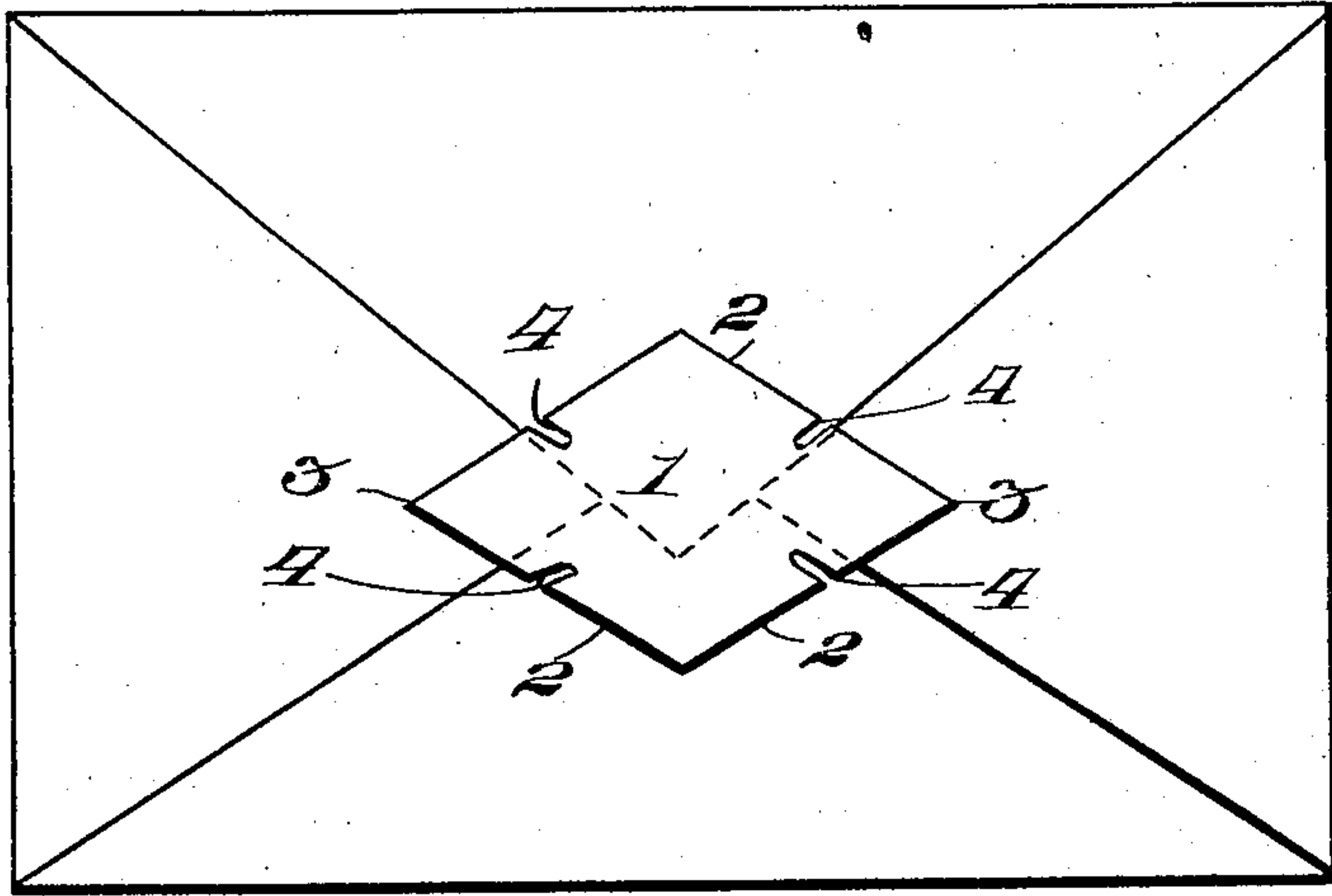


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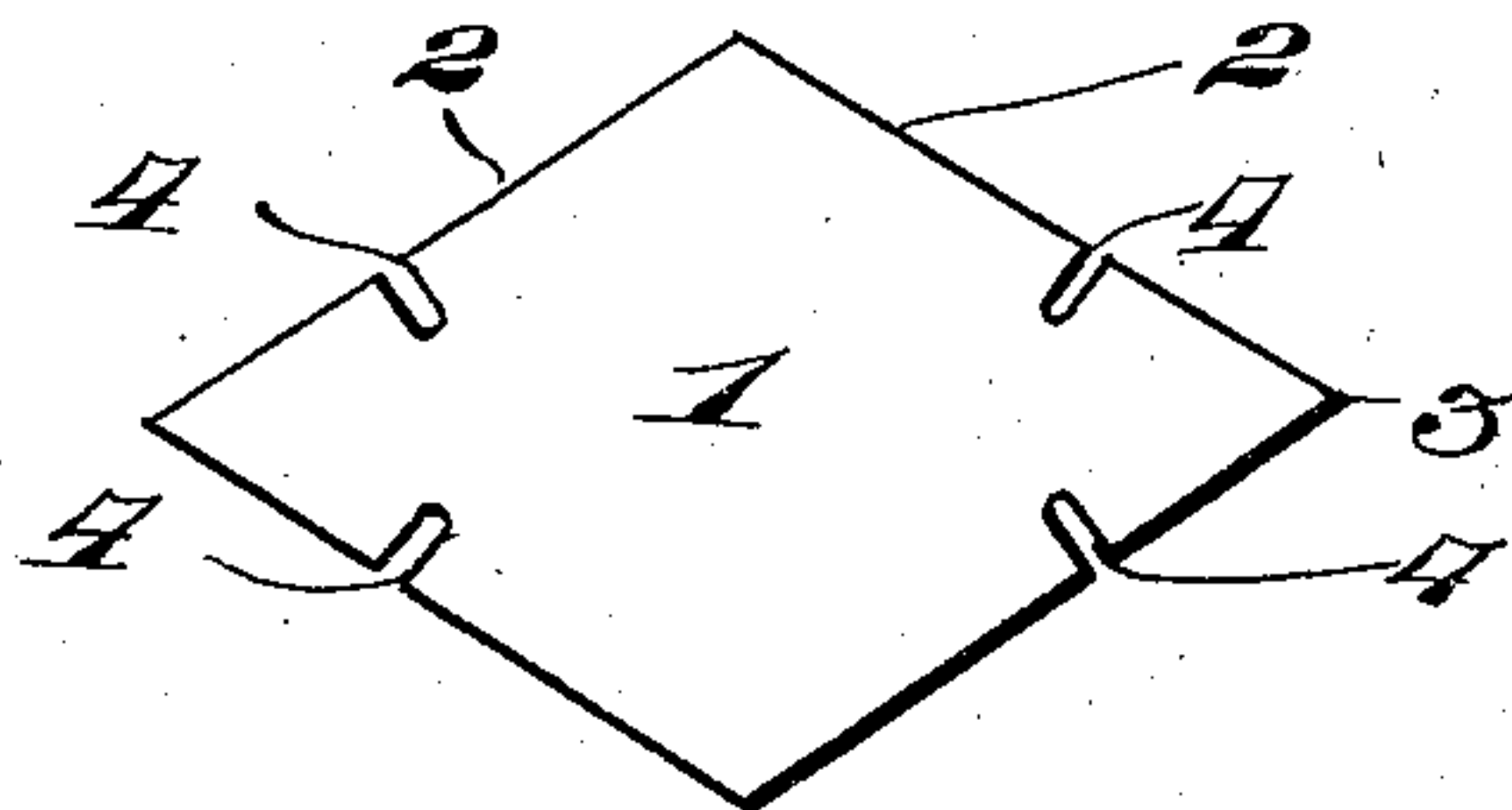
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*Fig 1.*



*Fig 2.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MICHAEL JAMES HALLORAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, State of Maryland, have invented new and useful Improvements in Safety-Seals for Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a safety-seal for envelopes to be applied to the back thereof where the several flaps meet, the object being to prevent an envelop from being opened without wholly or partially destroying the seal or mutilating it to such an extent that a casual inspection of the seal will show whether the envelop has or has not been tampered with. The seal may also be used for packages and parcels of various sorts, as well as with envelopes.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the back of an envelop with my improved seal applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a view of the seal.

The seal (indicated by 1) is made of paper, preferably in the shape of a rhomb or diamond, in each edge 2 of which near the points 3 of its longer axis is made a notch 4, forming spear-head-shaped corner portions adapted to lie in the angles between the edges of the bottom folding flaps of the back of the envelop, whereby when an attempt is made to open either flap at either of its edges the adjacent spear-shaped corner portion will be moved in one direction or the other and causes strain to be transmitted at its weakest portion between the contiguous notches, this causing the seal to be torn or mutilated to show that the envelop has been tampered with. It is desirable, although not necessary, that the seal be of glazed paper. Color, crests, mono-

grams, or other forms of decoration may be placed on the face of the seal, while its back is covered with an adhesive substance.

The seal is to be applied to the back of an envelop or placed on any other package over the closed edge of the wrapper, as in Fig. 1, in such manner that any attempt to remove the seal will cause it to tear at the notches, and thus disclose the fact that the letter or package has been opened or an attempt to open it has been made.

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

The combination with an envelop having triangular top, bottom and side folding flaps, of a safety-seal therefor comprising a body of rhomb or diamond form having notches in the edges near the points of its major axis, the notches forming spear-shaped corner portions, said seal adapted to be fixed to the back of the envelop with its body covering the ends of the flaps at their point of union and with its spear-shaped portions lying in the angles between the flaps, whereby when an attempt is made to open either flap at either of its edges the adjacent spear-shaped corner portions will be moved in one direction or the other and cause strain to be transmitted at its weakest portion between the contiguous notches causing the seal to be torn or mutilated to show that the envelop has been tampered with.

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

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