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Fig. 1.

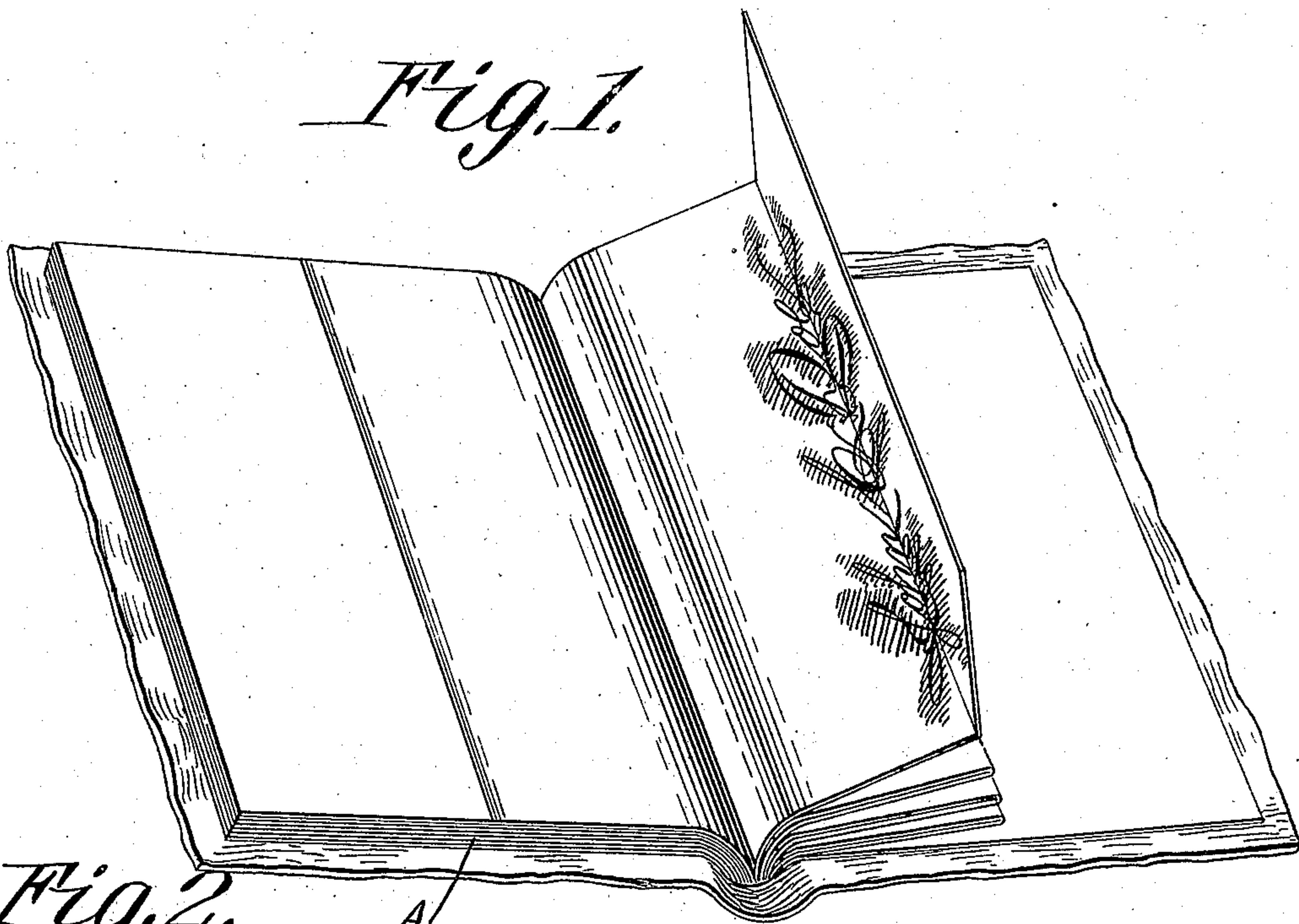


Fig. 2.

