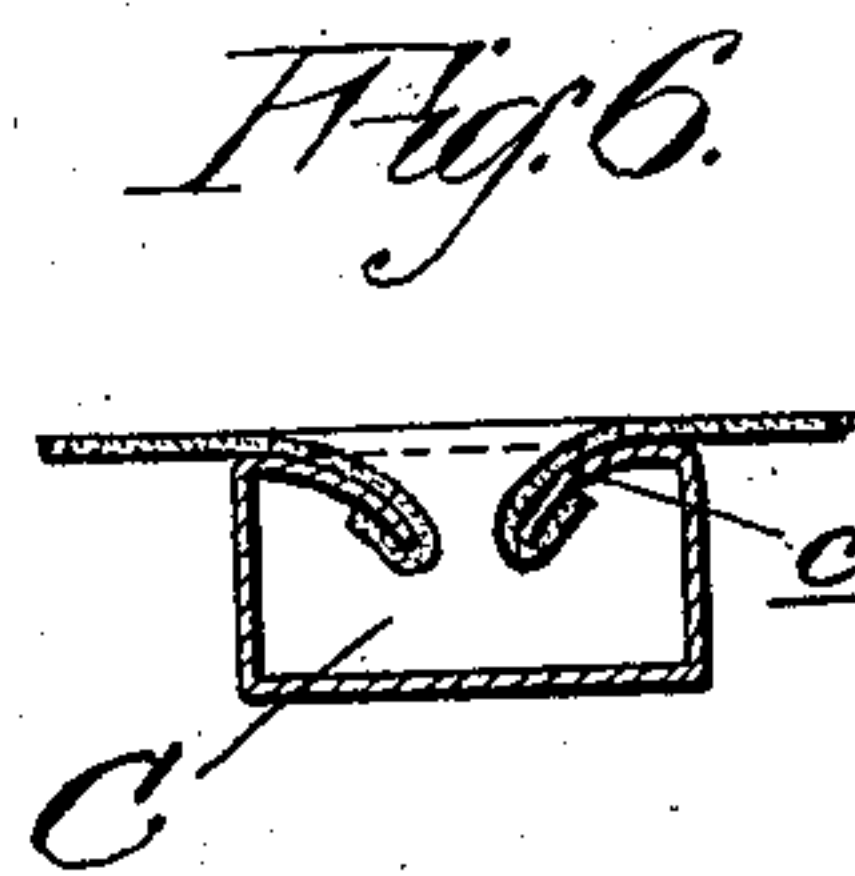
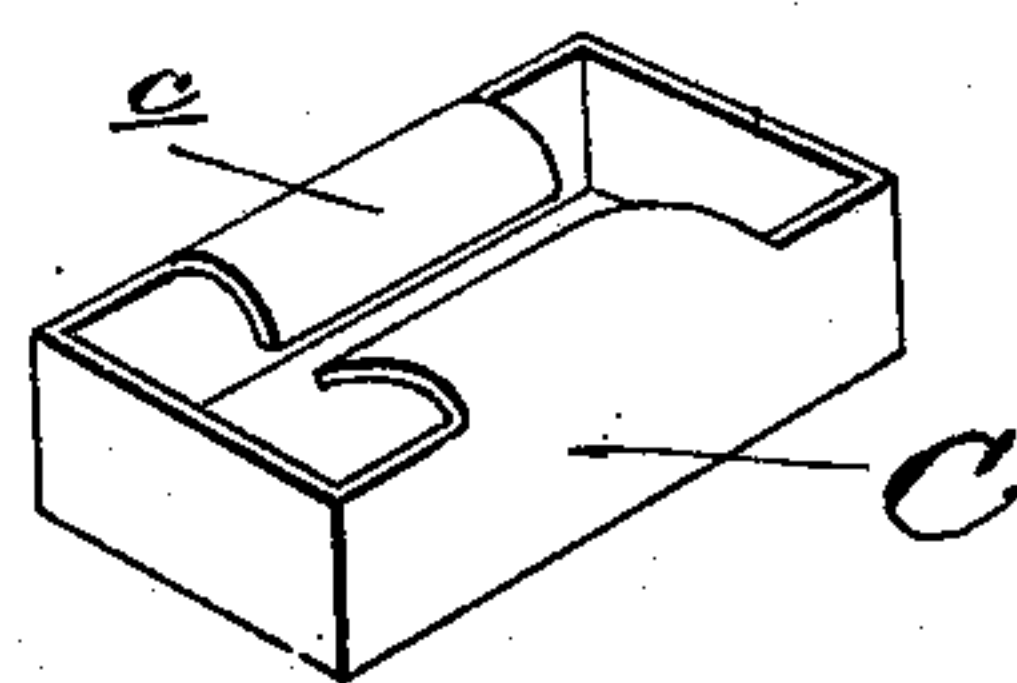
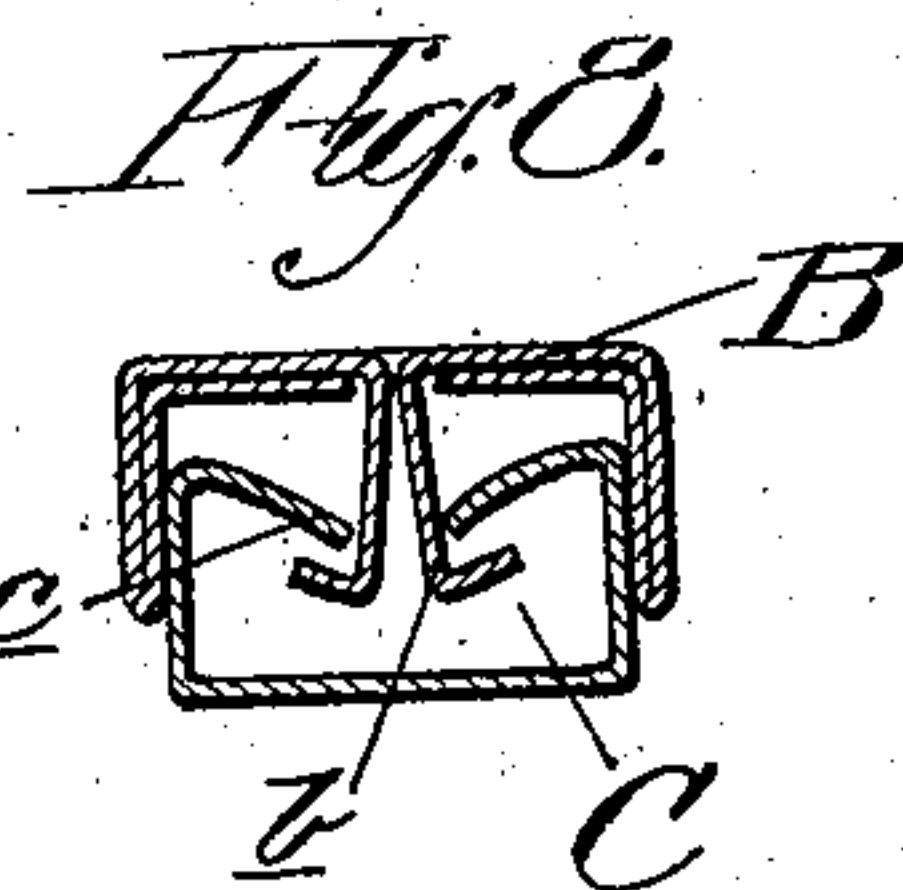
