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Fig. 1.

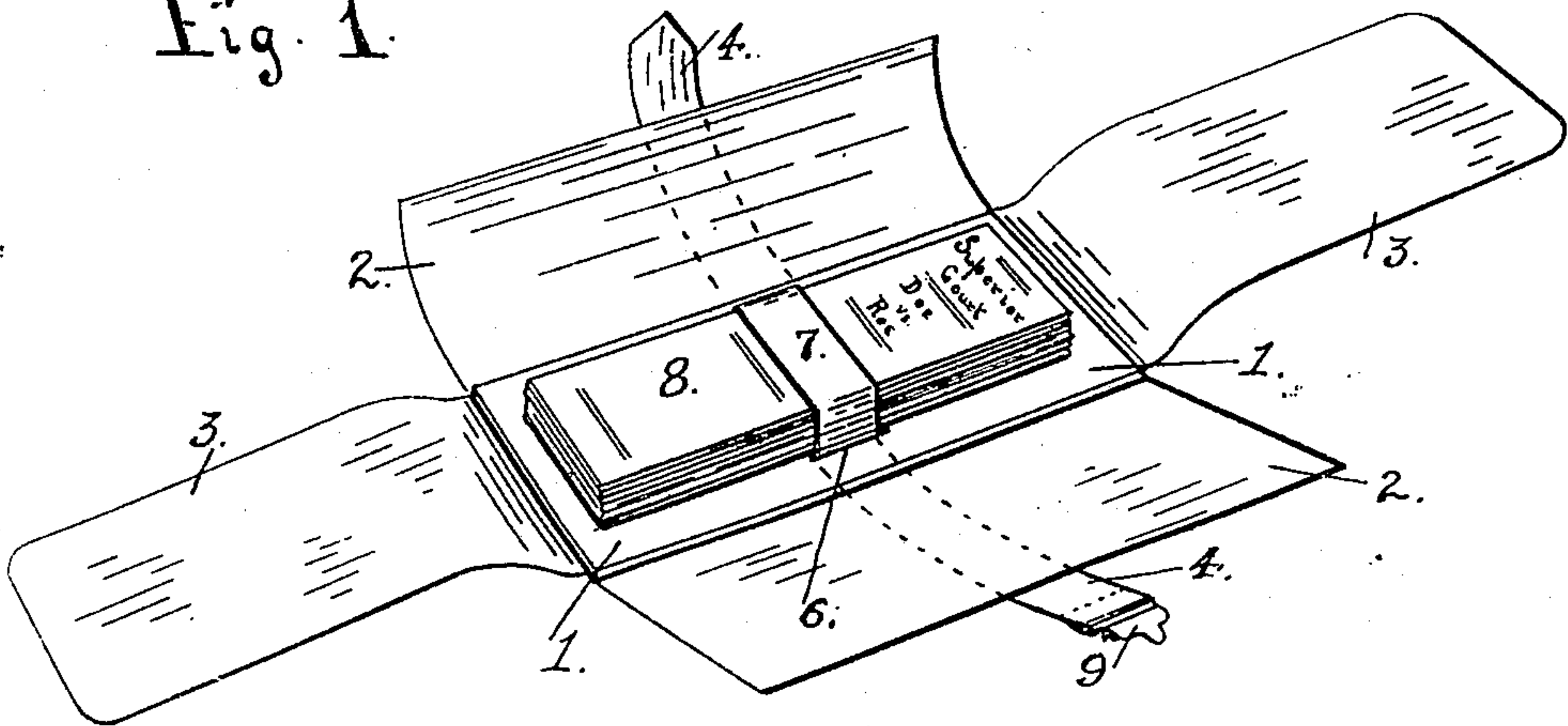


