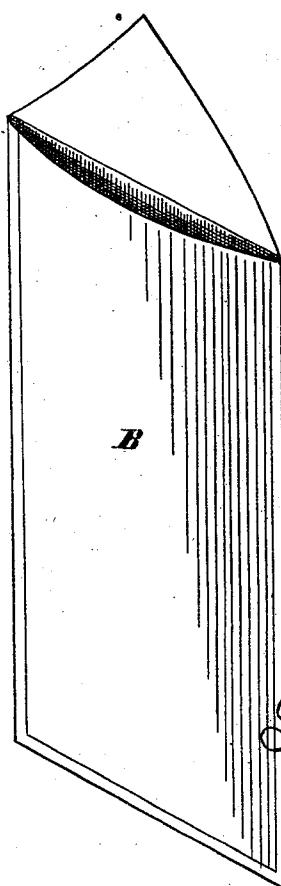
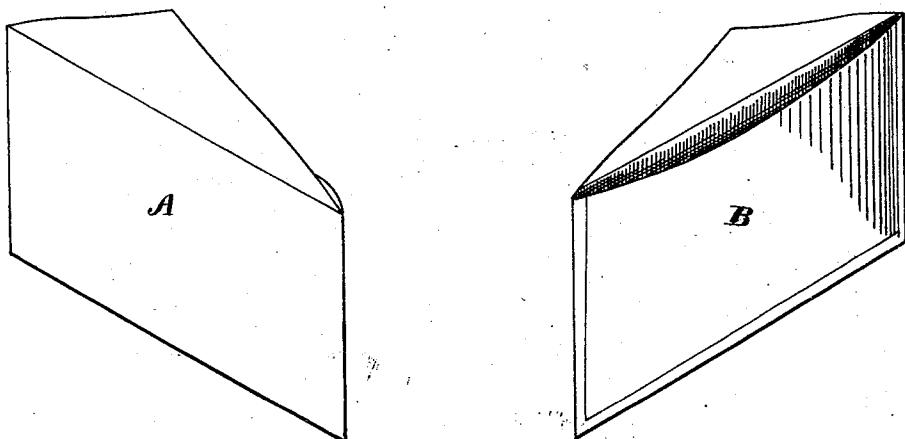


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## IMPROVEMENT IN ENVELOPES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEVI J. HENRY, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelopes, Newspaper-Wrappers, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawings are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains to make and use my said invention without further invention or experiment.

My invention relates to certain improvements in the construction of envelopes, newspaper pouches or wrappers, &c.; and it consists in a novel construction of the envelope in part of a fibrous unsized material suitable for use as a blotting-pad.

The ordinary construction of an envelope of sized paper, necessitates care to prevent blotting the address after being written, and an envelope of this kind has nothing to make it worthy of preservation. I, therefore, construct my envelope with the back A for the superscription, made of the usual sized paper. The opposite side B I make of unsized or blotting paper, so that, when many letters are to be written, each succeeding letter or paper serves to blot the ink upon the preceding one. An envelope of this kind will often be very convenient to the recipient, and will therefore be preserved.

For newspapers, instead of the ordinary form of open wrapper, I prefer to use an envelope or pouch, closed at one end, and having a flap at the other, so that the paper can be placed entirely within the pouch, and protected from abrasion or dirt. One side of the pouch is made, as before described, of unsized or blotting paper.

The mode of writing addresses will be facilitated by the use of such an envelope, and its usefulness will cause it to be preserved, so that the sender's business-card will be retained in a prominent position.

It will be seen that ordinary envelopes can be readily adapted by simply attaching the fibrous or unsized paper to their backs, after they have been finished.

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

An envelope for letters and papers, composed of a back of sized paper with the opposite side made of unsized or blotting paper, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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