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RETURN ENVELOP.

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Fig. 1.

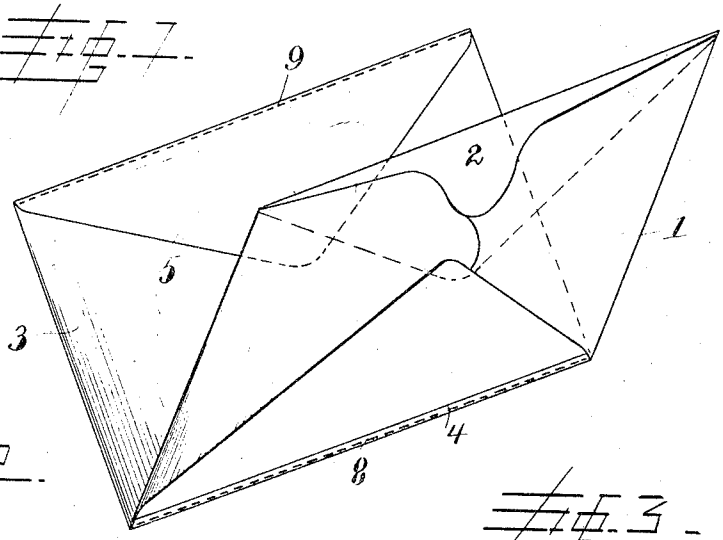


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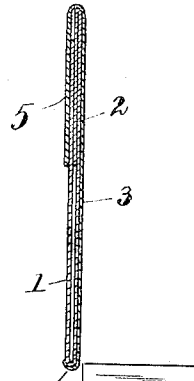


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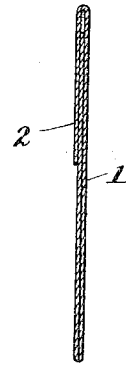
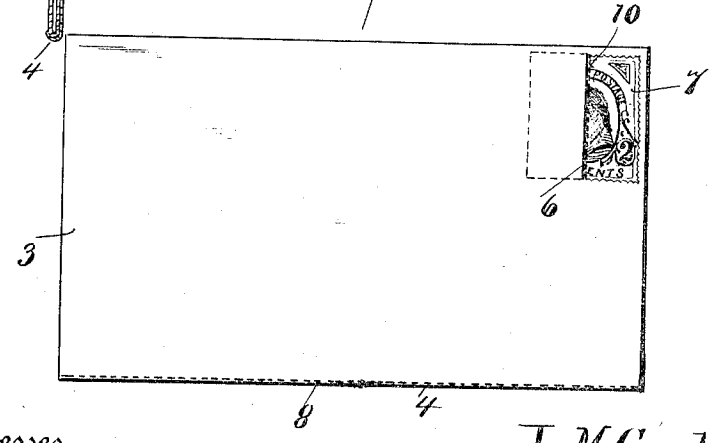


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSEE M. CARTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bowie, in the county of Montague and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Return-Envelops; and I do 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 a novel form of return-envelop, and the object is to provide a simple, inexpensive, and practical device of this character whereby the same envelop received by a correspondent may be utilized to inclose the answer.

To this end the invention consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of the device, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings the same reference characters indicate the same parts of the invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved return-envelop. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the envelop complete. Fig. 3 is a similar view of the return portion. Fig. 4 is a front of the envelop.

1 represents an ordinary envelop provided with the usual gummed flap 2.

3 represents a false or auxiliary back secured to the envelop proper by a perforated strip 4 and provided with a sealing-flap 5.

The letter or other similar matter to be transmitted is inserted in the envelop 1 in the usual manner, and its flap 2 is tucked inside of the envelop without sealing. The flap 5 on the auxiliary back 3 is then sealed on the envelop 1 after the manner of sealing an ordinary envelop and the address placed on the outside of the back 3. When the letter is received, the correspondent detaches the back 3, places his communication inside of the envelop 1, and seals its flap 2, so that it is ready for remailing. For greater convenience the address of the principal may be printed on the return portion, to insure its return, by the original sender.

6 represents a vertical slit in the auxiliary back 3, preferably located in the upper right-hand corner, so that a stamp 7 may be inserted half-way through said slit and the inner half sealed to the back of the envelop 1, and when the envelop is sealed and ready for mailing the projecting half of the stamp may be sealed to the auxiliary back and in transit will be canceled in the usual manner.

When the letter has been delivered, the recipient detaches the auxiliary back along the line of the perforations 8 and 9 and the vertical line of perforations 10 on the stamp 7. This leaves the uncanceled half of the stamp affixed to the back of the envelop proper to prepay the postage on the return-envelop.

Although I have specifically described the construction and relative arrangement of the several elements of my invention I do not desire to be confined to the same, as such changes or modifications may be made as clearly fall within the scope of my invention without departing from the spirit thereof.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The envelop 1, provided with the flap 2, the auxiliary back 5, detachably secured thereto and provided with the vertical slit 6, in combination with the stamp 7, formed with a vertical row of perforations 10, and adapted to be inserted part way through said slit, and simultaneously secured to the envelop 1 and the auxiliary back 5, substantially as shown and described.

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

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