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Fig. 1.

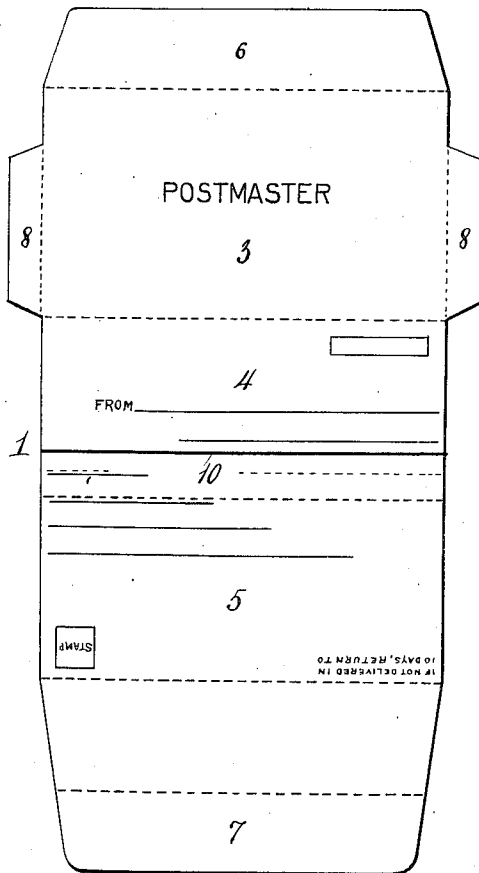


Fig. 2.

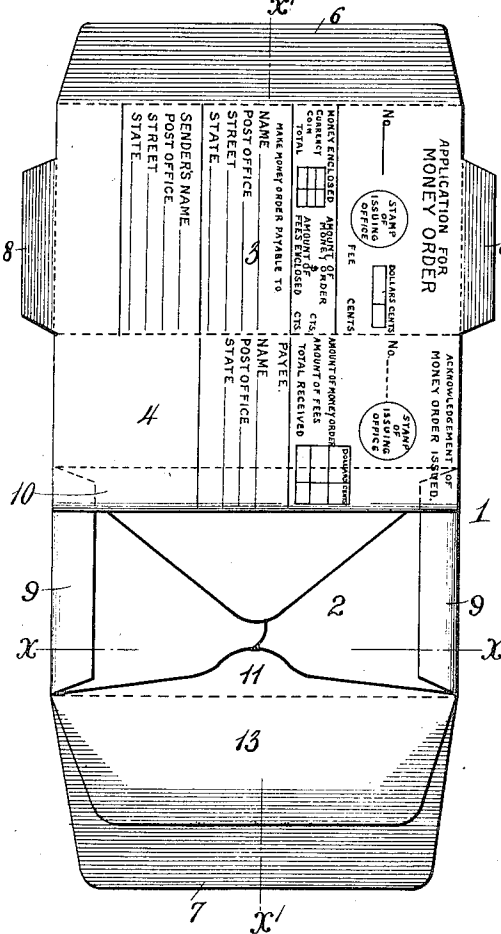
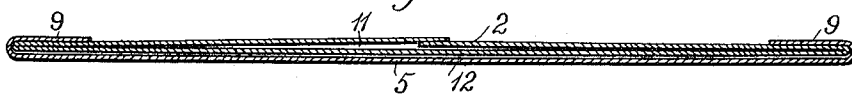


Fig. 3.



