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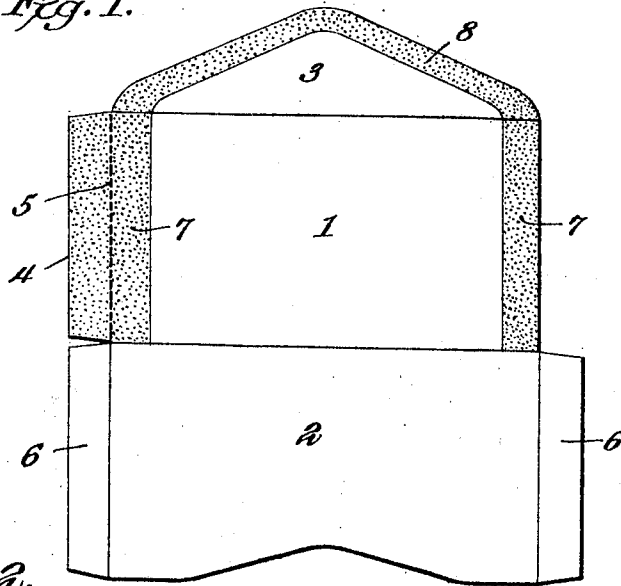


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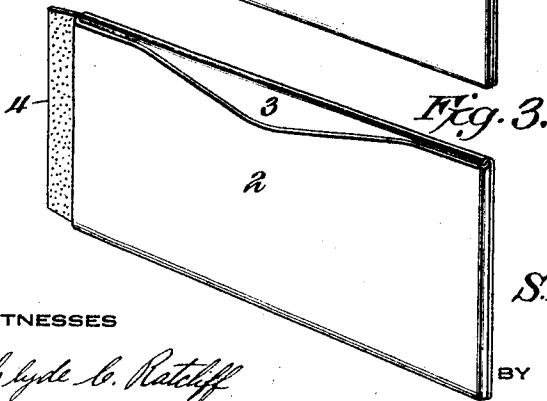
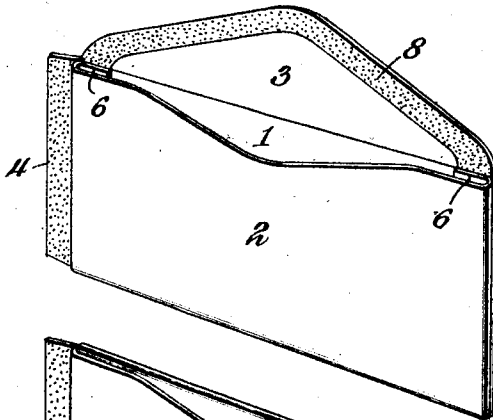


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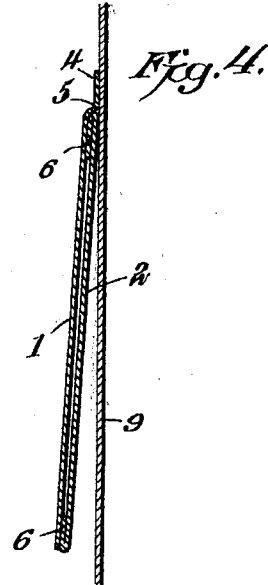


Fig. 4.

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Fig. 5.

