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Fig. 1

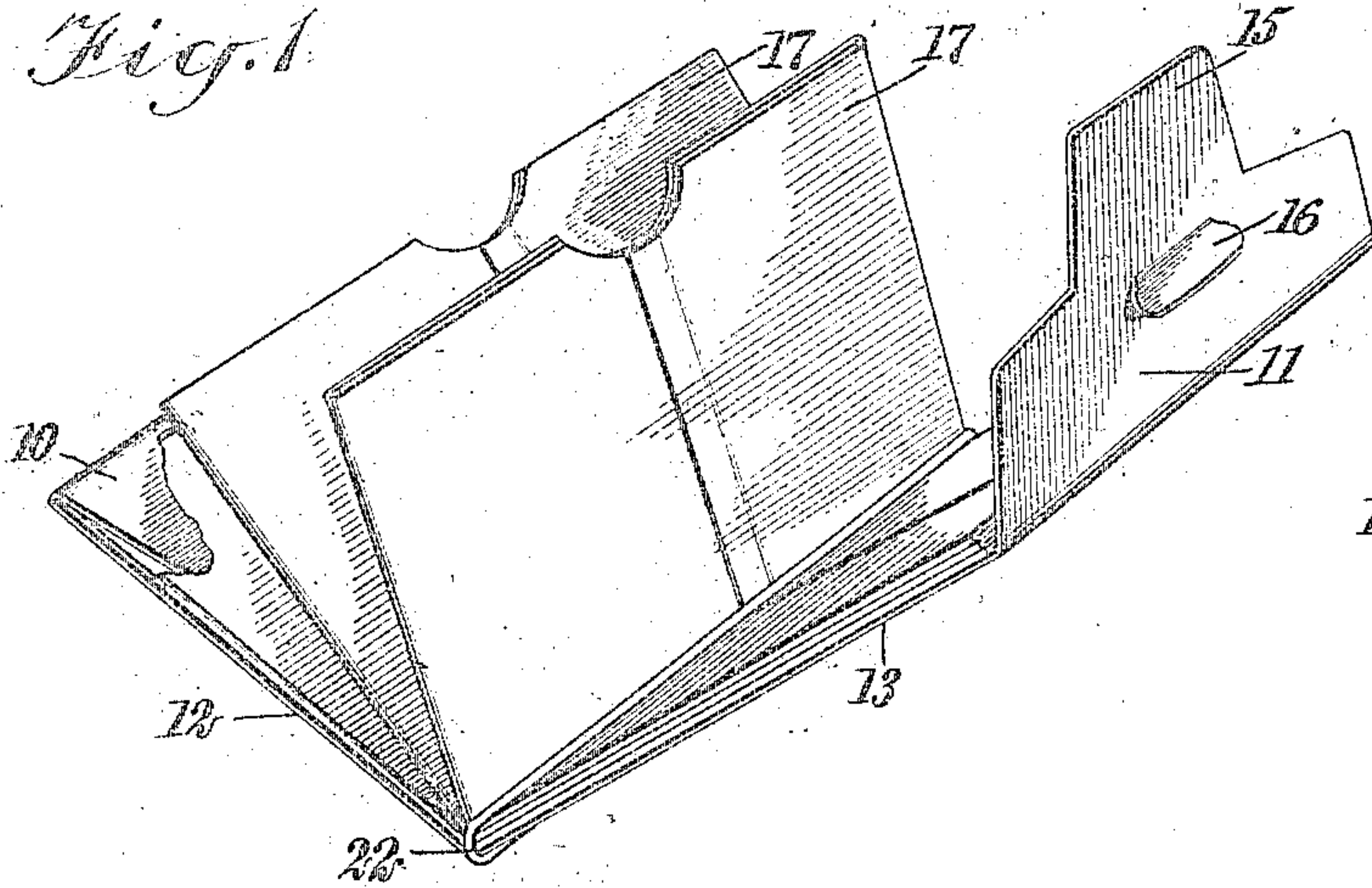


Fig. 2

