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Fig. 1.

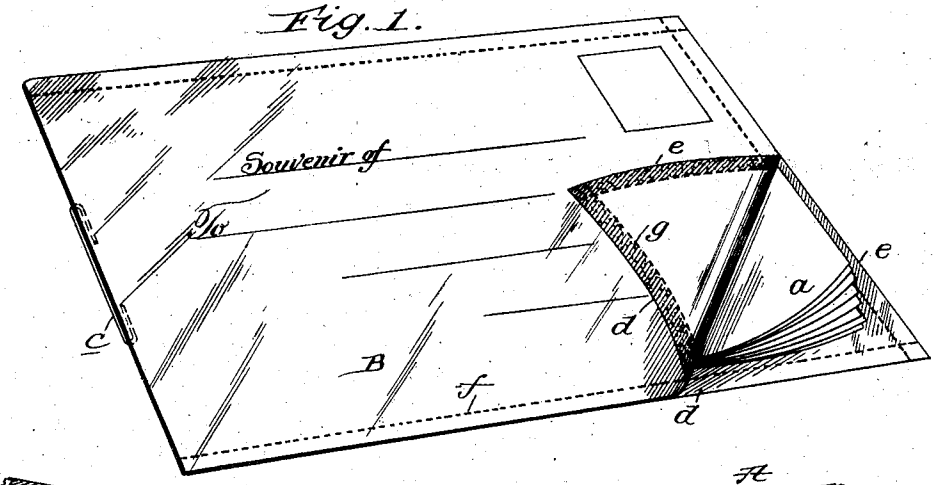


Fig. 2.

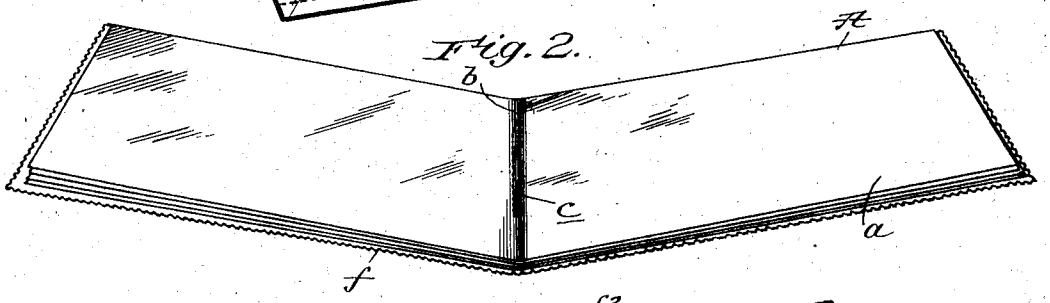
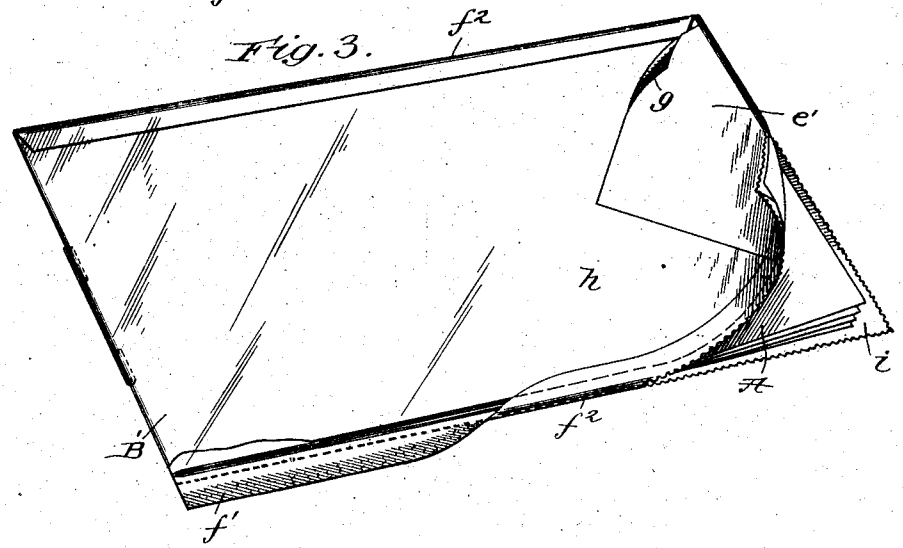


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. CARPENTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Spokane, in the county of Spokane and State of Washington, have invented new and useful Improvements in Envelops or Mailing Devices, of which the following is a specification.

My invention pertains to envelops; and it has for its object to provide a combined envelop and pamphlet embodying such a construction that when the envelop is sealed its contents are effectually hidden from view, while when the envelop is opened the pamphlet may be used with the same facility as an ordinary pamphlet.