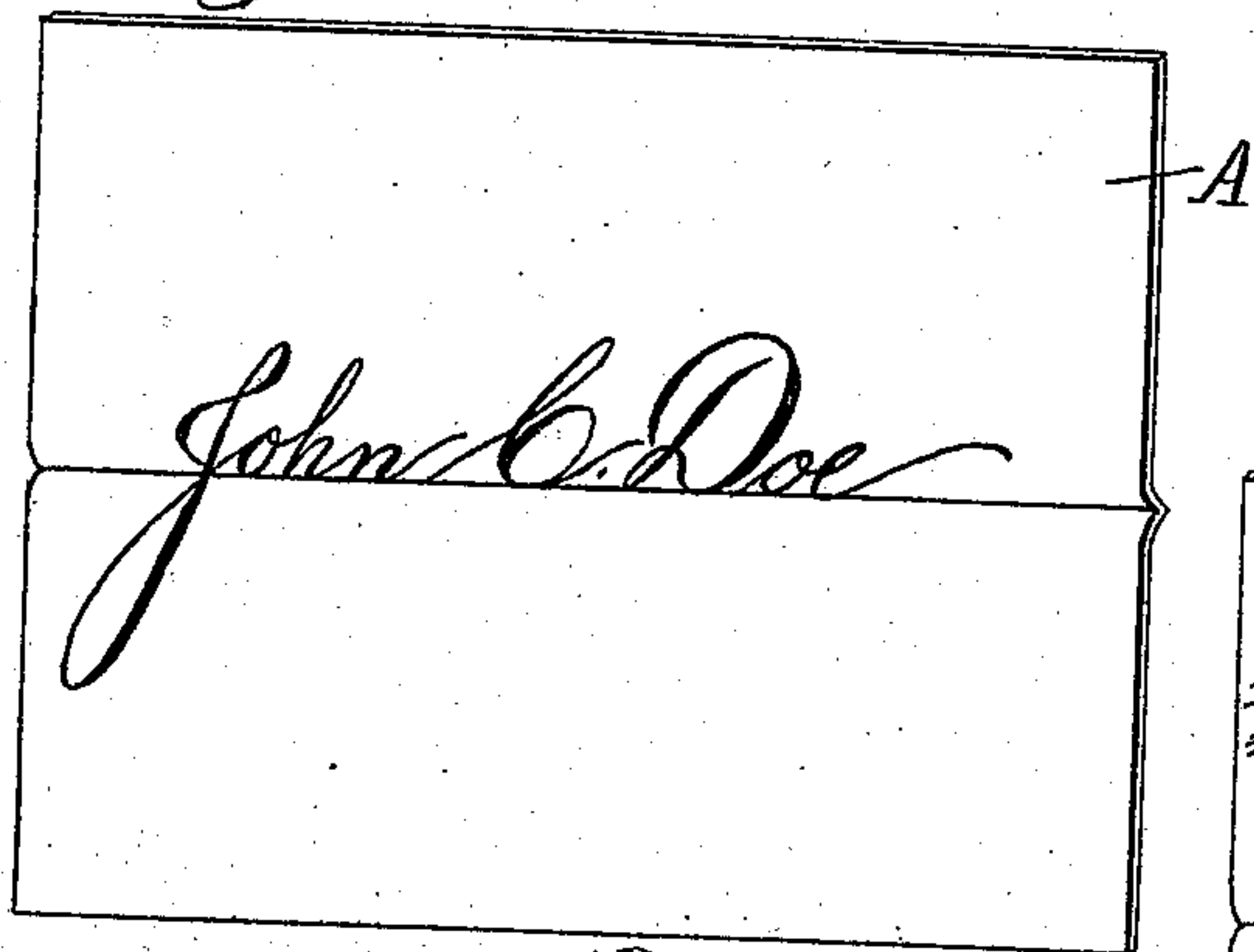


Fig. 3.