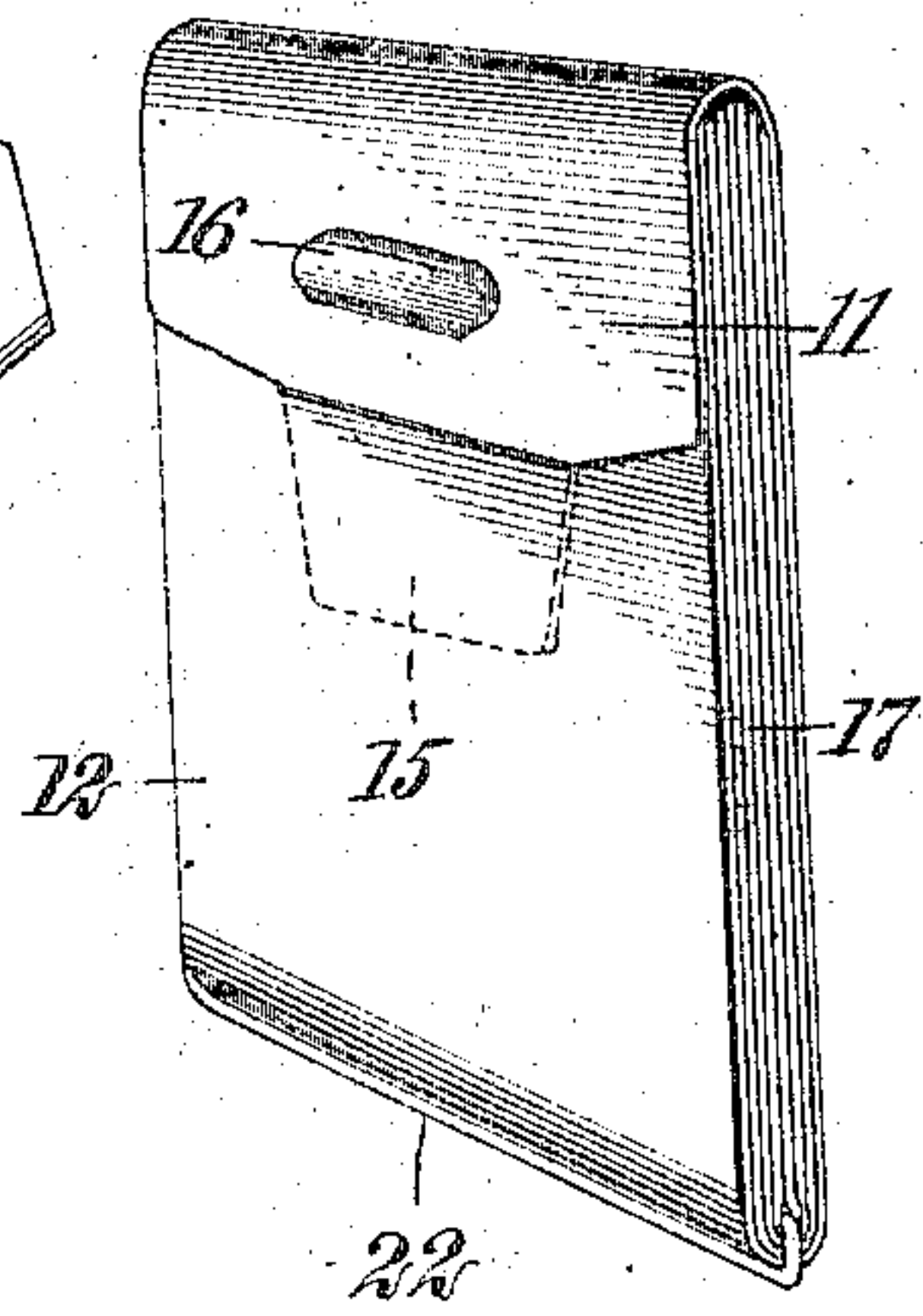


Fig. 3

