ENVELOPE AND THE LIKE

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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

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Be it known that we, ALFRED JOHN GRAHAM WESTBURY, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and residing at 16 Bernard Street, Russell Square, London, W. C., England, and HERBERT HISCOCK, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and residing at "Highlands," The Chase, Coulsden, Surrey, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in and Relating to Envelopes and the like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to envelopes for the transmission of correspondence, packages and the like of the kind which are adapted to be used for continuous retransmission.

With a shortage in material and a general rise in its cost, particularly in regard to paper, various methods have been proposed for avoiding the waste and expense which results by the use of the ordinary type of envelope.

The object of the present invention is to provide an envelope that can be used continuously for a great length of time, is cheap to manufacture and is easily and quickly manipulated.

Envelopes made according to the invention are comprised of linen, canvas or other pliable material. It is reversible: that is, can be turned inside out after delivery and returned by the receiver to the original sender or other recipient. It is particularly adapted for transit backwards and forwards between the same parties in which case the sender's address is written or printed on, say—the inside, and the receiver's address on the outside.

Any convenient and known form of closing means may be employed, a tag being preferably attached to the closing means for the purpose of affixing the revenue stamp or other record.

In order that the invention may be more clearly understood, the accompanying drawing shows by way of example one form of envelope as constructed according to the invention, in which—

Figures 1 and 2 show a front and back view of the envelope, and

Figure 3 the envelope laced and sealed ready for posting.

The linen or canvas or other suitable material is made into a suitable bag of which a represents the front and b the back member. It is stitched or otherwise secured around three of the edges k, j, and i, leaving the top end open. The member a extends beyond that of b forming a flap c, and has has two rows of eyelets p and q. A space is left between the top row of eyelets p and the top of the turned over flap in order that a stiffening piece, such as a strip of whalebone or metal or other material, may be slipped in to give stiffness to that part of the envelope when closed.

The shorter member b has one row of eyelets s which registers with the lower row q of the member a.

When the contents of the envelope are inserted, the flap c is turned over so that the row of eyelets p overlaps the row s and thus closes the opening, bringing the eyelets p, q and s on the same level. A tape n is passed in and out the eyelet holes both ways, and before being secured and sealed as shown at n, a tab w is threaded on, upon which is placed the requisite revenue stamps or other fee record.

It is obvious that the construction of the envelope and means for closing can be modified without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having now described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. An envelope composed of flexible material so as to be readily turned inside out and comprising a body portion closed along three sides, an address being shown on the exterior of one side and a further address being placed on the reverse of the envelope, edge portions adjacent the opening of the envelope having perforations extending along the same at the back and front sides of the envelope, a flap extending beyond the body portion of said envelope and furnished with perforations therethrough, and flexible closing means adapted to be threaded through the perforations in the flap, and the edge portions of the envelope to securely maintain the envelope in closed position.

2. An envelope composed of flexible material so as to be readily turned inside out and comprising a body portion closed along three sides, an address being shown on the exterior of one side and a further address being placed on the reverse of the envelope, edge portions adjacent the opening of the envelope having perforations extending.
along the same at the back and front sides of the envelope, a flap extending beyond the body portion of said envelope and furnished with perforations therethrough, flexible closing means adapted to be threaded through the perforations in the flap, the front and the back side edge portions of the envelope to securely maintain the envelope in closed position, and a reinforcing strip attached to said flap along the edge thereof, 10 said strip being provided with a series of perforations.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification.

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