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WINDOW ENVELOP.

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FIG. I.

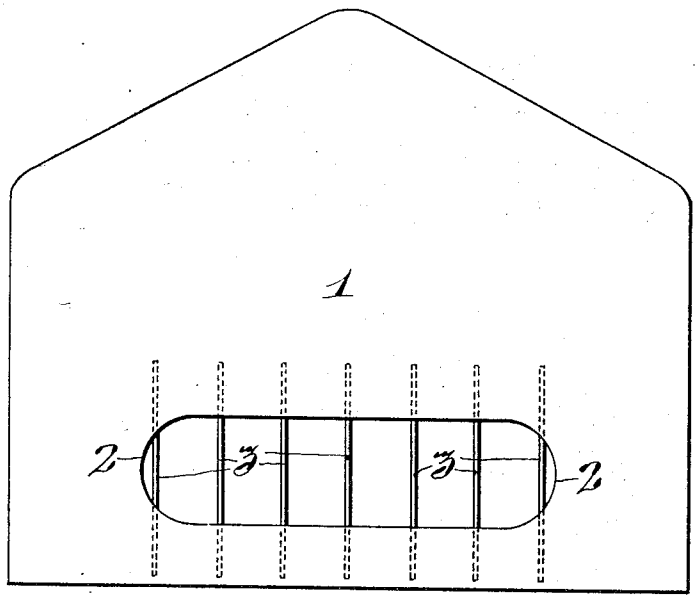
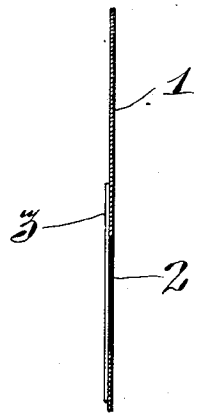


FIG. II.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. SWIFT, Jr., of Bordentown, in the county of Burlington and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Window-Envelops, whereof the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to so-called window envelops, in which there is provided an opening through which the name and address of the addressee as written on the contents may be seen after said contents have been placed within the envelop. At the present time such window envelops are manufactured either by rendering transparent that part of the envelop tissue which is to form the window, or by cutting a window opening therein, and affixing a suitable piece of transparent paper or similar continuous material on the inside of the window.

According to my invention instead of either of these methods of construction, I secure upon the inside of the envelop a series of threads which stretch across the window opening, and thereby accomplish the same result more satisfactorily and more economically.

In the drawings, Figure I, is a plan view of an envelop embodying my construction, and

Fig. II, is a vertical sectional view of the same.

The envelop 1, is of paper and of any customary form or construction employed for mailing envelops. The window opening 2, is an elongated aperture preferably with curved ends cut therein as customary in this art, occupying that part of the back of the envelop where the name of the addressee should ordinarily appear.

Threads 3, 3, 3, are attached to the inner surface of the back of the envelop, and traverse the window opening vertically, *i. e.*, in the direction of its shorter diameter. These threads are spaced at suitable intervals apart, so as to render the removal of the contents of the envelop through the window impossible without tearing or mutilating the envelop. They are of a sufficiently small size to avoid objectionable interference with the visibility of the name and address as displayed on the contents of the envelop, and they are of a length to supply a sufficient amount of overlap at either end for firm attachment to the inner surface of the envelop. Being relatively widely spaced as compared with the threads of gauze or similar netting, they obscure the name and address far less, especially as the spaces or openings between them are substantially unobstructed. This attachment is preferably accomplished by a suitable gum or adhesive material with which the thread is saturated before its application to the inner side of the envelop.

I have shown in the drawing a number of threads or cords arranged in parallel vertical relation to each other in order to protect the window opening. In practice the number and position of the threads may vary.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

A mailing envelop having an elongated horizontal aperture cut therein, on that part of the back of the envelop where the name of the addressee ordinarily appears, and having a series of relatively widely spaced threads with the openings between them substantially unobstructed attached to the inner side of the envelop and arranged to traverse the aperture substantially at right angles to its length.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, this 31st day of August, 1916.

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