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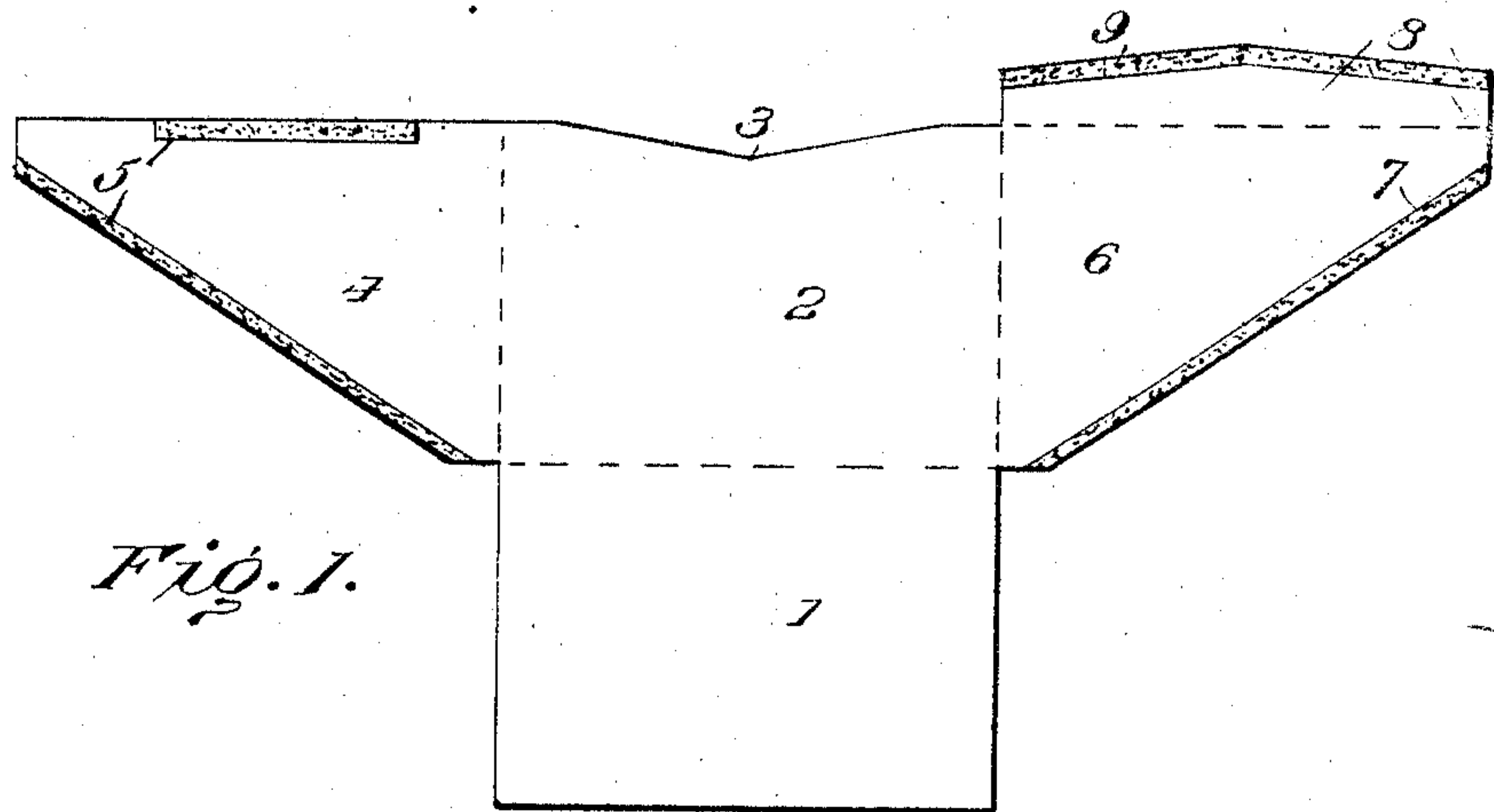


Fig. 1.

