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Fig. 1.

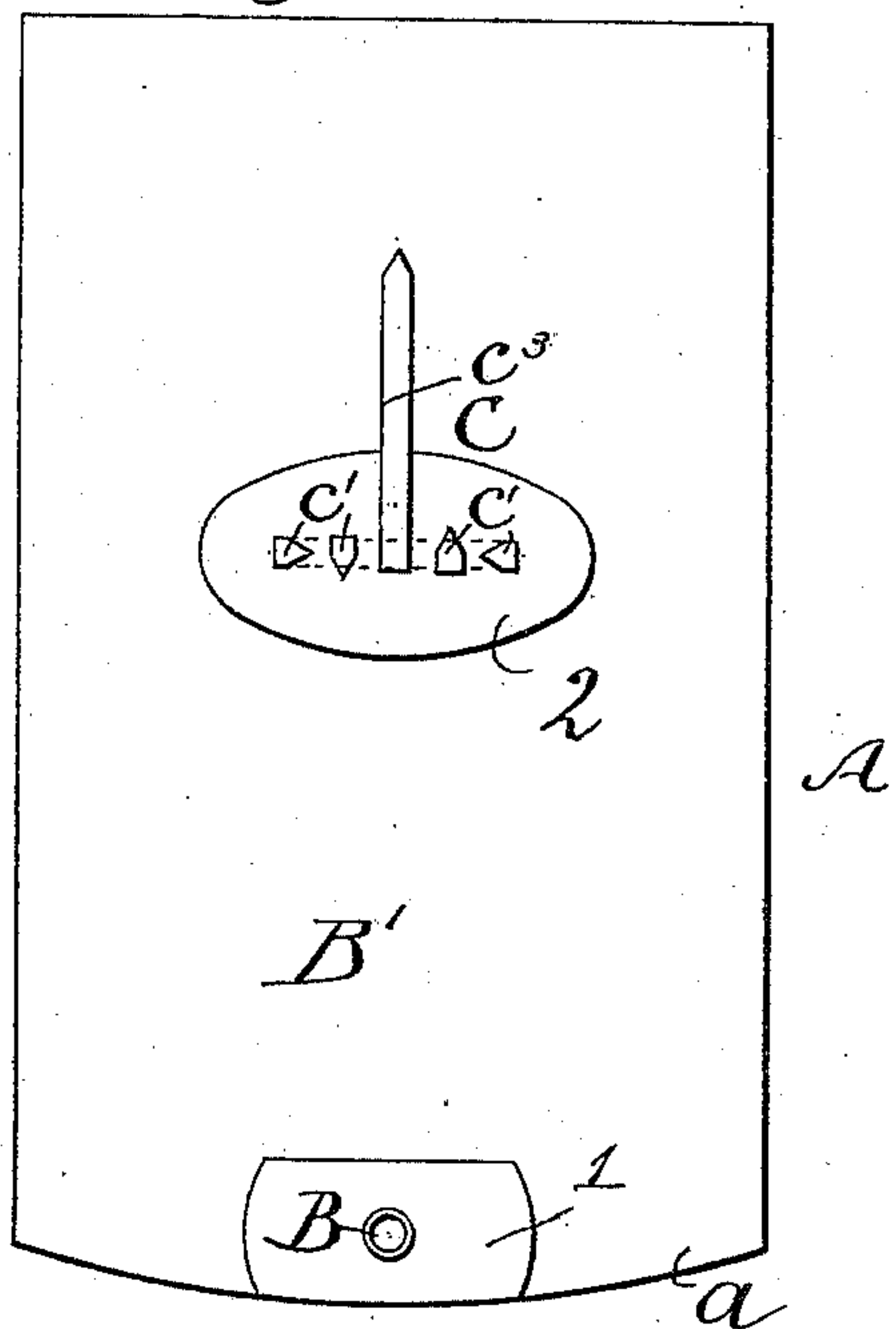


Fig. 2.

