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REMAILING SAMPLE ENVELOPE.

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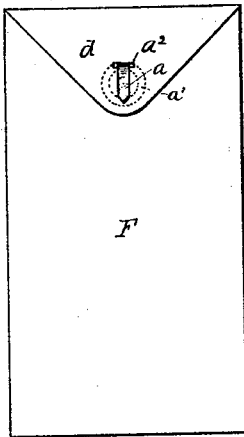


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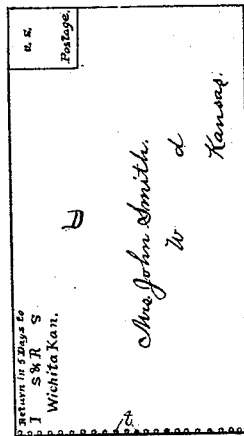


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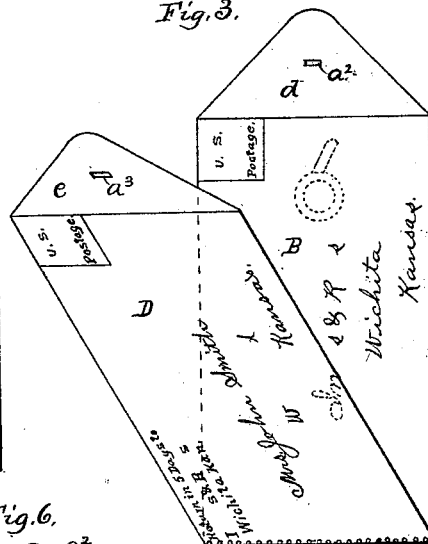


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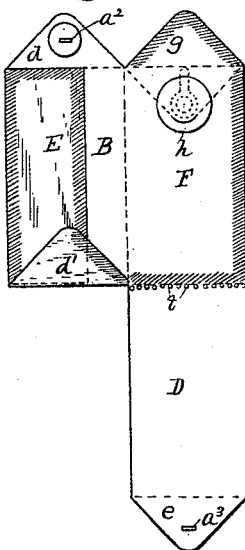


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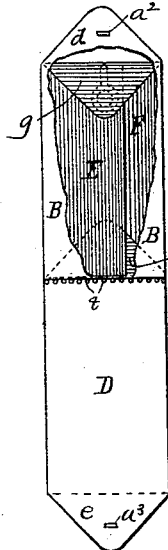


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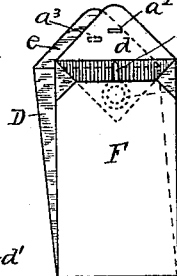


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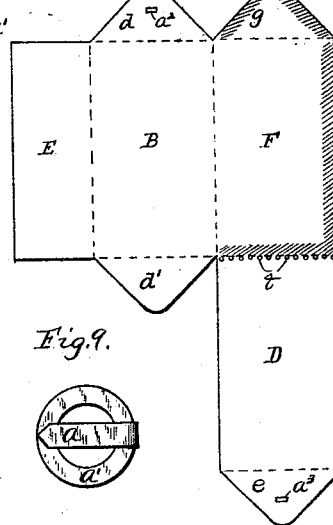


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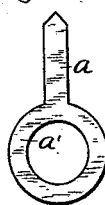


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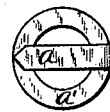


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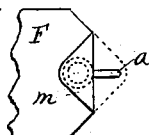


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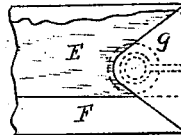


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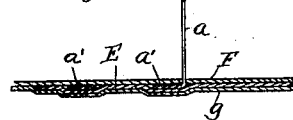
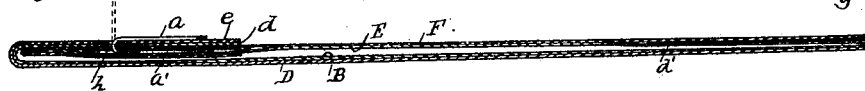


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REMAILING SAMPLE ENVELOPE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR A. DE LONG, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Wichita, in the county of Sedgwick and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Remailing Sample Envelopes, of which the following a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings and the letters and figures of reference thereon, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front plan view, showing the envelope closed and fastened. Fig. 2 is a back plan view of the envelope addressed, as it would appear when first ready for mailing. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the back of the envelope, showing its securing-flaps unfastened, and its secondary leaf, bearing the forwarding address, turned back from the envelope, exposing to view the return address on the envelope back. Fig. 4 is a plan view showing two of the envelope flaps folded into position, also showing that portion which is gummed for securing the envelope into proper form. Fig. 5 is a back plan view of the envelope with the secondary leaf extended and a portion of the back broken away, to show more clearly the manner of securing together its parts. Fig. 6 is a front perspective view, showing the openable flaps of the envelope and its secondary leaf unfastened. Fig. 7 is a plan view showing the form of the envelope-blank. Figs. 8 and 9 are detailed views of the envelope-fastener. Figs. 10 and 11 are detailed views showing the manner of re-enforcing that portion of the envelope where the fastener is secured. Fig. 12 is a detailed longitudinal sectional view of that portion of the envelope where the fastener is secured on a line central with the fastener, showing the manner in which it is secured; and Fig. 13 is a central longitudinal sectional view of the envelope.

