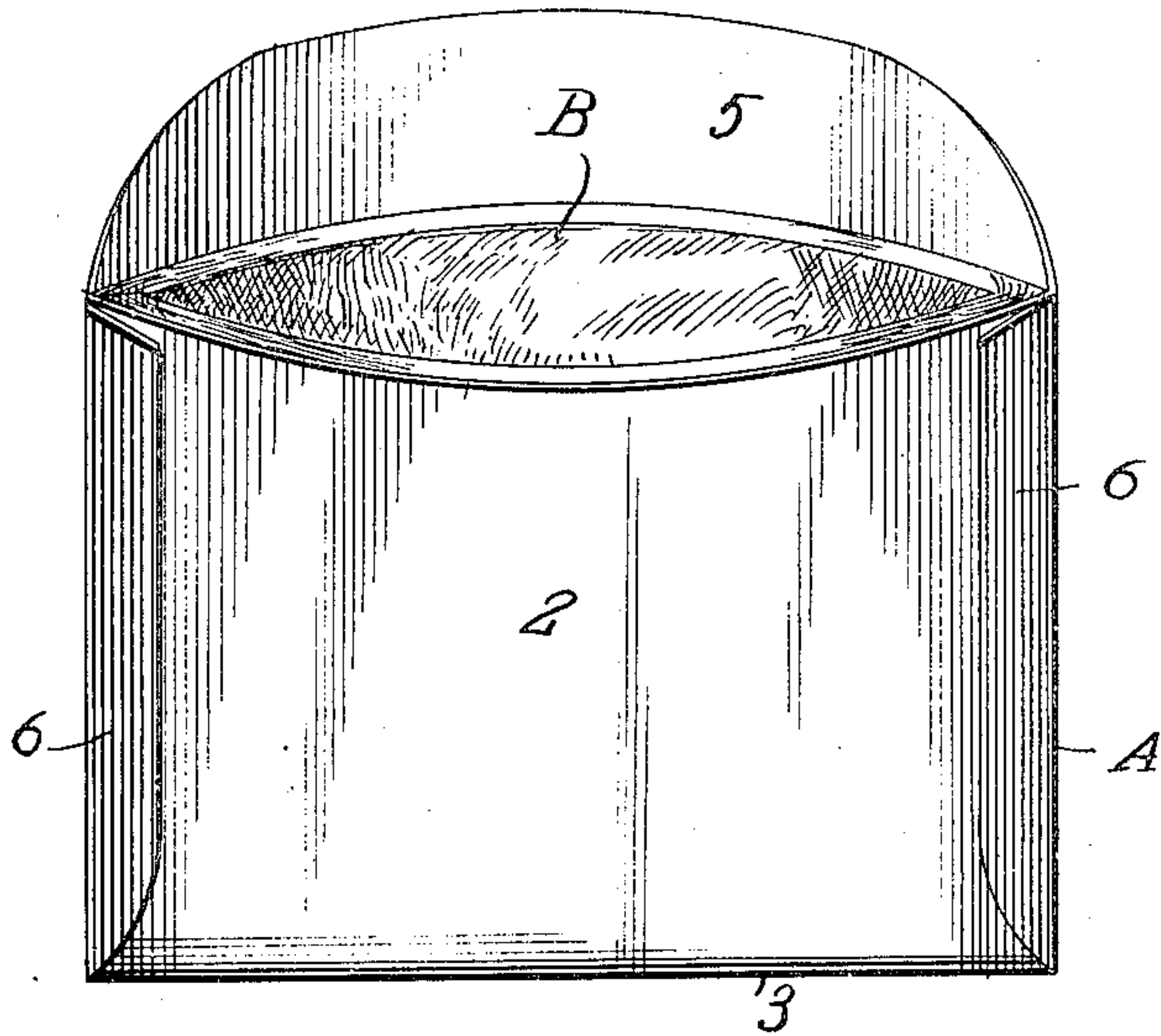


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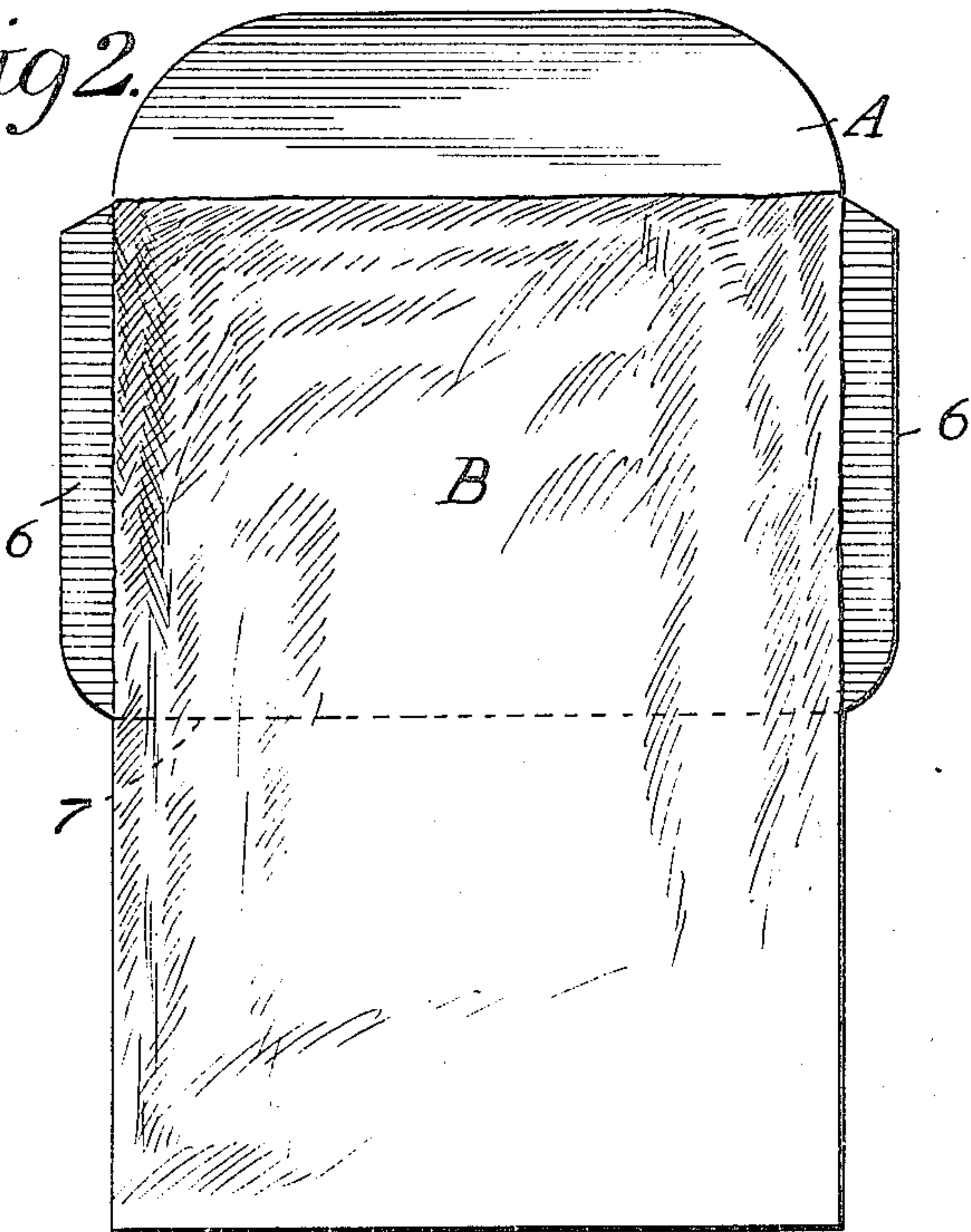
