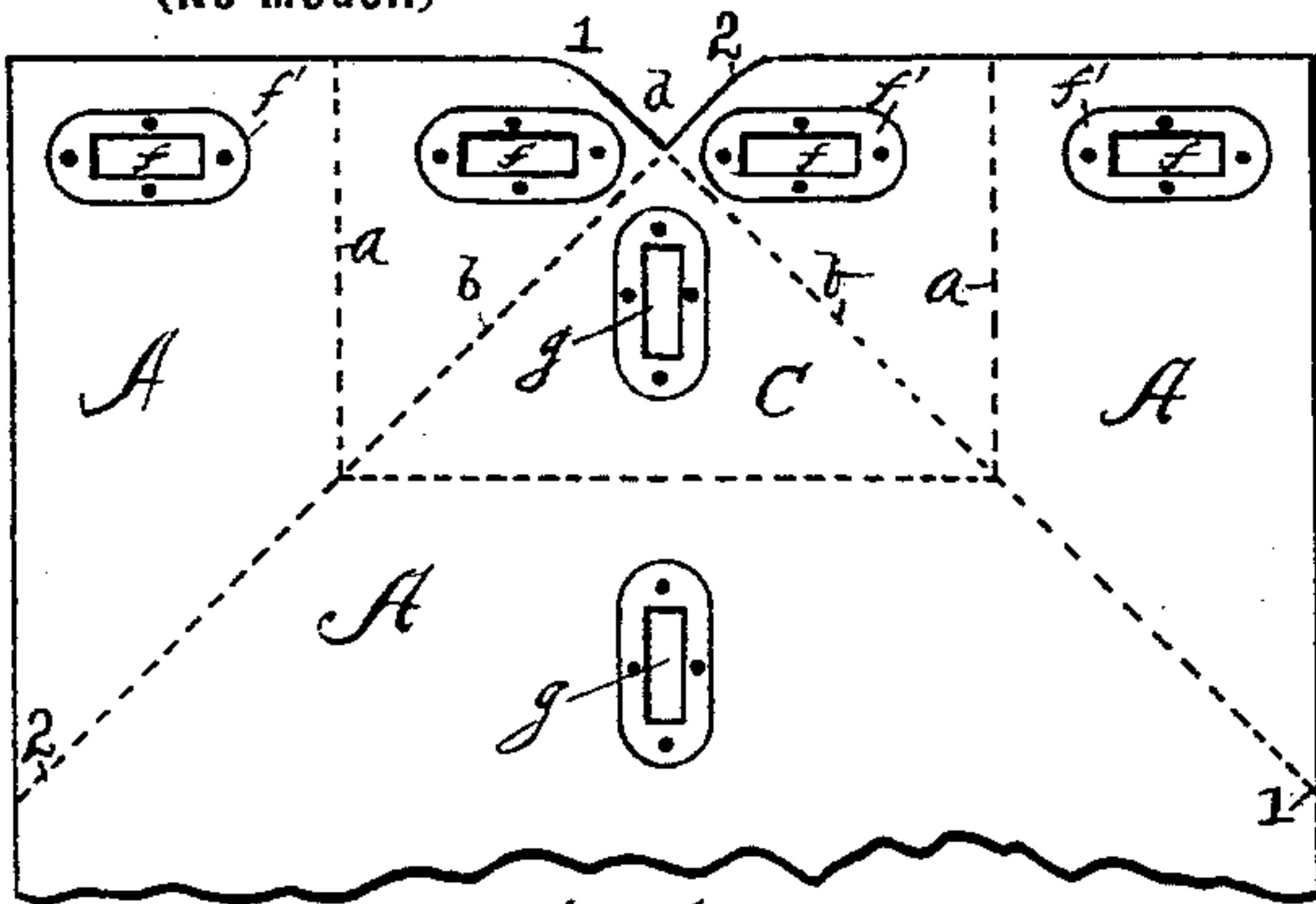


Fig 1.

