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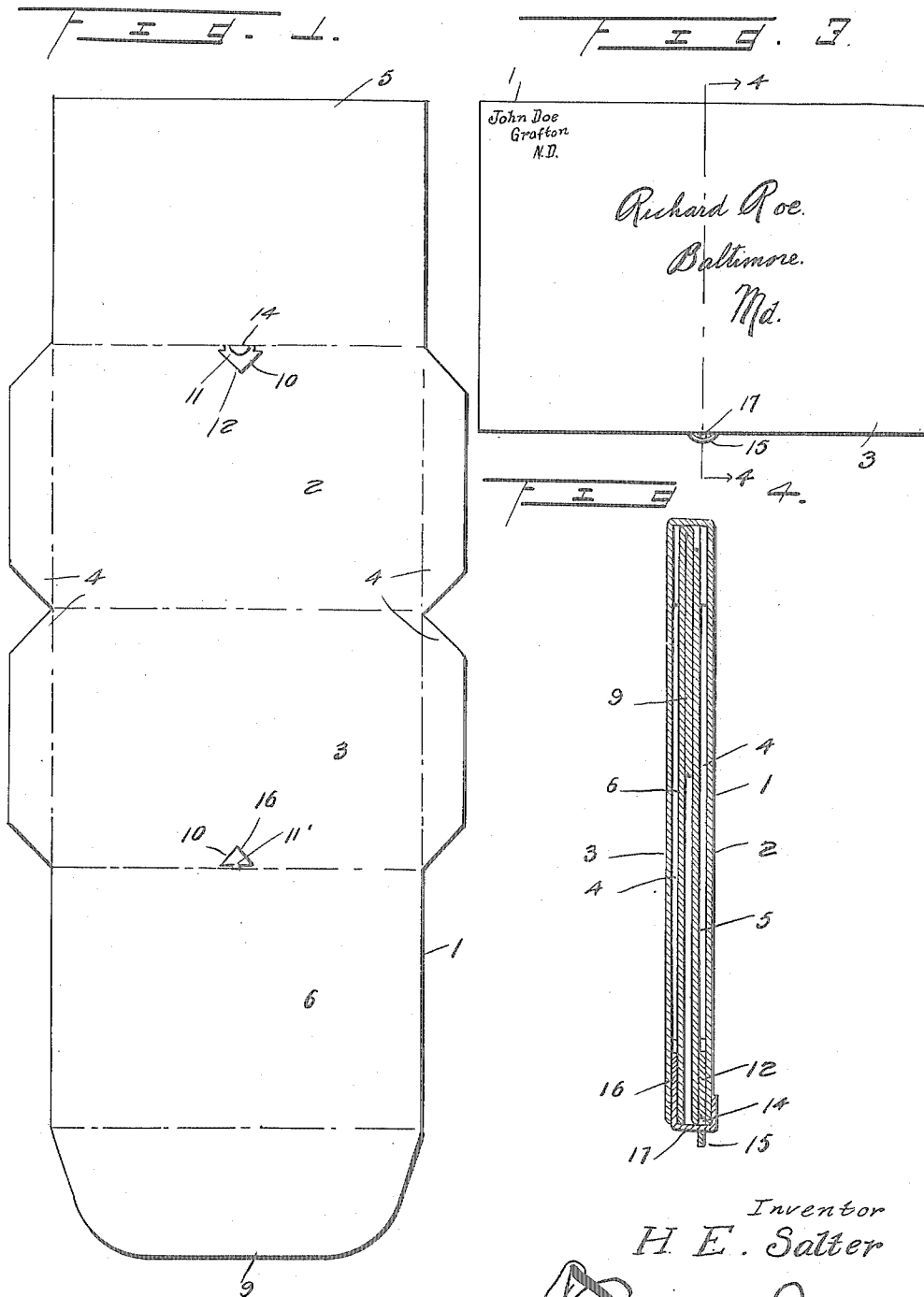
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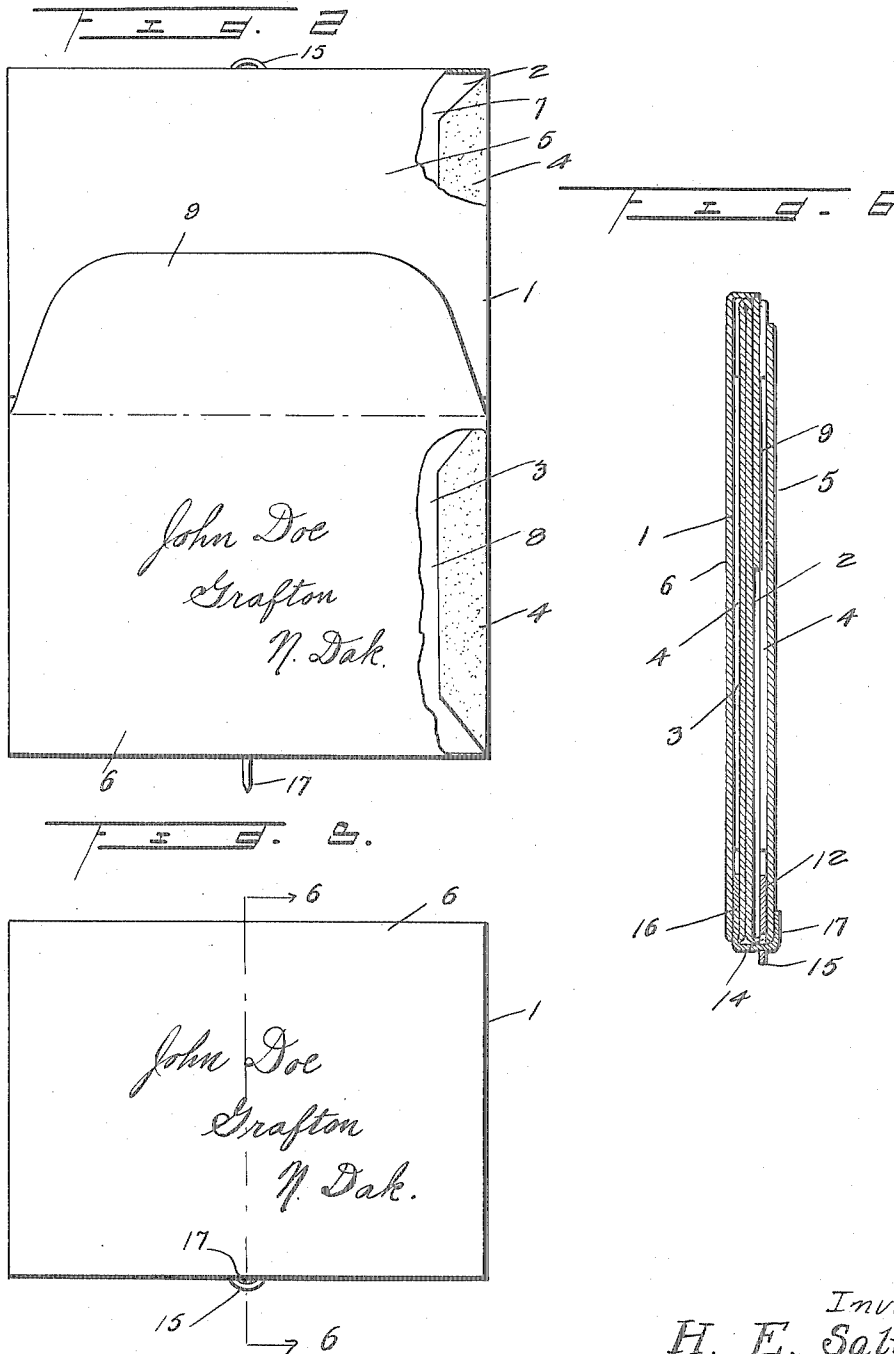
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HORACE ETHELBERT SALTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grafton, in the county of Walsh and State of North Dakota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelopes; 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 envelopes and the primary object of the invention is to, provide an improved envelope especially adapted for photographers' use embodying a pair of independent pockets whereby films may be positioned in one pocket and the prints positioned in the other pocket and held separated from each other.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved envelope including a pair of independent pockets which can be reversed, so as to expose an addressed portion bearing the sender's name and address.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a return envelope for photographers' use including a body having a pair of independent pockets, the envelope having an improved fastener arranged to hold the envelope in its original and reversed position.