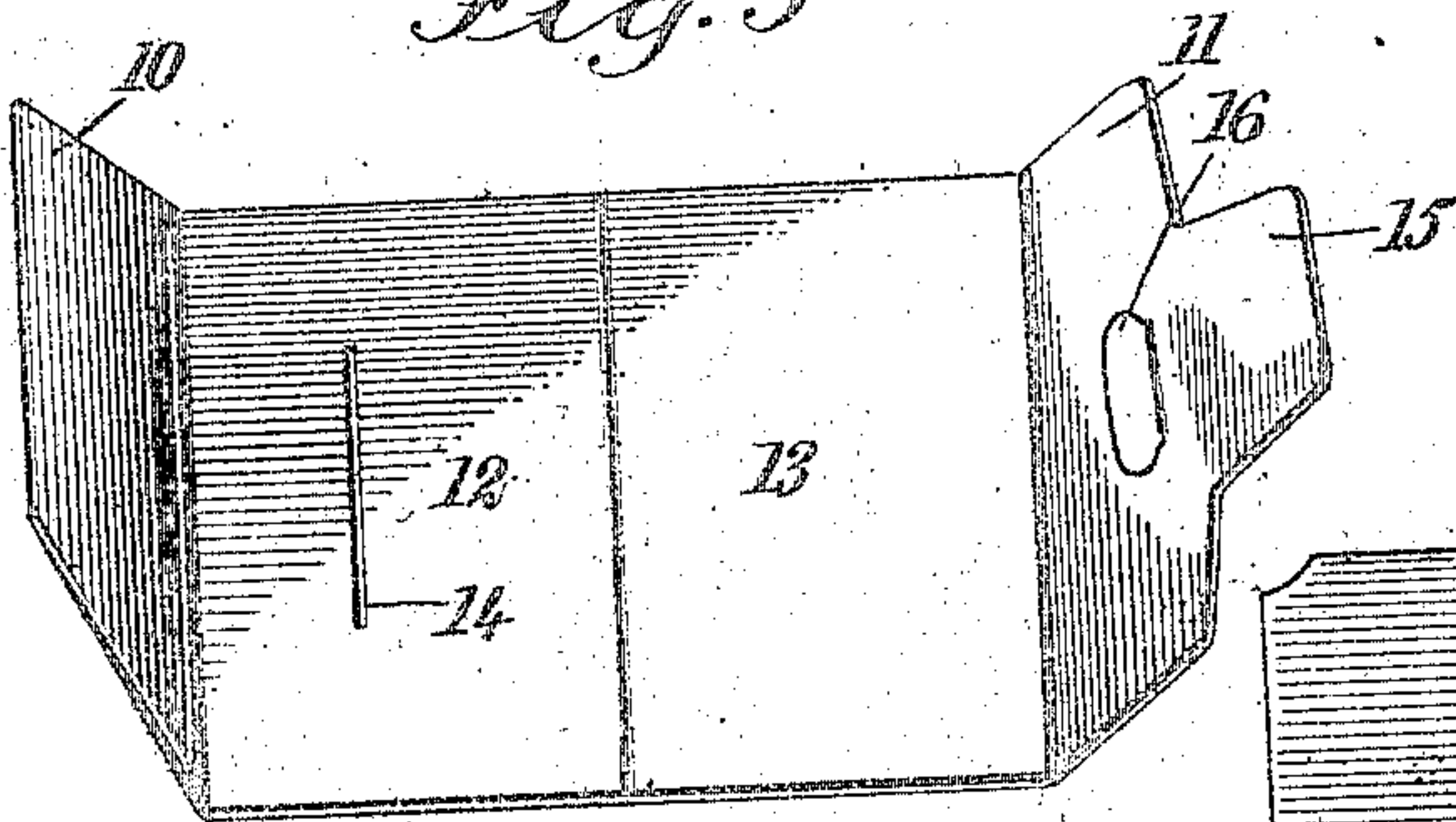


Fig. 4

