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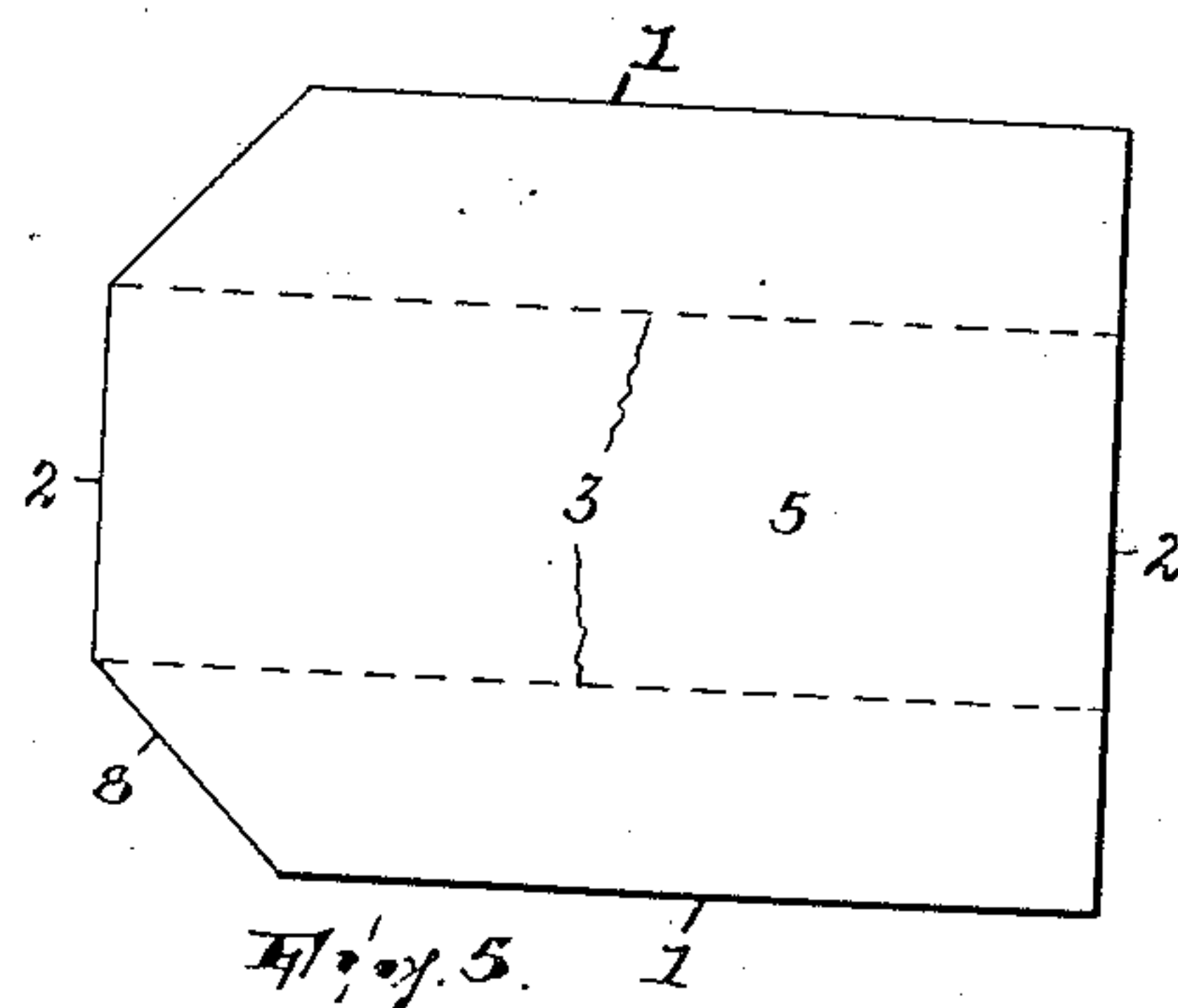
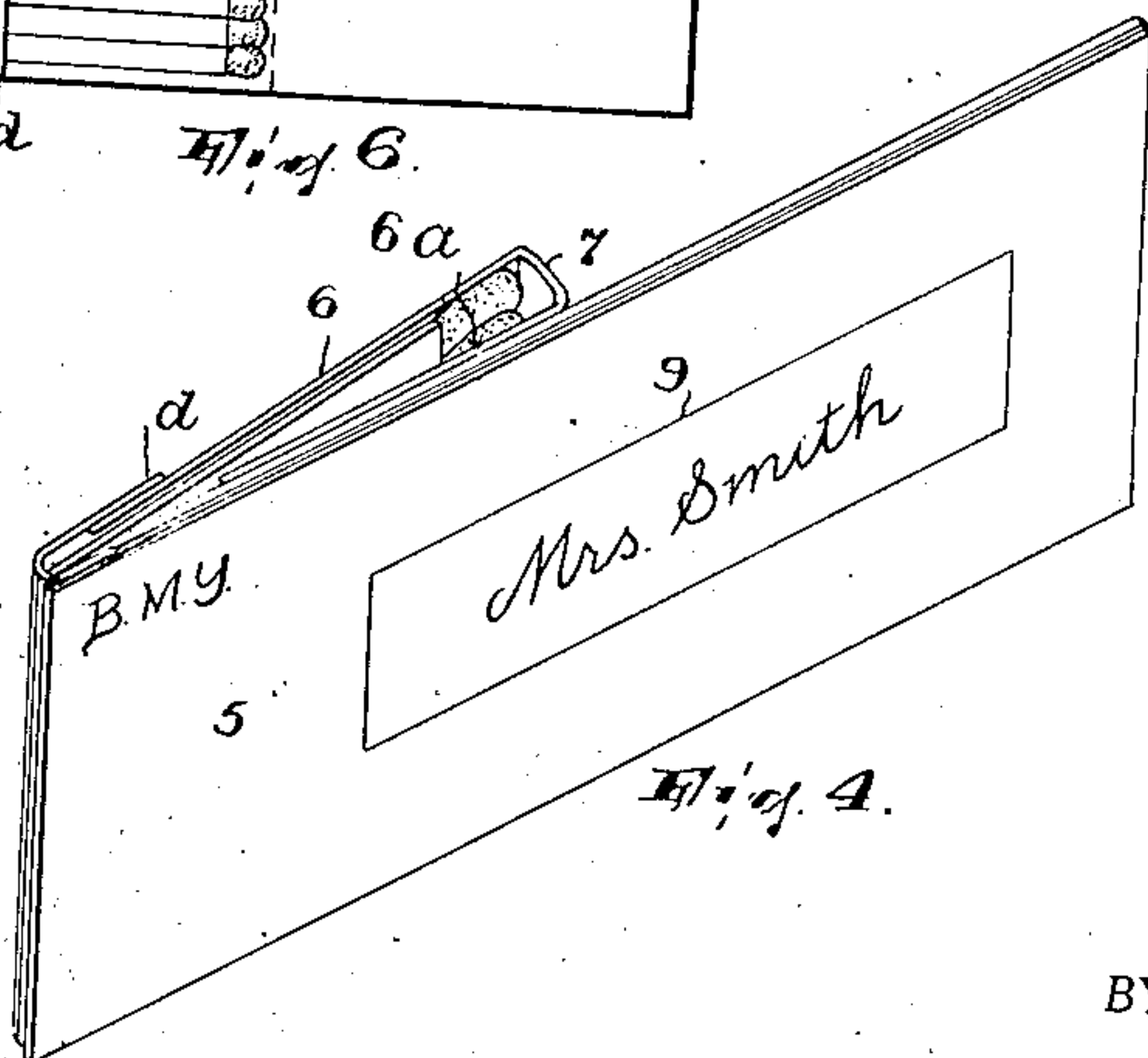
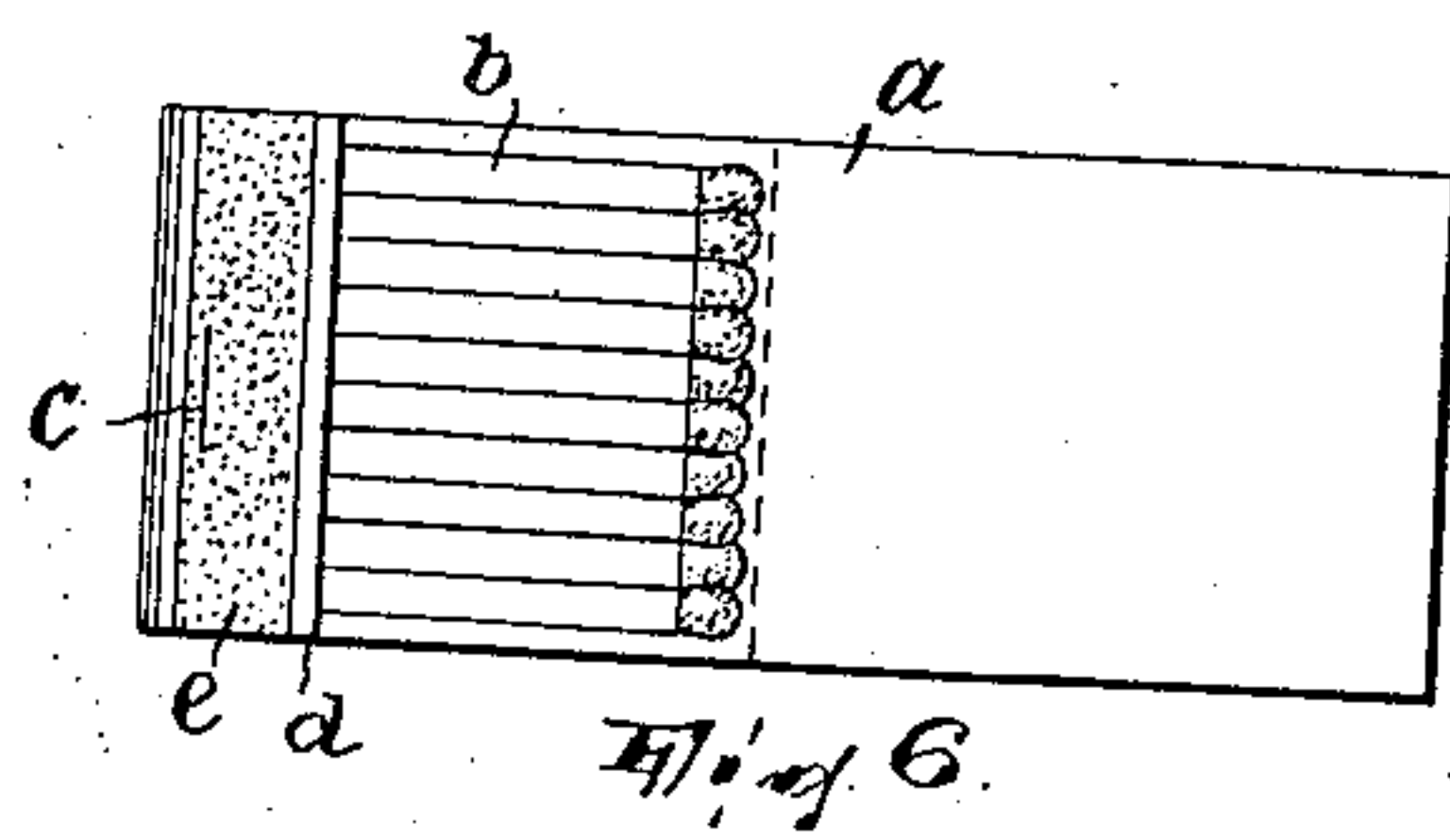
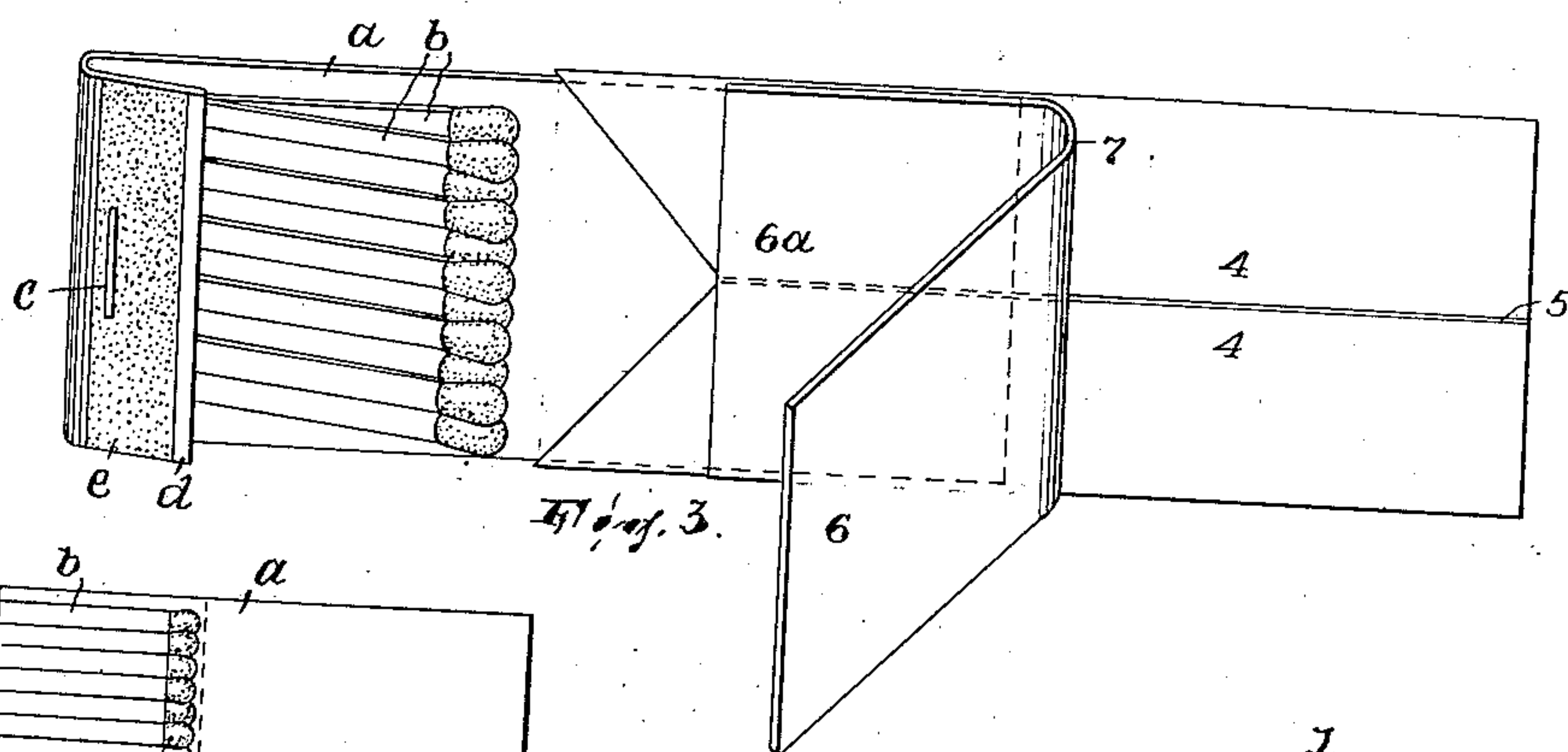
