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Fig. 1.

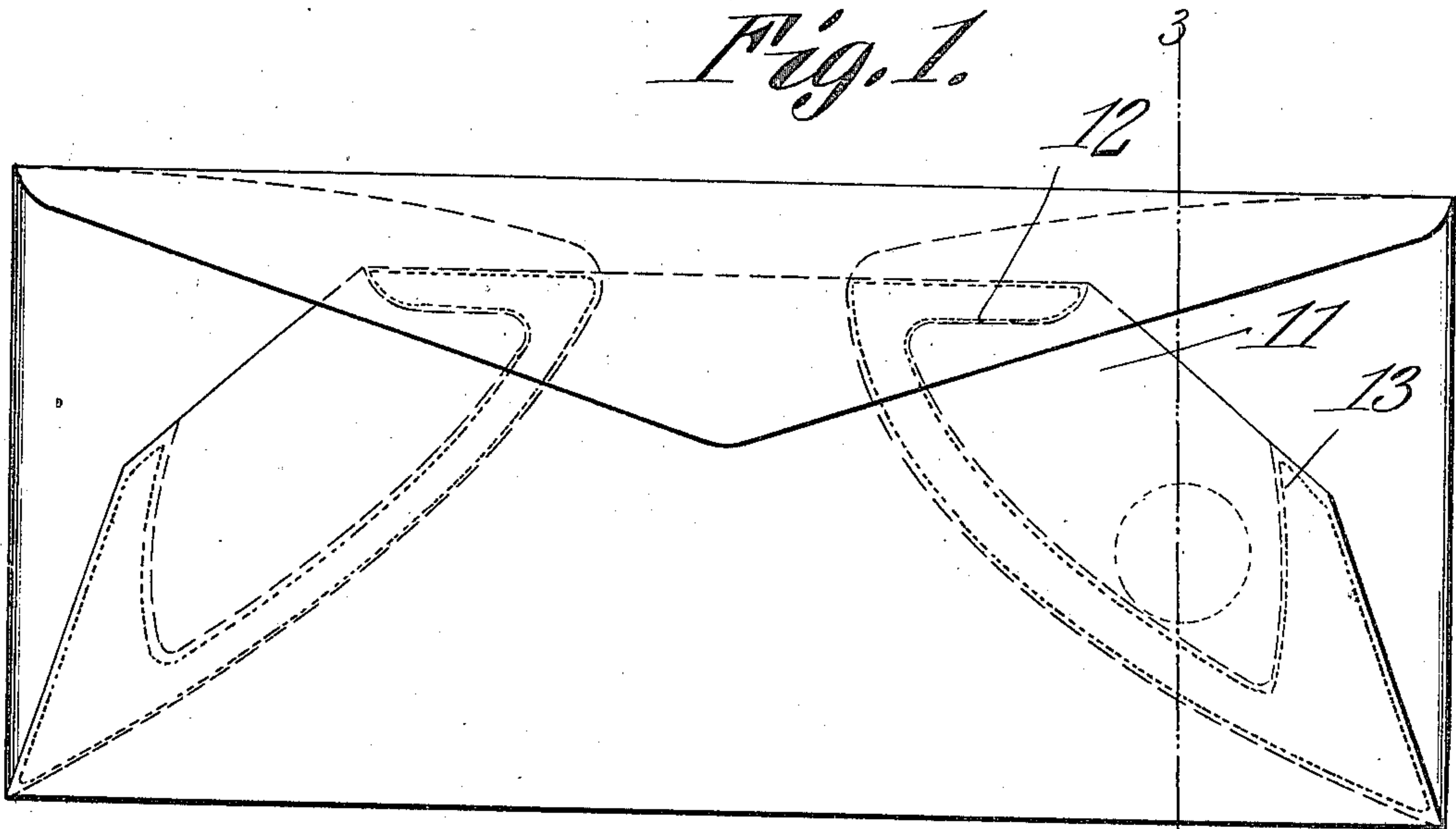


Fig. 2.

