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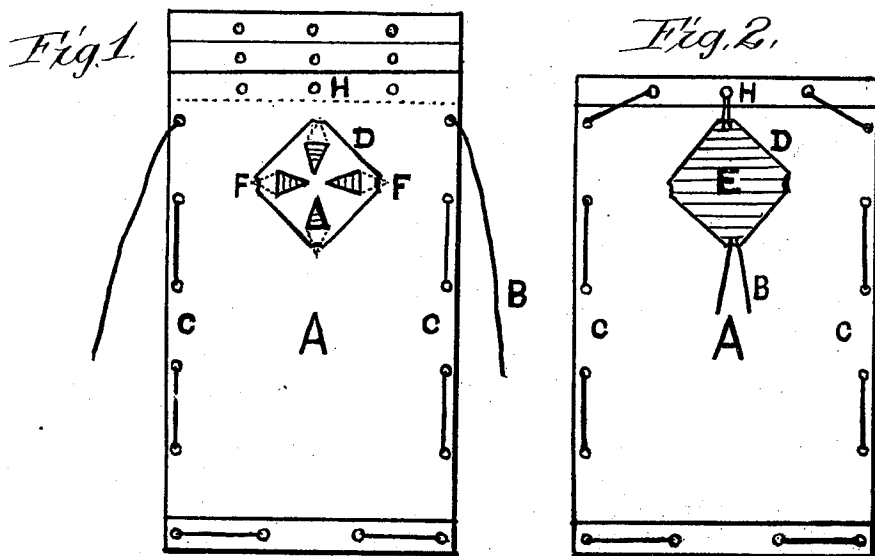
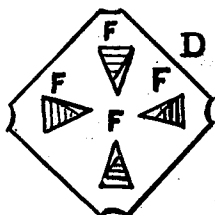


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW J. RITTER, a resident of Rahway, county of Union, and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and improved safety-envelope or outward wrapper, which cannot be opened or tampered with without being mutilated to such an extent that detection must follow immediately thereafter; also, at the same time to provide an envelope or outward wrapper that will not uncloseth itself in case it comes in contact with water; also, to provide an adjustable metal receptacle for holding the sealing-wax safe from breakage, as is the case where sealing-wax is placed directly on the paper, of which the following is a specification.

I attain these objects by means that are illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1, represents the folded or made up envelope A in full form, the edges being riveted together with the eyelets or solid rivets on all sides except at the opening at the top where valuable packages are supposed to be passed in. Fig. 2 is the envelope entirely closed the opening at the top being riveted down with eyelets same as the other parts. A safety string is passed through all of the eyelets or eyelet holes to the center hole at the top, and from thence into an adjustable receptacle which is attached to the envelope and sealed down with sealing-wax. Fig. 3, is the adjustable pan or receptacle for holding the sealing-wax and protecting the same from breakage, the pan being attached to the envelope by means of lugs or otherwise.

Similar letters refer to similar parts.

The envelope A is constructed of good strong paper generally used for such purposes and folded as shown at Figs. 1 and 2, and instead of holding the envelope A together in the old way with adhesive substances only, I rivet the edges together with eyelets *e' e' e' e'*, the same being placed about one quarter of

an inch from the edge and at suitable distances apart to hold the inside package or valuables intact, thereby preventing the contents from being cut out from the edge of the envelope A by the pilferer's knife, or lost out by coming in contact with water by accident or otherwise. To make the contents of the envelope A, doubly secure and prevent the filing off of the eyelets *e' e' e' e'*, I pass a safety string, tape or wire B through the eyelets or eyelet holes the ends meeting at the top and passing through the center hole H into the receptacle or pan D where the ends of the safety string B are permanently fastened down with the sealing-wax E, and stamped in the usual way as shown at E Fig. 2.

The receptacle or pan D is fastened to the back of the envelope A by means of lugs F F cut from the bottom of the pan D and securely clasped inside of the envelope A as at F F Fig. 1.

I do not claim any particular shape or form or kind of paper for the construction of the envelope A. Nor do I claim any particular substance for the safety string B, or any particular form or size or number of eyelets *e' e' e' e'* for holding the edges of the envelope together, or any particular size or form for the sealing-wax receptacle.

What I do claim as my invention, and desire to secure to me by Letters Patent, is—

A safety envelope having a wax-pan firmly secured to one of its sides, the sides, ends, and flap of the envelope being provided with suitable eyelet-holes, and a securing string, the string being adapted to be passed through the eyelet holes and have its ends secured in the wax-pan, all substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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