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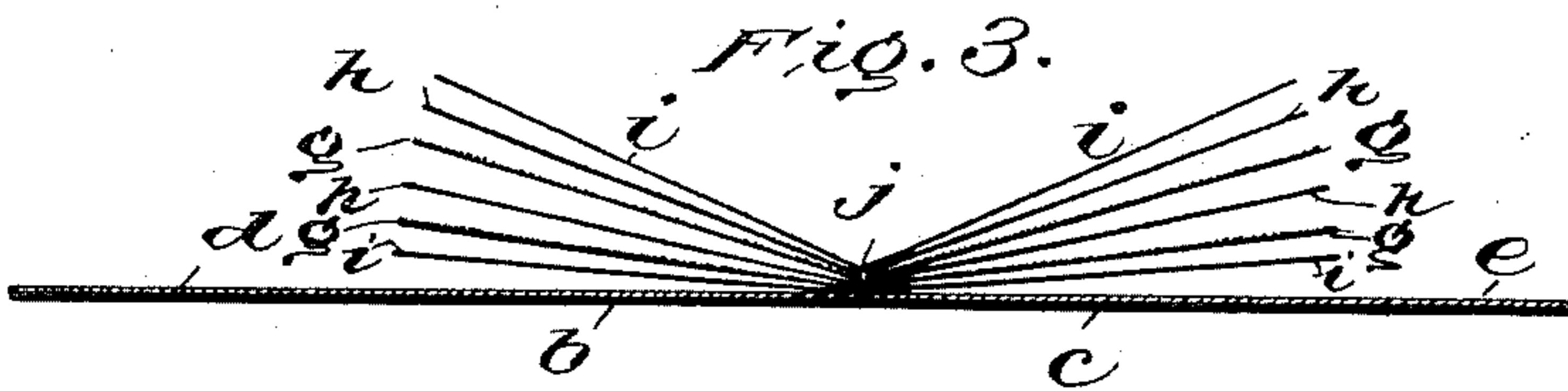
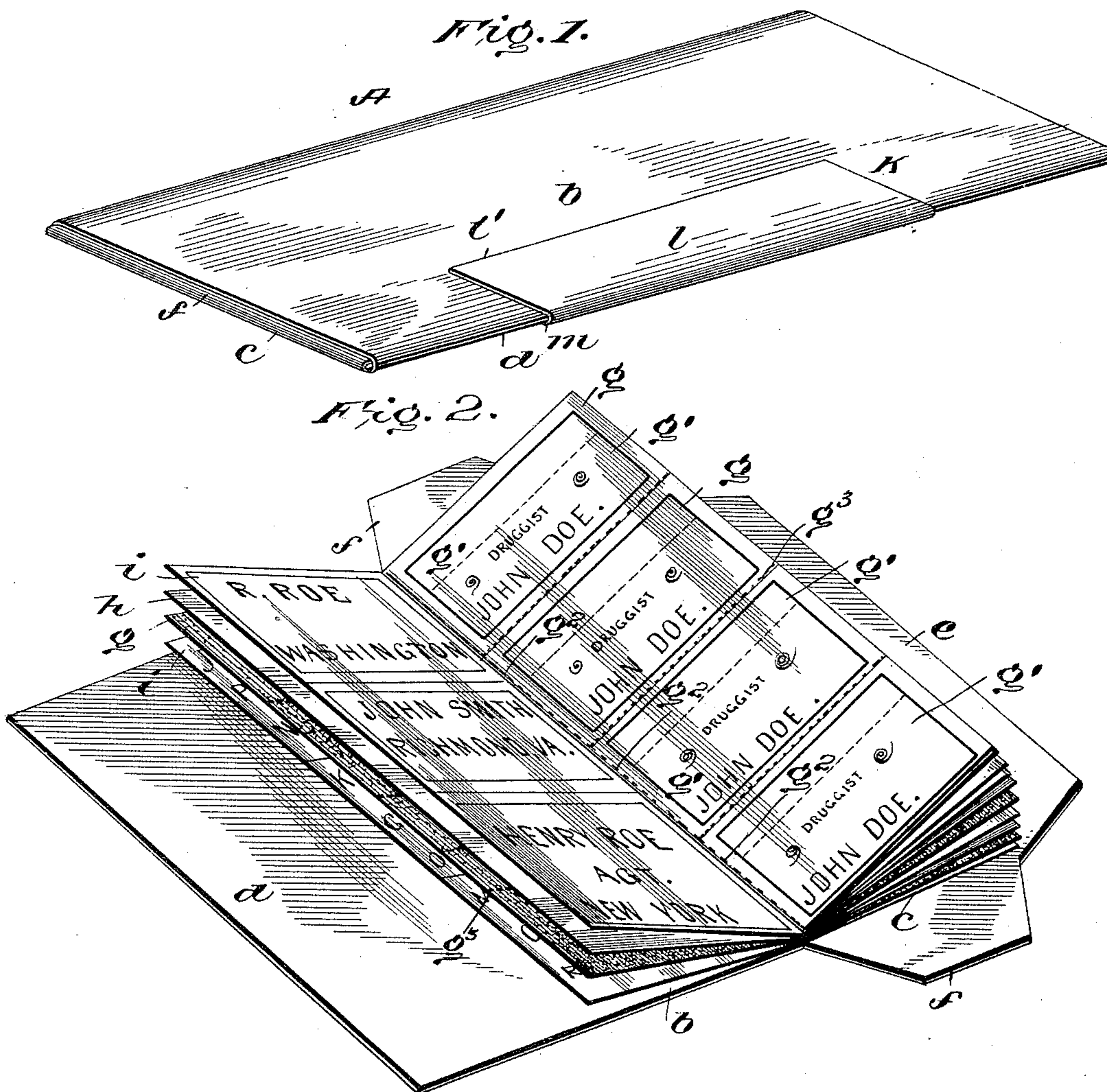
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Fig. 4.

