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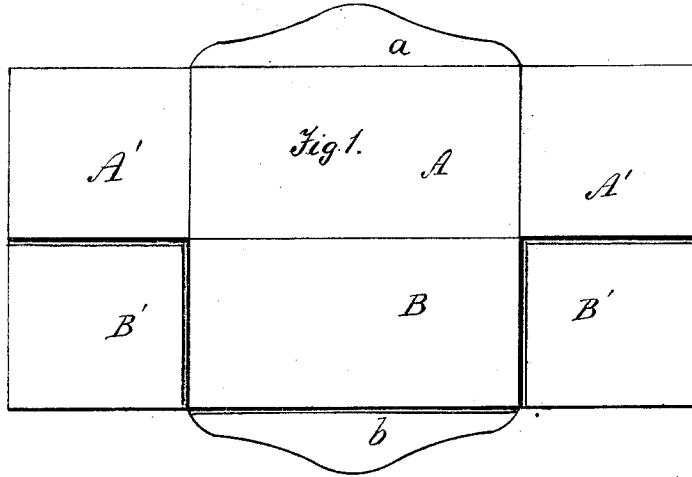


Fig. 2.

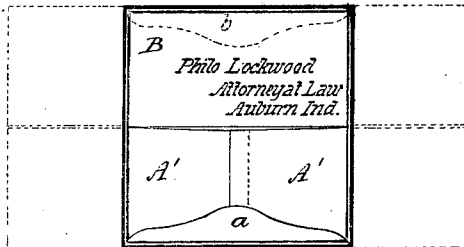


Fig. 3.

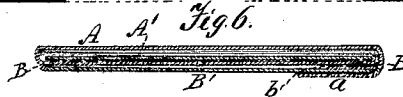
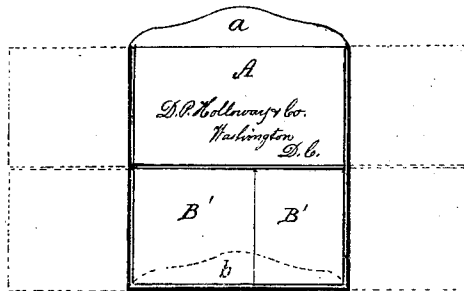
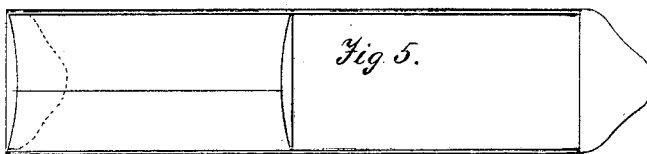
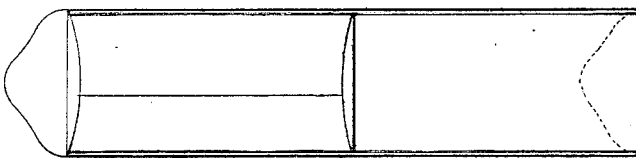


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN ENVELOPES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILO LOCKWOOD, of Auburn, in the county of De Kalb and State of Indiana, have invented a certain Improvement in Envelopes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the annexed drawing making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a sheet of paper as cut and creased to form my improved envelope.

Figures 2 and 3 represent envelopes of my improved construction, the pockets on either side of which are open at the sides.

Figures 4 and 5 show such envelopes with the pockets open at the end.

Figure 6 is a transverse section of an envelope of this kind as it appears when sealed.

The same letters are used in all the figures in the designation of identical parts.

This invention relates to that class of envelopes which are so constructed that they may be used twice with perfect security to the contents, and without exposing any mutilated part when used the second time.

My improvement consists in an envelope made double the size of the ordinary ones, folded in the middle, with a sealing flap opposite to this fold at each side or end, as the case may be, and provided with a wrapper or pocket upon each leaf but upon opposite sides.

To enable those skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

Where the wrappers or pockets of the envelope are to be open at the side it is constructed from a sheet

of paper cut to the form shown in fig. 1, and slitted at each end midway between its sides to points in line with the ends of the sealing-flaps *a* and *b*.

The sheet of paper thus shaped is also creased in the middle to form two leaves, A and B, and the flaps A' A' being folded upon the back of the leaf A are united at the ends to form a wrapper with the latter, the flaps B' B' being folded and united in like manner upon the face of the leaf B to form a wrapper there, that is, upon the opposite side to that on the leaf A.

The leaves being folded together the face of one will be opposite the wrapper or pocket on the other and close one side of such pocket, the other side of which is closed by folding its sealing-flap to clasp both leaves, and sealing it to the one containing no papers, the pocket of which will be exposed upon the rear.

The envelope should be opened by simply severing the flap which is used to seal it from its leaf after the first use. It can then be employed a second time by folding the leaves so as to bring their opposite sides together, in order that the remaining sealing-flap may be used to seal it.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The herein-described double envelope, constructed substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

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

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