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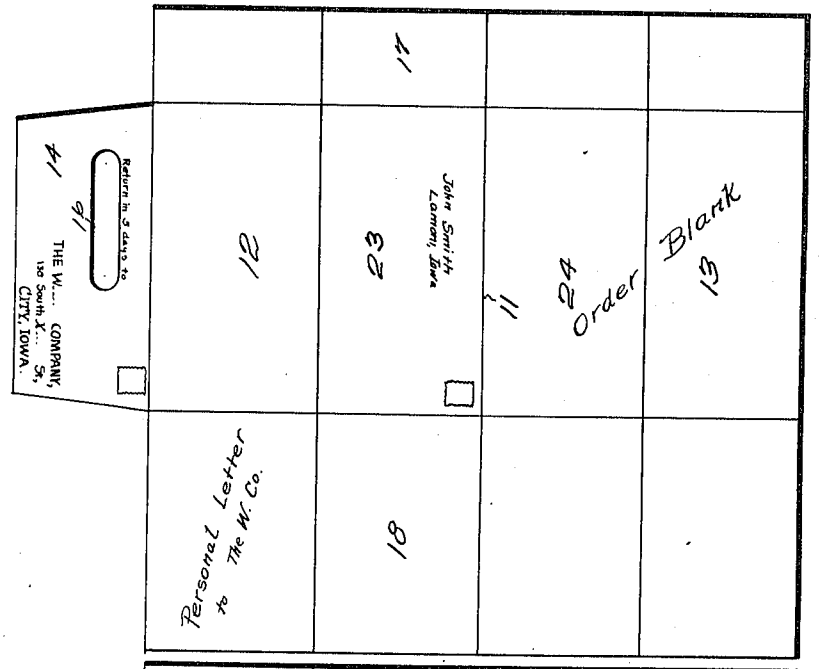
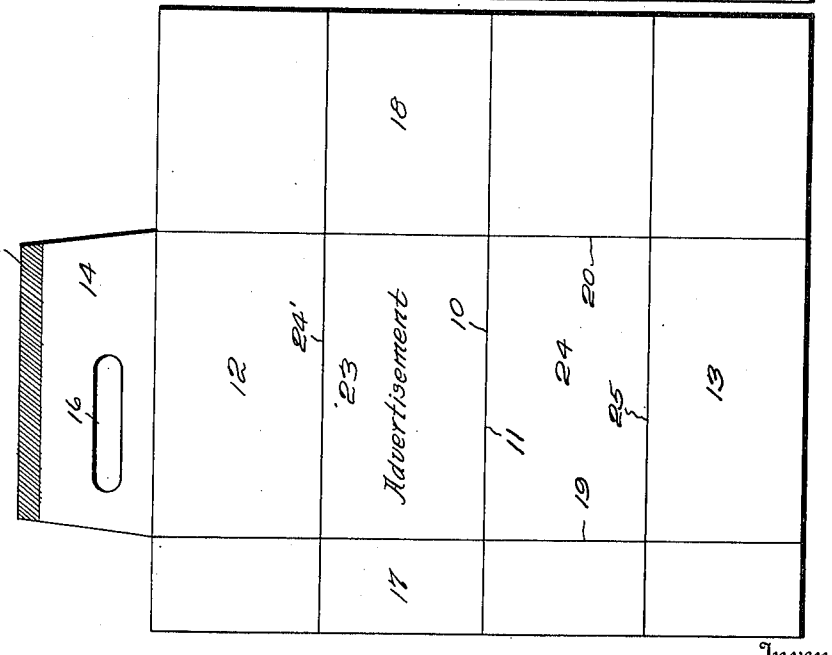


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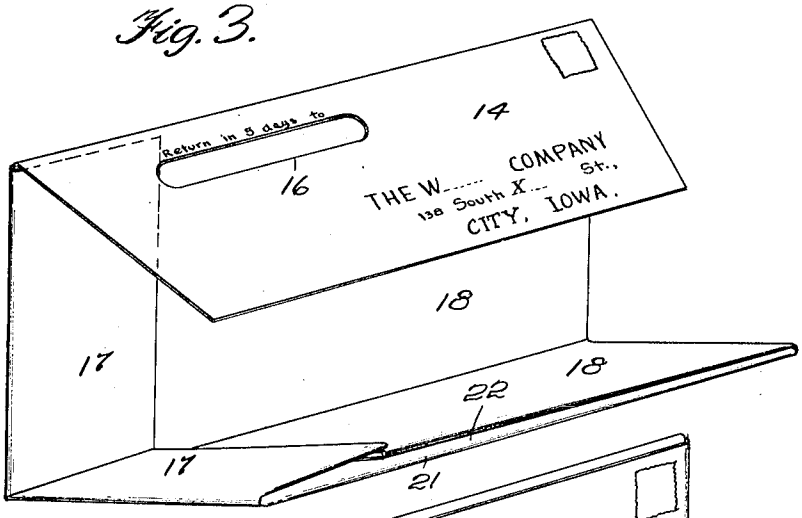


