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Fig. 1.

Fig. 1. is a plan view of the envelope showing the front face. It features a large rectangular body (1) and a top flap (2) divided into five horizontal sections by dashed lines (3). Each section contains the text "To" followed by a line for an address and "At" followed by a line for a city or state. The bottom of the flap is labeled "1".

Fig. 2.

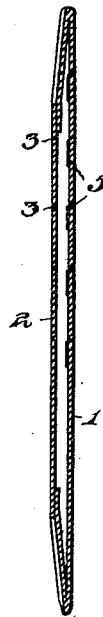


Fig. 3.

Fig. 3. is a plan view of the envelope showing the back face. It features a large rectangular body (1) and a top flap (2) divided into four horizontal sections by dashed lines (3). Each section contains the text "Sta." followed by a line for a station or office. Below the flap, the text "OPEN AT PERFORATED EDGES-USE 9 TIMES" is printed. The bottom of the flap is labeled "1". The body (1) contains the text "THE --- CO., N.Y." and "To Agent. ---".

Fig. 4.

Fig. 4. is a plan view of the envelope showing the inside of the top flap. It features a large rectangular body (1) and a top flap (2) divided into two horizontal sections by a dashed line (3). The top section contains the text "From" followed by a line for a name. The bottom section contains the text "REPLY IN THIS ENVELOPE" and "SEAL FROM END." The bottom of the flap is labeled "1".

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT C. ERNST, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Newcastle, in the county of Lawrence and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in envelops, and has for its object to provide novel means whereby the same envelop may be used for forwarding matter two or more times.

15 The invention aims to provide an envelop so constructed that the same may be sealed after the contents have been placed therein and addressed and forwarded to one party, who upon receipt of the letter opens the envelop at a certain point, as per instructions on the front thereof, and in case it is desired to forward the contents to another places the said contents again in the envelop, reseals the same, and readdresses to the party to whom it is desired to transmit the contents, the second recipient resealing the envelop in case he desires to forward to another.

My invention consists in employing an envelop of the usual shape and providing the same transversely with rows of perforations, the space between the perforations being of sufficient width to permit the addressing of the envelop at this point. It is designed that the first recipient of the envelop open the same by tearing it at the first row of perforations, and at each of these rows of perforations the envelop is gummed on the interior face, so that, if desired, it may be again resealed and forwarded by placing another stamp upon the envelop where the same is used for mail business or without a stamp where the envelop is used for "deadhead" business.

In describing the invention in detail reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and wherein like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of an envelop constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same, taken on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3

is a top plan view of an envelop constructed in accordance with my invention and adapted particularly for use in connection with deadhead business. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the envelop adapted for use as the return or reply envelop.

In the accompanying drawings, 1 indicates the front of the envelop, and 2 the back thereof, which are or may be of the same shape and form as the ordinary envelop, the sealing-flap of the envelop being gummed and being adapted to be sealed in the ordinary manner. In the envelop shown in plan view in Fig. 1 I provide the same transversely with a series of rows of perforations 3. On the spaces 4 on the face of the envelop, between the rows of perforations 3, I mark the words "To" and "At," arranged as shown, the name of the party to whom the envelop is to be sent being adapted to be placed after the word "To" and the address after the word "At." The envelop-blank is provided on its inner face, directly below the line of perforations 3, with a gummed surface 5. We will assume that the envelop is sealed in the ordinary manner and mailed, the address having been placed on the space 4 at the end of the envelop. The recipient of the envelop tears off the part 4 at the first line of perforations 3, removes the contents, and after reading the same, if he desires to forward same to another party, replaces the contents in the envelop and re-addresses the letter at the end of the envelop where he has torn the same, so that the same is again perfectly sealed and may be remailed by the placing of another stamp thereon where used, of course, in connection with mail business.

In the envelop shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings the name of the original sender may be placed on the envelop, as shown at 6, and an indicating inscription may also be placed on the face of the envelop, as shown at 7. This form of envelop is particularly adapted for use in connection with deadhead business, such as is in general use on railways. The spaces 4 on this envelop may have an indicating inscription, as at 8, placed thereon, and assuming that the envelop is first sealed and forwarded to the agent at one station he opens the same by tearing at the first line of perforations, and if he desires to forward to

another replaces the contents in the envelop and seals the latter just below the line of perforations where he has torn the envelop and readdresses on the second space 4, which is now the end space. In this form of envelop I preferably mark an inscription, as at 9, to indicate to the recipient how to open the envelop.

In the form of envelop shown in Fig. 4 the address of the party to which the envelop or letter is originally sent is adapted to be placed, as at 10, and the sender places his address on the space 11 below. An indicating inscription 12 is preferably placed below the address of the sender. The recipient opens the envelop by tearing off the end at line of perforations 14, and the reply to the letter is placed within the same envelop, the end being sealed just below the line of perforations 14 and another stamp placed on the envelop, no address being necessary, as the original sender's address is now the only one on the envelop.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, an envelop adapted for addressing and use more than one time, and to this end having a series of rows of perforations extending through the front and back of the envelop transversely to the length thereof, the spaces between the rows of perforations having indicating inscriptions to designate where the address is to be placed, and the inner face of the envelop being gummed adjacent to each row of perforations whereby it may be resealed after being opened at either of the lines of perforations, substantially as described.

2. The herein-described envelop adapted for resealing, readdressing and reuse, comprising front and back portions having lines of perforations which extend transversely to the

envelop and are spaced apart and arranged adjacent to one end of said envelop, the envelop adapted to be addressed upon each reuse between the end and the next adjacent line of perforations, and gummed surfaces along the lines of perforations whereby the envelop may be resealed at the end which has been opened, substantially as described.

3. As a new article of manufacture, an envelop adapted for resealing, readdressing on the same side and reuse and having a line of perforations extending transversely to the length of the envelop through the front and back thereof, the space between the line of perforations and the adjacent end of the envelop being adapted to receive the address, the inner faces of the back and front portions of the envelop being gummed below the line of perforations whereby the envelop may be resealed after opening at the line of perforations, substantially as described.

4. An envelop adapted for resealing, readdressing on the same side, and reuse, consisting of an envelop-blank which is folded and originally sealed in the ordinary manner and opened at the end, the front and back portions of said envelop provided with rows of perforations extending therethrough transversely to the length of the envelop, the space between the end line of perforations and the adjacent end of the envelop adapted to receive the address, and the inner faces of the front and back portions being gummed along the perforations whereby the envelop may be resealed at the end after being opened, substantially as described.

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

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