

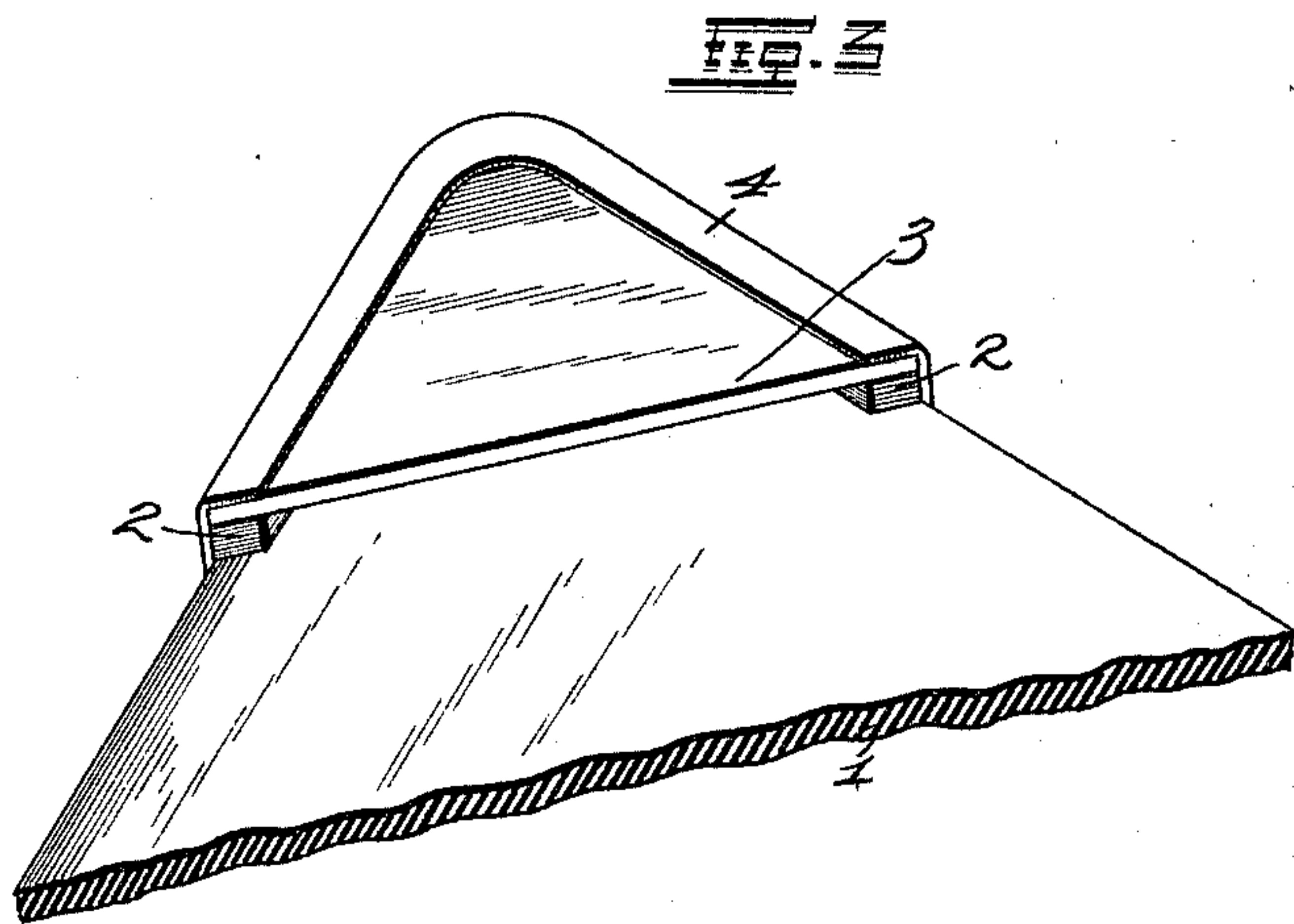
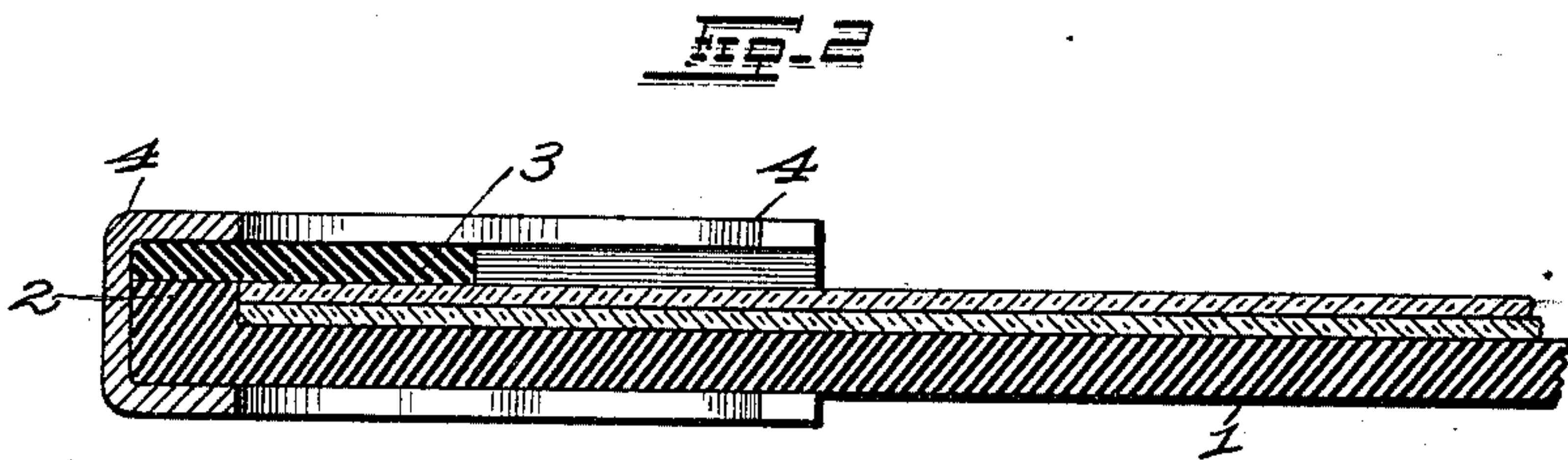
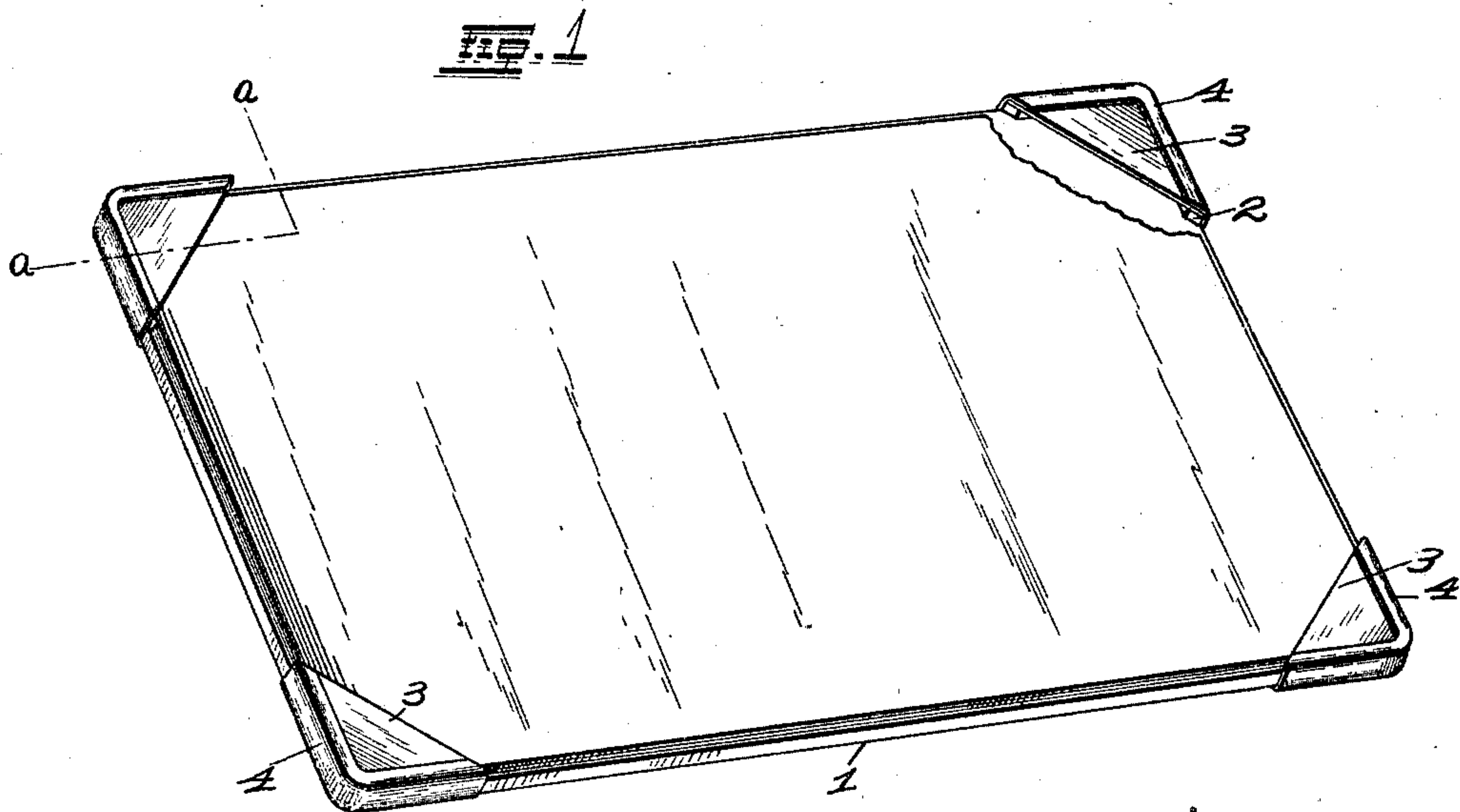
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BLOTTING-PAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OTTO J. DECKELMANN, of the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Blotting-Pads, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