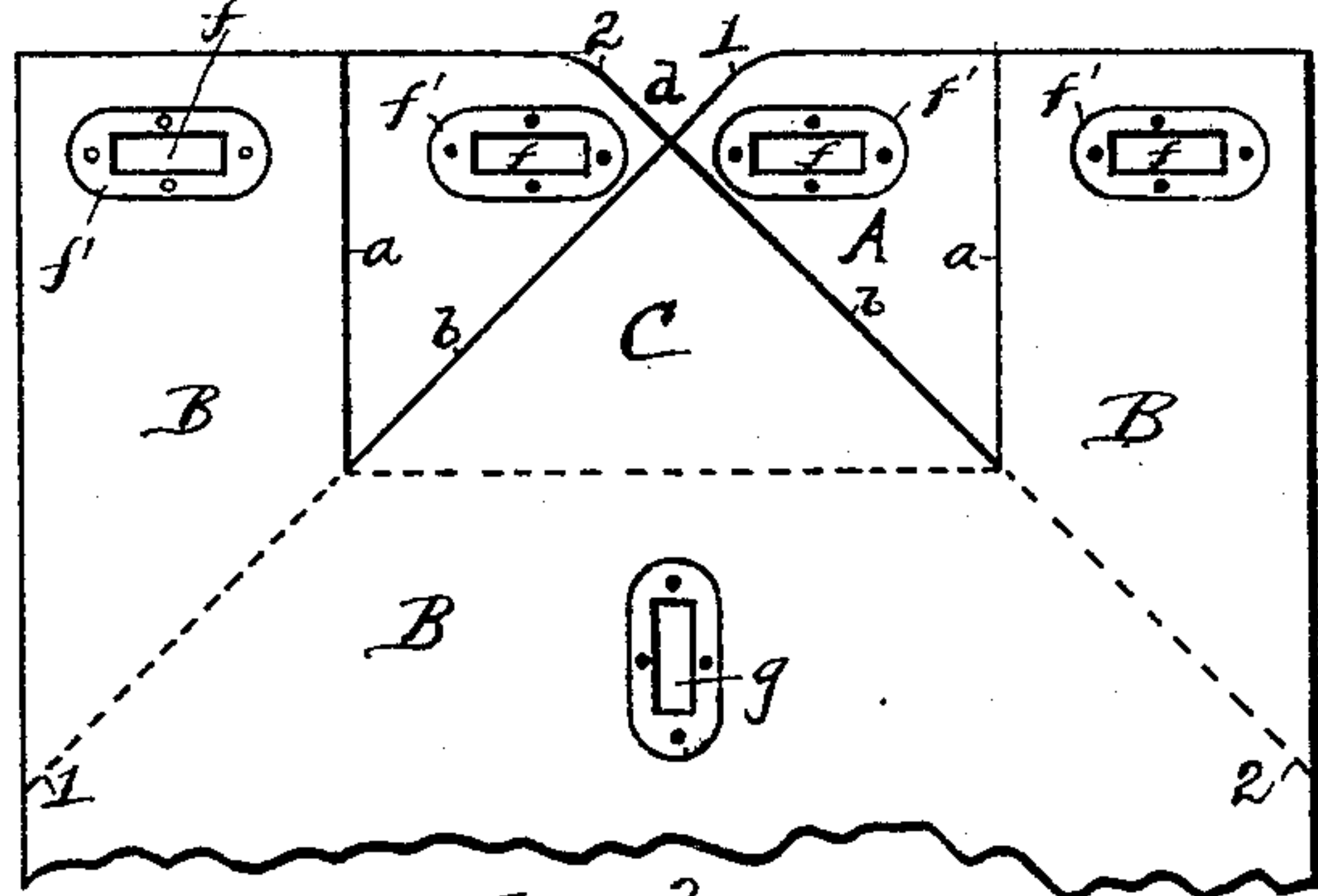


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