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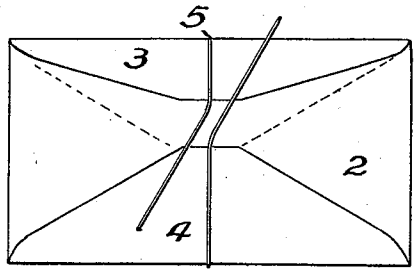

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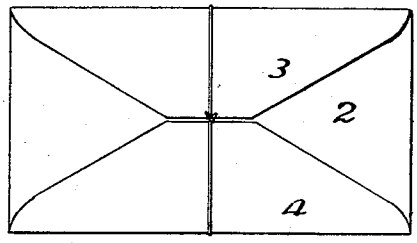

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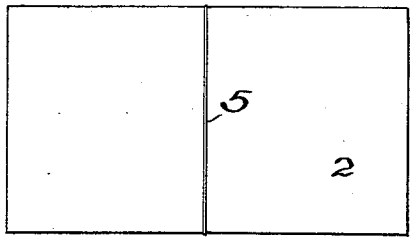

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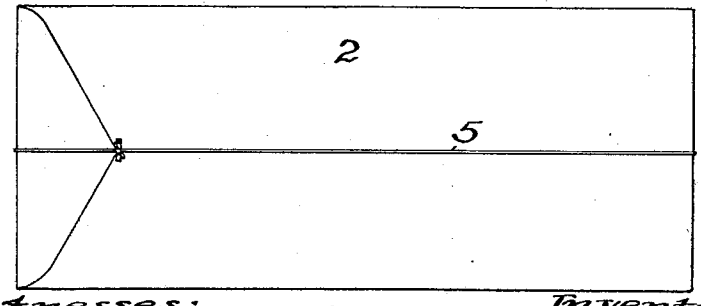

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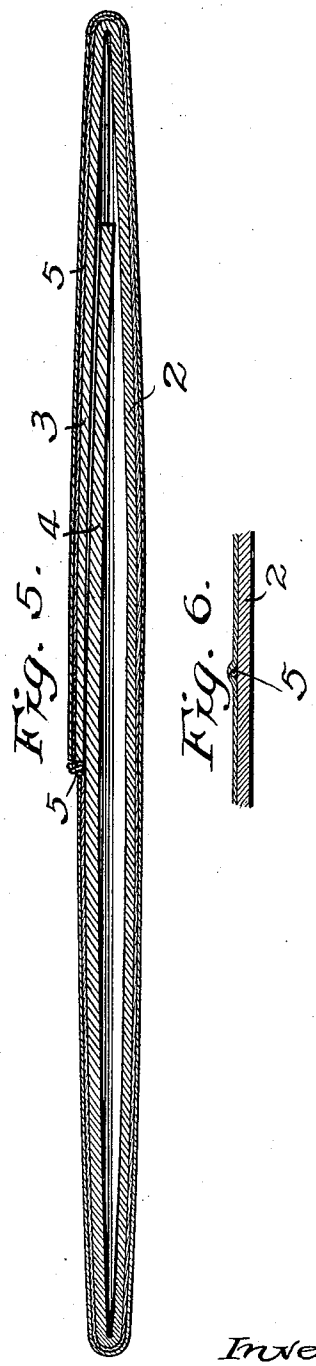

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OLE E. LEE, of Oelwein, Fayette county, Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to envelops for sending money and valuable papers from place to place for the use of banks and express companies particularly, and the object I have in view is to provide an envelop which will be cheap to manufacture, which it will not be necessary to seal, and which cannot be tampered with without detection.

My invention consists generally in various constructions and combinations, all as hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

The invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of an envelop embodying my invention, showing the same open ready for use. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the envelop closed. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the opposite side of the envelop, showing the thread beneath the surface of the same. Fig. 4 is a modification, the flap being arranged on the end of the envelop and the thread running longitudinally across the face of the same instead of crosswise, as in the other views. Figs. 5 and 6 are detail sectional views showing the thread or cord embedded in the material of which the envelop is composed.

In the drawings, 2 represents an envelop of the ordinary shape and size made in the usual manner and provided with the flaps 3 and 4 upon its longitudinal edges. The flap 4 is sealed, as is usual, while the flap 3 is turned back to permit access to the interior of the envelop. A thread 5 is embedded in the material composing the envelop crosswise of the face of the same, having its free ends turned over the longitudinal edges of the envelop and adapted to be brought together and tied over the flaps 3 and 4 on the back of the envelop. A small space is preferably left between the adjacent edges of the flap to receive the knot formed by the ends of the thread 5. After the knot has been securely tied the ends of the thread are cut off close to it and the knot pressed into its place between the flaps, where it will be out of the way and in no danger of catching on another envelop or any other article.

After the money or papers have been placed in the envelop, the flap closed, and the knot tied and the ends of the thread cut off it will be impossible to tie the thread again if untied, and hence any attempt to open the envelop after it has once been tied up will be instantly detected, whether the knot be untied or whether the thread or string 5 be entirely removed.

I do not confine myself to the use of the envelop with the flap upon its longitudinal edge, as my invention is as well adapted for use on an envelop having a flap on its end, as shown in Fig. 4. It is not necessary either that the flaps be of the same size, that they meet exactly in the middle of the envelop, or that there be a flap upon each of the longitudinal edges or upon the ends of the envelop.

By using this device it is not necessary to seal the package or sew the money or papers into the envelop. The thread or string is placed beneath the surface of the envelop while it is being manufactured and any attempt to remove it would be noticed by the most casual observer.

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

1. An envelop having a thread or cord embedded in the material composing the same, the ends of said thread being cut close to the knot formed by tying the free ends of said thread or cord together, thereby forming a seal for said envelop, substantially as described.

2. An envelop, having a thread or cord inserted between the layers of paper or other material composing the same and extending across the face of the envelop and the flaps provided on the longitudinal edges thereof, the ends of said thread or cord being cut close to the knot formed by tying the free ends of

said thread, thereby forming a seal for said envelop, substantially as described.

3. An envelop having a thread extending around it, and embedded in the material composing the same, the ends of said thread being cut close to the knot formed by tying the free ends of the same, thereby forming a seal for said envelop, and said knot being pressed into the space provided between the edges of the flaps, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of July, A. D. 1895.

OLE E. LEE.

In presence of—
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