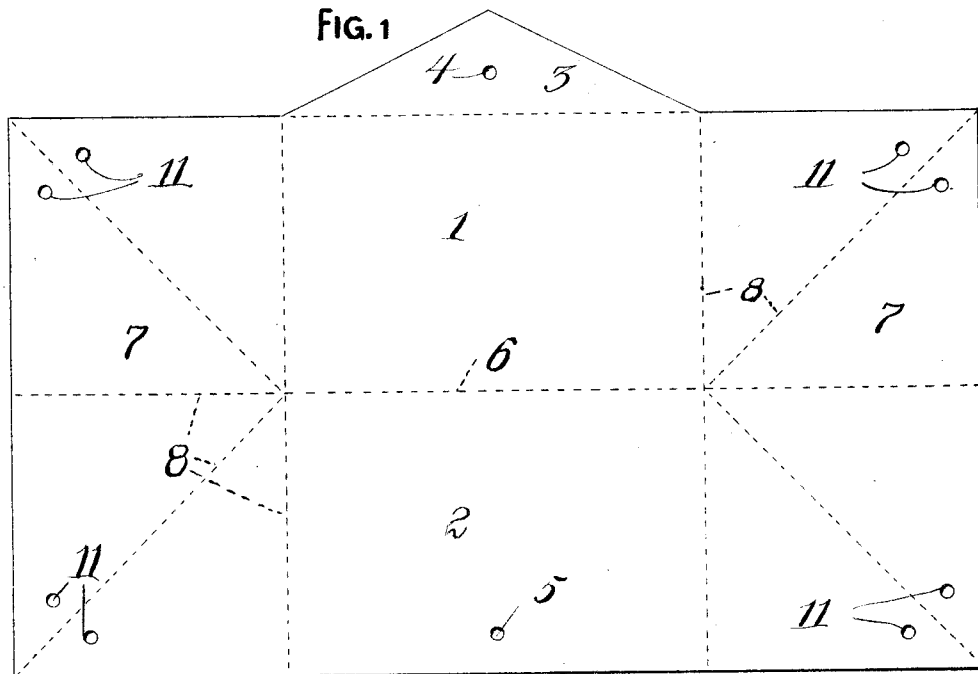
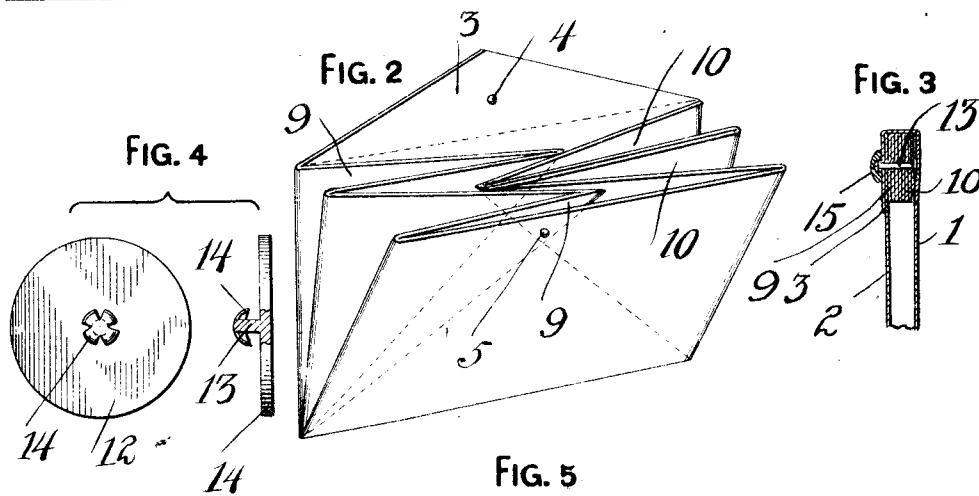
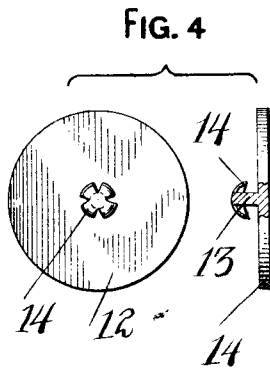
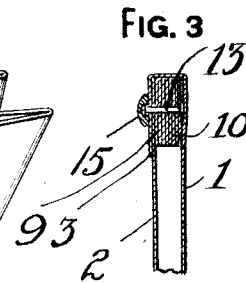
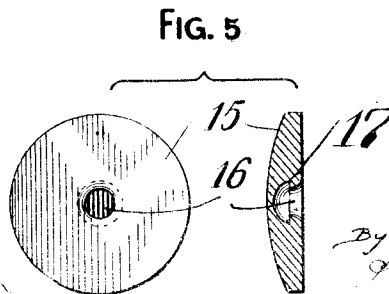