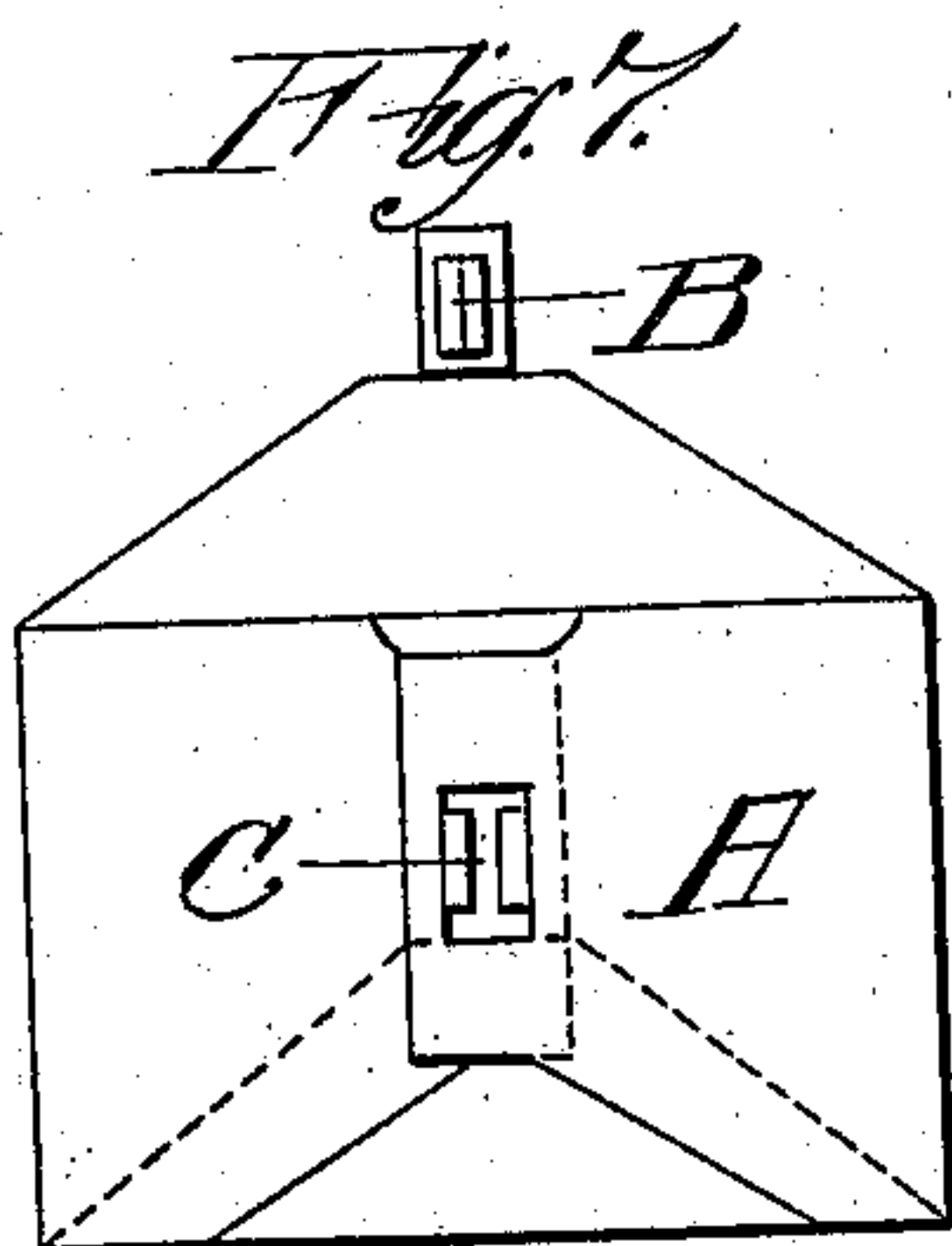
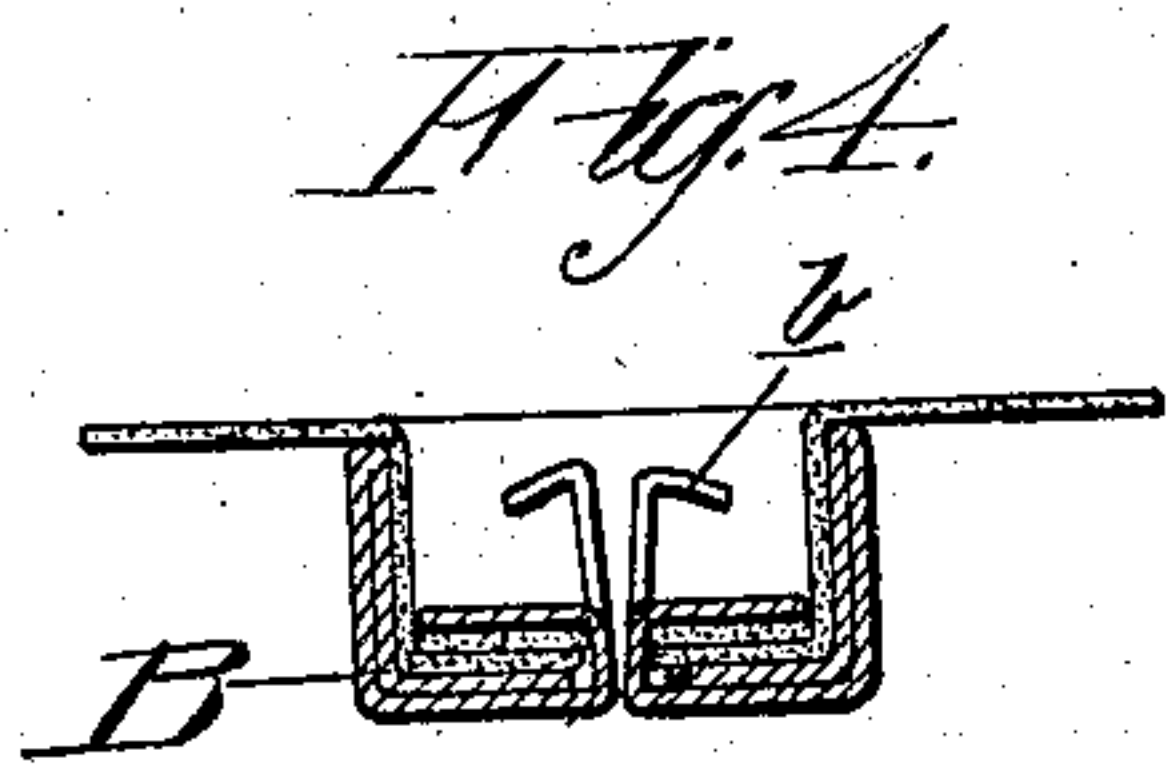
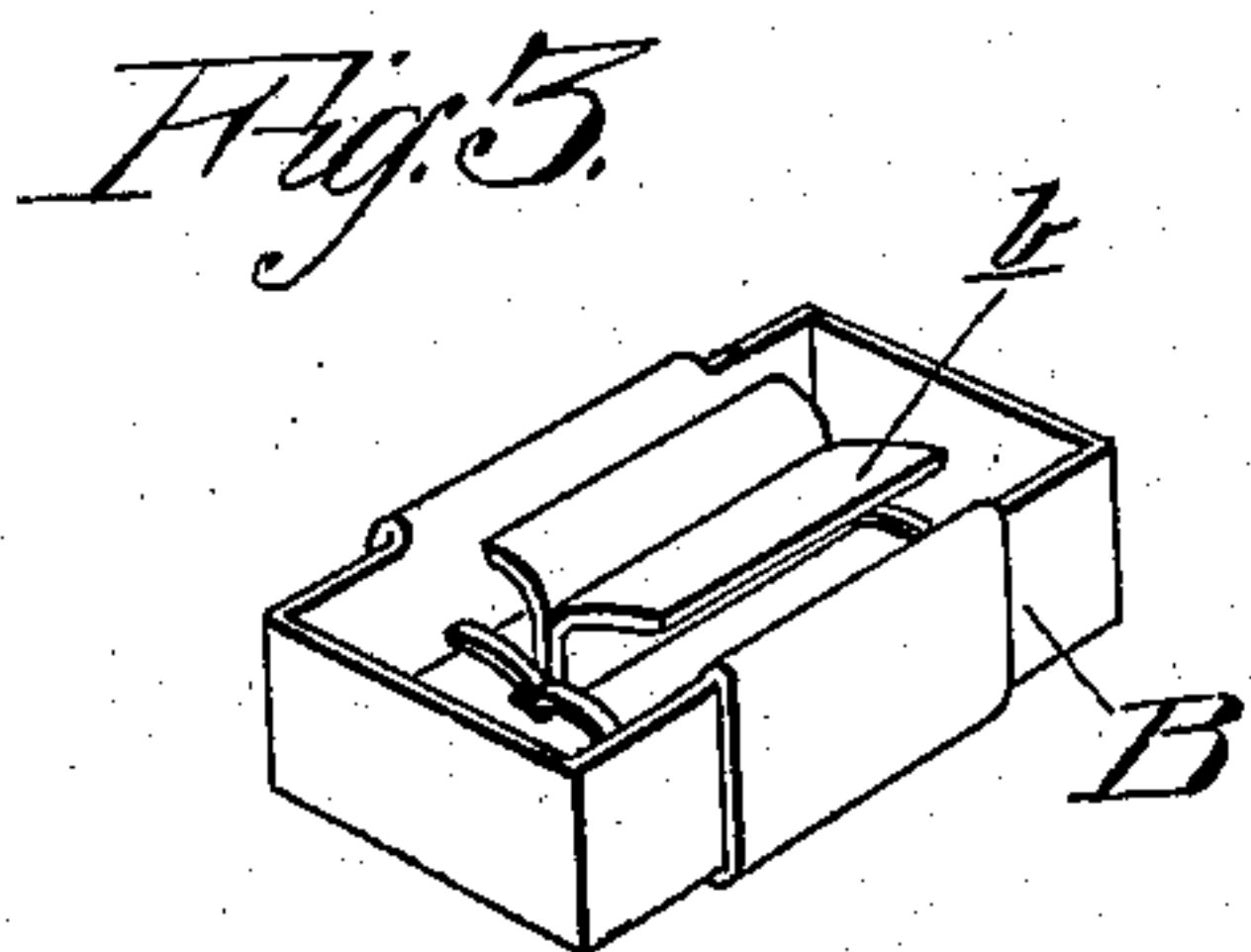
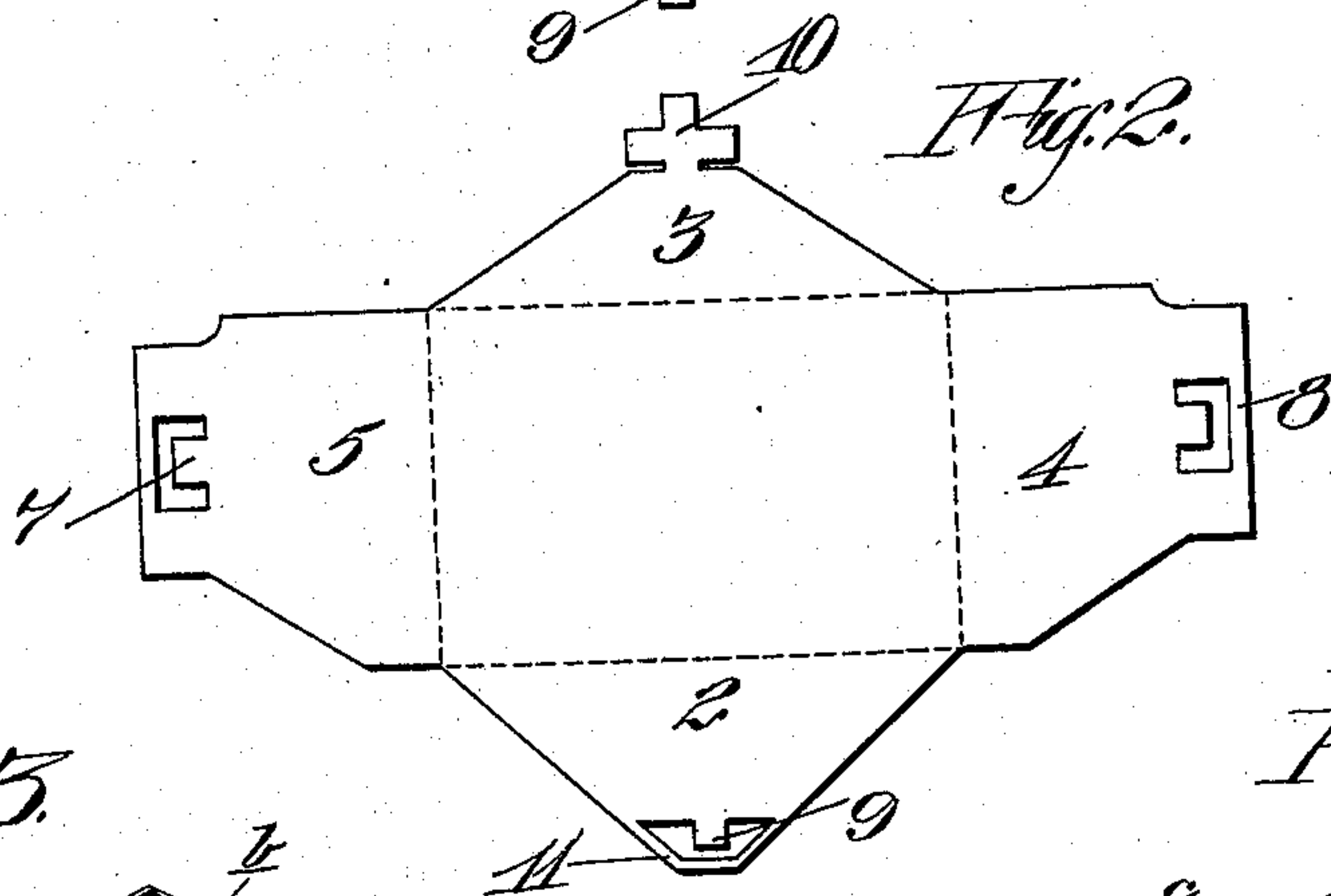
