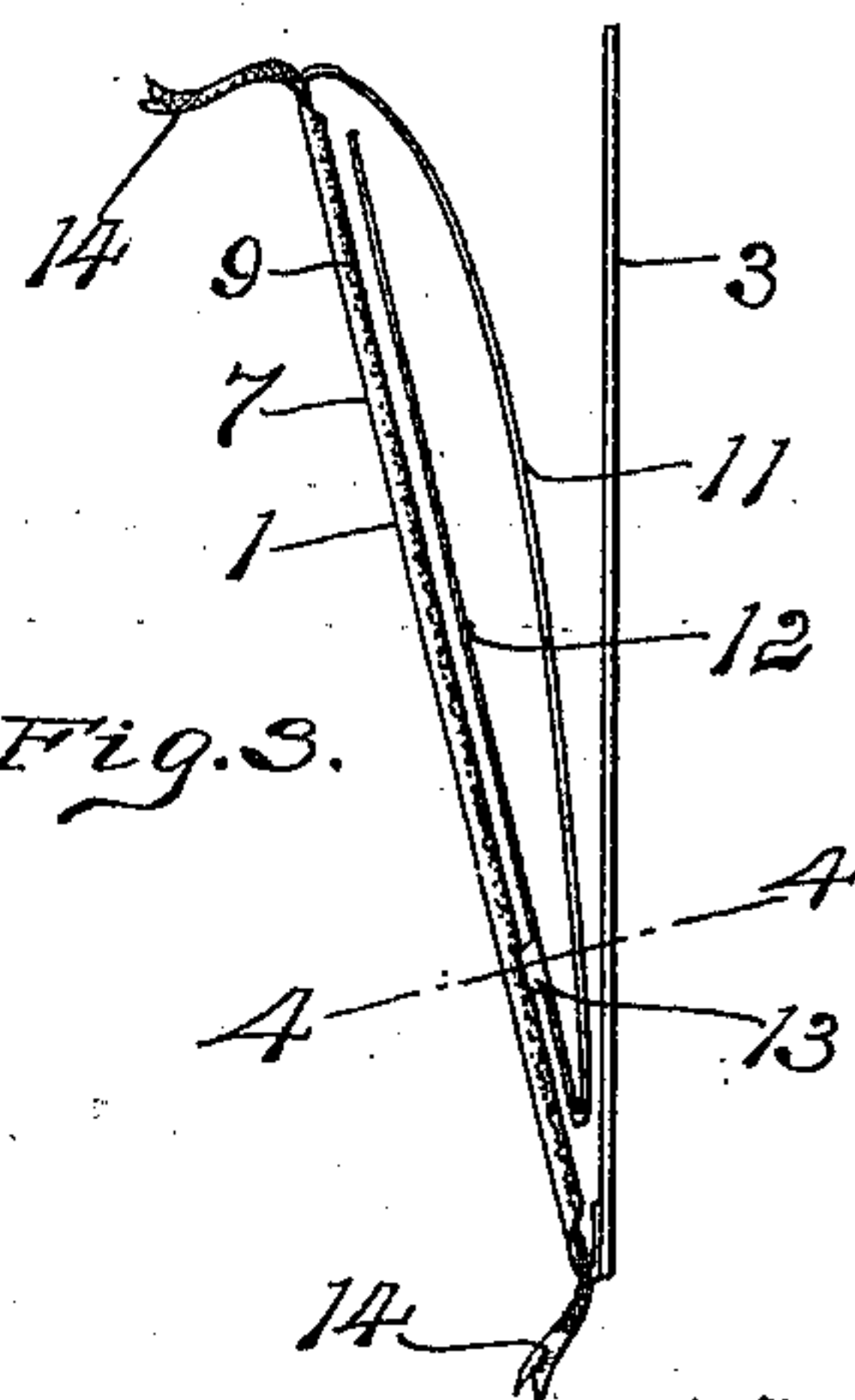
