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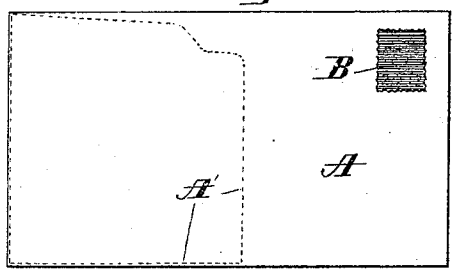


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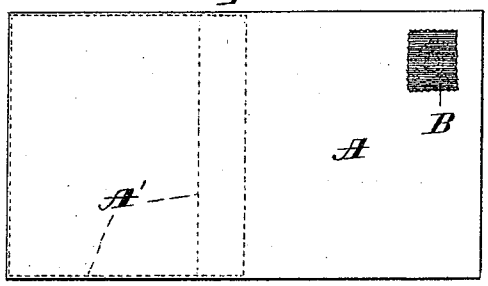


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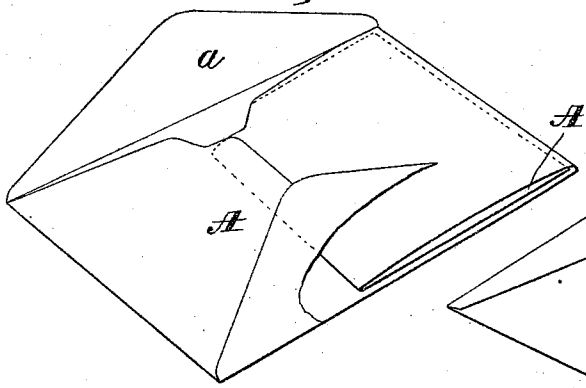


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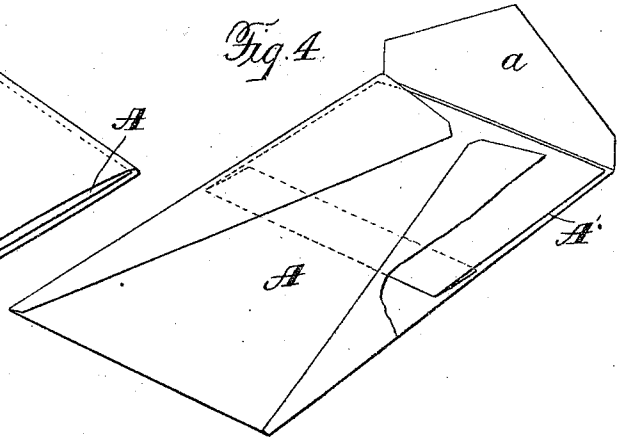
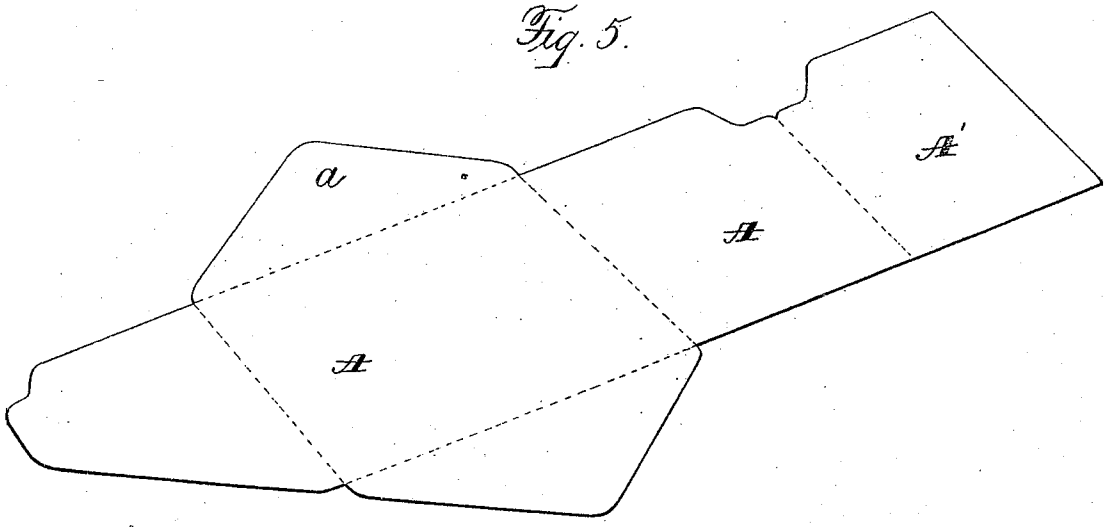


