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Fig. 1.

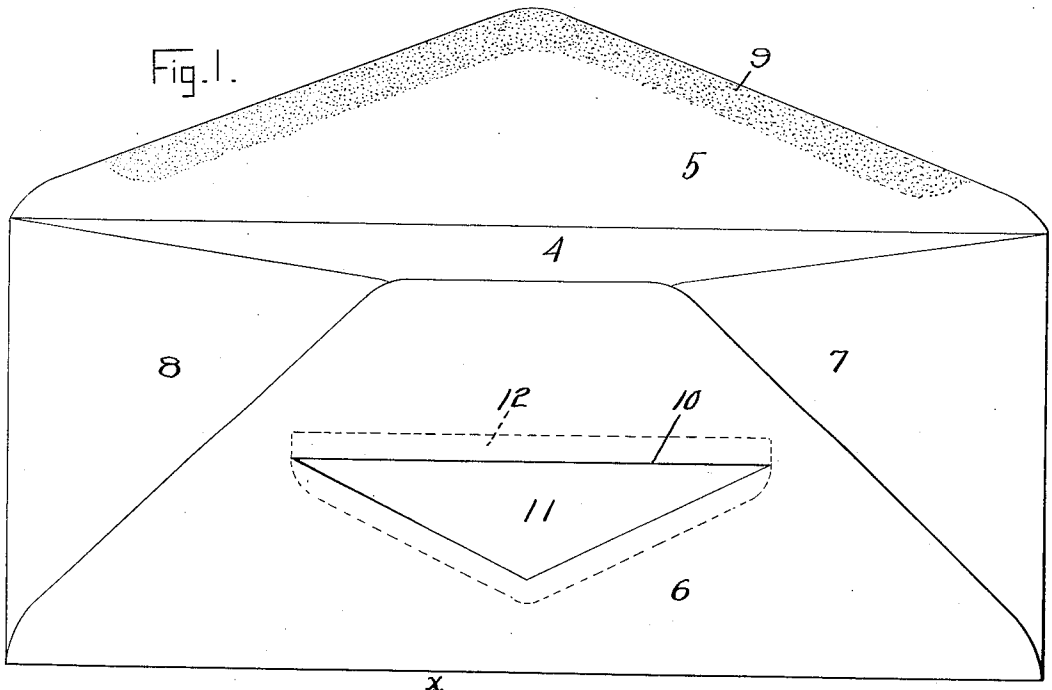



Fig. 2.

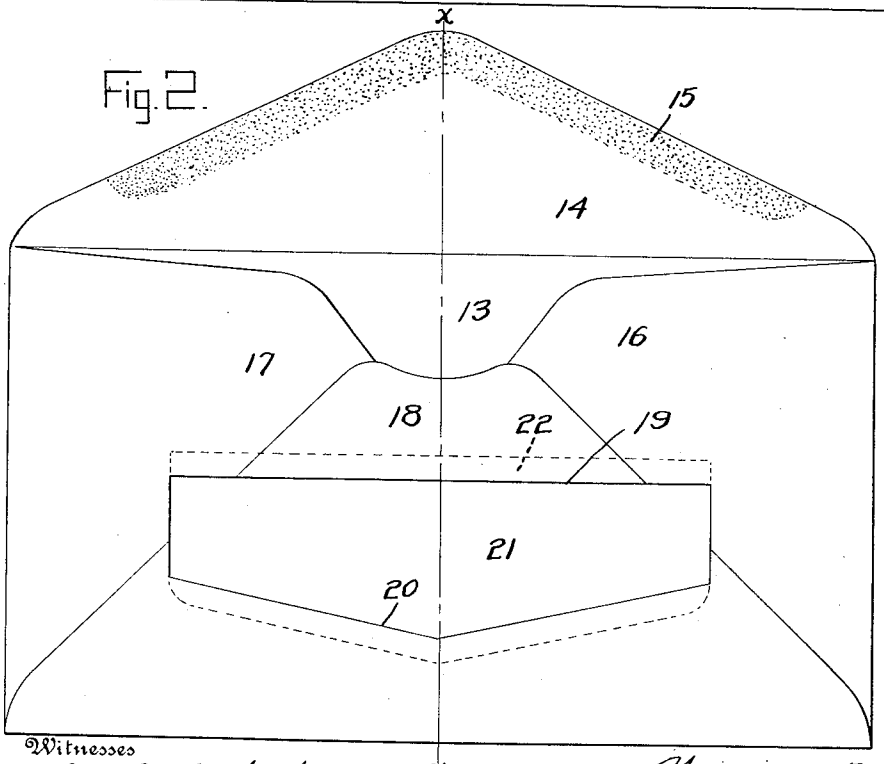
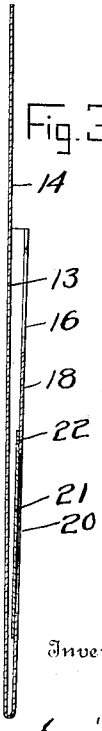



Fig. 3.




