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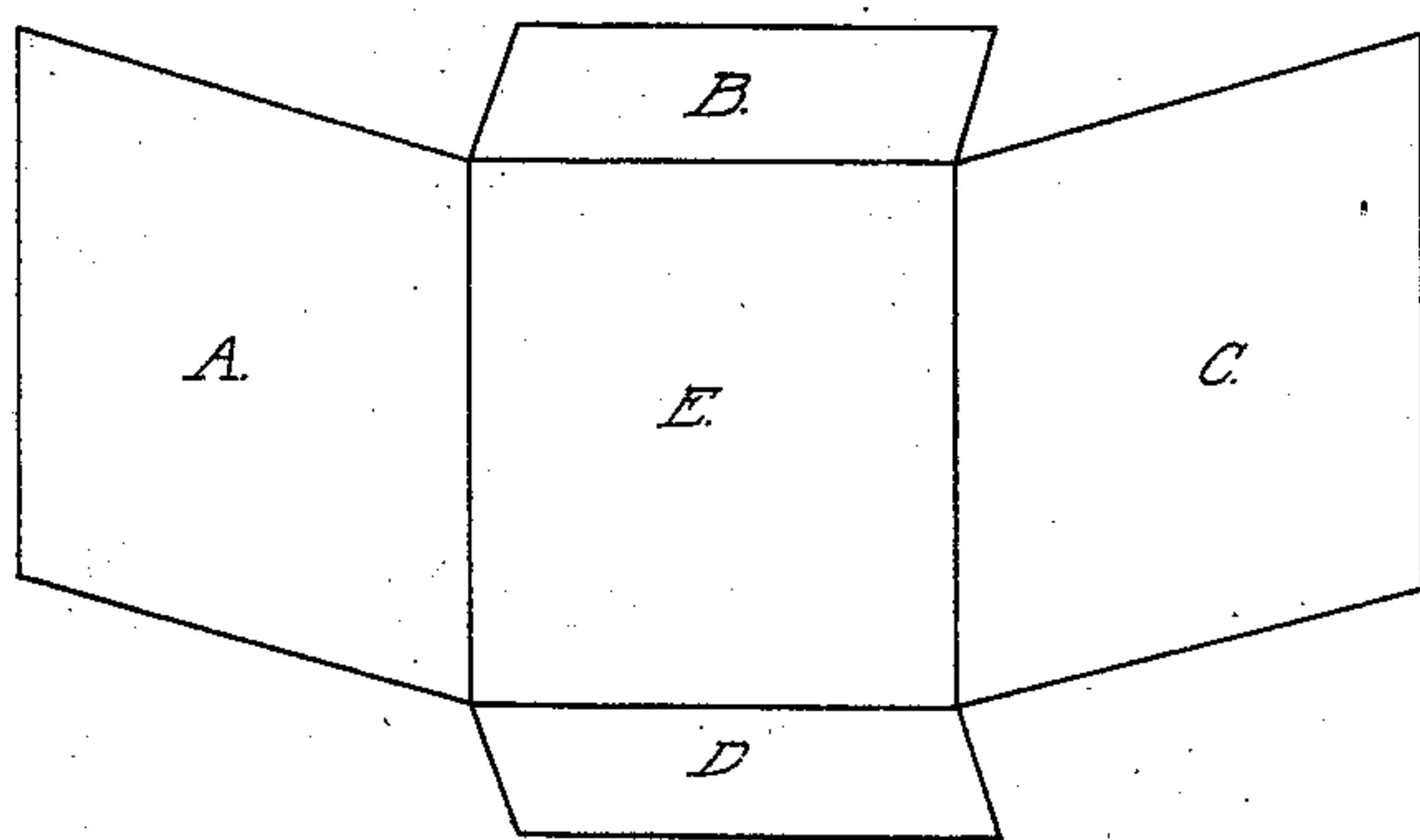


FIG. 1.