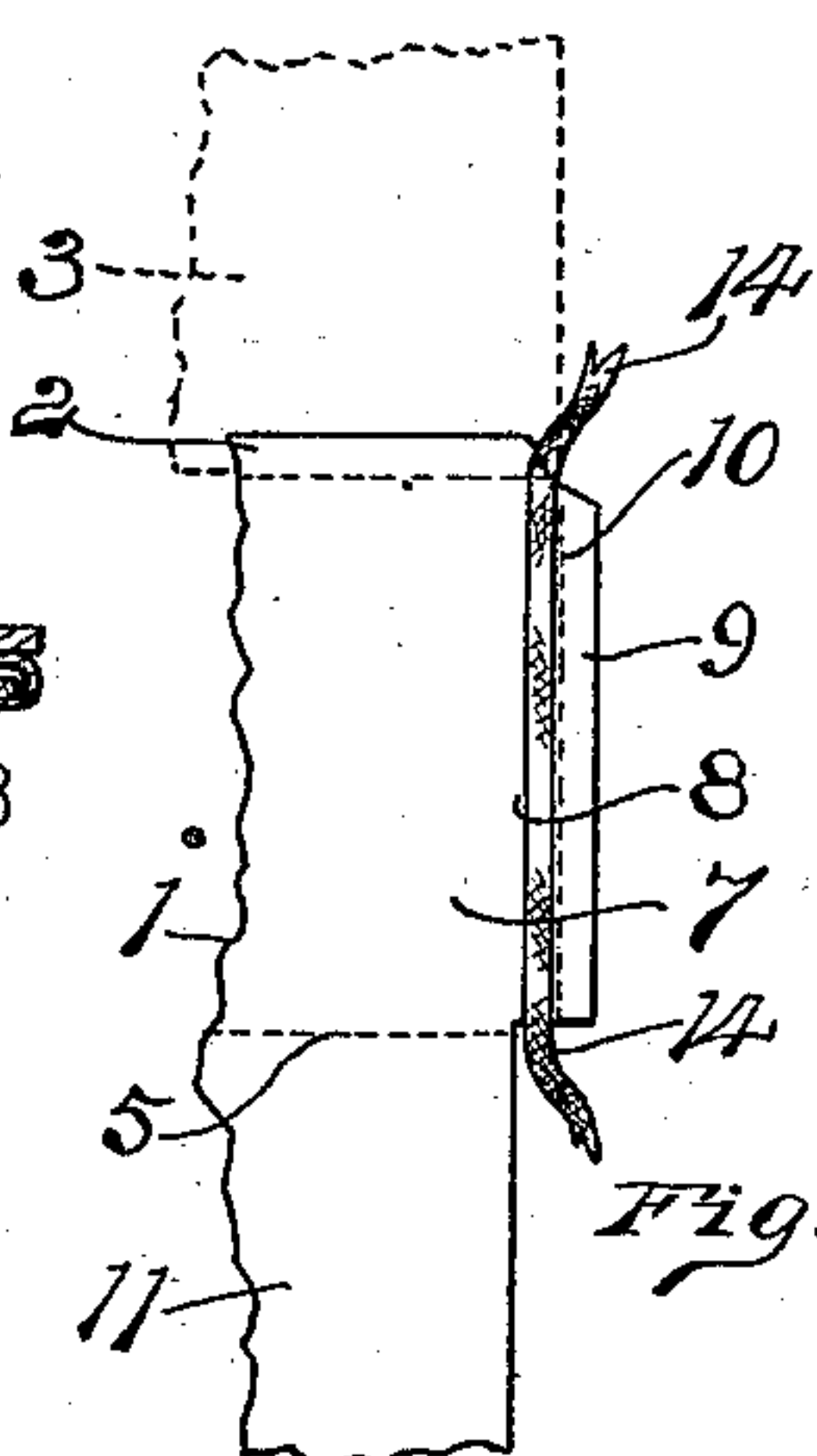
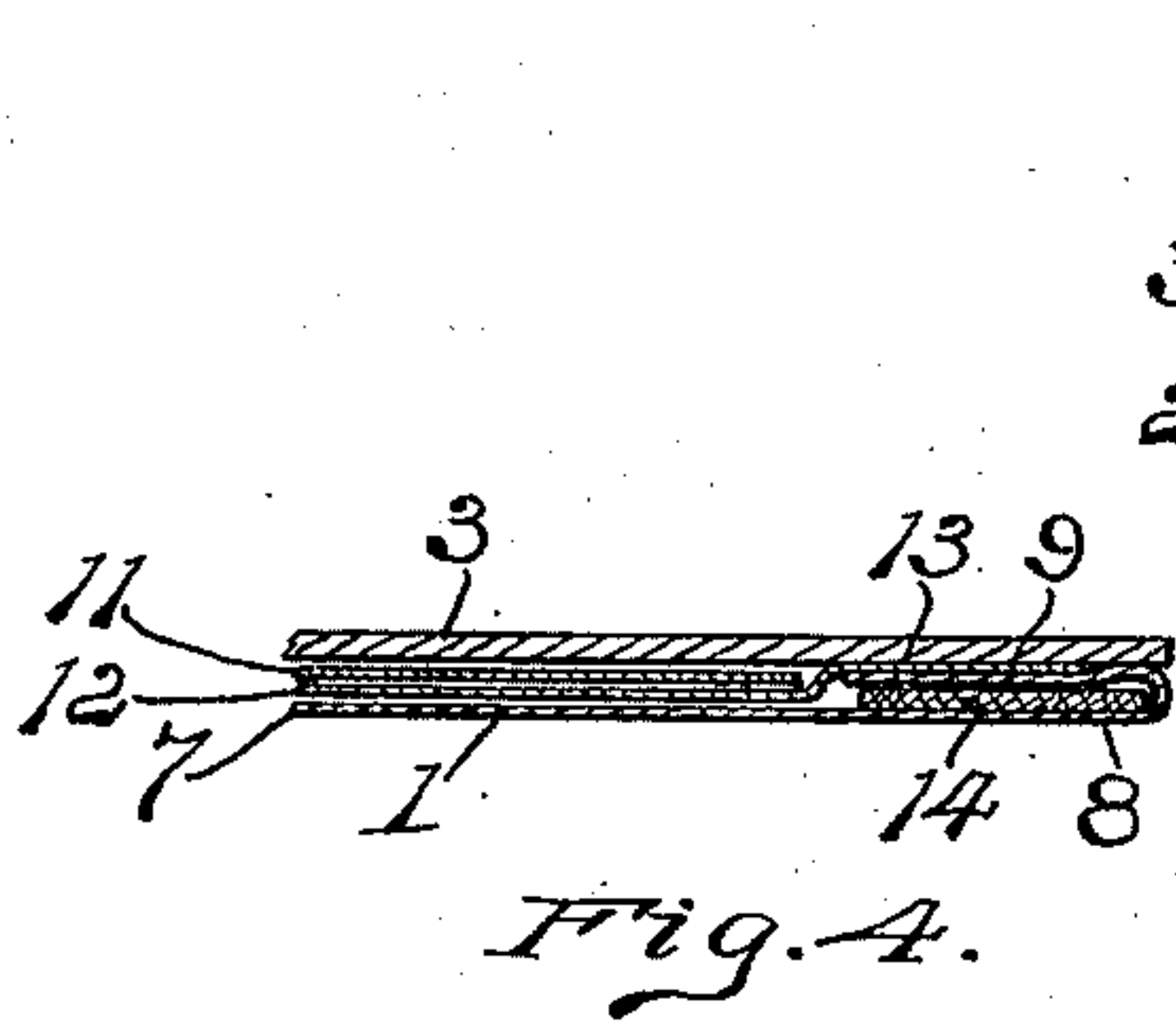