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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM M. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Turtle Creek, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to envelops and the object thereof is to provide an envelop particularly adapted for second class postal matter, and so designed as to allow the postal authorities to thoroughly inspect the contents of the envelop to ascertain whether it is second class postal matter or not, without removing the same from the envelop. At the same time the envelop is so constructed to prevent the removal of the contents thereof without destroying the envelop.

A further object of the invention is to provide an envelop for second class postal matter which embodies the advantages of an envelop used for first class postal matter, yet so designed as to fall within the province of an envelop possessing the necessary attributes to allow of a convenient inspection of the contents without destroying the envelop and without removing or injuring the matter contained in the envelop.

Further objects of the invention are to provide an envelop for second class postal matter which shall be simple in its construction and arrangement, efficient in its use, convenient in use, and inexpensive to manufacture.

In describing the invention in detail, reference is had to the accompanying drawings wherein is shown the preferred embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations and modifications can be resorted to which come within the scope of the claims hereunto appended.

Referring to the drawings: Figure 1 is a rear elevation of an envelop in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a like view of a modified form, and, Fig. 3 is a section on line X—X of Fig. 2.

Referring to Fig. 1 of the drawings, 4 denotes the body portion of an envelop which is provided with a sealing flap 5 and also terminates in a back flap 6. The body portion 4 has attached thereto the end flaps 7 and 8. The sealing flap 5 is provided on its inner face with an adhesive substance as at 9 whereby the said sealing flap can be secured to the back flap 6 and end flaps 7 and 8. opening 10 of inverted pyramidal shape and which is closed through the medium of a flap 11, the upper end of the flap 11 being secured as at 12 to the inner face of the back flap 5. The length of the flap 11 is slightly greater than the length of the opening 10 and the width of the flap 11 is materially greater than the width of the opening 10 so as to project beyond each edge of said opening. The opening 10 is provided to allow the postal authorities to inspect the contents of the envelop to ascertain whether it is second class matter or not. The flap 11 not only constitutes a means to close the opening 10 but also conceals the contents of the envelop. The length of the opening 10 with respect to the length of the envelop is such as to prevent the contents of the envelop from being removed therefrom through the opening, the flap 11 also constitutes a preventive for the removal of the contents of the envelop.

Referring to Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings, 13 denotes the body portion of the envelop, 14 the sealing flap, 15 the adhesive substance on the sealing flap, 16 and 17 the end flaps and 18 the back flap. In the form of envelop shown in Fig. 1 as well as that shown in Fig. 2 the back flap is connected to the end flaps and the sealing flap adapted to be secured to the end flaps and back flap.

The envelop as shown in Fig. 2 has the rear thereof provided with an opening 19 substantially rectangular in contour and with the lower edge inclined outwardly from each end toward the center as at 20. The opening 19 extends longitudinally with respect to the envelop and is formed not only in the back flap but also in the end flaps. However, the opening 19 is of such length as not to allow the removal of the contents of the envelop through the said opening. The opening 19 is closed through the medium of a flap 21 which has its upper portion as at 22 secured to the inner face of the back flap 18 and end flaps 16 and 17. The flap 21 is of a length substantially equal to the length of the opening 19, but is wider than said opening 19 so that the flap 21 will project beyond the top and bottom edges of said opening. The function of the opening 19 and flap 21 is the same as that referred to in connection with the opening 10 and flap 11.

It is evident from the foregoing construction of envelop that one is set up which can

matter which will enable the contents of the envelop to be conveniently inspected by the postal authorities, and which possesses all the advantages of an envelop employed for first class postal matter.

What I claim is:

1. An envelop having the rear thereof formed with an opening, and a flap secured to the inner face of the rear of the envelop for closing said opening.

2. An envelop having the rear thereof formed with an opening, and a flap secured to the inner face of the rear of the envelop for closing said opening, said flap of a width greater than the width of the opening so as to project beyond the upper and lower edges of the opening.

3. An envelop having the rear thereof formed with an opening, and a flap secured to the inner face of the rear of the envelop for closing said opening, said flap of a width greater than the width of the opening so as to project beyond the upper and lower edges of the opening, said flap of a length substantially equal to the length of the opening.

4. An envelop comprising a body portion, end flaps, a back flap, and a sealing flap, said back flap provided with an opening, and a flap secured to the inner face of the back flap for closing said opening.

5. An envelop comprising a body portion, end flaps, a back flap, and a sealing flap, said back flap provided with an opening, and a flap secured to the inner face of the back flap for closing said opening, said closure flap of greater width than said opening whereby said closure flap will project beyond the top and bottom edges of the opening.

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

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