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DOUBLE ENVELOP.

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Fig. 1

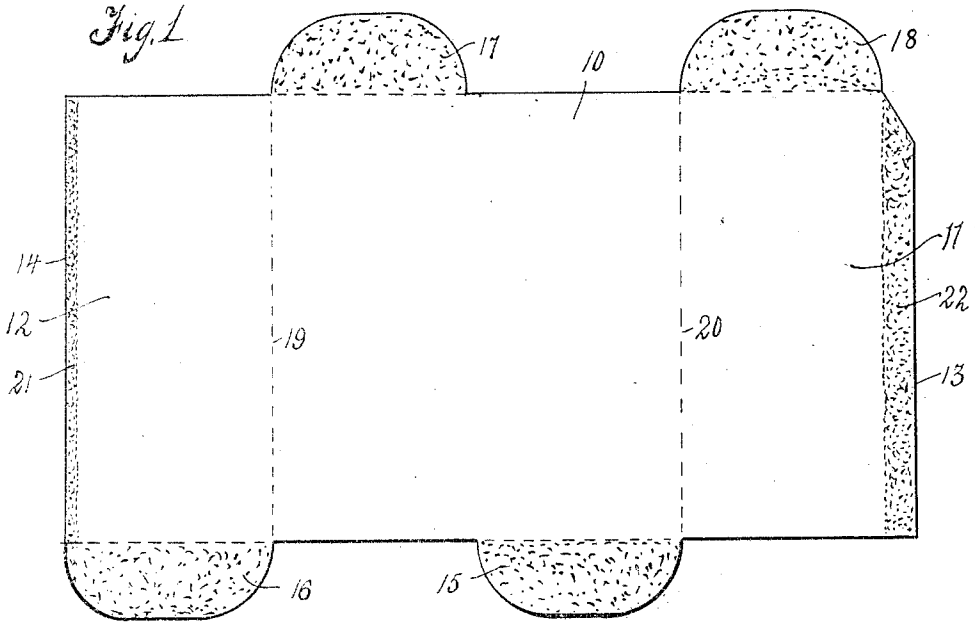
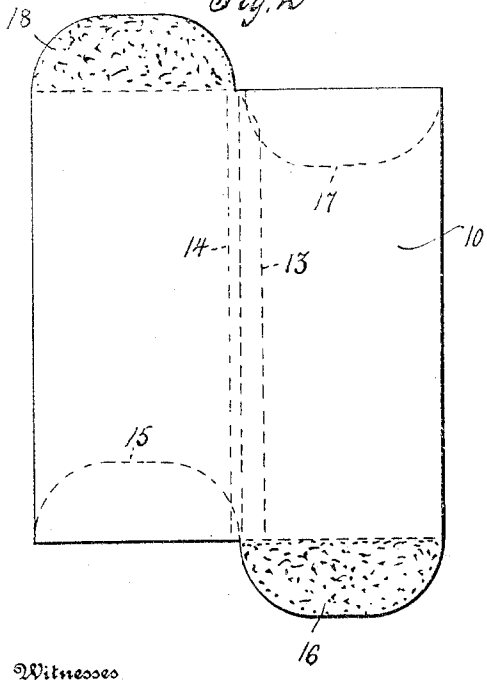


Fig. 2



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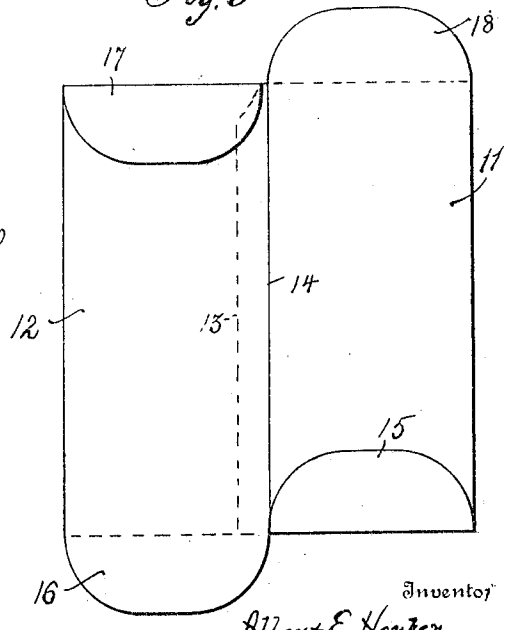

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT E. HARKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Windsor, in the county of Mercer, State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Double 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.

