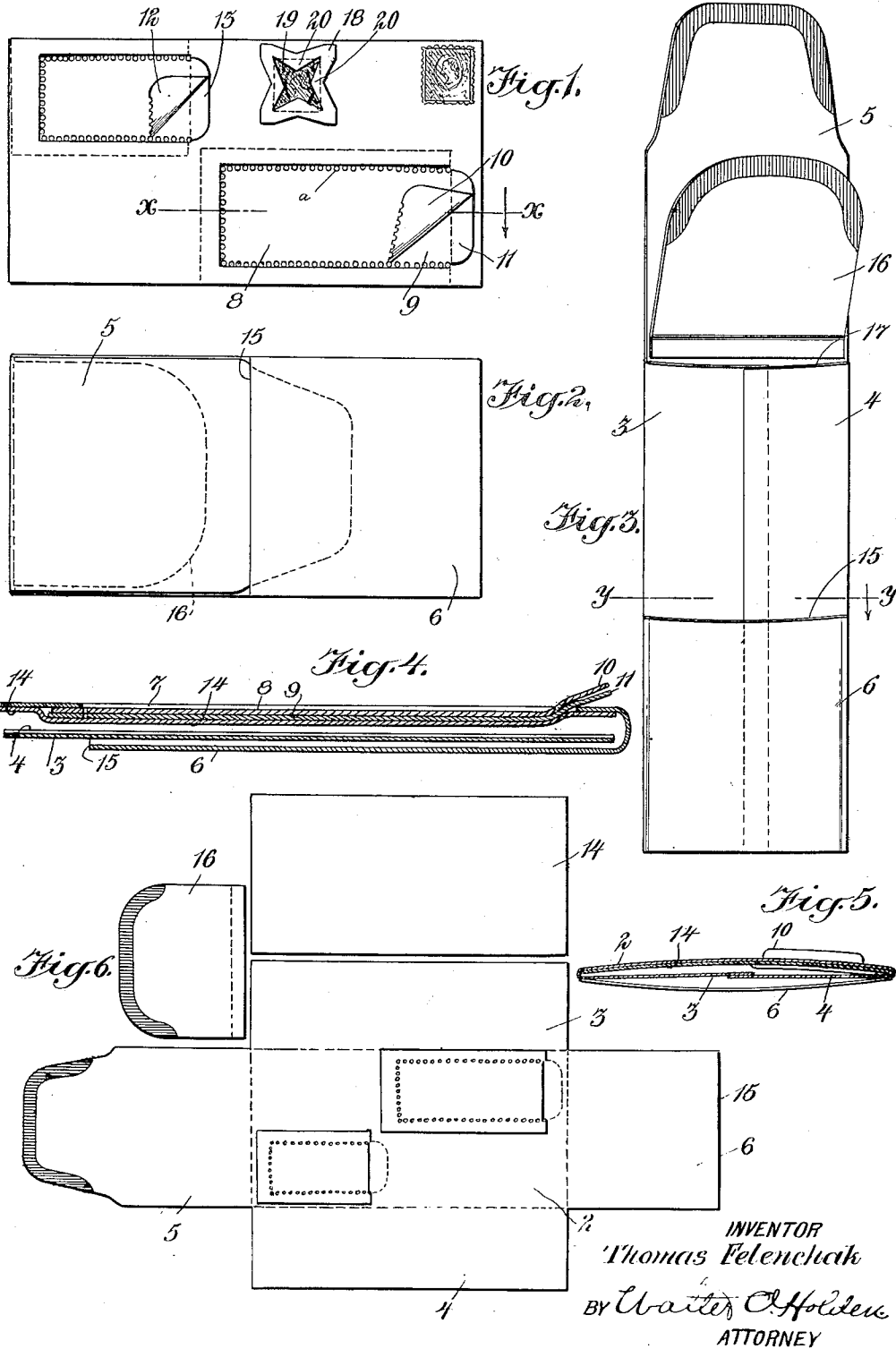


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS FELENCHAK, a subject of the Emperor of Austria-Hungary, residing at Ansonia, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Mailing-Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

My invention particularly relates to mailing envelops but may be applied to closures and packages generally and its object is to provide an envelop in which a label can be detached therefrom without defacing the outside dressing.

With this and other objects in view, my invention consists in the details of construction and manner of operation set forth in the following description and accompanying drawings in which like reference characters refer to corresponding parts.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front view of the envelop;

Fig. 2, a rear view;

Fig. 3, a rear view but showing the closing flaps in their open position;

Fig. 4, a fragmentary sectional view taken on line $x-x$ in Fig. 1;

Fig. 5, a transverse sectional view taken on line $y-y$ in Fig. 3, and

Fig. 6, a face view of the blanks before the same are folded and assembled.

