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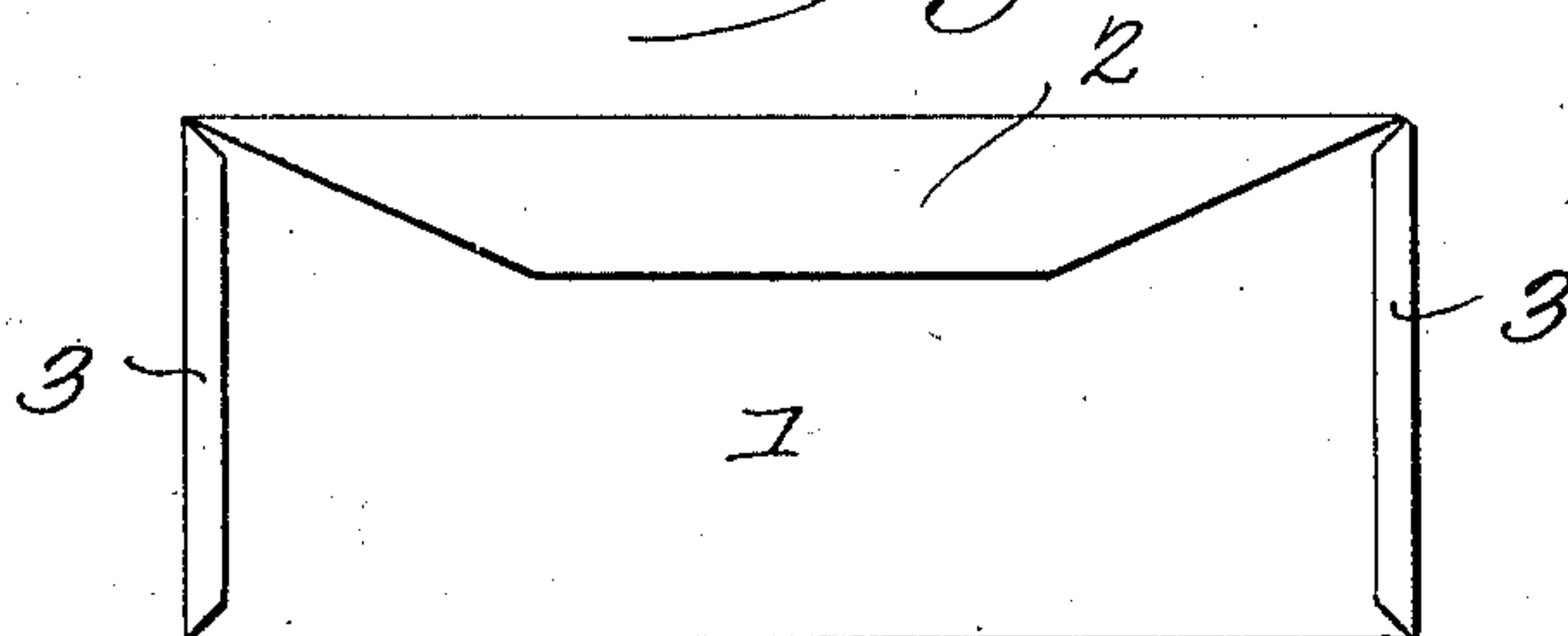
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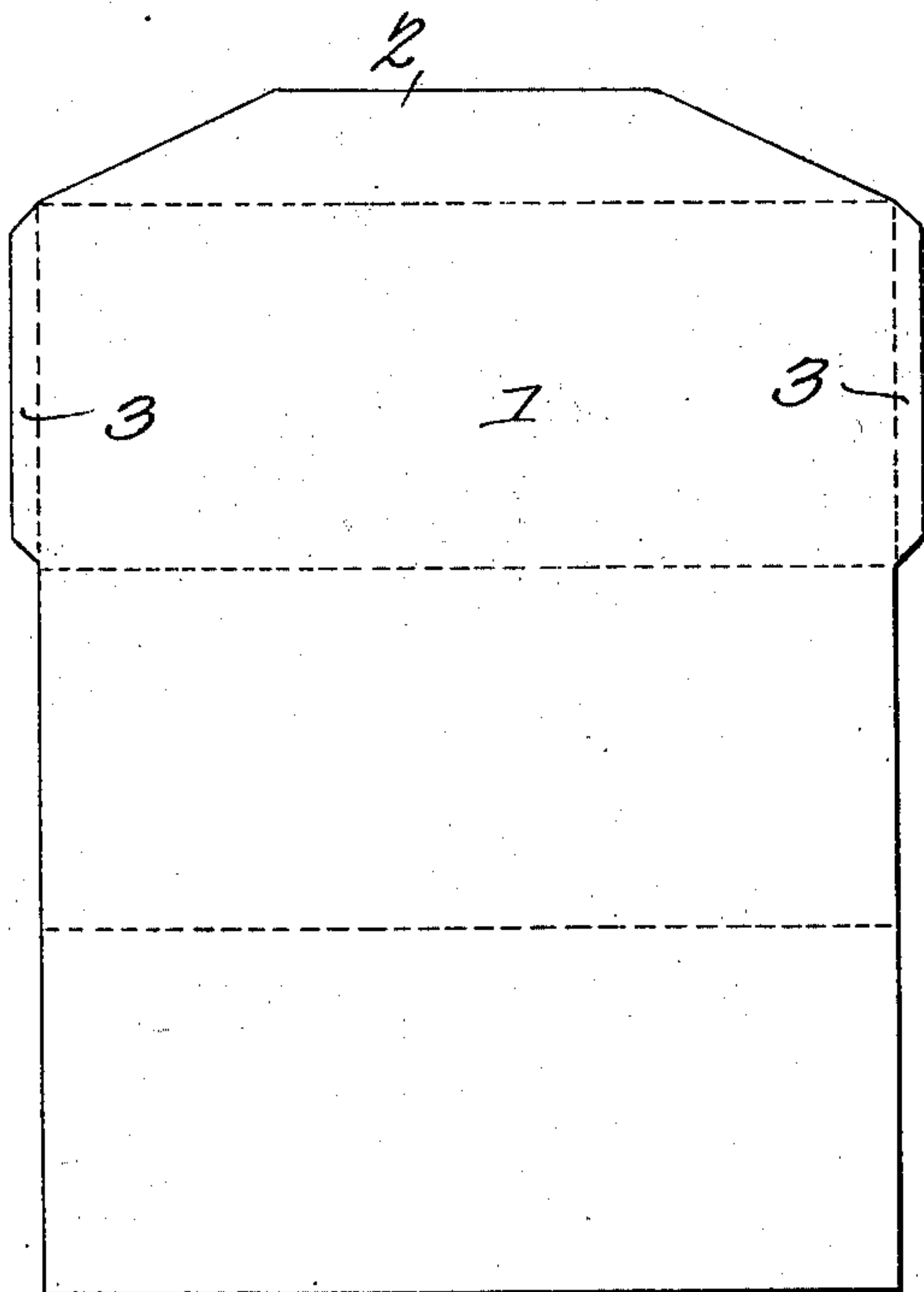
