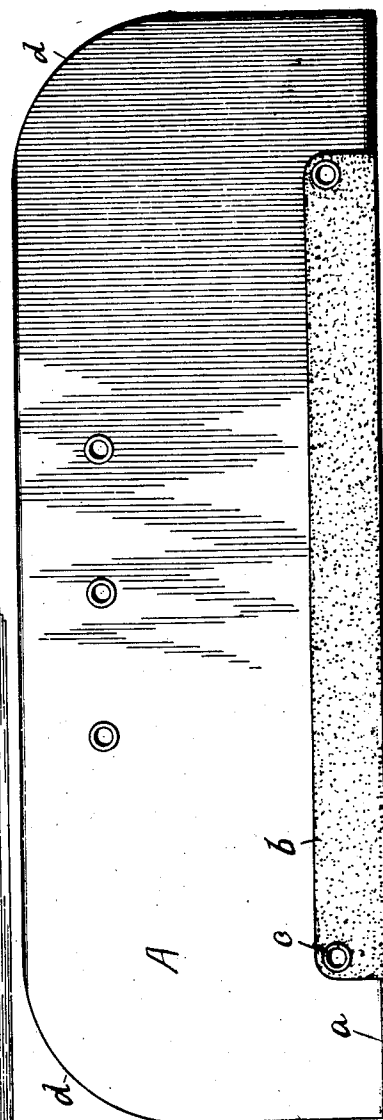
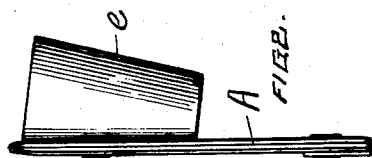
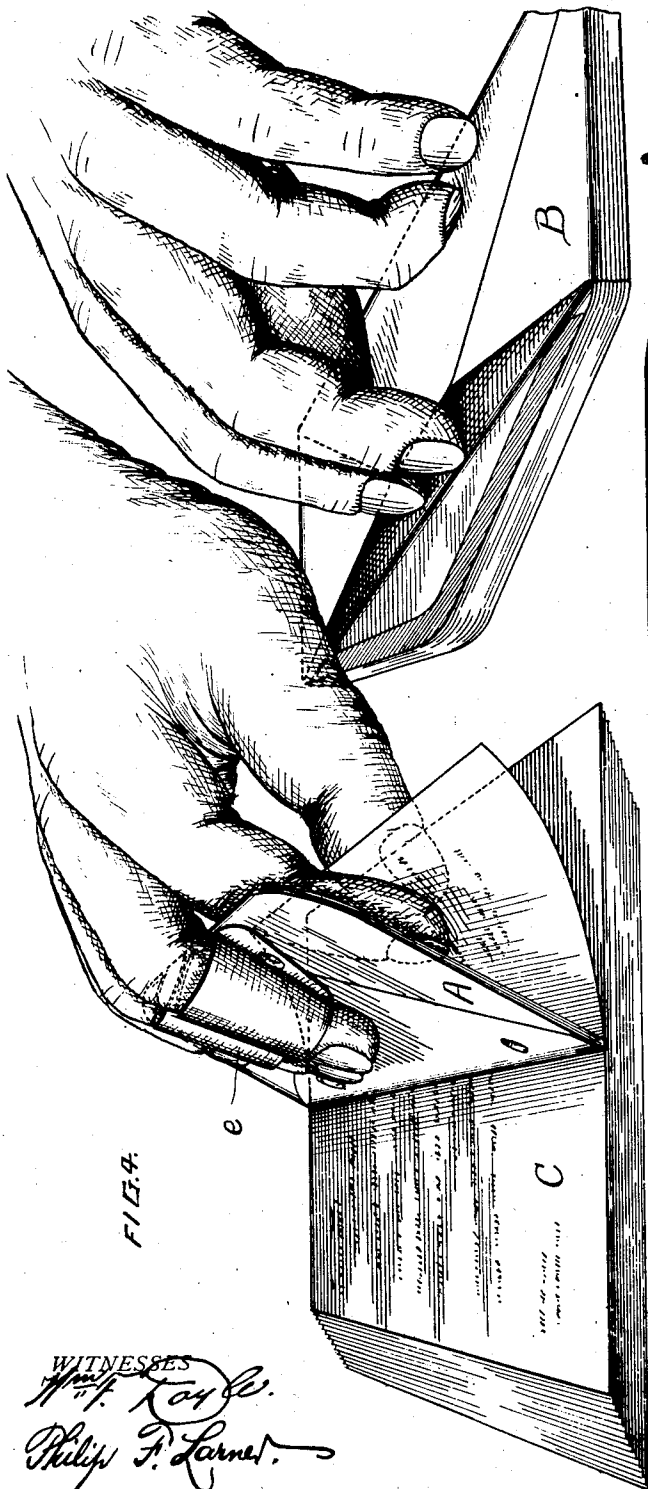


