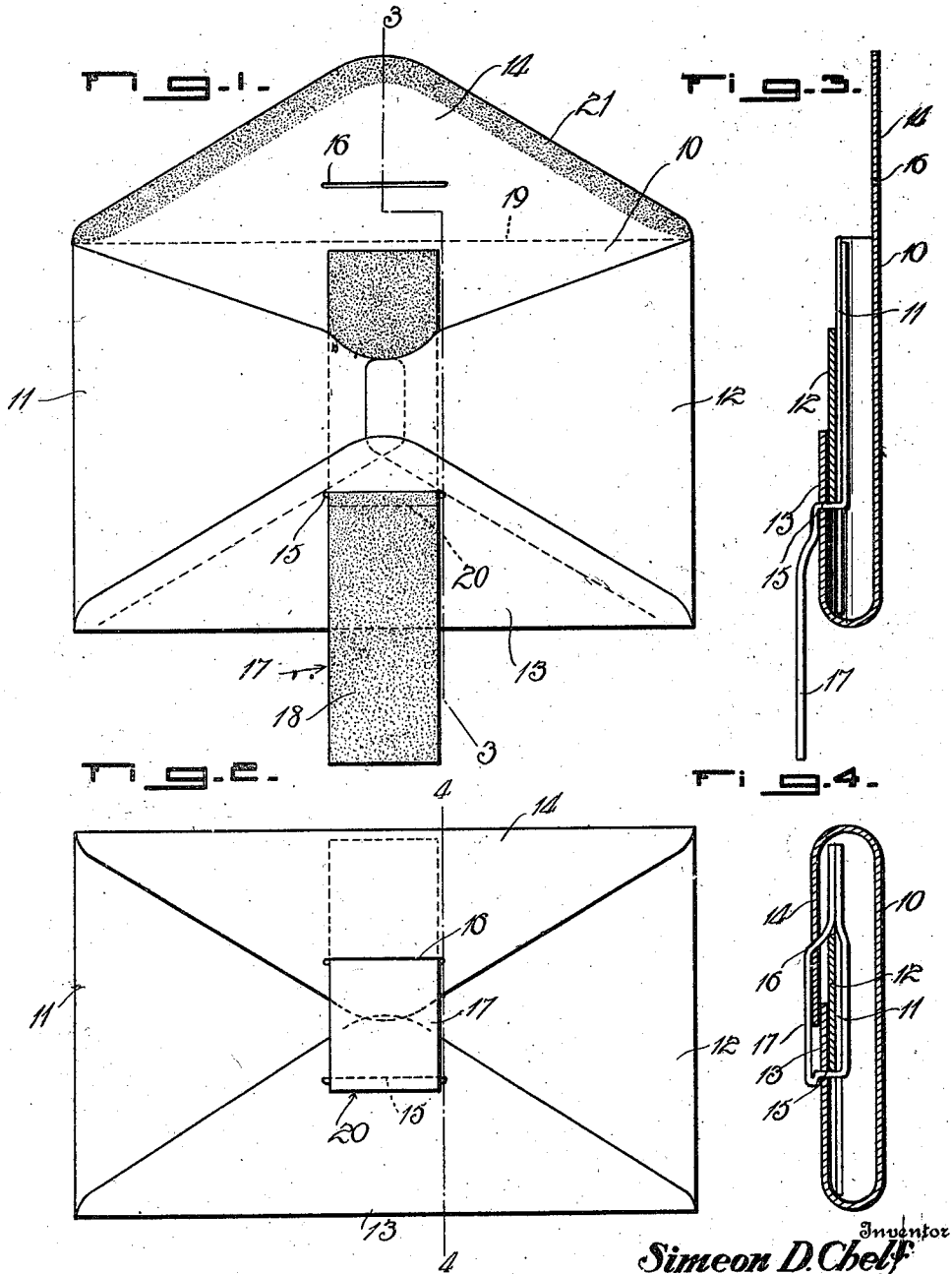


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SIMEON D. CHELF, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kensington, in the county of Smith, State of Kansas, 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.

This invention relates to envelops of the class wherein provision is made for reinforcing the sealing portion, to prevent fracture during transportation through the mails, and has for its object to improve the construction and increase the efficiency and utility of devices of this character.

With this and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction as hereafter shown and described and then specifically pointed out in the claim, and in the drawings illustrative of the preferred embodiment of the invention, Figure 1 is a view of the envelop ready to receive its contents. Fig. 2 is a view of the envelop closed. Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

The improvement comprises an attachment which may be applied to any envelop having a sealing flap, and for the purpose of illustration is shown applied to a conventional envelop comprising a front portion 10, end flaps 11—12, back flap 13, and with a closure flap 14. The back flap 13 is provided with a longitudinally extending slit 15, and the closure flap 14 is provided with a similar slit 16, the formation of the slits in the envelop being the only change made therein.

A strip 17 forms a part of the improvement and is provided with adhesive material indicated at 18 upon one face. The strip is inserted through the slit 15 into the interior of the envelop and extended to a point near the folding line 19 between the front portion 10 and the closure flap 14, and the remainder of the strip extending over the back flap 13, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. When the strip is inserted as shown in Figs. 1 and 3 the adhesive material which bears against the interior of the end flaps and back flap is moistened to cause the strip to

adhere thereto. In this condition the envelops are furnished to the trade, and after the contents have been inserted the closure flap 14 is closed in the usual manner and sealed by moistening the adhesive material indicated at 21. The exposed portion of the strip 17 is then moistened and folded along the line indicated by the dotted line 20 and inserted through the slot 16 and forced inwardly over the interior portion of the strip into the position shown in Fig. 2 and pressure applied to cause the two portions of the strip to adhere and also to cause the strip to adhere to the overlapping portions of the back flap and closure flaps. By this means the envelop is effectually reinforced and strengthened at the weakest point, and the point which is most liable to be fractured during transit through the mails.

The strip 17 will preferably be of tough material, which is capable of withstanding severe tearing strains, and may be of cloth or like fabric if preferred. For some forms of envelops the strip will preferably be of cloth or like material, and it is not desired therefore to limit the invention to any specific material for the strip.

The improved device is simple in construction, can be attached to envelops at a slight increase of expense, and will operate effectually for the purposes described, and preserve the contents of the envelop from damage during transit.

What is claimed is:—

An envelop including a back flap and a closure flap provided respectively with slits which are spaced apart when the envelop is closed, and a sealing strip having an adhesive upon one side, said strip extending through the slit of the back with one end extending to a point near the fold of the closure flap and exposed when the envelop is open and sealed against the inner face of the back of the envelop and the free end of the sealing flap inserted through the slit of the closure flap when the closure flap is closed and sealed upon the closure flap and the exposed end of the strip.

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

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