

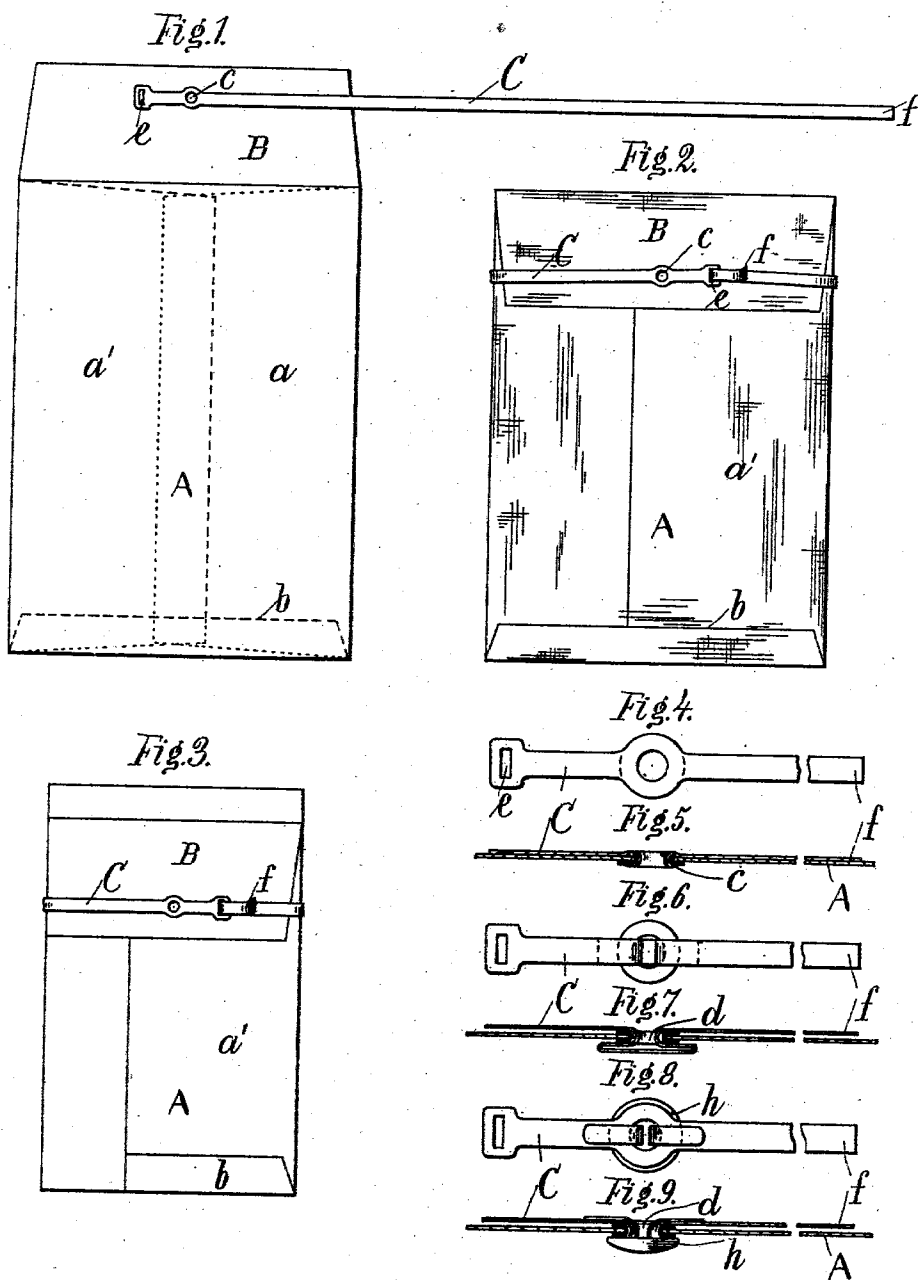
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM MORRIS LAMBERT, of New York city, borough of Manhattan, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Envelops, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved adjustable envelop open with the closing-band unfolded; Fig. 2, a reverse view of the same envelop filled and closed. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the same envelop reduced in size and closed. Figs. 4 to 9 are top and sectional views, respectively, showing different ways of affixing the band to the flap of the envelop.