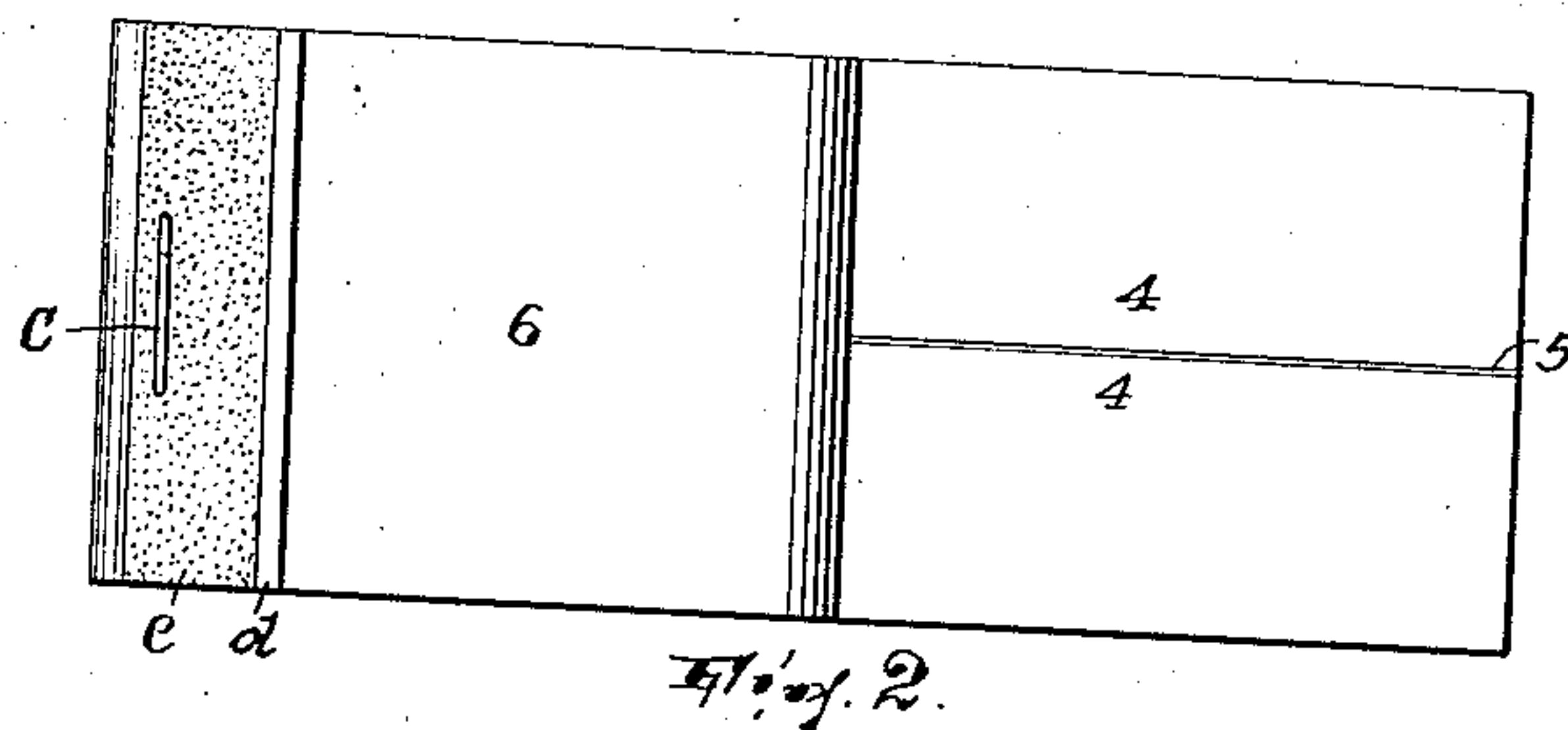
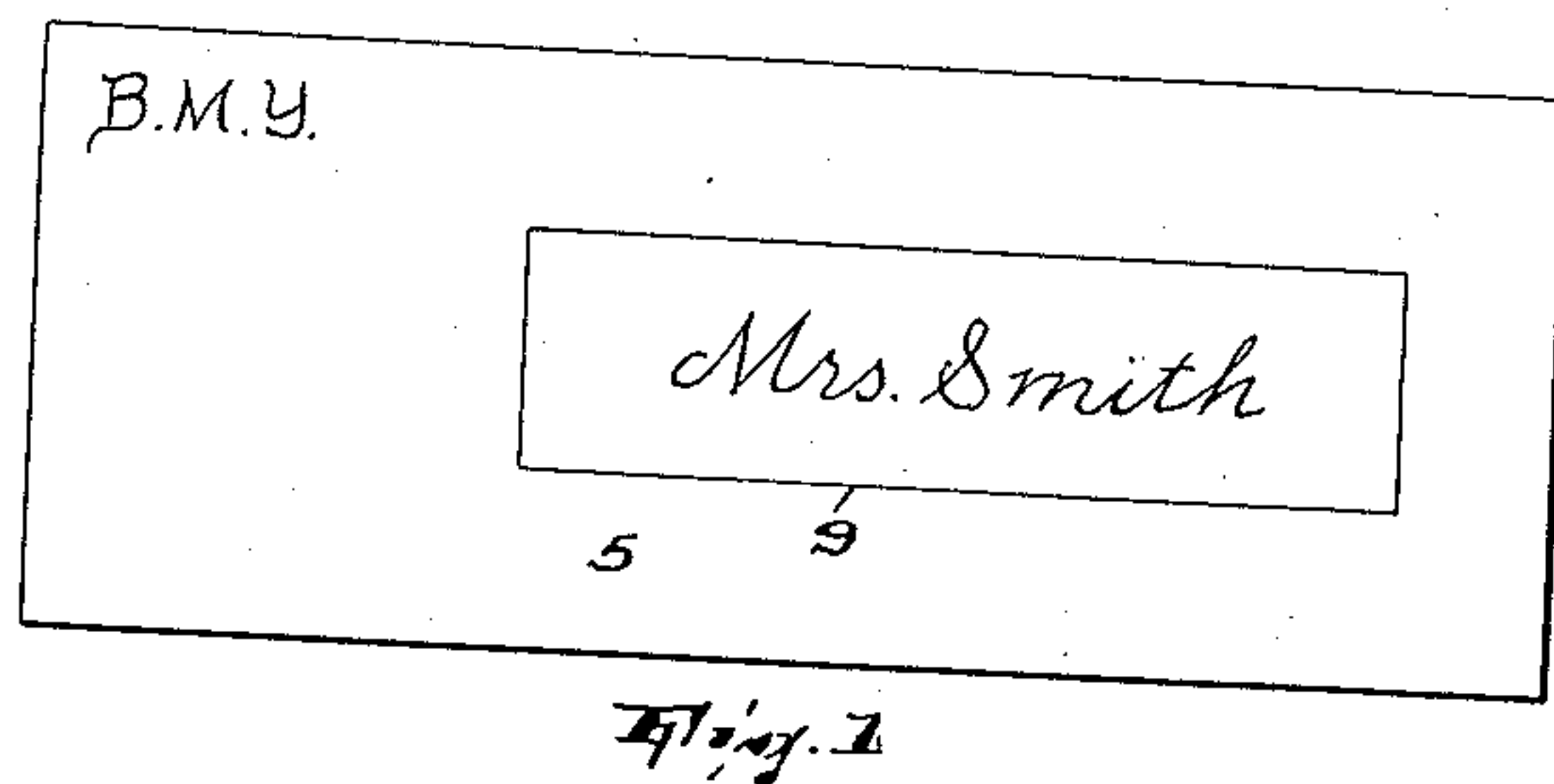
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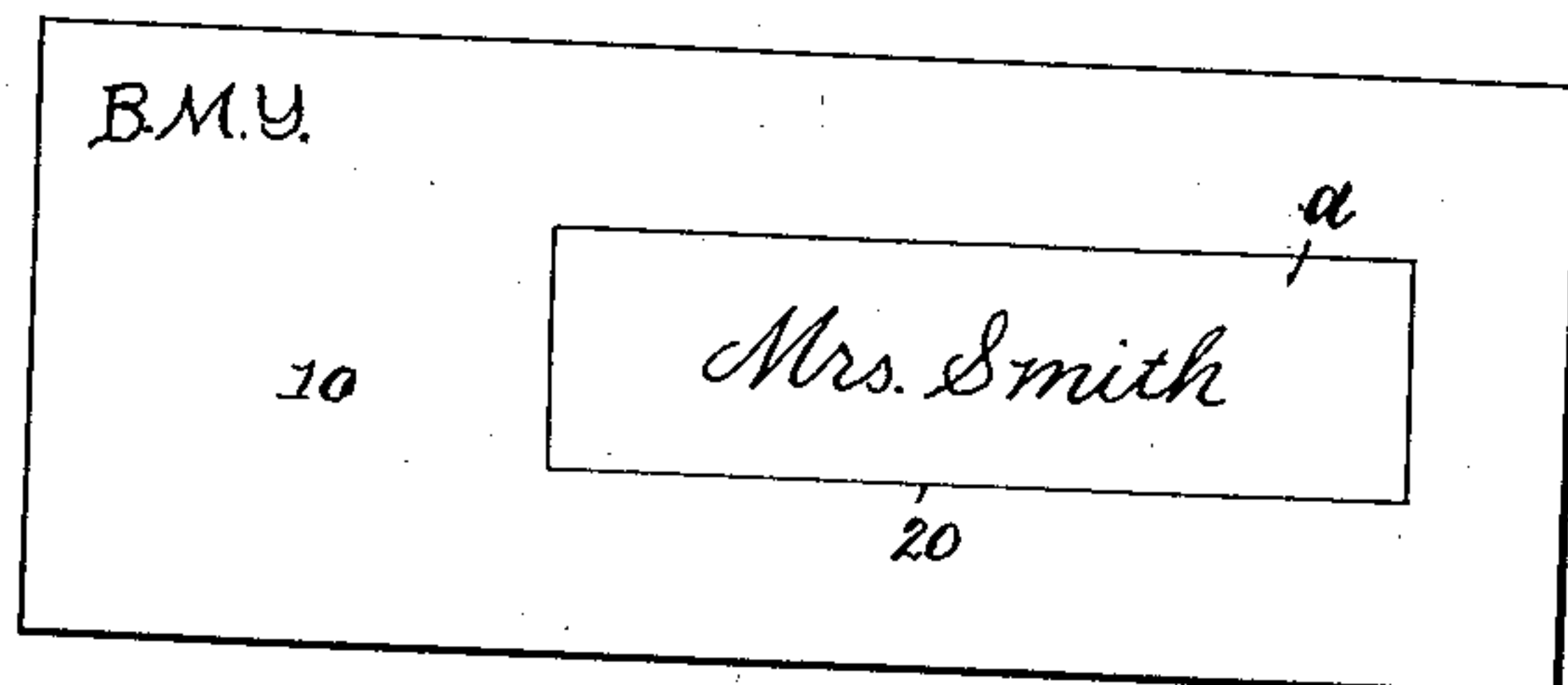
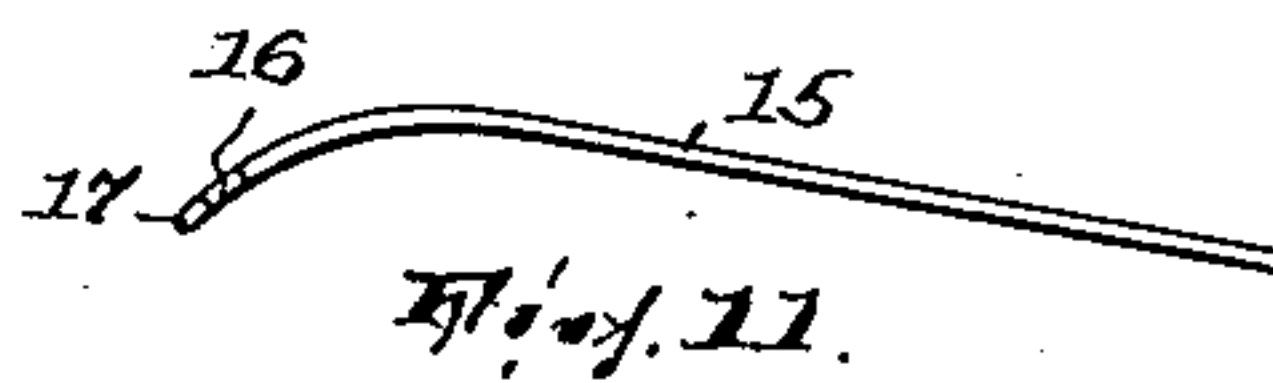
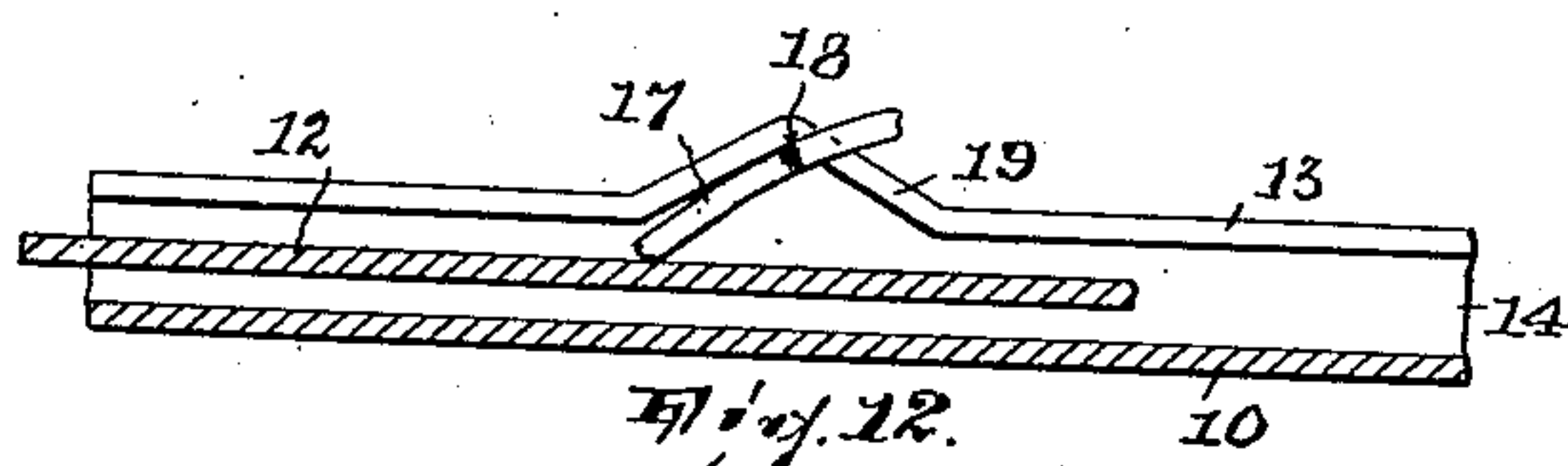
