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Fig. 2.

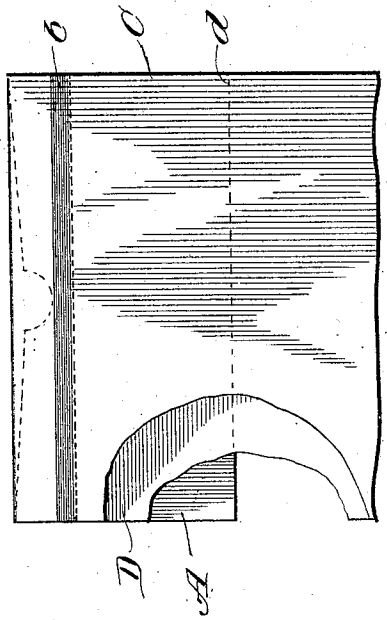


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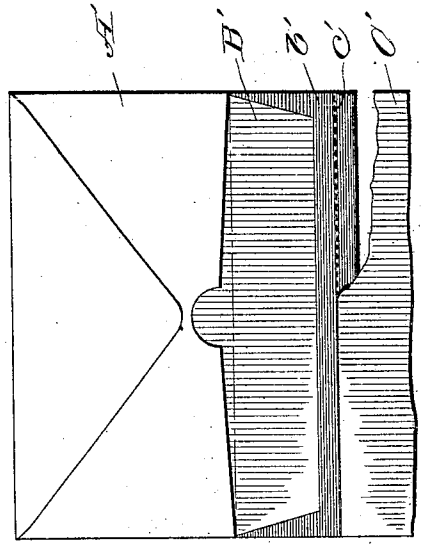
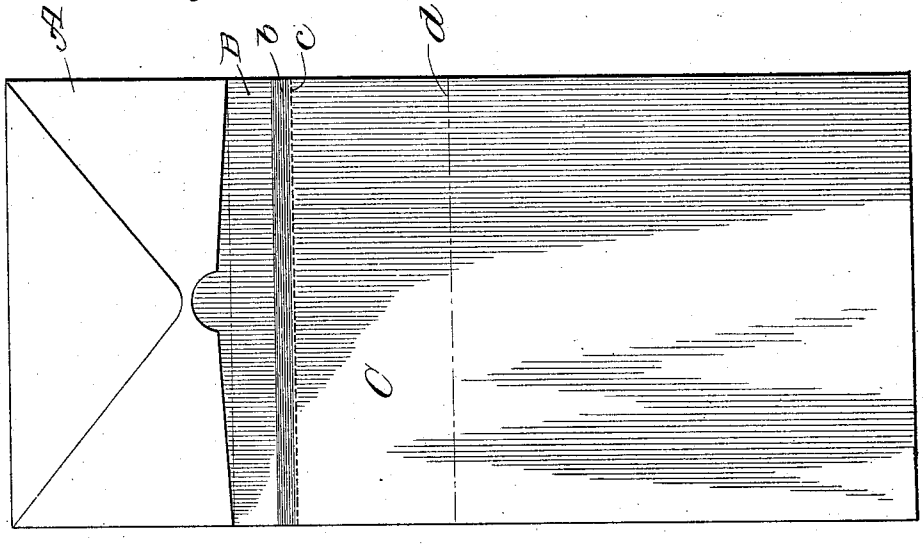


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR J. FARMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in a Combined Envelop and Letter-Sheet; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates in general to stationery, and more particularly to a combined envelop and letter-sheet.

In order that the time, labor, and expense of addressing envelops may be saved, various expedients have been resorted to in order that a single writing of the name and address of the sendee will serve both as a heading for the communication and as the direction for the envelop. To accomplish this end, envelops are sometimes provided with transparent portions, through which the name and address of the sendee on the inclosed sheet of paper may be exposed to serve as the address of the envelop. It has also been proposed to provide combined letter-sheets and envelops adapted to be so folded that the name and address of the sendee on the sheet of paper will be exposed to sight as the direction for the transmission of the communication. These methods have not proved entirely satisfactory, as care is required in so folding the letter-sheet as to expose the name and address of the sendee thereon, so that it may serve as a direction for the envelop.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a combined envelop and sheet of paper so constructed that the name and address of the sendee may be simultaneously written at the head of the sheet and on the envelop.

A further object of my invention is to provide a combined envelop and attached sheet of paper so arranged that the sheet of paper may be folded over the envelop in position to permit the name and address of the sendee when inscribed at the top of the letter-sheet to be transferred by means of interposed carbon-paper to the envelop, the sheet of paper being then detached and inserted in the envelop.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a combined envelop and letter-sheet which will be simple in construction, inexpensive in manufacture, and efficient in use.

My invention may be generally described as comprising an envelop and a sheet of paper detachably secured to the flap of the envelop, whereby the top of the paper may be folded over the outer surface of the envelop and by the insertion of carbon-paper the name and address of the sendee simultaneously inscribed at the head of the sheet and on the envelop.

