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Fig. 1.

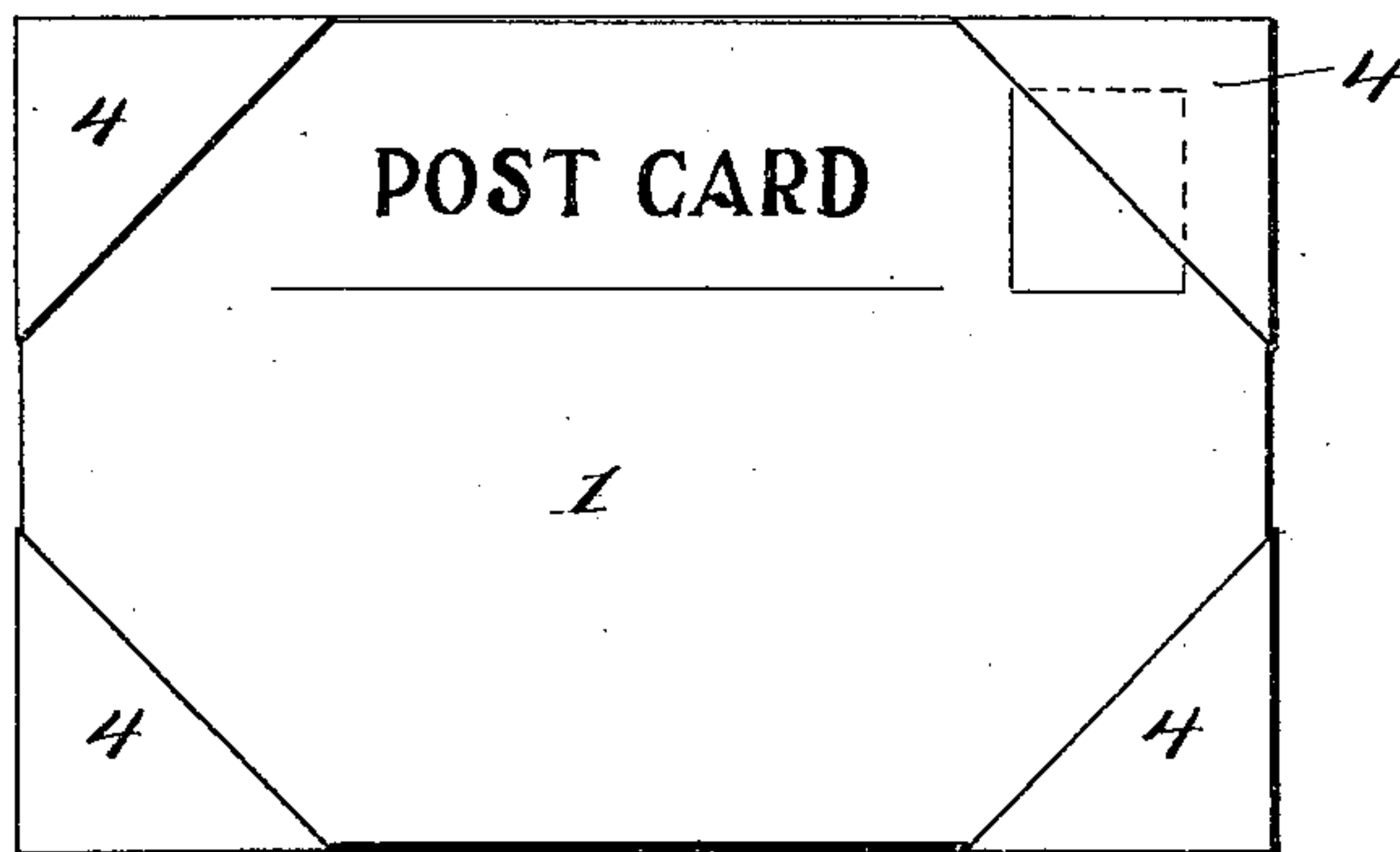


Fig. 2.