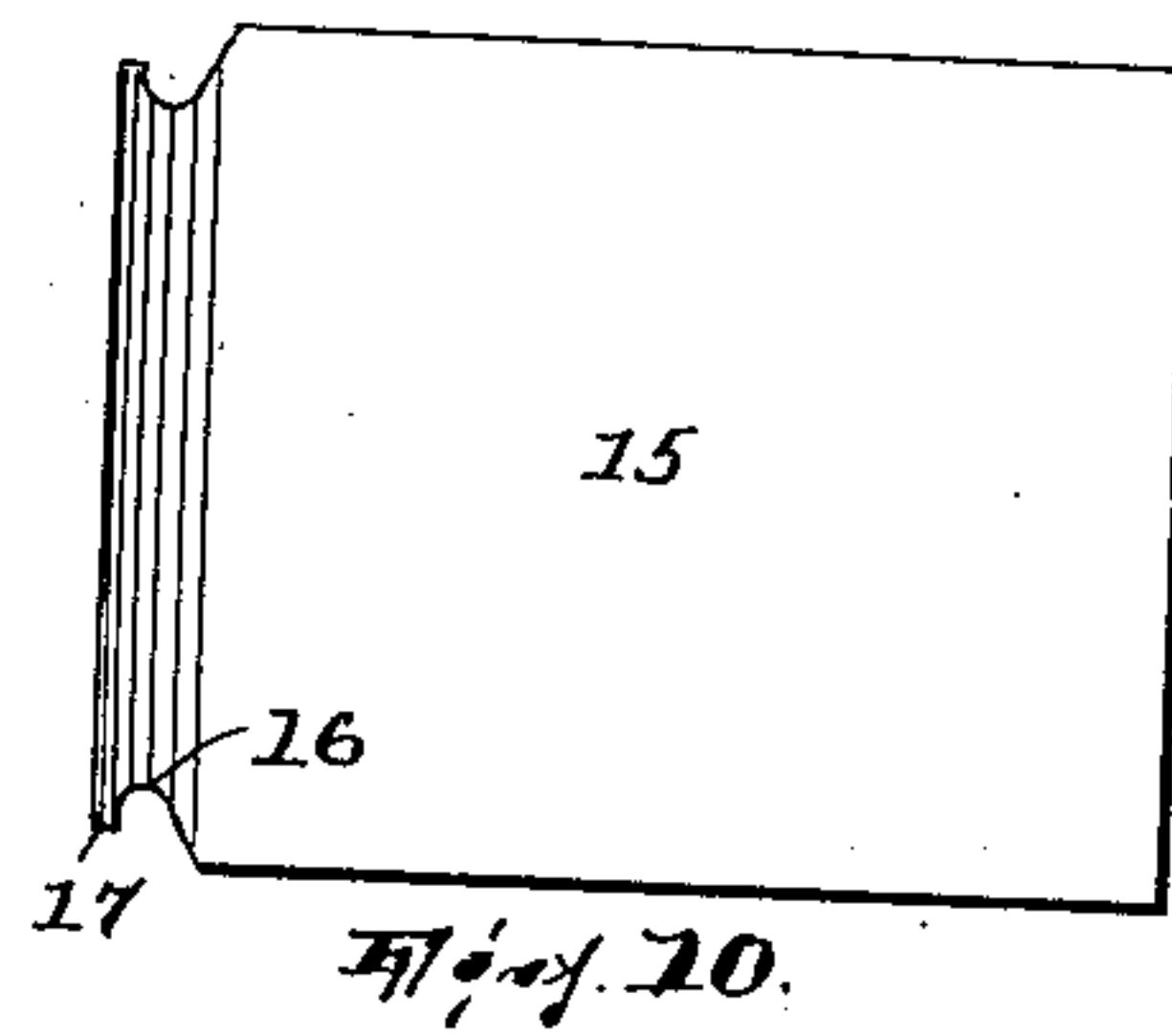
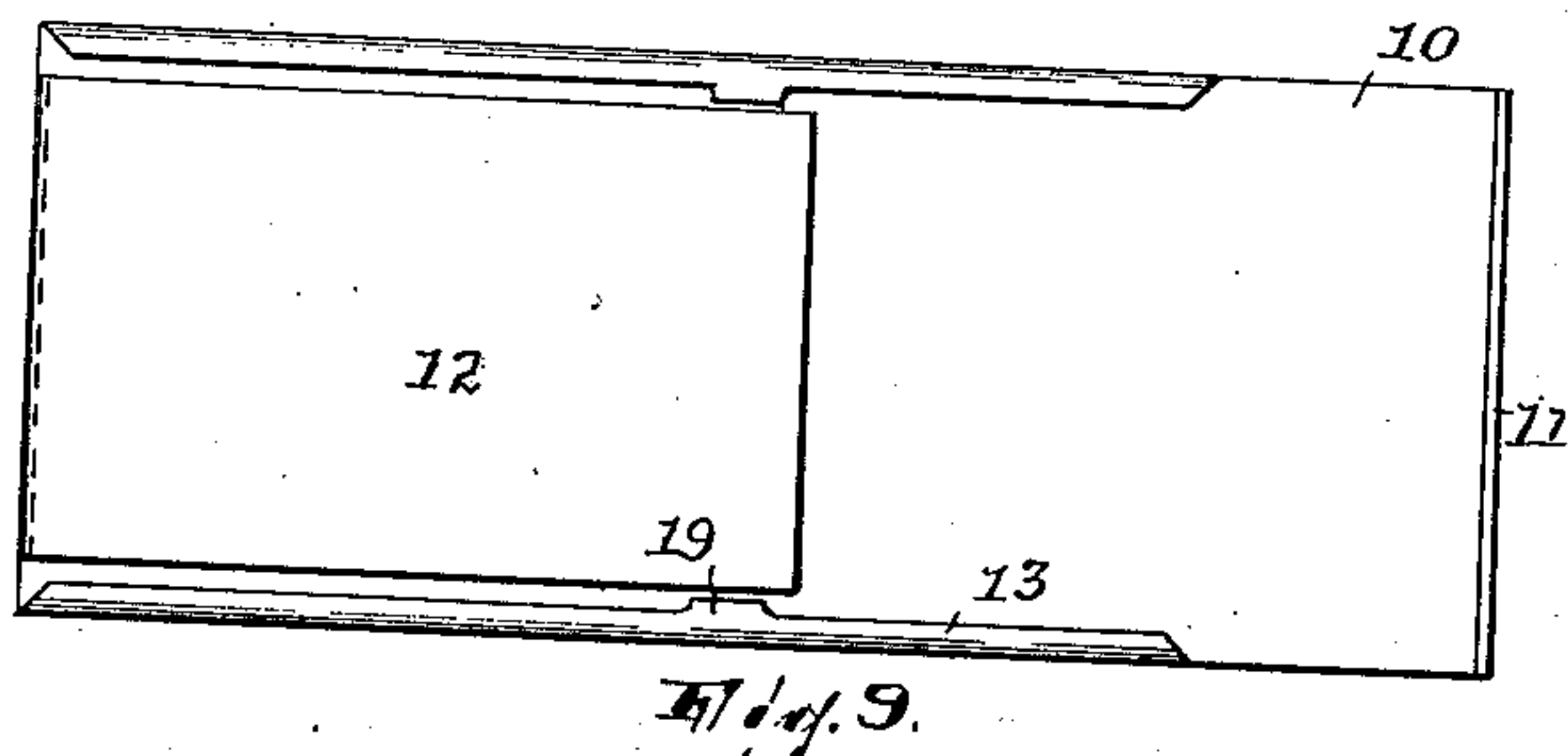
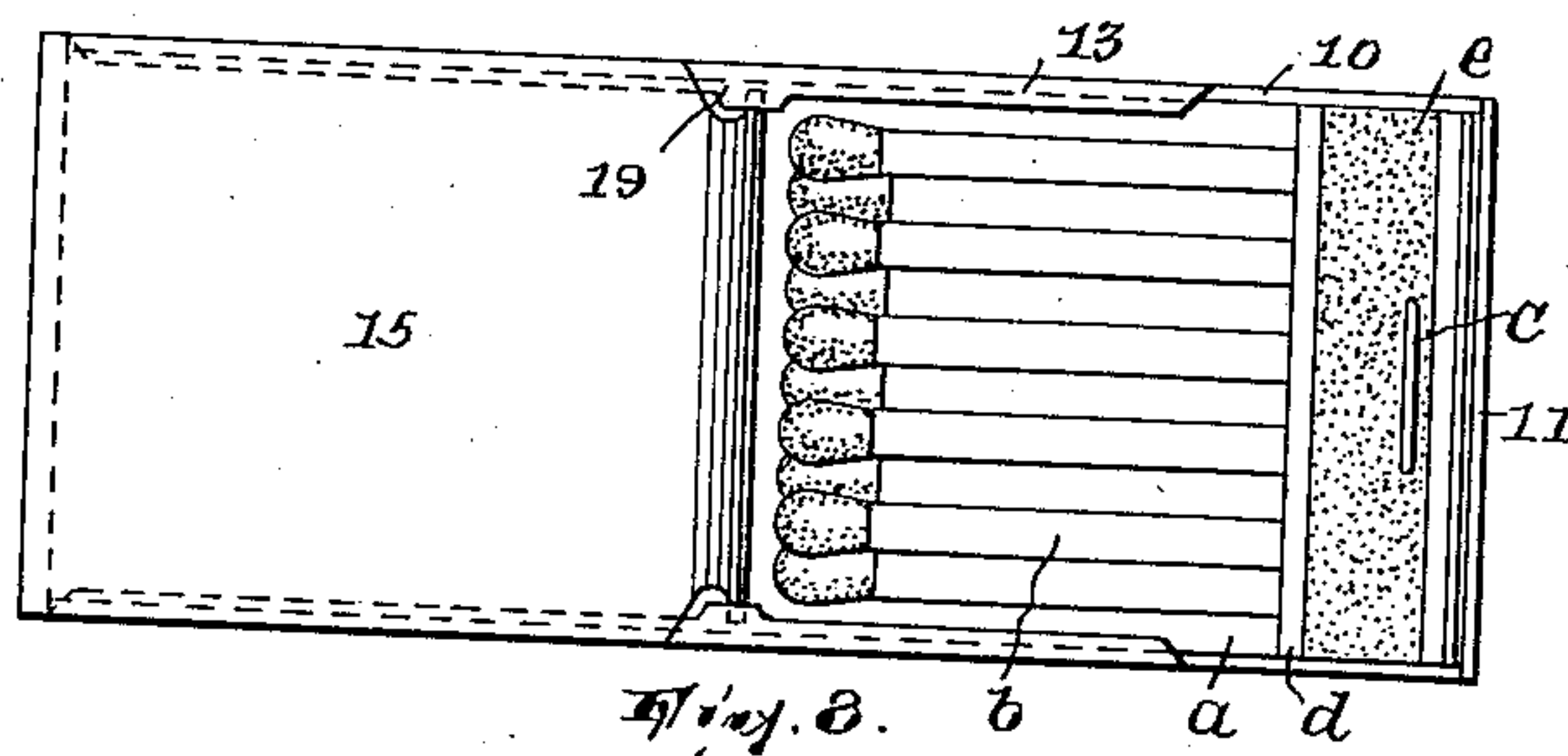
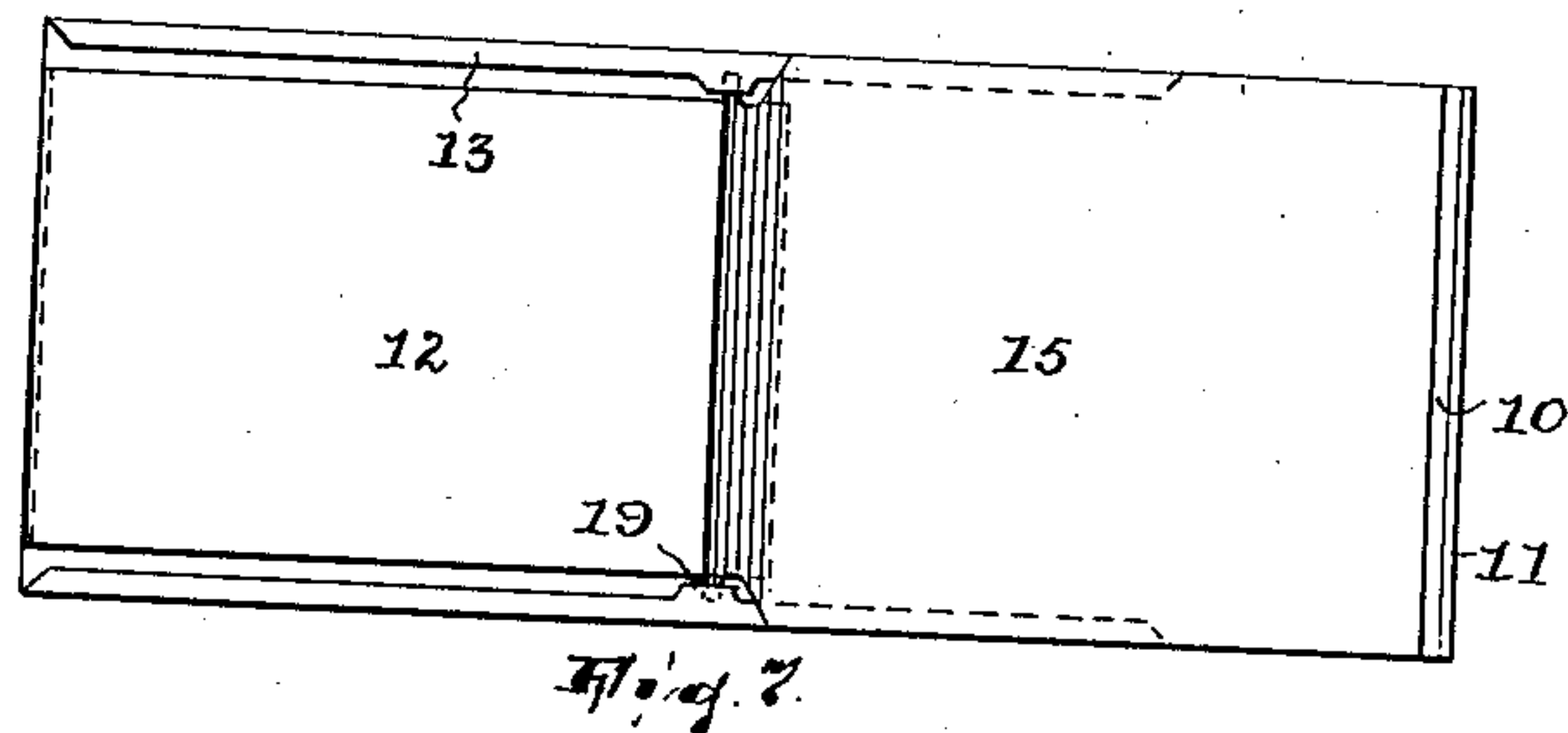
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Given a match-supply of the well-known type comprising an assembly of matches (usually of paper) arranged in layers and an elongated folder of stiff paper or equivalent sheet material having the match-assembly disposed on and covering about one-half of its length and secured thereto (usually by bending the corresponding terminus of the folder over the match-assembly and stapling through the rebend thus formed and said assembly) and having the remaining or free end portion of its length adapted to be folded into covering relation to the match-assembly, I aim by this invention to provide a device which will combine the functions of a place-card and such a match-supply.