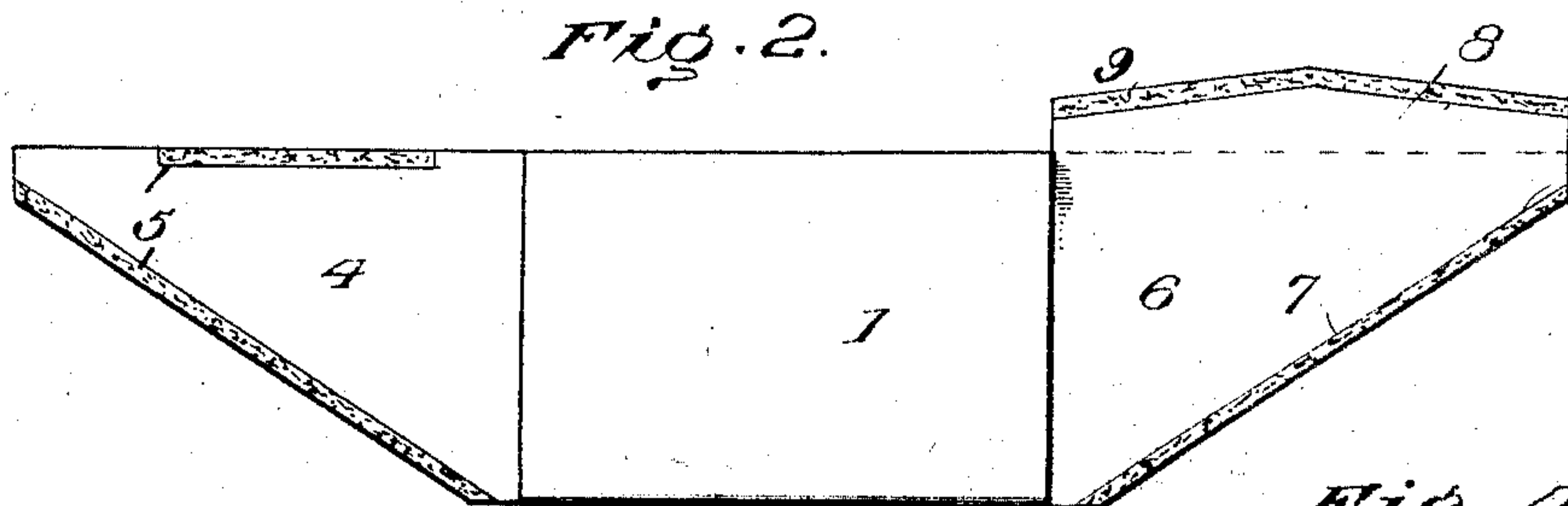


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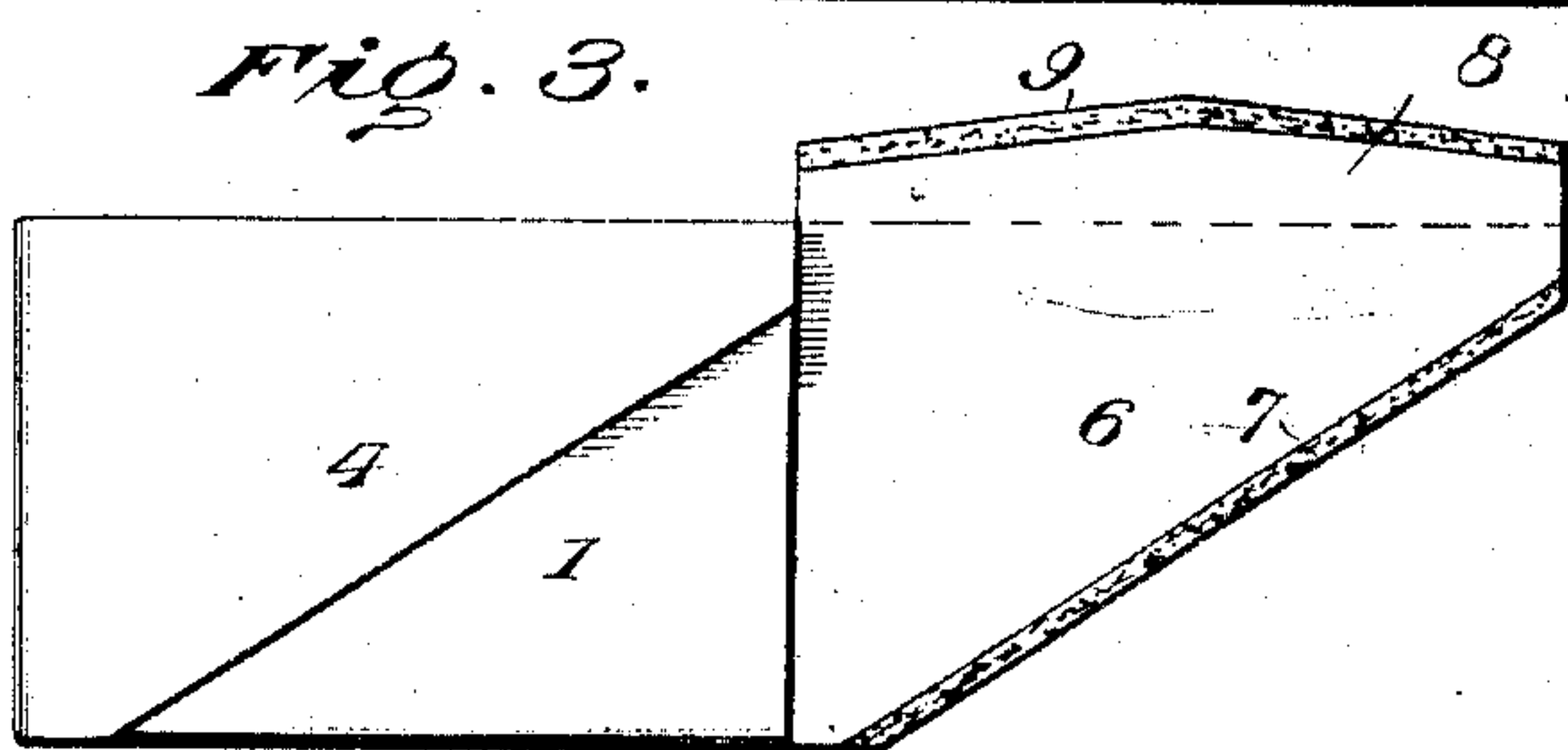


