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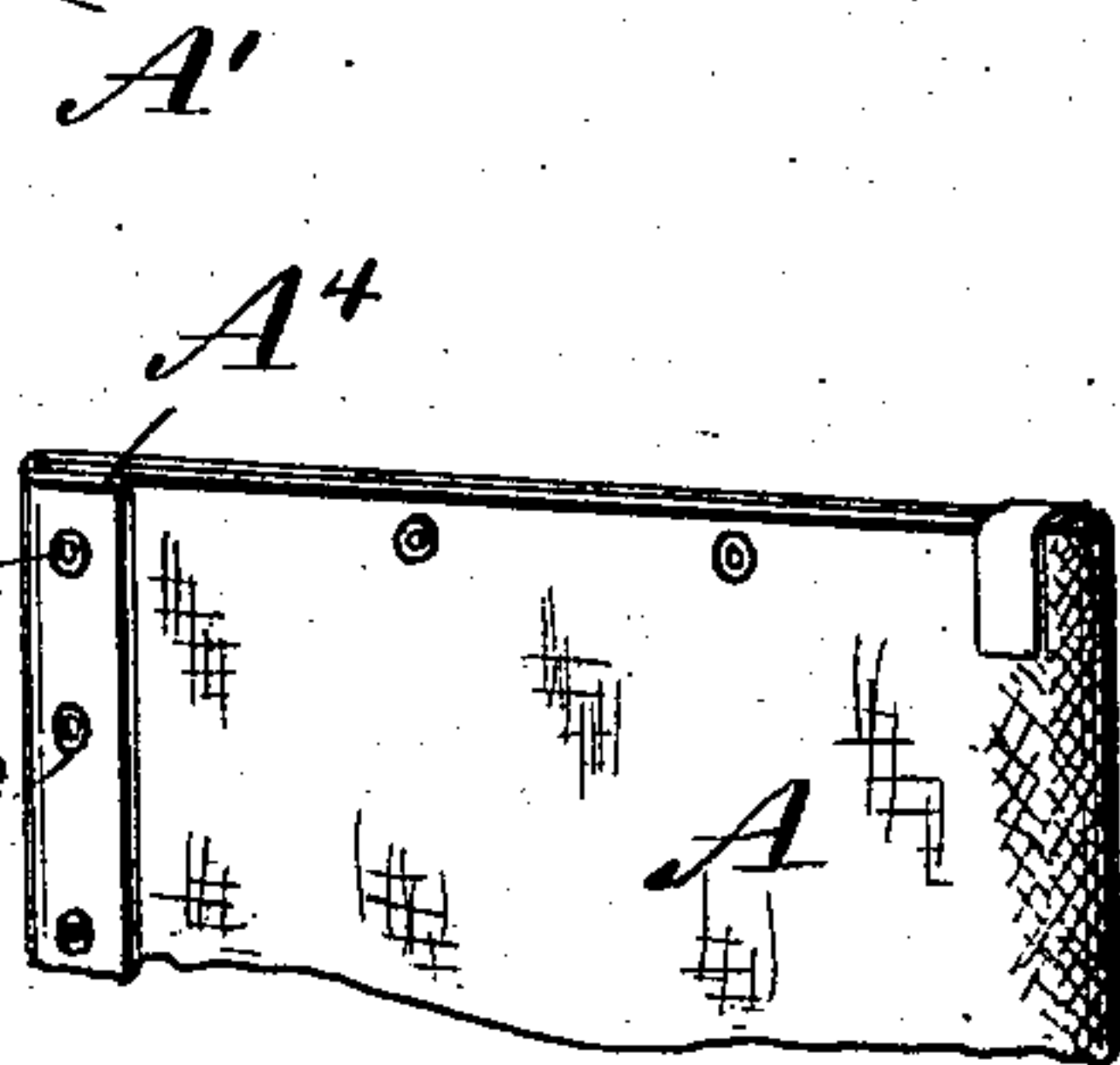
