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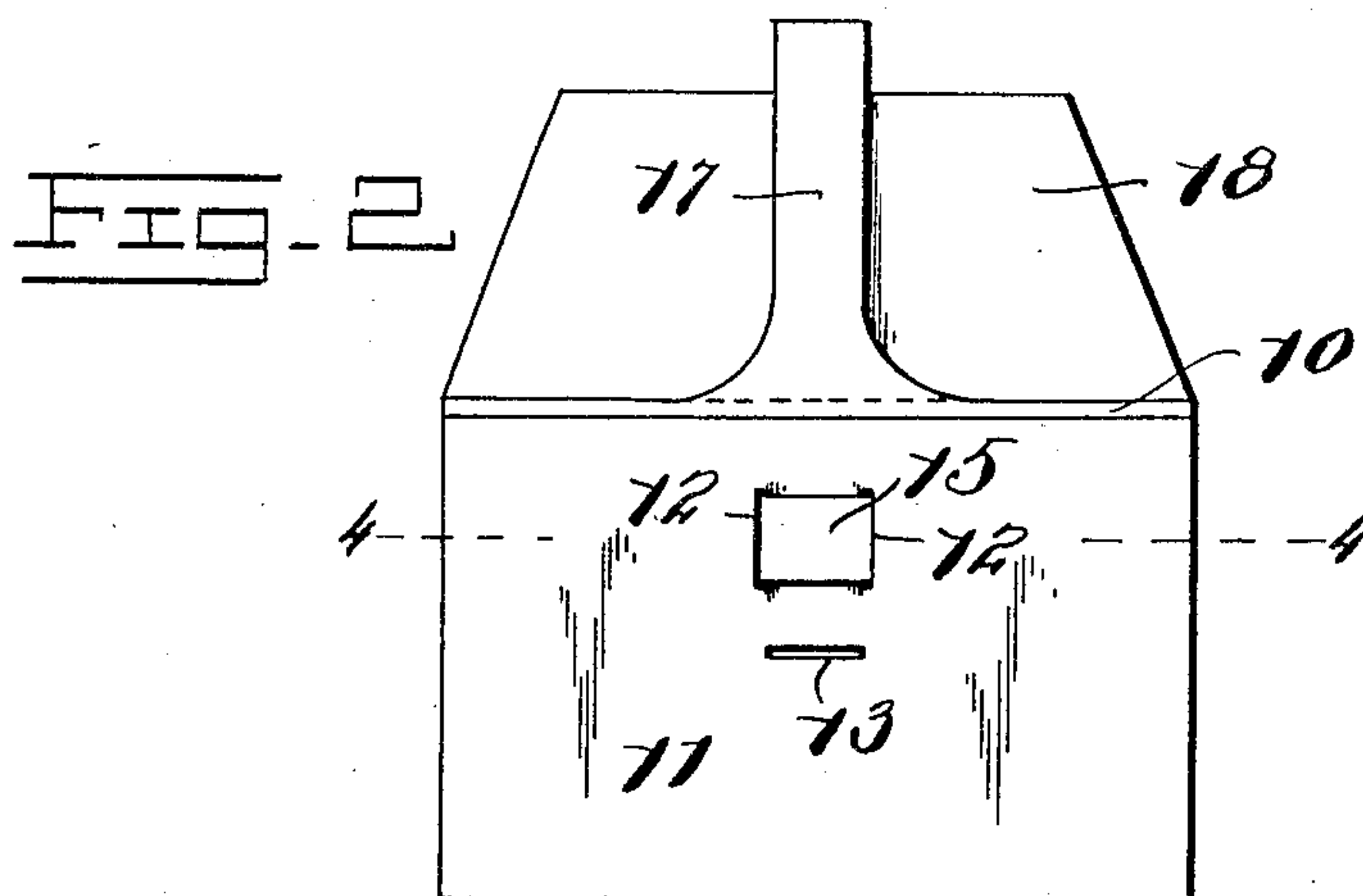