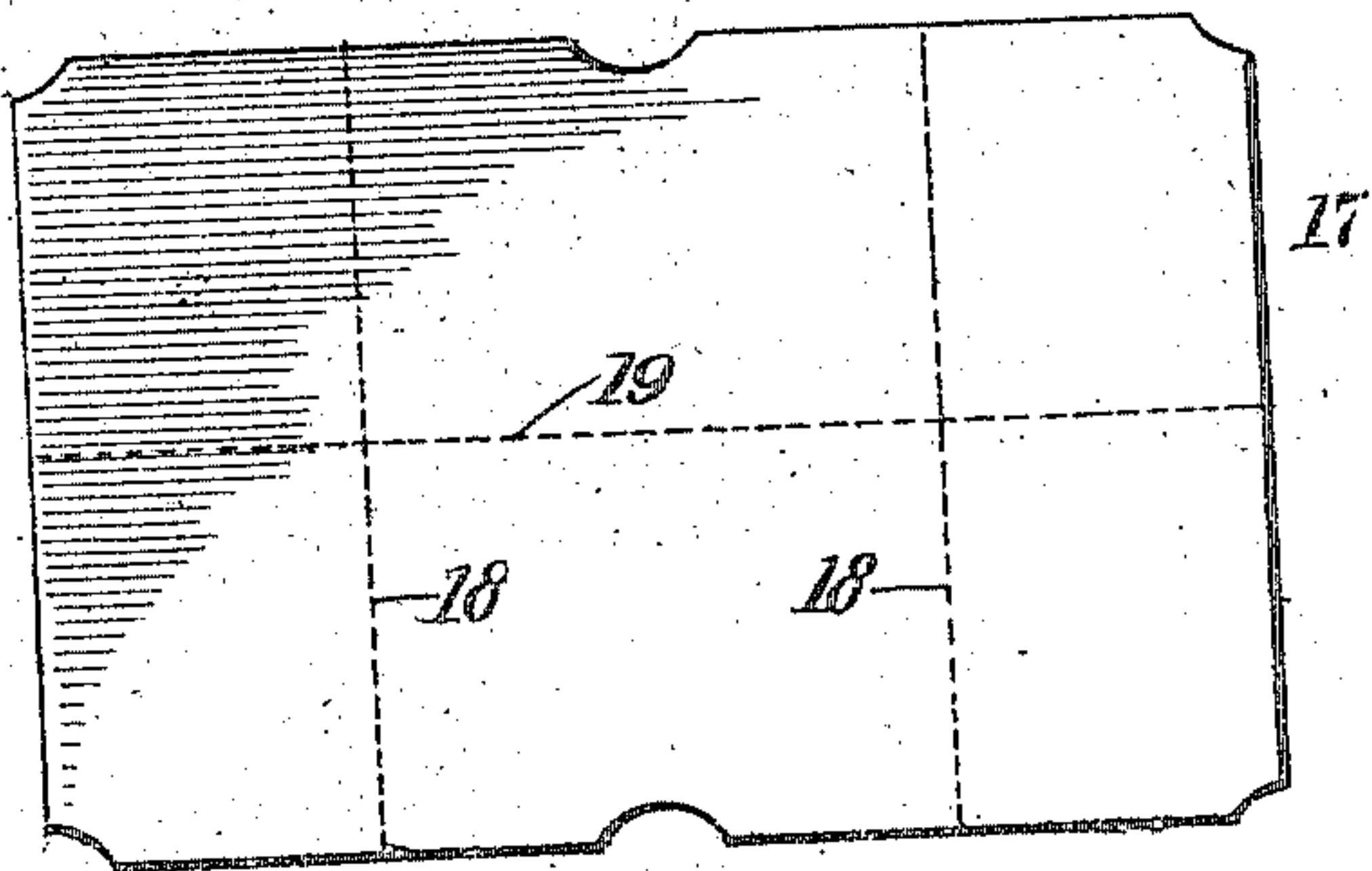


Fig. 5

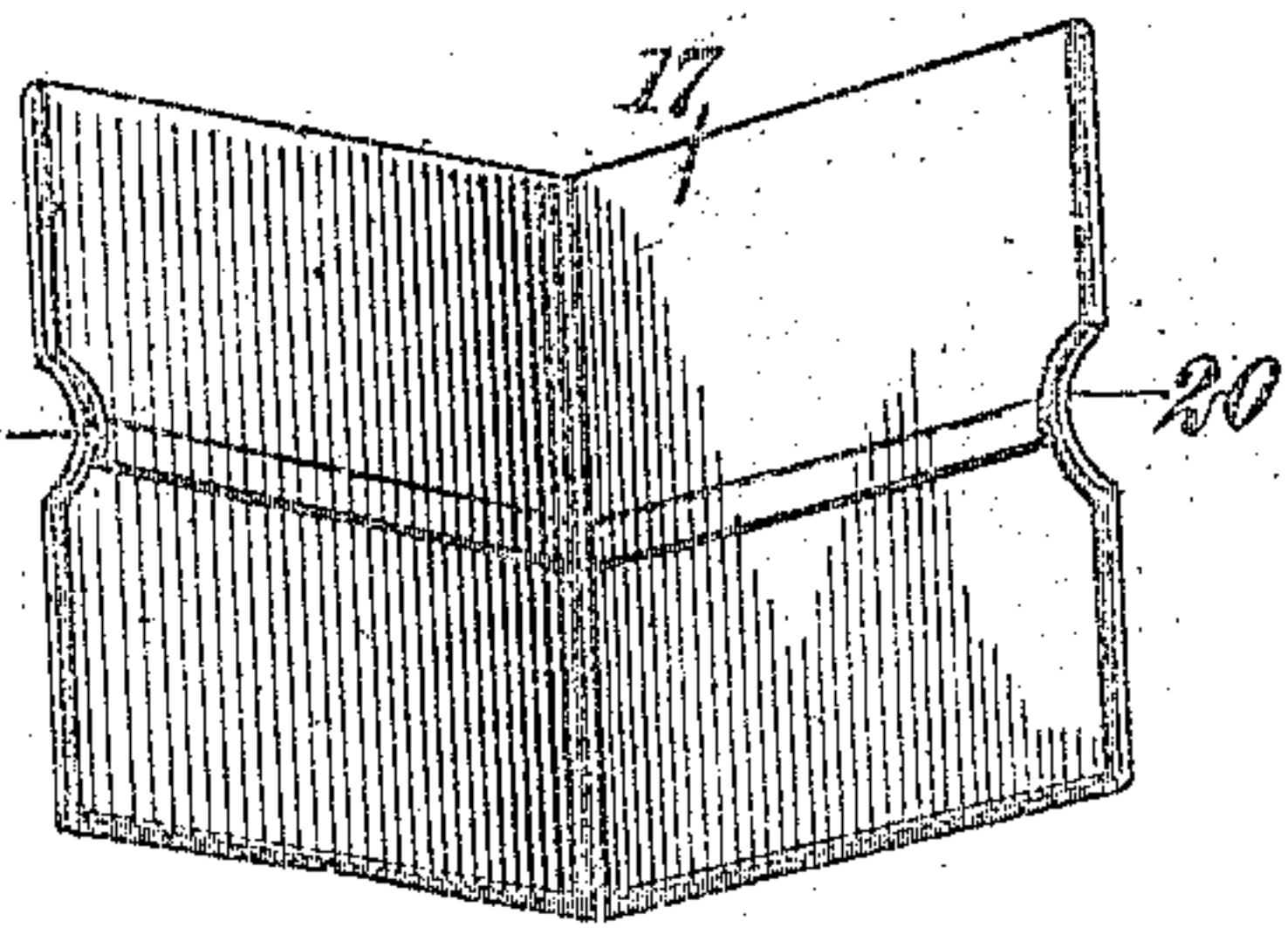