There are two forms of the invention herein shown, each including a generally flat shell of amply stiff sheet material having portions to overhang the longitudinal margins of the folder of the match-supply or form opposite grooves into which such margins, when the folder has been extended, may be slid, whereby the folder is maintained by the shell in extended state. In one form, when the match-supply has been assembled with the shell the match-assembly overlies said overhanging portions of the shell and would thus of itself maintain the flanges in their overlapping state though the material of the shell may be somewhat lacking in the stability necessary for this purpose; however, I prefer to provide a movable cover for the match-assembly, which would be otherwise exposed, and this may be secured to both flanges and thus hold them in their overlapping state. In the other form the said overhanging portions are maintained in their overlapping relation by the inherent stiffness of the material (as sheet metal) of which the shell is formed. In this case there may also be a movable cover for the match-assembly. Both forms preferably provide for the presentation at the obverse side of the device of inscriptions, such as the host's or hostess's initials and the guest's name; and they are also both adapted to be stood upright on a table or the like surface so that the inscriptions may face the guest. Each form will be hereafter described in further detail.

In the drawings,

Fig. 1 is an obverse and Fig. 2 a reverse side view of the first form;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the reverse side of such form with the match-supply partially withdrawn from the shell and the cover in open position;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the obverse side

of such form in its normal state and with the cover closed;

Fig. 5 is a plan of the blank from which the shell of such form is made;

Fig. 6 is a plan of the match-supply, with its folder extended;

Figs. 7 and 8 are reverse side views of the other form, respectively showing the cover in its closed and open positions;

Figs. 9 and 10 are, respectively, reverse side views of the shell and its cover, separated;

Fig. 11 shows the cover in side elevation;

Fig. 12 is an enlarged fragmentary section longitudinally of and through the near flange in Fig. 7; and

Fig. 13 is an obverse side view of this second form.

The match-supply shown in Fig. 6 is of the known construction comprising an oblong folder *a* of card-board and a match-assembly *b* in which the matches (usually of paper) are arranged in layers, the butt portion of the match-assembly being held in a rebent extension of the folder by some such means as stapling at *c*, the extension or flap *d* having a striking surface *e*. This type of match-supply is utilized in both forms of the invention.