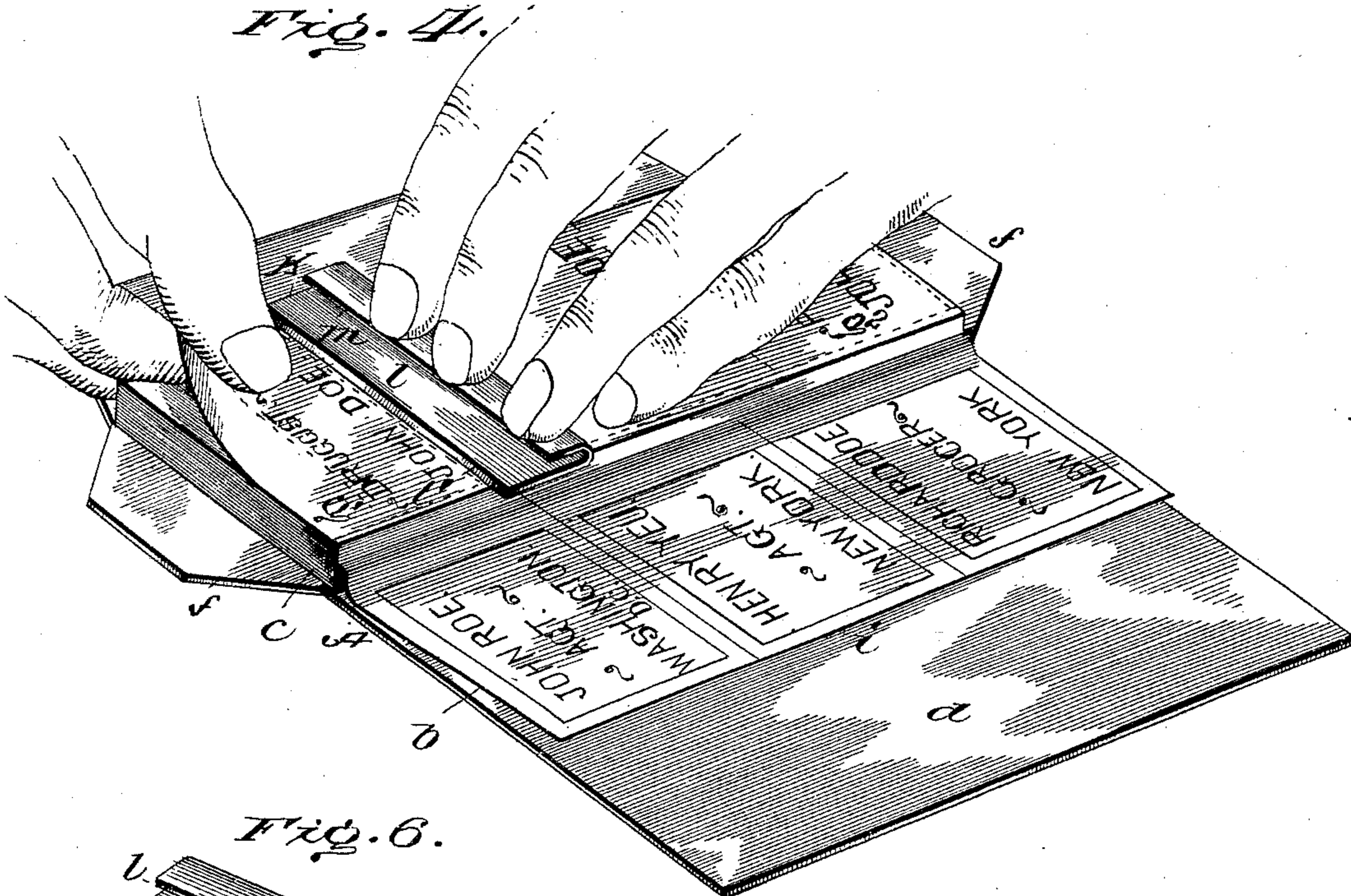


Fig. 6.

