

No. 897,635.

PATENTED SEPT. 1, 1908.

T. LEWIS & H. C. DANDO.
ENVELOP.

APPLICATION FILED FEB. 26, 1908.

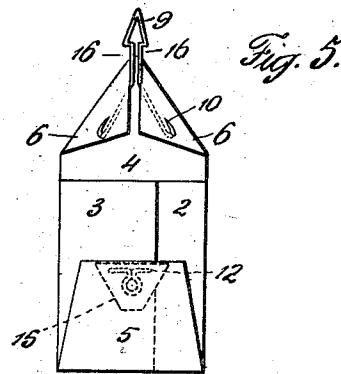
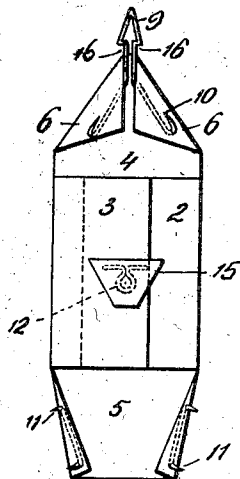
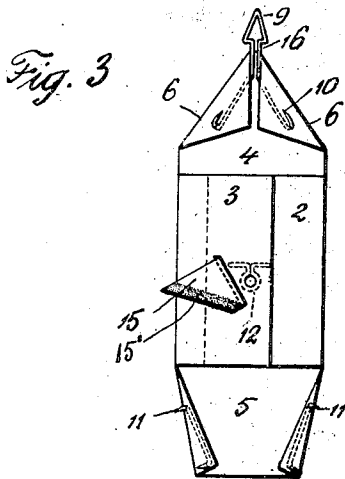
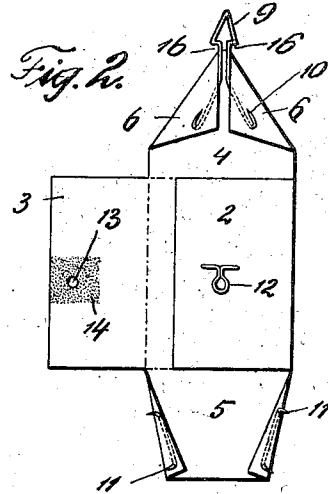
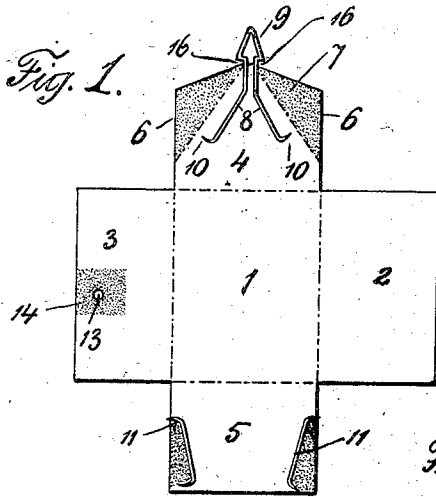
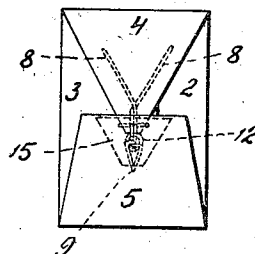


Fig. 6.



Witnesses
H. Rogers

R. A. Butler

By

THOMAS LEWIS and
HENRY C. DANDO.

Inventors

Attorneys

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

THOMAS LEWIS AND HENRY C. DANDO, OF DERRY, PENNSYLVANIA.

ENVELOP.

No. 897,635.

Specification of Letters Patent.

Patented Sept. 1, 1908.

Application filed February 26, 1908. Serial No. 417,930.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, THOMAS LEWIS and HENRY C. DANDO, citizens of the United States of America, residing at Derry, in the county of Westmoreland and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to envelops, and the objects of our invention are, first, to provide novel means for holding the sealing flap of an envelop in a closed position, whereby the same cannot be surreptitiously opened; second, to provide an envelop for transmitting valuable papers and documents through the mail and third, to provide an envelop that cannot be opened without detection.