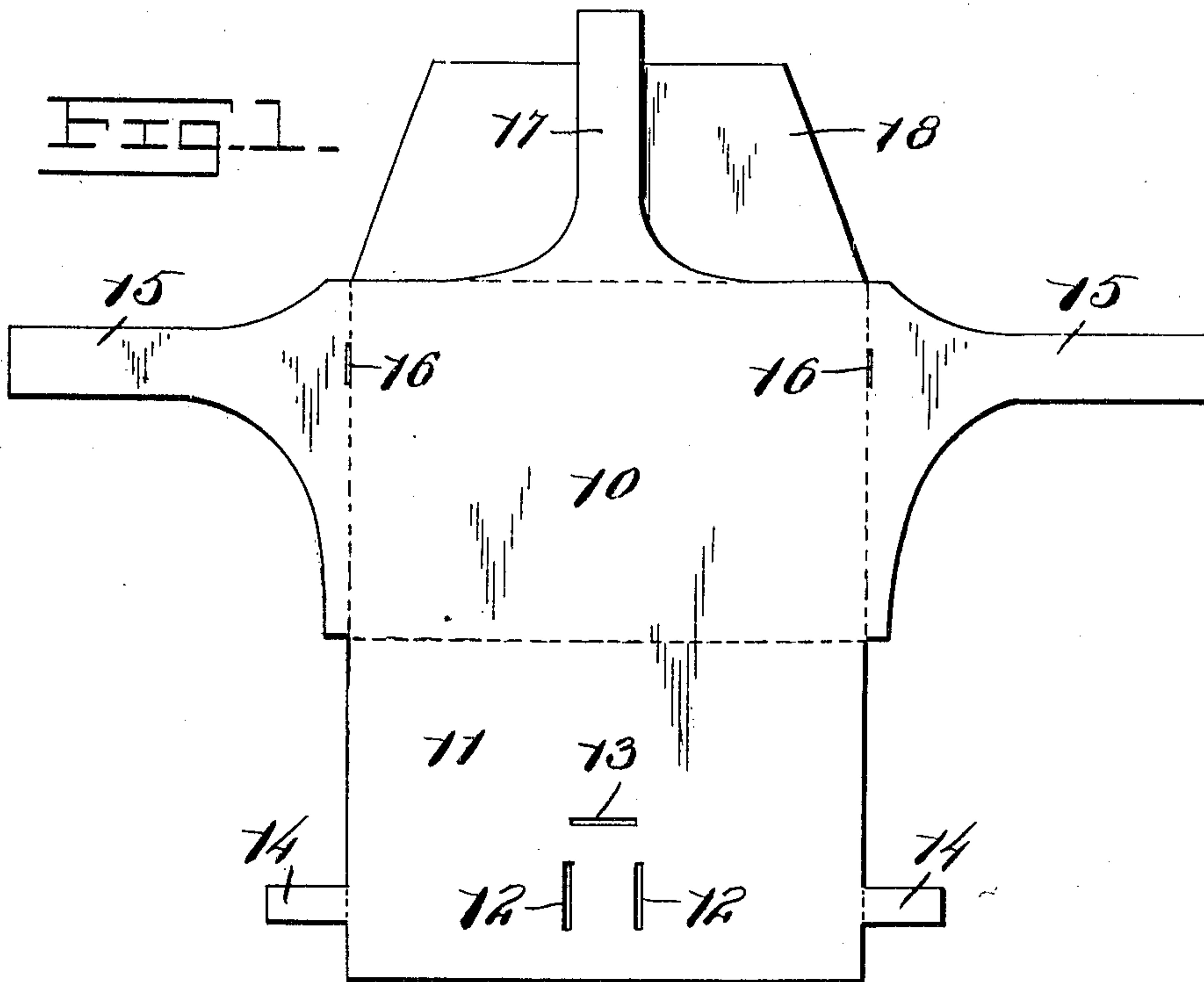
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FIG. 3.