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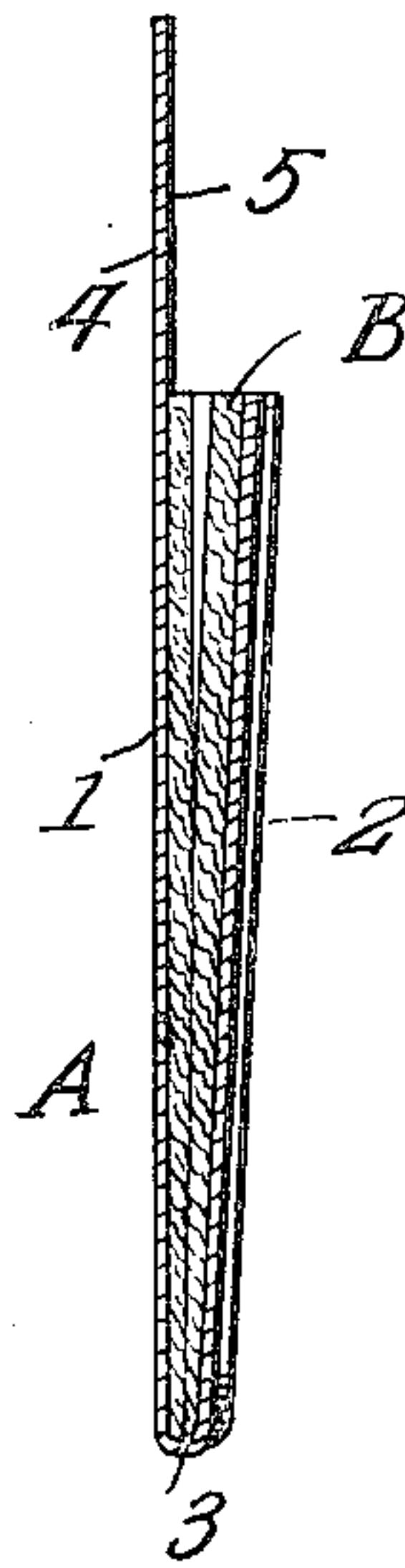
*Fig 1.*