We attain the above objects by an envelop that will be presently described in detail and then specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawing forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a plan of the envelop, with all the flaps thereof in an open position. Fig. 2 is a similar view illustrating the corner flaps as folded and the envelop fasteners in position. Fig. 3 is a similar view, illustrating the side flaps in a closed position, with a fastener flap in an open position. Fig. 4 is a similar view with the fastener flap in a closed position. Fig. 5 is a plan of the envelop illustrating the same in a condition to receive a missive or paper, and, Fig. 6 is a similar view of the envelop completely closed.

In the accompanying drawings, 1 designates the body of the envelop having side flaps 2 and 3, and end flaps 4 and 5, these flaps being folded upon the dotted lines illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The end flap 4 is provided with corner flaps 6, said flaps being gummed or provided with an adhesive material 7. Secured to the end flap 4 by said corner flaps is a piece of wire 8 bent to provide a resilient triangular shaped head 9 and prongs 10, said prongs engaging in the corner flaps, while this head 9 protrudes beyond the end flap 4. The end flap 5 is provided with pronged reinforcements 11, these reinforcements being retained in position by folding the edges of the end flap 5 thereon, the prongs of said reinforcements engaging the edges of the end flap. The side flap 2 is adapted to be folded inwardly upon the body of the envelop and upon the side flap 2, is located a metallic eyelet 12. The side flap 3 is

provided with an opening 13, surrounded by adhesive material 14, this adhesive material, when moistened, retaining the side flap 3 upon the side flap 2 and the opening 13 in registration with the eyelet 12.

The outer side of the flap 3 is provided with a fastener flap 15, this flap being sealed over the opening 13, as illustrated in Fig. 4 of the drawings. Before being sealed, this fastener flap 15, which is somewhat triangular in shape, is held on the flap 3 by adhesively securing the flap 15 along one edge of the flap 3 as seen in Fig. 3. The opposite free edge of the flap 15 as seen in Fig. 3 is provided with adhesive material 15' which, when the flap 15 is closed against the flaps 3 and 2 as seen in Fig. 4, will engage the flaps 3 and 2 and secure the flap 15 in the closed or sealed position. It is to be noted, however, that this flap 15 is unsealed along its upper edge when in the position shown in Fig. 4 so that the head 9 can be inserted under flap 15 and introduced into the eyelet 12. When the end flap 5 is folded upon the side flaps 2 and 3, the pronged reinforcements 11 are engaged with said side flaps, while said end flap covers the fastening flap 15. After a letter or paper has been placed in the envelop, the end flap 4 is folded over, and the resilient triangular shaped head 9 is inserted in the free end of flap 5, and under flap 15, through opening 13, into eyelet 12, and side flap 2. In passing the head 9 through the eyelet 12, the same is compressed until said head passes through the eyelet and flap 2 into the envelop pocket when said head will expand, and the shoulders 16 thereof will retain said head in the envelop.

From the foregoing description it will be observed that we have devised positive and reliable means for retaining the flaps of an envelop in a closed position.

We desire it to be understood that the envelop can be made of various grades of paper or paperoid, and we reserve the right to make any modifications in our invention as are permissible by the appended claims.

Having now described our invention what we claim as new, is:—

1. An envelop comprising a body portion, side flaps adapted to fold upon said body portion, end flaps adapted to fold upon said side flaps, an eyelet adhesively secured between said side flaps, a fastener flap carried by one of said side flaps and adapted to lie upon said eyelet, metallic pronged reinforcements

carried by one of said end flaps, a resilient metallic triangular head carried by the other of said end flaps and held in engagement therewith by adhesively secured corner flaps, 5 said head being adapted to pass through said flaps and said eyelet, substantially as described.

2. An envelop comprising a body portion, side flaps adapted to fold thereon, end flaps 10 adapted to fold on said side flaps, an eyelet arranged between said side flaps, metallic re-

inforcements carried by one of said end flaps, a resilient triangular shaped head carried by the other of said end flaps and adapted to pass through said side flaps and said eyelet. 15

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

THOMAS LEWIS.
HENRY C. DANDO.

Witnesses:

HARVEY E. HARTMAN,
BENJAMIN F. RAYMAN.