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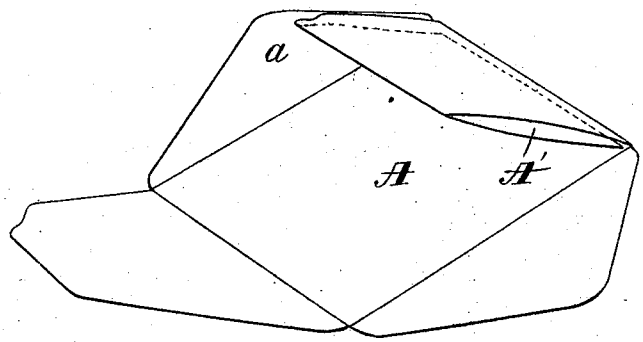


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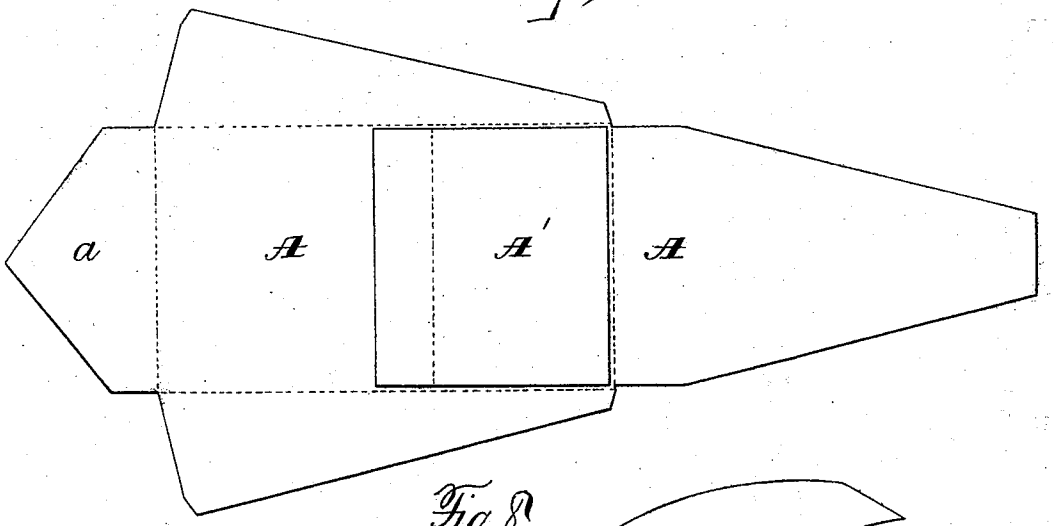
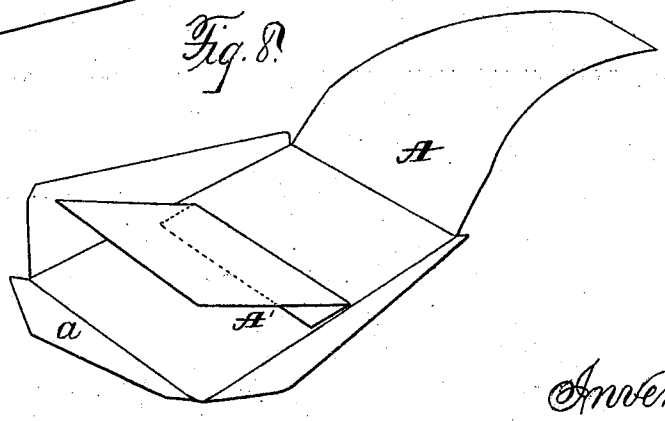


