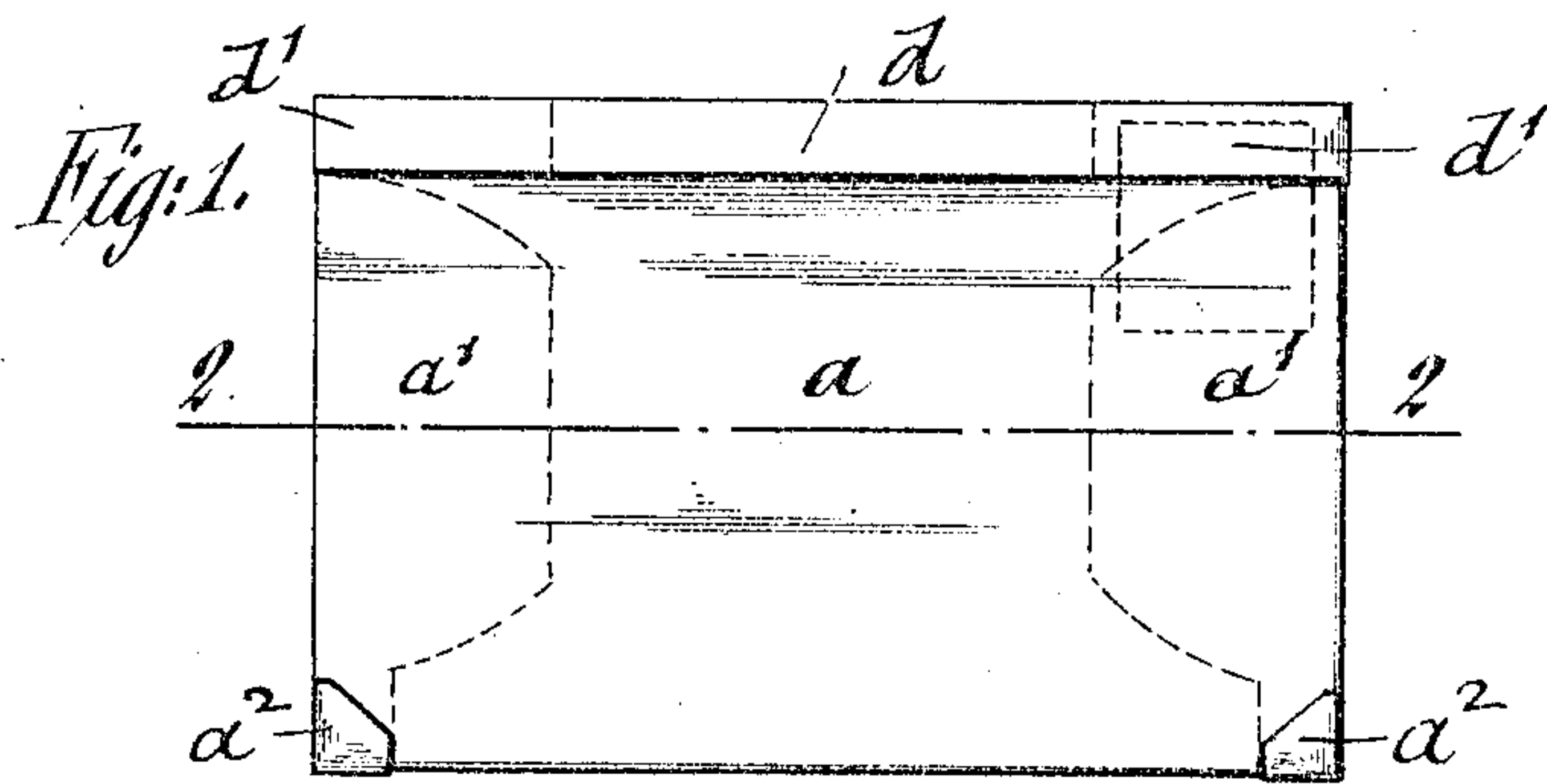


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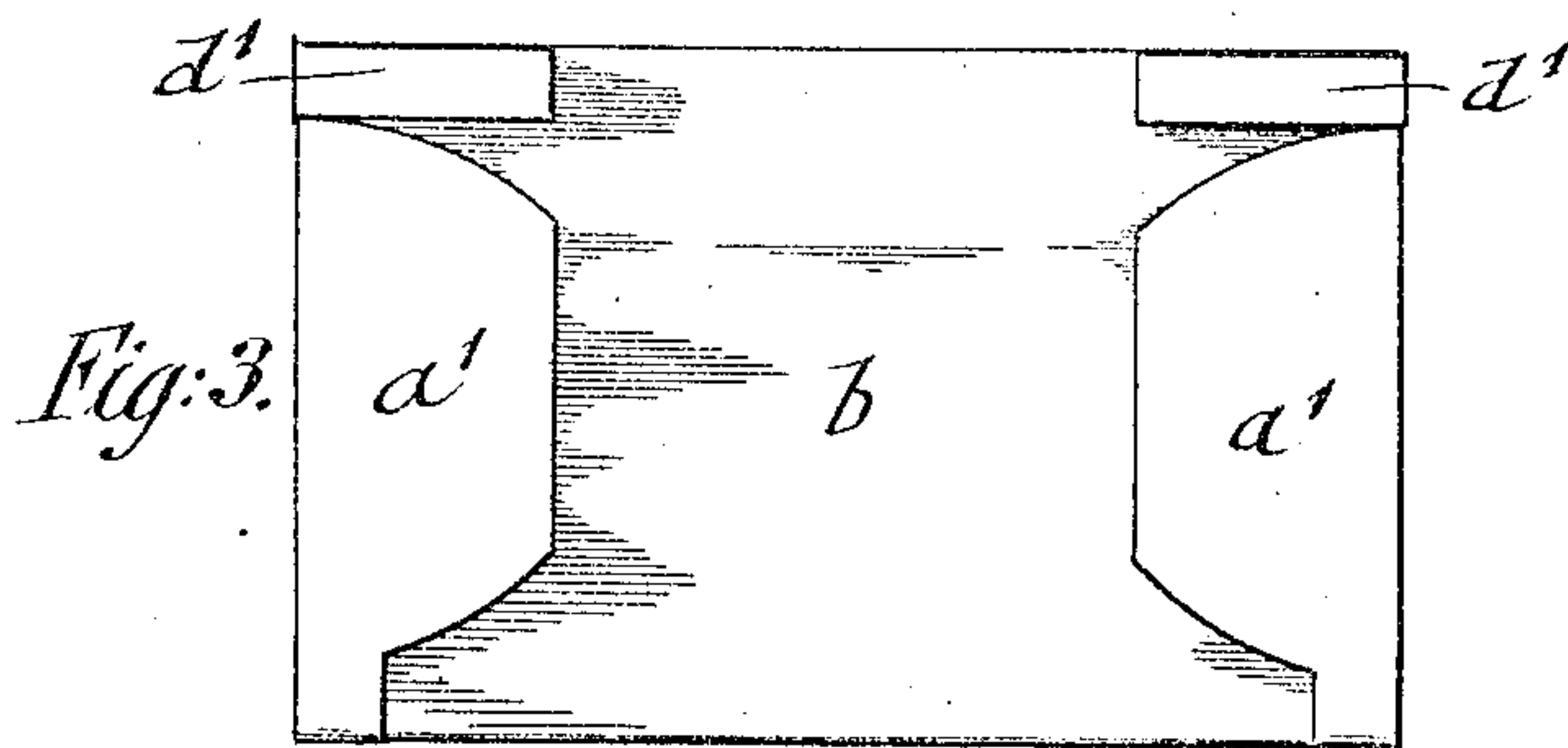
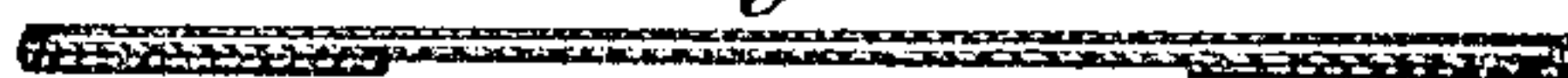