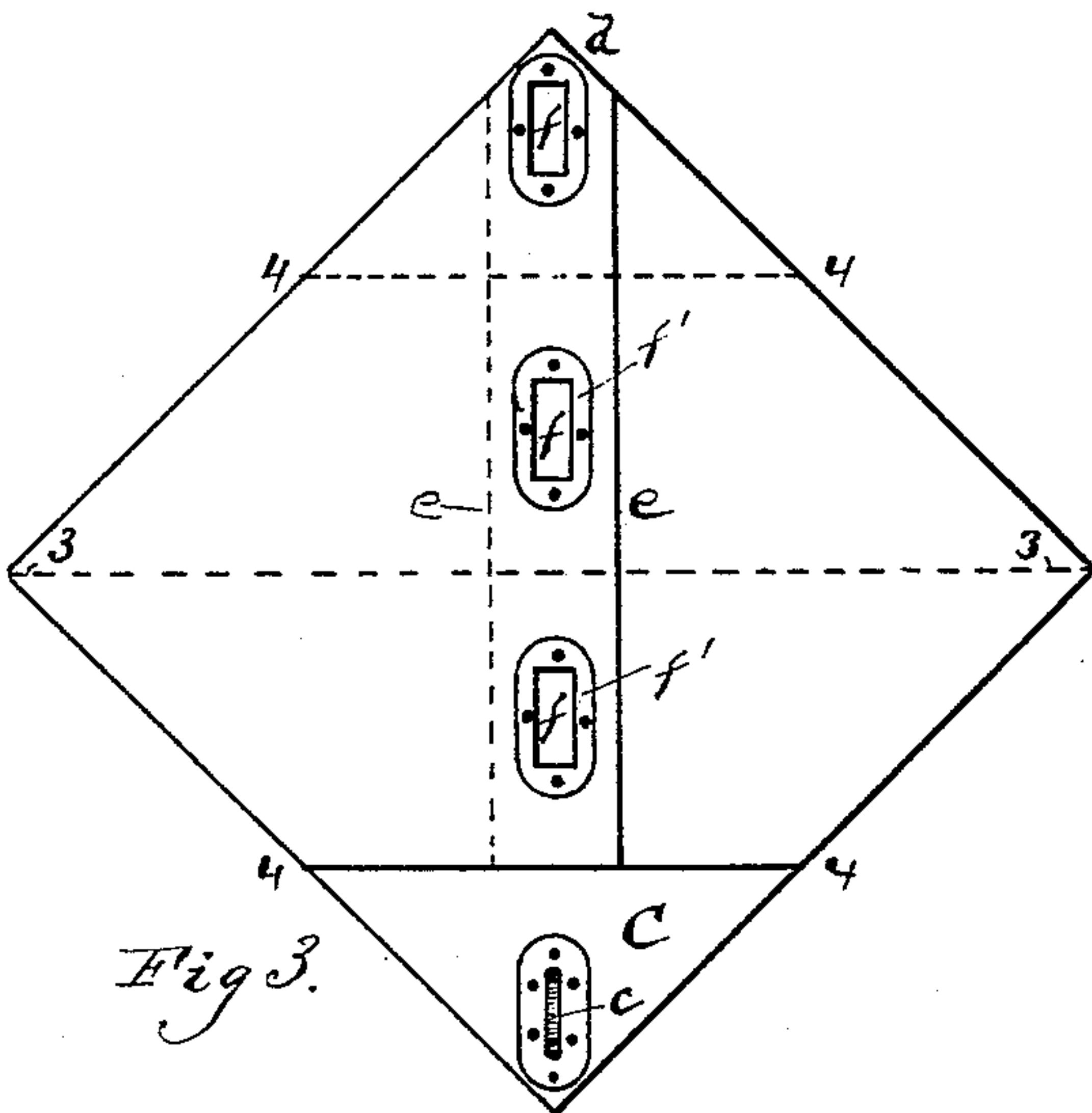