My invention will be more fully described hereinafter, with reference to the accompanying drawing, in which the same is illustrated as embodied in a convenient and practical form, and in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the envelop and letter-sheet unfolded; Fig. 2, a plan view of the letter-sheet folded over the envelop with a sheet of carbon interposed, and Fig. 3 an elevational view of a modified form of my invention.

Similar reference characters are used to designate similar parts in the several figures of the drawing.

Referring more particularly to Figs. 1 and 2, reference-letter A indicates an envelop, of any suitable size and formed of any desired material.

B indicates the flap of the envelop, which is provided with an adhesive substance *b* along the under surface adjacent its outer edge.

C indicates a sheet of paper, which may be a letter-head, bill-head, or merely a blank sheet of paper to have inscribed thereon a communication. The sheet of paper C is formed integrally with the paper of which the envelop is formed and extends from the outer edge of the flap B of the envelop. A weakened line—such, for instance, as a series of perforations *c*—is provided intermediate of the edge of the flap and the top edge of the sheet of paper.

Preparatory to inscribing the name and address of the sendee at the top of the sheet of paper it is folded, as shown in Fig. 2, so as to overlie the outer surface of the envelop. A sheet of carbon D is interposed between the sheet of paper and envelop, so that when the name and address of the sendee are written as a heading for the sheet of paper such inscription is simultaneously reproduced on the envelop by means of the interposed sheet of carbon. Thus the envelop is addressed simultaneously with the inscribing of the name and address at the top of the sheet of

paper. It is obvious that the envelop and letter-sheet when folded, as shown in Fig. 2, may be inserted in a type-writing machine or the name and address of the sendee may be inscribed by pen.

The letter-sheet may be readily detached from the envelop by tearing along the weakened line *c* and then folded and inserted in the envelop. The flap B may then be secured by means of the adhesive *b*, thereby sealing the envelop.

A line, such as indicated at *d*, is preferably provided on the sheet of paper to serve as a guide in writing the name and address of the sendee. The line *d*, when the sheet of paper is folded over the envelop, alines with the lower edge of the envelop, so that the inscription must be written above such line.

In Fig. 3 I have illustrated a modified embodiment of my invention in which A′ indicates an envelop of suitable size and material, while B′ indicates the flap, which is provided with adhesive *b′* on its under surface adjacent the edges thereof. The flap B′ is provided with a weakened line, such as a series of perforations *c′*, extending parallel with the edge of the flap and so as to divide the portion having the adhesive thereon. C′ indicates a sheet of paper to be inclosed within the envelop, such as a letter-head or bill-head. The sheet of paper C′ preparatory to inscribing the heading thereon is secured to the flap B′ by moistening the adhesive between the weakened line *c′* and the edge. After the sheet of paper has been so secured to the flap of the envelop it may be folded over the envelop and a sheet of carbon-paper inserted in the same manner as above described with respect to the embodiment of my invention shown in Figs. 1 and 2. After the inscription of the name and address of the sendee the sheet of paper C′ is disconnected from the envelop by tearing along the weakened line *c′*, after which the letter-sheet may be folded and inserted in the envelop and the letter sealed by means of the adhesive on the flap.

It is obvious that in the embodiment of my invention shown in Fig. 3 it is immaterial whether the sheet of paper is detached from the flap of the envelop by tearing the same along the line *c′* or whether it is detached by pulling the same away from the adhesive. It is also obvious that any suitable means may be provided for detachably connecting the top of the letter-sheet to the flap of the envelop in order that the name and address of the sendee may be simultaneously inscribed at the top of the sheet and on the outer surface of the envelop.

From the foregoing description it is evident that I have invented an improved combined sheet of paper and envelop by means of which the name and address of the sendee may be simultaneously inscribed upon the top of the sheet and on the outer surface of the envelop and the sheet of paper subsequently detached and folded for insertion in the envelop.

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

1. The combination with a complete envelop having a closing-flap, of a sheet of paper detachably connected to the outer edge of the flap of the envelop whereby the envelop and sheet of paper may be relatively folded so as to superimpose the heading-space of the paper on the outer surface of the envelop preparatory to the insertion of a sheet of carbon-paper to effect the simultaneous inscription of the name and address of the sendee at the head of the sheet and on the envelop.

2. The combination with a complete envelop having a closing-flap, of a sheet of paper detachably connected to the flap of the envelop.

3. The combination with a complete envelop having a closing-flap, of a sheet of paper detachably connected to the flap of the envelop by a weakened line.

4. The combination with an envelop, of a sheet of paper formed integrally with the flap of the envelop, the paper being detachable from the envelop by means of a line of perforations.

5. The combination with a complete envelop, of a sheet of paper detachably connected to the envelop whereby the top of the paper and outer surface of the envelop may be superimposed in position to permit the insertion of a sheet of carbon-paper preparatory to simultaneously inscribing the name and address of the sendee at the top of the sheet and on the envelop.

6. The combination with a complete envelop, of a sheet of paper detachably secured to the envelop and adapted to be folded so as to overlie the envelop, the sheet of paper having thereon means for indicating the position of the lower edge of the envelop when the paper overlies the envelop.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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