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Fig. 1.

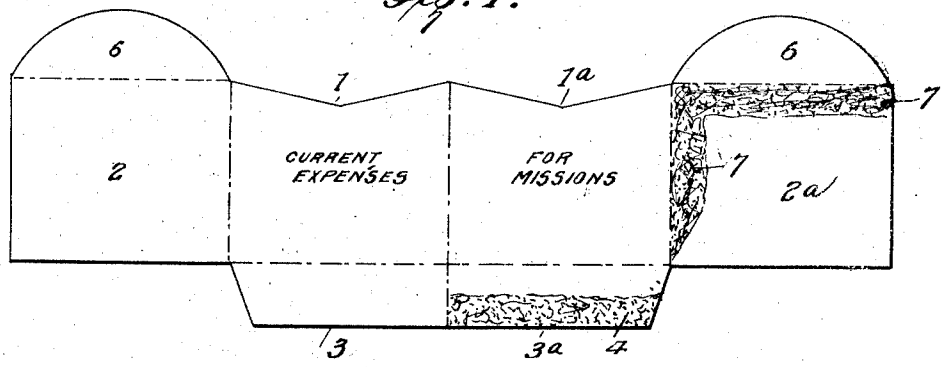


Fig. 4.

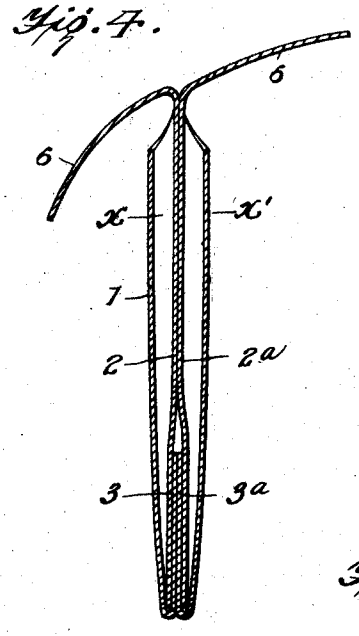


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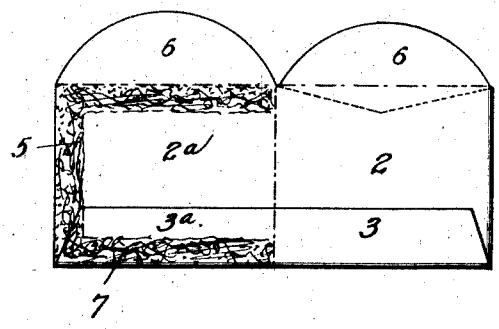
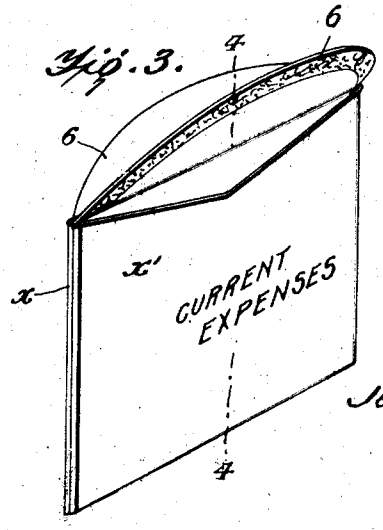


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. EARLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Church-Offering Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in the class of double envelops, having two pockets for the reception of money and checks, constituting church-offerings for various purposes.

My invention is distinguished by the form of the blank from which the complete envelop is made, by the arrangement of the different sections of the blank so that they are to fold and form opposite pockets which are placed back to back and sealed together and have separate and opposite sealing flaps. The general form of the envelop blank is such that it may be cut economically from large sheets and the complete envelop is of less dimension than those originally used.

The details of construction, arrangement, and combination of parts embodying my invention are as hereinafter described, and shown in the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the blank from which the envelop is formed. Fig. 2 is a plan view showing the blank partly folded. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the complete envelop ready for use. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

As shown in Fig. 1, in general form, the envelop is an oblong parallelogram and is composed of two similar body sections 1—1^a and two end sections 2 and 2^a, the former having base extensions 3—3^a forming a single, narrow, folding flap, one portion of which, to-wit: 3^a, is gummed on the inner side as shown at 4. The end section 2^a is gummed at 5, along its inner and upper sides and each of the end sections is provided with an extension 6 forming a top sealing flap. Both the body sections 1—1^a are cut out at the top so that access may be more readily had to the pockets of the envelop, as will be understood by reference to Fig. 4.

The first step in forming the envelop consists in folding the end sections 2^a inward upon the body section 1^a. This section is gummed at 7 on its inner edge and top side. The next step consists in folding the other end section inward upon the body section 1, and the third step consists in folding the base extension 3—3 over upon the lower edges of the now infolded end section 2—2^a, as is represented in Fig. 2. Thus two pockets are formed and these are next brought together back to back to form a complete envelop shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

It will be perceived that in making the final fold the two pockets are sealed along the top and bottom edge and also the outer or end edge. Both the top flaps 6 are gummed along their upper edges and thus adapted to be sealed upon the body when required, that is to say, after deposits of money or checks in one or the other of the two pockets.

By constructing the envelop in the manner shown, it has but about half the size of envelops of this type which are in common use; and further, since each of the pockets is labeled, one say "Current expenses," and the other "For missions," their respective uses are plainly indicated and there is no liability of mistake on the part of the contributor in placing money or a check in the proper pocket. In Fig. 4 x—x' indicate the two pockets which are arranged directly opposite and back to back.

In practice, the lines of fold may be indicated by crimping the blank along the dotted lines shown in Fig. 1.

My improved envelop may be cheaply constructed, occupies minimum space, and is very convenient in use.

What I claim is—

1. An improved envelop of the type indicated, made from a blank having two similar body sections, provided with a base extension one-half of which is gummed, two similar end flaps, one being gummed on one side and on one end and both having folding, sealing flaps, whereby, when the end sections are folded inward and the base section upon them, the two pockets thus formed may be brought together and sealed back to back, as described.

2. The improved envelop of the type indicated formed of a blank having two similar body sections and two similar folding end sections which are of the same width as the body sections and adapted to be folded thereon, the respective parts being properly gummed so that, when the pockets are formed by folding, the end sections are brought together back to back, and may be sealed as described.

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