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN V. HUDSON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Wilksburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, 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 envelops, and has special reference to that type of envelop commonly styled a "safety envelop" and used for transmitting valuable papers and other matter by mail, express and messengers.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a one piece envelop blank that can be easily and quickly folded to form an inclosure having the folded sections thereof connected in a manner that prevents the envelop from being rifled or surreptitiously opened.

A further object of this invention is to provide a simple, durable and inexpensive envelop of the above type that has a novel fastening device for retaining the envelop in a closed position.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention resides in a novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter specifically described and then claimed.

Reference will now be had to the drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a plan of a blank piece of material from which the envelop is made. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the blank folded to form an open envelop. Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross sectional view of a portion of the envelop closed. Fig. 4 illustrates detailed views of an inner fastener member, and Fig. 5 illustrates detailed views of an outer fastener member.

An envelop in accordance with this invention is formed from a substantially rectangular piece of suitable material capable of being folded and which is first folded upon the dotted lines 6 and then further folded upon the dotted lines 8. The folding of the material upon the dotted lines 6 and 8 provide a rectangular front and rear flap 1 and 2 respectively. The folding upon the dotted lines 8 provide at one side of the front and rear flaps 1 and 2 inwardly ex-

tending triangular flaps 9 and upon the other side of the front and rear flaps inwardly extending triangular flaps 10. The triangular flaps 9 and 10 provide two pair of end flaps which are indicated by the reference character 7. The end flaps of one pair extending between the end flaps of the other pair. The front flap 1 has projecting therefrom a sealing flap 3, the latter being provided with an opening 4 which is adapted to register with an opening 5 in the back flap 2. The end flaps 7 are provided with openings 11 which register with the openings 4 and 5.

The fastener used for closing the envelop comprises an inner member and an outer member, illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5. The inner member 5 is in the form of a flat disk 12 provided with a concentric shank 13 having a semi-spherical slitted compressible head 14. This member is placed in the envelop and the head and shank thereof forced through the openings 5 and 11 of the envelop body and after the valuable matter has been placed in the envelop, the flap 3 is closed and forced over the head 14 of the inner fastener members.

The outer member is designated 15 and is in the form of a button having a concentric socket 16 provided with an annular shoulder 17. The outer member is forced over the head of the inner member and the head 14 is compressed as it passes into the socket, but assumes its natural or extended position when seated within the socket and is prevented from becoming accidentally displaced or tampered with by reason of said head engaging the annular shoulder 17 of the socket.

The safety envelop is closed in a manner that prevents the contents of the envelop from being removed without detection, and the outer fastener member is susceptible to any desired ornamentation, for instance by the monogram of a person using the envelop.

What I claim is:—

A safety envelop comprising longitudinal, front and rear flaps and a series of triangular end flaps, projecting toward each other, and the inner terminus of the first mentioned end flaps extending between the two opposing flaps of the other pairs, a sealing flap formed integral with the front flap, an inner fastening member extending

through the ends of the end flap, the rear flap and through and projecting from said sealing flap, and an outer fastening member arranged upon the projecting end of the
5 fastening member so that the sealing flap, end flap and the rear flaps are secured together.

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

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