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Fig 1

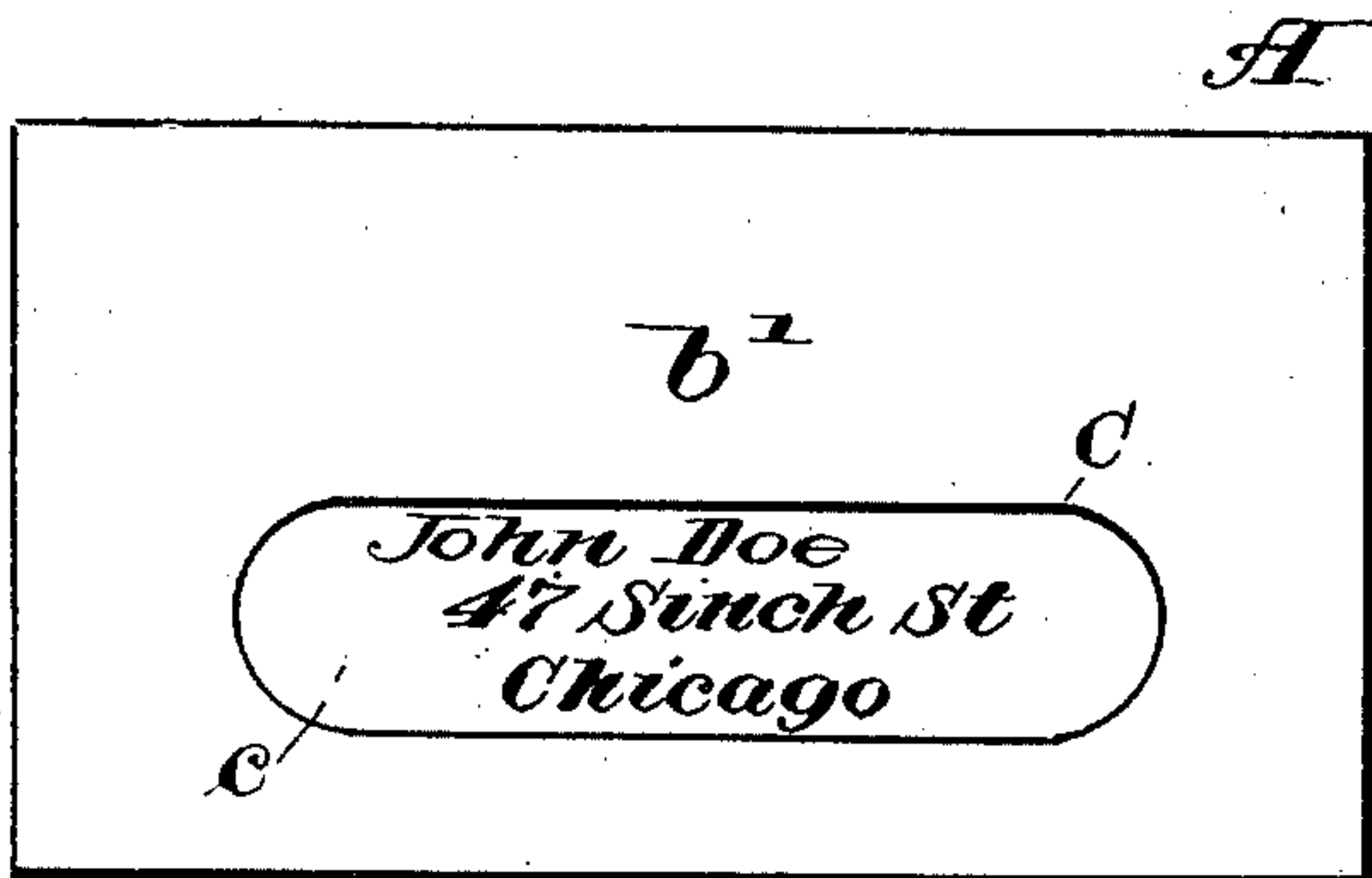