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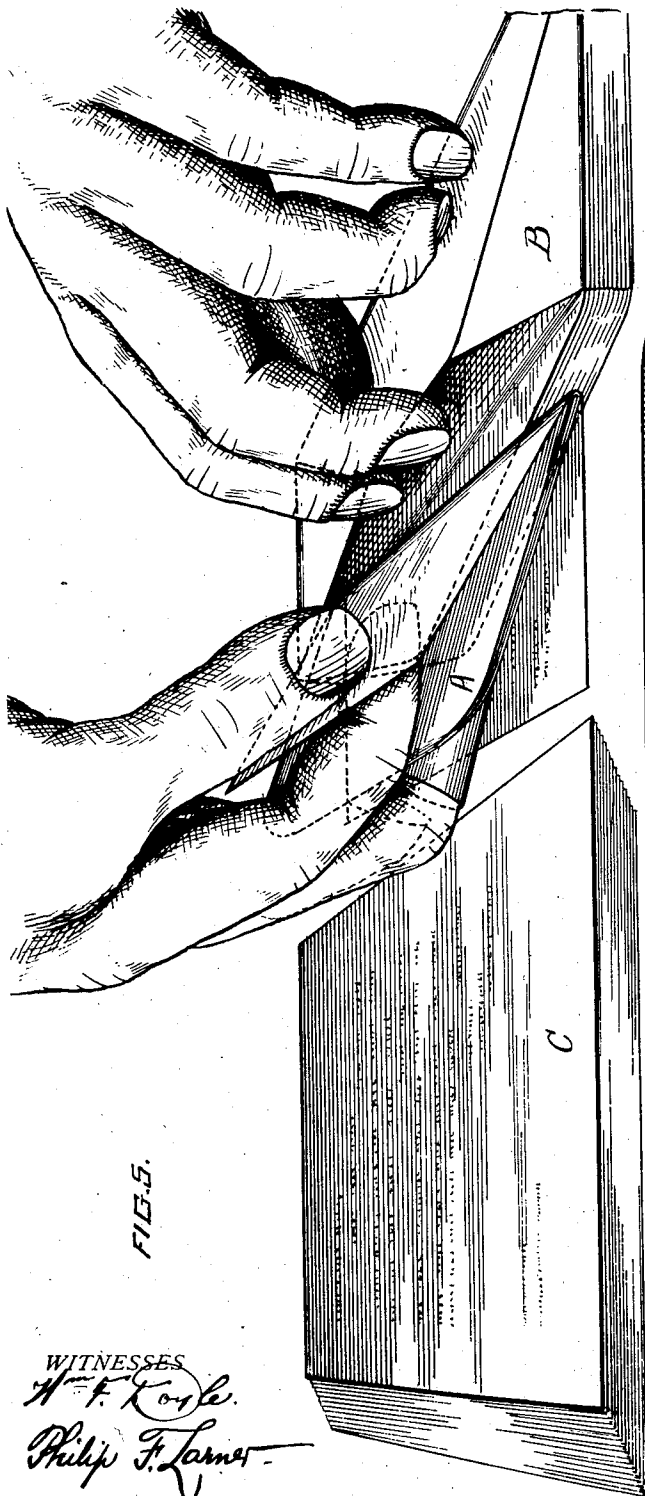


