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Fig. 1.

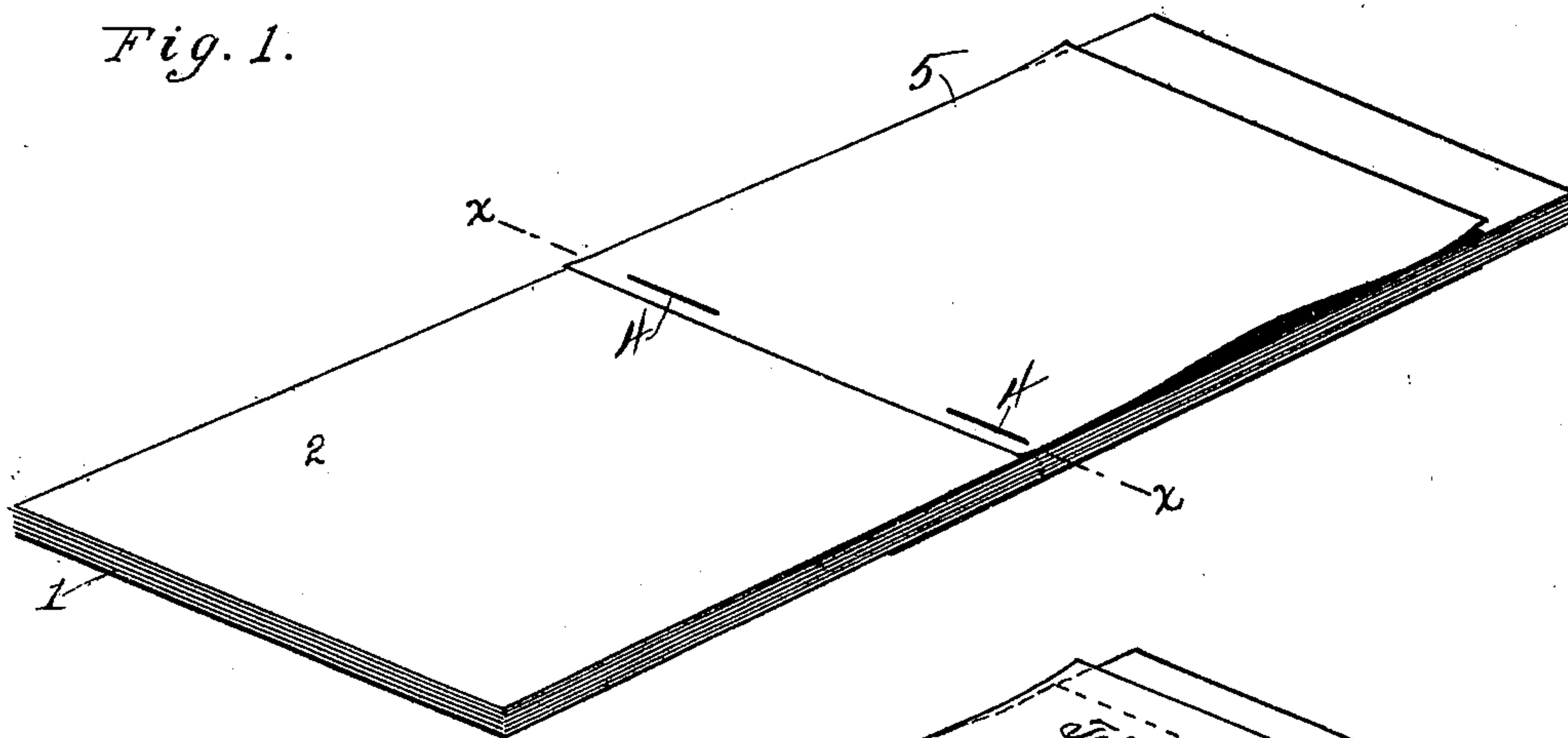


Fig. 2.

