

F. M. Shields' "Envelope."

Fig. 1.

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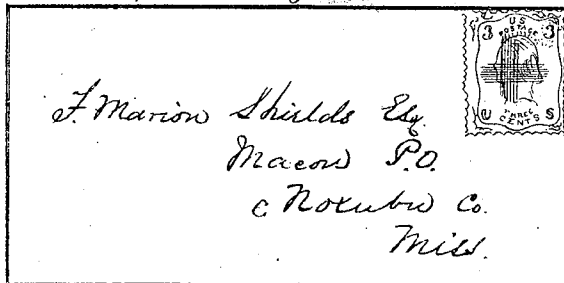
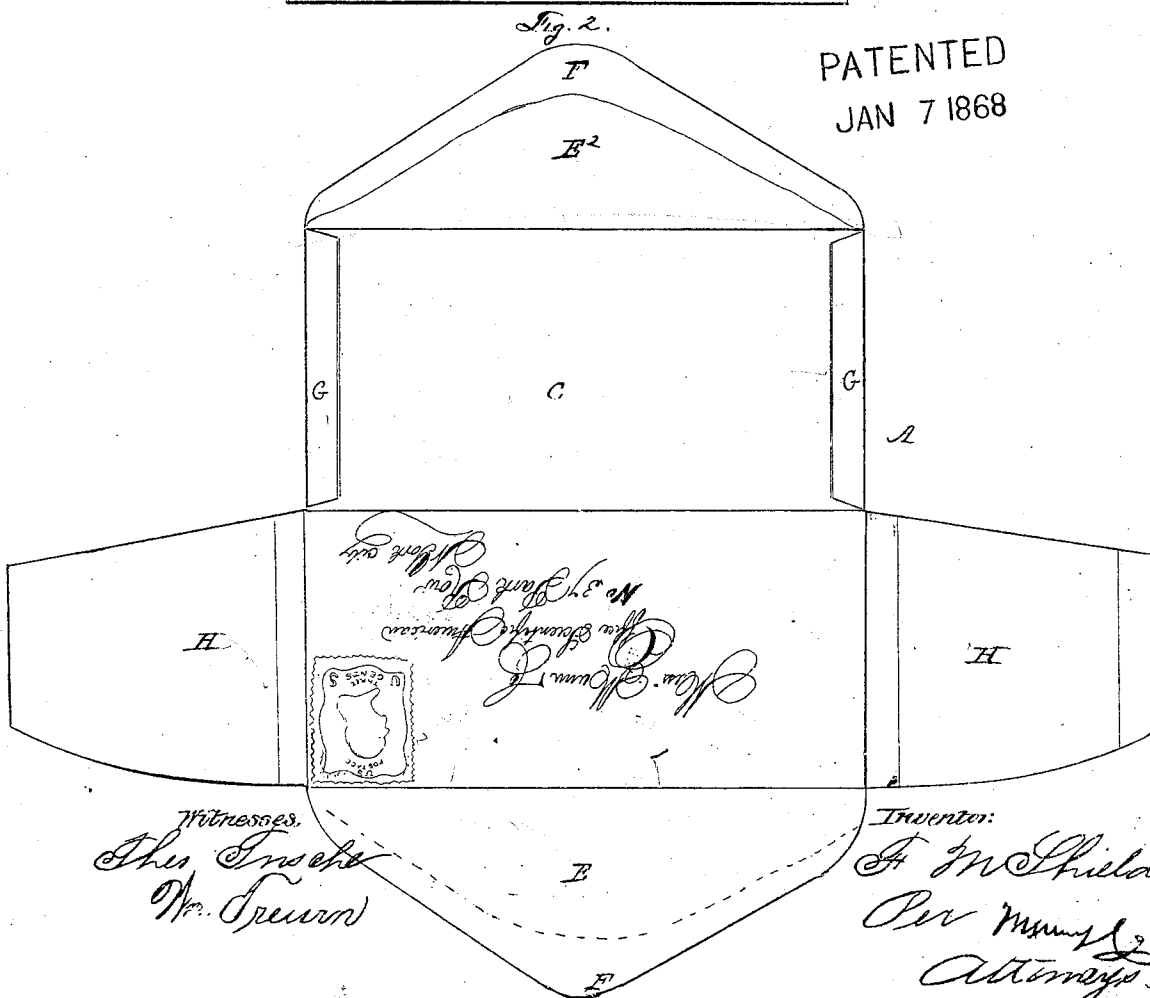


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN ENVELOPES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, F. MARION SHIELDS, of Macon, in the county of Noxubee, and State of Mississippi, have invented a new and improved Envelope; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The present invention consists in so forming an envelope that after having once been used it is susceptible of again being used by properly folding it therefor, as will be apparent from the following description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying plate of drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the envelope folded up, and

Figure 2 a view of the paper spread out in its several parts.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A, in the drawings, represents my improved envelope, of which B is the centre portion, that constituting the address-side or face of the envelope when used in addition to the other portion or side C, the one when folded in the one way, and the other when folded in the other way. Each part, B and C, is provided with a similar flap or piece, E E², both of which have mucilage applied along their edge F, as shown by a tint of yellow in the one case, and by a dotted line in the other. The part C, in addition to the flap E, has a wing, G, turned over at each end, which wings are both provided with mucilage, as shown by the yellow tint, and the part B has two flaps H, one at each end, and gummed, as shown in yellow in the drawings.

For the first time using the envelope: Fold the flaps H over upon the part B, and then upon the flap E, when fold the whole over upon the part C, whereby moistening the mucilage on the wings G, it can be secured and held, and the envelope is ready for receiving a letter, which being inserted therein, is there held by sealing the flap E². In opening the envelope, folded as above described, cut it along the edges when unfolding the other parts, then fold them over into such a position as to bring the flap E² into position for being sealed.

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

The envelope, constructed as described, consisting of the parts B C, provided with the wings G G, and flaps H H E E², having their edges gummed, as shown and specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me, this 2d day of July, 1867.

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