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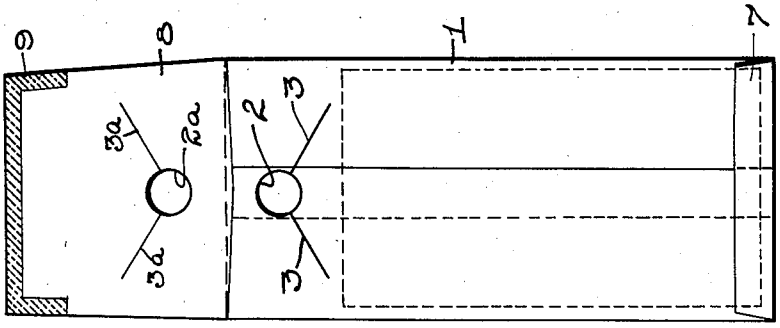


Fig. 2.

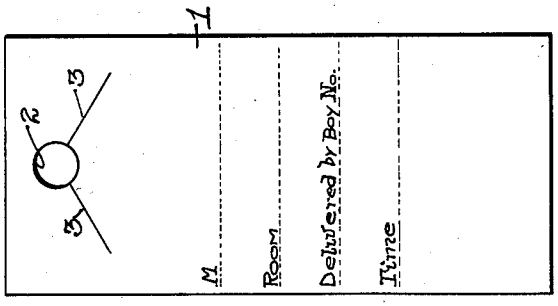


Fig. 1.

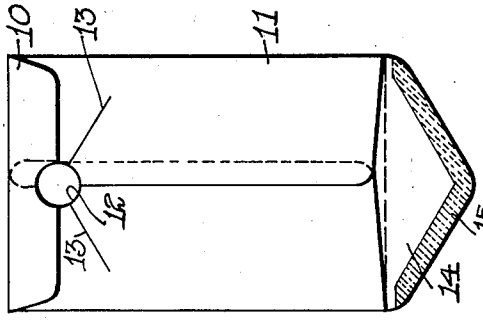


Fig. 4.

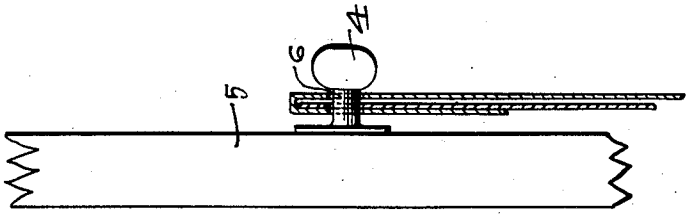


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. TOWNSEND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Worcester, in the county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in an Envelope, of which the following, together with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

My invention relates to envelopes, and has for its object to provide an envelope that may be readily attached to the handle or knob of a door, or to any other similar projection, so that the envelope with its contents will be directly called to the attention of a person encountering the same.

Envelopes embodying my invention are particularly adapted for the delivery of mail or other matter to hotel rooms or apartments in which the doors are ordinarily locked, so that the occupant of the room or apartment will have his attention called to the envelope immediately upon entering into, or emerging from the room or apartment.

In the accompanying drawings,

Fig. 1 is a view showing the front of an envelope embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a view looking at the back of the envelope of Fig. 1, with the closing flap extended.

Fig. 3 is a view of the portion of a door, with my improved envelope applied to the knob thereof.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 2, showing my invention embodied in a modified form of envelope.

Like reference characters refer to like parts in the different figures.

Referring to Figs. 1 and 2, the body portion 1 of the envelope is provided near its upper end with an opening 2 extending therethrough, from which radiate slits 3. The slits 3 are of such length as to permit the envelope to be slipped over the knob 4 of a door 5, as indicated in Fig. 3, the shank 6 of the knob 4 then extending through the opening 2 and supporting the envelope at its upper end.

As best shown in Fig. 2, the body portion 1 is provided at its lower end with a sealed flap 7 and at its upper end with a closing flap 8 having a gummed portion 9. The closing flap 8 is also provided with an opening 2^a having radiating slits 3^a which are adapted to register with the opening 2 and the slits 3 respectively when the flap 8 is folded downwardly into engagement with the body portion 1, following the insertion of mail or other matter into the envelope, as indicated in dotted lines.

A modification of my invention is shown in Fig. 4, in which a sealed end flap 10 is provided at the upper end of a body portion 11 with an opening 12 extending therethrough, from which radiate slits 13. A closing flap 14, having a gummed portion 15, is provided at the lower end of the envelope. The envelope shown in Fig. 4 is adapted to be applied to the knob of a door in exactly the same manner as the envelope shown in Fig. 1.

The front face of either the body portion 1 or the body portion 11 may be provided with suitable printing to indicate the person for whom the envelope is intended, the location of the room, the time of the delivery of the envelope and the person by whom the envelope is delivered, as indicated in Fig. 1.

From the foregoing then, it is apparent that by my invention I have provided an envelope which is adapted to be readily applied to the handle or knob of a door, so that it will attract the attention of a person opening the door. It is believed that hotels will find envelopes embodying my invention particularly useful for the delivery of mail, and other matter, to rooms in which the occupant is either absent or asleep, thereby adding to the service rendered by the hotel to its patrons.

I claim,

1. A paper enclosure provided with an opening extending therethrough and slits radiating from said opening, whereby the material surrounding the opening is adapted to yield and the enclosure may be slipped over a projection larger than said opening, and supported on a reduced portion of said projection smaller than said opening.

2. An envelope provided at one end with a closing flap, and having an opening extending through the body portion of the envelope and the closing flap, with slits radiating therefrom, whereby said envelope, with the flap closed, can be slipped over a projection having a portion larger than said

opening, the material between and adjacent to the said slits being adapted to yield to pressure.

3. An envelope provided at one end with a closing flap, and having an opening extending through the body portion of the envelope and the closing flap, with slits radiating therefrom, the material between said slits and adjacent thereto being yieldable whereby said envelope, with the flap closed, can be attached to a door knob larger than said opening, and having a shank smaller than said opening.

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