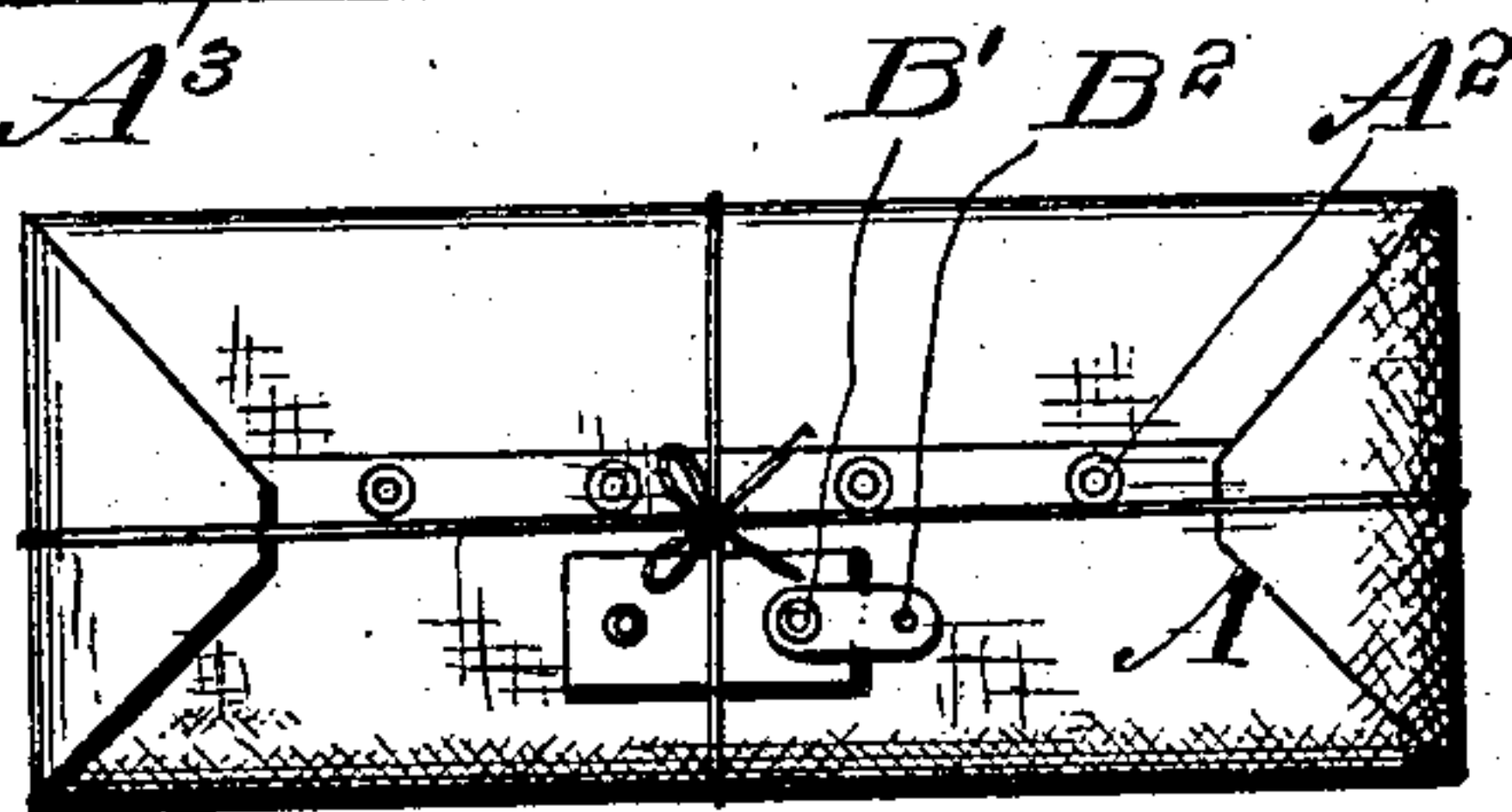
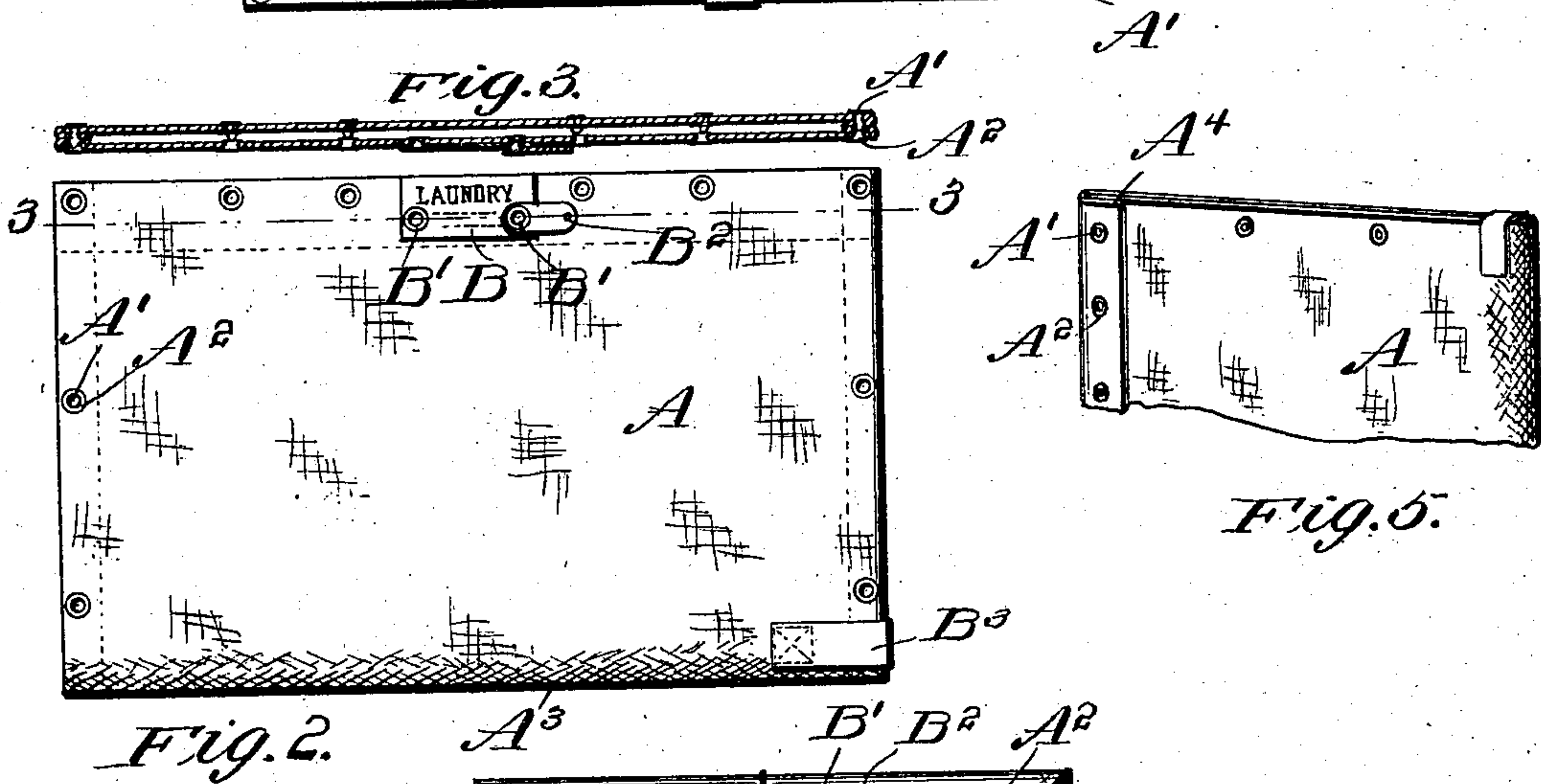
