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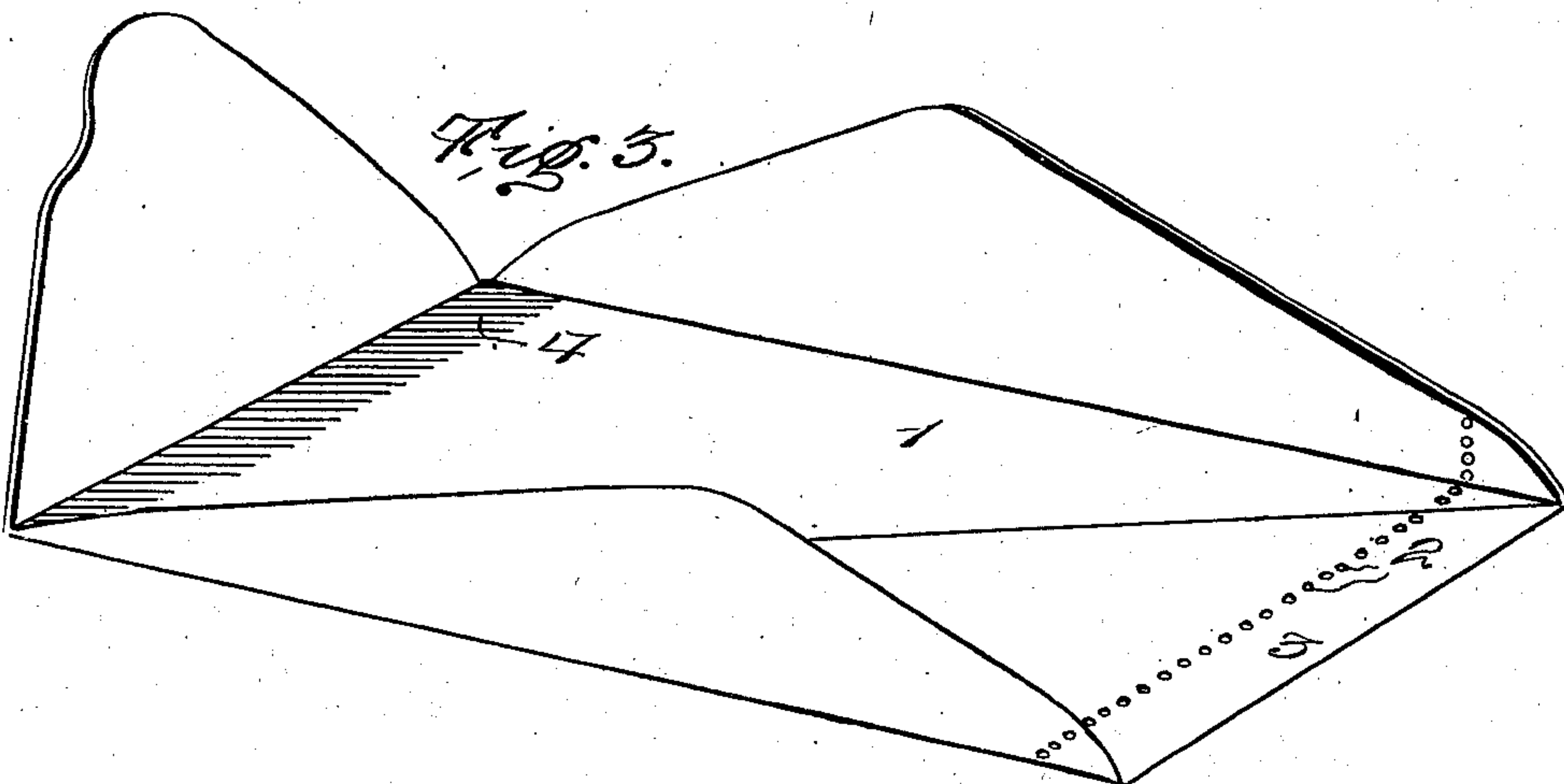
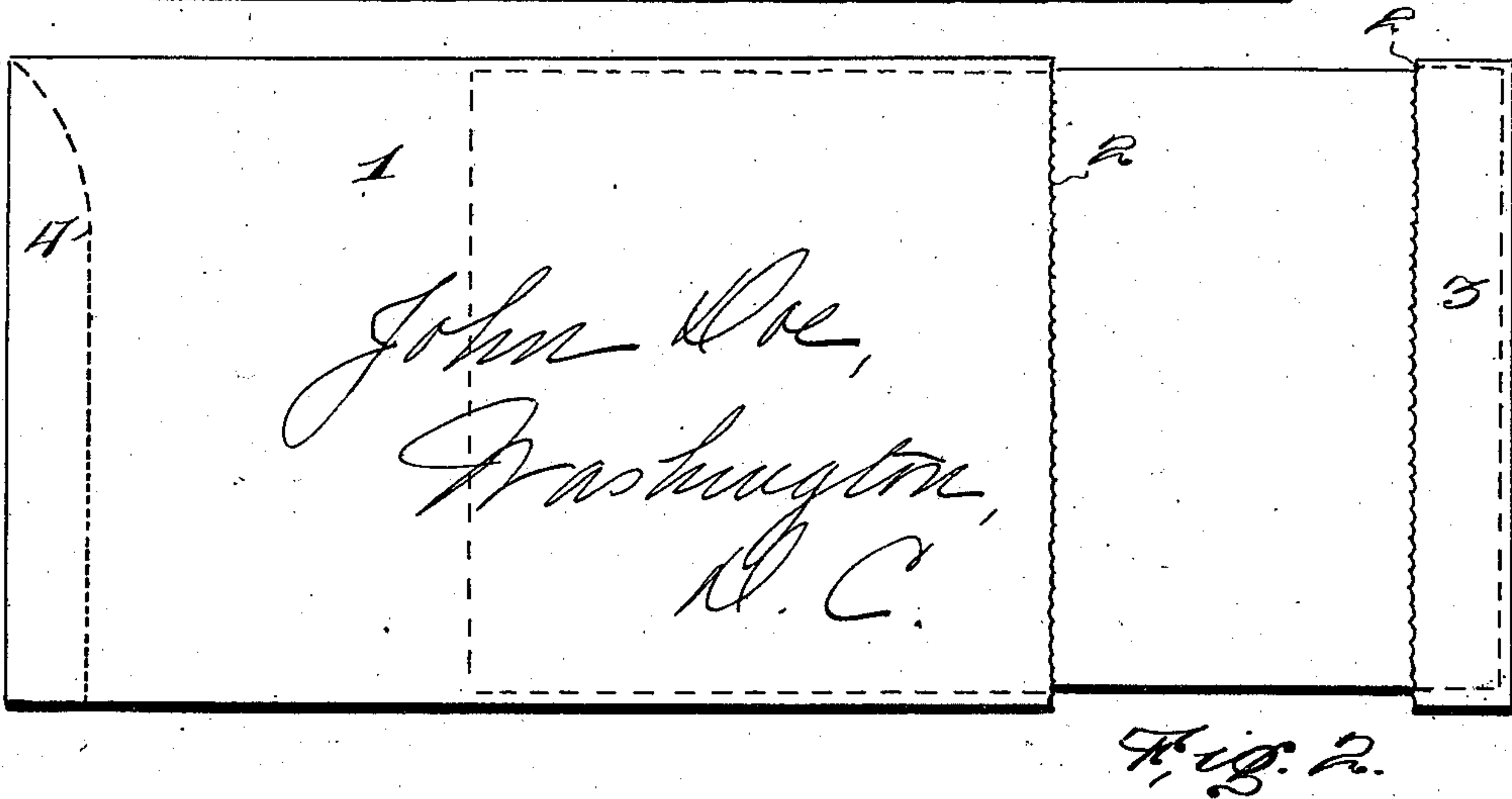
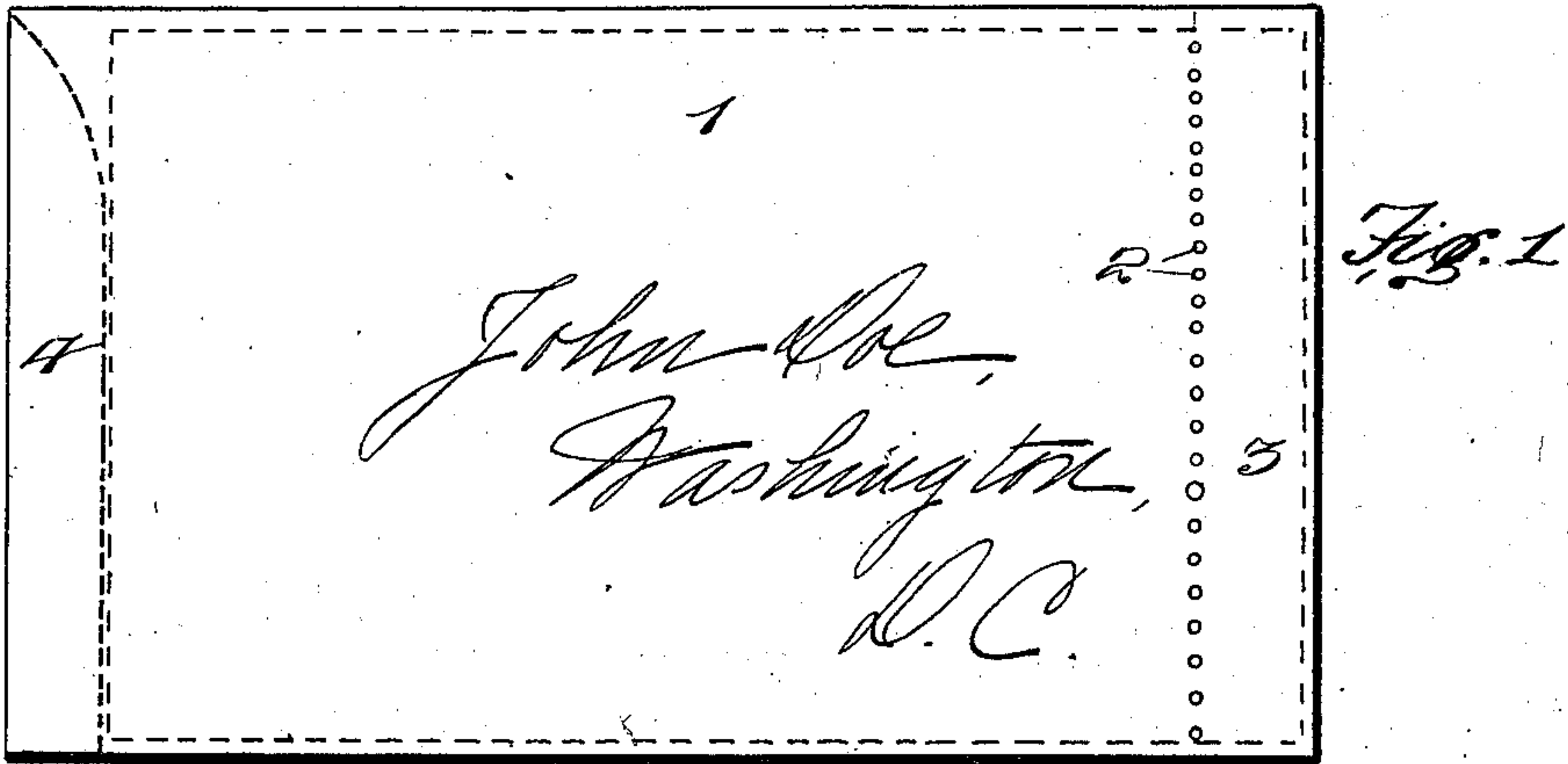
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID HENRY KELLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Envelop, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain improvements in that class of envelopes which may be opened and the letter or other contents removed by a single movement.