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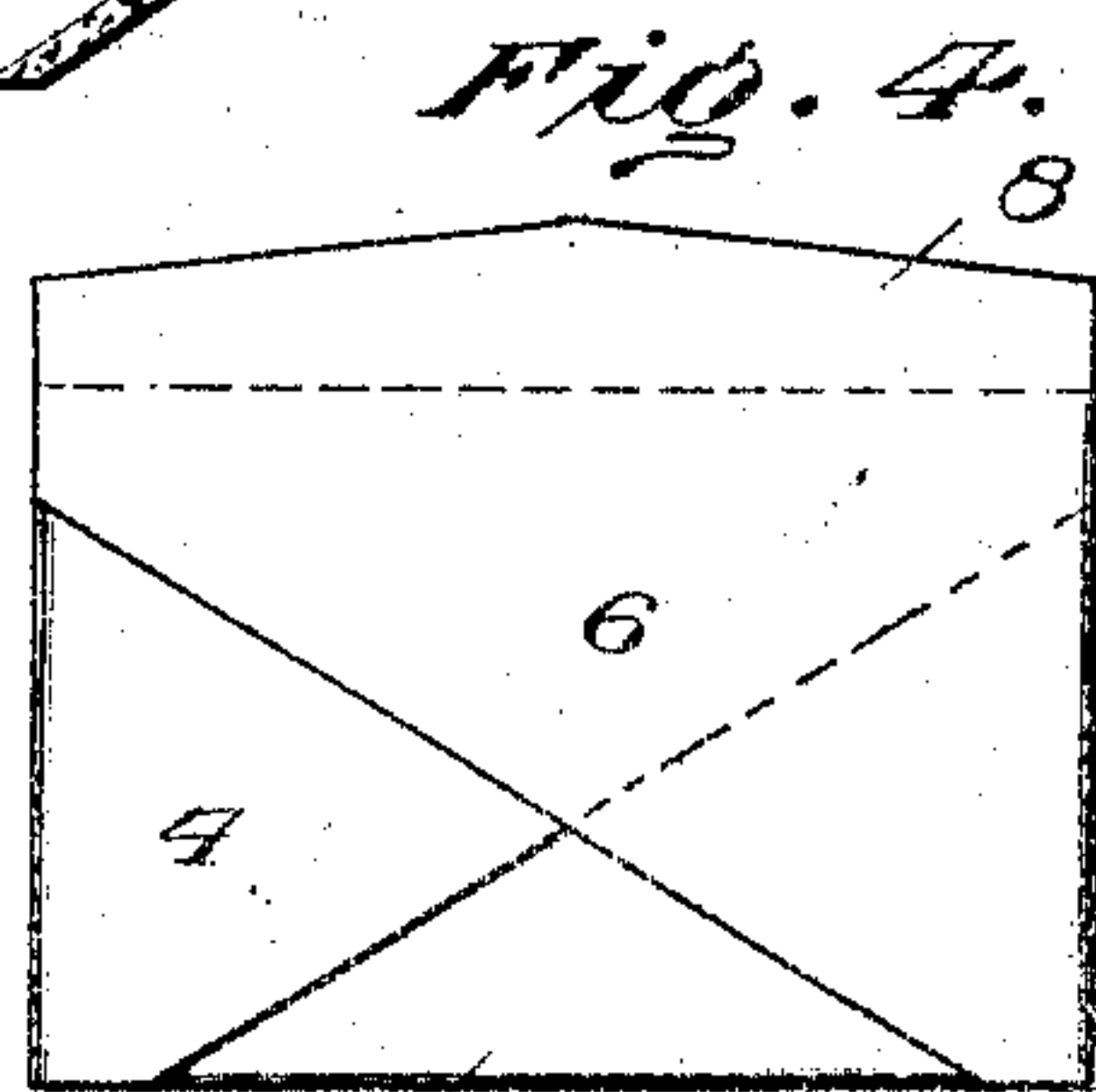