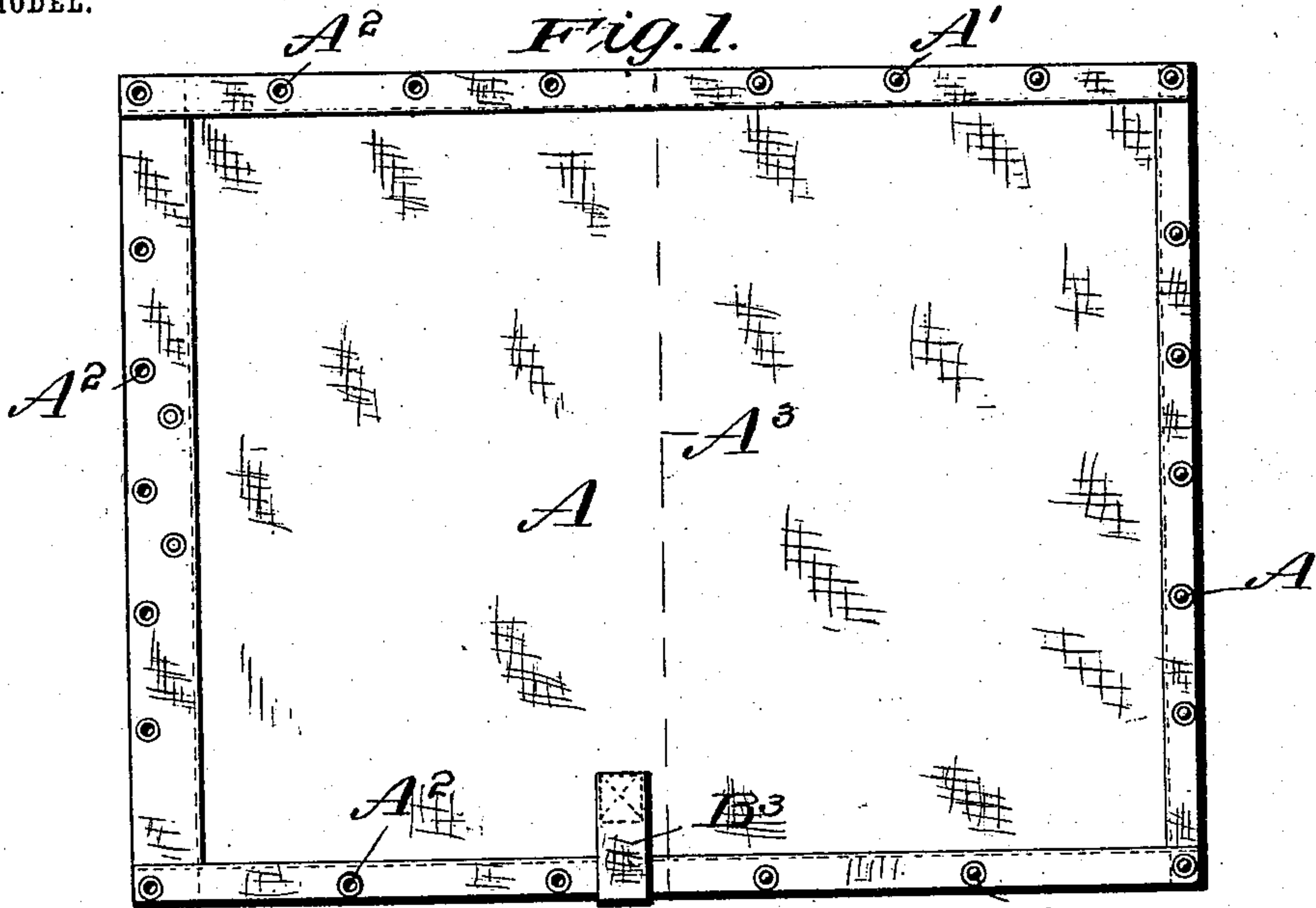