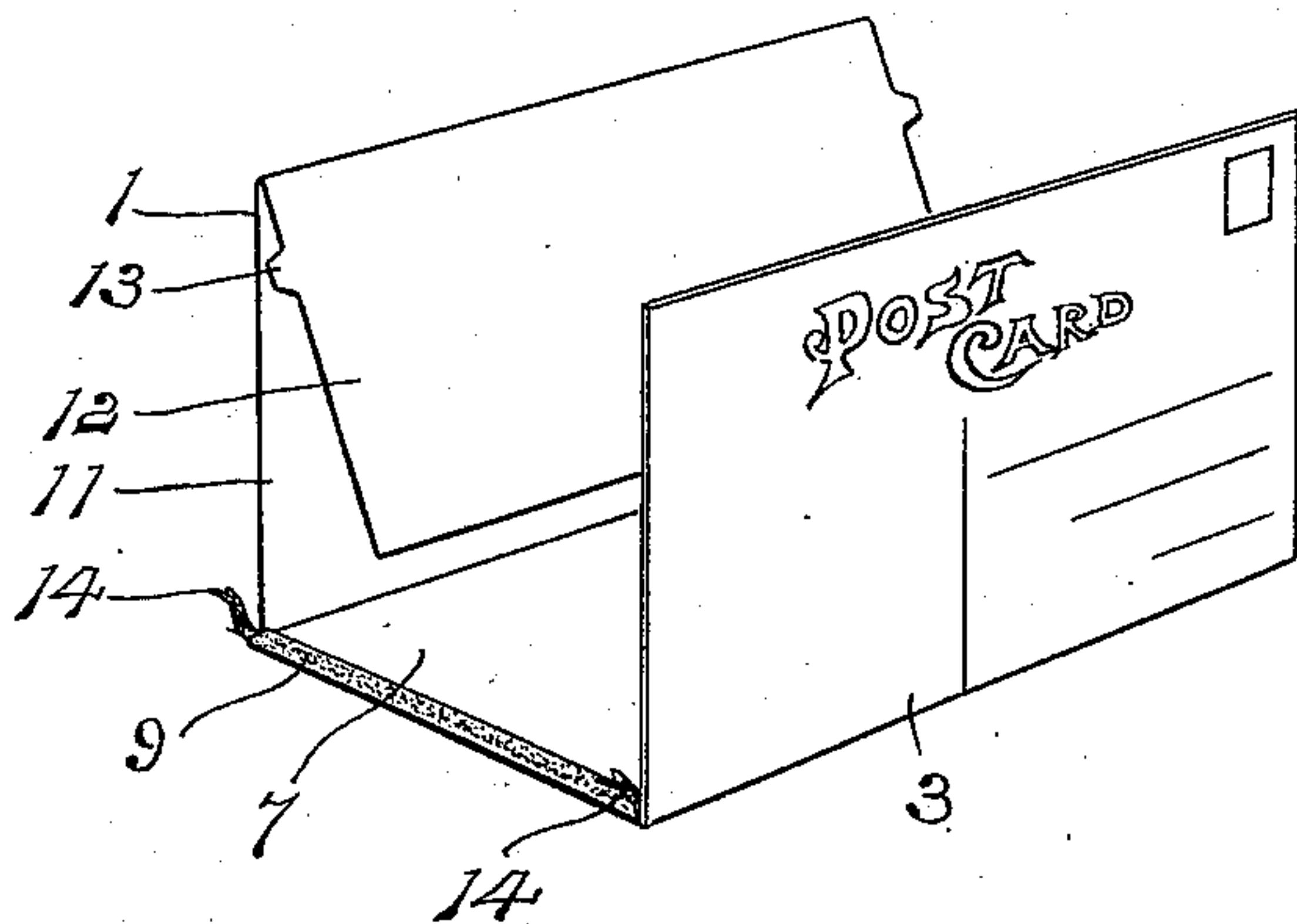
