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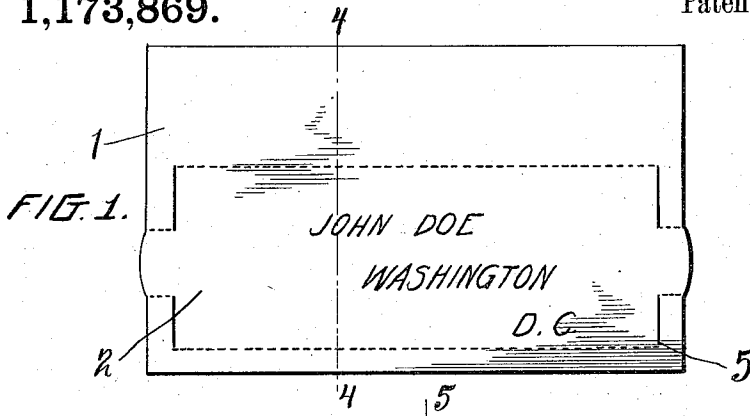


FIG. 4.

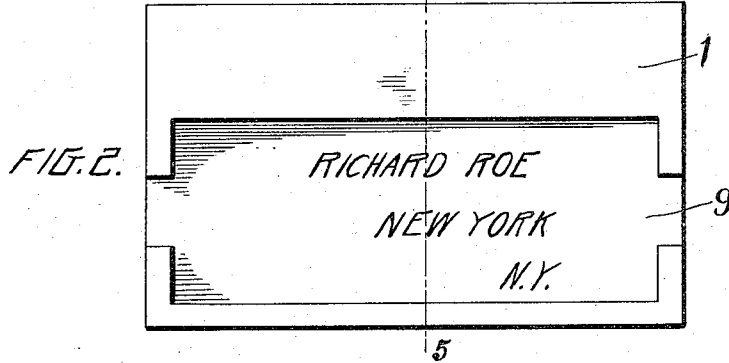
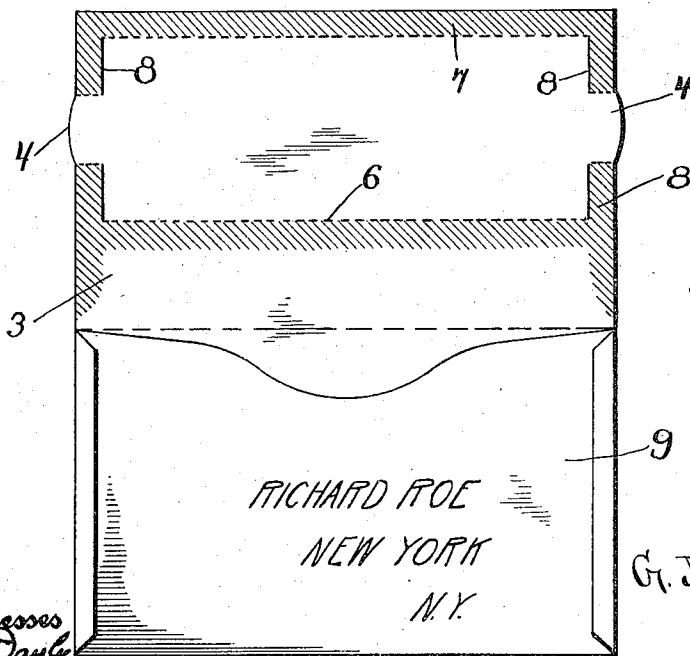


FIG. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GUY J. ROUGEUX, a citizen of the United States, residing at Coudley, in the county of Clearfield and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety-Envelops; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in envelops and it has for its object the provision of a simple, efficient and practical return envelop so constructed as to provide, in addition to the name of the person to whom the letter is addressed the name and address also of the person sending the letter, the address of the sender, however, being concealed from view until exposed by the severing from the envelop of that portion or flap bearing the address of the person to whom the letter was originally sent.

One of the essential objects of the invention resides in the provision of means whereby, in the event of the necessity of returning an uncalled for letter, the same may be returned to the sender without necessitating the rewriting of the address and without necessitating the printing of instructions for the return of the letter, if uncalled for, upon the outer face of the package, the address of the sender being at all times hidden from view and made accessible only by tearing off the portion of the envelop containing the address of the person to whom the letter was mailed.

To these ends and to such others as the invention may pertain, the same consists in the novel construction of the envelop as will be more fully hereinafter described, shown in the accompanying drawings and then specifically defined in the appended claim.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a plan view of an envelop complete and sealed, showing the name of the person to whom the letter is to be mailed. Fig. 2 is a like view showing the address of the sender of the letter as it appears when

the name of the addressee has been removed. Fig. 3 is a like view with the flap or cover portion bearing the name of the person to whom the letter was originally addressed shown as raised but not detached from the envelop. Fig. 4 is a sectional view on line 4—4 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 5 is a sectional view on line 5—5 of Fig. 2.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by numeral, 1 represents an envelop which in general appearance is similar to envelops ordinarily used, being provided with a space 2 for the name and address of the person to whom the envelop is to be forwarded.

3 is a flap corresponding in size and form to the size and form of the envelop and is an extension of the back portion of the envelop and formed integral therewith. This extension or flap 3 is provided at its ends with lips 4, 4 which extend a sufficient distance beyond the ends of the flap to form a hole or space adapted for use in removing the flap from the envelop when the same is detached therefrom by tearing along the perforated line 5 extending longitudinally across the flap at a point near the lower edge thereof. The inner face of this flap is provided with a space to receive the address of the sender and the flap is provided around its inner marginal edge with a mucilaged space 6 which contacts with the outer face of the envelop bearing the name of the addressee, while the inner edge of the outer end and the inner faces of the extensions 8, 8 are also mucilaged for attachment to the outer ends of the flap 9 containing the address of the sender.

From the foregoing description, the use of the envelop will be readily understood. The message to be transmitted is placed within the envelop and the flap 2 containing upon its outer face the address of the person to whom the letter is to be sent, is folded down over the face of the envelop containing upon its outer surface the address of the sender. Should it for any reason be desired to return the envelop to the sender, it is simply necessary to detach the flap 1, bearing the name of the addressee, this flap being torn along the line 5 and the severing of the flap will leave the complete envelop having upon its face the address of the sender and the person to whom the envelop is to be returned.

Having thus described my invention, what

I claim to be new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

An envelop having a rear flap, a portion of which is provided with lines of perforation outlining a removable section, which section has contracted parts at the ends which are imperforate and extending slight distances beyond the ends of the flap, the inner surface of said flap adjacent to the lines of perforations being provided with

an adhesive material whereby the flap, independent of the part intermediate said lines, may be sealed.

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

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