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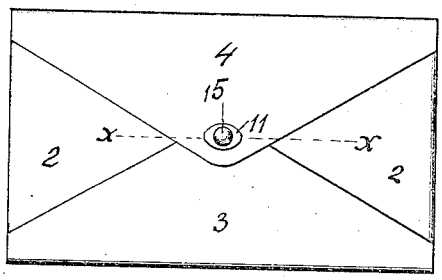

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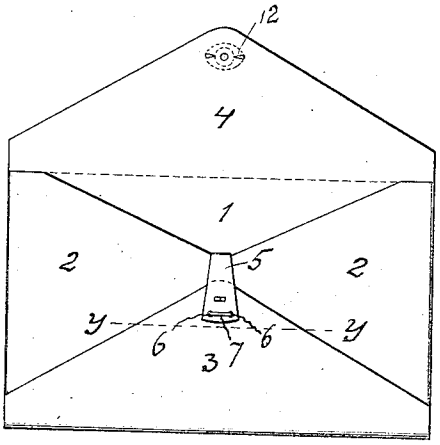

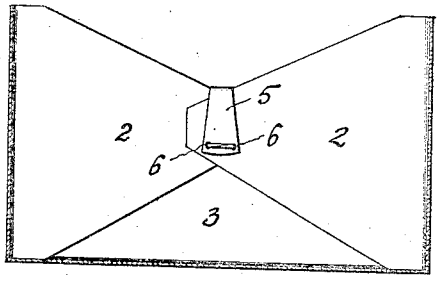

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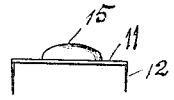

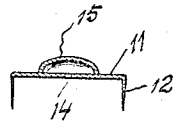

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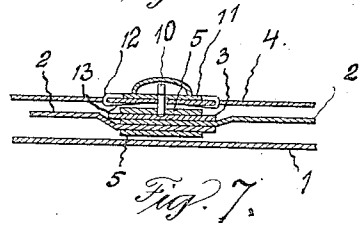

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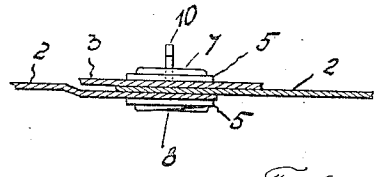

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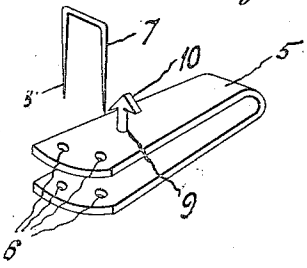

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHAN MAZALIN, a subject of the King of Hungary, residing at Passaic, in the county of Passaic and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to envelop fasteners, and the invention has for its objects to provide a fastener of a simple and inexpensive construction that can be easily applied to an envelop to positively seal and close the same, and to provide an envelop with a fastener that cannot be tampered with or opened without detection.

Other objects of my invention are to provide an envelop fastener that can be advantageously used in connection with large envelops, as used by express companies and railways, and to provide a fastener that can be easily and quickly closed without injuring or marring the envelop or the contents thereof.

These and such other objects as may hereinafter appear are attained by a fastening device that will be presently described in detail and then claimed, and reference will now be had to the drawing forming a part of this specification, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a rear elevation of an envelop provided with my improved fastener, illustrating the envelop in a closed position, Fig. 2 is a similar view of the envelop in an open position, Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of the envelop showing a portion of the fastener, Fig. 4 is a side elevation of a detached sealing member forming part of the fastener, Fig. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same, Fig. 6 is a longitudinal sectional view of a portion of the envelop taken on the line X—X of Fig. 1, Fig. 7 is a similar view taken on the line Y—Y of Fig. 2, and Fig. 8 is a perspective view of a detached portion of the fastener.

In the drawing 1 denotes the body of an envelop having end flaps 2 adapted to fold upon the body 1, a bottom flap 3 adapted to fold upon the end flaps 2, and a top or sealing flap 4 adapted to fold upon the end flaps 2 and the bottom flap 3. That portion of the fastener carried by the flaps 2 and 3 comprises a metallic stirrup 5 adapted to straddle the ends of the flaps 2 and 3 when folded, said stirrup having one side thereof within the envelop and the other without. To secure the stirrup to the flaps 2 and 3, the ends of the stirrup are provided with openings 6 and a staple 7 is adapted to extend through the openings and the flaps 2 and 3 and have the inner ends thereof clenched or bent upon the stirrup, as at 8.

The upper side of the stirrup 5 adjacent to the fastened end thereof is provided with a vertical pin 9 having a spear shaped head 10. That portion of the fastener carried by the top or sealing flap 4 comprises an oval plate 11 having the ends thereof provided with integral staples or prongs 12 adapted to extend through the end of the flap 4 and have the ends thereof clenched or bent upon the flap, as at 13. The plate 11 is provided with a central opening 14 and with a hollow button 15, the latter forming a socket to receive the spear shaped head 10 of the pin 9 when the flap 4 is pressed into engagement with the flap 3, as best shown in Figs. 1 and 6 of the drawing. Of course the flap 4 is pierced by the pin 9 when pressure is brought to bear upon the hollow button 15 to force said button into engagement with the pin of the stirrup 5.

The envelop fastener is made of light and durable metal and can be made of various sizes according to the character of envelop in connection with which the fastener is used.

Having now described my invention what I claim as new, is:—

1. In an envelop fastener, the combination with an envelop having end flaps, a bottom flap, and a top flap, of a stirrup adapted to straddle the ends of said bottom and end flaps, a pin carried by said stirrup and having a spear shaped head, a socket member carried by said top flap and adapted to receive the spear shaped head of said pin, said socket member comprising a plate having a central opening, prongs carried by said plate and adapted to hold the same in engagement with said flap, and a hollow button carried by said flap to provide a socket for the head of said pin.

2. In an envelop fastener, the combination with an envelop having end flaps, a bottom flap and a top flap, a stirrup adapted to straddle the ends of said bottom and end flaps, a staple for securing said stirrup to said flaps, a pin carried by said stirrup, a spear shaped head carried by said pin, and a socket member carried by said top flap and adapted to receive the spear shaped head of said pin.

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

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