Fig 2

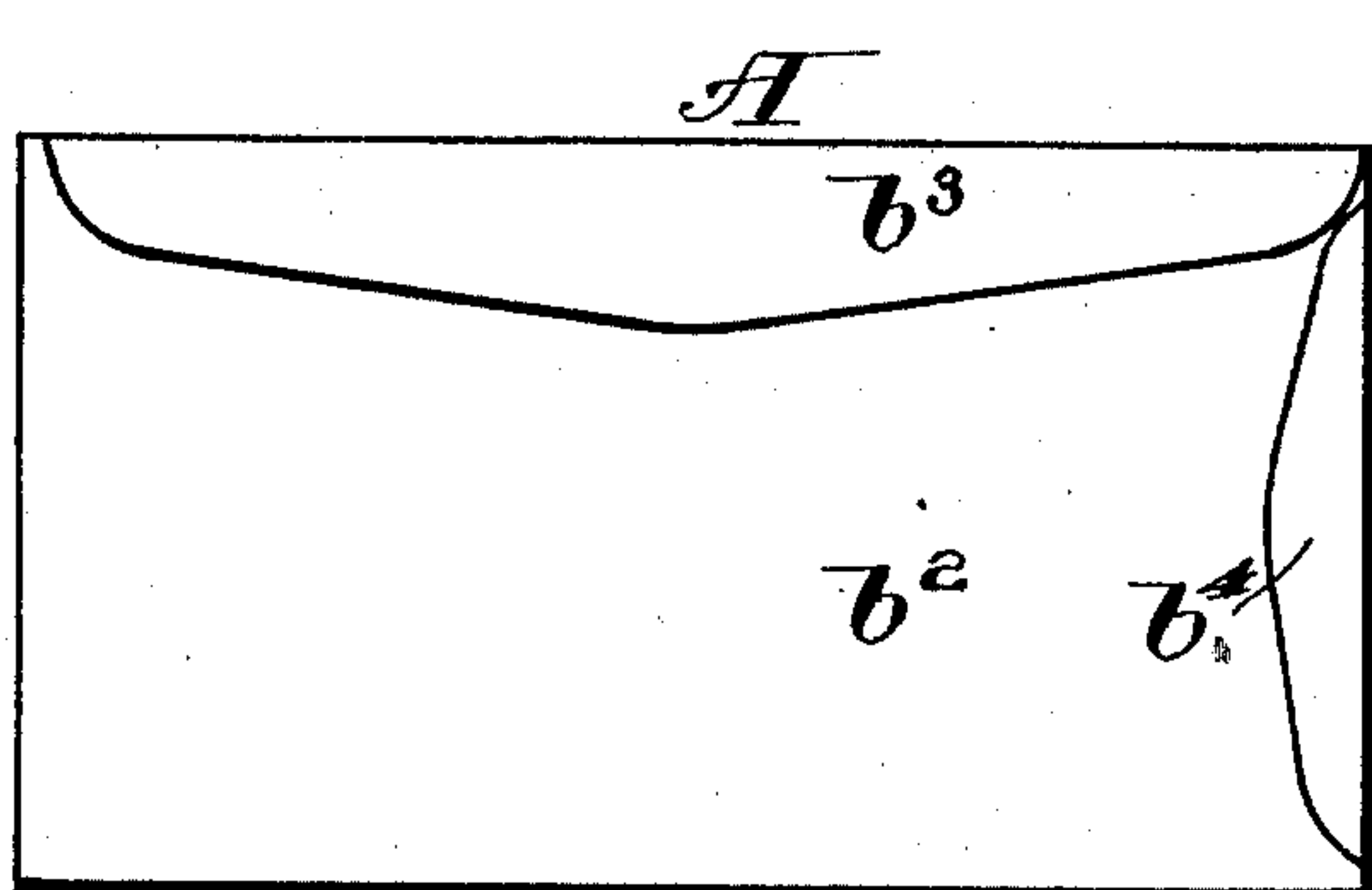
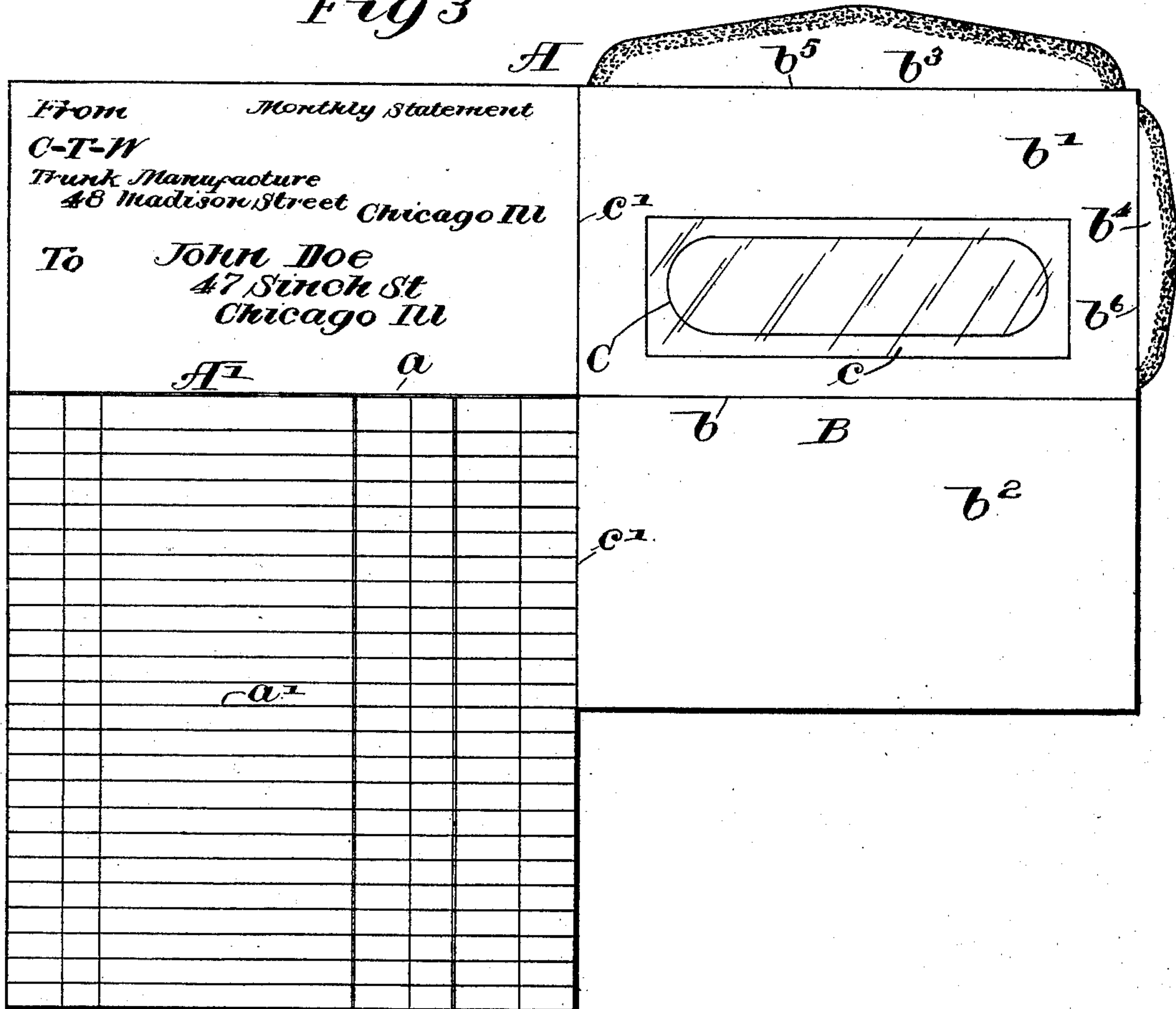


