

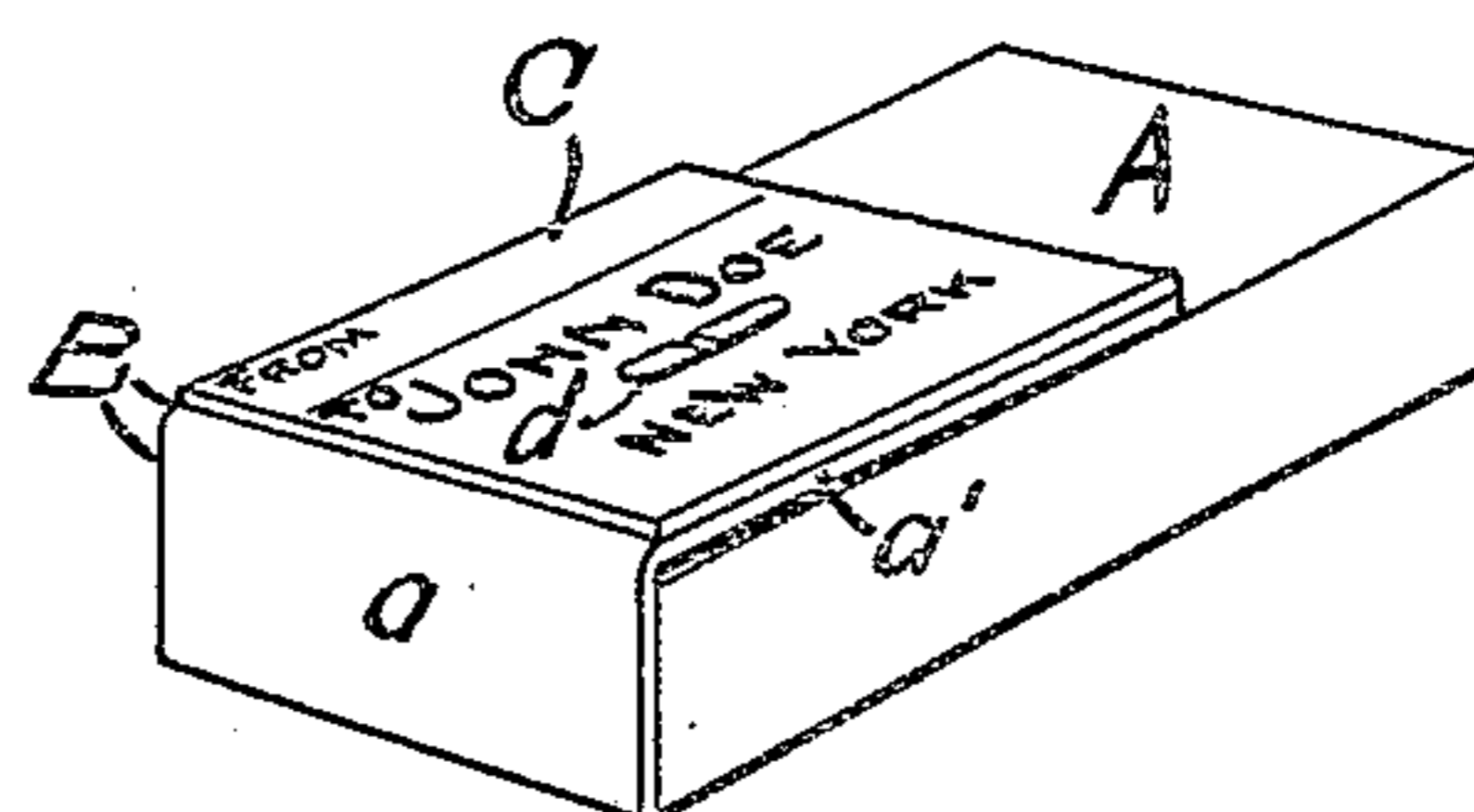
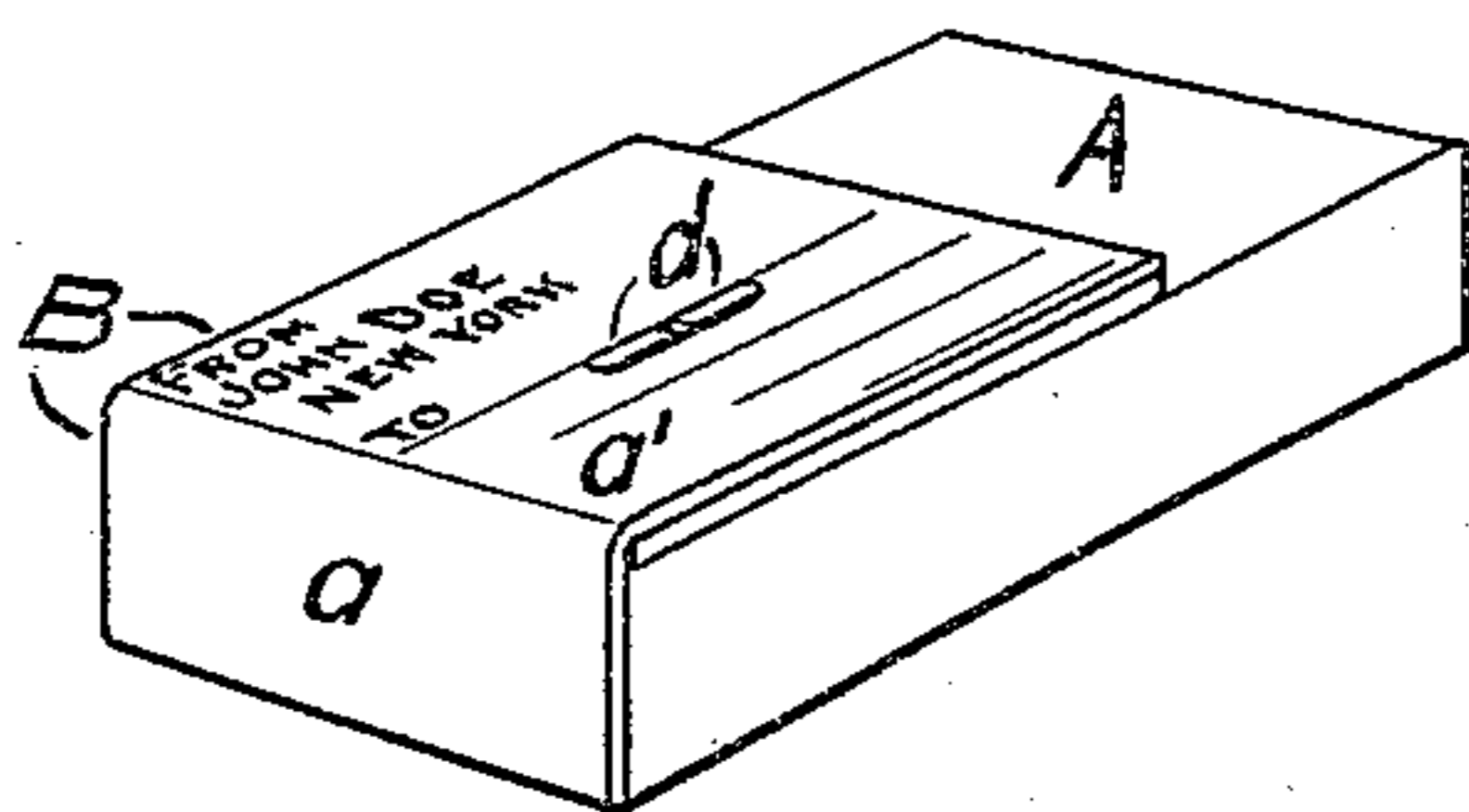
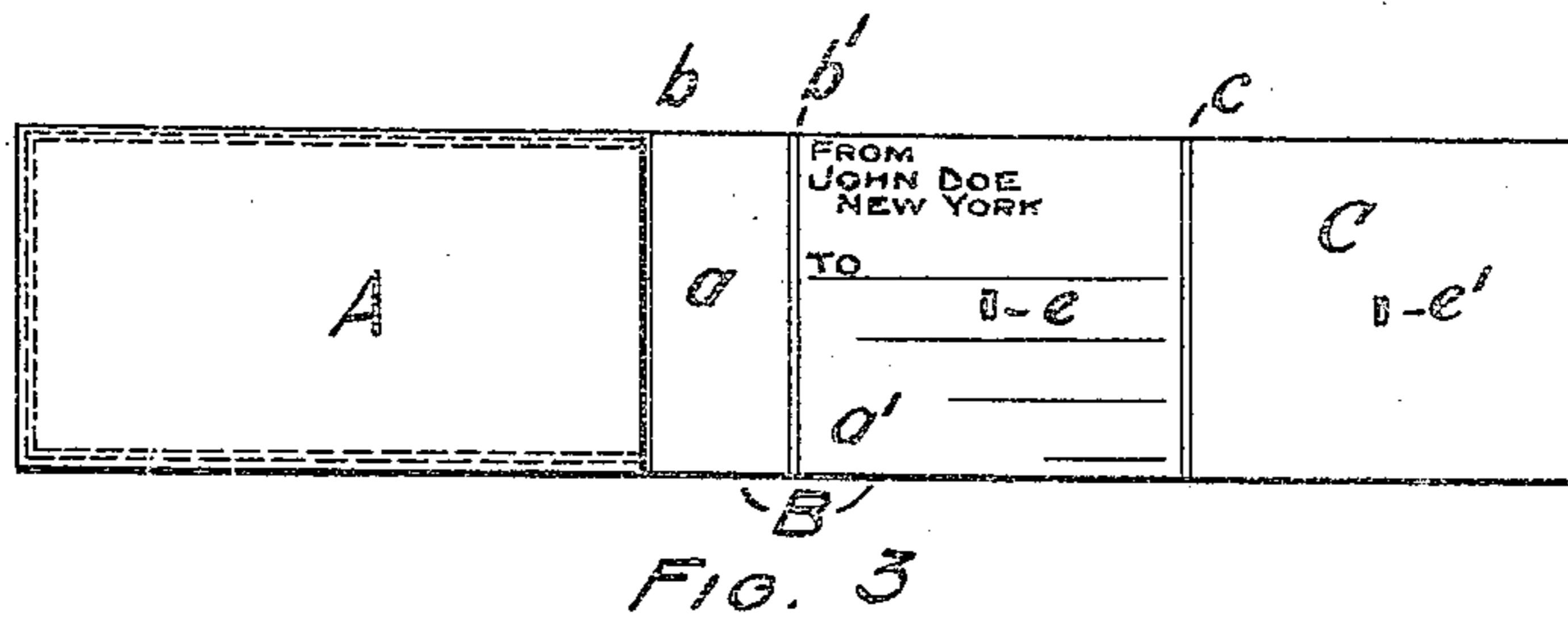