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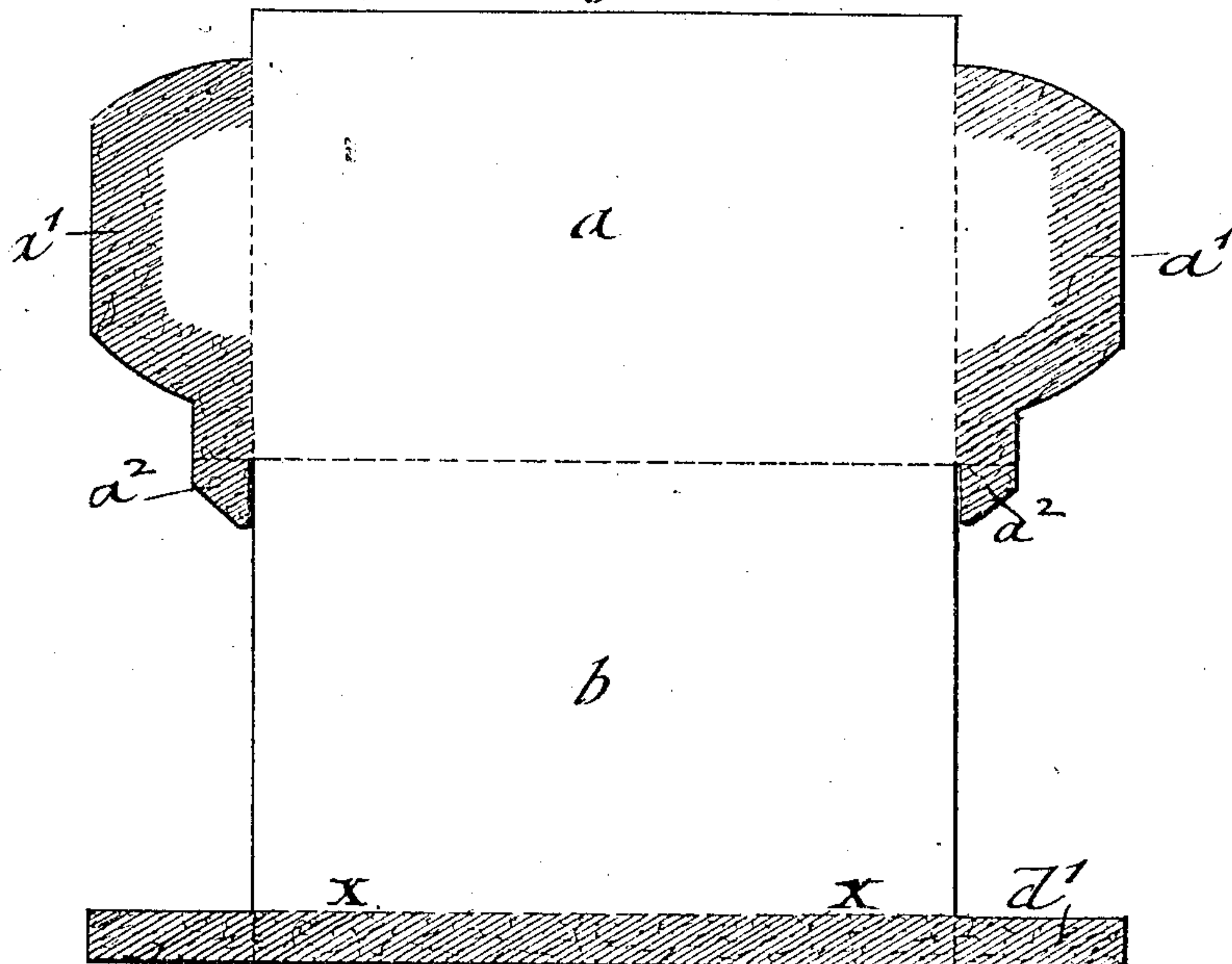
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*Fig: 2.*