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN M. CUTTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook, and in the State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelopes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1 and 2 are plan views from the front side, of two forms of envelopes containing my improvement, the pockets in each being indicated by dotted lines. Figs. 3 and 4 are perspective views of the same from their rear sides, a portion of the rear fold of each being removed to show the arrangement of the pocket. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the blank preferably used for the construction of the envelope shown in Figs. 1 and 3. Fig. 6 is a like view of the same when partially folded. Fig. 7 is a plan view of the blank preferably employed in the construction of the envelope shown in Figs. 2 and 4, and Fig. 8 is a perspective view of the same when partially folded.

Letters of like name and kind refer to like parts in each of the figures.

The object of my invention is to enable articles to be shipped by mail with safety to the article, and without liability to injury of the stamp canceling devices employed, and to such end, my said invention consists in an envelope provided with a supplemental pocket, constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose specified and claimed.

In the carrying of my invention into practice, I employ two forms of envelope, one of which, A, shown in Figs. 1, 3, 5 and 6, is open, at its upper side, and has such end inclosed, when desired, by means of the usual flap *a*, while the other form A, as seen in Figs. 2, 4, 7 and 8, is open at one end and at such point has an inclosing flap *a*.

Each of the envelopes shown is provided with a supplemental pocket A′ for the holding of articles of merchandise, samples, &c., which pocket is located at or within the left hand end, opposite to the portion of the envelope to which the postage stamps B and B are applied, is accessible from the point at which access is had to the interior of said envelope, and is closed by the turning down and sealing of the flap *a*, so that articles placed therein will be securely held in place and prevented from getting into that portion of the envelope where they would be liable to injury from the canceling of the stamps.

In the construction of these envelopes, the supplemental pockets may be formed separately and then attached in any desired manner, but I preferably make them additional parts of the envelope blanks, so that each blank may be cut complete by a die, and then gummed and folded in the usual way.

The preferred construction is shown in Figs. 1, 3, 5 and 6, where it is illustrated in connection with an envelope that otherwise is constructed in a well-known manner. It is simply necessary in making this form of my invention, to give to one of the end flaps a length about twice that it would have in constructing an ordinary envelope, and cutting its end off squarely. Said flap is then folded over upon itself at a point midway its length, and then again folded over upon the body portion of the blank at the usual place, so that the free end, as clearly shown in Fig. 3 will be entirely inclosed on the completion of the envelope, except at the top edge.

In the form of envelope illustrated in Figs. 2, 4, 7 and 8, the supplemental pocket is shown as formed of a separate piece gummed or otherwise fastened at its inner end to the inner face of the body or main portion of the blank at or near its longitudinal center. It will be observed that the point of access to the supplemental pocket is such that the flap employed for sealing the main pocket, or envelope proper, also operates to close said supplemental pocket.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, an envelope provided with a supplemental pocket formed and contained entirely within it, and having its entrance at the entrance to the envelope proper, and adapted to be closed by the closing of the envelope proper, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. As a new article of manufacture, an envelope provided with a supplemental pocket contained entirely within it which is located

at a point opposite to that where postage stamps are to be affixed, and is accessible at the same point and adapted to be closed by the same means which are employed to close the envelope proper, substantially as and for the purpose shown.

3. As a new article of manufacture, an envelope provided with a supplemental pocket which is accessible only at the point where the envelope proper is accessible, and is formed within the envelope by folding a flap of suitable length upon itself and upon the main or body portion of the envelope so as to inclose the free end of said flap, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

4. As a new article of manufacture, an envelope provided with an internal, supplemental pocket which is closed on all sides except at the point where the envelope proper is accessible, and is adapted to be closed by the flap which closes the latter substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of December, 1892.

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