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COMBINED ENVELOPE AND DISPLAY STAND.

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Fig. 1

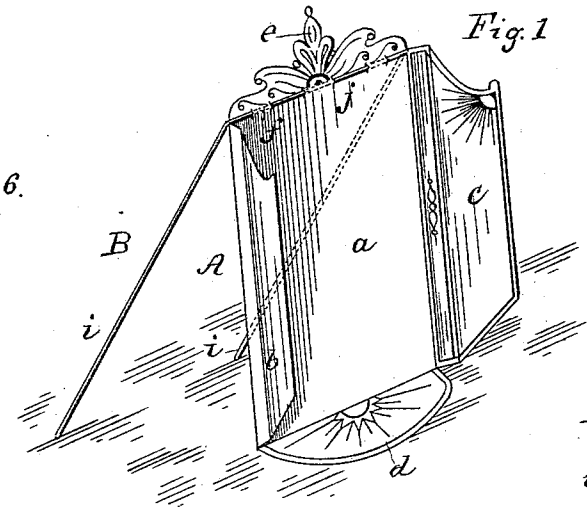


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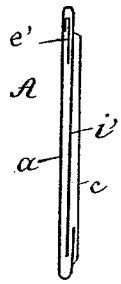


Fig. 5

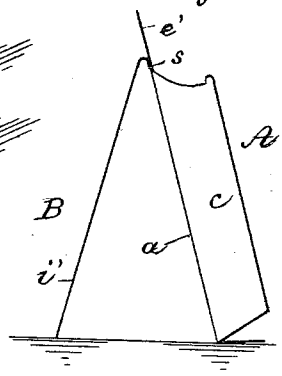


Fig. 2

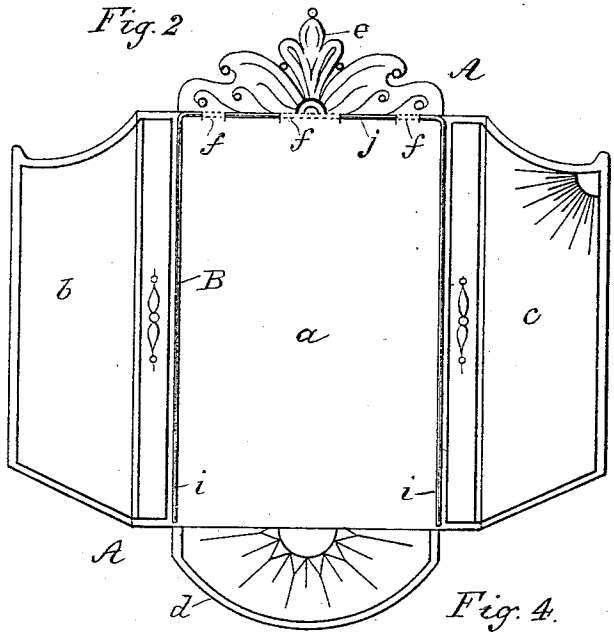


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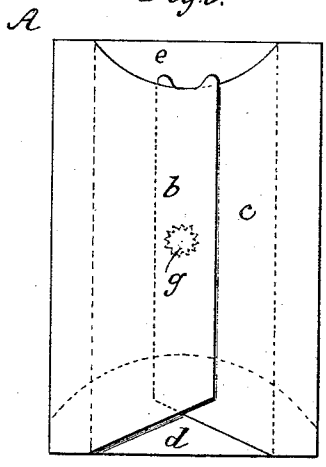
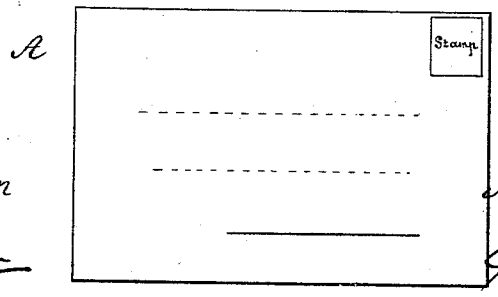


Fig. 4.



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COMBINED ENVELOPE AND DISPLAY-STAND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED MARTIN COSTELLO, a citizen of the United States, residing at Great Barrington, in the county of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Combined Envelope and Display-Stand, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a combined envelope or wrapper and display-stand adapted to receive and inclose articles of merchandise or other matter, whereby they may be transmitted through the mail or otherwise and be handled without damage, and containing or having means by which the envelope or wrapper may be utilized as a display-stand for the inclosed matter.

