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Fig. 1.

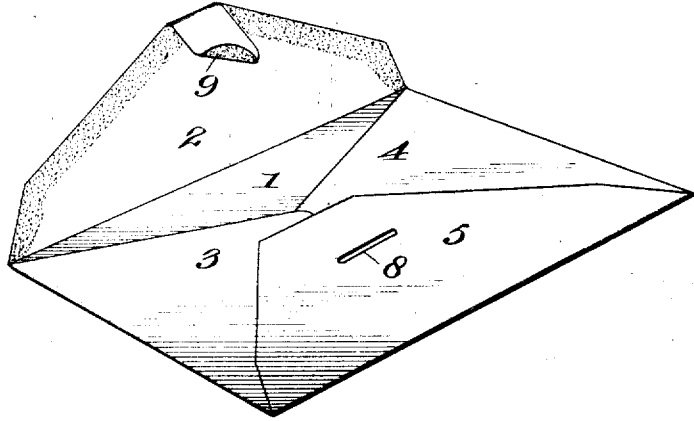


Fig. 2.

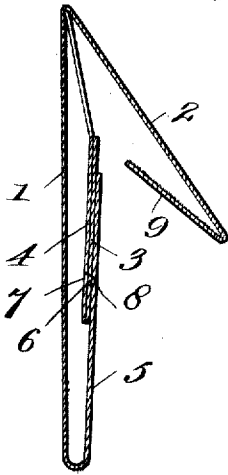
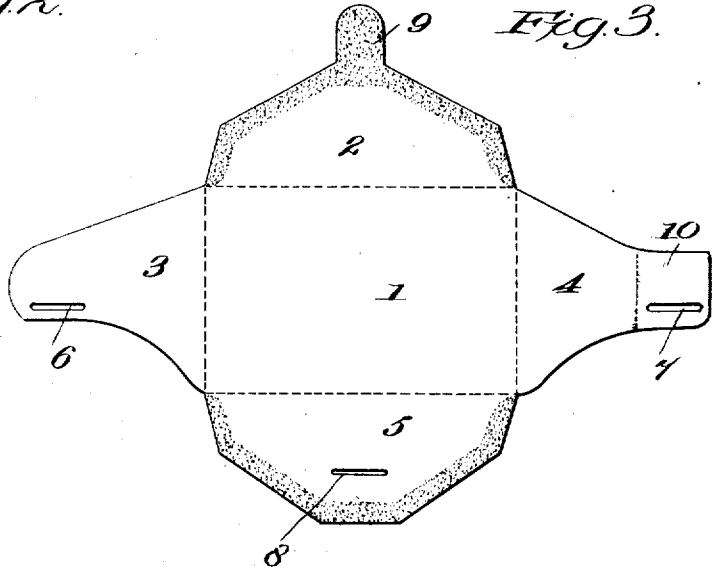


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LORENZ SCHWARTZ, a citizen of Germany, residing at Memphis, in the county of Shelby and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in envelops, and the object of my invention is to produce an envelop, of simple construction, so made as to render it impossible to open the envelop without detection.

With this object in view, my invention consists in the construction and combinations of parts as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings—Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved envelop with the upper flap raised, the tab being bent. Fig. 2 is a central cross section of the same, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the envelop with the parts opened out.

1 represents the body of the envelop, having a top flap 2, side flaps 3 and 4, and a bottom flap 5. The side flaps 3 and 4 are perforated as shown at 6 and 7, and the bottom flap 5 as shown at 8. The top flap is provided with a tab 9, and the body of the envelop is arranged so that the flaps will easily fold thereover, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 3. The flaps 2 and tab 9 are provided with the usual adhesive material on the inside, and the flap 5 is also provided with adhesive material, as indicated in Fig. 3.

The slot 6 is a little wider than the slot 8, and the slot 7 is a little wider than the slot 6. The flap 4 is extended as shown at 10, and in this extension the slot 7 is made. The extension 10 is waterproof, so that it is impossible to open the envelop by moistening or otherwise after it has once been closed.

In preparing the envelop, the flaps 3 and 4 are folded over the body 1 and the flaps 5 and 2 are then folded over the flaps 3 and 4, the adhesive material having been previously moistened. In using the envelop the tab 9 is passed upward through the slots 6, 7 and 8, the whole being then firmly sealed together.

The envelop is no heavier than an ordinary envelop and can be easily manufactured in an ordinary envelop machine. After having been once sealed, however, owing to the particular arrangement of the slots and tab passing through them and the waterproof material of which the extension 10 is made, it cannot be opened without showing plainly that it has been tampered with.

I claim:—

An envelop consisting of a rectangular body with a flap on each edge thereof, the side and bottom flaps being provided with perforations of the same length but of different widths, and the bottom flap being provided with adhesive material on its inside, one of said side flaps having the end through which the slit is made waterproofed, the bottom and side flaps being adapted to be folded over the body of the envelop with the flap having the waterproofed portion on the inside, the top flap being provided with a central projecting tab, said tab and said flap being provided with adhesive material and said flap being adapted to be folded down over the other three flaps and to have the tab passed up through said slit on the inside and to be sealed against the waterproofed portion of one of the side flaps, substantially as described.

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

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