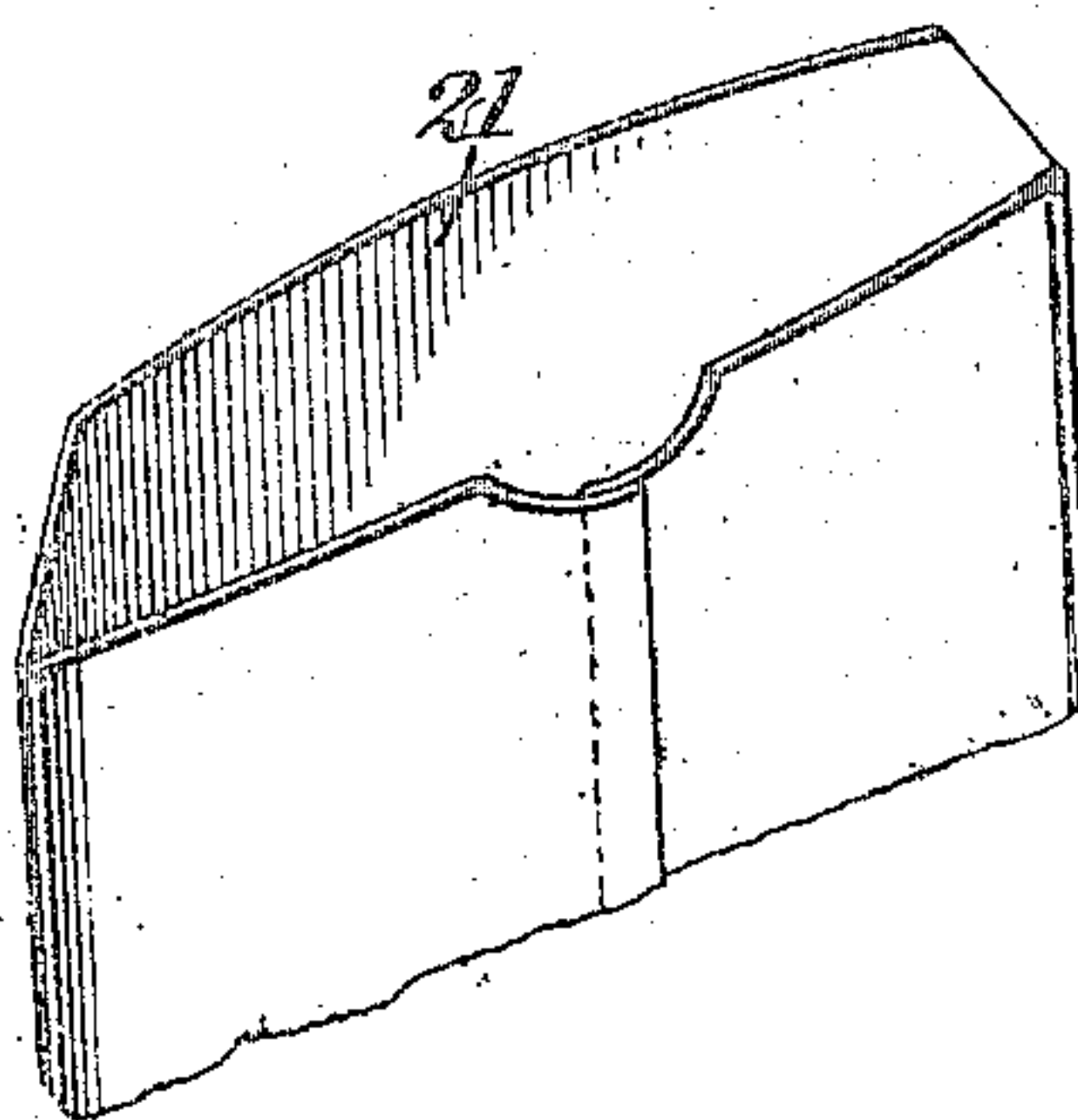