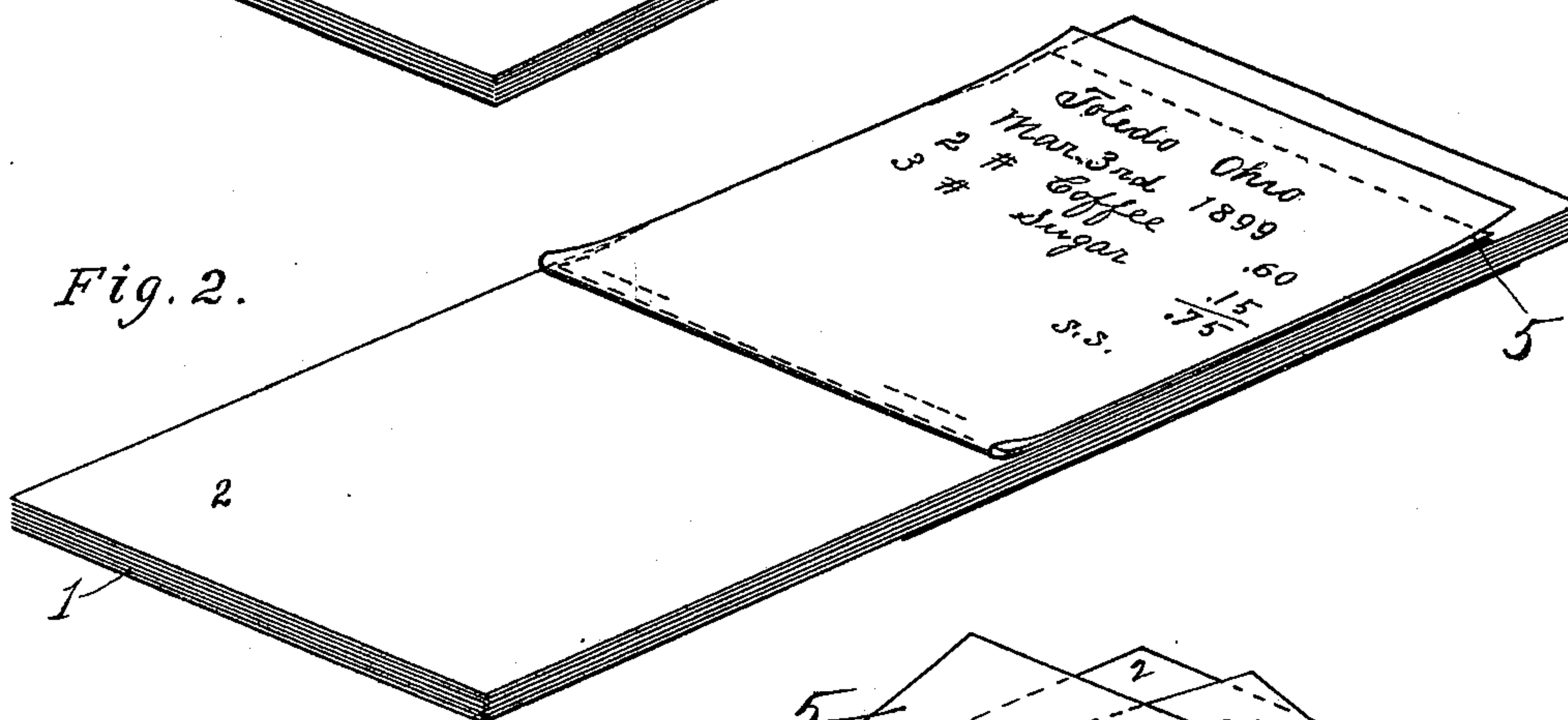
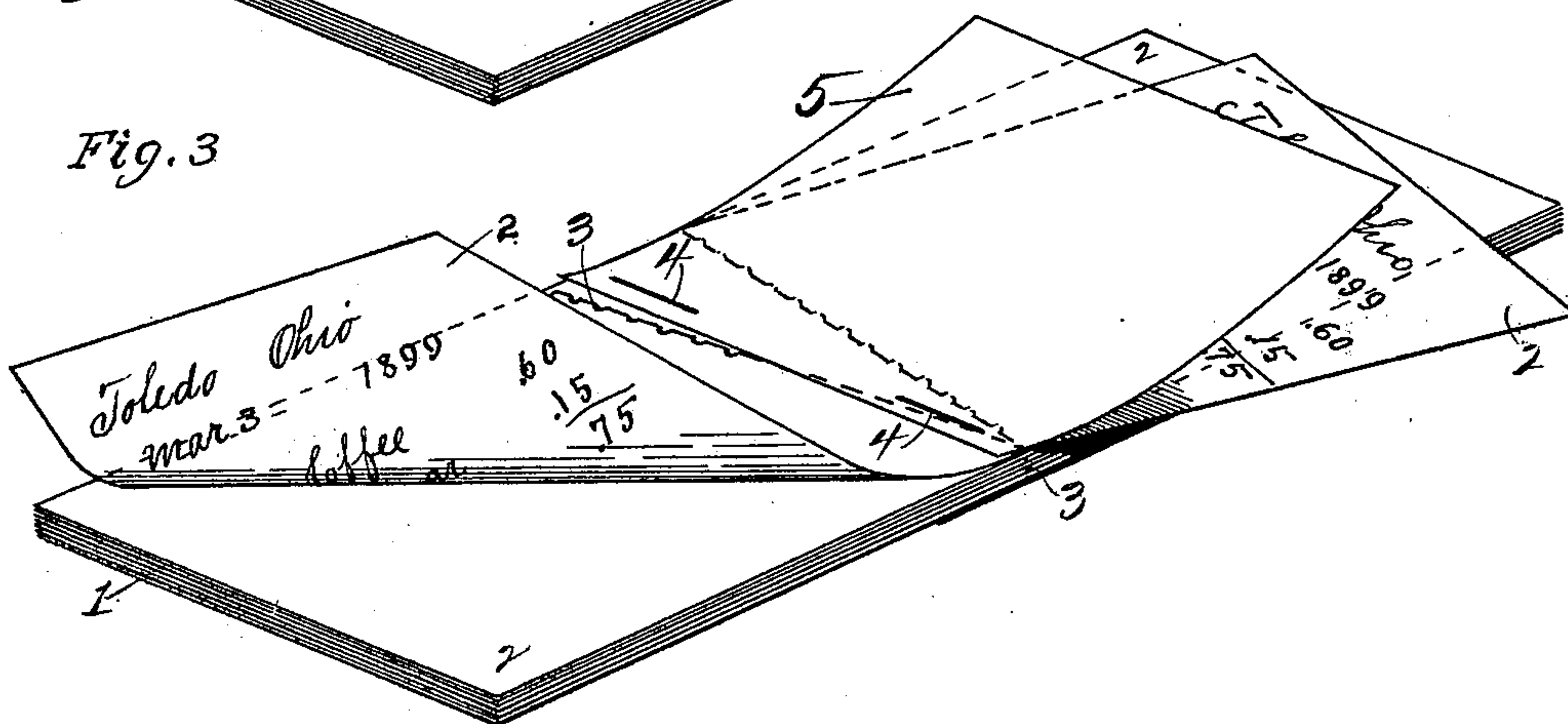


