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Fig. 1.

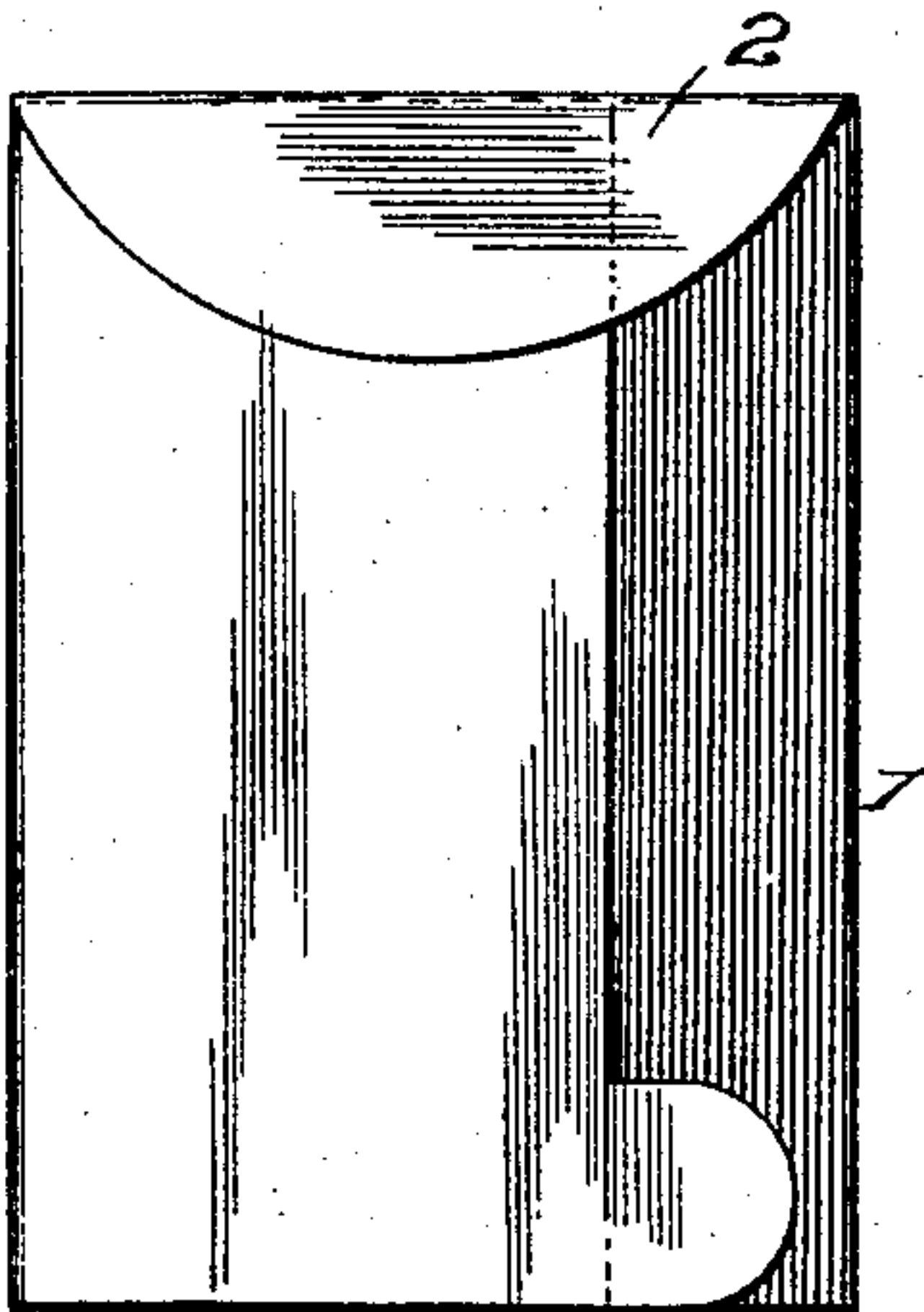


Fig. 2.