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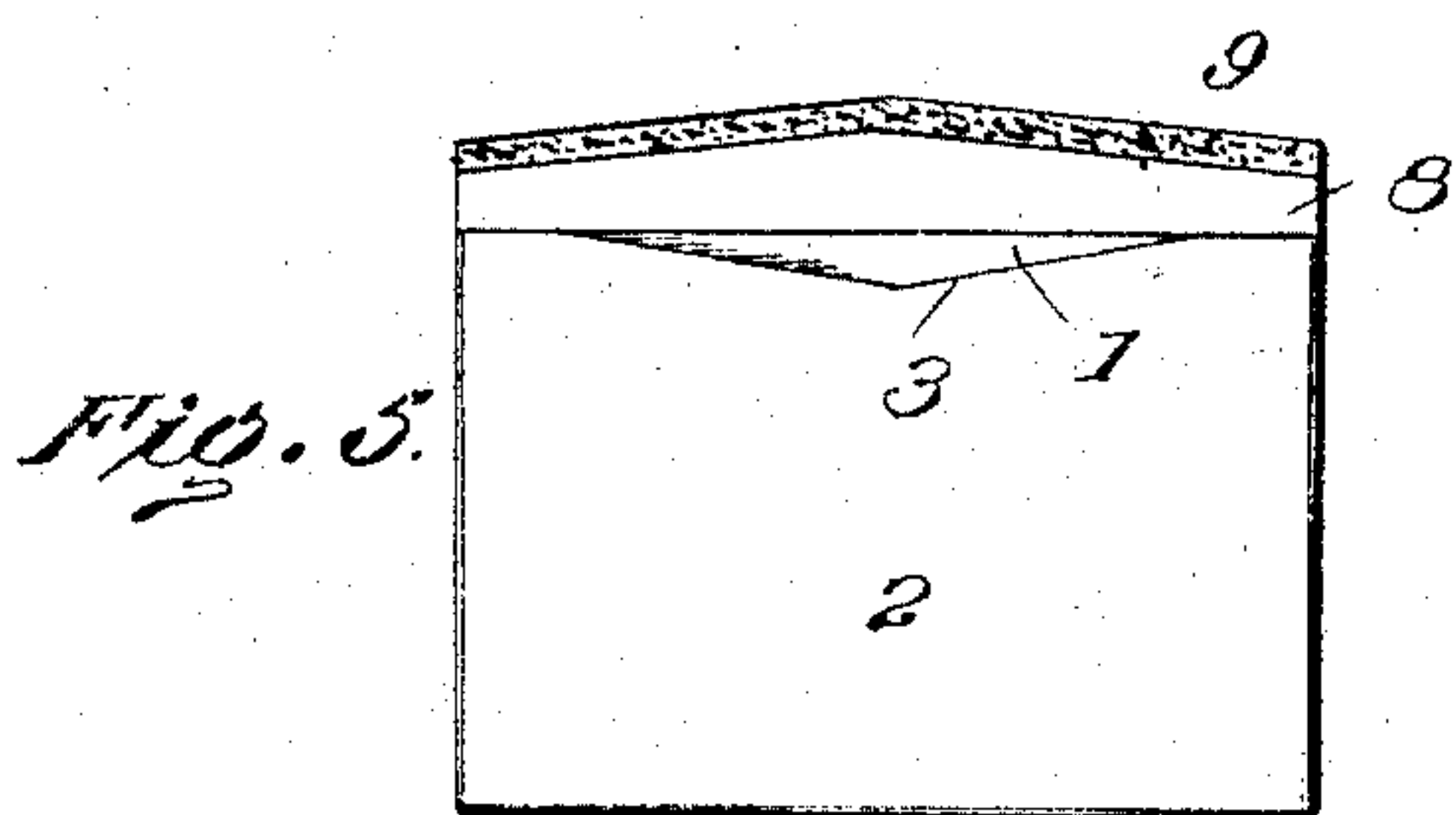