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMORY J. CARTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fremont, Sandusky county, Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Manifold Sales-Pads, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to and has for its object the construction of a book or pad or block of paper for use by merchants and others with whom it is desirable to have all memoranda made in duplicate, both parts being capable of ready separation and removal. These parts are usually one for the cashier and the other for the customer. In most pads of this character heretofore in use it is necessary to perform two operations to effect the separation of the two parts—that is to say, to remove the piece upon which the original writing is inscribed and then to remove the duplicate. In most pads of this character there is left after the two pieces of paper are removed a stub, which is thrown away.

My invention relates to and its object is to provide a construction and arrangement of parts which will overcome the difficulties here indicated and which will render it unnecessary to perform more than a single operation to separate the two parts from the pad and which will leave no useless stub after the work is completed.

A further object of my invention is to dispense with the strip of sheet metal sometimes secured to the pad to form a “straight edge” upon which to tear the successive sheets in two.

I accomplish these objects by means of the device shown and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, hereinafter described, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my pad or block ready for use; Fig. 2, the same with its first leaf folded or doubled and having a memorandum written thereon; and Fig. 3, the same, showing the piece upon which the writing has been made partly severed.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

In the drawings, 1 is a block or pad composed of sheets of paper 2 2 of uniform size.

These sheets are perforated through their middle from side to side, as at 3 in Fig. 3. These sheets are secured together by wire staples 4, passing through the pad or block from side to side in the line of the perforations 3. One half of the pad or block is covered by a sheet of manifold-paper 5, secured in place by means of the wire staples above referred to and having its prepared face turned inwardly toward the pad. This sheet of manifold-paper is not perforated, as are the other sheets, and is not designed to be torn off, but remains in place until the pad is all used up.

It will be observed that my pad or block consists simply of the desired number of sheets perforated across their middle, two or more wire staples passing through the perforations, and a small sheet of manifold-paper secured in place by the staples.

The operation of my device is as follows: The half of the sheet next to the writer is folded on the perforated line, so that one half of the sheet lies upon the other half, with the manifold-paper between them. The desired writing is now inscribed upon the part of the sheet next to the operator, and a duplicate is formed upon the other part of the sheet by means of the manifold-paper. The upper half of the sheet is now torn off on the perforated line, and the sheet is separated into two equal parts, one of which is handed to the customer, the other being retained. The operation of forming two equal parts is performed by the single act of removing the upper part.

I am aware that provision has been made for separating the sheets of a pad across their middle by securing a straight strip of sheet metal to the pad to serve as a straight edge, upon which the paper may be torn. This is not always effective, and the paper is sometimes torn elsewhere than on the desired line. It will be seen that I overcome this objection and that I dispense with the metal strips and the small ribbon or scrap of paper formed by the same at nearly every tearing. It will also be seen that my wire staples do not interfere with the accurate tearing of the sheets and that no bits of paper are scattered about.

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

5 A manifold sales pad or book comprising a block or pad of sheets of paper perforated across their middle, a sheet of manifold-paper, and wire staples passing through the line of perforations in the pad and securing the

sheets of the pad and the sheet of manifold-paper together in place, substantially as and 10 for the purpose specified.

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