*Fig 2.*



*Fig 3.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GARFIELD P. SKINNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kanorado, in the county of Sherman and State of Kansas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an envelop or wrapper for inclosing merchandise matter to be transmitted through the mails without danger of the contents being marred.

The invention has for one of its objects to provide an envelop which is provided with a lining of padding of any suitable material, and which is of extremely light weight and of simple and durable construction.

A further object of the invention is the provision of an envelop containing a padding which is glued or otherwise secured to the envelop blank before the envelop is folded and glued together so that a cushioned pocket is formed to receive the article which would be likely to be marred, scratched or broken in shipment or transmittal through the mails.

With these objects in view and others, as will appear as the description proceeds, the invention comprises the various novel features of construction and arrangement of parts which will be more fully described hereinafter and set forth with particularity in the claim appended hereto.

In the accompanying drawing, which illustrates one of the embodiments of the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the envelop showing the same open. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the envelop blank with the padding applied thereto. Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse section of Fig. 1.

Similar reference characters are employed to designate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawing, A designates a paper, cardboard or other blank which may be of any desired shape and size and which forms the body of the envelop. In the present instance, the blank comprises a body portion or front 1, a back flap 2 folded on the crease 3 from the bottom edge of the portion 1, and a top flap 4 connected with the upper edge of the portion 1. The top flap is adapted to fold downwardly over the back flap 2 of the envelop and may have a gummed surface indicated by the heavy line 5, Fig. 3, so as to be stuck to the back flap. The side edges of the front portion 1 have narrow flaps

6 which are adapted to fold over the back flap 2 and to be glued thereto, thereby closing the ends of the envelop.

The envelop is provided with the padding B of cotton batting or the like, which is of substantially the same size as the combined areas of the front of the envelop and back flap, and this padding is secured to the blank in any suitable manner, as for instance, by being glued thereto. The padding is folded on the dotted line 7, Fig. 2, when the back flap is turned upwardly for gluing the end flaps 6 thereto. The padding does not have its entire surface glued to the blank but it is essential, however, to glue the ends to the front and back flap along the top edges of the latter, so that there will be no danger of inserting an article carelessly between the padding and envelop instead of between the two halves of the padding.

An envelop constructed in the manner set forth is especially useful for mail order concerns for delivering a certain class of merchandise, since the padding serves as a protection for preventing the contents of the envelop from being marred, scratched or broken. The cotton batting is extremely light in weight so that the cost of postage will not be excessively increased by reason of the weight of the envelop. Furthermore, the envelops will do away with the necessity of wrapping an article to be mailed, and thus save time and labor.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:—

An envelop comprising a rectangular body portion, a rectangular bottom flap of substantially the same size as the body and connected with the bottom edge of the latter, side flaps connected with the end edges of the body, a top flap secured to the body and extending from one end thereof to the other, and a single piece of padding in sheet form of a size equal to the combined area of the body and bottom flap and arranged over and glued to the inner surfaces of the body and bottom flap with its side edges coincident with the creases between the side flaps and body and with the side edges of the bottom flap and the other two edges coincident with the creases between the body and top flap and with the third free edge of the bottom flap and folded in line with the crease between the body and bottom flap, said padding forming a cushion entirely lining the envelop with one half directly opposite or

facing the other half, the end flaps extending beyond the opposite sides of the padding and having their inner surfaces glued to adhere to the outer surface of the bottom flap and maintaining the side edges of the padding doubled back on itself in contact with each other, and the top flap being stuck to the outside of the bottom flap and folding down over the meeting end edges of the padding

and overlying the end flaps of the upper portions thereof. 10

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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