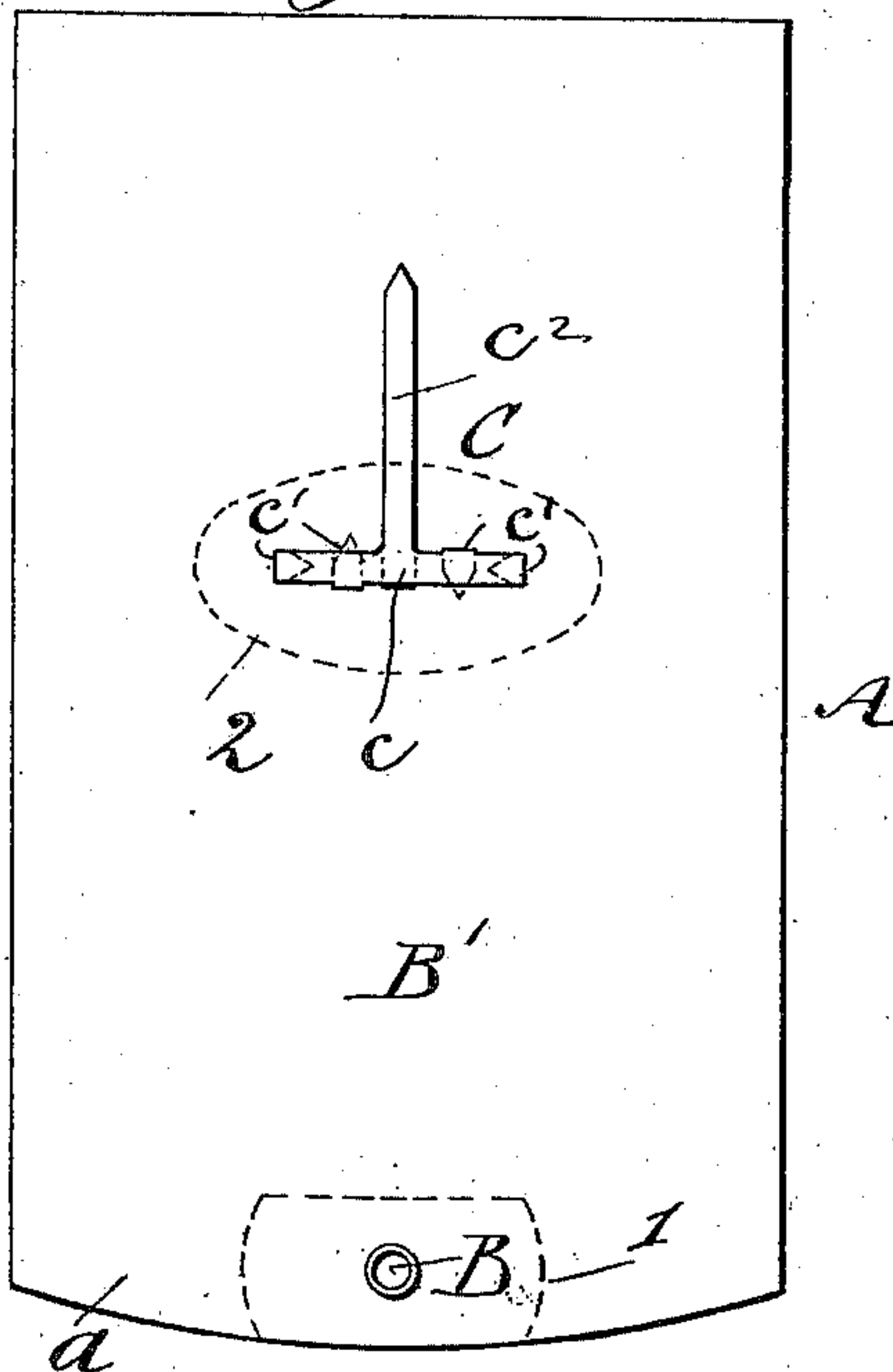


Fig. 3.