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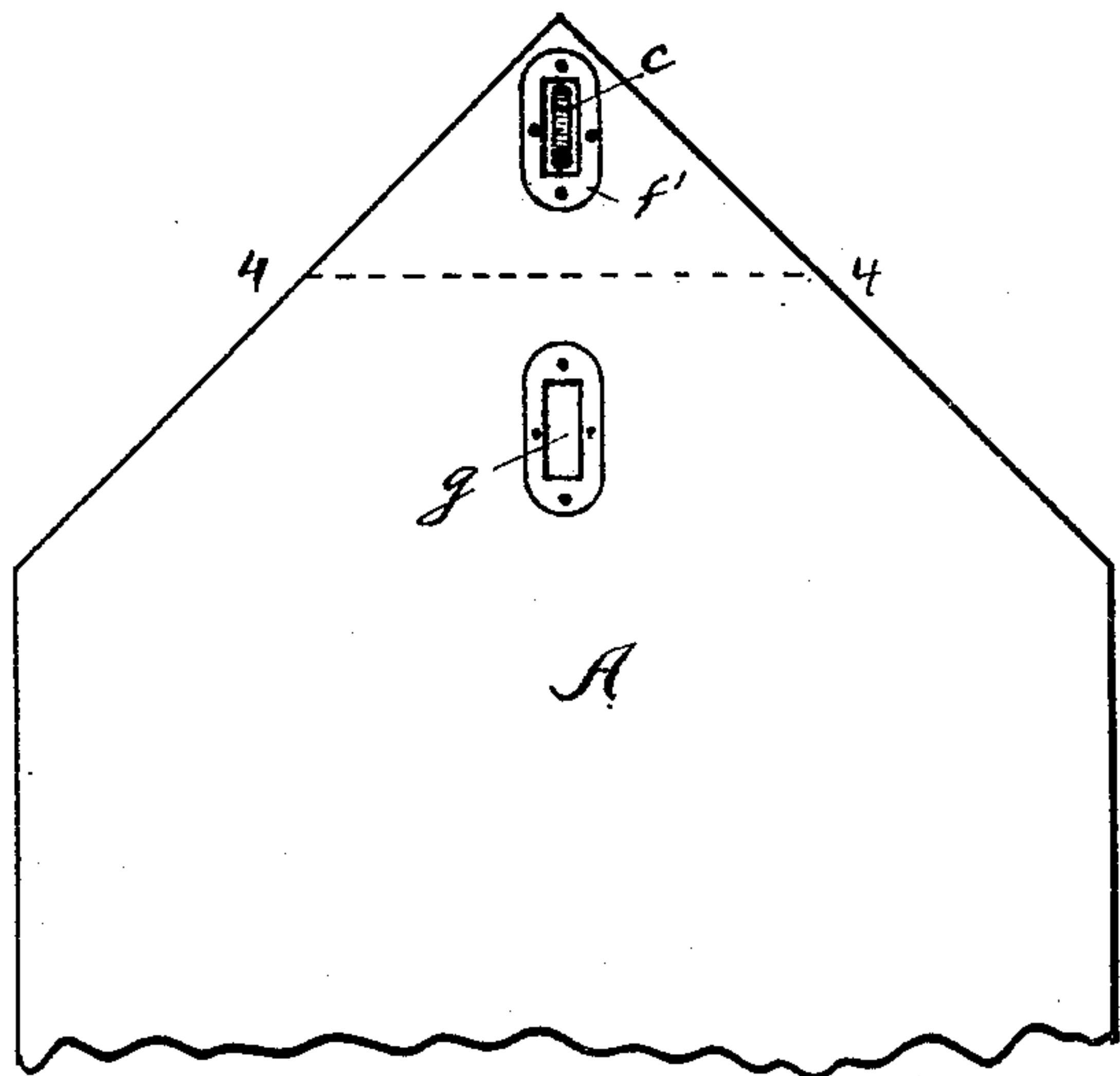