Referring to Figs. 1 to 5: The shell is formed from the blank shown in Fig. 5 having side edges 1 perpendicular to its parallel end edges 2, its width being not greater than double that of the folder *a* of the match-supply. It is folded on lines 3 parallel with its side edges 1 and spaced about the same as the width of the folder or so that the folder in extended or planiform state as shown and with its inner face (seen in Figs. 2 and 3) next to the overhangs or flanges 4 thus formed may be slid lengthwise, with its free end leading, into such shell as shown in Fig. 3. When this is done the match-assembly will overlie the overhangs 4 and without any other expedient would maintain them in their folded relation with respect to the body part 5 of the shell. But I prefer to provide a cover for the match-assembly and when such is the case there may be provision for holding the two flanges in their mentioned state independently of the match-assembly. Thus a cover-forming piece is shown at 6 formed from a blank of sheet material which provides an extension 6*a*. This extension is glued to the flanges 4 with the cover 6 extending from that end of the shell at which the folder is entered. When the cover is angularly displaced around an axis crosswise of the device from its initial position in the planiform state of the blank and so that it projects

toward the other end of the shell the bending at 7 will be so formed as to leave the cover appreciably spaced from the plane of the shell, at least near the axis of bending, whereupon the free end of the cover may be tucked under the flap *d* of the match-supply. Hence, and since the cover has the same width as the shell, when it is in its last-named or closed position (Figs. 2 and 4) the longitudinal edges of the cover and shell afford a base by which the device may be stood with such base on the surface of a table and hence in upright position. It is preferable that when the match-supply has been fully entered into the shell it should be completely hidden thereby as viewed in Fig. 1, wherefore, and so that the stapling at *c* will not prevent this, the flanges are cut away at 8. There may be on the body part 5 of the shell at its outer face an oblong-delineated area 9 in which the guest's name may be inscribed; and on the same face may also be inscribed the host's initials, etc.

Referring, now, to Figs. 7 to 13: Here the shell is of sheet metal. Its body part 10 is rectangular and has one end edge 11 bent up and an extension 12 projects from its other end and is folded back over the body part, projecting to an extent somewhat more than one-half the length of the latter. The material of the shell is resilient and this extension normally tends to assume an elevation above that at which it appears in Fig. 12. From the same end of the body part as this extension projects to a distance short of its other end portions 13, as flanges, extend from and overlie said body part, forming longitudinal opposite grooves 14. The extended folder of a match-supply such as is shown in Fig. 6 is telescoped into the shell, i. e., with the free end of its folder leading and its longitudinal edges in the grooves, the free end portion of the folder finally underlying the extension 12, and its opposite terminus being opposed by the upbent edge 11 of the shell. The extension thus forms a cover for the free end portion of the folder and a cover 15 for the match-assembly is formed from a rectangular blank of sheet metal which is as wide as the shell and somewhat more than half its length. One end portion is curved out of the plane of the remainder thereof as shown in Fig. 11. Near this end cut-outs 16 are formed in its long sides so as to leave flat trunnions 17, by which I mean that the dimension of each trunnion lengthwise of the blank is greater than the thickness dimension. This cover is to be assembled with the shell as shown so that it may be angularly displaced, with its trunnion end as its pivot end, from one to the other of two positions, to wit, covering the match-supply with its concave side inward, or overlying the extension 12, with its convex side inward. For this purpose the shell is provided with bearings 18, being in inwardly extended and angularly bent-up portions 19 of its flanges. When the trunnions are engaged with the bearings the corresponding end of the cover is subject to the pressure of the extension. The cover in effect forms a lever of the first class whose fulcrum is at the bearings. The extension tends to hold the cover with yielding pressure in either of its two mentioned positions to which it may be moved. The cover is formed as wide as the shell so that, taken with its curvature, a base by which the device may be stood with such base on a table surface in upright position is provided the same as in the first form. In this case, the body part of the shell may have an opening, as 20, through which the guest's name, to be inscribed on the back of the

match-supply folder, may appear; and the host's initials or the like may be engraved on the obverse face of said body portion.

Having thus fully described my invention what I claim is:

1. In combination, a match-supply of the class herein set forth having its folder extended in substantially planiform state and a generally flat shell of sheet material containing the folder independently of the match-assembly of such match-supply and covering the outer face of the folder and maintaining the folder in its said state.
2. In combination, a match-supply of the class herein set forth having its folder extended in substantially planiform state, a generally flat shell of sheet material containing the folder independently of the match-assembly of such match-supply and covering the outer face of the folder and maintaining the folder in its said state, and a cover of sheet material attached to the shell and movable into and out of covering relation to the match-assembly of the match-supply.
3. In combination, a match-supply of the class herein set forth having its folder extended in substantially planiform state, a generally flat shell of sheet material containing the folder independently of the match-assembly of such match-supply and covering the outer face of the folder and maintaining the folder in its said state, and a cover of sheet material supported by the shell and movable into and out of covering relation to the match-assembly of the match-supply around an axis extending transversely of the shell.
4. In combination, a match-supply of the class herein set forth having its folder extended in substantially planiform state and a generally flat shell of sheet material including a body part covering the outer face of the folder and portions extending from the body part into overhanging relation to the longitudinal margins of the folder and coacting with said body part to maintain said folder in said state.
5. In combination, a match-supply of the class herein set forth having its folder extended in substantially planiform state, a generally flat shell of sheet material including a body part covering the outer face of the folder and portions extending from the body part into overhanging relation to the longitudinal margins of the folder and coacting with said body part to maintain said folder in said state, and a cover of sheet material affixed to the outer faces of said portions and flexible around an axis extending transversely of the shell and thereby movable into and out of covering relation to the match-assembly of the match-supply.
6. In combination, a match-supply of the class herein set forth having its folder extended in substantially planiform state, a generally flat shell of sheet material including a body part covering the outer face of the folder and portions extending from the body part into overhanging relation to the longitudinal margins of the folder and coacting with said body part to maintain said folder in said state, and a cover for the match-assembly of said match-supply between which and said body part the folder extends, said cover being pivoted to the shell on an axis extending transversely thereof.
7. In combination, a match-supply of the class herein set forth having its folder extended in substantially planiform state, a generally flat shell of sheet material including a body part covering the outer face of the folder and portions extending from the body part in overhanging re-

lation to the longitudinal margins of the folder and coacting with said body part to maintain said folder in folded state and having at their under sides bearings in a line extending transversely of the shell, and a cover for the match-assembly of the match-supply between which and said body part the folder extends and having a fulcrum on said bearings, said shell having spring means engaged with the cover essentially of its fulcrum axis.

8. In combination, a match-supply of the class herein set forth having its folder extended in substantially planiform state, a generally flat shell of sheet material including a body part covering the outer face of the folder and portions extending from the body part in overhanging relation to the longitudinal margins of the folder and coacting with said body part to maintain said folder in folded state and having at their under sides bearings in a line extending transversely of the shell, and a cover for the match-assembly of the match-supply between which and said body part the folder extends and having a fulcrum on said bearings, said shell having an elastic extension covering the free end

portion of the folder and engaging the cover between said body part and the axis of said bearings.

9. The hereindescribed holder for a match-supply of the class herein set forth including a generally flat shell of sheet material having means to maintain the folder of such match-supply in extended state, in combination with a cover attached to the shell and movable into and out of covering relation to the match-assembly of said match-supply and when in covering relation thereto affording with one edge of the shell a base which may rest on a substantially horizontal surface to maintain the shell in up-standing position on such surface.

10. In combination, a match supply of the class herein set forth having its folder extended in substantially planiform state and a generally flat shell of sheet material containing and having approximately the same width as the folder, said shell affording clearance to the match-supply to permit removal of the folder from the shell with the match-assembly end of the match-supply leading.

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