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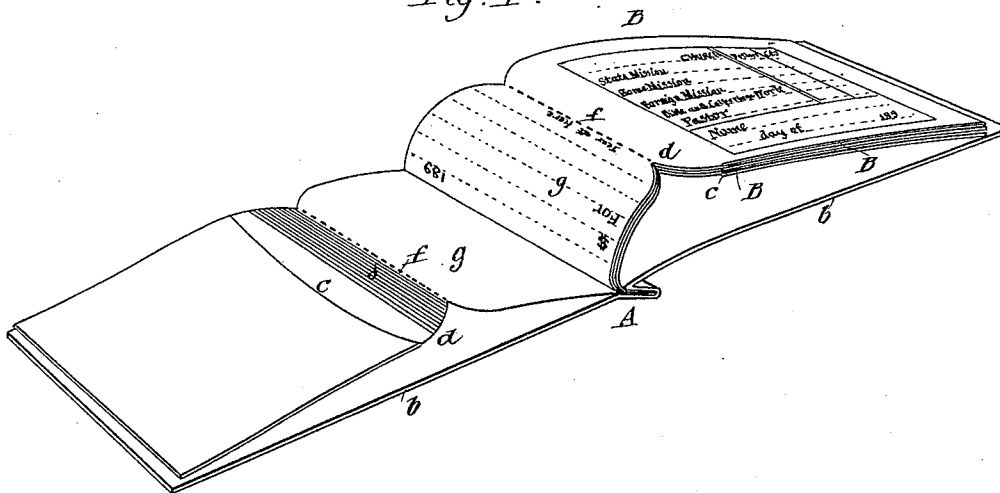


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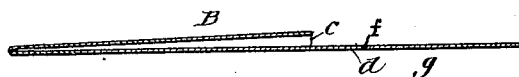
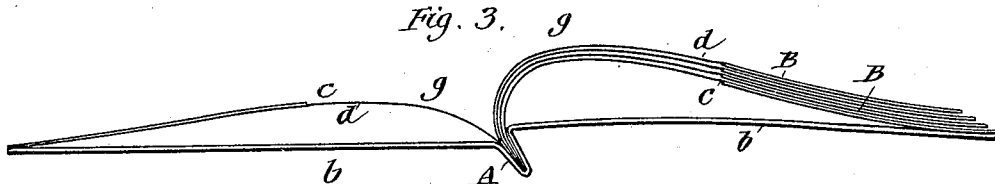


