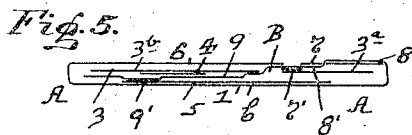
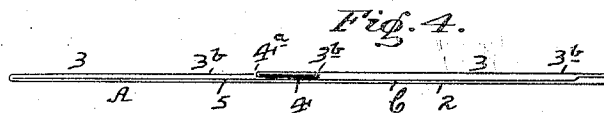
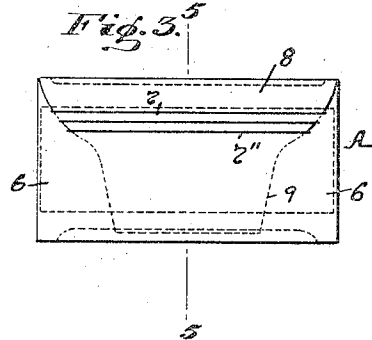
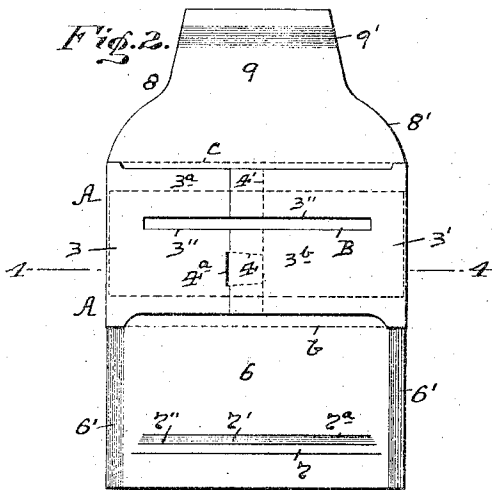
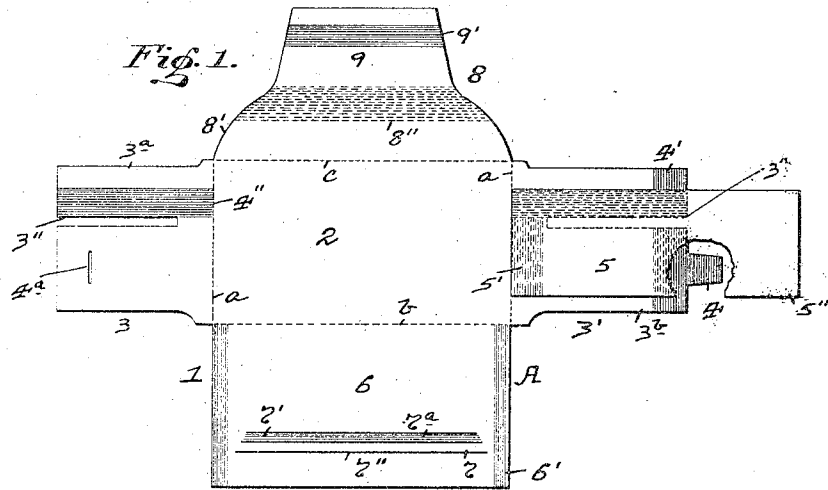


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAOLO RUSSO, a resident of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Envelops; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to envelops and has especial reference to safety envelops designed for use by express companies, banks, trust companies, etc.

The object of my invention is to provide a cheap, simple, and efficient form of envelop, practically impossible to open after sealing without marring, tearing, or destroying the same, as well as one which can be easily handled and sealed by any unskilled person.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a plan view or elevation of the blank for forming my improved envelop. Fig. 2 is a like view, showing the end flaps connected together. Fig. 3 is a like view showing the same folded in its completed form. Fig. 4 is an enlarged section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a like view on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Like symbols of reference indicate like parts in each figure.

As illustrated, 1 is the blank provided with the main or address portion 2, from which extend the end flaps 3, 3', each having a slit 3'' therein, providing portions 3^a and 3^b, the portion 3^a on the left-hand side of the drawing being gummed on its inner side along side the opening or slit, as shown at 4'' in full lines, and the portion 3^a on the right-hand side of the drawing being gummed on its inner side as shown at 4'. The lower portion of the end flap at the left hand side of the drawing has no gum or sealing material applied to either face, but the lower portion 3^b on the right hand side is gummed on its inner side along the outer edge, as well as a tongue 4 which extends outwardly therefrom. Connected to the inner side of the flap 3' at the inner edge thereof, by the gummed surface 5', is the inner sealing flap 5, which extends beyond the outer edge of said flap 3', as at 5''. Extending from one side of the main flap 2, is the rear sealing flap 6, which is gummed at 6' along the inside of each of its ends, and is provided with the three longitudinal cuts or slits 7'', forming two strips 7, 7', the strip 7' being gummed on the inside as at 7^a. Extending from the other side of the main flap 2, is the main

sealing flap 8, which is provided with the curved end edges 8', leading from said front and terminating in the tongue portion 9. This flap 8 is gummed on the outside as shown by dotted lines at 8'', and the tongue thereon is gummed on the inside as shown by full lines at 9'.

