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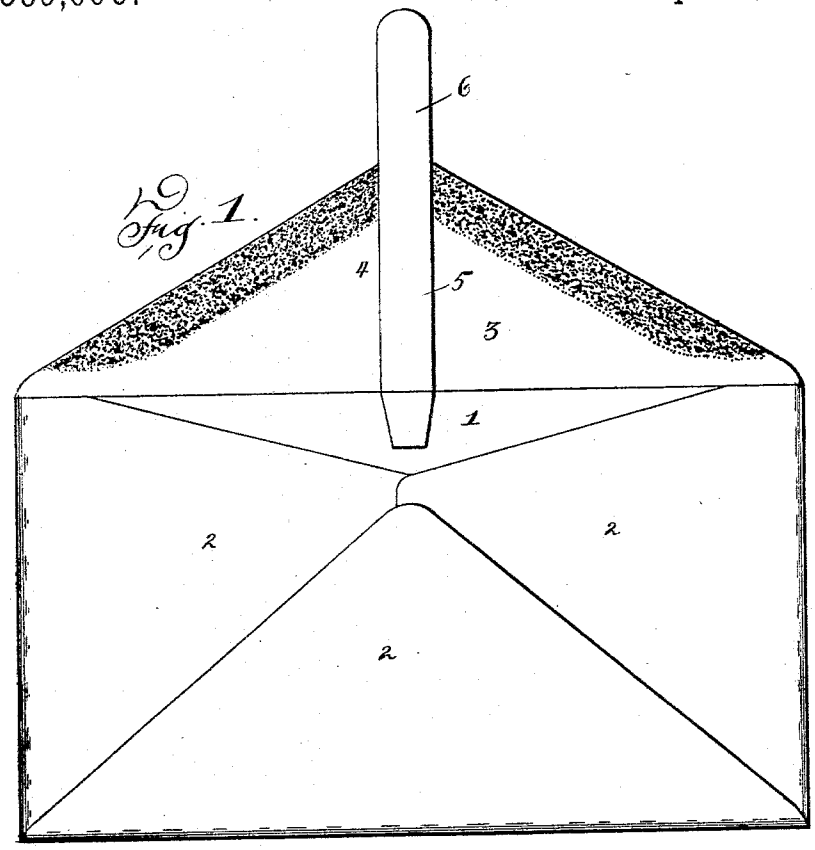


Fig. 1.

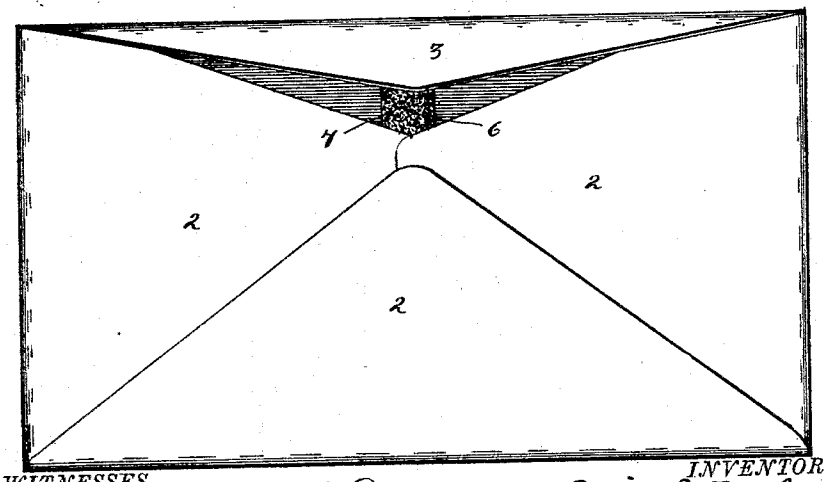


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MINTA JAMES McCONNELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Smithville, in the county of Lee and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety-Envelops; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to safety-envelops.

My object is to provide an envelop which is extremely simple and cheap in construction, which can be readily sealed, but after having once been sealed it will be impossible to open the same without detection.

Having this object in view, the invention consists in combination with an envelop sealing-flap of a novel form of gummed tongue adapted to adhere to the body of the envelop, whereby should an attempt be made to open the sealing-flap said gummed tongue will be broken or damaged and detection will be inevitable.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a rear view of my improved envelop, the sealing-flap being opened; and Fig. 2, a similar view, but showing the locking-tongue inserted in the body of the envelop immediately prior to the sealing of the latter.

The numeral 1 designates the front of the envelop-body, and 2 the side and bottom flaps, which are sealed together in the usual manner, the gummed sealing-flap connected to the front, as shown at 3.

My improved locking-tongue is designated by the numeral 4, which consists of a reinforcing-piece 5, pasted to the sealing-flap and to the upper portion of the front on the inside thereof, and a loose portion 6, which is provided with gumming 7.

The sealing is accomplished by first moistening the gumming of the sealing-flap and the free portion of the tongue, then inserting the tongue inside the envelop, and pressing the sealing-flap and tongue down. When this is done, the sealing-flap will adhere to the bottom and side flaps and the locking-tongue will also adhere to the same.

It will be seen that should an attempt be made to open the sealing-flap the locking-tongue will be damaged, and hence evidence be given that the envelop has been tampered with.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new is—

1. In an envelop, a sealing-flap having a gummed locking-tongue adapted to be stuck to the inside of the envelop when said sealing-flap is sealed.

2. In a safety-envelop, a locking-tongue comprising a reinforcing-strip pasted to the sealing-flap and front of the envelop inside the same, and having a free gummed portion adapted to stick to the side and bottom flaps of the envelop when the latter is closed.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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