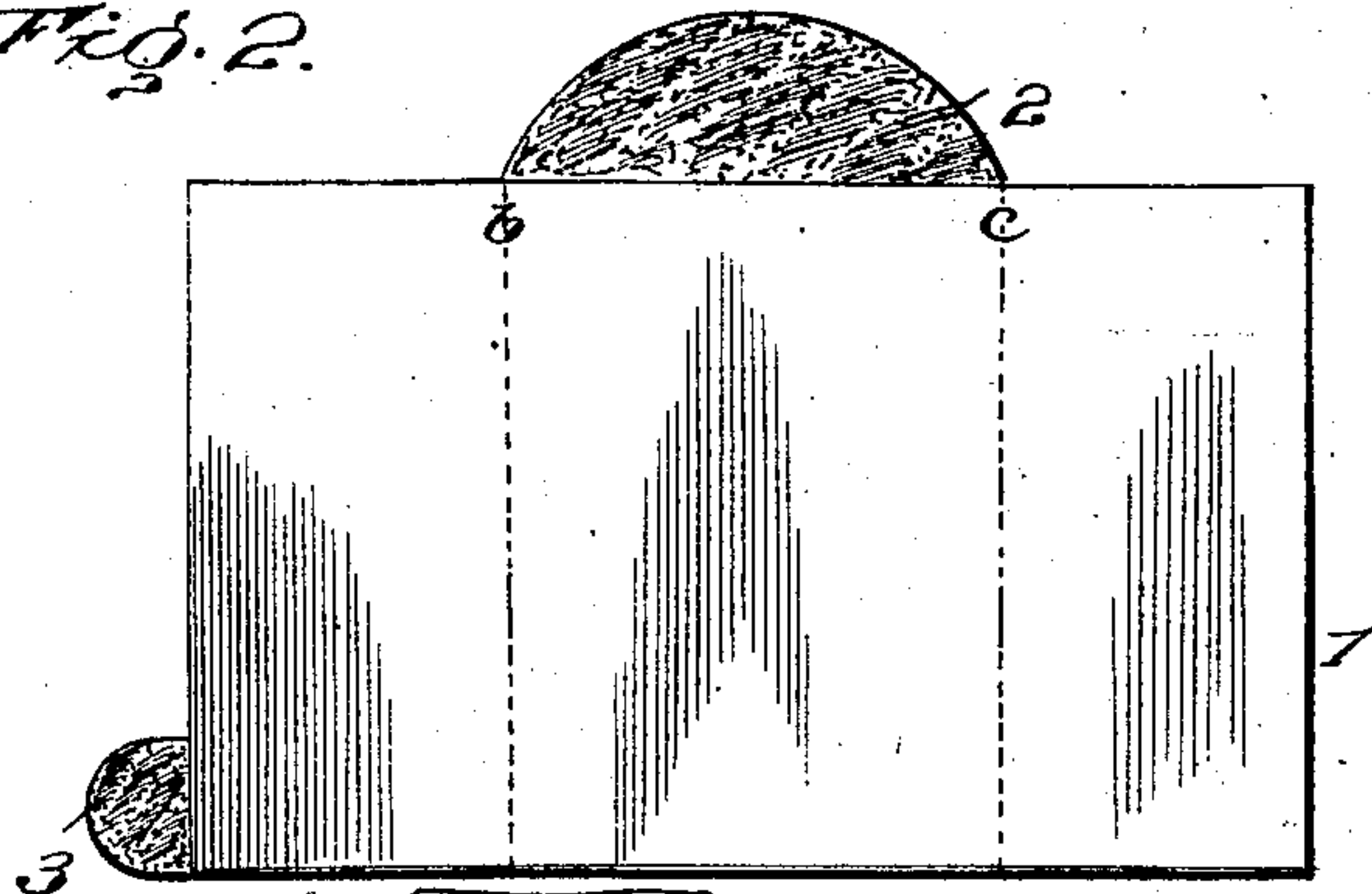
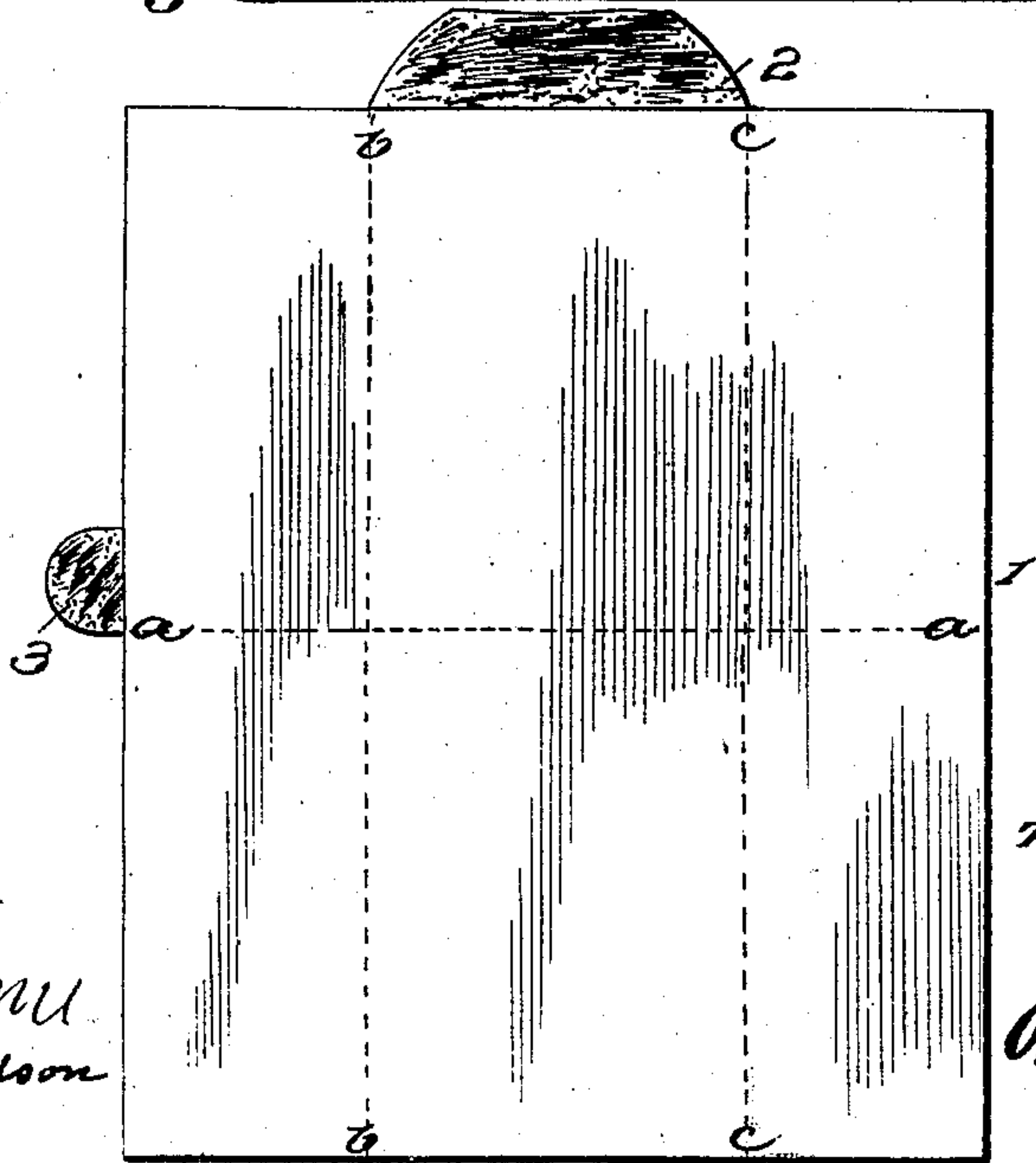