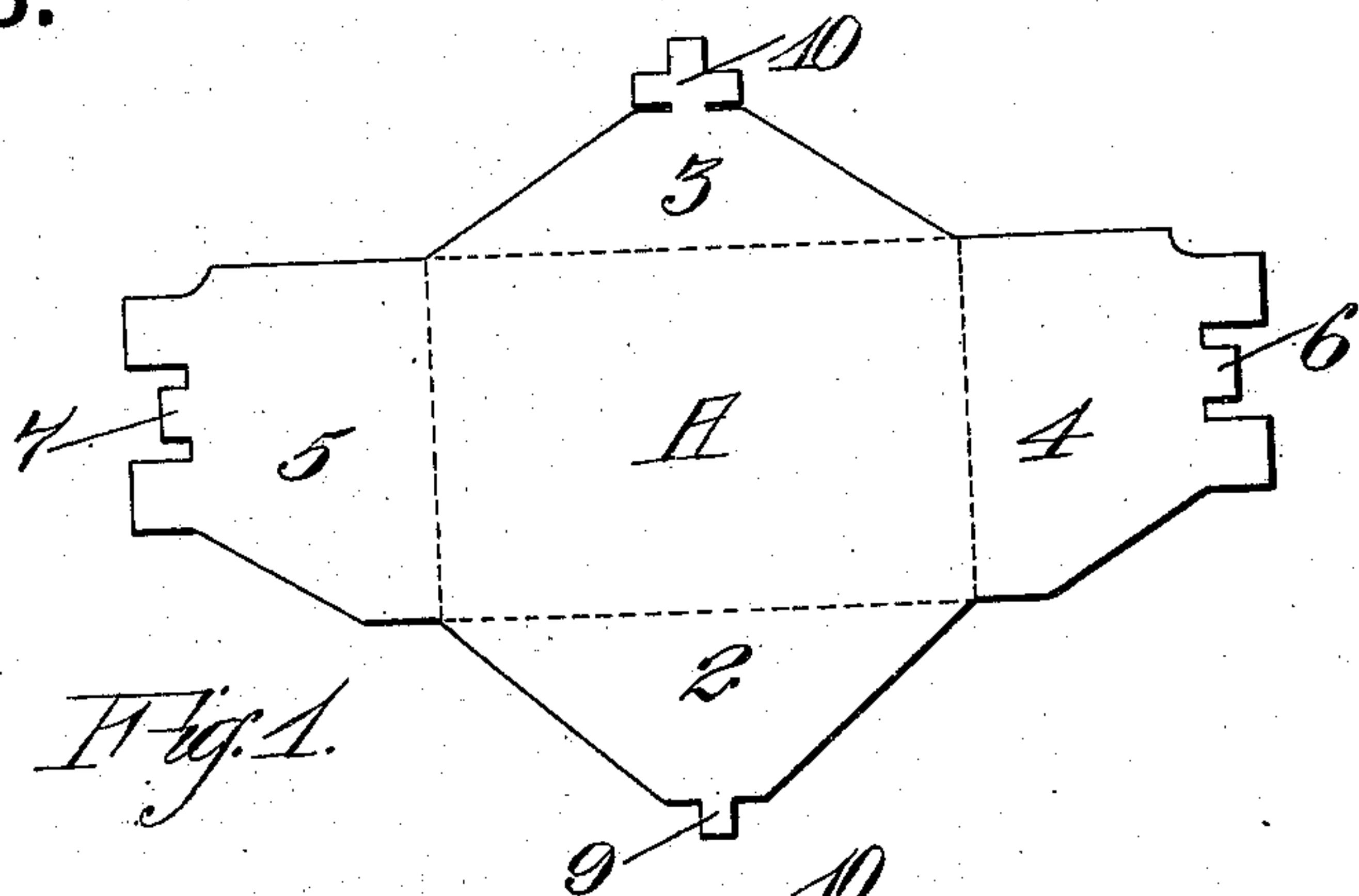


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST KOHLER, citizen of the United States, residing at Alameda, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to envelop and package sealing devices.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple fastening means for closing and sealing envelops, wrappers, and the like, which will absolutely prevent the opening of the envelop, wrapper or package, without detection, or without destroying the envelop or wrapper.

