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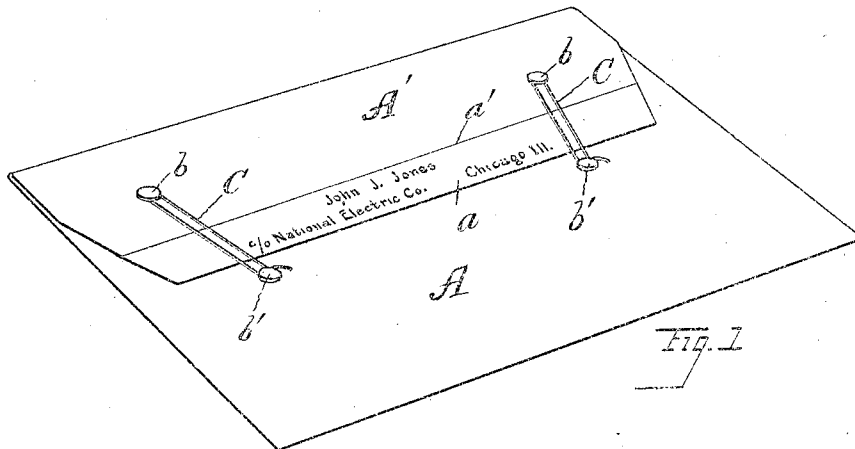


Fig. 1

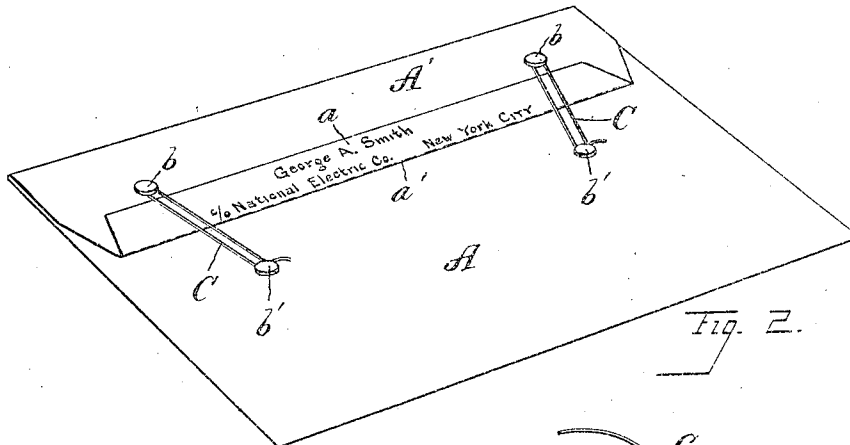


Fig. 2.

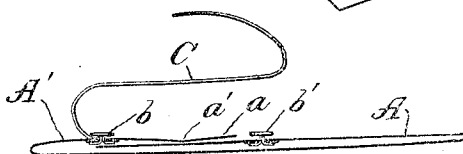


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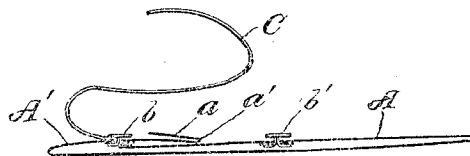


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. GUINA, a citizen of the United States, a resident of Detroit, county of Wayne, and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful improvement in Envelops, of which the following is a specification, the principle of the invention being herein explained and the best mode in which I have contemplated applying that principle, so as to distinguish it from other inventions.

My invention relates to envelopes, its object being to provide an envelop which may be used repeatedly in connection with correspondence, communications, or matter to be transmitted between the same two parties or offices.

My said invention consists of means hereinafter described, and particularly set forth in the claims.

The annexed drawing and the following description set forth in detail certain means embodying my invention, the disclosed means, however, constitute but one of the various mechanical forms in which the principle of the invention may be applied.

In said annexed drawing:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the envelop embodying my invention, showing the parts in one position. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of said envelop showing the parts in a second position. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the envelop showing the parts in the position illustrated in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a cross-section illustrating the parts in the position shown in Fig. 2.

The main or body-portion A of the envelop embodying my invention may be of the usual and ordinary construction, and is so illustrated. This main or body-portion is provided with a flap A', which covers the usual opening through which the prospective contents may be inserted, or the contents thereof removed, in the usual manner. The free end of the flap A' is provided with a movable auxiliary or address flap, a, mounted and oscillatory upon the line a', parallel with the lower edge of the flap, and preferably integral with the flap A'. It will, therefore, be seen that the address flap may be turned down as illustrated in Fig. 1, so as to expose one face thereof, and it may be turned up, as illustrated in Fig. 2, so as to expose the other face thereof.

Means are also provided for retaining or securing the address flap in either of the two positions just described. Any suitable means for this purpose may be employed, but I have illustrated one specific device. This described device consists of two pairs of brads, b b and b' b', brads b b being secured to flap A' and b' b' being secured to the main or body-portion of the envelop, and beyond the end of said flap, as shown. These brads are fastened so that the heads thereof may project slightly from the surface of the envelop so that a flexible cord or string may be inserted therebetween. Such cord, C, is provided, for each pair of brads, b and b', one end thereof being secured to one brad, whereby the cord may be carried from one brad to the other across the free edge of the flap, and secured beneath the head of one of either of said brads, in the well known manner of using this kind of a securing device.

By means of the above described construction it will be seen that the address of a given person may be permanently imprinted or inscribed upon one face of the address flap a, and the address of a second person may be similarly and permanently imprinted or inscribed upon the opposite face thereof. When it is desired to transmit a communication to one of said parties, the address flap is turned so as to expose his name and address, and after the contents have been placed in the envelop, the flap is secured by means of the securing device, with such address exposed. After the party to whom the envelop and contents is thus sent, has received same, he may remove the contents and, by turning the flap so as to expose the other face, in a manner similar to that employed by the first named party, insert such matter as may be desired, secure the flap with the other address exposed, and thereby use the envelop for transmission of communications to such first party.

It will, of course, be understood that inasmuch as an envelop of this character is to be used a large number of times, it should be constructed of durable material, but the increased cost of such material over the material used for the ordinary envelop which is destroyed after a single use, is much more than compensated for by such repeated use, as will be readily understood.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, an envelop having an address flap movable into either of two positions in which either one or the other face of said flap is exposed; and means for securing said flap in said positions consisting of a flexible member having one end fixed beyond one side of said flap and a member fixed beyond the other side of said flap to which said flexible member may be removably secured.

2. As a new article of manufacture, an envelop comprising the combination of a main or body-portion; a flap for covering the opening; a reversible address-flap secured to said covering-flap; and means for temporarily securing said covering-flap and

adapted to temporarily secure said address-flap in either of its two positions.

3. As a new article of manufacture, an envelop comprising the combination of a main or body-portion; a flap for covering the opening; an address-flap formed at the end of said covering-flap and capable of being oscillated thereon so as to expose either of its sides; and means for temporarily securing said covering-flap in its closed position and for temporarily holding said address-flap in either of the two positions in which one of its faces is exposed.

Signed by me this 15th day of April 1912.

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