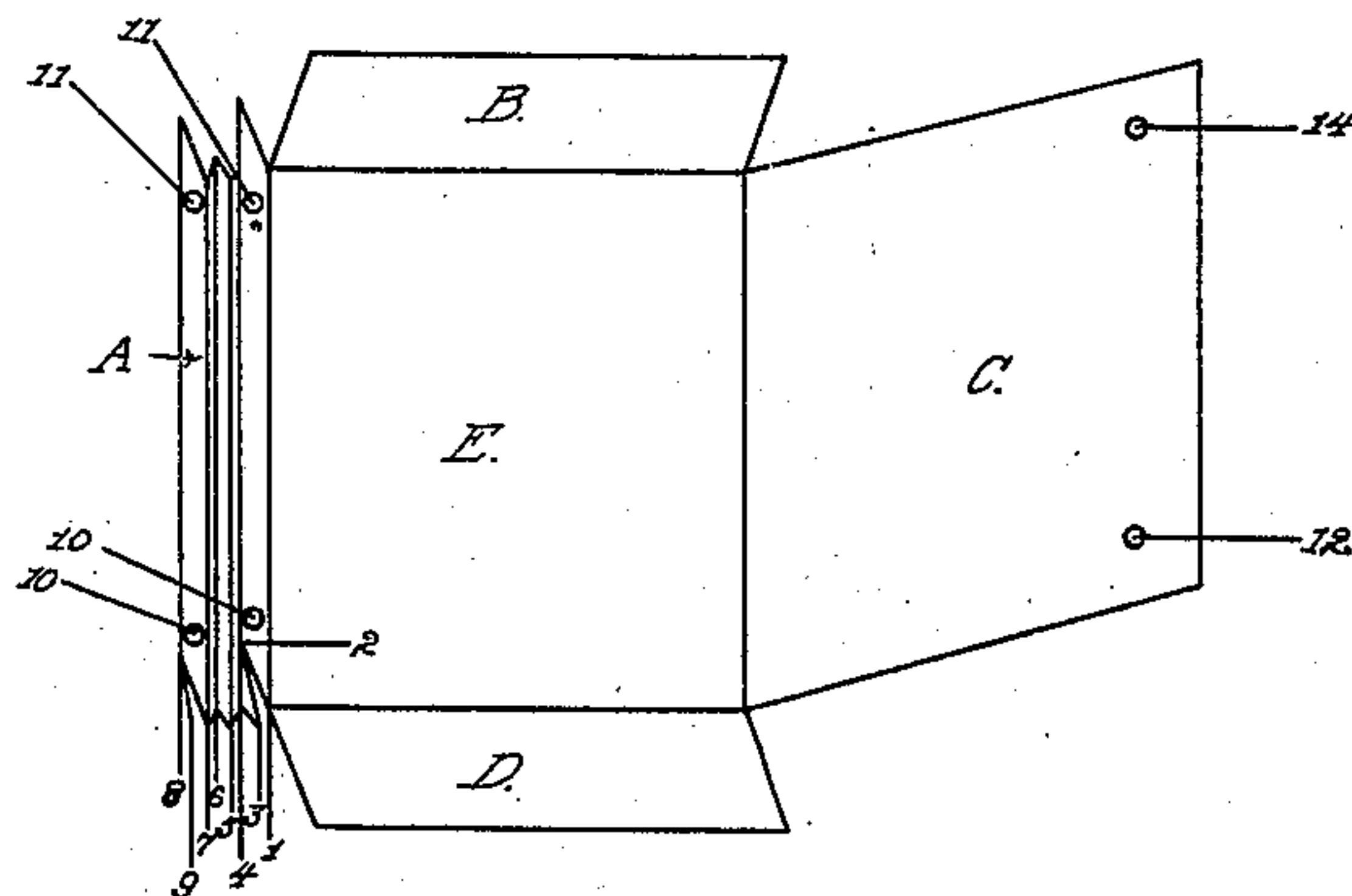


FIG. 2.