Fig. 3.



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COMBINED LETTER-SHEET AND ENVELOP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE F. ARCHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Flatwillow, in the county of Fergus and State of Montana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Letter-Sheet and Envelop, of which the following is a specification.

This invention appertains to the class of articles of stationery comprising in a single structure means for receiving a communication and means for closing and sealing the letter-sheet upon which the message or matter has been inscribed.

The chief object of the invention is economy of material, cheapness of manufacture, and the avoidance of annoyance and inconvenience in the use of the article both when writing a letter and when folding and sealing the same.

The invention consists, essentially, of a letter-sheet provided at its upper end with a gummed sealing-flap located at a point between the edges of the sheet and a sealing-tab at one of the vertical edges adjacent to the line of transverse folding, so as to secure the sheet when folded at the end opposite to the end closed by the sealing-flap.

The invention will be more particularly set forth hereinafter and defined in the appended claim and is illustrated in the drawings hereto attached, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the letter-sheet as seen from the rear side after being folded and sealed. Fig. 2 is a detail view showing the letter-sheet folded or doubled upon itself. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the letter-sheet spread out, the dotted lines indicating the folds.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The letter-sheet is indicated at 1 and is provided at its upper end with a sealing-flap 2 and at one edge with a sealing-tab 3, both the flap and tab being gummed for securance of

the sheet when folded in the accustomed way. The dotted lines indicate the several folds. The letter-sheet after being written upon is folded upon itself along the transverse line *a a*, thence upon the vertical lines *b b* and *c c*, so as to present the form about as shown in Fig. 1. The closing flap 2 is arranged between the lines *b b* and *c c*, and the sealing-tab 3 is located adjacent to and at one side of the transverse line *a a*. When the letter-sheet is folded, the sealing-flap 2 is at one end and folds over the several parts and closes the same and is gummed to the back of the package and to each of the side portions. The sealing-tab 3 is arranged so as to occupy a position at the outer lower corner of one side portion and is adapted to overlap and be gummed to the opposite side portion, thereby securing the folded side portions at the end opposite to that held fast by the sealing-flap. The sealing tab and flap provide indicating means for properly and uniformly folding the letter-sheets, the latter being folded upon itself upon the line *a a*, corresponding to the lower edge of the sealing-tab, and the side portions being folded upon the lines *b b* and *c c*, corresponding to the ends of the sealing-flap. Within the purview of the invention it is immaterial whether the sealing-flap is located at the upper or the lower end of the sheet or central or to one side of the center thereof or whether the sealing-tab is arranged above or below the line *a a* or at the right-hand or at the left-hand edge of the sheet, as the ultimate results are substantially the same.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

A letter-sheet of rectangular form folded upon itself on a line about centrally of the horizontal edges thereof disposing the lower portion upon the upper portion of the sheet, the corresponding side portions of the folded sheet being again folded upon the central portion of the folded sheet, the diameter of the folded side portions being less than the diameter of the central portion whereby portions

of both folded side portions are exposed, a
sealing-flap extended from the upper edge of
the sheet about centrally thereof and engag-
ing the folded side portions securing the same
5 together, and a sealing-tab extended from one
edge of the uppermost folded side portion ad-
jacent the lowermost edge thereof and engag-
ing and securing the upper and lower side

portions together at a point adjacent the lower
edges thereof.

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In testimony whereof I affix my signature in
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