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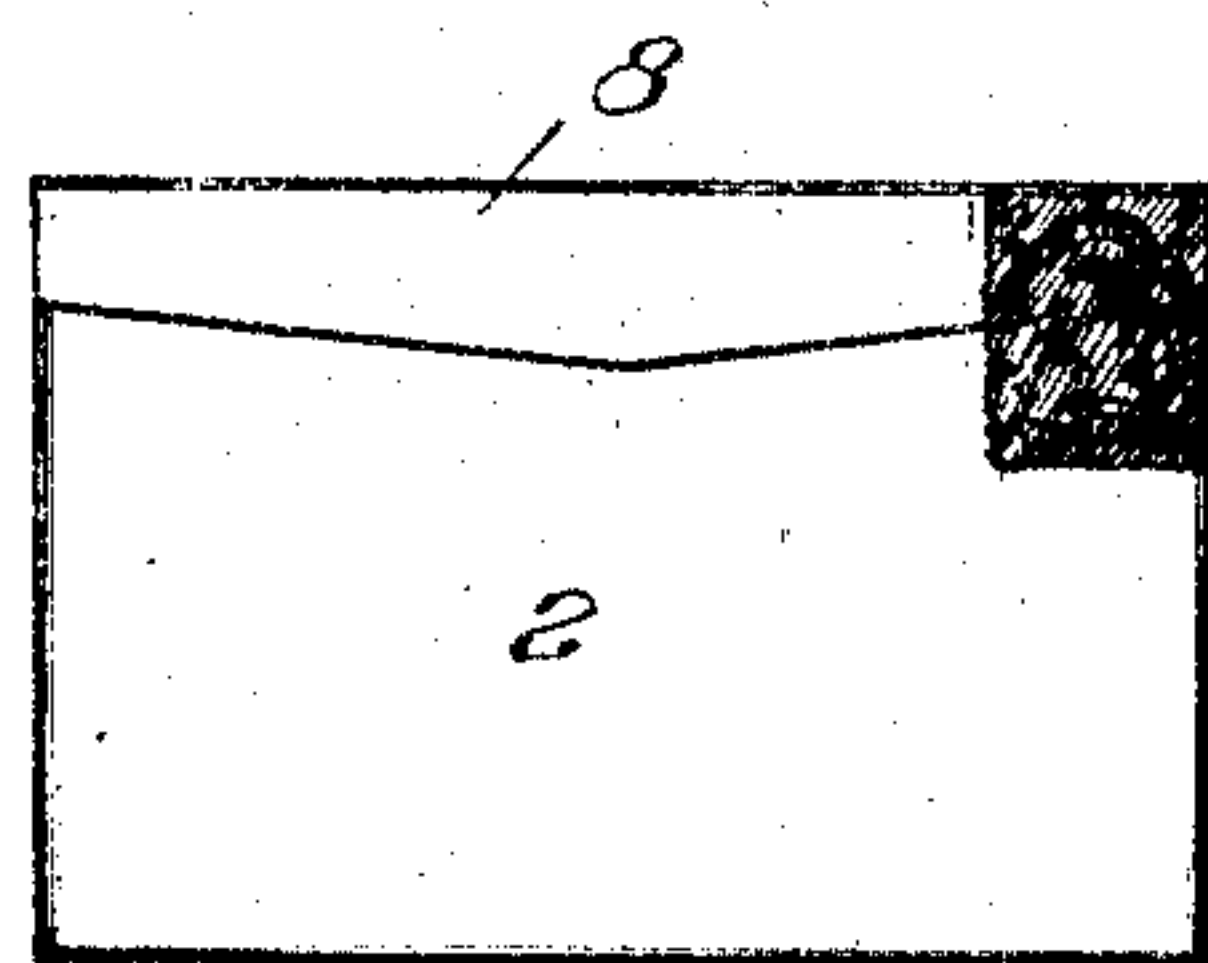


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, VIOLA McELREE, of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and 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.