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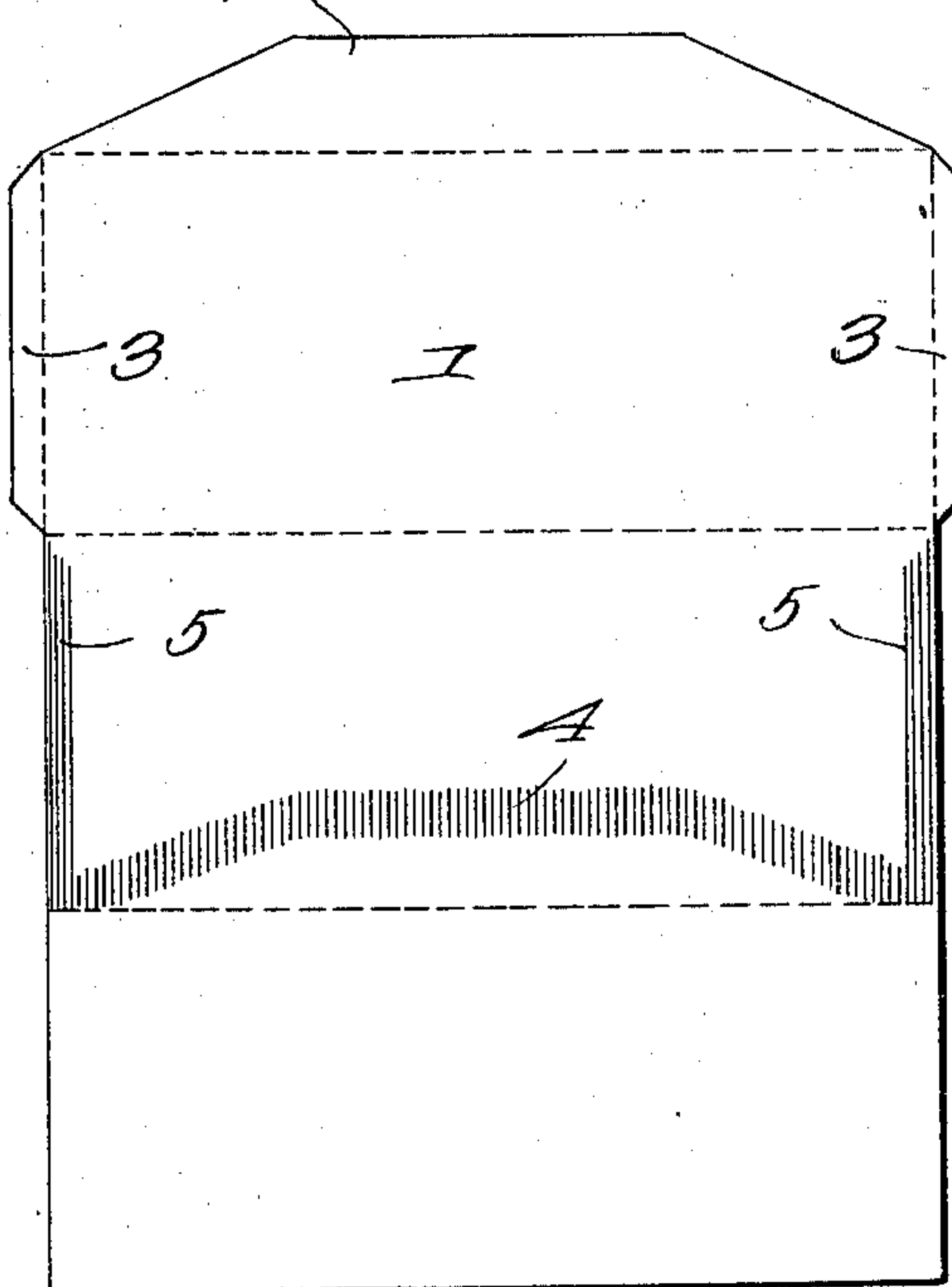
*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 1.*



