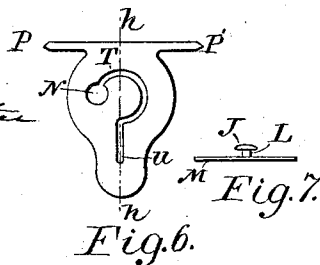


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERIC E. WRIGHT, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in a Wrapper or Envelope, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the annexed drawings, forming a part thereof, in which—

Figure 1 represents my device entirely unfolded, without the parts of catch in place. Fig. 2 represents a longitudinal section complete, with address blank or card adjusted in the compartment made to receive it. Fig. 3 represents the back fully folded and fastened ready for use. Fig. 4 represents the front view fully folded, showing address blank or card in place. Fig. 5 represents the address blank or card. Fig. 6 represents the female portion of the catch or fastener. Fig. 7 represents the male portion of the same.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several drawings.

The object of my invention is, first, to provide a wrapper or envelope, which can be used for transportation and delivery, by mail or otherwise, as often as the material of which it is made will last; second, to provide a catch or fastener which will be at once secure, durable and easy to manipulate.

My invention, cut after my pattern shown in Fig. 1, consists, essentially, first, of two compartments shown in Fig. 2, between A B and A C, respectively, formed as hereinafter described; second, of an independent address blank or card; third, of a fastener. My catch or fastener consists of two separate parts. The first is a flat sheet of metal or other suitable and durable material, the outline of which is cut as shown in Fig. 6, or any other symmetrical or desirable shape, the thickness of this sheet to be of suitable degree to insure firmness and durability. The perpendicular line *h h'* bisects Fig. 6. A hole to admit knob J, Fig. 7, is made outside of the perpendicular at any suitable point, as at N, Fig. 6. From this receiving-hole carry a slot which shall describe an arc within the outline of this part, below stem T, Fig. 6, terminating within the perpendicular line *h h'* at any point, as at U. To place this part in position, fold the arms P P' where they join stem T, the one upon

the other, flat down upon the stem T. V, Fig. 1, is an opening to admit the base T of Fig. 6, with arms P P' folded thereon. Push base T with the arms thus folded through opening V, from the side opposite to that shown in Fig. 1, until the base and arms are fully on the side of the envelope, as shown in Fig. 1. Unfold the arms and lay the base and arms flat upon lid F, Fig. 1. Along line *g g'* fold wall G flat down upon base and arms, wholly covering them, fastening it securely to wall F with glue or in any other suitable manner.

The second part of the fastener, as shown in Fig. 7, consists of a button with a knob J, stem L supporting the same, and the flat base M. At point K, Fig. 1, a small hole is cut, of sufficient size to admit knob J, Fig. 7, snugly, so that base M lies flat upon wall B, and sufficient of stem L projects on the opposite side to pass conveniently through the slot in the female part of the fastener. When thus adjusted, a piece of strong material is then glued or otherwise firmly fastened upon wall B, wholly covering base and holding the entire device securely in place.

In Fig. 1, R represents the space where a portion of wall C C is cut away, leaving an opening with rounded corners to render tearing less likely. Enough of wall C C remains to form a secure wall for the compartment for the address-blank. In Fig. 1 all perpendicular lines are parallel to each other, and all horizontal lines are parallel. The broken lines (---) represent the folds. Along line *b b'* fold wall A from right to left, over wall B. Along line *c c'* fold wall B, with A thus folded over it, from right to left upon wall C C. Along *d d'* fold wall D from left to right upon the outer side of wall B, as already folded, fastening wall D upon it with glue or in any other suitable manner. Next fold wall E upward along *d' c'* fastening it firmly upon the outer sides of walls D and B, with glue or otherwise. The envelope may be composed of any materials suitable to its various uses. We have thus formed two compartments, the first between walls A and B, Fig. 2, being intended to receive the matter or articles for transportation or filing, the second, between walls A and C, being intended to receive the address-card described below.

The address blank or card, cut approximately of the size and shape of the second compartment, is shown by S, Figs. 2 and 5. It has a small extension at point X provided for conveniently adjusting and withdrawing it from its compartment. Assuming that the envelope has been mailed, the addressee may withdraw the address-card, reverse and replace it in its compartment, and, upon the blank presenting itself at space R, Fig. 1, may address it and place a postage-stamp thereon. Any number of address blanks or cards may, in like manner, be substituted.

In the classes of mail-matter to which this envelope will chiefly be devoted (second, third, and fourth classes) the post-office places a mark upon the postage-stamp, but puts no other mark upon the envelope. Now, as directions will appear upon my device, to place postage-stamps upon the address-card only, at a point such as that indicated in Figs. 4 and 5 by space H, the post-office mark will appear only upon the address-card. This card may be made of any material suitable to the purpose above described. It may also be made of a stiff material capable of serving the double purpose of address-card as well as stiffener, guard or protector of the articles or matter which may be inclosed in the envelope. When stiff material is used for the address-card, the extension X may be omitted and a loop of tape or cord may be used in its place or other suitable means supplied for handling the same.

To adjust address-card insert the same in the opening at the top of the compartment formed by walls A and C, as shown in Fig. 2. The card will, therefore, be exposed for the entire space indicated by R in Fig. 1, and S in Fig. 4, and further shown by the break in wall C, Fig. 2.

When the wall or lid F, Fig. 1, is folded down flat upon the back of the envelope formed as above described, (shown in Fig. 3,) the address-card is securely locked in its compartment. Now, assuming that this envelope is supplied with the catch or fastener hereinbefore described, the end of the slot shown at point U, Fig. 6, falls upon knob J. Draw lid F down and to the right or left, depending upon how this part of the fastener is attached, so that the receiving-hole N of Fig. 6 is directly over knob J of Fig. 7, adjusted as set forth hereinbefore. Press hole N down over the knob to stem L, guide L around the slot to U, where all strain by lid F ceases, lid F assumes its natural position, and the envelope is thereby securely fastened. (See Fig. 3.)

I am aware of the existence of an envelope that may be reversed and used over once. I am also aware of the existence of a catch with a receiving-hole and straight slot. Therefore I do not claim either of these devices.

What I do claim, and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is—

The herein described envelope the same consisting of a wall C, with an opening R through it having at its upper end the folding end wall F, provided with any suitable means for securing the wall F to the envelope, having at its lower end the folding fastening wall E, said wall C having at the one side the folding fastening wall D and at the other side the folding wall B, wall B having at its opposite or outer side the folding wall A, in combination with an address blank or card S, having an extension or handle X.

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