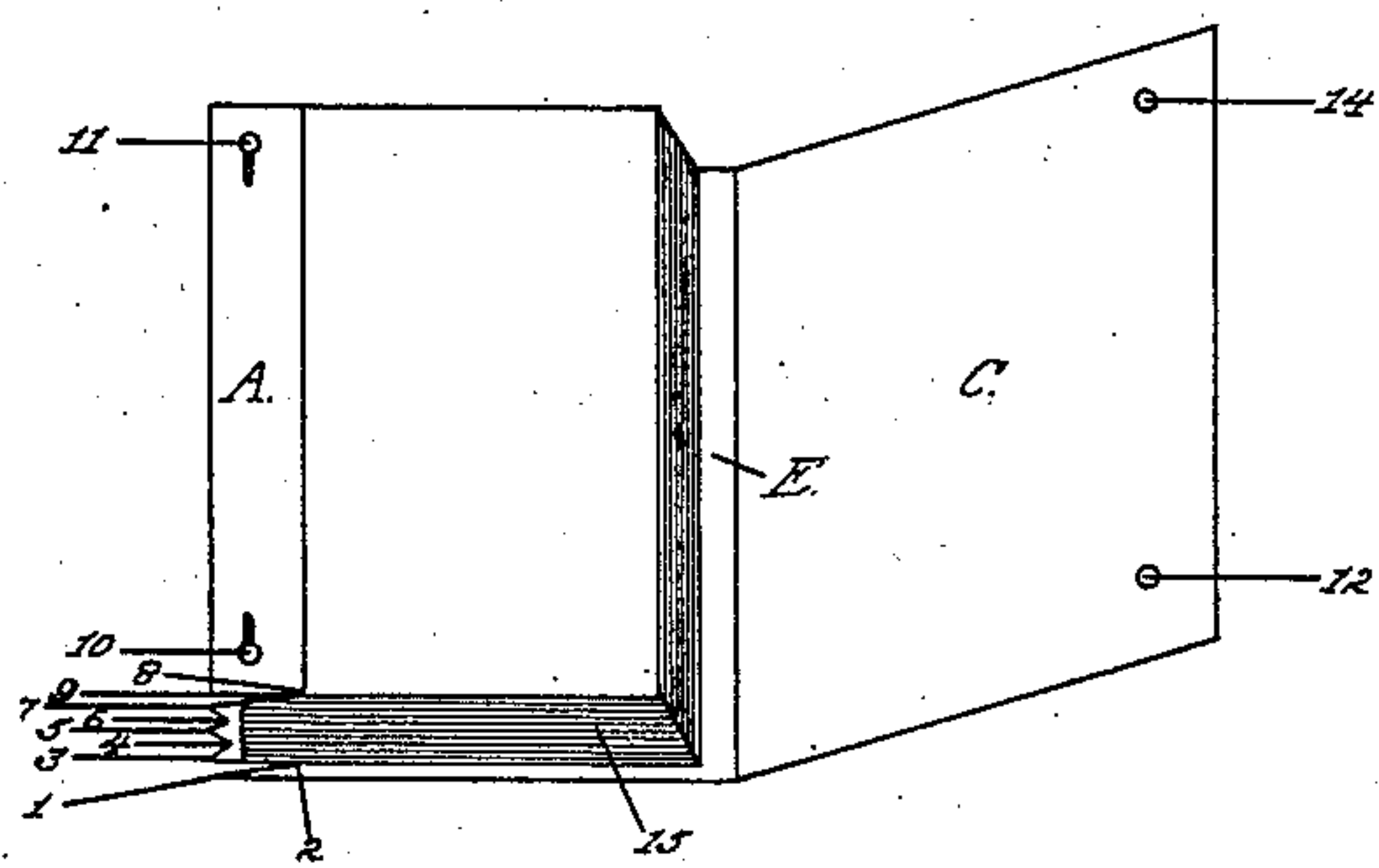


FIG. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK CHARLES KERBY, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at the city of Windsor, county of Essex, Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Binding-Covers; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in the construction of a combined cover, file and binder, and the object is to provide a cheap, durable, protecting cover, made of a single sheet of paper, or other suitable material, particularly adapted for binding lawyer's brief or manuscript, and adjustable, so that when it is desired to annex extra pages to the bound volume of manuscript, the space between the binders of the cover may be widened to receive the extra pages, and, when it is desired to extract or withdraw pages from the bound volume of manuscript, the pages may be released, and the binder contracted and adjusted to the reduced thickness of the remaining volume of manuscript, readily and without in any way destroying the efficiency of the cover, file or binder.

In the drawings,—Figure 1, is a plan view showing the sheet of paper, or other suitable substance, cut in the design used in the invention. Fig. 2, is a plan view, as in Fig. 1, showing the flap, *a*, plaited to form the adjustable back, clamp or binder of the invention. Fig. 3, is a plan view showing the invention in use, binding together and covering a volume of manuscript.

Similar letters and similar figures refer to similar parts throughout the drawings.

