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Fig. 1.

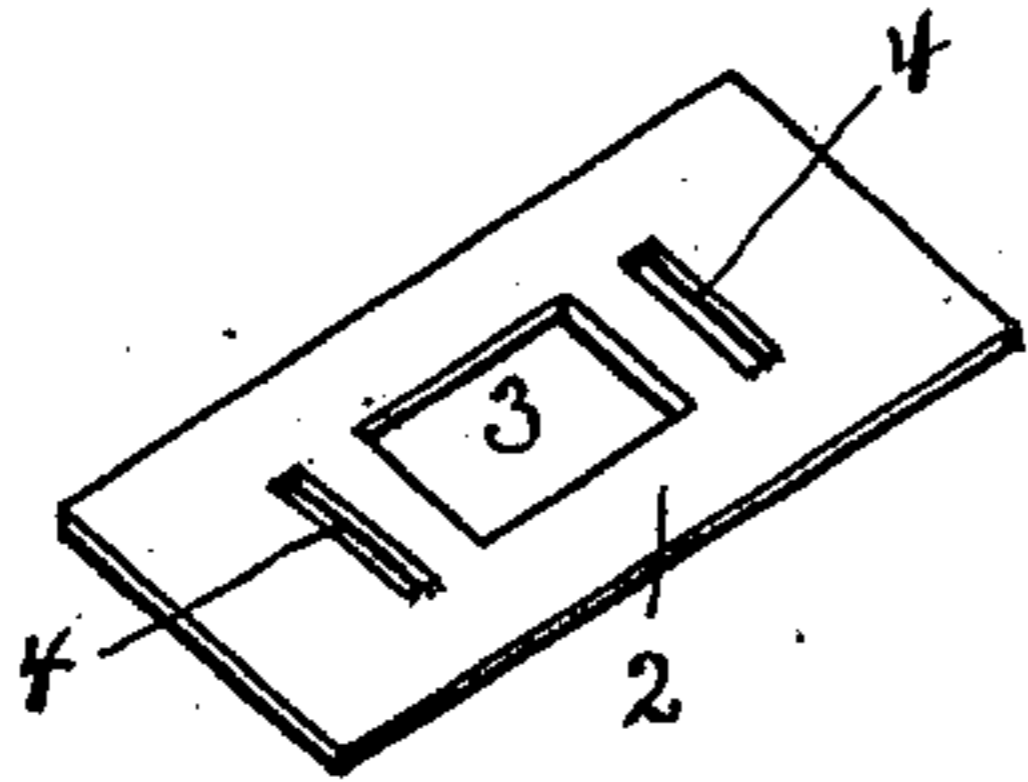


Fig. 2.

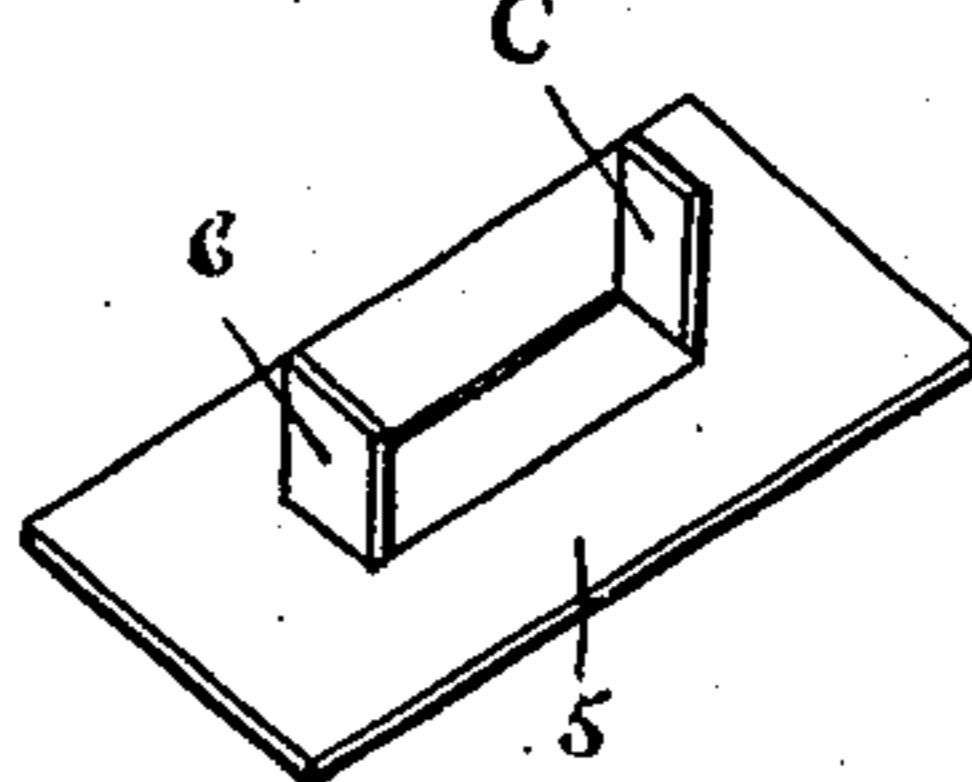


Fig. 3.