The envelop may be formed like an ordinary envelop out of a blank in which the body or front portion 2 is provided with side wings 3 and 4, and end wings 5 and 6. The lower right hand corner of the front portion 2 of the envelop, where the address is usually placed, is provided with a window 7 inside which and gummed to its inside edges is a plurality of labels 8, 9, which are also gummed together at their edges. These labels are provided with a line of perforations around three of their sides immediately adjacent to the edges of the window 7. Their fourth side, which is not gummed, passes through the window 7 forming a pair of ears 10 and 11 each of which may be separately grasped by the fingers when it is desired to tear off the labels along the lines of their perforations. The upper left hand corner of the front portion 2 of the envelop, where the return address is usually placed, is provided with a pair of labels 12 and 13 which are gummed along the inside edges of a window and which can be ripped off in the same manner as the labels 8 and

9 above referred to. A lining 14 is gummed around its edges to the inside face of the front portion 2, thereby covering up the labels inside the windows and presenting a flush surface to the contents of the envelop. After the labels have been affixed to the inside of their respective windows and covered with the lining 14 the side wings 3 and 4 are folded toward each other and gummed together along their edges forming the back portion of the envelop. The wing 6 is then folded inwardly and gummed down along its side edges but leaving its end edge 15 free, thereby forming a pocket on the back of the envelop into which may be slipped the extremity of the wing or closing flap 5. Along the base of the flap 5 is gummed a flap 16 which is shorter than the flap 5 so that when it is closed down over the end edge 17 of the back portion it does not reach the edge 15 of the pocket 6. The end edges of both the flaps 5 and 16 are suitably gummed so that they may seal the envelop when closed. The upper part of the front portion 2 is provided with a detachable cover 18 which is gummed down beyond the corner edges of an underlying postage stamp 19. This cover may be torn off to expose the stamp and is provided with ears 20, 20 for this purpose.

When in use for mailing purposes the contents to be inclosed are slipped into the envelop under the edge 17. The flap 16 is then sealed down and the extremity of the flap 5 slipped under the edge 15 into the pocket 6. The envelop is then turned over and addressed and stamped in the customary manner, the address being written on the label 8, the return address on the label 12 and the postage stamp affixed to the upper right hand corner. A stamp to cover return postage may if desired be also affixed and concealed by the cover 18. The envelop thus addressed, stamped and sealed has the appearance substantially of the ordinary mailing envelop and can be posted, carried and delivered at its destination, the stamp for return postage being protected from cancellation by the cover 18. The person receiving the envelop may remove the contents by opening the outer flap 5 and slitting or tearing off the inner flap 16. The envelop may now be used again for mailing purposes, either in returning the letter to the sender or to some other person, by slipping the desired contents under the edge 17

and sealing down the outer-flap 16 against the back of the pocket 6. In such a case the labels 8 and 12 are torn off leaving the underlying labels 9 and 13 exposed for a new address and return address respectively. The cover 18 is then ripped off exposing the fresh stamp underneath, and if desired another fresh stamp for return postage may be affixed and concealed under another cover 18. The envelop is in this manner again made up for re-mailing and when received at its destination can be opened by slitting or tearing off the closing flap 5. Should it be desired to construct the envelop so that it can be re-mailed a number of times, it is merely necessary to multiply the labels and the inner closing flap 16, each inner flap being shorter than the outer flap. In the disclosure herein the labels are affixed inside of the edges of windows in the front portion but it is obvious that the front label may be a part of the front portion itself, in which case the underlying labels may be affixed to the inside edges of a window formed after the first label is torn off, and further the whole front portion may be made in the form of a label so that when removed the return address, canceled stamp and postmark will be removed with it leaving the envelop presenting a blank front portion. The envelop above described has great utility in cases where it is desired to send letters to persons who have no mailing materials immediately at hand, such as soldiers and sailors in active service, parties in camp or in the field, people traveling, etc. It is also useful in cases where return stamped envelops are inclosed as in the case of soliciting and advertising. It will be apparent from the above description that the use of the detachable labels and the closing flaps is not confined to mailing envelops but may be adapted to packages and bundles generally. Neither is the feature of the detachable labels confined to envelops and other closures since the same are obviously susceptible to a variety of uses, all of which are comprehended within the scope of my invention as defined in the appended claims. Having now described my invention what

I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. An envelop or the like having its face portion provided with a window and two overlying labels disposed across said window so that the body portion of the front label is displayed within the window, the said body portion being separable whereby it may be stripped off the underlying label and removed through the window.

2. An envelop or the like having its face portion provided with a window and two overlying labels disposed across said window, so that the body portion of the front label is displayed within the window, the said body portion being made separable and provided with a detaching ear whereby it may be stripped off the underlying label and removed through the window.

3. An envelop or the like having its face portion provided with two overlying labels, the front label being made separable and formed with a projecting portion arranged to serve as a finger piece whereby the front label may be stripped off the underlying label.

4. An envelop having its face portion provided with a window, a plurality of overlying labels having their marginal edges gummed together and also gummed to inside opposite edges of said window, the said labels having their body portions projecting beyond the windows at one end forming ears, and the said body portions being made detachable from the marginal portions by a line of slits or perforations.

5. An envelop having its face portion provided with a postage stamp, a cover disposed over said stamp and attached to the face portion of the envelop beyond the edges of the stamp, the said cover having its face portion cut away to form a detaching ear which may be raised to view the underlying stamp.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand at Ansonia, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, this 19th day of June, A. D. 1917.

THOMAS FELENCHAK.