A sheet of paper, or other suitable material is cut after the form of an ordinary inclosing envelop, the main body portion thereof, *e*, being rectangular and having four infolding flaps, *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*, integral to the main body portion, as indicated in Fig. 1, the entire flap, *a*, being plaited, as indicated in Fig. 2, so that the first plait next to the main body portion, *e*, indicated by 1, 2, 3, shall be deeper than the one or several other equal plaits, indicated at their extremities by 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, intervening between the first plait indicated by 1, 2, 3, and, the final plait indicated by 7, 8, 9, of the plaited flap, *a*, the first and final plaits of the plaited flap, *a*, being of equal depth of folds, and the plaits intervening between the first and final plaits being of equal depth of folds, the plaited flap, *a*, thus forming an adjustable clamp, cover or back for binding, so that

sheets of manuscript may be placed upon the main body portion, *e*, as indicated in Fig. 3, the margin of the manuscript being placed between the first and final plaits of the plaited flap, *a*, the plaits of the flap, *a*, intervening between the first and final plaits, extending to permit the first and final plaits to separate, and become adjusted to the combined thickness of the sheets of manuscript being covered; metal or other fasteners passed through the first plait, indicated by 1, 2, 3, continued through the sheets of manuscript, 15, and through the final plait, indicated by 7, 8, 9, as indicated at 10 and 11, the fasteners being passed through metal eyelets fixed in the perforations at 10 and 11, in the first and final plaits, to strengthen the plaits and give more durable binding; eyelets placed in the flap, *c*, as indicated at 12 and 14, so that when the flap, *c*, is folded over, covering the bound sheets of manuscript, the eyelets 12 and 14, fall upon the points indicated at 10 and 11, so that the binding fasteners may be continued through the eyelets 12 and 14, in the covering flap, *c*, thus forming a fixed covering protecting the inclosed sheets of manuscript.

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

1. The combination of a cover, file and binder, made of paper or other suitable material, consisting of a rectangular body portion, *e*, and four infolding flaps, *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*, integral therewith, the one flap, *a*, being plaited, the first plait, indicated by 1, 2, 3, and the final plait, indicated by 7, 8, 9, being equal in depth and being deeper than the intervening plaits which are of equal depth, the plaits indicated by 1, 2, 3, and 7, 8, 9, being perforated, as indicated at 10 and 11, and the flap, *c*, being perforated as indicated at 12 and 14, the perforations, 10, 11, 12, 14, having metal eyelets fixed therein, with pliant filing or binding fasteners, passed through the metal eyelets, substantially as described, and for the purposes specified.

2. The combination of a cover, file and binder, made of paper or other suitable material, consisting of a rectangular body portion, *e*, and four infolding flaps, *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*, integral therewith, the one flap, *a*, being plaited the first plait, indicated by 1, 2, 3, and the final plait, indicated by 7, 8, 9, being equal in depth, and being deeper than the intervening plaits which are of equal depth, the plaits, indicated by 1, 2, 3, and, 7, 8, 9, being perforated, as indicated at 10 and 11, and the flap, *c*, being perforated, as indicated at 12 and 14, with pliant filing or binding fasteners passed through the perforations substantially as described, and for the purposes specified.

3. The combination of a cover, file and binder, made of paper or other suitable material, consisting of a rectangular body portion, *e*, with infolding flaps, *a* and *c*, integral therewith, the one flap, *a*, being plaited, the first plait, indicated by 1, 2, 3, and the final plait, indicated by 7, 8, 9, being equal in depth, and being deeper than the intervening plaits which are of equal depth, the plaits indicated by 1, 2, 3, and, 7, 8, 9, being perforated, as indicated at 10 and 11, and the flap, *c*, being perforated as indicated at 12 and 14, and the perforations, 10, 11, 12,

14, having metal eyelets fixed therein, with pliant filing or binding fasteners passed through the metal eyelets, substantially as described, and for the purposes specified.

4. The combination of a cover, file and binder, made of
5 paper or other suitable material, consisting of a rectangular body portion, *e*, with infolding flaps, *a* and *c*, integral therewith, the one flap, *a*, being plaited, the first plait, indicated by 1, 2, 3, and the final plait, indicated by 7, 8, 9, being equal in depth and being deeper than the intervening plaits which are of equal depth, the plaits indi-

cated by 1, 2, 3, and 7, 8, 9, being perforated as indicated at 10 and 11, and the flap, *c*, being perforated as indicated at 12 and 14, with pliant filing or binding fasteners passed through the perforations, substantially as described, and for the purposes specified.

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