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Fig. 1

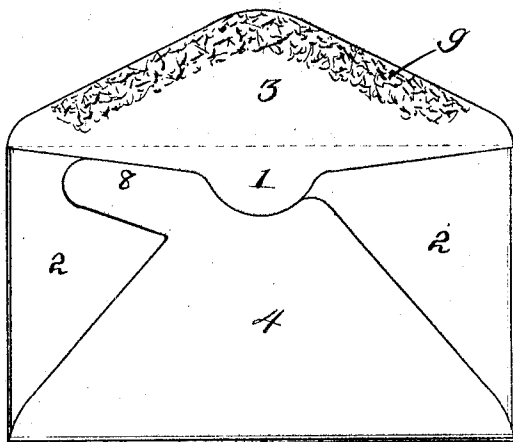
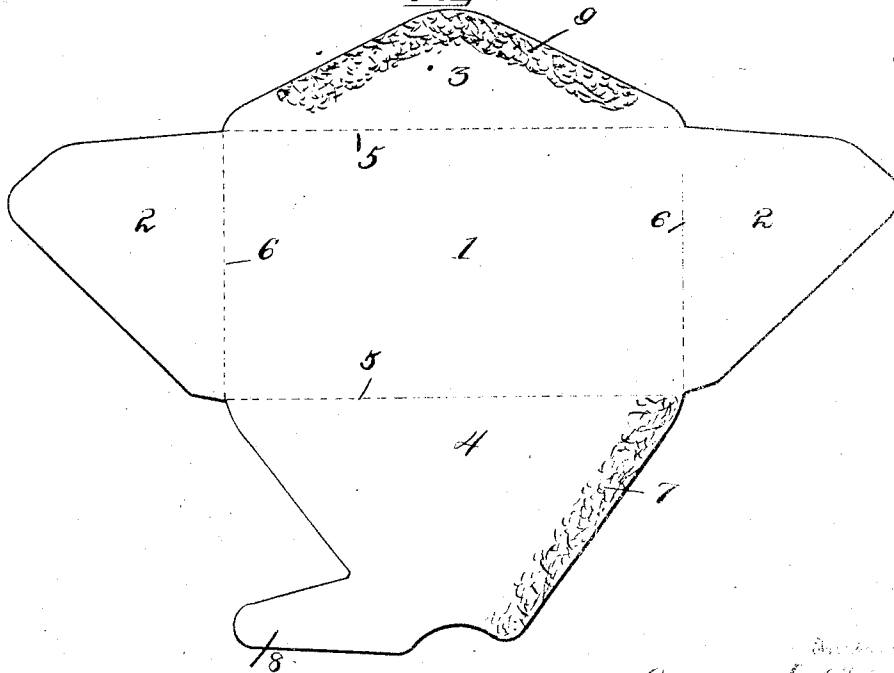


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR J. OLM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented new and useful Improvements in Envelops of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to envelopes, and has for an object to provide an article of this character that can be stamped from a single piece of material and which when folded will be of such construction as will permit it to receive first class mail matter in such manner that it can be carried through the mails at second class rates.

Another object of the invention is to provide an envelop of the character described with a free flap which will readily permit inspection of the contents of the envelop but which when in its operative position will effectively prevent accidental discharge of the contents of the said envelop.

The above mentioned and other objects are attained by the construction, combinations and arrangements of parts, as disclosed on the drawing, set forth in this specification, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawing, forming a portion of this specification and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views:—Figure 1 is a rear view of the envelop with the sealing flap occupying a common plane with the front wall. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the blank from which the envelop is formed.

My improved envelop consists of a single blank of material which comprises a main body portion or front wall 1 which has integrally formed therewith at its ends end flaps 2, at its upper edge a top flap 3 and at its lower edge a bottom flap 4. The blank is scored longitudinally upon the lines 5 and transversely upon the lines 6 whereby the flaps can be readily folded to lie parallel with the front wall 1. The bottom flap 4 is substantially of V-form and is provided adjacent to one of its edges with a gummed surface 7. The said flap is provided with a lateral tongue or extension 8 which is

adapted to overlie a portion of one of the end flaps. The top flap 3 has a portion of one of its sides gummed as shown at 9.

In practice, the end flaps 2 are folded on the line 6 so as to lie parallel with the front wall 1, after which the bottom flap 4 is folded in a similar manner so that its edge portions overlie portions of the end flaps so that the gummed portion 7 of the said bottom flap can be securely fastened to one of the said end flaps. After the bottom flap has been folded as above described the tongue or extension 8 overlies a portion of one of the end flaps as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing. As illustrated in the drawing, the right hand portion of the bottom flap 4 is gummed and is adapted to engage the right hand end flap 2. In this manner the left hand end flap is entirely free from the bottom flap and from the tongue or extension which is carried thereby. When it is desired to seal the envelop the top flap 3 is folded to overlie the upper edge portions of the end flaps and is adapted to be securely fastened to the tongue or extension 8 of the bottom flap.

The construction of the envelop just described is such that one of the end flaps of the envelop is free to be withdrawn from its operative position so as to permit inspection of the contents of the envelop as will be appreciated. By securely fastening the top flap to one of the end flaps and to the bottom flap and the tongue or extension 8 carried thereby a very broad overlying portion will be provided for the free end flap thus obviating its becoming accidentally withdrawn.

The construction of the envelop herein described is such that the tongue 8 is spaced from the adjacent edge portion of the flap 4 to provide a very large space for the reception of the finger so that the pressure of the finger can be effectively applied to the free end flap 2 to remove it.

I claim:

An envelop having a front wall, end flaps, a bottom flap disposed outwardly of the end flaps and provided with a gummed surface adapted to be secured to one of the said flaps, a laterally extending tongue extending

from the bottom flap and overlying a portion of the end flap and spaced from the adjacent edge of the bottom flap to form a finger receiving space, and a sealing flap
5 having a gummed surface adapted to be secured to one of the end walls and to the said laterally extending tongue.

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

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