

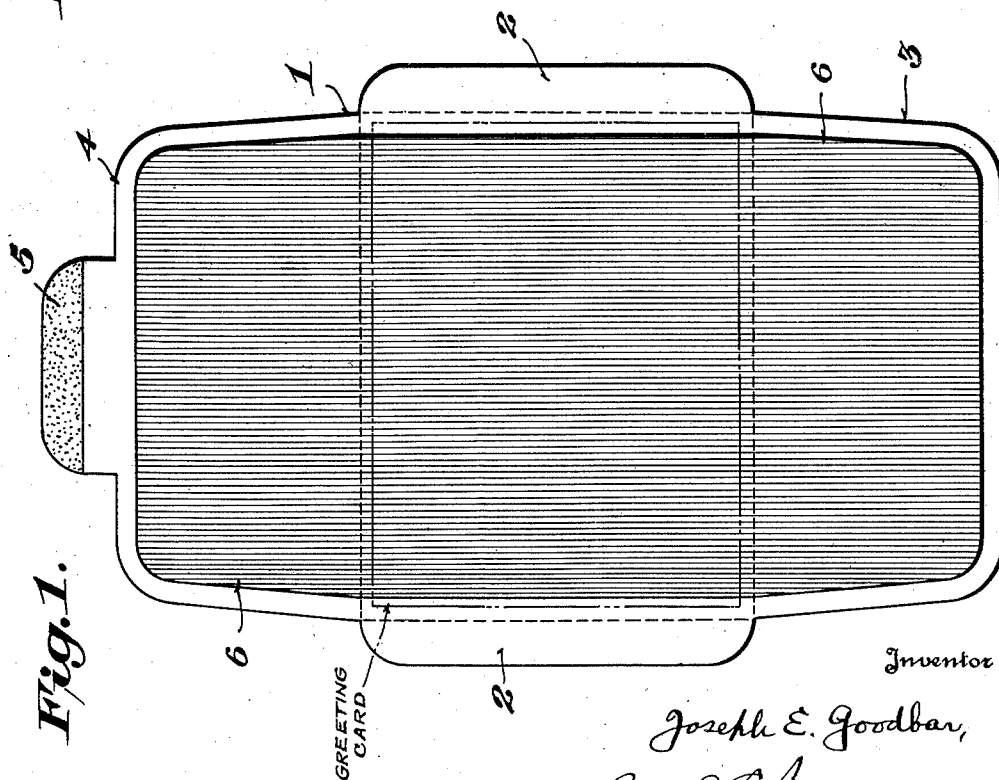
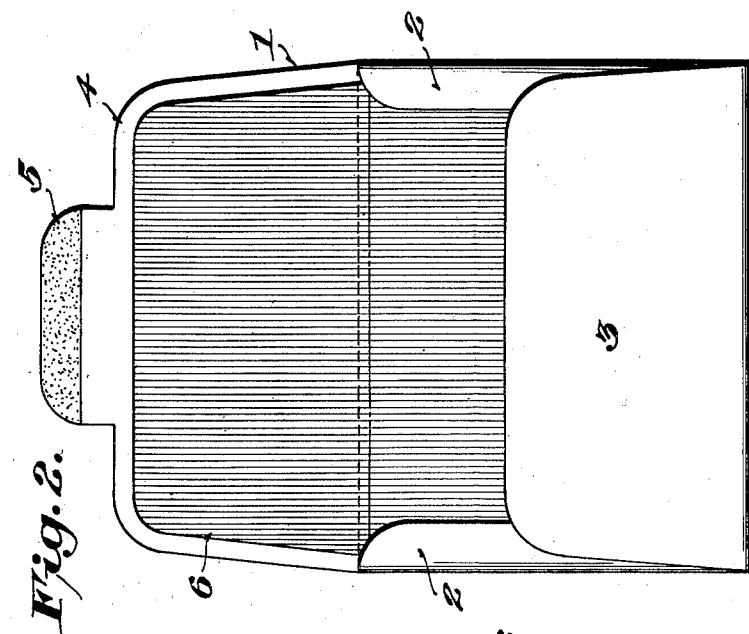
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It is an object of the invention to provide an envelope or the like, having an ornamental or attractive lining, so formed that, after sealing, it easily may be unsealed and opened without consequential injury to the body or lining fabric.

The envelope, when closed and ready for mailing, is sealed by a comparatively small amount of adhesive on the margin of a tab of an overlapping closing-flap, and it may be opened by breaking the seal at the tab without injury to the body of the envelope, its lining, and contents, whereby the greeting-card or other contents and the lining are revealed uninjured.

When considered with the description herein, the characteristics of the invention are apparent from the accompanying drawing, forming part hereof, wherein an envelope formed in accordance with the invention is disclosed, for purposes of illustration.

Like reference-characters refer to corresponding parts in the views of the drawing, of which—

Fig. 1 is a plan view showing the body material cut to shape and unfolded;

Fig. 2 is a plan view showing the side and bottom flaps folded and the closing-flap ready to be folded down to closing position.

The envelope is formed of a single sheet of paper or other suitable fabric 1, constituting the body or covering, cut and folded to afford comparatively narrow side flaps 2 turned inwardly, a bottom flap 3 turned upwardly over the side flaps, an upper flap 4 foldable downwardly over the side and bottom flaps and having a comparatively narrow centrally-positioned tab 5 with adhesive on the inner side of its outer margin only; and an ornamental lining 6 attached by adhesive along one edge to the upper flap adjacent to the tab.

When the envelope is to be closed, the adhesive on the tab is moistened, the upper and outer flap 4 is brought down over the side and bottom flaps, and the moistened margin of the tab is pressed down against the surface of the bottom flap.

When the envelope is to be opened, an envelope-opener or other suitable article may be inserted under the upper flap and brought

under the tab thereof, and the seal released. Oftentimes, the seal is broken without tearing the tab or the under flap to which it has adhered; and, in any event, the tab only will be torn, leaving the other part of the folded sheet, and the lining, intact. Thus the ornamental lining is not cut or torn along the line of folding down of the upper and outer flap, as in the case of envelopes as ordinarily formed and sealed. The reason for that is that the comparatively narrow tab having adhesive along its outer or free margin only adheres only to a small area of the surface of the lower flap, and it also permits the easy insertion of the opening article under it above the adhesive.

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

An envelope formed of a single sheet of fabric cut and folded and affording comparatively narrow side flaps turned inwardly, a lower flap turned upwardly over said side flaps, and an upper closing-flap foldable downwardly over the lower flap, said closing-flap having on integral centrally-positioned tab comparatively narrow transversely extending from its free edge and having adhesive on the inner side of its free margin only, and said other flaps being devoid of means for attachment to overlapped surfaces when folded, whereby all of said flaps, when the envelope is sealed at the tab, may be released by breaking the seal at the tab only, all of the flaps opened, and the entire contents of the envelope revealed without withdrawal thereof.

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