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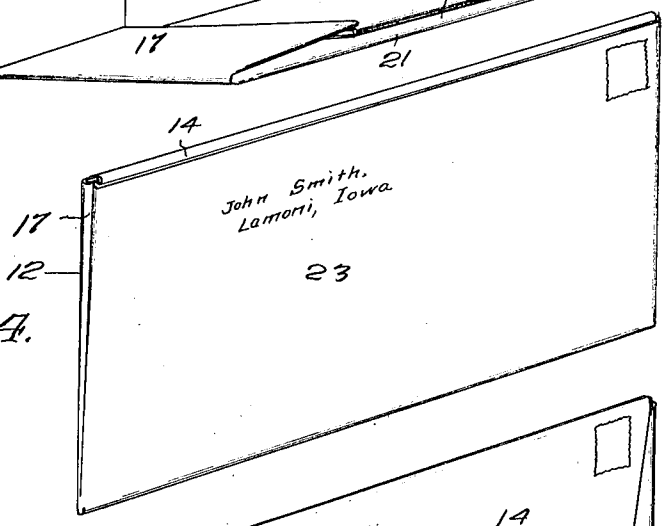
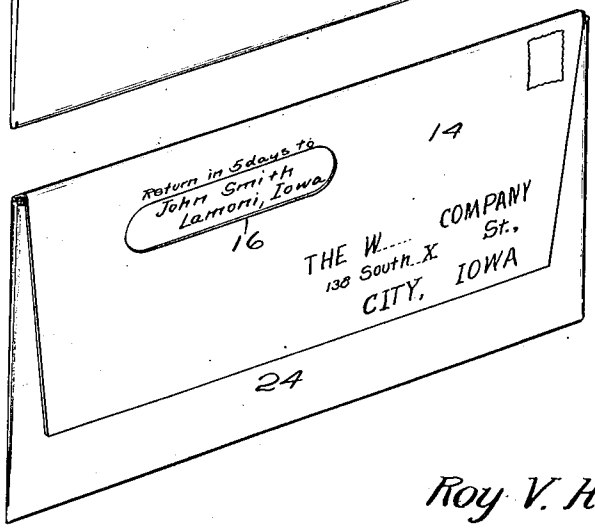


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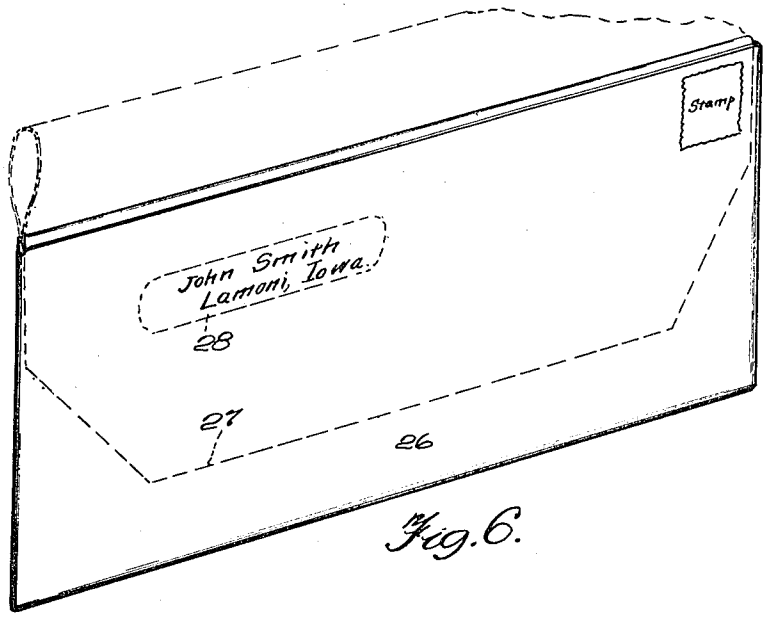


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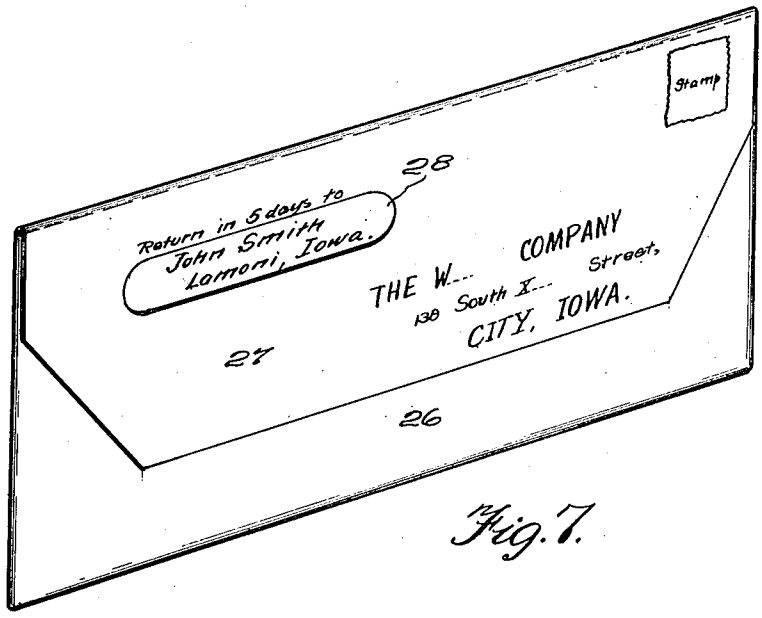


Fig. 7.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROY V. HOPKINS, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Lamoni, in the county of Decatur and State of Iowa, have invented new and useful Improvements in Combined Envelops and Letter-Sheets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to envelops and has particular reference to that class of envelops of the return type.