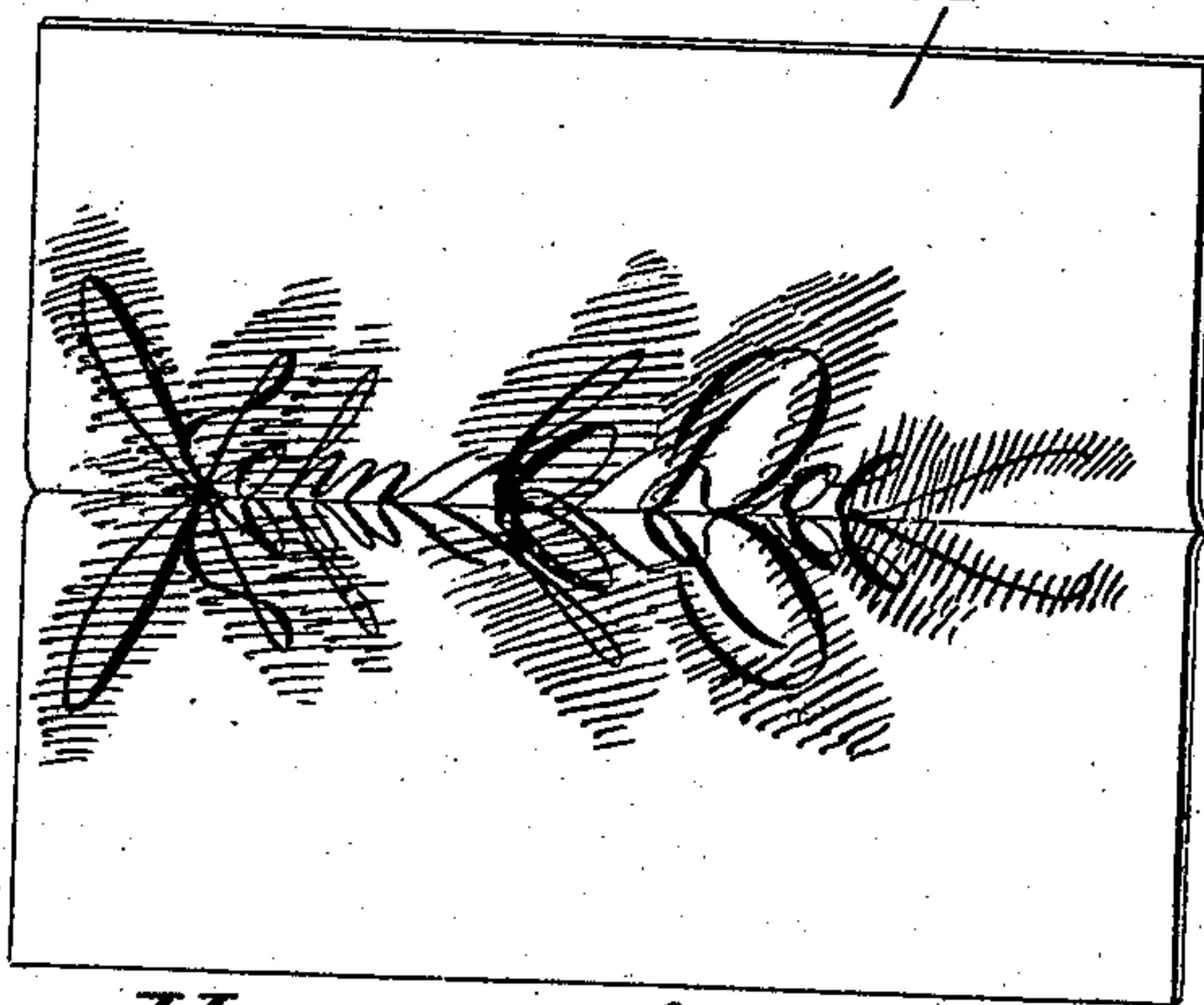
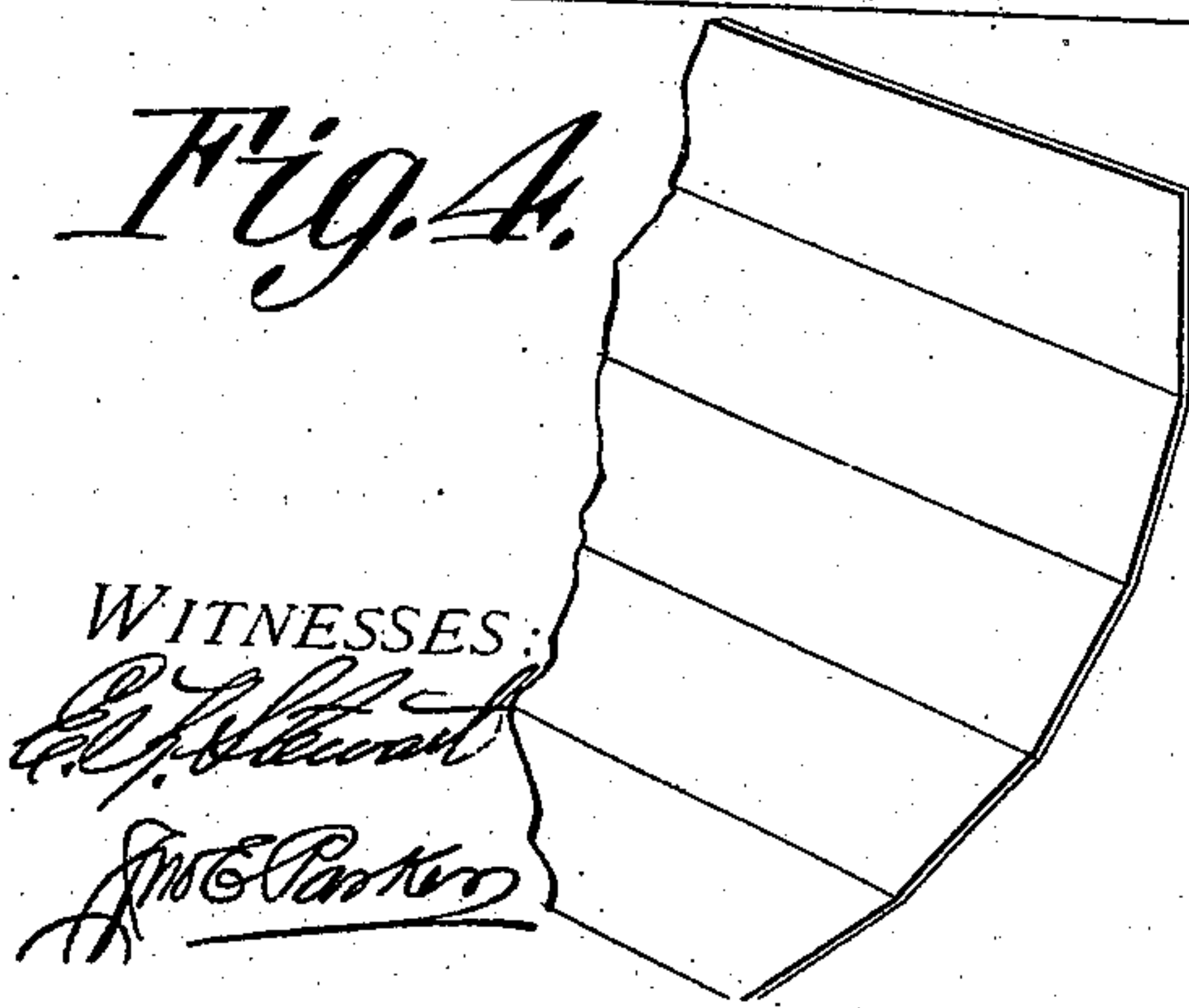


