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Fig. 1.

USE SPACE AND SEALS IN NUMERICAL ORDER. NUMBERS MUST CORRESPOND. OPEN WITH LEAD PENCIL FROM CENTER TO ENDS OF FLAP.		5
1	USE SEALS No. 1	4
2	USE SEALS No. 2	5
3	USE SEALS No. 3	6

Fig. 2.

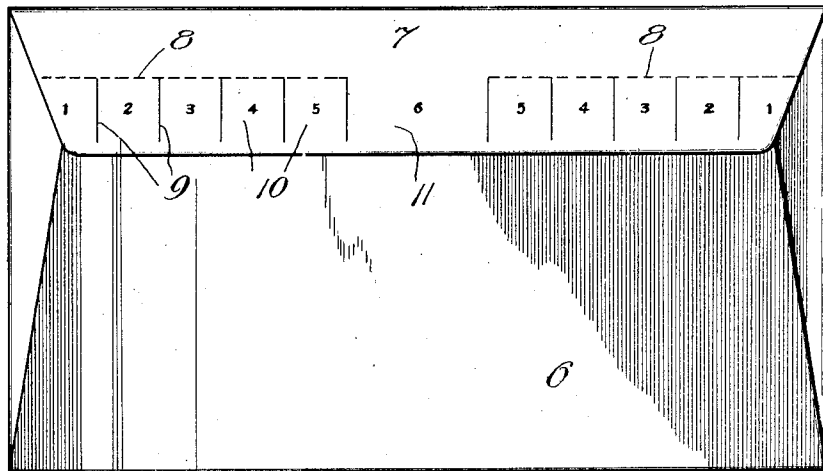
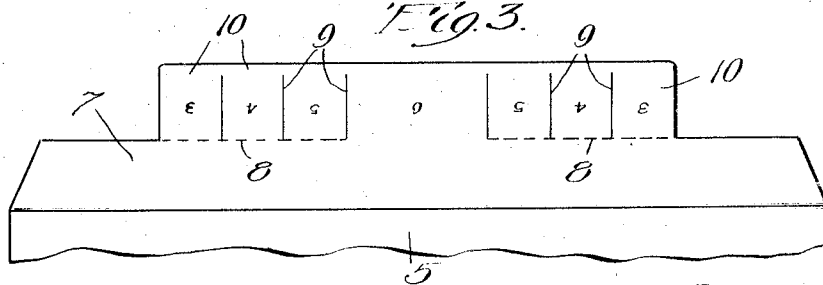


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. HOFFMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to envelops, more particularly to certain novel and improved features by which they may be adapted for repeated use in forwarding matter under seal. Envelops of this character are especially serviceable in the railroad business for carrying messages from station to station, or other places.

As a suggestive embodiment of this invention, the accompanying drawing exhibits in—

Figure 1, a plan view of the present invention;

Fig. 2, a rear view thereof; and in

Fig. 3, a fragmentary view of the upper face portion, with flap extended outwardly, of the envelop after being twice used.

The envelop body, in the present instance, may be formed, as is usual, with a front face 5, a rear face 6, and sealing flap 7. This latter part is specially formed, however, by being perforated as at 8 from each end toward the center, as shown in Fig. 2, and having a plurality of slits, perforations, or cuts 9, arranged transversely of the perforations 8, all extending toward the flap edge so as to provide in effect separable flap sections, each designated as 10. According to this construction, each end of the flap is provided with an equal number of sections 10, a widened section 11 remaining in the center, as shown. All of the flap sections are suitably gummed so that any one or more of them may be caused to adhere to the rear side of the envelop body for the purpose of providing a seal.

As an aid to the use of this envelop, certain directions may be printed on its face, as, for instance, is shown in Fig. 1. In addition, other spaces may be marked off, each adapted to receive the address to which the envelop is to be forwarded. I have shown

six such spaces marked off, corresponding to one-half the number of detachable sections provided on the flap, these sections being numbered in duplicate commencing at the flap ends.

The first time that the present envelop is to be used, space number 1 will receive the proper address marking, and the end seals similarly numbered will be adhered to the rear side of the envelop, thus providing a seal for its contents. Upon delivery, the envelop will be opened by tearing the flap around the two sections numbered 1, thus leaving these sections adhered to the body, but permitting the remainder of the flap to open up for the removal of the contents from the envelop. A similar procedure is followed when the envelop is used for forwarding matter to the second addressee, the address space and flap sections numbered 2 being used on this occasion. When the envelop has been again opened by tearing off the sections numbered 2, the flap will present an appearance such as is shown in Fig. 3. In this manner the envelop may be used over and over again until the address spaces and gummed flap sections are used up, at which time the envelop will have served its usefulness.

I claim:

An envelop having a closure flap which is perforated from its ends toward the center, there being other cuts extended transversely from the perforations toward the flap edge providing a plurality of detachable flap sections each of which is gummed on its rear side for adhesion to the envelop body, the flap affording a closure for the envelop when the two sections thereof at opposite ends of the flap are adhered to the body and affording an opening for the envelop when such two adhered sections are detached from the body, a plurality of closures being thereby provided each capable of being successively utilized, substantially as described.

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