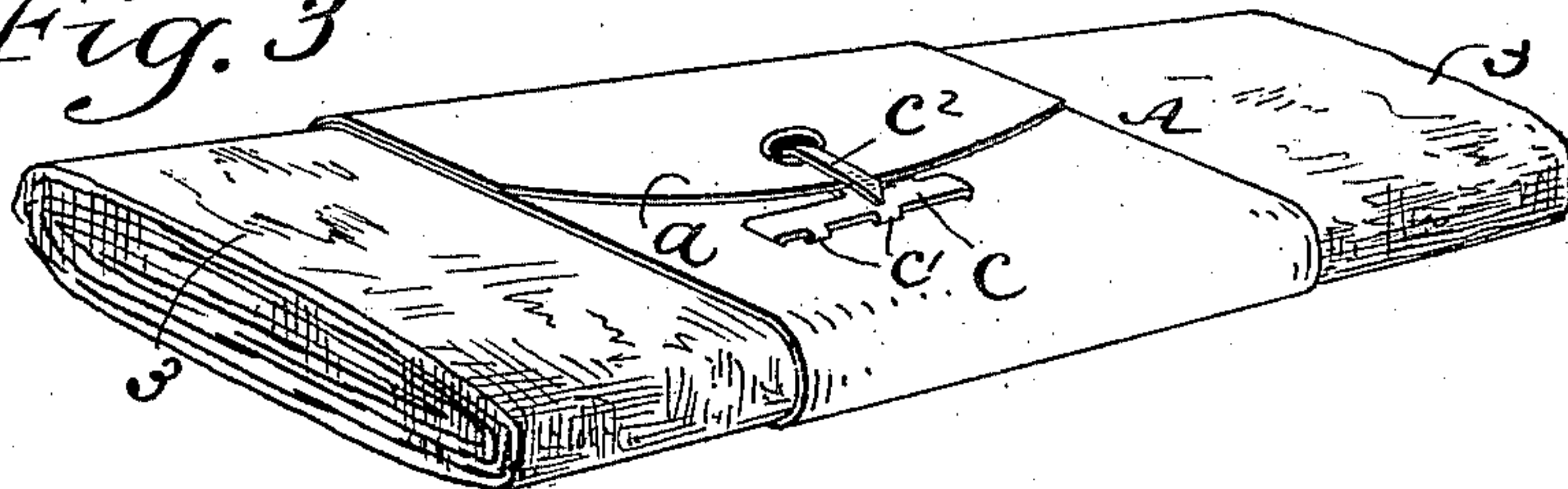
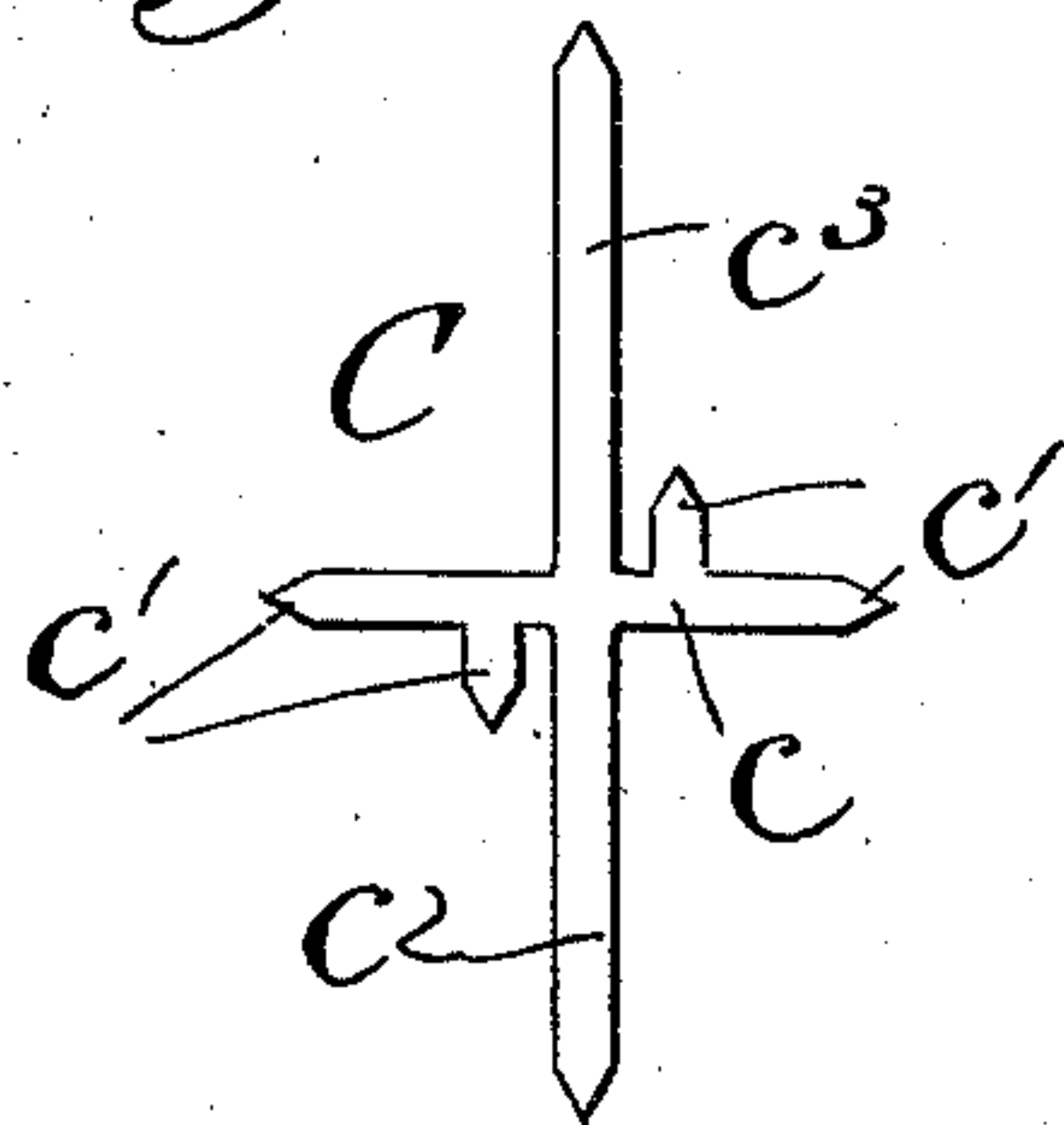