With the foregoing in mind the invention will be fully understood from the following description and claims when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a combined envelop and pamphlet constituting one embodiment of my invention, the same being shown with one of the covers of the envelop partly disconnected from the other cover and turned back. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device as it appears subsequent to unsealing the envelop and opening the pamphlet, said view being on a reduced scale. Fig. 3 is an inverted perspective view of a modified embodiment of my invention with the envelop partly opened.

Referring by letter to the said drawings, and more particularly to Figs. 1 and 2 thereof, A is the pamphlet of my combined device, which comprises four (more or less) leaves *a*, formed by folding sheets upon themselves at *b*, and B is the envelop, which is connected to the leaves of the pamphlet at the fold *b* through the medium of a wire fastener *c* or other suitable means. The envelop is larger than the pamphlet in about the proportion shown in Fig. 1, and hence has side and end edge portions *d e*, which extend beyond the leaves of the pamphlet. These edge portions *d e* are separated from the main portions or covers of the envelop by weakened lines *f*, and the edge portions of one main portion or cover, preferably the upper one, are provided on their inner sides with adhesive, as indicated by *g* in Fig. 1.

In using the combined envelop and pamphlet described it will be observed that after writing on one or more leaves of the pamphlet and on the inner sides of the main portions or covers of the envelop a person may effectually seal the envelop and hide the matter written from view by simply moistening the adhesive on the edge portions *d e* of the upper cover of the envelop and pasting said edge portions to the complementary edge portions of the lower cover. It will also be observed that when the combined device is in the hands of the recipient it may be quickly and easily unsealed by simply tearing off the edge portions *d e* of the envelop. With this done the envelop constitutes a cover for the leaves of a pamphlet, as shown in Fig. 2, and the pamphlet as a whole may be read with the same facility of an ordinary pamphlet.

In practice I contemplate adapting the upper cover or main portion of the envelop to receive on its upper side a stamp and the address of the party to whom the device is to be sent, and I also contemplate leaving the inner sides of the covers or main portions of the envelop and one or more pages of the pamphlet blank to receive writing. The other pages of the pamphlet may be and preferably are provided with lithographic or other views of a souvenir character.

It will be appreciated from the foregoing that my novel combined device is simple and inexpensive in construction and is adapted to be handled with facility by both the sender and the recipient; also, that the device constitutes a compact piece of mail-matter and one which is not liable to be torn or otherwise injured in transmission.

In the modified construction shown in Fig. 3 the pamphlet A is similar to that shown in Figs. 1 and 2 and before described. The cover B′ of the modified construction, however, differs from the cover or envelop B in that it comprises a lower plain portion *h* and an upper portion *i*, formed integral with the portion *h* at the back or fold of the device and having side edge portions *f′* and an end

flap e', separated from said main portion i by weakened lines f^2. The edge portions f' and the flap e' are provided with adhesive, as indicated by g, and hence are adapted when the device is to be sealed to be pasted against the lower portion h of the envelop or cover B'. With this done it will be observed that the envelop is effectually sealed and its contents hidden from view, and it will also be observed that the envelop may be readily opened by the recipient simply running a knife or the like along or tearing the weakened lines f^2. After the envelop B' is opened, as stated, its main portions h i constitute the covers of the pamphlet A, and the leaves of the pamphlet may be turned and read with the same facility as those of an ordinary pamphlet.

As will be readily appreciated from the foregoing, the modified embodiment of my invention is quite as cheap as that illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, and is possessed of almost if not all of the advantages of the same.

In using the modified device the address is placed on the upper side of the envelop portion or cover i and the inner sides of the envelop portions h and i and one or more leaves of the pamphlet A are left blank to receive writing.

I have entered into a detailed description of the present embodiments of my invention in order to impart a definite understanding of the same. I desire it understood, however, that such changes or modifications may be made in practice as fairly fall within the scope of my invention as claimed.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a mailing device comprising a pamphlet having leaves formed by folding sheets upon themselves, and an envelop formed by folding a sheet upon itself and containing the pamphlet, and permanently connected to the bights of the sheets forming the pamphlet-leaves; the said envelop having side and end edge portions extended beyond the leaves of pamphlet and separated from its main portions by weakened lines, and also having adhesive on the inner sides of the extended edge portions of one main portion.

2. As an article of manufacture, a mailing device comprising a pamphlet having leaves formed by folding sheets upon themselves, and an envelop formed by folding a sheet upon itself and containing the pamphlet, and permanently connected to the bights of the sheets forming the pamphlet-leaves at the back; the said envelop having on one of its portions flaps separated from said portion by weakened lines and provided on their inner sides with adhesive; the said flaps being adapted to be pasted to the other envelop portion to seal the envelop.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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