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Fig. 1

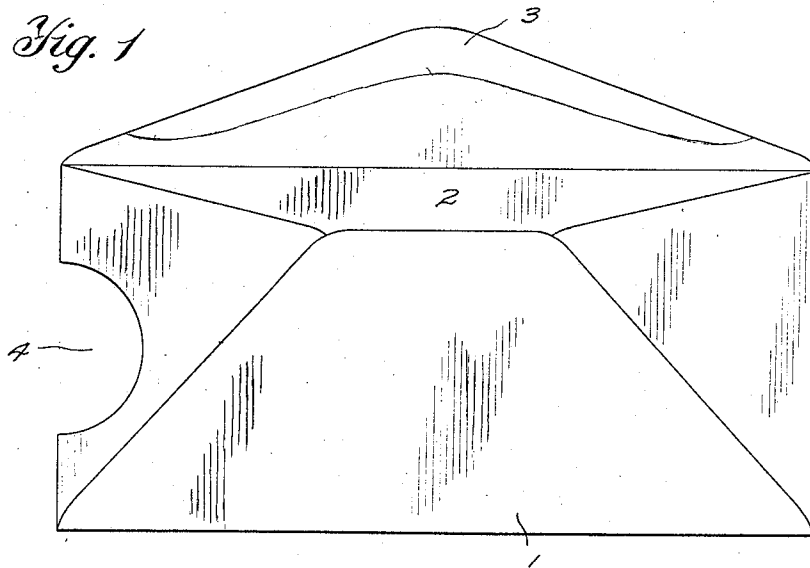


Fig. 2

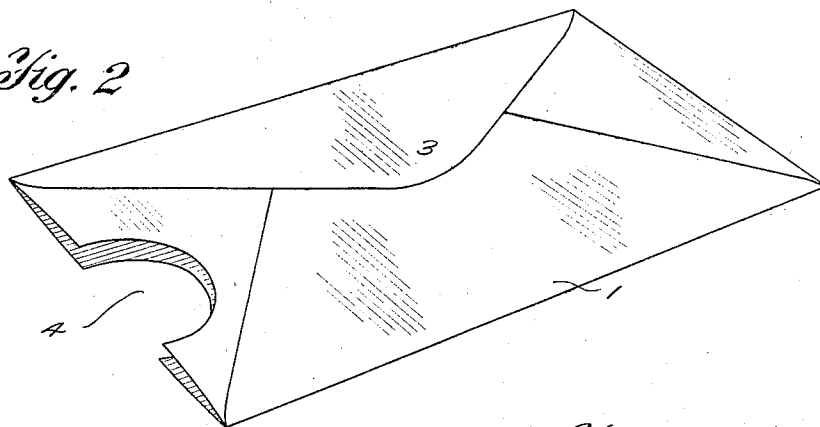


Fig. 3

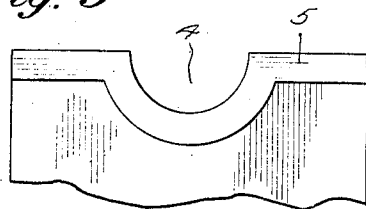
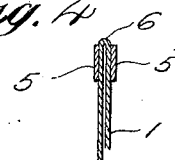


Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. POST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fond du Lac, in the county of Fond du Lac and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in 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.

My invention relates to envelops for holding letters, papers, etc. for storage or transportation through the mails and also adapted to be used as an office file for holding legal papers, etc.

The invention consists in providing an envelop of the usual form and construction with a notch in one end which extends only partially across said end and is not closed when the envelop is sealed. The unsevered portions of the end of the envelop at each side of the notch retain the contents during transportation, whereas by simply cutting said unsevered portions the envelop is transformed into an ordinary office filing jacket from which papers can be readily removed by the thumb and finger placed in the notch.

The invention further consists in the features of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter described and specified in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing, illustrating the preferred embodiment of my invention: Figure 1 shows the rear face of the envelop with the flap raised. Fig. 2 is a perspective view with the flap sealed and the portions of the end at each side of the notch severed as when the envelop is to be used for filing purposes, and Figs. 3 and 4 are broken and sectional views respectively of a modification.

In the drawing 1 designates the envelop which is provided with the usual filling opening 2 on one side and the flap 3 for closing and sealing said opening. A notch 4, preferably semi-circular in form, is cut in one end of the envelop leaving the remainder of said end unsevered. Said notch is preferably arranged in the center of the end and is about the size usually found in small office filing jackets.

While I have shown the filling opening and

flap on one side, it is obvious that they may be arranged at the end opposite the notch without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages of my invention. It will be noted that the unsevered portions of the notched end of the envelop will effectively prevent the removal of the contents from that end of the envelop until they are cut. Anyone receiving one of these envelops through the mails sealed can quickly remove the contents by simply slitting or cutting the unsevered portions of the notched end and afterward use the envelop for filing purposes. The envelop is preferably made of strong material so that it will be suited for this purpose. It will also be observed that a knife, paper cutter or other instrument may be readily inserted in the notch for the purpose of opening the envelop by cutting the portions of the end at each side of said notch.

As illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4, the envelop may be made of thinner paper or other material and have the edge of its notched end reinforced by one or more extra thicknesses of material 5 pasted or otherwise secured thereto. These reinforcing strips 5 preferably do not turn or extend around the notched end of the envelop but leave the portion thereof at each side of the notch with only one thickness, as shown at 6 in Fig. 4, which may be easily severed or cut in opening the envelop.

I claim:

1. An envelop having a filling opening, a flap adapted to close said opening, one end of said envelop having a notch therein leaving an opening which extends only partially across said end and which is not closed by said flap whereby said envelop is adapted to be used for mailing purposes before the notched end is cut and as a filing jacket after said end is cut, said notched end being reinforced by an extra thickness of material secured at its edge and conforming to the straight and notched portions thereof.

2. An envelop having a filling opening, a flap adapted to close said opening, one end of said envelop having a notch therein leaving an opening which extends only partially across said end and which is not closed by said flap whereby said envelop is adapted to be used for mailing purposes before the notched end is cut and as a filing jacket after

said end is cut, said notched end being reinforced by an extra thickness of material secured at its edge and conforming to the straight and notched portions thereof, but
5 leaving the extreme folded edges of the straight portions at each side of the notch uncovered for the purpose specified.

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

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