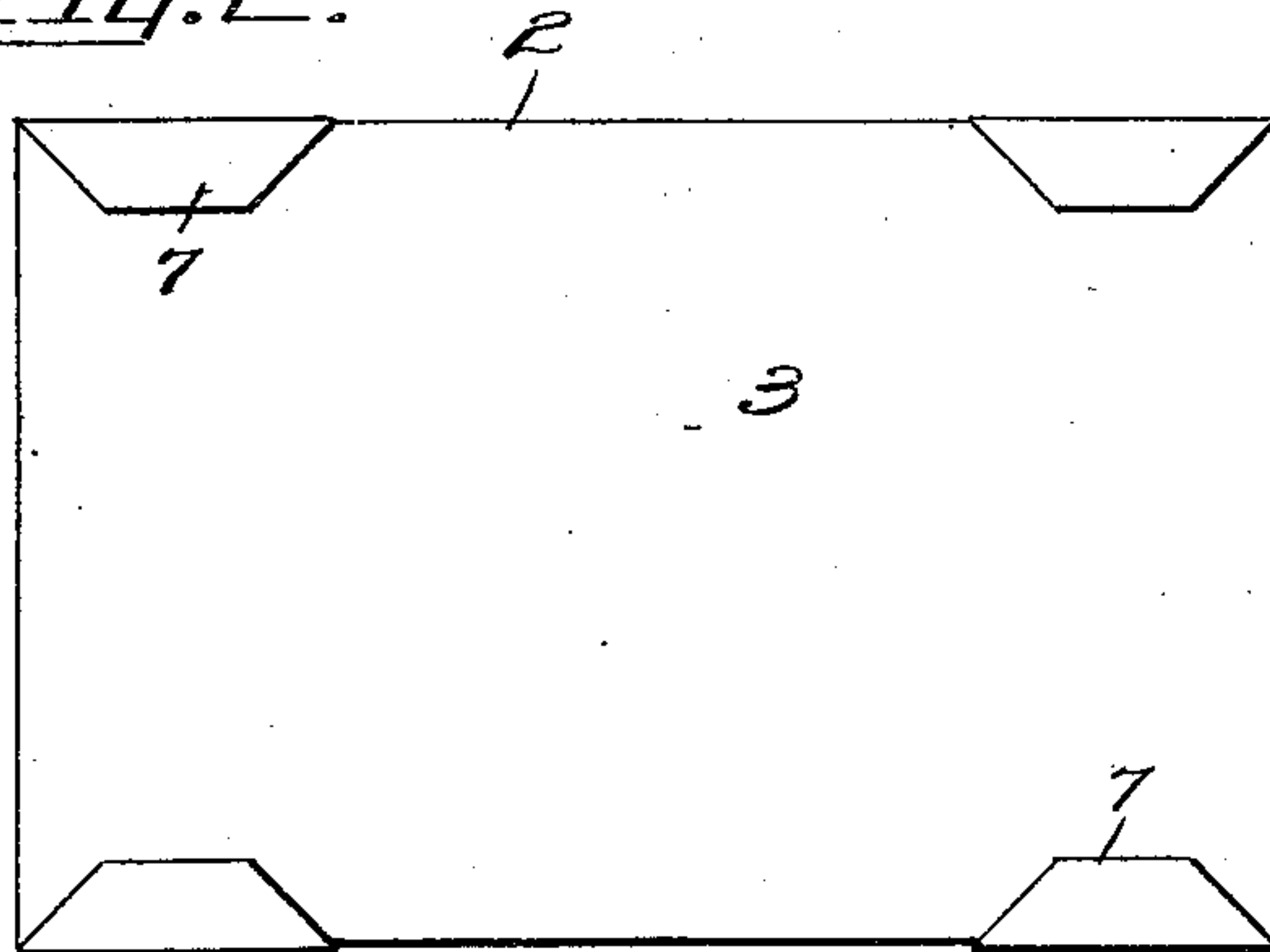
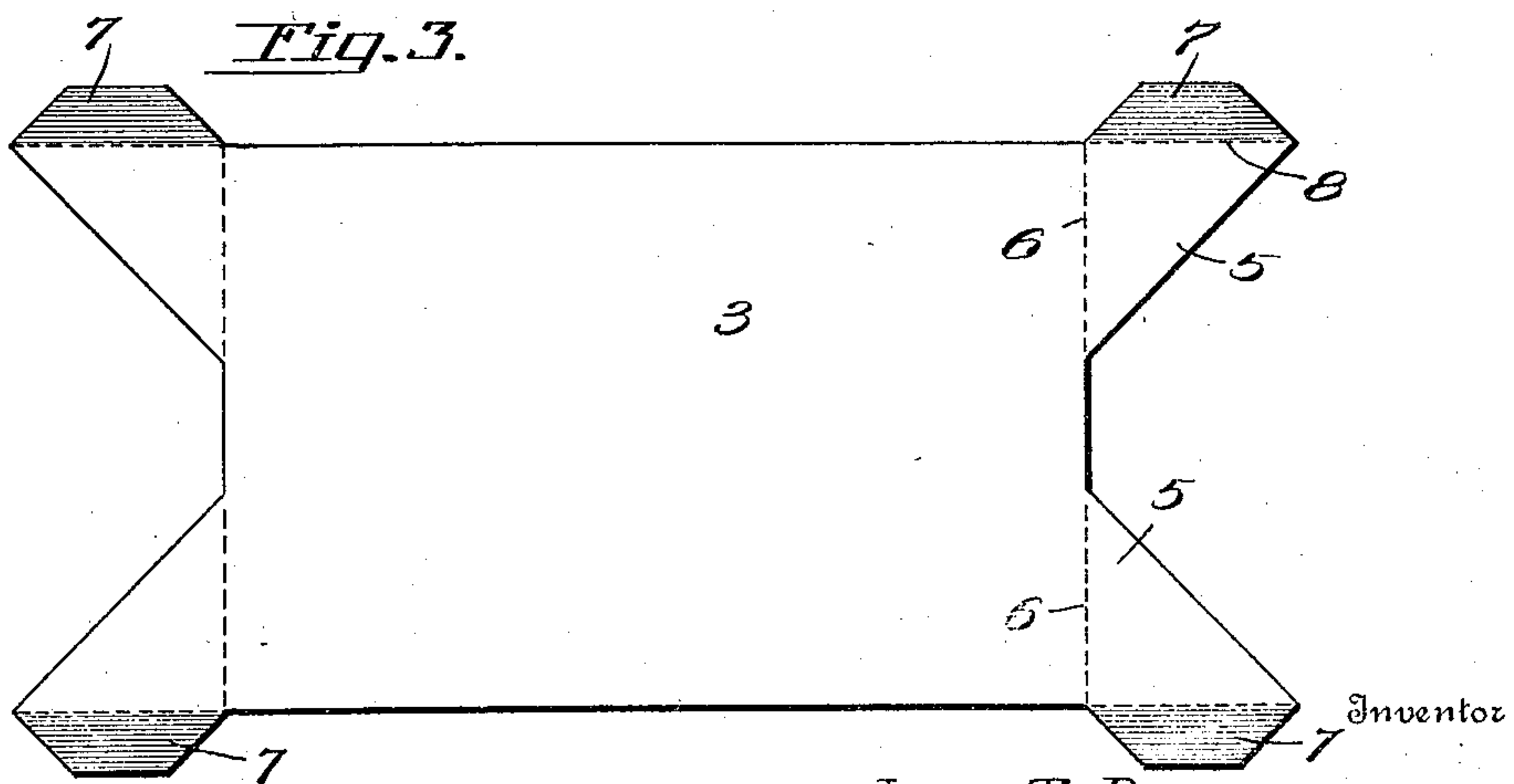