To form the blank into an envelop after the inner flap 5 has been secured to the end flap 3', as above described, and as shown in Fig. 1, the flap 3' with said flap 5 is folded over on the dotted line *a*. Then the other end flap 3 is folded over on the other dotted line *a*, the two parts of the flap being inserted between the flaps 5 and 3'. The gummed surface 4'' will cause the portion 3^a of the flap 3 to adhere to the flap 5, and the gummed surface 4' of the portion 3^a of the flap 3' will cause it to adhere to the outer side of the other portion 3^a. Then the tongue 4 is inserted in the slot 4^a and turned backwards, its gummed surface causing it to adhere to the inner side 3^b of the flap 3^b, while the gummed surface 4' of the portion 3^b of the flap 3' will cause it to adhere to the outer side of the other portion 3^b. The portions 3^a of the two flaps are thus securely held to the flap 5 and to each other, and the portions 3^b securely held together, but not to the flap 5, thus forming an opening or pocket between the flap 5 and the portions 3^b of the flaps 3, 3', into which leads an opening B. The rear sealing flap 6 is then bent and folded over the end flaps 3, 3', on the dotted line *b*, and sealed to said end flaps by the gummed surfaces 6' at their edges and by the gummed surface 7^a on the strip 7' on said flap engaging with the portions 3^a on the end flaps 3, 3'.

My improved envelop is now ready for use. The material to be carried therein is placed within the space or pocket C formed between the front 2 and inner flap 5, after which the main sealing flap 8 is bent or folded over on to the flap 6 on the dotted line *c*, and the envelop is sealed by inserting the tongue 9 of the flap 8 under the strip 7' and through the opening B into the space between the portions 3^b of the end flaps 3, 3', and the flap 5. The gummed surface 9' on the tongue 9 of the flap 8 is then sealed to the flap 5 and the gummed surface 8'' on the opposite side of said flap sealed to the under face of the strip 7 on the flap 6.

It will thus be seen that my improved envelop when ready for use and sealed will prevent any tampering or removing of its con-

tents without tearing or marring some part of the same, and in the event of any tampering it would be impossible to restore the envelop to its original condition.

5 Various modifications and changes in the design and construction of my improved envelop may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

10 What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. An envelop comprising a front or address side, end flaps secured together and having a slit or opening therein, an inner flap secured to the inner side of one of said end flaps, a rear sealing flap having a slit therein, and a main sealing flap for fitting in the slit in the rear flap.

2. An envelop comprising a front or address side, end flaps, an inner flap secured along the inner portion of one of said end flaps, each of said end flaps having a slit therein dividing each flap into two portions, the upper portions being sealed to each other and also sealed to said inner flap, and the lower portions sealed to each other but not to the inner flap, forming a pocket between said lower portions and said inner flap, and a main sealing flap extending through said slit in the rear flap into said pocket and adapted to be sealed therein.

3. An envelop comprising a front, end flaps secured together and having a slit or opening formed therein, an inner sealing flap secured to the inside of one of said end flaps, a rear sealing flap having slits therein to form two strips on said rear flap, and a main sealing flap for fitting under one of said strips, over the other one of the same and through the said opening to be sealed or secured to said inner flap and to one of said strips.

4. An envelop comprising a front, end flaps secured together having a slit or opening formed therein, a tongue on one of said end flaps adapted to be inserted through a slit in the opposite end flap and be sealed or secured to the same, an inner sealing flap secured to the inside of one of said end flaps beyond the opening therein, a rear sealing flap having slits therein to form two strips on said rear flap, and a main sealing flap for fitting under one of said strips, over the other one of the same and through the said opening between the lower portions of said end flaps and said inner flap to be sealed or secured to said inner flap and to one of said strips.

In testimony whereof, I the said PAOLO Russo have hereunto set my hand.

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