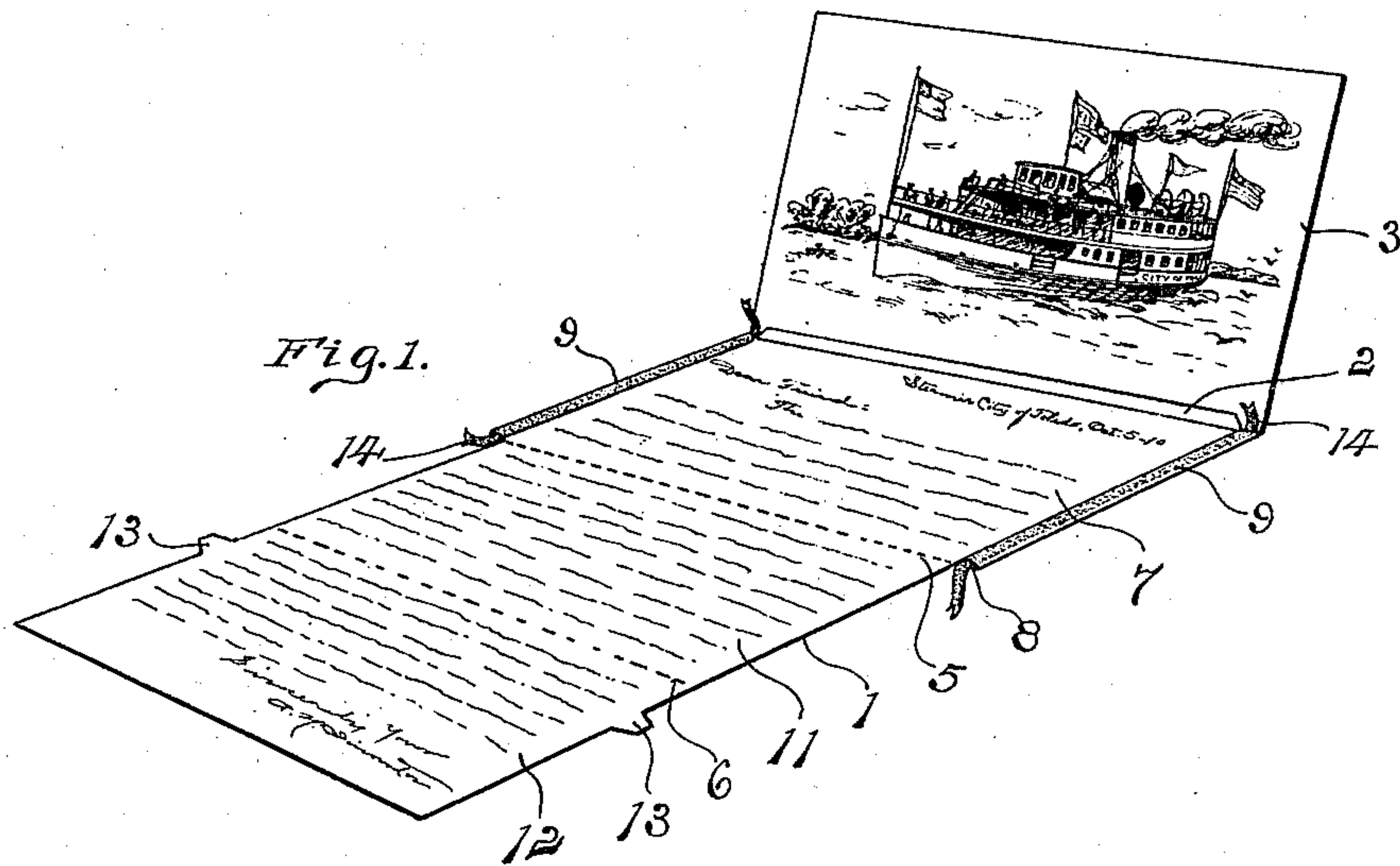