Fig 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RACE N. WILT, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Envelop and Sheet of Paper; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a combined envelop and sheet of paper so arranged that any desired writing may be placed upon the latter, together with the name and address of the person, firm, or corporation to whom the same is to be sent, and when the sheet is properly folded and secured together the address on the sheet of paper will clearly appear through a proper aperture in the envelop, thus avoiding the necessity of writing or printing the address on the outside of the envelop.

To this end the invention consists in the novel arrangement and combination herein shown and described, and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

My invention will be readily comprehended from the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 illustrates the top or face side of the article folded for mailing; Fig. 2, the reverse side of the same; Fig. 3, one form of the invention opened out or unfolded.

I have chosen to illustrate my invention as arranged for commercial purposes, the sheet of paper being of the form and ruling commonly known as a "statement" or bill of an account; but it will of course be readily understood that the sheet may be of other form or dimensions.

In said drawings the letter A represents the combined envelop and sheet of paper as a whole, comprising two main sections or parts—a sheet-section A' and an envelop-section B. These two sections A' B are integral and will be of such shape and will have such indenting or scoring or lines upon which the fold will

come as will be required to give the sheet A' the dimensions and shape required for any particular use. The envelop-section B will usually be provided with a central crease or line *b*, upon which it will ultimately be folded to form the face *b'* and the back *b''* of the sealed package. One of these sections, preferably the face *b'*, will be provided with gummed marginal flaps *b³ b⁴*, which when the package is closed will fold along the top and end margins of the face-section *b'* and over and be secured to the back section *b''*, and thus seal the package.

The sheet-section A' is shown in the drawings as provided with two transverse lines or creases *a a'*, along which it may be folded. In the middle and lower parts (divided by the crease *a'*) the desired writing or account may be placed, while in the top portion (above the crease *a*) the date may be placed and the name and address of the addressee.

Through the face-section *b* of the envelop B an aperture C of suitable shape is cut out opposite to or adapted to register with the name and address in the top portion of the sheet *a'* when folded, whereby the address may be clearly seen through the aperture C when the package is sealed, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 1. Preferably a thin transparent strip of paper *c*, conforming generally to the shape of but somewhat larger than the aperture C, will be pasted or otherwise secured upon the under side of the face-section *b'*, so as to cover the aperture and protect the address, while at the same time not destroying its visibility while the package is sealed.