This invention relates to blotting-pads; and it consists of the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter shown, described, and claimed.

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of my improved blotting-pad with the blotter in position thereon. Fig. 2 is a detail sectional view taken on the line *a a* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective of one of the corners of my improved blotting-pad.

Heretofore much difficulty has been encountered in the use of devices of this kind because of the fact that they do not retain the desired shape for any length of time. They have formerly been constructed of pasteboard or analogous material and are very liable to become twisted and bent, whereby the utility of the device is entirely destroyed.

My present invention has for its objects to overcome these difficulties and to provide a very flexible blotting-pad which can be washed and which is positively impermeable to moisture of any kind and will always retain its shape. These objects and purposes are effectually attained by a blotting-pad constructed in accordance with the principles of my invention, which I will now describe in detail.

In the construction of my improved blotting-pad I provide a section 1, essentially of rubber, formed integral with each corner of which and extending along the sides thereof for a suitable distance are the elevations 2, which are for the purpose of receiving the blotters and preventing them from being

moved laterally from off the blotting-pad and also to receive the triangular retaining-sections 3, which are also made of rubber, or, if preferred, may be made of any other similar material. The sections 3 are glued upon the elevations 2 and are further secured in position thereon by means of metallic corners 4, said corners also serving to give greater weight to the corners of the blotting-pad, thereby holding it better in a straight position.

The blotting-pad may be made of any suitable size and of different shapes, if desired.

A blotting-pad constructed of rubber, as above described, is flexible and may be folded or rolled without injury thereto, and still at the same time it retains a straight position upon the desk or table much better than do the blotting-pads which are constructed of pasteboard or other similar material. In this and in other respects the device possesses superior advantages.

I claim—

1. A blotting-pad constructed of flexible rubber, and having elevations integral with the corners thereof, retaining-sections located upon said elevations, and means for holding the said sections in position, substantially as specified.

2. The herein-described rubber blotting-pad, comprising the section 1, the elevations 2 integral with the corners thereof, the sections 3 secured upon said elevations 2, and the metallic corners 4 for holding the sections 3 in position and for giving greater weight to the corners of the blotting-pad, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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