*Fig: 4.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PAUL SEEBERGER, a citizen of the United States, residing in Jersey City, county of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved envelop of that kind known as safety-envelops and in which the opening of the same by unauthorized persons is rendered difficult, also the removal of the contents of the envelop.

With the envelops heretofore in use it is possible to remove and examine the contents by inserting a forked and pointed tool, engaging and rolling up the letter and gradually withdrawing the same through the space between the flaps.

The object of this invention is to prevent the removal of the contents and otherwise tampering with the envelop; and for this purpose the invention consists of an envelop comprising a front-portion, a rear-portion equal in size with the front-portion and provided with gummed side-flaps and gummed corner-extensions, the rear-flap being provided with a gummed portion at its upper edge and short lateral corner-extensions in line therewith, as will be fully described hereinafter and finally pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front-view of my improved envelop, Fig. 2 is a horizontal section on line 2, 2, Fig. 1, Fig. 3 is a rear-view of the envelop, and Fig. 4 is a rear-view of the blank for the improved envelop showing the gummed portions of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The improved envelop is made from the blank shown in Fig. 4, which consists of a front-portion *a*, a rear portion *b* of the same size as the front-portion, gummed side-flaps *a'* at each side of the main portion *a*, said side-flaps being of less width than the main-portion and provided with short extensions *a''* at their lower ends; which extensions are also gummed at their inside. Along the lower edge of the rear-portion *b* of the blank

is arranged a narrow flap *d*, which is provided with short lateral extensions *d'* of equal length in line therewith, said flap *d* and extensions *d'* being gummed throughout their entire length, so that when the envelop is to be closed for use, the rear-portion is folded along the dotted line *x*, the gummed flap *d* is folded over the upper edge of the front-portion and the extensions *d'* around the upper corners of the same over the rear-portion, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The side-flaps *a'* are then folded over the rear-portion *b* and the corner-extensions *a''* of the flaps *a'* folded over the front-portion and pasted thereto, as shown in Fig. 1.

The postage stamp is placed in the usual position, at the upper right hand corner of the envelop as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, so as to extend over the longitudinal flap *d* and be torn when opening the same with a paper-knife.

My improved envelop is covered at the upper and lower corners so as to prevent any access to the interior or tampering with the contents of the same. It forms a reliable safety-envelop for private correspondence.

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

A safety-envelop comprising a front portion, a rear portion having ungummed side-edges without flaps, gummed side-flaps carried by the front portion, a gummed longitudinal flap carried by the rear-portion and extending along the upper edge thereof, said flap being adapted to fold over the upper edge of the front-portion, and short lateral extensions of equal length formed on said longitudinal flap at the ends thereof and adapted to be folded over on and secured to said rear portion at its upper corners.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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