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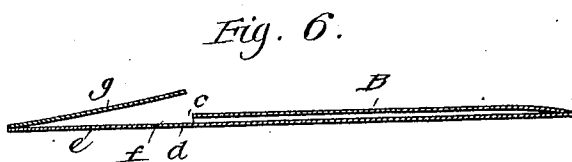
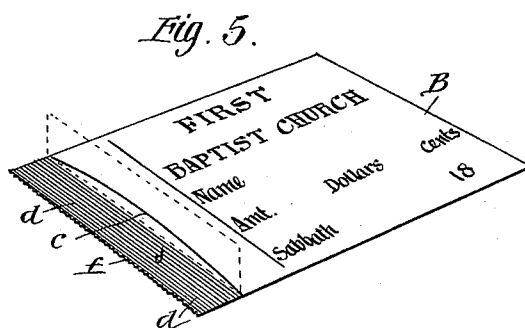
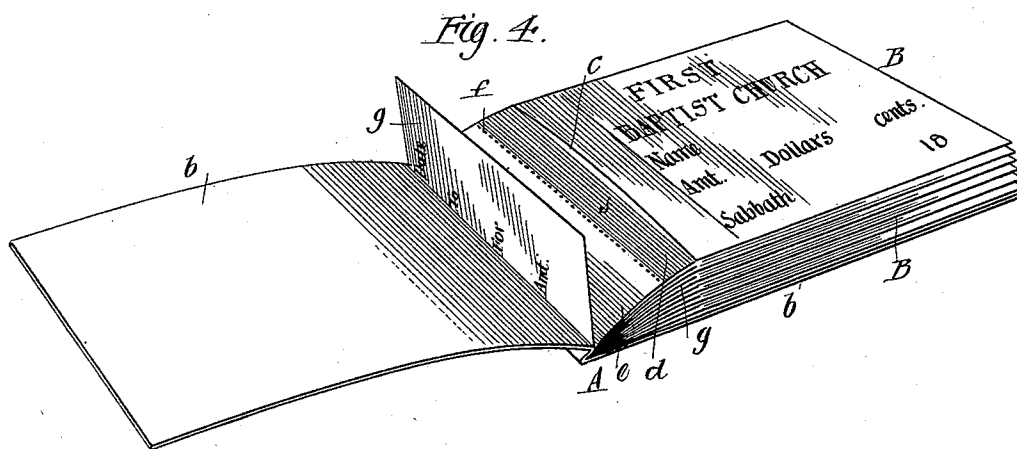
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ENVELOPE-BOOK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARCELLUS M. HITT, of Sheffield, in the county of Colbert and State of Alabama, have invented a new and Improved Envelope-Book, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of an envelope-book embodying my invention, said view showing the book open. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of one of the envelopes with its corresponding stub shown at the left hand of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a side view of said envelope-book open, as in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 represents a perspective view showing a modified construction of the envelope-book, said view exhibiting the book open and with the stub belonging to one of the envelopes exposed. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one of the envelopes under such modified construction of the book detached and before it is closed, and Fig. 6 a longitudinal section of one of said envelopes with its stub.

Referring in the first instance to Figs. 1, 2, and 3 of the drawings, A indicates the book, which may have its covers *b b* and back of any suitable material and which has bound up in it any number of envelopes B with their mouth ends *c* innermost. The front sides of the envelopes are extended backward or inward to form a flap portion *d* and an extension *g*, which latter in this case constitutes the stub and serves to provide for the binding of each envelope in the book and which is separated from the flap portion *d* by a dividing line or row of perforations *f*, and, if desired, the marginal edges of the flap and stub may be reversely shaped or curved to better provide for the detachment of the envelope from the book. The flap portion *d* is designed to be gummed, as shown at *s*, on its face, so that after the envelope has been detached and filled with the intended amount of money the flap may be closed over or down on the back of the body of the envelope and

on suitably wetting it the envelope will be sealed or closed.

In distributing the envelopes for use they are simply detached from the book by tearing each one off along its line or row of perforations *f*, which separates the flap *d* from the extension or stub *g*, and each envelope carries on the face of it the necessary inscriptions, such as, in case of a church envelope, the name of the donor, amount subscribed, or suitable headings to be filled in, object of the contribution, &c. The stubs also are suitably inscribed or left with blank spaces or headings to be filled in corresponding with the envelopes.

In Figs. 4, 5, and 6 of the drawings the envelope-book also consists of a series of detachable envelopes and a corresponding series of stubs, all bound in the same package; but in this modification of the book the envelopes B, having their mouth ends *c* innermost, as before, have their rear sides extended backward or inward to form a flap portion *d* and additional piece *e*, which latter provides for the binding of each envelope in the book and from which the envelope is detachable, when required, along the dividing line or row of perforations *f* for use of the envelope, as before. In this case the stub *g*, one for each envelope, is a separate piece bound in with the book. In both cases the stubs serve as a record of the particulars of each envelope, thereby proving a great convenience and furnishing a correct account and condensed memorandum of the series of envelopes as removed from the book.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In an envelope-book, the combination of a series of separately-detachable envelopes B, having their mouths *c* at their inner ends and provided with closing-flaps *d* beyond said ends, and attached extension binding-pieces constituting stubs *g*, detachable from said flaps and bound with the envelopes in the book, substantially as shown and described.

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