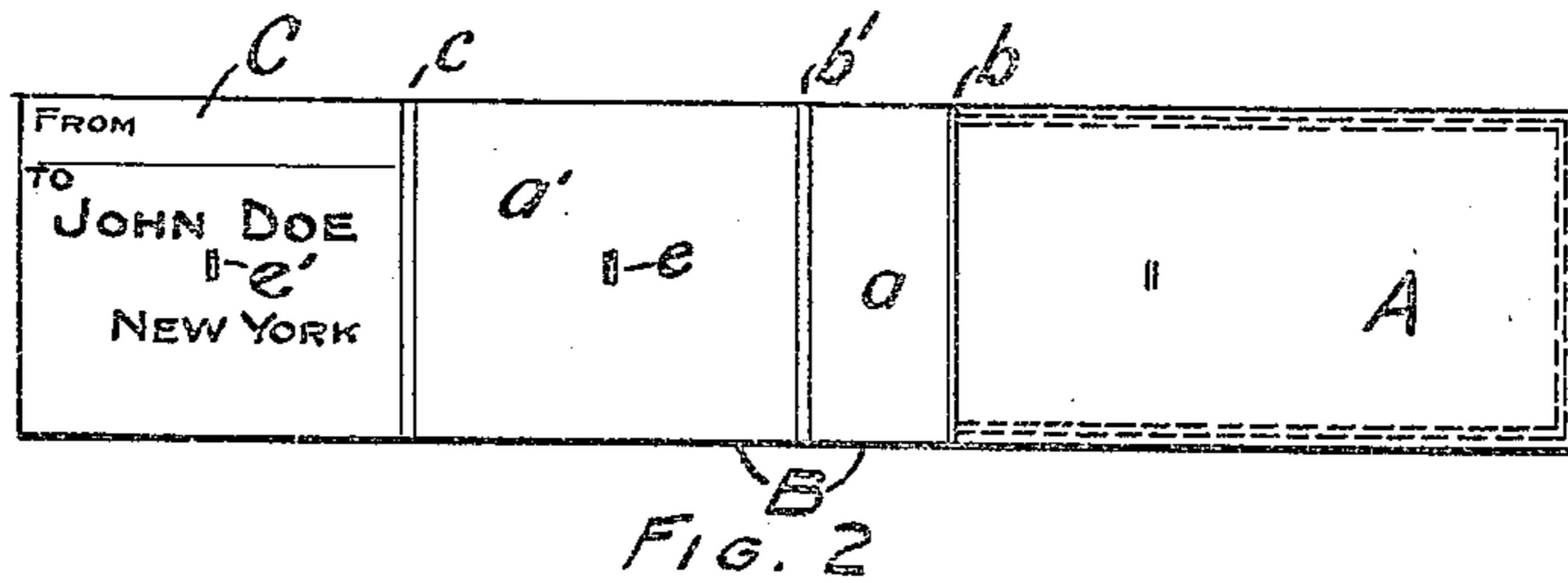
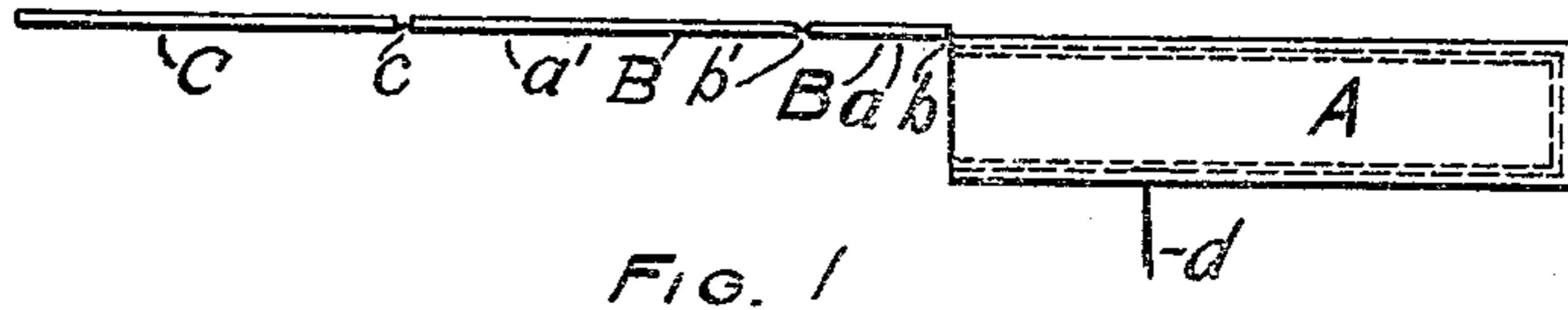
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE BODEN, of Watertown, county of Litchfield, State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and
5 useful Improvements in Mailing-Boxes; and I do hereby declare the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the same, to be a full, clear, and exact description
10 thereof.

