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Fig. 2.

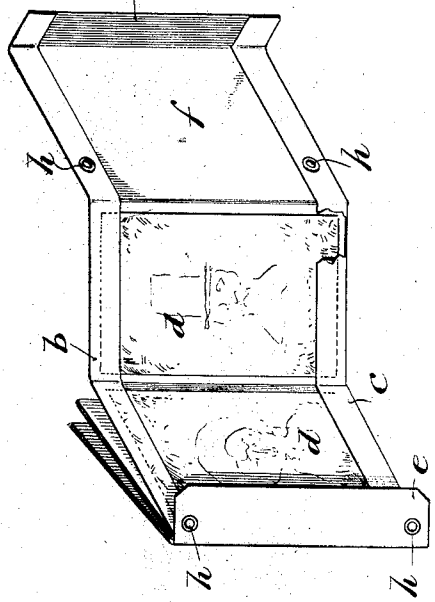


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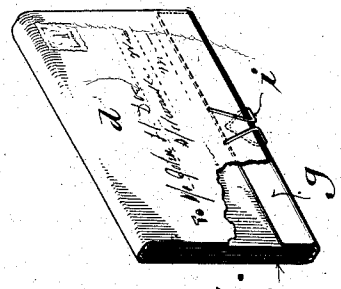
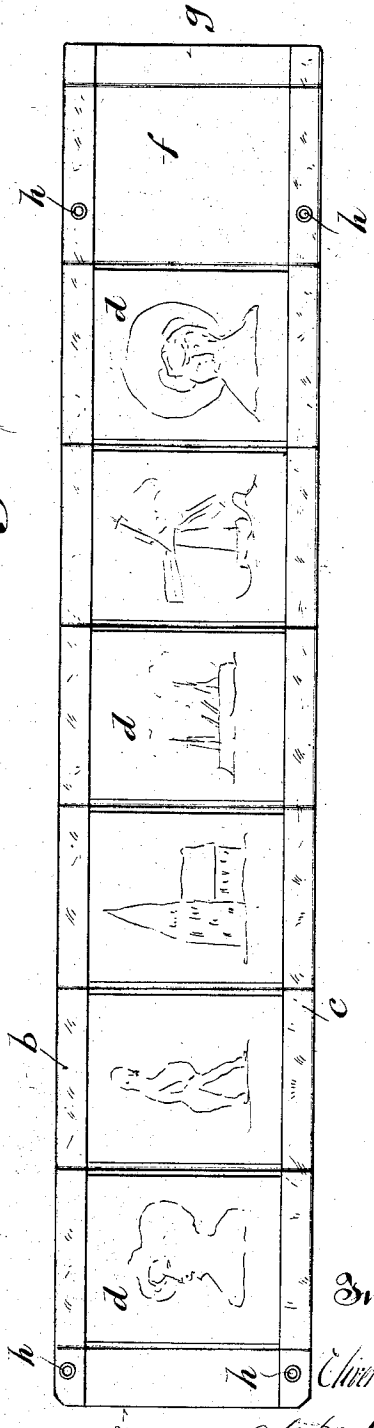


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OLIVER E. LEWIS, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

The invention has for its object to provide simple, economical folding envelops especially designed for exhibiting and mailing picture post-cards in series; said invention consisting in what is herein set forth in claims following a description having particular reference to the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 of the drawings represents a perspective view of an envelop in accordance with my invention folded and secured for mailing, the same being partly broken, Fig. 2, a perspective view of the envelop partly open and displaying its contents, and Fig. 3, a front elevation of said envelop and contents.

The drawings illustrate a sheet of pliable material, preferably a suitable paper, that is longer than wide and has its longitudinal edges inturned to form upper and lower narrow continuous folds *b*, *c*, for the retention of picture post-cards *d* of standard size arranged at intervals between said sheet and folds. The body of the sheet and its aforesaid folds are transversely creased at intervals to provide for folding the same between the cards or card-spaces, and flaps *e*, *f*, *g*, are a result of the creasing.

Eyelets *h* are employed to fasten the folds *b*, *c*, to the remainder of the sheet A, and tacks may be engaged with the upper eyelets and any suitable support to suspend the envelop and its contents. Hanging cords or ribbons may be run through the eyelets of a plurality of envelops to unite the same opened out for the display of their contents, said envelops being placed to abut one another or at variable intervals apart, according to taste. In this arrangement of envelops, it may be preferable to fold back the flaps *e*, *f*, *g*, and secure the same with any well known form of paper-clip.

For mailing, the envelop is folded as partly shown in Fig. 2, the end-flap *e* being tucked in wherever most convenient or desirable, after which this flap and the folds therewith are laid over the last picture space of the envelop, the flap *f* brought over parallel to all the folds and the flap *g* tucked in between adjacent folds of the packet, a paper-clip *i* being employed to secure said packet against accidental opening without closing the same against postal inspection. The packet is now ready for addressing and mailing. The address may be placed upon either side of the packet, and in practice it will be preferable to designate the address side by suitable ruling and printing, as is commonly done with individual post-cards.

The various folds and flaps of the envelop may be utilized for printed matter, of various kinds, and envelops similar to the one herein set forth will be found of great advantage to picture card dealers and buyers, as well as to advertisers and picture card collectors; particularly as each envelop and a series of cards of at least six can be sent by mail for the same postage as one card.

Each envelop and its picture contents may constitute a wall or window display, and this display may be indefinitely enlarged by joining envelops one to another by stringing or tying through the eyelets of each.

I claim:

1. A card mailing and display envelop consisting of a single oblong sheet of pliable material having its longitudinal edges inturned to form upper and lower narrow continuous folds, and means fastening each fold to the body of the sheet adjacent to the ends of same, said sheet and its folds being transversely creased at intervals of its length to provide for folding between card-spaces into which it is divided by the creasing.

2. A card mailing and display envelop consisting of a single oblong sheet of pliable material having its longitudinal edges inturned to form upper and lower narrow continuous folds, and eyelets fastening each fold to the body of the sheet adjacent to the ends of same for the engagement of suspension devices, said sheet and its folds being transversely creased at intervals of its length to provide for folding between card-spaces into which it is divided by the creasing.

3. A card mailing and display envelop consisting of a single oblong sheet of pliable material having its longitudinal edges inturned to form upper and lower narrow continuous folds, means fastening each fold to the body of the sheet adjacent to its ends, said sheet and its folds being transversely

creased at intervals of its length to provide for folding between card-spaces and flaps into which it is divided; and means for fastening the packet formed by said folding without closing said packet against postal inspection, said flaps being disposed to overlap packet-folds between the card-spaces aforesaid.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Milwaukee in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin in the presence of two witnesses.

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