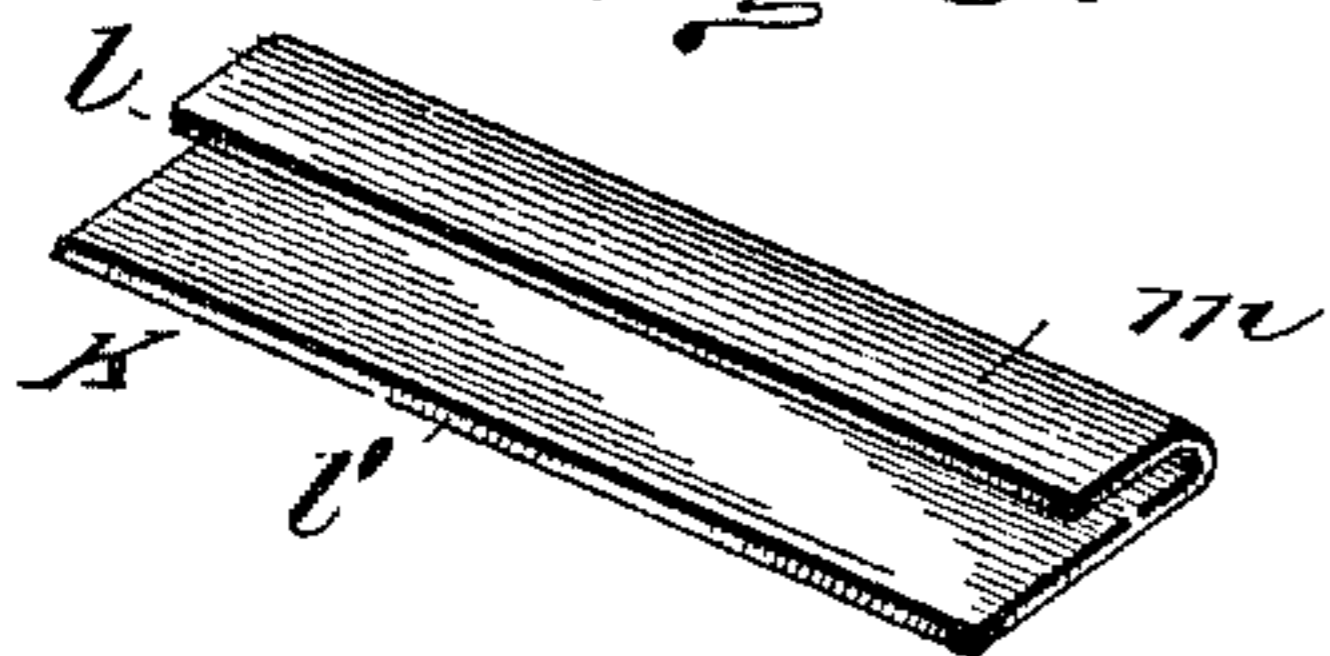
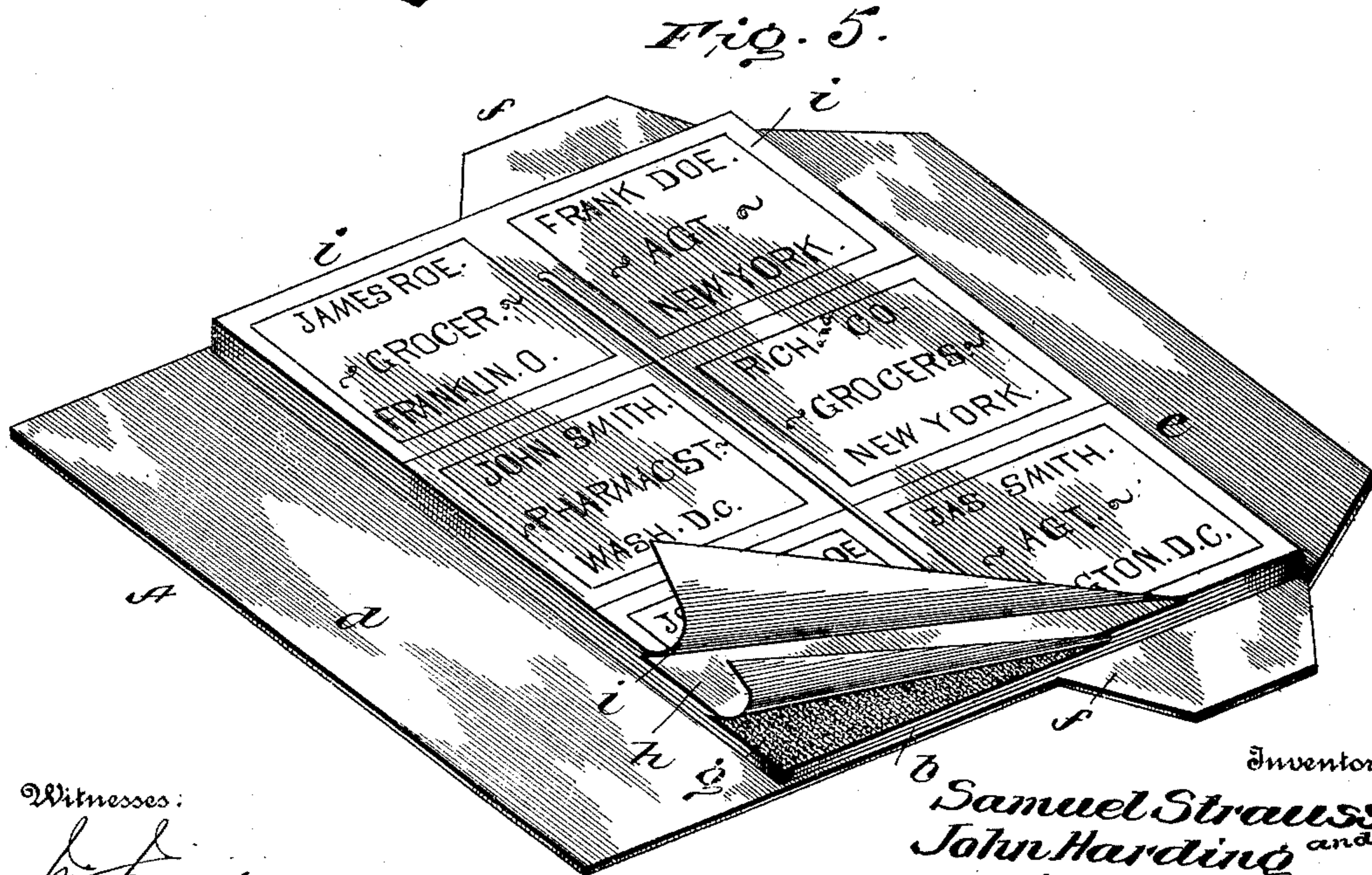


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, SAMUEL STRAUSS and JOHN HARDING, citizens of the United States, residing at Franklin, in the county of Warren and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Advertising and Label-Holding Books; and we 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 appertains to make and use the same.

Our invention relates to improvements in label-holding books for the use of druggists and others; and it has for its primary object to provide a novel and simplified construction of moisture-proof book in which sheets of gummed labels may be kept in compact shape and prevented from adhering together and from which a single label or a series of labels may be readily and conveniently removed as required for use.

A further object is to provide a combined advertising and label-holding book having bound therein a series of gummed label sheets or leaves, a series of non-adhesive leaves facing the gummed sides of the label-leaves, and a series of advertising-leaves facing the printed sides of said label-leaves, combined with a folding moisture-proof cover provided with side and end flaps adapted to completely inclose the leaves and protect the same from moisture and also to provide a combined clamp and stripper-plate adapted to hold the cover closed and to be employed as a straight edge to facilitate the removal of the labels.