An important object of the invention is to provide in a device of the above mentioned character a means whereby the envelop may be returned by the receiver to the sender of the same without necessitating readdressing of the original sender.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Figure 1 is a face view of a blank,

Fig. 2 is a view of the opposite face of the same,

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of an envelop shown partially closed,

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the same showing the tongue inserted,

Fig. 5 is a similar view of the same showing the tongue folded outwardly,

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a modified form of the invention, and,

Fig. 7 is a similar view of the same.

In the drawings, attention being called to Figs. 1 to 5 inclusive, wherein is shown a preferred form of my invention, the numeral 10 indicates substantially a rectangular blank of paper creased as shown at 11 in a transverse line dividing the blank into an upper portion 12 and a lower portion 13.

From the edge of the upper portion 12 there is projected a tongue 14 preferably formed integral with the blank 10. This tongue is coated at the longitudinal edge thereof with a suitable paste or adhesive 15 and has formed substantially centrally therein an elongated opening 16.

The rectangular blank 10 is provided at one longitudinal edge thereof with a relatively narrow wing 17, extending throughout the length of the blank 10 and formed integral therewith. The other longitudinal edge of the blank 10 is provided with a wing 18 similar to that indicated by the numeral 17, it differing only in that the width of the same is substantially greater than that of the wing 17.

In folding the blank to form an envelop the necessary steps are as follows: First the lower portion 13 of the blank 10 is folded on the line 11 upon the upper portion 12. The wings 17 and 18 are then folded on the lines 19 and 20, respectively, and inwardly upon the lower portion 13 which has been folded upon the upper portion 12, as described, the wings 17 and 18 forming with the adjacent portion 21 of the blank a pocket 22. The lower half 23 of the upper portion 12 and the adjacent half 24 of the lower portion 13 are then folded on the lines 24′ and 25 respectively into the position shown in Fig. 3, whereupon the tongue 14 may be inserted into the pocket 22 thus holding the envelop as a whole in a closed position as shown in Fig. 4. It is to be noted that the name of the person to whom it is desired to send the envelop, appears upon the face of the envelop as shown in Fig. 4. When the envelop is received by this person the tongue is removed, and the envelop may be unfolded by reversing the steps hereinbefore described in the folding of the blank, thus bringing to the attention of the receiver the written or printed contents of the envelop, which printed or written matter may be written or printed upon at any desired portion of the blank. I have shown in the drawings the position and nature of certain written or printed matter, but it is to be understood that a rearrangement may be made in accordance with the desires of the user of the envelop.

Should the receiver of the envelop desire to return the same to the original sender, all that need be done is to fold the blank as hereinbefore described, and paste the tongue 14 in the position shown in Fig. 5, displaying the original receiver's name as the sender in this instance, and the original sender's name as the receiver, the last mentioned name in this instance appearing for the first time upon the outside of the envelop, it being printed upon the tongue 14 which was heretofore described as being confined within the pocket 22.

In considering the modified form of my invention, attention being called to Figs. 6 and 7, the numeral 26 indicates the body portion of an envelop, the body portion being of

the conventional type and shape. To the upper edge of one side of the body portion there is provided a tongue 27, bearing the name and address of the original sender as shown in Fig. 2, and provided with an elongated opening 28. When the envelop is originally sent, the name and address of the designed receiver appears on the face of the envelop, the tongue carrying the name of the sender being folded within the body 26 as shown in Fig. 6. Upon receipt of the envelop by the one to whom it was sent, the tongue 27 is removed, it being not sealed within the body 26. Should the receiver desire to return the enevlop to the original sender the tongue is pasted in the position shown in Fig. 7, thereby displaying the original sender's name as indicating the designed receiver, and indicating the original receiver as the sender in this particular instance.

I wish it understood that various changes in the shape, size and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of my invention or the scope of the subjoined claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure and protect by Letters Patent of the United States, is:

A combined envelop and letter sheet of the character described, comprising a blank consisting of an upper and a lower portion, the lower half of the upper portion being sufficient in size to contain an address, the lower portion being folded upon the upper portion; a wing carried by each side of said blank, said wings being folded upon the lower folded portion of said blank to form therein a pocket, the lower half of the upper portion and the lower half of the folded portion being folded upon the upper half of the folded portion; a tongue carried by the upper half of the upper portion, said tongue being of sufficient size to contain an address and having an opening arranged therein, said pocket being arranged to receive said tongue whereby the first named address only will appear, said tongue being provided with an adhesive material whereby the tongue may be adhered to the face of the envelop to close said pocket and exhibit both the first and second named addresses and the second named address being exhibited through said opening.

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