The invention consists of the parts and the construction and combination of parts as hereinafter more fully described and claimed, having reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of an envelop-blank opened out ready for use. Fig. 2 is a modification of the same. Fig. 3 is an enlarged view in perspective of a male locking member. Fig. 4 is a cross-section of the same. Fig. 5 is an enlarged view of the female locking member. Fig. 6 is a cross-section of the same. Fig. 7 is a plan view showing the envelop with the locking members permanently attached thereto. Fig. 8 is a cross-section showing the boxes interlocked.

A represents an envelop having the foldable side flaps 2—3, and end flaps 4—5.

Two of the opposed flaps, such as 4—5, are provided with tongues or tangs 6—7 which may be stamped from the edge of the paper, as in Fig. 1; or they may be cut out of the paper, as shown in Fig. 2, leaving a portion 8 of the body of the envelop-blank inclosing and protecting them. The other two opposed flaps, as 2—3, are provided with respective tongues or tangs 9—10; the tongue 10 being in the form of a cross; and if desired, the tongue 9 may be inclosed, as shown in Fig. 2, by the surrounding border of stock 11.

The locking means comprise two box members B—C, Figs. 3—5, or equivalent devices. As here shown, the part B comprises a little metal box stamped from sheet-metal, and having the inwardly projecting angular spring members *b* adapted to engage with the inwardly curved complementary spring mem-

bers *c* of the box C, when the two parts B—C are made to telescope one within the other. Both of these locking devices B—C are made of metal, and both are generally separate from the envelop with which they are to be used.

When it is desired to seal up the envelop, one of the boxes, as C, is laid with its opening upward, on top of the contents and centrally of the envelop, and the flaps 2—4—5 folded over so that the tongues or tangs 6—7—9 overlie box C. These tongues 6—7—9 are then pushed down into the box C. Box B is then laid with its closed end down upon the cruciform tongue member 10, and the three divisions of this tongue 10 are pushed into the opening in the box. With the edges of the cross thus turned in, the flap 3 is folded over and the box B pushed downward so as to interlock with the box C. The interlocking edges of the two boxes being thus covered with paper, and the paper being caught in the interlocking members, provide a simple means for sealing the envelop.

Since all portions of the fastening members B—C are covered with paper no part of the metal is visible, nor exposed to a file or like instrument. The only way the envelop can be opened, is to destroy it. By the term "envelop" herein, I mean a wrapper or any equivalent device used as a container or inclosure, to which the invention is applicable.

The invention is applicable, also, to any style, shape or size of envelop.

It is obvious that the boxes B—C may be attached to the blanks when they leave the factory, and the envelops so complete ready for sealing, as in Fig. 7.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. An envelop having overlapping flap members, and a fastening device for said flaps comprising two members normally detached from the envelop, one of said members arranged on one side of the overlapped flaps and the other of said members arranged on the opposite side of the overlapped flaps, and said overlapping members having means for engaging each other and the interposed envelop material, one of said members adapted to press the said material into the opening of the other member.

2. An envelop having overlapping flap members, and a sealing device comprising two complementary interlocking boxes, and said flap members having projecting tongues engageable between said boxes and adapted to be pressed into the opening of one of said boxes by the other box to seal the envelop.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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