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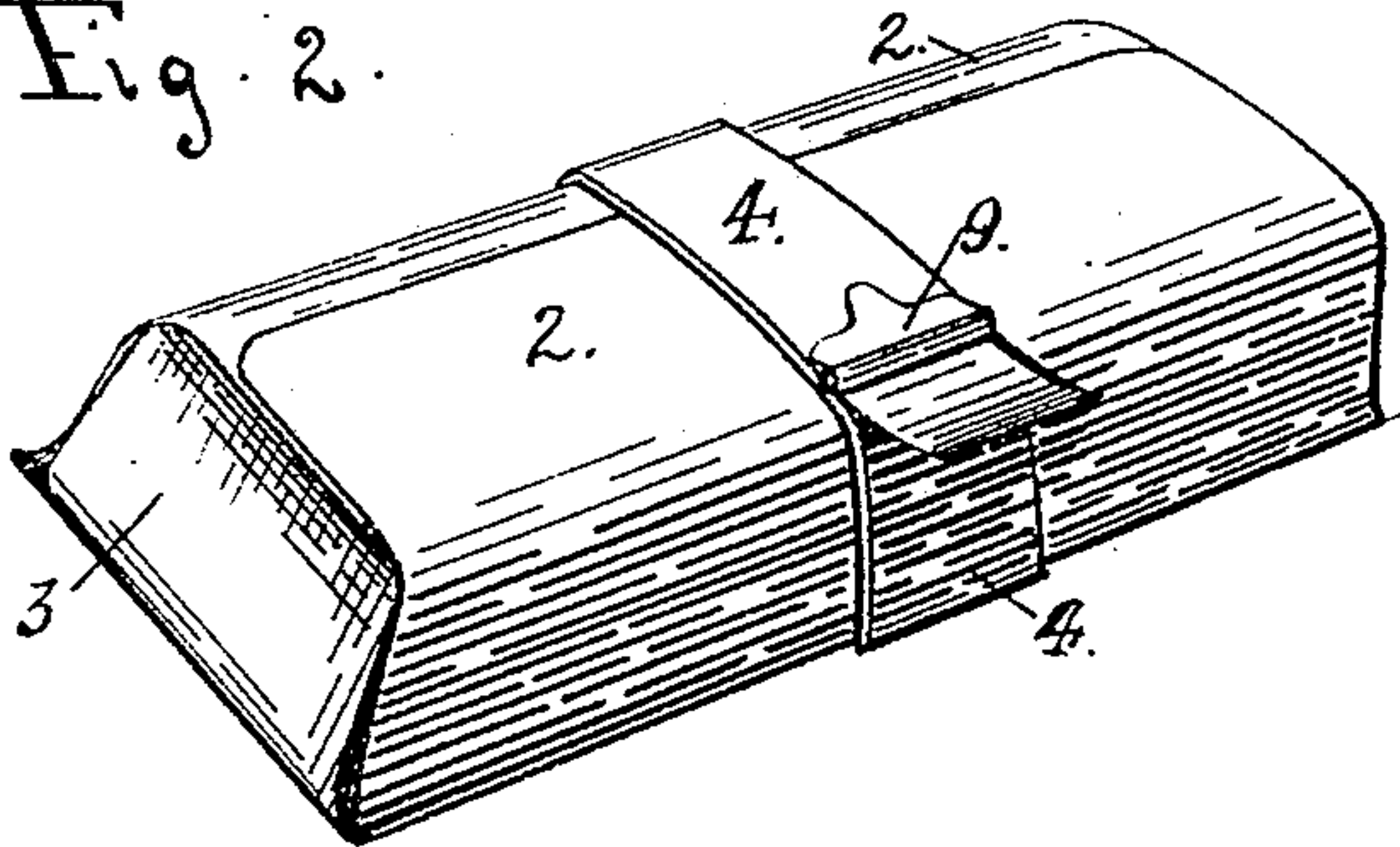