Fig. 5.

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Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD BOURNE, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Dallas, in the county of Dallas, State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Laundry-Bags, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to a laundry-bag, and particularly to a device adapted to be used as a receptacle to receive articles to be laundered and as a wrapper for articles delivered from the laundry.

The invention has for an object to provide a sheet of flexible material with separable fastenings upon its edges, so that when folded and the fasteners connected a bag is formed adapted to receive articles to be sent to a laundry and when disconnected and opened forms a wrapper adapted to inclose the laundered articles when returned to the customer.

Other and further objects and advantages of the invention will be hereinafter set forth, and the novel features thereof defined by the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan of the sheet or blank from which the bag is formed; Fig. 2, a similar view showing the same folded to form the bag; Fig. 3, a section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4, a plan of the bag when used as a wrapper, and Fig. 5 a detail perspective showing a modified form of securing the edges with separable fasteners.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts in the several figures of the drawings.

The letter A designates the sheet or blank, which may be of any suitable flexible material, preferably of cloth, which can be readily cleansed when desired and the edges of which are provided with any desired form of separable fastenings. For instance, as shown in Fig. 1, one end of the sheet is provided along its edges with a series of studs A' and the opposite end with a series of caps A² to engage said studs when the sheet is folded upon the central line A³, thus forming a bag, as shown in Fig. 2. The bag thus formed may be left open at one edge for the introduction of the materials to be laundered, and when filled this edge may be closed by

the separable fastenings to form a tight package in which the goods may be conveyed to the laundry. For the purpose of identifying the laundry contained in the bag a removable tag B is attached to the bag by means of separable fasteners B' and contains the identifying characters for the laundry contained in the bag. This tag is also provided with a tab B², by which it may be removed when it is desired to wash the bag or change the tag thereon for any purpose, while at one corner of the bag or in any other suitable position a hanging-loop B³ is provided. As shown in Figs. 1 to 3, the edges of the sheet when folded to form the bag lie parallel with each other, and when it is desired to strengthen this point of connection the edge of the bag carrying one member of the separable fastener—for instance, the cap A²—may be lapped or folded over the other edge, as shown at A⁴ in Fig. 5, and then engaged with the opposite member of the separable fastening.

In the use of the bag the materials to be laundered are placed therein to be delivered to the laundry, where the bag itself may be suitably laundered with the materials, and when the latter are ready for delivery to the customer the sheet is used as a wrapper to inclose the laundered materials, the sheet being folded about the same and secured by cords in the usual manner. When delivered to the customer, the laundered articles may be removed therefrom and the separable fasteners engaged to again form a bag for the reception of articles to be subsequently laundered. The provision of the tag upon the bag insures a proper identification of the customer's articles by the laundry-mark placed thereon, while the device forms a cheap and efficient means for the reception and delivery of articles to and from a laundry, avoiding the necessity of a customer forming a bundle and the frequent neglect on behalf of the customer to properly mark the bundle, so that the articles can be identified when received at the laundry.

It will be obvious that changes may be made in the details of construction and configuration, as well as the material used and the character of fastener provided, without de-

parting from the spirit of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

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

1. A laundry-bag comprising a sheet or blank adapted to be folded upon itself on a central line, separable cooperating fastening devices upon the side edges of the sheet on opposite sides of said fold-line, and independent cooperating separable fastenings upon the end edges of the sheet at opposite sides of the fold-line.

2. A laundry-bag comprising a rectangular sheet or blank of flexible material adapted to be folded upon itself on a central line, a series of studs upon one edge of the sheet parallel to said fold-line, a series of sockets upon the opposite edge of the sheet to cooperate with said studs, an independent series of studs upon the opposite ends of the sheet at one side of the fold-line, and a series of sockets at the opposite side of the fold-line to coop-

erate with the studs upon the ends of the sheet.

3. A laundry-bag comprising a sheet or blank adapted to be folded upon itself on a central line, separable cooperating fastening devices upon the side edges of the sheet on opposite sides of said fold-line, independent cooperating separable fastenings upon the end edges of the sheet at opposite sides of the fold-line and at each end thereof, a separable fastening member secured to said sheet for attaching a tag, and an identifying-tag provided with a member of a separable fastening to removably engage a tag-fastening upon the sheet.

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

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