With these and other objects in view our invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a label-holding book embodying our invention, showing the same closed. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the book opened to show the arrangement of the leaves. Fig. 3 is a cross-section through the cover and leaves of the open book. Fig. 4 is a perspective view illustrating the manner of removing a label by means of the stripper-plate. Fig. 5 is a perspective view showing the book

opened at the intermediate leaves. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the combined clamp and stripper-plate.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, A represents the improved book, having the front and back covers *b c*, said front cover being provided with a side folding flap *d* and the back cover with a side folding flap *e* and end flaps *f*.

g designates a series of leaves consisting of sheets of paper having one side thereof coated with mucilage or other adhesive material and the other side printed to form a series of labels *g'*, said labels being separated from the stub or bound-in portion of each leaf by a longitudinal line of perforations *g'* and from each other by transverse lines of perforations *g''*. These lines of perforations, however, may be omitted and simple ruled lines substituted therefor to indicate the line of separation, as by the use of our improved stripper-plate, hereinafter described, imperforate paper may be readily cut and the label neatly and cleanly removed. *h* designates a second series of levers composed of sheets of paper or fabric which have been previously treated with oil, varnish, or paraffin to render them non-adhesive. These sheets are arranged adjacent to the adhesive sides of the label-leaves *g* and serve to prevent the same from adhering to each other and to the advertising-sheets *i*, which are interposed between the non-adhesive leaves and the printed sides of the label-leaves. The said leaves *h* may be utilized for advertising purposes without impairing the non-adhesive qualities thereof, or suitable items of information of general interest or of particular interest to the druggist or other user of the book may be imprinted thereon. The advertising-leaves *i* are equal in number to each of the other series of leaves and are intended to be used solely for advertising purposes. They provide a simple and convenient means whereby the names or cards of wholesale firms in the same line of business as the user may be printed in the book for ready reference of the user.

The several series of sheets *g h i*, arranged as hereinbefore described, are laid flat upon one another and bound centrally by means of staples or wire or thread stitching *j*, so that both leaves of the central sheet, which in the

present instance is one of the sheets *i*, will be exposed at that portion of the book when opened and so that the natural tendency of the leaves of each half of the book to open in reverse directions will bring the most important and preferred advertising-sheet into view each time the book is opened. By this construction and arrangement the making of the book is not only simplified, in that double leaves are provided, which obviate the necessity of forming each leaf with a stub, but a flat-opening book is also provided, from which large labels may be removed with ease and facility. Another advantage is that the label-faces on the gummed pages of one half of the book are on the reverse side from the label-faces of the pages of the other half of the book, which obviates the necessity of coating one-half of each sheet on opposite sides.

The cover is made of some strong and durable paper or fabric which may be paraffined, oiled, parchmented, or varnished to render it impervious to moisture. In closing the book the leaves are laid over upon the back cover *c*, the end flaps *f* turned in to cover the ends of the leaves, the flap *e* folded over upon the said flaps and leaves, and the front cover *b* folded over upon the front page and flap *d* thereof folded over upon the back cover.

When this is done, the leaves are completely inclosed and shielded from moisture.

In order to hold the cover closed and facilitate the operation of removing the labels, a combined clamp and stripper-plate *K* is provided. This consists, preferably, of a plate of spring metal formed with a broad body portion *l*, having a straight cutting edge *l'* and a hook-flange *m*. When used as a holder to

keep the book closed, the hook-flange *m* is engaged with the free end of the cover, as shown in Fig. 1, with its body portion bearing against the front cover *a* and flange resting against the flap *d*. When employed as a stripper, the body portion of the plate is laid upon the leaf with its straight edge *l'* in line with the perforations *g'* or *g''*, as the case may be, and the fingers of one hand resting on the flange-plate, as shown in Fig. 4. The label may then be grasped by the fingers of the other hand and conveniently severed along the line of said straight edge, as will be readily understood.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A label-holding book comprising a flexible folding cover having bound therein a series of label-sheets laid flatwise to form double leaves adapted to be inclosed by the cover when the latter is folded to form a flat book, in combination with a combined clamp and stripper-plate formed with a flat body portion provided at one side with a straight cutting edge and at the other side with a hook-shaped flange adapted to embrace the side edge of the book to hold the free folding flap and free edges of the sheets confined, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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