The primary object of this invention is to provide an envelop with a perfectly smooth interior, free from all edges liable to interfere with the insertion or removal of the contents. And a further object is to provide an envelop which will be securely closed at all its corners, and so formed that the front will be readily distinguishable from the back, thereby avoiding all confusion in addressing and sealing; and further to provide an envelop wherein the contents can be inserted, the flap sealed, and the front addressed and stamped without turning over the envelop, thus saving time in the preparation for mailing.

The invention will be hereinafter fully set forth and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the fully opened blank. Fig. 2 shows the rear section folded over. Fig. 3 shows one of the end sections folded over. Fig. 4 shows the other end section folded into position. Fig. 5 is a face view of the envelop. Fig. 6 is a similar view with the envelop sealed and ready for mailing.

In carrying out my invention I form the rear section 1 of exactly the same size as the front section 2, the latter, however, having a slight cut-in at 3 along its upper free edge. The rear section 1 is a continuation of the front section 2, being folded back over the latter along the bottom line. After the rear section is so folded, as shown in Fig. 2, forming thereby a smooth interior, the left hand end section 4 (viewing the envelop from the rear) is folded over the outer face of rear section 1, being secured thereto by paste applied to its two edges, as at 5. This end section 4 along one edge forms a continuation of the upper edge of the envelop, and its other edge is cut diagonally, but on a line short of the diagonally opposite corners of the envelop. After the end section 4 is secured, the other end section 6 is folded over the rear section 1 and the previously folded end section 4. It also is provided with mucilage

along its edge, as at 7, so that it will securely adhere to both the rear section 1 and the end section 4. These two end sections securely close the ends of the envelop, and being outside of the rear section, a perfectly smooth pocket is formed without any edges within the envelop, thus permitting the contents to be readily inserted and removed. The intersecting edges of the two end sections, on the outside of the rear section, give to the completed article the necessary appearance to differentiate at a glance the front from the rear. The two end sections along their upper edges are in length equal to the length of the envelop, but the inner section 4 may be shorter.

The end section 6 is formed along its upper edge with a sealing flap 8 which extends throughout the full length of the envelop, and will fold down over the front section 2 thereof sufficiently far to permit the mucilage 9 along its edge to adhere to the front section without engaging that portion of the contents which may be exposed through the cut-in 3. The sealing flap is further secured in place by the application of the postage stamp over the edge thereof, at the free end of the outer flap, as indicated in Fig. 6. The lower edge of the end section 6 is cut away on a diagonal line that extends from its lower edge near its junction to the front section 2 upwardly to its outer edge.

From what has been said it will be seen that the front and rear sections being of corresponding formation, and folded one upon the other, and held by the end sections which are folded over the rear section, a perfectly smooth pocket is provided, so that surreptitious access to the envelop is impossible without disengaging the flap from the face of the envelop or destroying the latter in a manner that would be readily detected. My envelop also possesses the further advantage that the address side is perfectly smooth until the flap is sealed thereon making it readily distinguishable from the rear side, and it may be addressed, the contents inserted, and the envelop sealed and stamped without the necessity of turning it over.

I claim as my invention:—

1. An envelop comprising a front section and a rear section, folded one upon the other and of substantially the same formation, opposite end sections designed to be folded one upon the other and both upon the outside of the rear section, and a sealing flap carried by



one of said end sections for folding over the edge of the front section.

2. An envelop comprising a front section and a rear section, folded one upon the other and of substantially the same formation, end sections extending from the front section and designed to be folded one upon the other and both on the outside of the rear section to which they are secured, the outer of the two end sections having along its upper edge a sealing flap designed to be folded over the edge of the front section.

3. The herein described envelop comprising a front section and a rear section of substantially corresponding formation, the rear section being folded upon the front section, two end sections extending from the ends of

the front section, said end sections having each a diagonal extended edge and designed to be secured, one to the outer face of the rear section and the other to the outer face of said rear section and to the first noted end section, and a sealing flap extended from the upper edge of the second noted end section designed to fold over the edge of the front section.

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

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