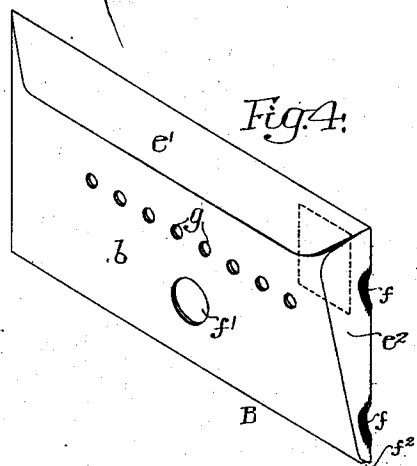
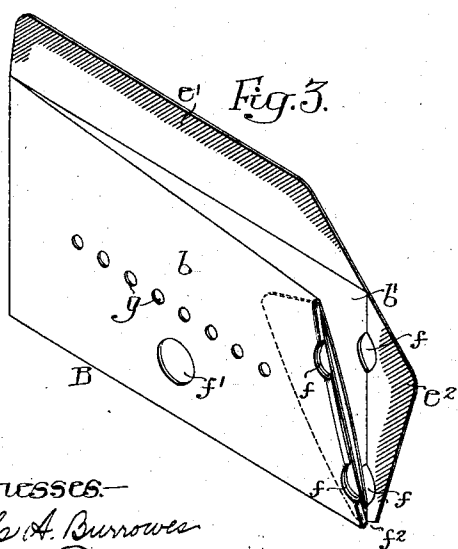
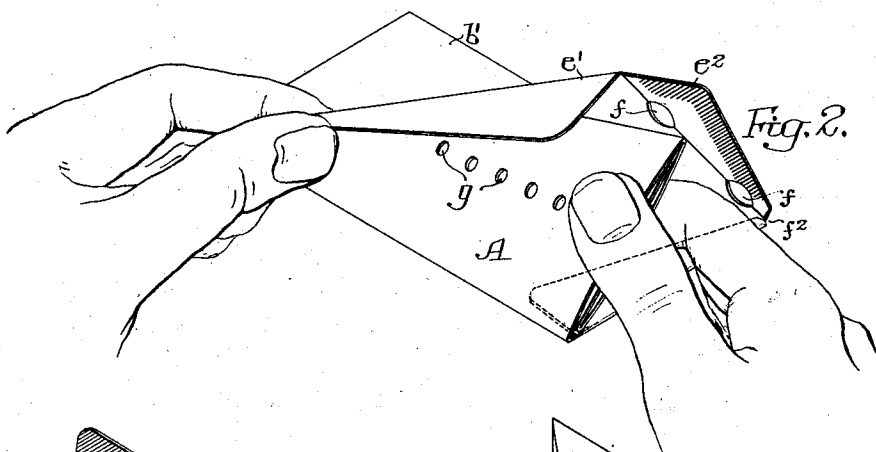
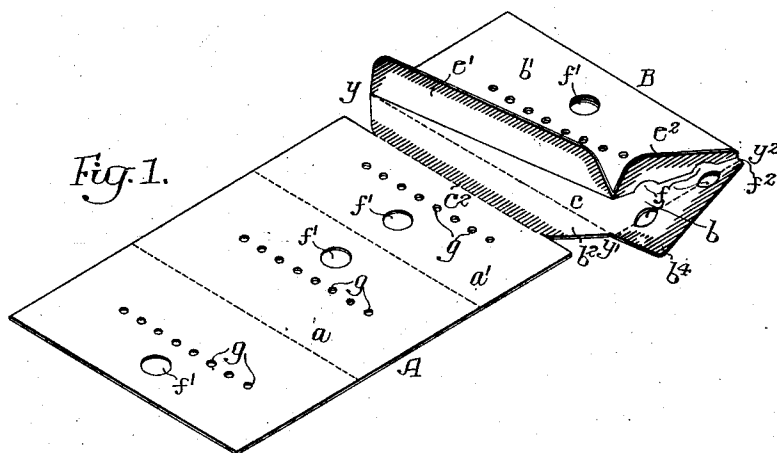


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRIEND HUMPHREY GREGORY, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Combined Letter-Sheets and Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain improvements in a combined envelop and letter or note sheet and the object of my invention is to provide a partly folded envelop with a letter sheet attached in such a manner that the letter sheet can be readily removed from the envelop and the envelop either discarded or used as a return envelop with a reply upon a portion of the original letter sheet.

