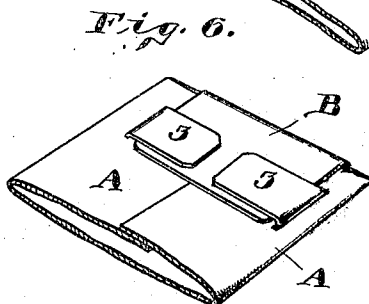
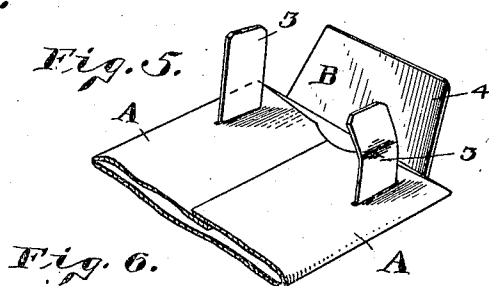
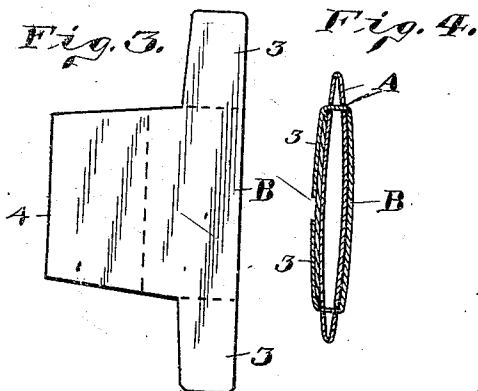
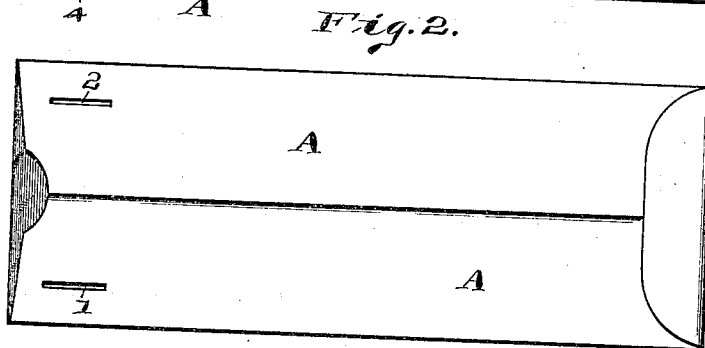
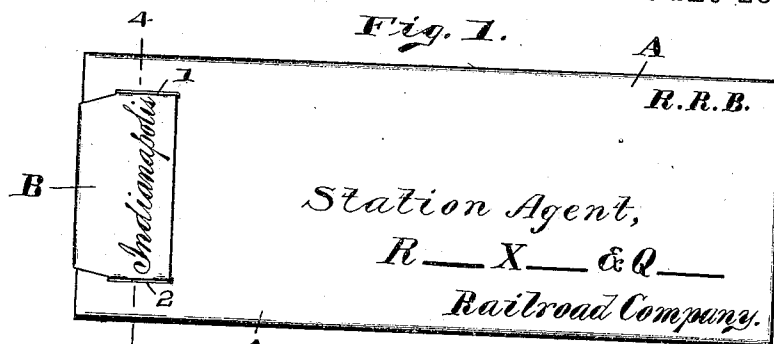


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE SOUTHARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my said invention is to provide a convenient, efficient, and inexpensive means of repeatedly sealing the same envelop; and it consists in the combination, with an envelop having slits or perforations therefor near the open side or end, of a separate sealer having ends adapted to pass through said perforations and a flap portion adapted to fold over the open side or end, so that the free edge of said flap and said ends may be united, as will be hereinafter more particularly described and claimed.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part hereof and on which similar letters and figures of reference indicate similar parts, Figure 1 is a view of the address side of an envelop constructed in accordance with my invention and sealed ready for transmission; Fig. 2, a view of the rear side as it appears before the sealer is applied; Fig. 3, a plan view of the sealer cut out and ready to apply to the envelop; Fig. 4, a transverse sectional view on the dotted line 4 4 in Fig. 1, and Figs. 5 and 6 fragmentary detail perspective views illustrative of the application and use of my invention. In some of these figures the thicknesses of paper forming the various parts are slightly separated for purposes of clearness.

The envelop A shown in the drawings is an ordinary open-end envelop, and this is the form which I prefer in applying my invention. Near one end it has the two slits 1 and 2 to receive the ends of the sealer. As this sealer takes up some portion of the length of the envelop, the body of said envelop is preferably somewhat longer than usual, so that the inner space may be left substantially the same as is common.

The sealer, as shown in Fig. 3, consists of

a body B, adapted to fold over the ends of the envelop, and two flaps or ends 3, extending out from the end thereof and adapted to pass through the slits 1 and 2. One-half the body of the sealer B is adapted to fold over the end of the envelop A like a flap and come around into contact with the ends 3, which have been passed through the slits. The contact-surfaces being properly gummed, as at 4, they may be sealed together, as will be readily understood.

My invention is especially applicable to railway and large corporation business where numerous communications of various kinds are constantly passing between officers and agents or other employees. In the envelop shown in the drawings I have inscribed thereon as illustrating this use the address "Station-agent, R., X. & Q. Railroad Company." An officer desiring to use one of these envelops in transmitting matter to any station-agent on his line uses one of the cheap sealers and writes thereon the name of the station to which the matter is to go, as "Indianapolis." The agent upon receiving it opens it by destroying the sealer only, leaving the envelop intact for further and future use. As will be readily seen, the use of this envelop results in great economy, as the use can be repeated almost indefinitely.

Having thus fully described my said invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with an envelop having suitable slits therethrough, of a sealer adapted to fold over the open edge of the envelop and provided with ends which are adapted to pass through said slits, the ends and one side of the sealer being adapted to be secured together, substantially as shown and described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 13th day of December, A. D. 1897.

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