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## COMBINED LETTER-SHEET AND ENVELOP.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EWING L. WILSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Peck, in the county of Nez Perces and State of Idaho, have invented a new and useful Combined Letter-Sheet and Envelop, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to combined letter-sheets and envelopes; and the object of the invention is to provide an improved device of the character specified which is provided with gummed areas for sealing the sheet after the letter has been written, said gummed areas being so placed that they will not interfere with the operation of copying the matter written on the sheet by placing the writing in contact with a moist sheet and subjecting the latter to pressure in a letter-press or the like.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of the character specified in which the sealing-flaps are so located and of such dimensions that they will not involve the waste of much material in manufacturing the combined letter-sheets and envelopes, and, further, that the sealing of the letter may be conveniently and expeditiously accomplished.

With the objects above stated in view the invention consists in a novel combined letter-sheet and envelop hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and having the novel features thereof particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of the combined letter-sheet and envelop before folding. Fig. 2 is a back view of the sheet before folding. Fig. 3 is a view of the sheet folded, sealed, and ready for transmission by mail.

Referring to the drawings, in which corresponding parts are designated by similar characters of reference, 1 designates the body portion of the combined letter-sheet and envelop on which the lines for folds are indicated in the drawings by dotted lines, though it is to be understood that in the manufacture of the invention such lines may be omitted. At the top of the body 1 of the sheet is a flap 2, extending entirely across the sheet, and on the

sides of the sheet adjacent to the upper corners are two narrow flaps 3 for sealing the ends of the letter. Just below the flap 2 on the body portion of the sheet a letter-head may be placed, if desired, and the sheet may be provided with lines or be left unruled, according to preference.

If it is desired to adapt the sheets for copying the letters by the letter-press process, the gummed areas for sealing the letter will be placed on the back of the middle section of the body portion of the sheet, as shown in Fig. 2. The area 4, corresponding to the outline of the margin of the flap 2, and the areas 5, corresponding to the dimensions of the flaps 3, are provided for sealing flaps 2 and 3, respectively.

In case it is not desired to copy the letters the sheets may be provided with gummed areas along the margins of the flaps, as is common in structures of the class to which this invention relates; but no advantage accrues from such disposition of the gummed areas, and it is preferred in all cases to place the gum upon the back of the sheet in the locations shown and described.

In the use of the combined letter-sheet and envelop the letter will be written in the usual manner with copying-ink, and prior to folding to seal a sheet may be placed in a letter-press copy-book with the writing in contact with a moistened leaf of the book and the copying carried on in the usual manner without causing the gummed areas on the back of the letter-sheet to adhere to the other pages of the copy-book or the impervious sheet usually laid in contact with the back of the letter to be copied. After copying the letter will be folded along the lines indicated and the flaps will be moistened and folded over into contact with the gummed areas provided on the back of the sheet.

To avoid mistakes in opening the letter, the words "Open here" or some equivalent words may be placed upon each of the flaps near the line of attachment to the body portion of the sheet.

Having thus described the nature and use of



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

A combined letter-sheet and envelop provided at one end and along opposite portions  
5 of the lateral margins adjacent to said end with foldable sealing-flaps, and provided upon the back with gummed areas disposed adjacent to the lateral margins and extending completely across the back of the sheet, said gummed  
10 areas corresponding in position to the margins

of said foldable sealing-flaps when the combined letter-sheet and envelop is folded for sealing.

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

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