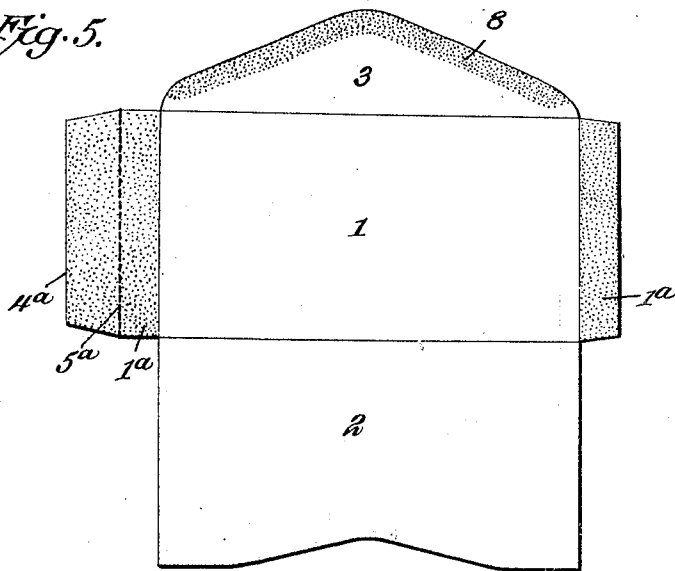
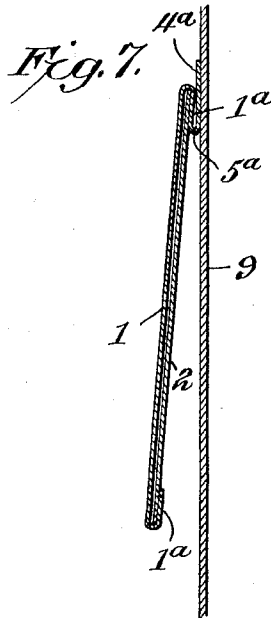
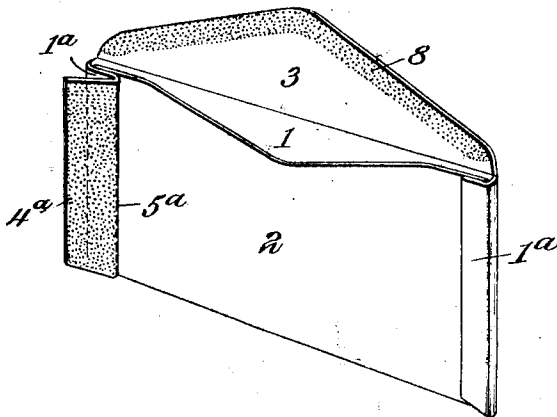


Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL DICKEN CONNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at La Fayette, in the county of Tippecanoe and State of Indiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Envelopes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to envelopes.

The object is to provide an envelope formed of one piece of material in cutting the blank, and so shaping, creasing and gumming or supplying the same with adhesive, that the blank may be folded and held in the form of an ordinary commercial style of envelope with the usual closure flap in position for finally sealing the envelope and, in addition thereto, having a projecting flap located at one end of the envelope and provided with adhesive for attaching the envelope to the inside of the cover of a catalogue or similar book.

Another object is to provide an envelope of this character, which may be secured in the above manner and which may be readily detached from its position within the cover of the catalogue or other book by merely severing the envelope from the said flap, along a line of perforations provided for the purpose, when the said envelope, having all the appearances of an ordinary envelope, may receive the letter and be sealed in the ordinary manner.

A full and complete understanding of the invention may be obtained from a consideration of the following detailed description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, it being understood that while the drawing shows a practical form of the invention, the latter is not to be confined to strict conformity therewith, but may be changed or modified, so long as such changes or modifications mark no material departure from the salient features of the invention, as specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings, in which similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several figures:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the blank used in the formation of the improved envelope.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the envelope

formed from the blank and properly fastened together, the closure flap being shown in open position.

Fig. 3 is a similar view, the closure flap being inserted into the mouth of the envelope, as when the envelope is secured to the inside of the cover of a catalogue or other book, the gummed attaching flap being shown projecting therefrom.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken longitudinally of the envelope and showing the manner of attaching the same to the cover.

Fig. 5 is a plan view of the blank used in a slightly modified form.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the same similar to Fig. 2.

Fig. 7 is a longitudinal section of the modified form of envelope and shown attached to the cover of a catalogue or other book.

In sending out catalogues, price lists or other similar matter as is the custom of many large commercial houses, it is a common practice, as an inducement to the buyer, to correspond with the house, to enclose with such catalogue or other matter, a self-addressed envelope which is sometimes provided with proper postage. Such envelopes are often lost from between the pages of the book thus causing the loss of the envelope, postage and a probable sale.

The present invention is designed to be secured within the cover of such a book in full view of the receiver and to be readily detached therefrom when desired for use, by simply tearing the same along a line of perforations to release it from an attaching flap, when the complete envelope may receive a letter, be sealed in the ordinary manner and mailed.

The blank from which the envelope is formed comprises a front panel 1, a rear panel 2 and a closure flap 3, the three portions being joined together and having the usual shape and proportions of similar parts of ordinary envelopes.

At one end of the front panel 1 there is provided an attaching flap 4, the line defining the adjacent edge of the front panel being perforated, as at 5, so that the said flap may, when desired, be severed from the envelope.

The rear panel or back 2 of the envelope has, at each end, an integral flap or tab 6, adapted to be folded inwardly against the inner surface of the said back 2, and to be

5 joined to the adjacent ends of the front panel 1 by narrow strips of mucilage 7 previously applied to the inner surface of the front panel adjacent to its end edges, as clearly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing.