Fig. 4.



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## REVERSIBLE MAILING-WRAPPER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE SCHUTES, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Salisbury, county of Rowan, and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Reversible Mailing-Wrappers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to reversible mailing-wrappers, the object thereof being to provide an efficient, novel, and durable article of this character which is susceptible of reuse and is employed as a means for mailing newspapers, documents, or merchandise and which may be readily opened and closed by the post-office authorities for purposes of inspection.

The device is especially applicable for use of merchants in sending articles of merchandise for inspection, the construction being such that the receiver can make a return-package of articles by simply reversing and refastening the wrapper.

The invention will be hereinafter fully described, and specifically set forth in the annexed claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a face view of one side of my improved wrapper; Fig. 2, a similar view of the reverse side; Fig. 3, a perspective view illustrating the application of the wrapper to a package; Fig. 4, a view in blank of my preferred form of clasp.

In the practice of my invention I employ, primarily, an elongated sheet of paper A of durable texture. One end of this said sheet has a curved edge, forming an outside flap  $\alpha$ , and the other end is preferably squared. The outside flap  $\alpha$  is provided near its edge with an eyeleted opening B, and the part of the flap through which the eyelet passes is preferably reinforced by a strong paper or fabric strip 1.

As a means for fastening the wrapper when it is in place around an object, as illustrated by Fig. 3 of the drawings, I employ a clasp C, which is formed of a single piece of malleable sheet metal. This clasp embodies a central plate or base  $c$  of any desired shape or

contour and having a suitable number of spurs  $c'$  extended therefrom and oppositely-extended tongues  $c^2$  and  $c^3$ . This clasp is fastened to the wrapper by extending the tongue  $c^3$  through the wrapper and then bending it over upon the reverse side of said wrapper. The spurs  $c'$  are at the same time also forced through the wrapper and bent over, as illustrated by Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, whereby the device is securely fastened. A reinforcing-strip 2 of strong paper or fabric is preferably placed between the base-plate  $c$  and the wrapper to insure strength to the structure.

In the operation and use of the invention the wrapper is folded tightly around any object, as 3, Fig. 3 of the drawings. Then the tongue, which is on the outside, as  $c^2$ , Fig. 3 of the drawings, is passed through the eyeleted opening B of the flap  $\alpha$  and bent over on itself, whereby the package is securely fastened, and the superscription and stamps can readily be placed on the space B' on the outside of the package. In use a merchant sending out samples or other objects to be returned may place his own name and address on the inwardly-turned part B, and return postage-stamps may also be placed thereon. To reuse the wrapper, it is obvious that it is simply necessary to employ the reverse side thereof by turning it inside out, the fastening operations being the same as described above.

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

1. The combination with the elongated sheet A, square at one end and formed with the curved flap  $\alpha$ , at the other end having an eyeleted opening B, therein, and reinforcing-pieces 1 and 2, thereon; of a clasp embodying a base-plate, spurs, and extended tongues, and adapted to clasp said sheet so that the same may be used for a mailing-package, all substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination with the elongated sheet A, square at one end, and formed with the curved flap  $\alpha$ , at the other end; and the reinforcing-pieces 1 and 2, on the said sheet; and the same sheet being adapted and arranged to form part of a reversible mailing-package;



of the clasp C, embodying the base-plate *c*,  
spurs *c'*, and oppositely-extended tongues *c''*,  
and *c'''*, adapted and arranged to clasp the  
said sheet, and together therewith to com-  
5 plete said mailing-package, all substantially  
as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as

my invention I have signed my name, in pres-  
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