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMANN LAAKE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Postal Cards and Letters, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to a combination letter and postal card and its object is to provide a sheet of paper upon which a letter may be written said sheet being so formed that it may be readily attached to a post card in such a manner that the card will form an address side of an envelop for the letter and the letter being arranged so that it may be readily detached from the post card without marring the latter.

A further object of the invention is to provide certain new and useful features in the construction all as hereinafter more fully described reference being had to the accompanying drawing in which,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying the invention; Fig. 2 a similar view showing the same partially folded; Fig. 3 represents an edge view of the device partially folded; Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional detail of the device in folded position substantially on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3; and Fig. 5 is a fragmentary view of a portion of the letter sheet.

It is very desirable at times to send when writing to a friend, a post card picture of places or things of interest, and the space for correspondence on such pictorial post card is often found too limited and it therefore becomes necessary to write and mail a separate letter, the postal card being sent separately and requiring an extra stamp. It is not always convenient to obtain stationery for writing a letter and an envelop is required in sending the letter. To meet these requirements it is proposed to provide a letter sheet so formed and prepared that it may be quickly and easily attached to a post card and forming therewith an envelop for the letter.

As shown in the drawing 1 represents a sheet or strip of suitable paper upon which a letter may be written. This sheet is formed at one end with a narrow flap or marginal strip 2 which is provided with an adhesive material on one side so that it may be read-