The invention is intended especially for use in connection with the form of envelop in general use, one of the objects being to render possible the application of the invention to such envelopes with very slight increase in the cost of manufacture.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a face view of an envelop constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a face view of the same, illustrating the envelop in partly-open position. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the envelop partly open in order to more clearly illustrate the construction thereof.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

The envelop 1 is of the character in general use and may be made of any suitable material or of any suitable shape and size. At a point near one end of the envelop and extending parallel with the edge thereof is a line of perforations 2, extending completely through the face and the rear flaps of the envelop, the perforations being arranged at a sufficient distance from the edge of the envelop to permit of the grasping of the end portion 3 between the thumb and forefinger. At the opposite end of the envelop the front and rear faces are sealed together at the point indicated at 4 by the application of a

suitable adhesive material, this being preferably arranged in a slightly-curved line toward the open flap in order to facilitate the introduction of the letter.

In opening the envelop the portion 3 is firmly grasped between the thumb and forefinger, closing upon and holding the letter-head or other contents, and the opposite end, where the adhesive material 4 is placed, is grasped between the thumb and forefinger of the other hand. A quick jerk will then cause the portion 3 to separate from the main body of the envelop along the line of perforations, leaving the portion 3 and the contents in one hand and the empty envelop in the other. The presence of the adhesive material 4 will prevent the catching of the letter at that end of the envelop, so that no strain whatever will be exerted on the letter, and there will be no danger of tearing the same.

The line of perforations 2 may be arranged at either end of the envelop or along the upper or lower edge thereof, and the perforations may be arranged in a line parallel with the edge of the envelop or on an inclined or other line, or a series of weakening indentations may be made in place of the perforations without departing from my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

An envelop having at one end a line of perforations 2 extending parallel with the end of the envelop, the front and rear faces of the opposite end of the envelop being sealed together by an adhesive material 4 extending in a curved or inclined line toward the end of the open flap of said envelop and thereby acting as a guide to facilitate the entrance of the letter or other contents.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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