A still further object of the invention is to provide an improved envelope of the above character, which is durable and efficient in use, one that is simple and easy to manufacture, and one which can be placed upon the market at a reasonable cost.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and formation of parts, as will be hereinafter more specifically described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof in which:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the improved envelope.

Figure 2 is a similar view part in section showing the side walls in folded position and secured to the wings.

Figure 3 is a front view of the improved envelope showing same in its folded position.

Figure 4 is a transverse section of the same taken on line 4—4 of Figure 3.

Figure 5 is an elevation of the improved

envelope when the same is in its reversed position.

Figure 6 is a transverse section taken on the line 6—6 of Figure 5.

Referring to the drawings in detail wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the numeral 1 generally indicates the improved envelope, which is preferably formed of a single blank of paper stock.

The envelope 1 comprises the front and rear walls 2 and 3, which are connected together. The rear walls 2 and 3 are each provided with sealing wings 4 formed on the transverse edges thereof which are adapted to be folded over the inner faces of said walls. The outer longitudinal edges of the walls 2 and 3 have formed thereon inner walls 5 and 6, which are adapted to be folded over the front and rear walls 2 and 3. The sealing wings 4 carry any suitable adhesive, whereby the walls 5 and 6 may be secured thereto. As clearly shown in Figure 2 of the drawings the walls 5 and 6 when folded over upon the rear walls 2 and 3 form a pair of independent compartments 7 and 8 which are adapted to receive different kinds of articles to be posted, such as photographic films and prints.

The wall 6 carries a sealing tongue 9, the purpose of which, will be hereinafter more fully described. After the inner walls 5 and 6 have been folded over the front and rear walls 2 and 3 and sealed in position, the walls 2 and 3 are folded in abutting relation to each other and the free edges thereof are secured together by fasteners 10, which will be hereinafter more fully described. The fasteners 10 may be made of thin mailable metal or heavy cardboard or the like and includes the eye 11 carried by the outer longitudinal edge of the walls 2 and the sealing tongue 11' carried by the outer longitudinal edge of the wall 3.

The eye 11 comprises a triangular base 12, which is secured to the inner face of the walls 2 and central longitudinal edge thereof and when the eye is made of metal the corners of the triangularly shaped base may be bent inwardly and through the walls and bent back upon the body plate. The walls 5 and 2 are provided at their meeting portions with a slot 14, through which protrudes

the projecting portions 15 of the eye, which is formed on the base 12. This projecting portion is provided with the opening for receiving the locking tongue 11' which includes the triangular shaped base 16 and the outwardly extending bendable tongue 17, which extends through an opening formed in the meeting portions of the walls 3 and 6. As stated this locking tongue may be either made of bendable metal or heavy cardboard or the like. When the same is made of metal the angles of the triangle base are bent inwardly and through the paper forming the envelope. When the device is in folded position the bendable tongue is inserted through the opening in the extended portion 15 of the eye to firmly hold the envelope in its folded position. One of the walls 2 and 3 is provided with a ruled portion for addresses of persons to whom the envelope is to be sent. The wall 6, as clearly shown in Figure 2 has the address of the sender printed or stamped thereon so that the envelope can be used as a return envelope when desired.

When the device is to be used as a return envelope the inner walls 5 and 6 are bent over the front and rear walls 2 and 3 as described before, and the blank is then bent in the reversed direction, to position the front and rear walls 2 and 3 on the inner side and in abutting relation with each other and to position the walls 5 and 6 on the outer side. To prevent the envelope from opening when in position, the tongue 17 of the fastener 10 is positioned through the eye 15 which holds the same in position. The sealing flap 9 is then inserted in the compartment 7 which holds the contents of the envelope in position against displacement.

From the foregoing description it can be seen that an improved envelope is provided in which a pair of compartments are formed for independent articles, which is so constructed that the envelope can be reversed so as to form a return envelope.

In practice, I have found that the form

of my invention illustrated in the accompanying drawings and referred to in the above description, as the preferred embodiment, is the most efficient and practical; yet realizing the conditions concurrent with the adoption of my device will necessarily vary, I desire to emphasize that various minor changes in details of construction, proportion and arrangement of parts may be resorted to, when required without sacrificing any of the advantages of my invention as set forth.

What I claim as new is:

1. A mailing envelope having independent pockets flexibly connected together at their mouths for reversal to facilitate use both as an original and as a return packet by presenting different surfaces outermost to receive the original address and the return address, cooperating means on the pockets to selectively secure the pockets in either of their positions, and one of the pockets having a closure flap to function in one of the positions to extend into the opposite pocket to thus close both pockets.

2. A mailing envelope having independent pockets flexibly connected together at their mouths for reversal to facilitate use both as an original and as a return packet by presenting different surfaces outermost to receive the original address and the return address cooperating means on the pockets to selectively secure the pockets in either of their positions, one of the pockets having a closure flap to function in one of the positions to extend into the opposite pocket to thus close both pockets, said parts being made from a single blank, and said means comprising interlocking members along the lower edges of the pockets.

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

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