This invention relates to envelops of the class wherein two independently accessible pockets are provided, and has for its object to improve the construction and increase the efficiency and utility of devices of this character.

With this and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction as hereafter shown and described and then specifically pointed out in the claim, and in the drawings illustrative of the preferred embodiment of the invention, Figure 1 is a view of the blank from which the envelop is constructed, with the adhesive material applied. Fig. 2 is a view of the envelop in folded position, viewed from the address side. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 viewed from the rear side.

The improved envelop comprises a body 10 with side flaps 11—12 extending from the sides the body being double and greater in width than the combined side flaps, so that a neutral space is produced centrally of the body. The side flap 11 is provided with a relatively wide sealing flap 13 extending from its outer side, while the flap 12 is provided with a relatively narrow sealing flap 14 extending from its outer side. Extending from the side flap 11, is a closure flap 18, while a similar closure flap 16 projects from the opposite end of the side flap 12. A like closure flap 17 projects from the body 10 next to the side flap 12, and a like closure flap 15 projects from the body at the opposite end thereof next to the end flap 11. The side flap 11 is foldable upon the adjacent portion of the body 10 along the line 20, while the side flap 12 is also foldable upon the adjacent portion of the body 10 along the line 19. The relatively narrow projection 14 is provided with adhesive material indicated at 21 so that when the side flap 12 with its projection 14 is folded upon the body 10, the flap 12 will be secured to the neutral portion of the body 10 by moistening the adhesive material 21. Then when the side flap 11 is folded upon the body 10 the projection 14, which is also provided with adhesive material indicated at 21, will overlap the projecting portion 14 of the side flap 12, and is secured thereon by moistening the adhesive material 21. The closure flaps 15 and 17 are then folded over the adjacent portions of the side flaps 11—12 and secured thereto by moistening the adhesive material with which they are provided, as represented in Figs. 2 and 3. By this means an envelop is produced having two independent pockets accessible at points respectively opposite the flaps 16 and 18, the relatively narrow strip of adhesive material 21 forming a division between the two pockets, as will be understood.

It will be noted that by arranging two of the closure flaps of the body portion upon opposite ends thereof and at opposite sides of the neutral dividing space and locating the closure flaps of the side flaps at opposite ends thereof and spaced from the closure flaps of the body, that the envelop can be cut from sheets of paper with substantially no waste of material, as the flaps at one end interlap with the spaces between the flaps at the other ends. This is an important advantage and effects a substantial and material saving in the material.

One of the pockets may be closed by the flap 16, while the remaining pocket may be closed by the flap 18. The flaps 16 and 18 are located at opposite ends of the completed envelop so that one pocket is accessible at one end of the envelop, while the remaining pocket is accessible at the other end. By this means confusion is avoided and the tendency to error relative to the contents of the pockets is obviated.

The improved envelop may be employed for a variety of purposes, but is designed more particularly for use in churches and like organizations where individuals are desirous of contributing to different funds or benevolences, and by employing the two pocket envelop the funds may be kept separate and thus avoid error on the part of the treasurer or other officials, having charge of the funds.

While the envelop is designed for use more particularly for the purposes above described, it will be understood that it is not desired to limit the use of the envelop in any desired manner.

The improved envelop may be constructed from any suitable material and of any desired size.

What is claimed is:—

An envelop having a double body separated by a neutral space and with side flaps foldable over the body and adapted to be sealed upon the neutral space, said body having a closure flap at one end located upon one side of the neutral space and with a closure flap extending from the opposite end and located at the other side of the neutral space, and each of said side flaps having a closure flap extending from one end and spaced respectively from the closure flaps of the body, whereby a plurality of the improved envelops may be produced with substantially no waste of material.

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

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