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Fig. 1.

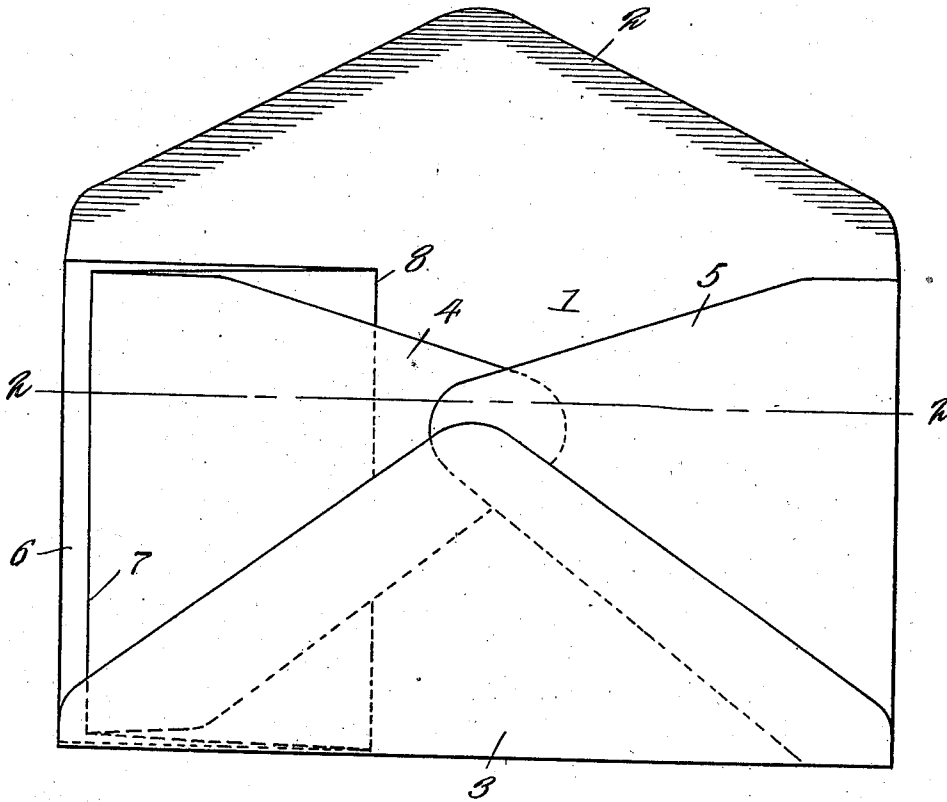
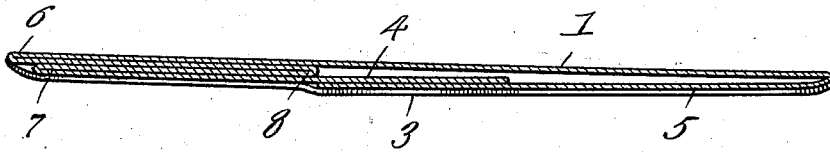


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE S. RICHEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Campbell, in the county of Dunklin and State of Missouri, have invented new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

The recipient of communications inclosed in envelops usually holds the envelop between the light and the eyes to determine the position of the inclosure to prevent injury thereto when opening the envelop by tearing off the end portion thereof.

The purpose of the present invention is the provision of an envelop which when properly used will insure a projecting portion at one end which may be torn off with safety when it is required to gain access to the inclosure.

The invention provides an envelop with two folds at one end, one of said folds being located a short distance from the other fold and adapted to receive an end portion of the letter or other inclosure so that the projecting portion of the inner fold may be torn off without necessitating observation of the envelop or a knocking of one end thereof upon a desk table or the like to cause the inclosure to move to the lower end of the envelop as usually practiced so that the opposite end portion may be torn off without endangering the contents of the envelop.

In accordance with this invention one of the end flaps of the envelop is folded to provide end folds of unequal length, the longer fold being adjacent the front or body of the envelop and the shorter fold adjacent the back of the envelop and adapted to receive one end of the letter or other inclosure thereby leaving the longer fold free to be torn off.

The invention consists of the novel features, details of construction and combination of parts, which hereinafter will be more particularly set forth, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawings forming a part of this specification and in which like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a view in elevation of an envelop embodying the invention as seen from the rear and having the top or sealing flap open or extended. Fig. 2 is a horizontal view on the line 2—2 Fig. 1.

The envelop is formed of a single blank

comprising a body portion and flaps at the four edges thereof and adapted to be folded to form the space for receiving the letter or other article to be inclosed therein. The front or body of the envelop is indicated at 1. The top or sealing flap is shown at 2, the bottom flap at 3 and the end flaps at 4 and 5. The end flaps 4 and 5 are folded upon the front or body in the usual manner and their inner ends overlap and are secured by mucilage or other cementing material. The bottom flap 3 is folded so that its edge portions overlap the end flaps 4 and 5 and are secured thereto by glue or other adhesive. The end flap 4 is made somewhat longer than the end flap 5 so as to provide the two folds 6 and 7 at one end of the envelop, the fold 7 terminating short of the fold 6 to admit of the latter being torn off without interference with the fold 7. The intermediate fold 8 formed between the front or body 1 and the terminal portion of the flap 4 is approximately one third the length of the envelop to insure the letter or other inclosure being confined at one end between the members of the fold 7, thereby preventing the inclosure extending to the fold 6 when properly placed within the envelop. The relative length of the intermediate fold 8 is immaterial so long as ample provision is had for preventing the inclosure of the envelop extending to the outer end of the fold 6. The folds 6, 7 and 8 are parallel and are formed by bending the end flap 4 upon itself three times.

It will be understood from the foregoing taken in connection with the accompanying drawing that the envelop in general appearance is similar to the usual envelop and is formed in a like manner the difference residing in forming the end flap 4 of a greater length than usual and bending the same to provide the end folds 6 and 7 of unequal length. When using the envelop the letter or other article placed therein with an end portion inserted in the short fold 7 after which the sealing flap is closed and made secure in the ordinary way. The folds 6 and 7 are prevented from opening by reason of the flaps 2 and 3 extending thereover as will be readily understood. The person receiving an envelop constructed in accordance with this invention inclosing a communication or article may with impunity tear off the fold 6 without endangering the contents of the envelop as will be readily understood.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, the advantages of construction and of the method of operation will be readily apparent 5 to those skilled in the art to which the invention appertains, and while I have described the principle of operation of the invention, together with the device which I now consider to be the best embodiment 10 thereof, I desire to have it understood that the device shown is merely illustrative, and that such changes may be made when desired as are within the scope of the claims appended hereto.

15 Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

1. An envelop having two loose inwardly opening folds at one end of unequal length, the shorter fold adapted to receive one end 20 of the contents of the envelop, and the pro-

jecting end of the longer fold being adapted to be torn off to open the envelop.

2. An envelop comprising a single blank having flaps at its four edges and having one of the end flaps doubled upon itself to provide an intermediate and outer loose folds, 25 the latter opening inwardly and being of unequal length, and the side flaps having an end portion extending over and closing all the folds, the shorter fold adapted to receive 30 one end of the contents of the envelop and the projecting end of the longer fold being adapted to be torn off to open the envelop.

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

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