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ENVELOP ATTACHMENT.

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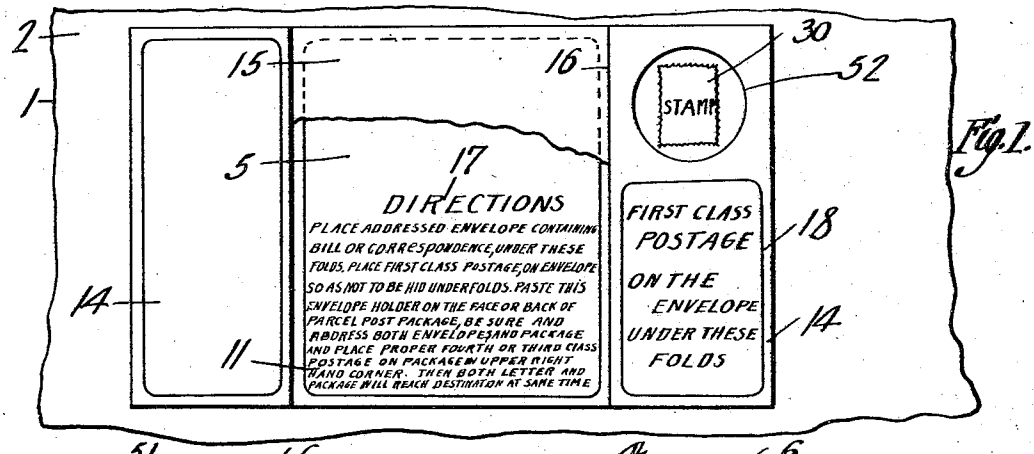


Fig. 1.

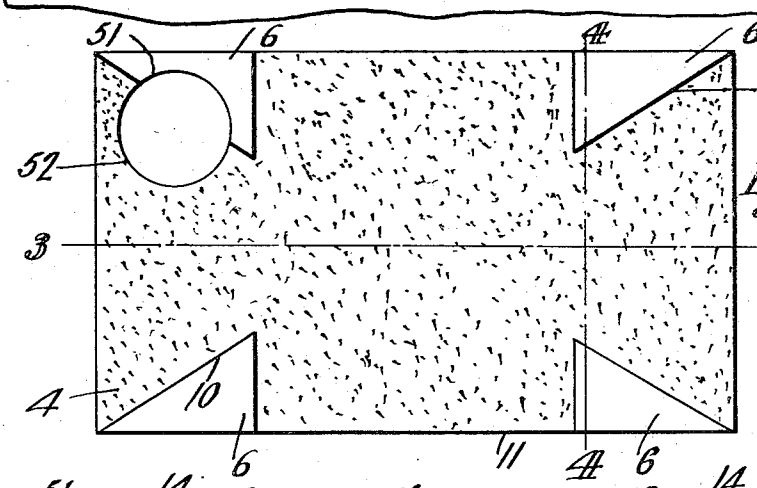


Fig. 2.

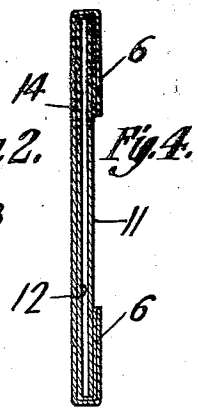


Fig. 4.



Fig. 3.

Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK G. SHUMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Envelop Attachment, of which the following is a specification.

The device forming the subject matter of this application is an attachment adapted to be secured to the rear or front face of a large envelop of the sort which is used to contain third or fourth class mail matter, or a parcel post package, the attachment being adapted to hold a sealed envelop in which a bill, letter or other first class mail matter is inclosed.

One object of the present invention is to provide an attachment adapted to hold a small envelop, and adapted to be attached readily to a larger, unsealed envelop or parcel post package, the construction being such that the smaller, sealed envelop may be removed readily from the attachment, to permit a separate weighing of the small sealed envelop and its contents, and a weighing of the larger envelop or parcel post package which contains the third or fourth class mail matter.