10 The inner surface of the attaching flap 4 is also coated with mucilage as shown in the drawing, as well as the marginal edges of the closure flap 3, as indicated at 8, in the usual manner.

15 By securing the inturned end tabs 6 to the mucilaged ends 7 of the front panel 1, a complete envelope is provided, closed on all edges except the top, with the closure flap 3 extending from the open long side of the envelope and the attaching flap 4 project-

20 ing from one end thereof, as clearly shown in Fig. 2, the coated surface of said attaching flap being directed toward the rear face of the envelope.

25 By inserting the unmoistened closure flap 3 into the mouth of the envelope, as shown in Fig. 3, the flap 4 may be moistened and attached to the inside of the cover 9 (shown in Fig. 4) with the address upon the front

30 of the envelope in exposed position, when the envelope may be readily detached from its position when desired for use, by simply tearing along the line of perforations 5, thus leaving the flap 4 attached to the inside of said cover, as will be readily understood.

35 In the modified form of envelope shown in Figs. 5, 6 and 7, the blank is cut to form the front panel 1, which is integrally joined along the bottom edge thereof to the rear

40 panel 2 and having at its top edge the closure flap 3 supplied with the usual strip of adhesive 8, all as in the first described form of the blank. At each end of the front panel 1, there is an integral tab 1^a extending the full length of the side edges of the said panel and supplied, on its rear surface, with adhesive. Extending from the outer

edge of one of said tabs is an attaching flap 4^a also having its rear surface coated with

50 adhesive and separated from the adjacent tab 1^a by a line of perforations 5^a.

In forming the envelope the front and rear panels are folded in the usual manner and the tabs 1^a are brought around the end

55 edges of the rear panel, the mucilaged face of said tabs being moistened and caused to adhere to the rear outside face of the same, when the attaching flap 4^a is in a position to have its mucilaged face applied to the cover

60 9, as shown in Fig. 7 and the envelope may be readily detached from the flap 4^a by tearing along the line of perforations 5^a, as will be readily understood. It will be observed that each form of the envelope, when at-

tached to the cover 9 in the proper manner, 65 exposes the address of the return envelope, since the back of the rear panel 2 is opposite the cover 9.

In some cases it may be desirable to include the envelope in the make-up of the 70 book or catalogue by binding the same with the pages and cover thereof, in which case the flaps 4 or 4^a, as the case may be, are held by the stitches, staples or other binding means with the lines of perforations 5 or 5^a, 75 so positioned as to permit the attached envelope to be readily torn off, and when thus attached to the book, pamphlet or catalogue, the flaps 4 or 4^a are, of course, not coated with adhesive. 80

From the foregoing it will be seen that an extremely simple and cheaply manufactured envelope has been provided, having means for attaching the same in the above described manner to the inside cover of a cata- 85 logue, price list or other paper or book, in a manner to expose the return address, and that the same may be easily and quickly detached therefrom without the danger of tearing or mutilating the same. 90

What is claimed is:—

1. An envelope provided with an attaching flap extending from one end thereof and coextensive with said end and provided with a line of perforations by which said 95 flap may be detached from the body of said envelope without affecting the latter, said attaching flap being provided with an adhesive, and adapted to be permanently secured to an object for temporarily attaching 100 the envelope to the object.

2. An envelope comprising a front panel having a closure flap, a rear panel integrally joined to the front panel at the bottom and adhesively connected to the front panel at 105 the ends thereof, an attaching flap integral with the front flap and extending therefrom, and a line of perforations provided at the junction line between the attaching flap and the envelope, said attaching flap being pro- 110 vided with an adhesive, and adapted to be permanently secured to an object for temporarily attaching the envelope to the object.

3. An envelope comprising a front panel having a closure flap, a rear panel integrally 115 joined to the front panel along the bottom edge thereof and co-extensive in length and width with the front panel, said rear panel having inwardly turned end tabs connected by adhesive to the ends of the front panel, 120 and an attaching flap extending from one end of the front panel and co-extensive with the width thereof, said front panel being provided with a line of perforations at its point of attachment with the said attach- 125 ing flap to allow of its severance therefrom, and said attaching flap having an adhesive applied thereto, whereby said flap is adapt-

ed to be permanently secured to an object for temporarily attaching the envelope to the object.

4. An envelope comprising a front panel
5 having a closure flap, a rear panel integral with the bottom of the front panel and adhesively connected at its ends to the ends of the front panel, and an attaching flap provided with an adhesive and formed integral

with the front panel, said attaching flap 10 adapted to be adhesively connected to a fixed object and provided with a line of perforations where it extends from the front panel.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature. 15

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