A further object of the invention is to provide a substitute for the open postal card now in use.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1, is a perspective view of my improved letter sheet, illustrating one form in which it may be made. Fig. 2, is a perspective view, showing the letter sheet folded and being inserted within the partially folded envelop; Fig. 3, is a perspective view showing the letter sheet within the envelop in condition to be sealed; Fig. 4, is a view of the envelop sealed and ready for mailing.

Heretofore in the manufacture of combined letter sheets and envelops, it has been the usual practice to seal the combined sheet and envelop in a perfectly flat condition and in many cases one side of the envelop formed part of the letter sheet so that the envelop could not be separated and the letter filed away.

In the above drawings A is the letter sheet and B is the envelop, which is attached to the letter sheet through a flap b^2 . In the present instance the letter sheet is of such a length that it must be folded twice on the lines a and a' so as to properly fit the envelop B. The envelop is folded so as to have a front fold b and a back fold b' permanently secured along one side and one end so that they are close together, making it difficult for any one to write upon either of them.

The back fold b' of the envelop has a gummed flap e^2 at one end and a flap e' along one longitudinal edge, so that when the sheet is sold these two flaps e' and e^2 are tucked in under said back fold b' , instead of as in Fig. 1, and it resembles a plain en-

velop with a sheet of paper attached, which may be sold as a single sheet or in tablet form. There is in addition a flap b^4 at the free end of the fold b , and the letter sheet is connected to the envelop through a gummed flap b^2 , there being a line of perforations between these parts in order to permit the letter sheet being detached when desired.

When it is desired to use the invention, a letter is written on the sheet A, which projects from the edge of the envelop B, and it is folded first on the lines a , a' , and finally on the line y , y' the flap b^2 being turned into the envelop. The section b' , Fig. 1, of the envelop is then raised as illustrated in Fig. 2, and one corner of the folded section is tucked under the raised portion of the envelop, the flaps e' , e^2 being extended, as illustrated in Fig. 3, after which they are moistened and pressed over the two free edges of the letter sheet and secured to the face portion b of the envelop, as illustrated in Fig. 4. Then the envelop can be addressed in the ordinary manner and for protection the stamp can be secured, as illustrated in dotted lines, Fig. 4, over the corners of the two flaps e' and e^2 . On opening the envelop it is cut first on the line y , y' and then on the line y' , y^2 , after which the letter may be removed by severing the sheet along the line e^2 of perforations. When it is wished to use the envelop for the return of a message, the return letter is placed in it and the two gummed flaps b^2 and b^4 , after being moistened, are turned down and sealed, thus again effectually closing the envelop.

I prefer to make the flap or sealed side of the envelop the face to receive the address and stamp. The stamp not only adds to the additional security, but the post mark will in all probability be stamped over the flaps, as well as over a portion of the body of the envelop, so that any tampering with said flaps will show more plainly by the disfiguring of the post mark, it being understood that when the envelop is not used as a return envelop, the address may be written on either side.

In order that the envelop may be inspected by the postal authorities I notch the edges at f , f , clip the corners at f^2 and make perforations f' in the several sheets, so that when the latter are folded and introduced into the envelop, said perforations aline and form an opening en-

tirely through the envelop and the letter sheet, thus making it possible for the postal authorities to examine the several sheets of the note, if they so desire. I also place a
5 line of perforations *g* in each of the sheets for the same purpose, although this line of perforations, as well as the perforations *f'*, and the notches or clips, may be dispensed
10 with since one or the other may be sufficient for the purpose of inspection.

I claim:—

1. A combined letter sheet and envelop comprising a letter sheet having an envelop attached at one edge thereof, the envelop
15 portion being made up of two sections of the sheet folded so that one will be over the other and having means whereby they are permanently connected along one side and one end so as to leave the remaining side
20 and end open to allow the letter sheet to be tucked into the envelop, with means on one side and one end of said envelop for sealing the same, a portion of such sealing means being capable of use for an original letter
25 and the remainder for a return letter.

2. A combined letter sheet and envelop comprising a letter sheet having an envelop attached at one edge thereof; the envelop portion being made up of two sections of the
30 sheet folded so that one will be over the other and having means whereby they are permanently connected along one side and one end so as to leave the remaining side and end open to allow the letter sheet to be
35 tucked into the envelop; with means on one side and one end of said envelop for sealing the same; a portion of such sealing means being capable of use for an original letter and the remainder for a return letter; there
40 being a series of perforations in the envelop placed to permit of inspection of material within the envelop.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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