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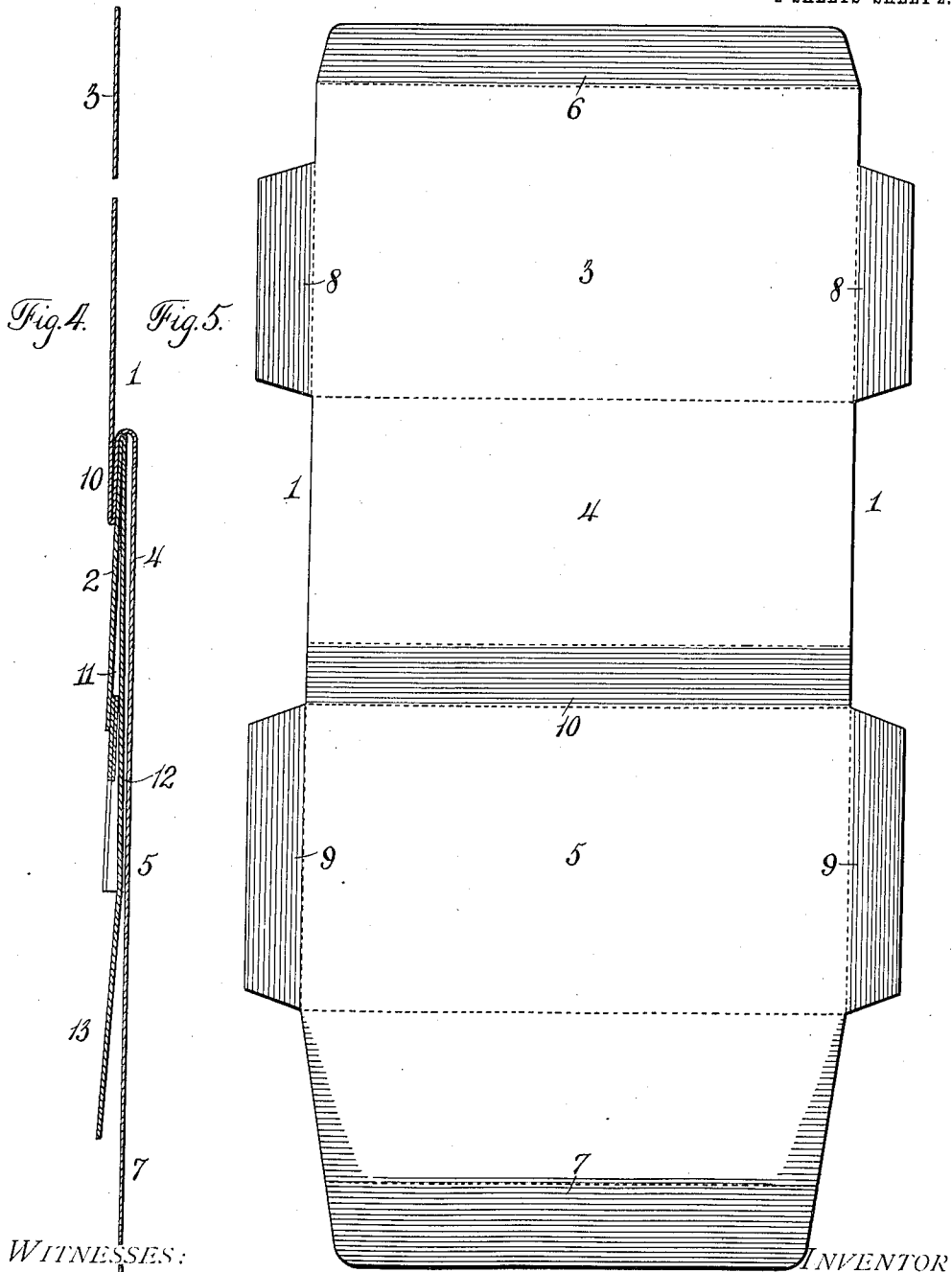
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES S. UTLEY, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Postal-Money-Order Packets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to money order systems for the transmission of remittances through the mails, and has for its object to provide a safe and convenient means for securing the transmission of a postal money order without necessitating a trip on the part of the sender to the postoffice for such purpose, all as will hereinafter more fully appear.

In the accompanying drawings,—Figure 1 is a plan view of the outer side of the present combined envelop and folder. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the inner side of the same. Fig. 3 is an enlarged transverse section at line $x-x$, Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is an enlarged longitudinal section at line $x'-x'$, Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the blank from which the holder is formed.

Similar numerals of reference indicate like parts in the several views.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents the main sheet or portion of the present combined envelop and folder of an oblong and substantially rectangular shape, and 2 is the envelop or packet portion, of any ordinary construction, and secured in the manner hereinafter described, to the inner side of the aforesaid main sheet or portion.