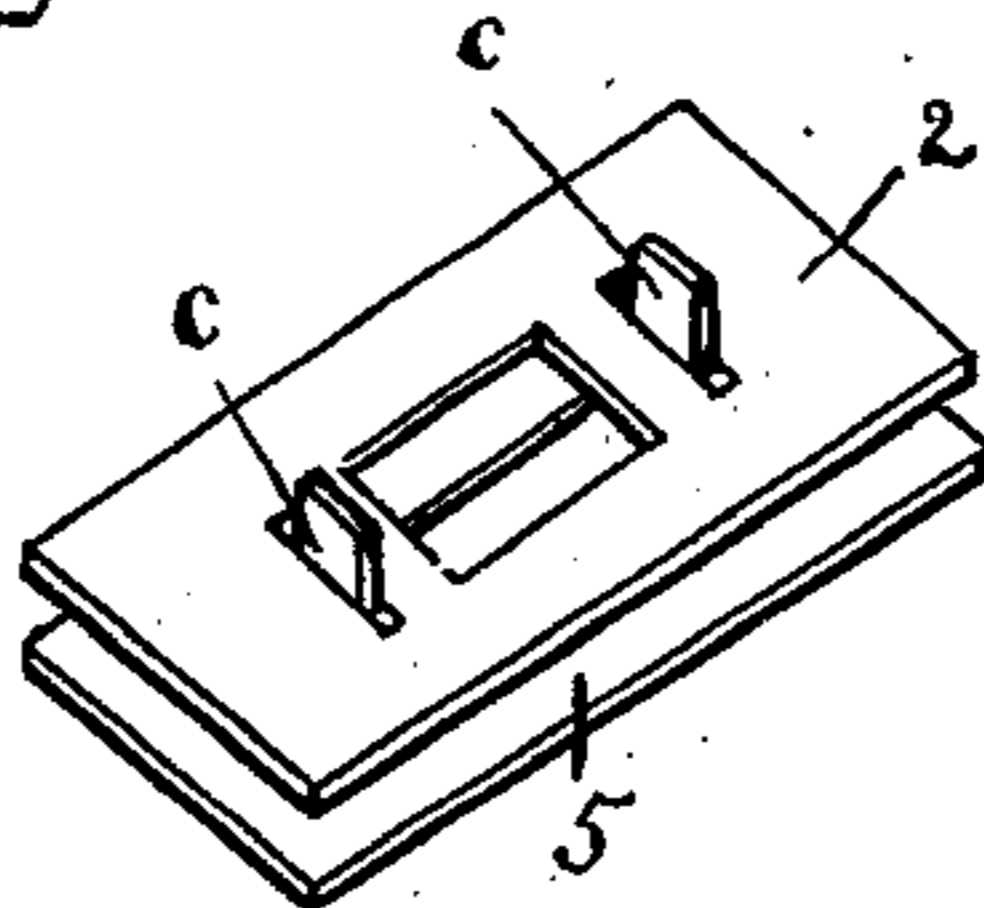
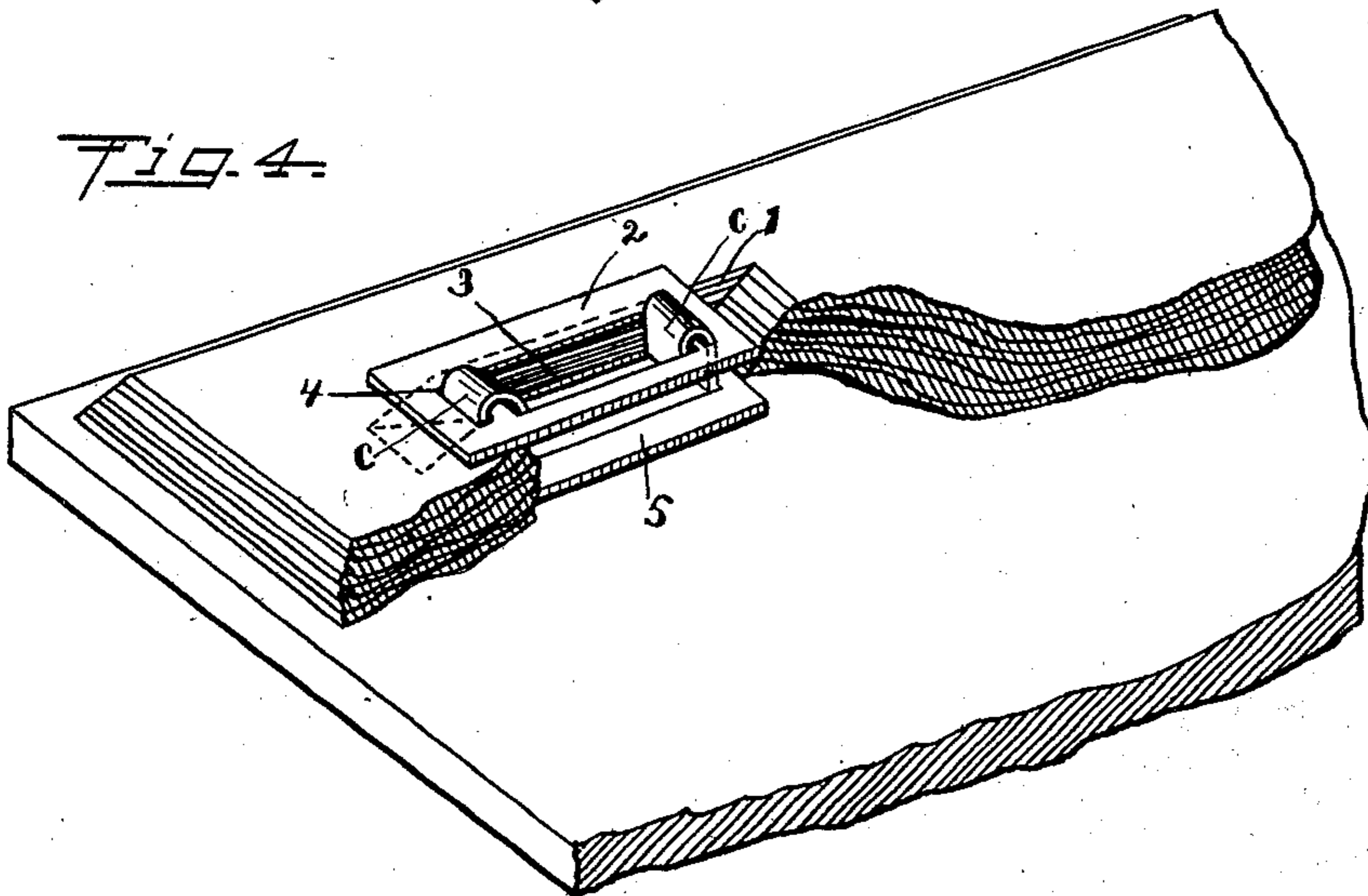