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY A. STILES, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at Germantown, Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Autograph-Album, of which the following is a specification.

The principal object of the invention is to provide an autograph album in which the leaves are formed of highly calendered sheets provided with permanent creases or folds that form guiding lines for signatures or other writing, so that the paper may be folded on the line of the crease while the ink is still damp, thereby securing fanciful or grotesque figures from the blurring and spreading of the ink.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of an autograph album having its leaves provided with permanent folds or creases in accordance with the invention. Fig. 2 shows the manner in which the fold or crease is used as a guide for limiting the down stroke of the pen in writing. Fig. 3 is a view of the paper after being folded together with the ink still wet and showing the fanciful design formed as a result. Fig. 4 is a detail view of a sheet provided with a plurality of parallel creases or folds.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts throughout the several figures of the drawings.

In carrying out the invention, a number of leaves A are bound together to form a book. Each leaf is folded on itself in the manner shown in Fig. 1, so that a permanent crease or fold line is formed. The sheets of paper are highly calendered or otherwise finished to form a smooth, glossy surface which will not readily absorb writing ink.

When a sheet is opened out and a signature or other matter is written thereon, this crease or fold line forms a mechanical stop

which is instantly detected by the writer when engaged by the pen on a down stroke, so that through constant practice a perfectly horizontal line of writing may be preserved on unruled sheets. It is ordinarily a matter of difficulty for many persons to maintain writing in straight horizontal lines, and even where ruled paper is employed, the eye must be relied upon entirely to determine the extent of the downward stroke. Where the permanent crease or fold line is employed, the sense of touch comes into play, and the student is instantly warned of the fact that the down stroke is complete whenever the pen touches the crease.

The invention may be employed to advantage in securing what may be termed the skeleton autographs especially where the signatures are made with freely flowing ink on highly calendered paper, an instance of the result of the folding of the paper on the crease line being illustrated in Fig. 3, and extremely fanciful and grotesque figures may be obtained from signatures or other writing.

I claim:—

An autograph album including a plurality of sheets of paper, each of the sheets being provided with a pronounced crease extending lengthwise of and parallel with the side edges of the sheet and located nearer the outer edge than the inner edge thereon, the inner edges being bound together in book form, leaving the unbent edges free to be folded or unfolded, and a cover, the area of which is equal at least to that of one of the unfolded sheets, whereby the cover forms a backing or support to permit writing over the whole of the sheet when the latter is unfolded.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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