Fig. 6



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM THOMPSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Album, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention has reference to improvements in albums generally, and to the envelopes which are inclosed by the cover thereof and form the inside or intermediate portion of the album.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of this nature suitable for inclosing photographic films and such similar articles, whereby the same will be protected from the dust and against injury in handling, transport, etc.

The invention further contemplates the construction of two envelopes from a single blank of sheet material, as paper; and the provision of a cover for the album, also made of a single piece.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved album when in open position; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same when closed; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the album cover when extended; Fig. 4 is a plan of a blank used in the production of the album envelopes; Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the blank when folded to produce two envelopes; and Fig. 6 is a fragmentary view of a modified form of envelop.

In the construction of a back for my improved album, I employ a blank of paper, cardboard, or any suitable sheet material, as shown in Fig. 3, which is folded transversely upon itself at opposite ends to produce the flaps 10 and 11, and also likewise folded substantially centrally of these flaps to produce the backs 12 and 13, the back 12 being provided with a transversely-extending slit 14. The flap 10 is preferably of tapering form, and the flap 11 is provided with a tongue 15 adapted to be passed within the slit 14 when the album is closed, as illustrated in Fig. 2, thereby retaining the album in closed position.

In order that the tongue 15 may be con-

veniently inserted and withdrawn from the slit 14, a tab 16 is cut from the flap 11 and is bent outwardly from the body thereof to extend in a reverse direction from the tongue 15, as best shown in Fig. 2.

The intermediate portion of the album inclosed by the cover is composed of one or more pairs of novel envelopes 17 for containing films or other like articles, each pair being made from a single blank of flexible sheet material, as paper, and of rectangular form, as shown in Fig. 4. In the construction of a pair of envelopes from this blank, the latter is first folded transversely at the opposite sides of its center on the dotted lines 18, 18; these lines being located such a distance from the ends of the blank that the said ends will overlap and may be pasted or otherwise secured together, as represented in Fig. 5. This operation forms the blank into a receptacle open at both ends and closed at the side edges, and which, when itself folded transversely on the dotted line 19 of Fig. 4, will produce two of my improved envelopes; these envelopes being preferably provided with the usual finger openings 20 for facilitating the withdrawal of the films, the said finger openings resulting from the scalloping of the corners and the opposite sides of the blank at the center. The envelopes may also be provided with end flaps 21, as shown in Fig. 6, by slightly modifying the construction of the ends of the blank, as is obvious. Any desired number of the envelopes, either with or without the end flaps or a combination of the two, preferably the latter, may be placed between the backs 12 and 13 of the cover in the production of the complete album, the pairs of envelopes being assembled by placing one within the fold of the other and securing the whole to the cover by passing an elastic band 22 about the line of folding, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The flap 10 of the cover is then passed into the adjacent envelop to secure it therewith and give general rigidity to the album.

It is apparent that the album is of simple construction and may be made in other shapes than that shown; also, the envelopes may be secured to the cover by other means than the elastic band, and such changes made in the general construction without departing from the nature of my invention as defined in the claims annexed.

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

1. A device of the character described comprising a receptacle, closed at the side edges and open at the opposite ends, folded transversely upon itself to provide two envelopes, and a cover for the envelopes having a flap at one end adapted to be passed into the adjacent envelop, and a flap at the opposite end thereof provided with a tongue insertible within a slit formed in the body of the cover.
2. In a device of the character described, a flat receptacle composed of two layers of sheet material closed at opposite edges and with the opening therebetween passing continuously therethrough, and folded transversely upon itself at a point intermediate its length to provide two envelopes, the folding line separating the envelopes being of substantially the same relative strength as the remainder of the material of which the envelopes are composed.
3. In a device of the character described, a flat receptacle closed at the side edges and open at both ends, folded transversely upon

itself to produce two envelopes which are inseparably connected together on the line on which the fold is made.

4. In a device of the character described, a flat receptacle open at both ends and closed at opposite side edges folded transversely upon itself to provide two envelopes, and a cover between which the envelopes are detachably secured.

5. In a device of the character described, a cover made from a single blank of flexible sheet material folded at opposite ends to provide flaps, and on an intermediate line to form backs, a plurality of double envelopes inserted between said backs, with one of said flaps passing into the adjacent envelop, and an elastic band passing around the folding lines of the envelopes and backs, detachably connecting them together.

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

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