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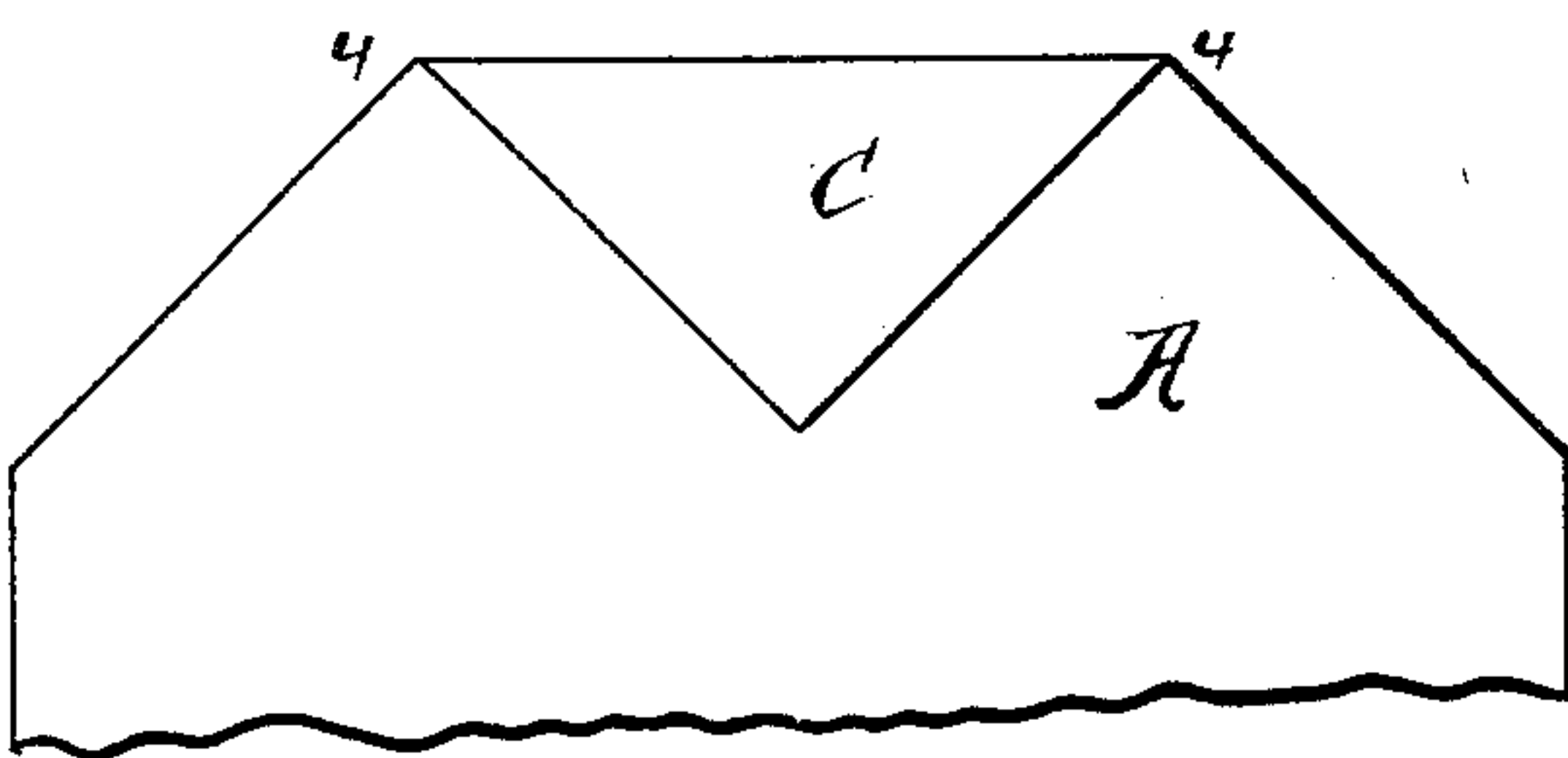