This invention relates to certain improvements in sample envelopes for mercantile purposes; and it consists in the particular construction of envelopes, as set forth and explained in the following specification and claim.

Referring to the drawings, Figs. 1, 2, and 3 are drawn to a scale of about six inches to

the foot; Figs. 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, and 11, to a scale of about three inches to the foot, and Figs. 8, 9, 12, and 13, to a full scale.

The envelope-blank is cut to a form presenting three sections, each section being equal in area to the area of the completed envelope, and one side flap and four end flaps, two of which are perforated; also one of said sections is partially divided from its fellow sections by means of a series of small perforations, as shown particularly in Fig. 7.

Referring to the parts by section, F represents the front, B the back, and D the secondary leaf.

E represents the side flap, and *d d'* and *g* and *e* the end flaps.

That portion of the blank which is gummed for the purpose of securing together the envelope is represented in Figs. 4 and 7 by the shaded margins.

The dotted lines in Fig. 7 represent where each fold is made in forming the envelope, and in making said folds flap E is folded over upon the inner part of section or back B, thus presenting its gummed margins outward, (see Fig. 4,) then flap *d'* is folded over partially upon section B and upon flap E and secured by the gum of flap E, and thus it presents its gummed section outward, and each flap closes its respective edge to form the pocket or pouch. A small incision is then made through section F (the front section) and the tongue *a* of the fastener *a'* inserted therein and the body of the fastener brought in contact with the inner surface of said section, after which the said section F is folded over upon flaps E and *d'*, and by means of its gummed part secured in such position and further secures the body of fastener *a a'* between it and flap E, the gum adhering on every side and through the central perforation of the fastener, and thus the opposite side edge is closed and the parts secured to complete the pocket or pouch; and, lastly, to complete the formation of the envelope and further re-enforce that part where the fastener is secured, flap is folded over into the envelope pocket or pouch and by means of its gummed margin is secured to the inner part of flap E and front F, as shown in Figs. 5 and 12, and thus not only strengthens that

portion of the envelope, but forms an unbroken edge at the entrance of the pocket.

In initially attaching the fastener *a a'* a re-enforce *h* (see Fig. 4) may be used, which will assist in giving strength to the fastener.

Leaf D, when formed, as shown in Fig. 7, integral with the front section F, will in its initial position depend from the envelope, and is provided adjacent the envelope with a series of perforations *t*, adapting it to be easily torn off, and with a flap *e*, having a perforation *a³*, which will when the leaf is folded upon the back of the envelope register with perforation *a²* of flap *d* of the envelope back B, and the two flaps thus brought to register with each other are adapted to be folded over upon the envelope face in such manner that tongue *a* of the fastener will enter their perforations and be openably secured by bending said tongue down upon them.

Fastener *a a'* is constructed with an enlarged body part for the purpose of presenting a securing-surface sufficient to strongly hold the tongue, and is perforated to diminish its weight, and, further, for the purpose of permitting the gummed paper at either side the body to adhere together within said perforation and thus increase hold.

Fig. 10 shows a modification in the re-enforcement of the fastener by shortening front F and by beveling the upper part of flap E and making the fold of the flap of front F parallel with the incision through which the fastener-tongue is inserted, thus enabling the body of the fastener to draw against the fold of said flap, as shown at *m* in Fig. 10. (See also Fig. 6.)

In use the return address of the sender of the samples is either written or printed upon the back B of the envelope, after which leaf D is folded over upon back B and the address of the person to which the samples are

to be sent is then written upon said leaf. The samples of goods are then placed in the envelope pocket or pouch, either with or without printed directions, the flaps *d* and *e* folded over and fastened by means of tongue *a* of the fastener, as described, and proper postage applied, as indicated in Figs. 2 and 3, and the envelope is then ready for the mail. A return card of the ordinary style may be printed upon one corner of leaf D, if desired. After the person addressed has received the envelope, examined the contents, and has made her selection, she tears off leaf D at perforations and refastens flap *d* and remains the envelope to the sender with such directions as she may desire, and by such arrangement the correctness of the return address is assured, and the envelope when remailed gives assurance to the sender of a safety delivery.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows:

As a new article of manufacture, a sample envelope consisting of a pocket or pouch having a perforated openable flap, a secondary leaf detachably connected with the envelope base and adapted to have written thereon the forwarding address and be folded upon the envelope back, and having a perforated openable flap arranged to register and be folded over upon the envelope front with the envelope flap and be fastened by means of a metallic bendable fastening-tongue secured to and projecting from the envelope front, wherein said secondary leaf covers from view the return address of the envelope, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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