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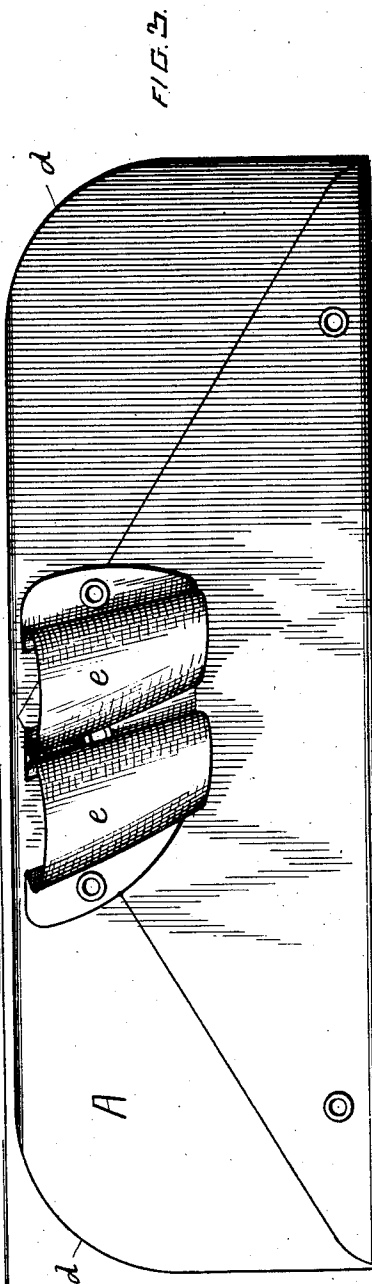


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT J. GORE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented a Hand Paper-Folder and Envelop-Filler, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to enable sheets of paper (letters, circulars, etc.) to be quickly folded and inserted into envelopes.

My invention comprises a piece of sheet material of sufficient rigidity to adapt it to the aforesaid use, having one straight anti-friction edge and means on one face thereof near the edge that is opposite the anti-friction edge whereby it may be attached to one or more fingers.

In the drawings, Figure 1, is a plan view of the front of my folder and envelop filler; Fig. 2, end view; Fig. 3, view of the back showing finger stalls for receiving two fingers, Figs. 4 and 5 show how the paper folder and envelop filler is operated.

I may select as the material of my folder any substance having the necessary rigidity for my purpose. I have found heavy paper, sheet fiber, celluloid and metal suitable substances. The form I have found most suitable is that illustrated in the drawings, in which—

A designates the folder having a straight edge *a* which is roughened or otherwise formed or conditioned so as not to slip over a sheet of paper when the edge is applied thereto. This friction effect may be produced by sand paper, rubber, or like suitable material or the material of the edge of the folder itself may be treated to render it of friction character. I have shown the friction portion extending only partway of the length of the edge so that the instrument may be more readily withdrawn from the envelop after the sheet has been inserted. The edge may, if desired, be of friction character at one or more separate points. In the drawing the friction character of the edge is shown produced by sand paper, which is secured to the body of the folder by eyelets *c*. The rear corners *d* are rounded for a purpose to be stated hereafter. On the rear face of the device is secured a means for attaching it to the fingers consisting as shown, of two pockets or finger stalls *e*, taper-

ing in such manner that the second and third fingers of the hand may fit snugly within and firmly secure the device to two fingers to render certain the manipulation of it. The pockets or stalls may be formed of a single piece of material eyeleted or otherwise secured to the folder. They may be made of any suitable substance, preferably flexible. I have found both leather and felt suitable for the purpose.

In operation of this device the second and third fingers are inserted in the finger stalls as shown in Fig. 4, the index finger and thumb being on the same side of the device and opposite to the side bearing the finger stalls; the paper to be folded and inserted in the envelop is placed on a table or stand at one side of the operator with the edge extended toward the envelop or pile of envelopes, as indicated, the device placed on the sheet of paper and the edge of paper grasped between the thumb and index finger and held secure; at the same time the flaps of the envelopes having all been folded back as shown in Fig. 4, the index and second fingers of the other hand open the envelop and by a simple wrist movement as shown in Fig. 5, the device with the paper held between the index finger and thumb is inserted in the mouth of the envelop, so that the corner of the folded sheet nearest the operator enters that portion of the opening nearest the operator first and is then pushed to the bottom of the envelop, at the same time the thumb is allowed to be free and does not enter the envelop but the index finger does. The device is then withdrawn and the same operation continued in folding and inserting other sheets. The rounded corners as shown in Fig. 1, indicated by *d* prevent the device from catching in the envelop when it is withdrawn.

The friction edge is an aid in keeping the sheets of paper extended or overlapping so they can be readily counted and be picked up by the thumb and be held by the index finger and thumb as shown in Fig. 4 and from one to a dozen can be readily inserted in one movement with this device. By actual trial it has been possible for me with the use of this device to fill four times as many envelopes as an expert can fill without its use.

By making the device in different sizes I

can have it to fit any size of paper and envelop desired.

What I claim is—

A paper folder and envelop filler comprising a body of sheet material provided with a
5 straight edge, a plurality of finger stalls on one face of said body opening rearwardly of said edge and a friction edge on the under

surface of said body along the straight edge thereof.

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In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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