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 ENVELOP.
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Fig. 1.

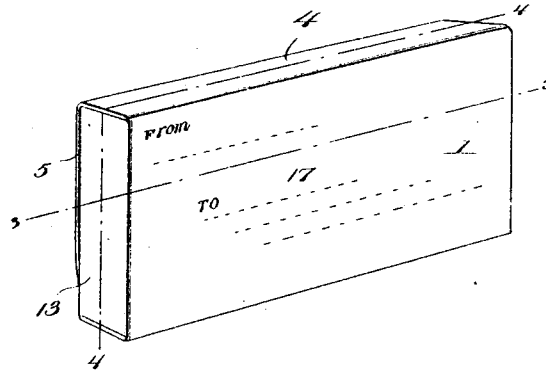


Fig. 2.

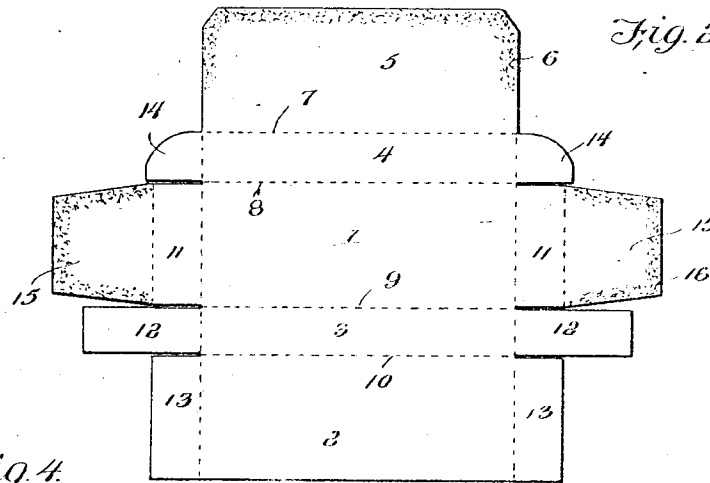


Fig. 4.

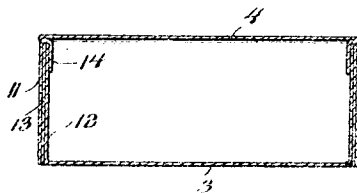
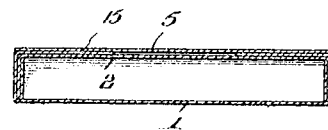


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORTON H. DAGUE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newport, in the county of Jackson and State of Arkansas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to envelops and has for an object to provide a strong, durable and inexpensive article of this character which is designed particularly for use in the transmission through the mails of such articles as jewelry or merchandise which must be guarded to a considerable extent against damage in transit.

Another object of the invention is to provide an envelop with means for reinforcing the ends thereof and for securely holding the front and the back walls from collapsing.

Another object of the invention is to provide an envelop in which means are employed for effectively sealing or closing the corners thereof so as to prevent the accidental loss of the contents of the package.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the envelop. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the blank. Fig. 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a section on line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

The envelop when folded for shipment or transmission through the mails is of rectangular configuration as shown in Fig. 1 and it is formed from a single blank of suitable material such as paper board, celluloid or the like and stamped to provide the front portion 1, the back portion 2, the bottom 3, the top 4, and the sealing 5, the latter having a gummed surface 6. The blank is scored or creased on the longitudinal lines 7 and 8 and on the lines 9 and 10 whereby to define the lines of fold on the separate portions of the blank.

The end walls of the envelop are formed by combined extensions 11, 12 and 13 which are formed on the portions 1, 2 and 3 respectively of the blank which are separated from said portions by fold defining creases as shown in Fig. 2. The top portion 4 of the envelop is provided with short tongues 14 for a purpose to be hereinafter described. The extensions 11 on the front portion 1 are provided with the end sealing flaps 15, each of which being provided with a gummed surface 16. The front portion 1 has printed or otherwise

formed therein an appropriate addressing surface or card 17.

Now that the blank from which the envelop is formed has been clearly described it is said that when desired for use the extensions 12 are folded at right angles to the bottom portion 3. The front portion 5 and the rear portion 2 are then folded toward each other and against the vertical edges of the extensions 12, so that the latter serve as means to reinforce the ends of the envelop and prevent the accidental collapse of the walls 2 and 3 under rough handling of the envelop. The extensions also serve to seal the lower corners of the envelop and thereby prevent the loss of the contents of the package. After the extensions 12 and the portions 2 and 5 are folded as described the extensions 13 are then folded upon the extensions 12 and the extensions 11 are folded against the extensions 13. When this is done the end flaps 15 are moistened so that the surfaces 16 may be made to adhere to the wall 3 exteriorly thereof. Except for the sealing the envelop is now in operative position and after the article to be shipped has been placed therein the top 4 is folded over the upper open end of the envelop and the tongues 14 inserted into the envelop adjacent to the ends thereof so as to seal the corners at the upper end. The surface 16 of the flap 5 is then moistened and the flap folded over against one side of the envelop and secured against the wall 2.

The construction of the article described is extremely simple, strong, inexpensive to manufacture and for the shipment of fragile articles its use has been found most desirable. Combined portions or extensions 11, 12 and 13 collectively form ends of the envelop and thereby act materially to hold the walls 1 and 2 against collapse.

Claims:—

As a new article of manufacture, an envelop constructed from a single piece of card-board stamped to provide a relatively narrow bottom, foldable end extensions lying at the ends of the bottom, a back wall having side extensions co-extensive with the extensions of the bottom and adapted to be folded over said end extensions of the bottom whereby to seal the vertical joints between the first extensions and the back wall, a front wall having side extensions co-extensive with the extensions of the back wall

and the extensions of the bottom and adapted to be folded over the extensions of the bottom, so as to seal the vertical joints between the end extensions of the bottom and the front wall, the extensions of the front wall having integral sealing flaps adapted to be secured to the back wall, the end extensions of the bottom having their vertical edges in mutual contact with adjacent surfaces of the front and back walls respectively, so as to brace said walls laterally, a closing portion co-extensive with the front wall and provided with joint closing extensions adapted to be folded into the en-

velop and to lie against the end extensions of the bottom and to be directly interposed between the front wall and the back wall, so as to assist in the action of the extensions of the bottom in bracing the front and back walls laterally and a sealing flap carried by the closure portion of the front wall.

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

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