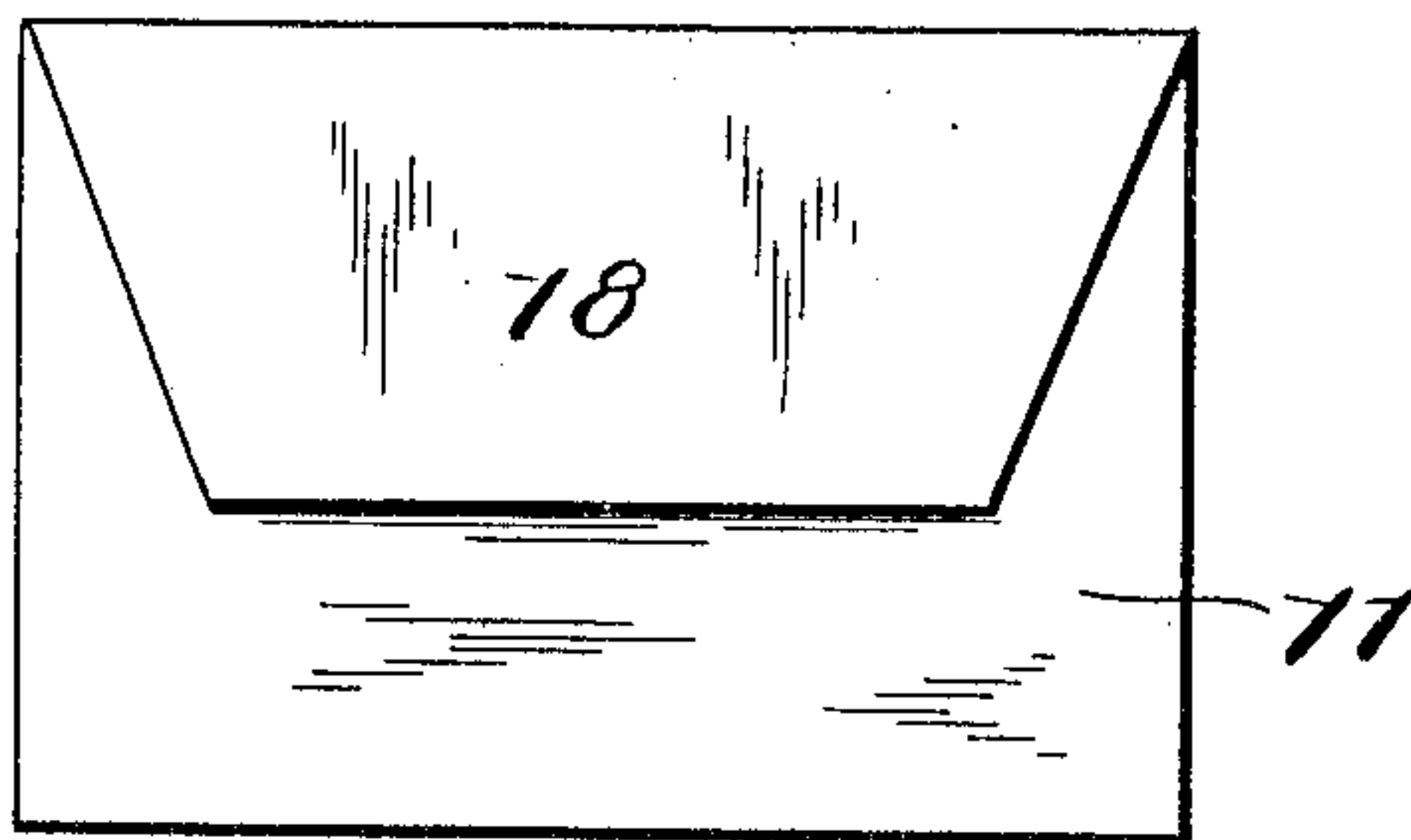
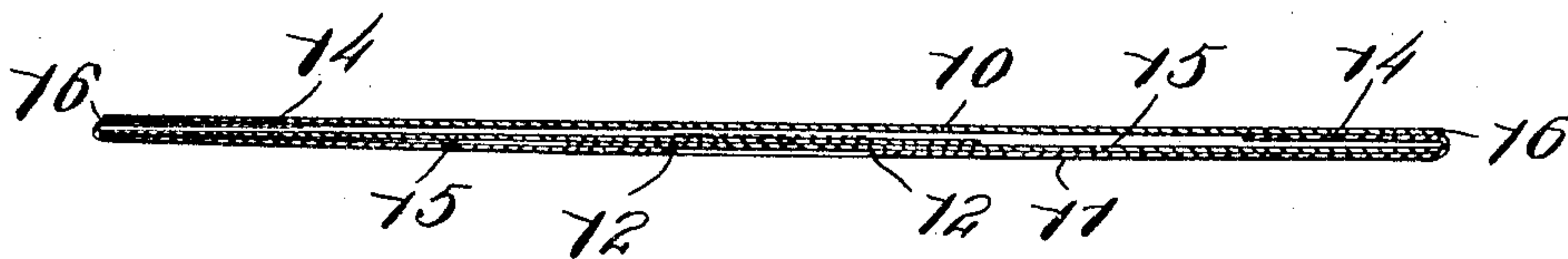