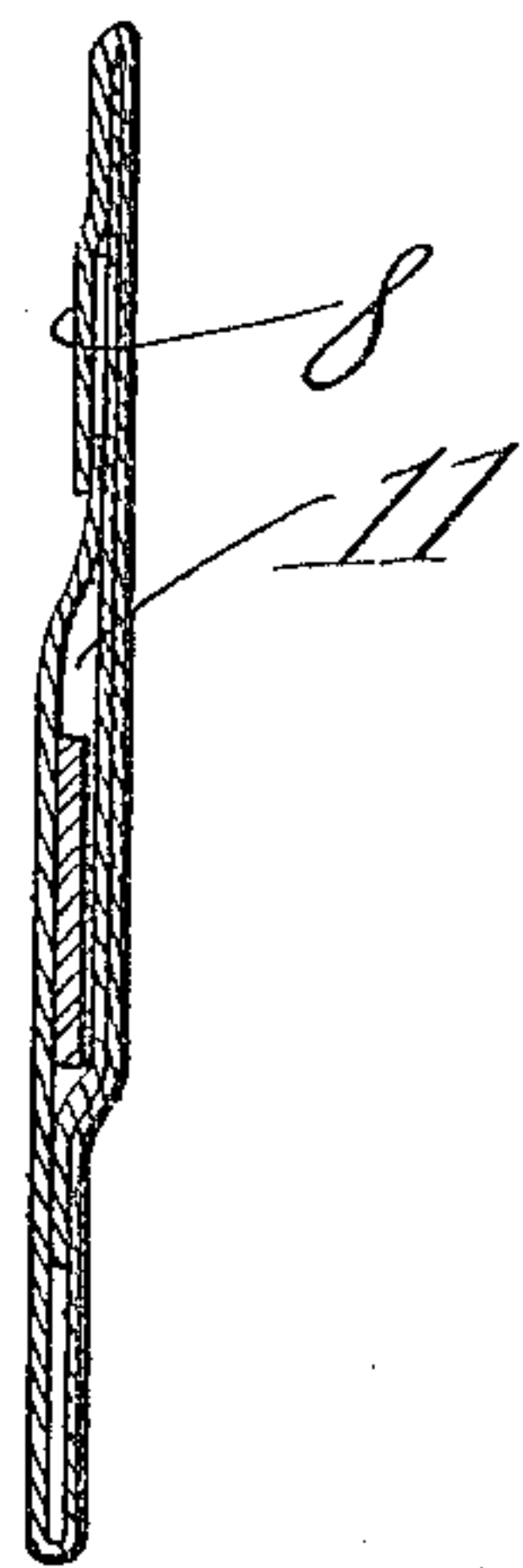
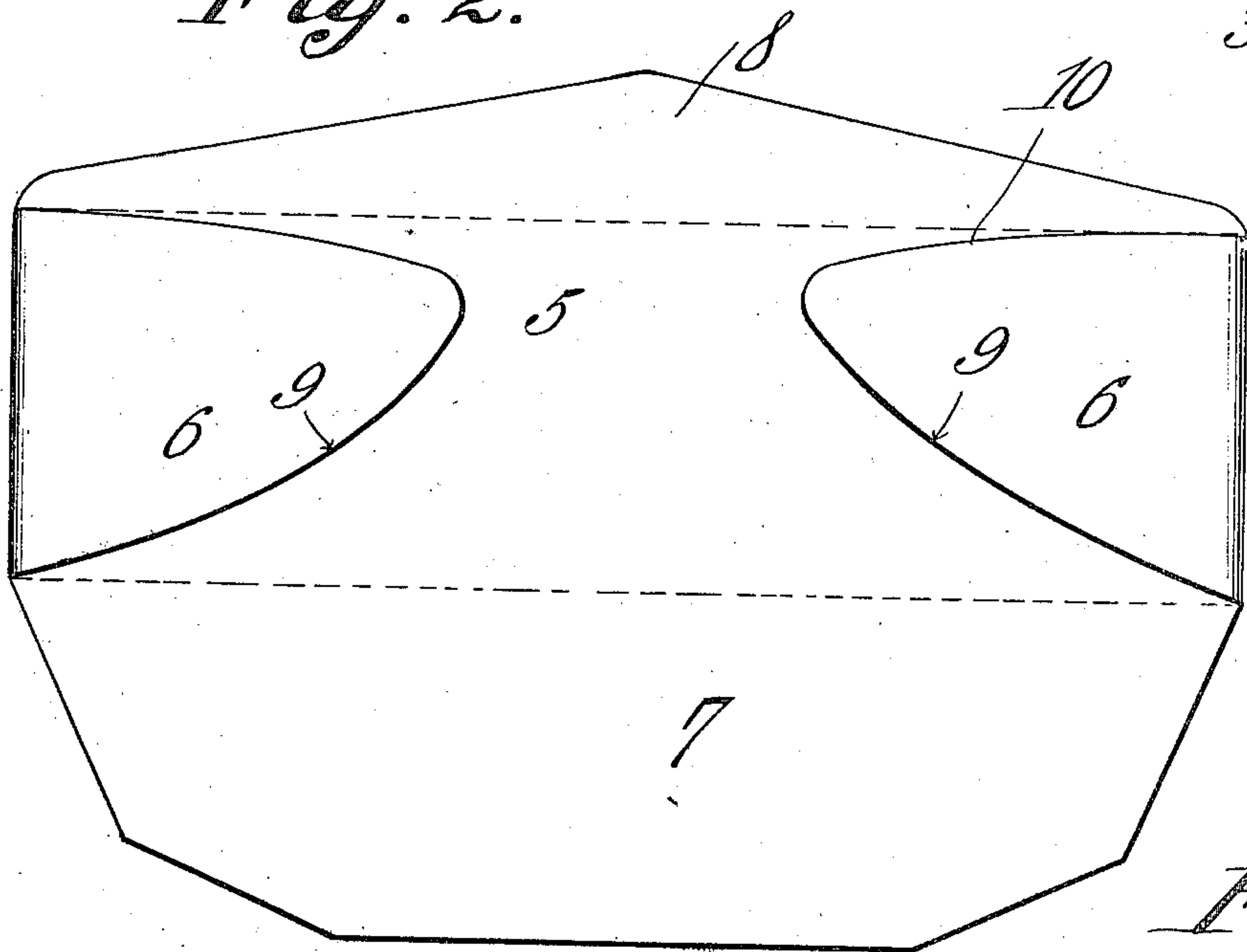


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. GILMORE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Holmesville, in the county of Holmes and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Envelop, of which the following is a specification.