My invention relates to that class of boxes which are commonly used in sending small articles by mail, and has for its object to provide such a box with means whereby it
15 may be conveniently used for returning or remailing to the original sender.

To that end the invention consists in a box provided with a folding flap for closing the box and having a suitable space for the
20 name and address of the party to whom the box is to be mailed, and with a folding extension having a suitable space for the name and address of the party to whom the box is to be remailed, the parts being so constructed and arranged that either one of the
25 two addresses may be exposed to view and the other concealed from view.

The further invention consists in certain features of construction and arrangement to
30 be hereinafter described and claimed.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the mailing box showing the same as open and with the folding parts extended; Fig. 2 is a top view, and Fig. 3 a
35 bottom view, of the box with the folding parts in like position; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the box closed and with the flap and extension folded as for the original mailing; and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the box
40 closed and with the parts folded as for remailing.

The box A, which may be made of any suitable material, such as paste-board, is of any usual or suitable construction open at
45 one end. To close this open end a folding flap B is secured to one side of the box, said flap being adapted to fold across the open end and over on to the opposite side of the box. Preferably this folding flap B is made
50 in two parts *a* and *a'*, the part *a* constituting the portion adapted to close the open end of the box and the part *a'* constituting the portion adapted to fold over on the opposite side of the box. When so constructed it is
55 preferred to connect the part *a* to the box by

means of a hinge-joint *b*, and to connect the part *a'* to the part *a* by means of a similar hinge joint *b'*. These hinge-joints may be conveniently made by means of strips of cloth in a well known manner. Connected
60 to the part *a'* of the folding flap B by means of a similar hinge-joint *c* is a folding extension C, preferably of substantially the same size as said part *a'*. With this construction the folding flap and extension may be folded
65 as shown in Fig. 4, that is, with the folding extension C folded under the part *a'* of the flap B, or they may be folded as shown in Fig. 5, that is, with the folding extension C folded over the part *a'* of the flap B. In
70 either arrangement a fastener *d* projecting from the box A and arranged to pass through perforations *e e'* in the part *a'* and extension C respectively serves to hold these parts in their folded position and thus to hold the
75 box closed.

It is obvious that by placing the name and address of the party to whom the box is to be originally sent on one side of the part *a'*, and the name and address of the party to
80 whom the box is to be remailed upon the opposite side of the extension C, as shown in the drawings, the former will be exposed and the latter concealed when the parts are folded as shown in Fig. 4, and that the re-
85 verse will be the case when the parts are folded as shown in Fig. 5. When the box is to be remailed to the original sender his name and address may be written or printed upon the folding extension before the box
90 is originally mailed, and in such case all that is required on the part of the recipient to prepare the box for remailing is simply to fold the extension C over upon the part *a'* in closing the box, as shown in Fig. 5, and
95 fasten the parts in position by the fastener *d*.

It is evident that, if desired, the position of the two addresses may be reversed from that shown, that is, the first address may be
100 upon the extension C and the address for remailing on the part *a'*.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A mailing box having a flap to close
105 the box, said flap being provided with a folding extension adapted to receive an address on either side thereof and constructed to be folded upon the outside of the box so as to expose one of said addresses and
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conceal the other and means for detachably securing said folding extension in its folded position upon the outside of said box body, substantially as described.

- 5 2. A mailing box having a flap to close the box, said flap being provided with a folding extension adapted to receive an address on either side thereof and constructed to be folded upon the outside of the box so
10 as to expose one of said addresses and conceal the other, and means secured to the box body for detachably securing said folding extension in either of its folded positions, substantially as described.
- 15 3. A mailing box having a flap to close the box, said flap being provided with a

folding extension adapted to receive an address on either side thereof and constructed to be folded upon the outside of the box so as to expose one of said addresses and conceal the other, and a fastener secured to the box and arranged and adapted to pass through perforations in the folding extension for detachably securing said flap and folding extension to close the box and with
25 said folding extension in either of its folded positions, substantially as described.

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