

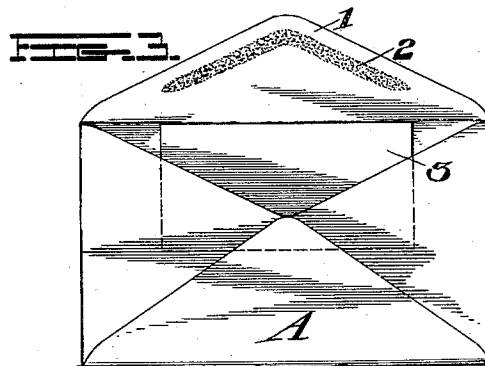
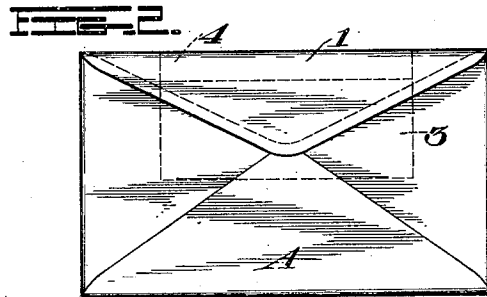
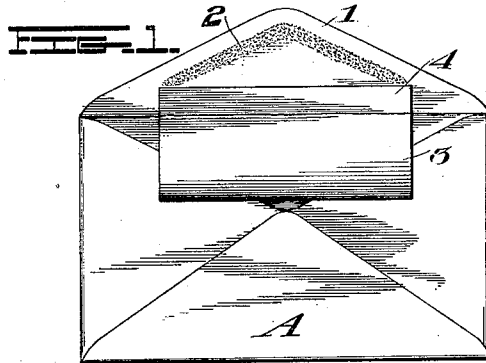
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN ALBERT CHEAPE, a subject of Great Britain, residing at Charlottesville, in the county of Albemarle and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in envelops, and the object is to provide means for sealing the same whereby the envelop will appear to be sealed, but which can be opened by simply giving the flap a slight pull.

Another object is that by the use of such a sealing attachment matter can be mailed at the rate of one cent, and the envelop will appear to be sealed.

The invention relates to certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts which will be hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view showing the invention applied to the flap of the envelop; Fig. 2 is a view showing the envelop closed, and Fig. 3 is a modification.

A represents the body of the envelop, and 1 the usual primary flap, and 2 is the mucilage, which is placed on the flap a short distance from the edge of the flap, so that it will not, when moistened, stick to the body portion of the envelop.

An inner auxiliary or secondary flap 3 is preferably secured, and I have shown it applied with mucilage, to the flap 1 just above the folding edge of the flap, as at 4, and the remaining portion of the flap extends down into the envelop below the edge of the envelop or the V shaped cut-away portion.

When it is desired to use this envelop, the matter to be mailed is placed therein, and the flap 3 is placed over it and between the mail matter and the back side of the envelop, and then the flap 1 is folded over and the mucilage 2 moistened, which will adhere to the flap 3, and the envelop will be given the appearance of being sealed.

In the modification shown in Fig. 3 the

mucilage 2 is placed on the flap 1 of the envelop the same as in Figs. 1 and 2, but the flap 3 instead of being secured to the flap 1 is merely inserted in the envelop after the mail matter has been inserted, placing the flap between the mail matter and the back side of the envelop, and then the flap 1 is folded over and the mucilage 2 moistened, which will stick to the flap 3 and give the envelop the appearance of being sealed, and at the same time preventing the mail matter from being lost or from coming out of the envelop.

It will be seen from the foregoing that I have provided a very simple and efficient means for sealing an envelop whereby the mail matter can be held therein and which can be placed on the market at a very small cost, and advertising matter can be mailed at the rate of one cent.

It is evident that slight changes might be made in the form and arrangement of the parts described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, and hence I do not wish to limit myself to the exact construction herein set forth, but:—

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

As an article of manufacture, an envelop having the usual flap and provided with a flexible auxiliary flap adapted to be inserted in the envelop and cover that portion of the interior of the envelop usually exposed between the upper edge of the back and the connecting line of the flap with the envelop, and the main flap provided with adhesive material at a point to adhere to the auxiliary flap when closed and not to the envelop, whereby said auxiliary flap is removed from the envelop with the main flap.

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

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