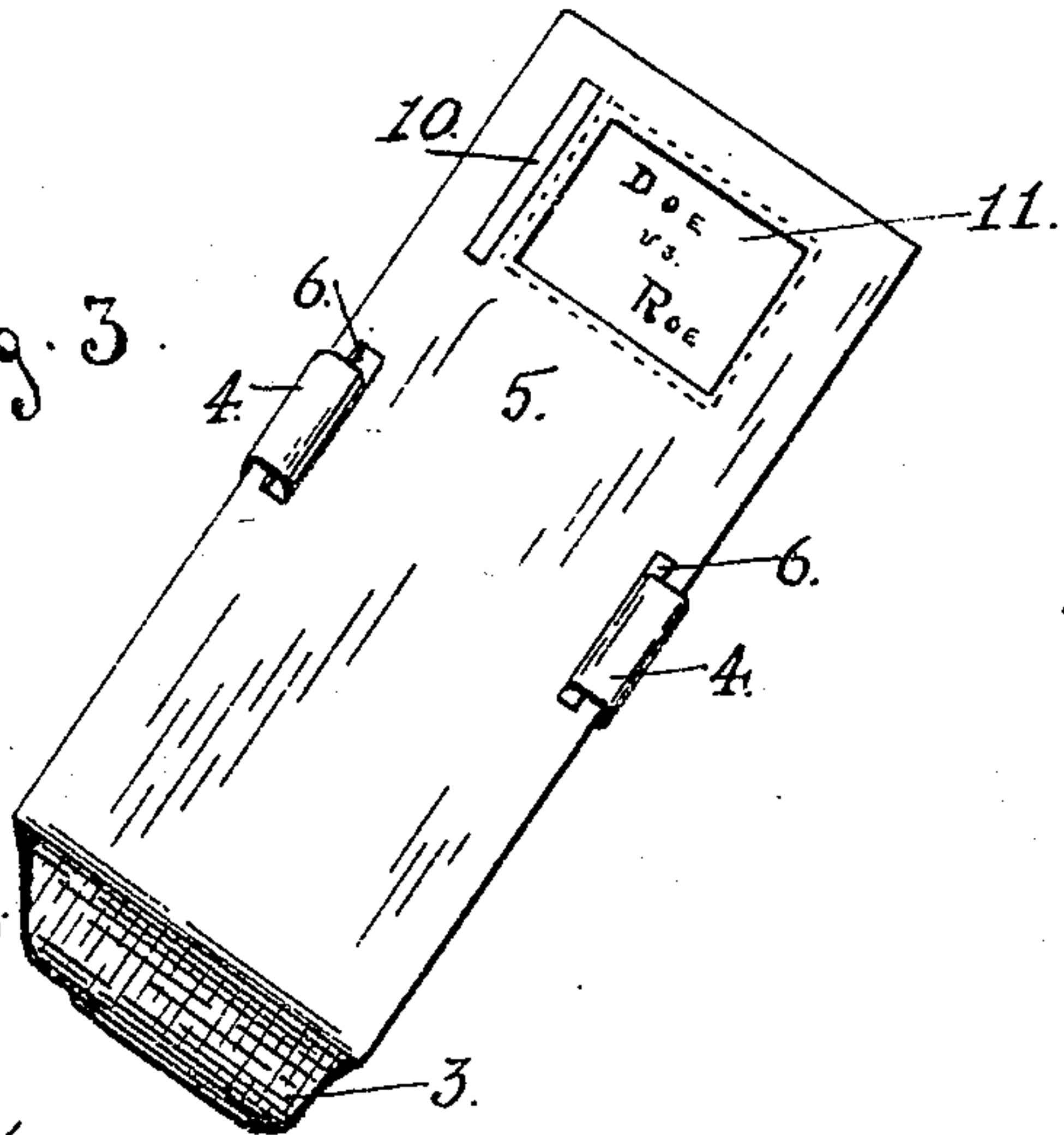
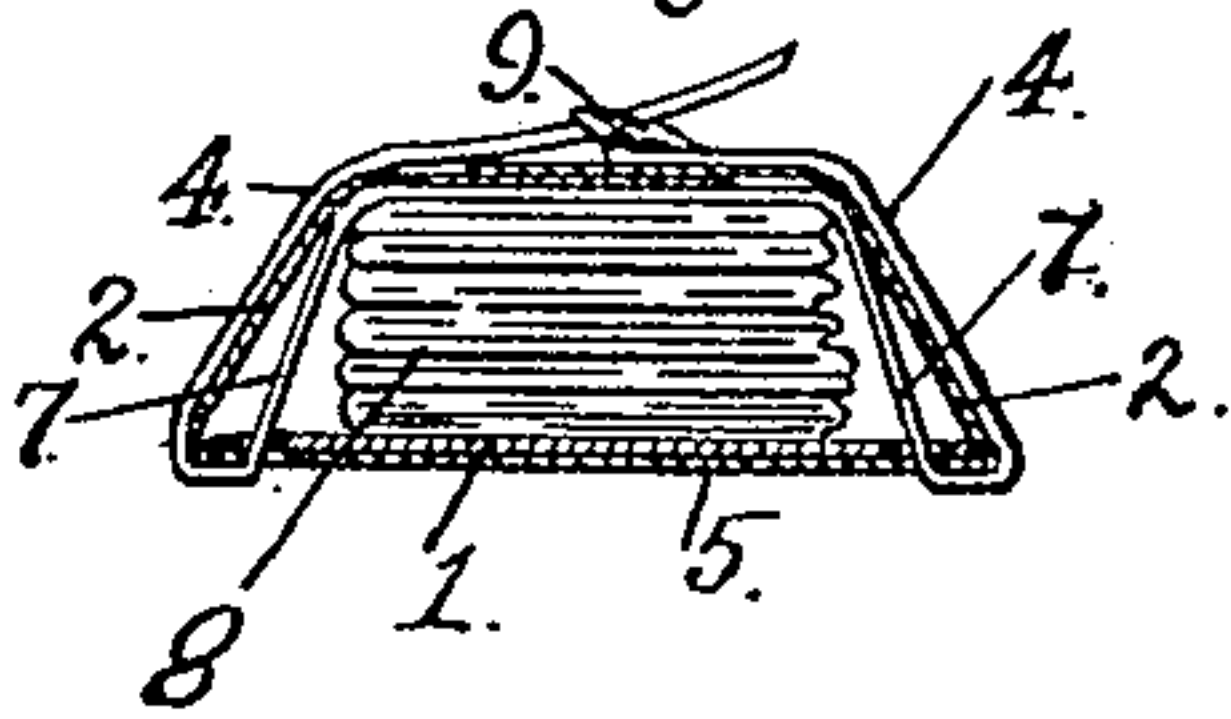