It is the object of the present invention to provide an improved construction of envelop and the invention aims more specifically to provide an envelop which will be adapted for use by persons living in rural districts where it is frequently difficult to secure postage stamps and where letters are usually mailed accompanied by the necessary coin for the stamps to be applied thereto.

It is the custom to deposit the letters to be mailed in the mail box at the rural delivery route and to deposit also in this box the necessary coin to pay the postage on the mail matter but where such coin is deposited loosely in the box it is frequently difficult to remove it and especially is this method disadvantageous in snowy weather. In fact in some forms of boxes it is impossible to remove coins therefrom without being extremely inconvenienced.

With the object in view of overcoming the disadvantages of this custom, the invention aims to provide an envelop so constructed that the necessary coin for postage may be deposited in a pocket formed therein, and will be so held until the letter is removed by the postman. Upon removal of the letter, or at some subsequent time, the coin is removed from the pocket and a stamp purchased therewith is applied to the envelop.

The invention aims, among other things, to provide an envelop of this character so constructed that while the coin carried thereby will be securely held in place by frictional engagement with the walls of the pocket in the envelop blank, it may be very readily removed from such pocket without in any way defacing or injuring the envelop itself.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of an envelop constructed in accordance with the present invention, the dot and dash lines in this figure indicating the edges of the coin pocket and of the flaps between which these pockets are formed and the dotted lines indicating the field over

which adhesive is to be applied in forming up the blank. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the blank from which the envelop is formed, the blank being illustrated as partly folded. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view through the envelop folded and illustrating a coin in one pocket thereof.

In the drawings the envelop is illustrated as constructed from a blank which is substantially of the form of an ordinary blank it including a front which is indicated by the numeral 5, end flaps indicated by the numeral 6, a bottom flap 7, and a closure flap 8. The end flaps 6, as above stated, are of a form substantially identical with the end flap of the ordinary envelop, and having a curved edge and a straight edge which is indicated by the numeral 10. The bottom flap is of the ordinary form so that it will overlap quite a portion of the outer faces of the end flaps 6 as is indicated in Fig. 1 of the drawing and in forming up the envelops from the blank, the end flaps 6 are first folded over against the rear face of the front 5 of the blank and adhesive is applied to the outer faces of the end flaps 6, over the field bounded by the dotted lines in Fig. 1 of the drawing. The bottom flap 7 is then folded to lie flat against the end flaps 6 with its upper corner portions overlapping the end flaps to a considerable degree and the adhesive serving to secure the bottom flap to the said end flaps as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing. It will be observed that when the envelop has thus been formed from the blank, two pockets will be formed between the bottom flap and the two end flaps, these pockets being indicated by the numeral 11. It will further be observed from the drawing that the two side edges of each pocket extend at an acute angle with respect to the bottom edge of the pocket and one of these side edges, indicated by the numeral 12, extends parallel to the upper edge of the front 5 of the envelop the outer side edge being indicated by the numeral 13, and extending substantially at right angles to the said upper edge of the front 5 of the envelop, whereas the bottom edge of each pocket extends along a line passing through one lower corner of the front 5 and through the upper edge of the said front near the middle thereof. Owing to the peculiar location of several edges of each pocket, the pockets are of greater width at their bot-

toms than at their open sides or in other words increase in width inwardly from their mouths.

It will be observed that when the closure 8 is folded down to seal the envelop it does not close either of the pockets 11 but these pockets are at all times left open, so that after the envelop is sealed a coin may be placed in each pocket. It will further be observed that the mouth of the pocket is necessarily restricted and the coin will not be liable to be lost. Furthermore, the portions of the end and bottom flaps affording the walls of the pocket will frictionally hold the coin against loss.

What is claimed is:—

As an article of manufacture, an envelop having a front, end flaps folded upon the rear face of the front, a rear flap folded flat against the rear faces of the end flaps, said rear flap being secured to the end flaps by means so applied as to form between the

said rear and end flaps, a coin pocket, the said pocket having its bottom extending diagonally across the envelop at one corner and its mouth extending also diagonally across the envelop at the said corner and presented toward the said corner of the envelop, the ends of the pocket being located relatively at substantially right angles, the said pocket decreasing in width from its bottom to its mouth, and a closure flap integral with the upper edge of the front and foldable to position against the rear faces of the back and end flaps and arranged when so folded and secured to said flaps to additionally narrow the mouth of the pocket.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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