In the present invention the main sheet 1 is divided by a series of transverse folds or tearing perforations into a series of sections 3, 4, and 5, and is also provided with end and side flaps 6, 7, 8, and 9, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

The section 3 above referred to constitutes one end portion of the main sheet 1, and carries the end flap 6 and a pair of side flaps 8, by which the final sealing of the package is effected prior to forwarding to the postmaster; and to such end the said section will carry on its outer face the address of the postmaster to whom the package is to be forwarded, and on its inner face will carry the application for the money order, as illustrated more particularly in Figs. 1 and 2.

The intermediate section 4 carries on its outer face the address of the sender of the

package, and on its inner face will carry an acknowledgment of the money order issued, and so that by a detachment of said section 4 from the other portions of the packet, the said section can be mailed to the sender as a receipt from the postmaster. Said section 4 is also provided with a fold 10 gummed on its inner face as shown in Fig. 5, and adapted to fold upon and adhere to the bottom part of the envelop 2 to assist in securing the same in place upon the main sheet 1.

The section 5 constitutes the other end of the main sheet 1, and carries the pair of side flaps 9 adapted to fold upon and adhere to the sides of the envelop 2, to assist the fold 10 aforesaid in securing the envelop in place upon the inner side of the section 5. Said section 5 also carries the end flap 7, preferably of the enlarged form shown, and by means of which the postmaster seals the packet before forwarding the same to its final destination, as hereinafter more fully set forth. The outer side of the section 5 is intended to receive the address of the party for whom the remittance is intended.

The envelop 2, attached in the manner described to the main sheet 1 by flaps 9 and fold 10, provides in addition to the usual receiving pocket 11, of the envelop, a secondary receiving pocket 12, between said envelop and the inner side of the section 5 for purposes hereinafter stated.

In a simpler form of the present invention the intermediate section 4 is dispensed with, and as so modified the combined envelop and folder is adapted for use on rural delivery routes, where the carrier can give a separate receipt for the package and remittance.

The mode of using the present invention is as follows:—The letter, order or other communication intended to accompany the money order is inclosed in pocket 11 of the envelop 2, after which the same is sealed by its sealing flap 13. At the same time the spaces on the money order application blank are filled in, and the address of the party for whom the remittance is intended is written or imposed on the outer side of the section 5 of the main sheet, on rulings which may be provided therefor.

The exact amount of money required for the money order including the amount of excess fees when the same is needed, is inclosed in the pocket 12 behind the envelop 2. The

flap 7 is now folded over upon the section 5, after which the parts are folded upon the section 4; the flap 7 and sections 5 and 4, so folded together, are then folded over upon the section 3, and the flaps 6 and 8 are properly moistened and applied to the outer face of the section 4 to seal the package, and as thus manipulated one side of the package will carry the address of the postmaster, and the other side the address of the sender, which is written or imposed by the sender on rulings which may be provided therefor on the outer face of the section 4, aforesaid. The packet is then mailed, and when received by the postmaster is opened on the last mentioned sealing points, to afford access to the application blank and the pocket containing the money. The money is then removed by the postmaster, a money order issued in accordance with the instructions in the application blank, and the money order inclosed in the pocket which originally contained the money.

The acknowledgment section 4 is then detached from the other parts of the main sheet, and after being properly executed by the postmaster is mailed back to the sender.

The enlarged flap 7 is then sealed down upon the back of the envelop 2 to impart to the packet all the appearances of an ordinary first class letter, and as such is forwarded to the party for whom the communication and remittance were intended.

Having thus fully described my said in-

vention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A postal money packet comprising a series of sections flexibly connected together into a sheet and provided with sealing flaps on the respective outer sections, one of said sections bearing an address on one side and a printed application blank on the other side, another section having on one side blanks for the address of the party for whom the packet is intended, an inner pocket, and an outer sealable pocket attached in common to the last mentioned section, substantially as set forth.

2. A postal money packet comprising a series of sections flexibly connected together into a sheet and provided with sealing flaps on the respective outer sections, one of said sections bearing an address on one side and a printed application blank on the other side, another section having blanks for the sender's address on one side and an acknowledgment blank on the other side, another section having on one side blanks for the address of the party for whom the packet is intended, an inner pocket, and an outer sealable pocket attached in common to the last mentioned section, substantially as set forth.

Signed at Chicago, Illinois, this 9th day of March 1908.

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