Fig. 3.



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Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MATTHEW I. SULLIVAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city and county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Document-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of holders for documents and papers in which a back is provided with folding flaps, forming as a whole an inclosing envelop, said holder having a suitable encircling cincture.

The object of my invention is to provide a safe, convenient, and capacious document-holder; and to this end my invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of the holder which I shall now fully describe by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my holder, showing its flaps open and the documents inserted under the keeper-loop. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the holder with its flaps closed and bound. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the holder from the face or title side. Fig. 4 is a central cross-section of the holder.

The holder comprises the back 1, the side flaps 2, the end flaps 3, and the encircling band 4.

The back 1, in the best construction of the holder, is rigid or stiff. It may be made of cardboard, pasteboard, papier-mâché, wood, stiffened fabric, metal, or of any suitable material which is relatively stiff or rigid. The flaps 2 and 3 are joined to the back in any suitable manner, so that they may be folded over it. In practice these flaps are best made in a single piece with a common center 5, which is pasted to the stiff back 1, so that the exterior of the holder will present a uniform appearance. The flaps are flexible and largely overlapping, so that they may readily fold over the increasing contents of the holder or over contents of varied thickness, thereby giving the holder such capacity as may be required. They may be of any suitable material—such as tough paper or buckram, or other fiber, fabric, or material.

The band 4 may be of any suitable material and may be elastic or non-elastic. In the best construction it should be relatively wide, as shown, in order that it may have a wide bearing upon the envelop and its con-

tents, thereby avoiding the injury of undue or cutting pressure upon the holder and at the same time more securely binding upon the contents.

The band 4 is passed freely through slits 6, made in the back 1, so that upon the inner surface of the back it forms a keeper-loop 7. This arrangement of the band—that is, passing it through the slits 6—forms a reliable and permanent connection with the back, whether in the actual use of the folder the part 7 be drawn down flat and the documents laid upon it or whether said part be lifted up and the documents placed under it, whereby it serves as a keeper for them.

In many cases, especially when the file is complete and made permanent, this latter use will be proved serviceable. I have therefore shown the documents 8 placed under the keeper 7 in order to illustrate its utility in this regard.

The band 4 is provided with any suitable fastening device of a character which will permit one end to be adjustably engaged by the other, so that it may be drawn tight about the envelop and clamped in this position. The fastening 9, which I have shown, indicates a common form of clamp or buckle.

In order to render the holder complete, I cut an opening with an entrance-slit 10 in the outer covering 5 of the back to receive an inscription or filing-card 11 to carry the title of the contents, which card may be readily inserted and removed.

To use the folder, the band 4 is unfastened at its ends and loosened, and the flaps 2 and 3 are laid back. The documents are then laid upon the back, either on top of or under, as is preferable, the keeper-loop 7. Then the flaps are folded to a closed position upon the documents and the ends of the band 4 are brought around to encircle the envelop. One end is passed through the fastening 9 of the other end and is drawn up tight, whereby the keeper-loop 7 is bound down upon the documents and the band itself tightly clasps the envelop. The stiff back gives rigidity to the package, holds it in neat and good shape, and protects the contents.

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

1. A document-holder consisting of an envelop composed of a back and folding flaps

forming the front thereof, and a relatively wide fastening-band freely slidable through opposite slots adjacent the edges of the back and forming a keeper-loop on the inner face of the back between said slots, the ends of the band encircling said envelop.

2. A document - holder consisting of an envelop composed of a back and folding flaps forming the front thereof, and a relatively wide unattached fastening-band freely slidable through and forming a keeper-loop on the inner face of the back, the ends of the band encircling said envelop, and said ends being provided with complemental means for adjustably securing them.

3. A document-holder comprising a rigid back, flexible flaps foldable over the edges of the back to form an envelop, and a relatively wide fastening-band freely slidable through slotted portions of the back and forming a keeper-loop on the inner face of

the back, the ends of the band encircling the envelop, and provided with means for adjustably securing them.

4. A document-holder comprising an envelop formed with a rigid back, flexible foldable flaps forming the front, said flaps having a common center covering the outer face of the rigid back, an opening with an entrance-slit in said center covering, to receive a title - card, and a fastening - band freely slidable through and forming a keeper-loop on the inner face of the back, its ends encircling the envelop and provided with means for adjustably securing them.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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