Fig. 4.



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BOOK-LEAF FASTENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. GOSS, a citizen of the United States, residing at 1053 South Twenty-ninth avenue, Omaha, county of Douglas, and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book-Leaf Fasteners; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to book-leaf fasteners; and it is the object thereof to provide a fastener for loosely securing together a number of pages of a book—such as a ledger or the like—whereby the said pages may be turned as a unit and yet slide upon each other so that they may lie smooth and flat when the book is opened.

My invention consists in providing a book having a slot extending through all the leaves thereof and in combination therewith a two-part fastener, one of said parts having tongues thereon adapted to pass through the slotted leaves of the book and into openings in the other part of the fastener, and in providing an opening in the latter fastener into which the protruding ends of the tongues may be turned, thereby securing together the two parts of the fastener and presenting a smooth and finished surface.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the female member of my fastener. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the male member thereof. Fig. 3 is a similar view of the two parts fitted together and ready to be fastened by turning over the protruding ends of the tongues on the male member, and Fig. 4 is an enlarged view of a portion of a book having my fastener in use thereon, the same being shown as broken through the slot in the leaves thereof in order to more clearly show the underlying parts.

In carrying out my invention I provide a book having the slots 1 through the leaves thereof, as shown in Fig. 4.

The fastener comprises the female member 2, having the opening 3 in the central part thereof, and the slots 4 4 on each side of the central opening, and the male member 5, having the tongues *c c*, formed thereon by making two parallel longitudinally-extending cuts through the said member, another cut joining the longitudinal cuts and turning up the tongues so formed to a position perpendicular to the face of the said member, as shown.

The parts of the fastener are made, preferably, by stamping from sheet metal. The proportionate size of the two members is such that the tongues *c c* on the member 5 are adapted to pass through the slots 4 4 in the member 2, as shown in Fig. 3.

The fastener is particularly adapted for use with ledgers, account-books, and the like for cutting out dead or unused matter therein by securing together a number of leaves thereof, so that the same may be turned as a unit, thereby obviating the necessity of continually turning over leaves containing unused matter.

To use the fastener, the tongues *c c* of the member 5 are passed up through the slots 1 in the leaves desired to be fastened together. The member 2 is then placed over the top of the slots 1, so that the tongues *c c* protrude through the slots 4 4, and the protruding ends of the tongues are then turned over into the opening 3 in the member 2 and extend into the slot 1 in the book-leaves, as shown in Fig. 4. It will be noted that by this method of fastening together the leaves the same may slip on each other between the two parts of the fastener and when the book is opened lie smoothly without bulging or buckling.

Now having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

In a book-leaf fastener, and in combination with a book having slots in the leaves thereof, a male member, a female member, substantially rectangular tongues on said male member, slots in said female member through which the tongues are adapted to be passed, and an

opening in said female member between the
said slots into which opening the ends of the
tongues may be turned and extend into the slot
through the book-leaves, the said members be-
5 ing adapted to loosely hold together a number
of leaves of the book, whereby the said leaves
may be turned as a unit and may slip between

the said members so as to lie flat when the
book is opened.

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