Now assuming the sheet A' to be a monthly statement or a note-size sheet of letter-paper, with the address written in the upper portion and the account stated or message written below in either or both of the other sections, to form a sealed package the person would first fold the lower part upon the middle part, the fold being along the line *a'*. Then the envelop-section B would be folded over the letter-section A', the fold being along the line *c'*. At this step in the operation the aperture C will register with the address in

the top part of the section A', and so when the next step is taken—that is, the final fold upon the line *a*—the parts *b'* and *b''* become, respectively, the front and back of the package.

5 These may then be secured together by bending the marginal gummed flaps along the lines *b''* *b'''* and securing them to the back *b''*.

Additional sheets of paper may be laid upon the section A' as desired, or any other method
10 of folding the blank may be employed, provided always the address is arranged to register with aperture C when the package is closed.

I am aware that it is not new to make a
15 sheet of paper and an envelop of one integral sheet, and I am also aware that it is not new to make an envelop with an aperture through one of its side faces whereby an address placed upon the inclosure or letter within such en-
20 velop may be read and the time and annoyance of addressing an envelop is obviated. My invention differs from these in this, that the package is made from a single integral sheet of paper. Among the advantages of
25 this arrangement may be mentioned economy in manufacture, the juxtaposition of the space for the address and the aperture C, whereby the address is always sure to be visible when the package is folded, absolute security against
30 an inspection of the contents of the package, due to the method of folding as well as to the arrangement of the parts A' B, a saving of time in requiring but a single addressing and handling, and the facility with which the
35 package may be opened by the addressee without destroying the contents or tearing off marginal sections of combined sheet and envelop after having been folded. These and
40 other advantages of the invention will be readily understood.

It will be noted that in the form which I have chosen to illustrate in the drawings the sheet of paper A' and the envelop-section B, comprising the two parts *b'* *b''*, are joined to-
45 gether along the vertical line *c'*. This is a convenient arrangement with this particular shape of paper. Manifestly, however, this is not required, and, in fact, the back section *b''* may be entirely dispensed with, in which
50 case the fold will be in such manner as to bring the section *b'* over the face of the upper section or address portion of the sheet of paper and the gummed flaps *b''* *b'''* will be fastened on the back of such upper section. In
55 this event, of course, the upper section or portion of the letter-sheet A' becomes the back of the envelop or package when folded. The only essential to be borne in mind in adapting this invention to various-sized sheets
60 of paper and various shapes of envelops, &c., is that the flap or section *b'* of the envelop portion shall be so attached to the sheet of paper that it may be folded thereover and have

the address portion of the sheet of paper register with the aperture C of the flap-section. 65

When using this invention for business statements, I prefer to make the line *b* a perforated line and also to use the section *b''* of the envelop portion B, as shown in the drawings. When this is done, it is to be understood
70 that the gum-flap sections *b''* *b'''* are secured over the back *b''*, and the receiver of the package will then tear the sections A' and B apart along the perforated line *b*, which will enable him to throw the envelop portion away and
75 have the statement proper for filing. This is an important advantage of the invention in connection with business statements and the like.

I claim as my invention— 80

1. An integral envelop and sheet of paper, the former comprising front and rear sections, which may be detached from the sheet while leaving the latter intact and the sheet being adapted to be folded between said sections,
85 one of said sections of the envelop being provided with an opening through which may be exposed an address written on the sheet.

2. An integral envelop and sheet of paper, the former comprising front and rear sections,
90 which may be detached from the sheet while leaving the latter intact and the sheet being adapted to be folded between said sections, one of said sections of the envelop being provided with an opening through which may be
95 exposed an address written on the sheet and a transparent cover applied over said opening.

3. An integral envelop and sheet of paper, the former comprising front and back sections, which may be detached from the sheet while
100 leaving the latter intact and the sheet being adapted to be folded between said sections, one of said sections of the envelop being provided with an opening through which may be exposed an address written on the sheet,
105 and one of said envelop-sections being provided with a flap which is adapted to be folded over and secured upon the other section of the envelop.

4. An integral envelop and sheet of paper,
110 said envelop comprising two sections which extend laterally from one side margin of the sheet and between which sections the sheet is adapted to be folded, one of said envelop-sections being provided with an opening through
115 which may be exposed an address on the sheet and means for fastening the sections of the envelop together around the folded sheet.

5. An integral envelop and sheet of paper, the envelop extending laterally from one side
120 margin of the sheet and adapted to be detached or torn from the sheet along the line of said margin, said envelop being provided with an opening through which an address on the sheet may be exposed. 125

6. An integral envelop and sheet of paper

comprising the sheet-section A', the two envelop-sections b' b'' joined to the side margin of the sheet-section, the marginal flaps on the envelop-section b' and the opening C in said
5 envelop-section.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I affix my signature, in presence

of two witnesses, this 19th day of February, A. D. 1903.

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