FIG. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER B. HAWBAKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Greencastle, in the county of Franklin, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

10 This invention has relation to the kind of envelopes that are designed to prevent opening wrongfully without detection.

15 The nature of the invention consists in a construction whereby the fastening and sealing of the flaps is done inside, so that it will practically be impossible to moisten the gum and unfasten the flaps without the fact clearly appearing that such thing has been done.

20 The invention is clearly portrayed in the annexed drawings forming a part of this specification, in view of which its construction and mode of use will first be described and the improvements then be pointed out in the subjoined claims.

25 Of the drawings,—Figure 1 represents the envelop developed or unfolded. Fig. 2 represents the envelop as partially closed or folded. Fig. 3 is a view of the envelop fully closed. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section through the envelop closed.

Like numerals of reference designate like parts or features, as the case may be.

30 In the drawings 10 designates the body part of the envelop of which the opposite side to that seen in the drawings is for the receipt of the superscription.

35 11 is the bottom flap provided with the two parallel slits 12 and the lateral slit 13. Integrally or otherwise connected with the edges of the flap 11 are the inwardly folding strips 14.

40 The sides of the part 10 are provided with side-flap strips 15 the bases of which extend along the entire side edges of the part 10, and at the base of the strip 15 slits 16 are formed through the paper. A downwardly lapping strip 17 is integrally connected with the top of the part 10, as is clearly shown in Fig. 1. The part 18 is provided to reinforce the body 10 and create a top flap and reinforce for the strip 17. The top flap 18 when folded 45 down over the back of the envelop to seal the same in

the usual way covers the slits and openings that are exposed before the flap is folded down. Moreover, the reinforcing of the body 10, the outer face of which is to receive the superscription, is important in that it protects the contents of the envelop from being read from the 50 outside and furthermore greatly strengthens it.

In the folding and sealing of the envelop, the strips 15 will first be folded in upon the part 10, and the lower flap 11 will then be folded up over the said inlapped strips 15 and the ends of the latter will be first passed 55 out through one of the slits 12 and tucked in through the other the strips overlapping each other and the part intervening between the said slits 12. Next, the side strips 14 will be tucked in through the slits 16 and the parts being properly gummed will be pasted down leaving the envelop in the condition represented in Fig. 2, 60 which may be the extent to which the manufacturer of the invention will go in supplying the invention to the trade. The user, after placing the matter to be mailed in the envelop, will tuck the strips 17 in through the 65 slip 13 and paste it in place, and then finally fold the upper flap down and seal it as is done with a common envelop.

I have not undertaken to show the parts or extent of surfaces that may be gummed since it will be understood that gum or sealing means will be applied wherever it can be used with advantage.

What is claimed is:

75 An envelop having a rectangular superscription receiving part provided with strips at its side edges having slits 16 at their bases, said strips being folded in upon the first mentioned part, a bottom flap provided with two parallel slits and a lateral slit and strips extending from each side, said bottom flap being folded upon the first mentioned strips, and the latter being tucked through the said 80 parallel slits and lapped on the part therebetween, and the strips on the sides of the bottom flap being tucked through the slits 16, and the parts being pasted down or sealed, and a strip extending from the top and adapted to be tucked through the lateral slit of the bottom flap, and a 85 top flap secured to the upper edge and adapted to be folded down and sealed.

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

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