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRA T. DOXSEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bay Shore, in the county of Suffolk and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Postal-Card Shields or Covers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a postal card shield or cover, adapted for use in connection with ordinary postal cards or souvenir and tinselled postal cards to cover and protect the same from wear or from becoming soiled or injured, while at the same time forming a supplemental sheet to afford a larger area of writing space.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive and effective cover or shield of this character which will expose the front of the card and conceal and protect the back and corner edges thereof, which is adapted to form a letter sheet to increase the writing surface of the missive, and which is also adapted to permit of the ready insertion and removal of the card.

In the accompanying drawing illustrating the invention,—Figure 1 is a face view of a postal card having my improved cover or shield applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the cover or shield. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank from which said cover or shield is made.

Referring to the drawing 1 designates a postal card of the type commonly in use, and 2 the improved cover or shield. The cover or shield comprises an oblong rectangular sheet or body portion 3, of paper or other suitable material, which is co-extensive in size or substantially so with the card 1. The body portion 3 is adapted to bear against and cover the back of the card 1, and is left plain so that either one or both of its surfaces may be employed as writing surfaces on which a letter, address or greeting may be written. The cover or shield is provided upon its front face with corner pockets 4 extending obliquely across the same. In the production of the cover, which is made from the form of blank shown in Fig.

3, the pockets 4 are formed by triangular flaps 5 which are folded over upon the front of the body 3 on the dotted lines 6 and are formed at their outer edges with tabs 7 having their inner faces gummed, which tabs are folded over the longitudinal edges of the body 3 and down upon the back of the same and fastened by their gummed faces to said body.

It will be understood from the foregoing description that the card 1 may be inserted into the pockets 4 by springing or slipping each end in turn into the respective pockets at each end of the cover, whereupon the back of the card will be shielded by the cover and the corners thereof inclosed and protected, while the face of the card will be exposed for the observation of the affixed stamp and address. It will also be seen that this structure of the cover leaves the intermediate portions of both the end and longitudinal side edges of the card exposed so that they may be gripped to facilitate the insertion and removal of the card.

As before stated, one purpose and advantage of the cover or shield resides in its adaptation for use as a letter sheet, having opposite surfaces which may be written upon to increase the writing area of the missive. Souvenir postal cards of the kind now in common use leave very little space for a message, and the object of my invention is to provide a cover which will not only protect the rear face of the card, as well as the corners of the card, but will also allow a letter or message of some length to be sent with the card without the payment of additional postage.

It will be understood that the cover or shield will protect the rear faces of picture postals and other ornamental postals, such as those having a tinselled surface, by which highly ornamented cards may be sent through the mail without liability of becoming soiled or injured. As the card may be freely slipped out of the cover or bowed without withdrawing it therefrom, it is freely accessible to the postal authorities for inspection.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new is:—

A cover for postal cards comprising a rectangular body having triangular flaps formed on the end edges of the body adjacent the corners thereof and folded over upon the front face of the body and forming correspondingly shaped pockets, said flaps being provided at their outer edges with

tabs folded over the longitudinal edges of the body and gummed to the rear face thereof.

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

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