Specifically, the invention aims to provide an attachment of the class described, which may be made readily out of a blank of novel form, by folding the blank in a proper manner.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed, can be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows in rear elevation, a portion of a large envelop whereunto the attachment forming the subject matter of this application has been secured, a portion of a small envelop being shown engaged with the attachment; Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the envelop attachment forming the subject matter of this application; Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2; Fig. 5 is a plan of the blank out of which the attachment is made.

In Fig. 1 of the drawings there is shown a portion of a large main envelop 1, adapted to contain third or fourth class mail matter, the rear face of the main envelop being designated by the reference character 2.

In carrying out the present invention there is provided blank 3 made of a good grade of paper, so that the blank will not crack or tear when folded. In the blank 3 holes 50 are formed. One side 4 of the blank is gummed, and the other side 5 of the blank is ungummed. The blank 3 is provided along its longitudinal edges and adjacent its corners with triangular tabs 6, the slant edges of which are denoted by the numeral 10. In the slant edges 10 of the triangular tabs 6, notches 51 are formed. The blank 3 is folded along transverse lines 7 and 8 to form a body 11, approaching spaced holding strips 12 at the ends of the body and overlapping the body, the holding strips 12 projecting toward the center of the body, and to form reinforcing strips 14 overlapped on the holding strips 12 and projecting toward the ends of the body. By the operation above described, the gummed sides of the parts 12 and 14 are brought together, and the parts 6 are folded to bring their gummed sides together. Then the parts 6 are folded backwardly onto the gummed side of the body 11, and are secured thereto. The holes 50 are brought into alinement, and the notches 51 in the parts 6, coact with the holes 50, to form an opening 52 through the structure as shown in Fig. 2.

The numeral 15 indicates a portion of a small envelop, adapted to be sealed, to contain first class mail matter, and to be inserted at its ends beneath the spaced holding strips 12 in a manner which will be obvious from Fig. 1. During the insertion of the small envelop 15 beneath the holding strips 12, the holding strips and the reinforcing strips ordinarily are lifted up slightly at the points indicated by the reference characters 16 in Fig. 1. In this connection it is to be observed, referring to Fig. 2, that the ungummed sides 5 of the tabs 6 are not attached to the main envelop 1, and lie adjacent the points 16. Consequently, the attachment will yield slightly, adjacent the points 16, and thus it is not likely that the attachment will be loosened from the main envelop 1 when the parts 12 and 14 are

raised slightly at the points 16, to permit the insertion of the small envelop 15.

The exposed face of the body 11 may be suitably inscribed as shown at 17 with directions for use. One of the reinforcing strips 14 may be inscribed as shown at 18 to inform the user that first class postage is to be placed on the envelop 15, and to make manifest any other directions which are considered expedient or necessary. The stamp 30 on the envelop 15 is disclosed through the opening 52.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that there is disclosed in this application, a novel means whereby a sealed envelop containing first class mail matter may be assembled detachably, for separate weighing, with the rear face of a larger envelop adapted to receive third or fourth class matter.

What is claimed is:—

1. An envelop attachment fashioned from a blank having a gummed side and an ungummed side, the blank being provided along its longitudinal edges and at its ends with outwardly projecting tabs, the blank being folded transversely along four lines to form a body, approaching spaced holding strips at the ends of the body and overlapping the body, and oppositely projecting reinforcing strips at the inner edges of the holding strips and overlying the outer faces of the holding strips, the tabs being overlapped upon the rear, gummed face of the body and being secured thereto.

2. An envelop attachment fashioned from a blank having a gummed side and an ungummed side, the blank being provided along its longitudinal edges and at its ends with outwardly projecting tabs, the blank being folded transversely along four lines to form a body, approaching spaced holding strips at the ends of the body and overlapping the body, and oppositely projecting reinforcing strips at the inner edges of the holding strips and overlapping the outer faces of the holding strips, the above mentioned folding serving to bring the gummed faces of the holding strips and the reinforcing strips together, and serving also to bring the gummed faces of each tab together, the tabs being overlapped on the rear gummed face of the body.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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