My invention relates to envelops, mainly such as are used for keeping and mailing of samples, seeds, and such merchandise as is usually transmitted by mail; and it consists of the hereinafter-described adjustable envelop combined with a fastener suitable to secure the flap upon the envelop and hold it closed securely without regard to any reduction in size of the envelop or to its changed shape when filled.

The construction and way of using my improved envelop are illustrated in the drawings.

The envelop is produced in the shape shown in Fig. 1 or in any other desired shape of any suitable material. The body A is folded as shown in dotted lines. The overlapping edges of the parts *a* and *a'* are pasted together and the flap *b* pasted upon them. Flap B is integral with the body A of the envelop and adapted to be folded upon it, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, whereby the orifice of the envelop is closed. Flap B is held in closed position by band C, affixed thereto by an eyelet *c* or by other means, as will be explained hereinafter, which band is folded around the body of the envelop and then fastened by threading its end *f* through the eye *e* and then bending it over, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. Band C is made of thin non-elastic metal and when thus folded and tied will hold the envelop safely closed and permit its repeated use without regard whether its size or shape is changed in such use or not.

In mailing of articles of merchandise the envelop should fit the contents to prevent their being damaged from joggling. Such exactly-fitting envelops are not always handy, and for this reason it is desirable that a larger envelop may be readily reduced in size to fit the article to be inclosed therein. This cannot be done with any of the envelops heretofore known without reconstructing the same or so distorting its parts that the fastening device cannot be used.

My improved adjustable envelop can be reduced both in length and width by folding as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, and may then be closed by fastening the flap to the body of the envelop in the same manner as before. Band C may also be affixed detachably to the flap B of the envelop in the manner shown in Figs. 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the drawings. The band shown in Figs. 6 and 7 is a uniformly wide strip. To secure this band to the flap, a hole *d* is made in the flap and an eyelet pressed in. The band C is then folded and the fold passed through the eyelet and flattened, as shown in Fig. 7. The head thus formed will prevent withdrawing of the band C and hold it securely in place. The method illustrated in Figs. 8 and 9 requires the band C to be made with a hole in a similar manner as shown in Fig. 4. The flap B is provided with an eyelet-hole, and a fastener *h* is used, as shown, to attach the band to it. These methods for attaching the band to the flap permit the making of the envelops and bands independently of each other to better facilitate their packing, though the manner shown in Figs. 1 to 5, inclusive, where the band is permanently affixed to the envelop, is the preferable form. The band C is then folded around the envelop, as shown in Fig. 3; but its end *f* is not inserted in the eye *e* nor bent.

Fig. 2 of the drawings shows how the band C holds the flap B in position, closing the envelop. The tension upon the band causes it to slightly deviate from a straight line, whereby its circumference is shortened and the edges drawn in more tightly upon the edges of the envelop. Thus the envelop may be filled to its utmost capacity unfastened while in transit, wherein my invention possesses great advantage over other envelops provided

with fixed clasping or other fastening devices.

I claim as my invention—

- 5 1. An envelop-fastener comprising a non-elastic metallic band, having an eye on one end and a tail, adapted to engage with the eye, on the other end, and a pivotal fastening device for securing the band to the flap of an envelop as herein shown and described.
- 10 2. The combination with an envelop of a non-elastic metallic band having an eye on one end and a tail adapted to engage with the eye on the other end, and of a pivotal fastening device for securing the band to the
- 15 flap of the envelop.

3. An envelop comprising a body open on one end, a flap integral therewith and folding over the opening and a non-elastic metallic band having an eye on one end and a tail adapted to engage with the eye on the other end pivotally affixed to the flap.
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In witness that I claim the improvements described in the foregoing specification I have signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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