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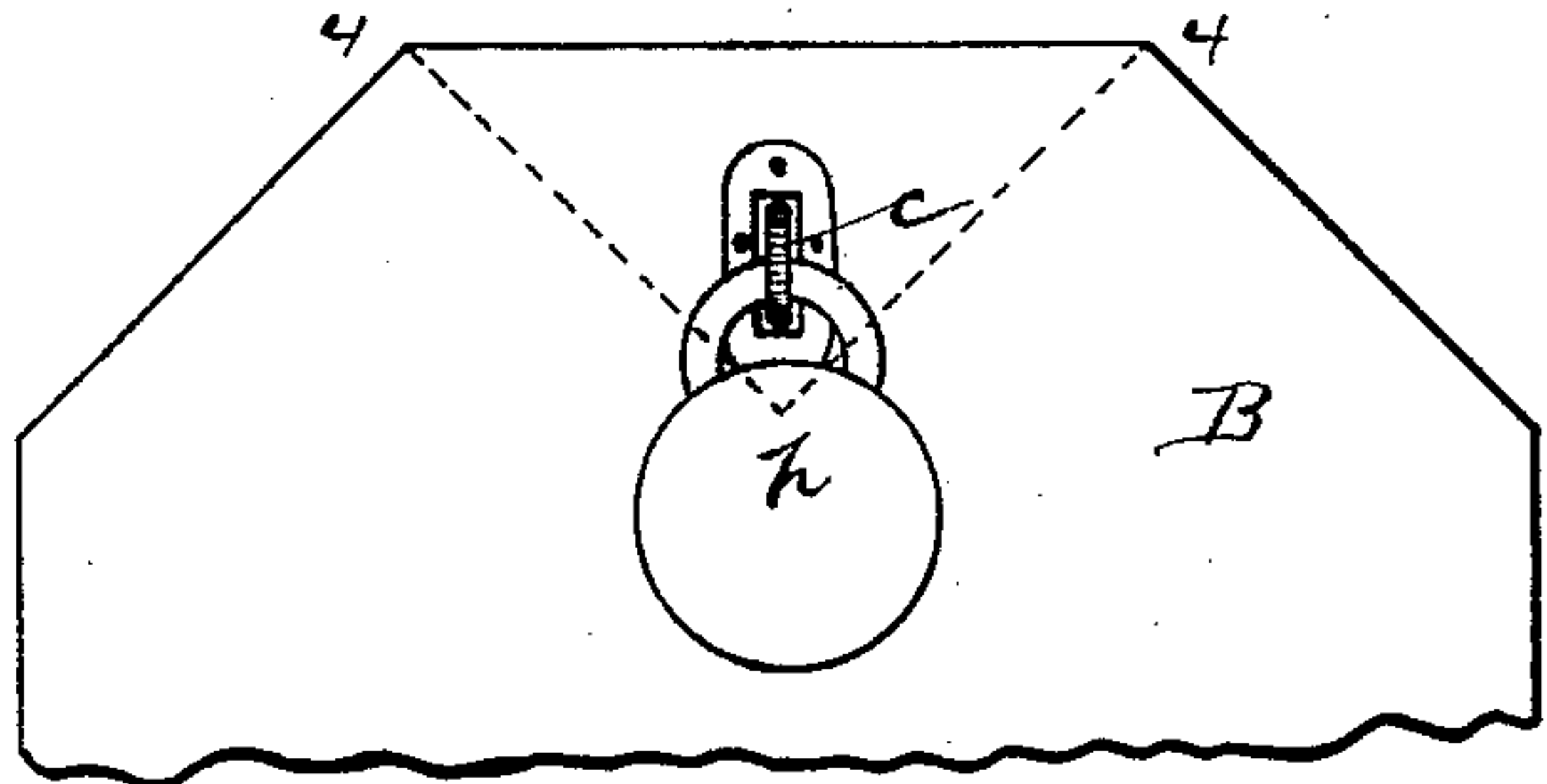