ily attached to the lower longitudinal edge of the back of a post card. The post card is preferably of the regulation size and shape and is provided on its front face with the usual words "Post card" and a space for the address. The back of the post card to the lower edge of which the letter strip is secured is provided with any picture that may be desired. The letter paper is adapted to be folded twice upon itself transversely along the dotted lines 5 and 6. The end or portion 7 of the paper which is attached to the card 3 by the flap 2 is formed with laterally projecting end portions 8, the outer edges of which form narrow flaps or strips 9 adapted to be folded along the dotted lines 10 upon the portions 8. The outer edges of the portions 8 are preferably in line with the ends of the card 3 and the flaps or strips 9 are provided on their under face with an adhesive material so that when the paper is folded up against the card 3, these strips may be attached to the end edges of the card to hold the paper in folded position. The section 11 of the paper between the folding lines 5 and 6 and the end section 12 are preferably of such a width as to fold inward between the inner edges of the adhesive strips 9 on the section 7 and lie on said section between it and the card.

To prevent the sections 11 and 12 of the sheet from being drawn out when the sheet is in folded position and secured by the strips 9 to the card, the section 12 is provided with laterally extending tabs 13 which, when the section is folded upon the section 11 and both sections are then folded over upon the section 7, will extend outward across the intumed adhesive tabs 9, and when all of the sections are folded upward against the card and the strips 9 stuck to the card, said tabs will be held between the card and the adhesive surface of the strips 9 thus preventing the paper from being unfolded and pulled out.

Ribbons 14 are glued or otherwise secured to the laterally extending end portions 8 of the section 7 parallel with the strips 9 which are adapted to fold over the ribbons but are not glued thereto. When the paper strip is folded up and secured in folded position by the adhesive strips or tabs 9, the letter may be quickly opened by taking hold of the ribbons or tapes and pulling endwise of the card thereon, causing the ribbons to tear the paper along the folded edge of the ad-

hesive strips and leaving said strips upon the end edges of the post card. A cord may be used instead of the ribbon or tape if found desirable.

5 The appearance of the post card is not marred by the securing of the letter to it, as the adhesive strips 2 and 9 are evenly applied to its edges forming a border therefor and they will tear off evenly from the
10 letter when the letter is opened so that the post card may be preserved independently of the letter.

What I claim is:—

15 The combination with a post card, of a letter strip adapted to be folded upon itself, an end margin on the letter strip provided with adhesive material and secured to the lower marginal edge of the card, marginal edge portions projecting laterally from the

letter strip adjacent to the card and of a 20 length substantially equal to the width of the card, said laterally projecting portions being folded upon themselves and provided with an adhesive material on the outer face of the folded over portions for securing said 25 portions to the marginal end edges of the card, and laterally projecting tabs on the letter strip, said letter strip being adapted to be folded upon itself between the laterally extending end portions with the tabs 30 extending over the adhesive surface of the inturned portions thereof.

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

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