The accompanying drawings illustrate a practical embodiment of the invention, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, the article being shown in its use as a display-stand. Fig. 2 is a front elevation, the parts being in a position ready for inclosing the article or articles of merchandise or other matter. Fig. 3 is a view of the article in its closed condition; and Fig. 4 is the reverse side of the same, showing that the article may be prepared for the mail without a further envelope. Fig. 5 is a slight modification of the invention shown in its open or display condition, and Fig. 6 shows the same in its closed condition in vertical section.

Referring to the drawings, it will be understood that the combined envelope and display-stand consists, essentially, of an inclosing case A and a support B, adapted to be folded within and inclosed by the inclosing case, as shown in Fig. 2, and to be turned in the reverse direction to form a support for the case, as shown in Fig. 1.

The envelope or inclosing case A consists of a back *a* and two side flaps *b c* of sufficient width, so that when they are folded over onto the face of the back piece *a* their edges will overlap one upon the other, as shown in Fig. 3. There is also provided an end or base flap *d* and an end or top flap *e*. The case thus provided with the several flaps may be formed of any suitable material, cut and scored or creased upon suitable lines, so that the two end flaps *d* and *e* may be folded over onto the back *a* and the side flaps *b c* be likewise folded over to overlie said folded-over end flaps and the back piece, as shown in Fig. 3. Thus the inclosing case is formed of sides and ends, which, when folded over, as shown, will properly inclose an article—such as a photograph—so that it may be safely transmitted through the mail or otherwise sent or carried from place to place without danger of mutilation.

When the inclosing case is to be used as a stand, the several flaps will be turned outward, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2, so that the end or base flap *d* forms a suitable base to the stand to rest upon a table or other article. The end or top flap *e* will extend upward in line with the back *a*, and may be of an ornamented contour, as shown, so as to form a suitable top to the stand, and the two side flaps *b c* will form suitable sides to the stand, increasing its artistic effect. The various flaps may in contour be of any ornamental shape, as shown, and their inner surfaces may be embellished by any ornamental matter, as the fancy of the manufacturer may dictate.

The support B is shown as consisting of a light piece of wire or other material bent to provide two legs *i* and a cross-piece *j*, the whole being of a suitable size and length, so that it may lie against the inner side of the back *a* and between the several flaps, as indicated in Fig. 2, or may be turned over to the rear of the back, as shown in Fig. 1, to form a support for the inclosing case, in which condition it forms a stand for the display of the article which has been contained thereby. The support may obviously be connected to the envelope in many ways. That shown consists in making several incisions upon the cross-line between the back *a* and the end or top flap *e* to provide a number of knuckles *f*, through which the wire forming the stand is passed, which thus forms a hinge, allowing the support to be turned to the inner side of the back *a* or to the outer side, as has been described.

When the article or matter has been inclosed within the case and the flaps turned over in the manner shown in Fig. 3, the meeting faces of the side flaps *b* and *c* may be sealed with a wafer *g* (indicated in dotted

lines in said Fig. 3) or by any other suitable securing means, as by a line of cement. The rear side of the case may be utilized, as shown in Fig. 4, for the address of the person to whom the article is to be transmitted, and which after being transmitted may be opened by the receiver, as seen in Fig. 2, and the support B turned from the position there shown to the rear, so that the inclosing case may thus form a stand for the display of the article that has been transmitted.

Instead of forming the support B of a wire, as has been described, there is shown in Figs. 5 and 6 a modification thereof that consists of a flap *i'*, formed in one piece with or connected to the back *a* of the inclosing case and of the same material as the inclosing case is made and adapted to be folded back, as indicated in Fig. 5, to form a support therefor when used as a display-stand, and which may be turned over as a flap to lie against the inner side of the back *a*, as shown in Fig. 6, serving in connection with the other end or base flap and the side flaps to inclose and protect the article enveloped thereby. In this case the ornamental end or top flap *e* may be entirely omitted or a supplemental flap *e'* may be used, also capable of being turned in, as shown in Fig. 6, but which may be connected to the back *a* by a line of cement *s*, as indicated in Fig. 5.

What is claimed is—

1. The herein-described combined envelope and stand, consisting of an inclosing case formed by a back piece with suitable inclosing flaps, and a support connected with the case so as to lie within the inclosing flaps and be turned outward to form a support for the case.

2. The herein-described combined envelope and stand, the same consisting of an inclosing case formed by a back, two side and end flaps, and a support hinged to the inclosing case so as to lie within its flaps and be turned outward to form a support therefor.

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