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, CLEMENT L. V. MUNDHENK, residing at Gordon, in the county of Darke, and WILLIAM I. CHRISTIAN, residing at West Baltimore, in the county of Montgomery, State of Ohio, citizens of the United States, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mail Pouches or Bags; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and numerals of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Our invention relates to improvements in mail-pouches and other bags for carrying valuables, and has specific reference to means for securing the same.

The object of the invention is to provide cheap, simple, and efficient means for fastening the mouth of said pouch or bag, as will be hereinafter fully described in connection with the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figures 1 and 2 are views of the upper opposite sides of the pouch or bag. Fig. 3 is a top view with the sides folded in and lapped over each other on the dotted lines 1 1 and 2 2, shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the upper end of the bag folded on dotted score-line 3 3, Fig. 3, being the third fold. Fig. 5 is a view showing fourth fold, forming the top lap, folding on dotted and full lines 4 4, Figs. 3 and 4. Fig. 6 is a view of the opposite side of Fig. 5, showing the flap secured.

In the specification similar letters and numerals of reference indicate the same parts in the several views.

As the invention is confined to the mouth of the pouch, the lower portion thereof is omitted to utilize the space.

A and B designate the opposite sides of the pouch or sack, the latter side of which has a portion cut out along the lines *a a b b* to provide a securing-flap C, to the inner side of which is secured a fastening-staple *c*. The other side A is cut out at *d d* to permit the sides to be folded in at the mouth on the dotted crease or score lines 1 1 2 2 and the edges

e e to overlap each other, as shown in Fig. 3. Around the mouth or edge of the pouch, in both sides, there is provided a number of horizontal oblong eyelets *f*, inclosed by metallic plates *f'*, that are riveted to the pouch. Owing to a portion of side B being cut away, as described, said side has two eyelets, as shown in Fig. 2. Immediately below the flap C there are additional eyelets *g* in both sides of the pouch, occupying positions in line with each other and extending lengthwise or at a right angle to the eyelets *f*. The mouth of the bag is so folded that all of the eyelets are brought over each other, so that the staple *c* may be passed through them all and the flap C secured by a padlock *h*. The score line or lines upon which the mouth of the pouch is folded are indicated by the several dotted lines and in the order of the numerals by which said lines are designated. For example, one side of the mouth is first folded in on score-line 1 1, and then the other score-line 2 2 is folded inward in a similar manner, with their edges overlapping, as shown in Fig. 3. These folds change the positions of the eyelets *f* around the edge of the bag and bring one half thereof in line over the other half. The next fold is made on the score-line 3 3 of Fig. 3. This fold brings two of said eyelets in line with one and the staple *c*, the said staple passing through the outermost one of the eyelets appearing in Fig. 3. The bag is then folded, as appears in Fig. 4. The next fold turns both sides of the pouch in the same direction and is on the lines 4 4, Figs. 3 and 4. This is the final fold and brings the securing-flap C in a position to close the mouth of the bag, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6, with the staple passed through all of the eyelets and the mouth of the pouch entirely closed up.

While we have described our invention as applicable to mail-pouches, it is readily seen that it may be utilized for securing other articles or packages constructed of flexible material.

Having described our invention, we claim—

A mail pouch or bag having sides A and B the latter of which has a portion cut out along the lines *a a* and *b b* to provide a securing-flap C, and the former of which has a central V-shaped notch *d* to permit the sides being

folded in at the mouth on the score-lines 1 1
and 2 2, and the edges *e e* to overlap each
other, a series of eyelets *f* horizontally dis-
posed around the mouth of said pouch or bag,
5 and another series of eyelets below the flap
C, as herein shown and described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as

our own we hereto affix our signatures in pres-
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