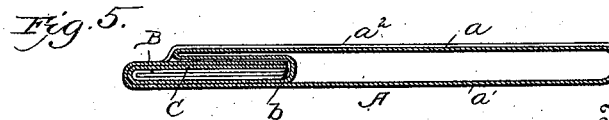
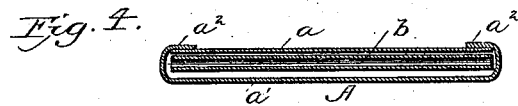
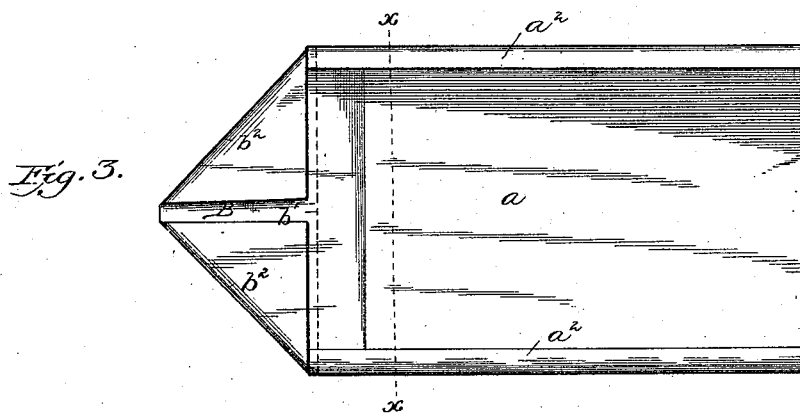
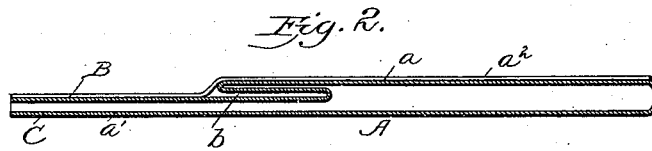
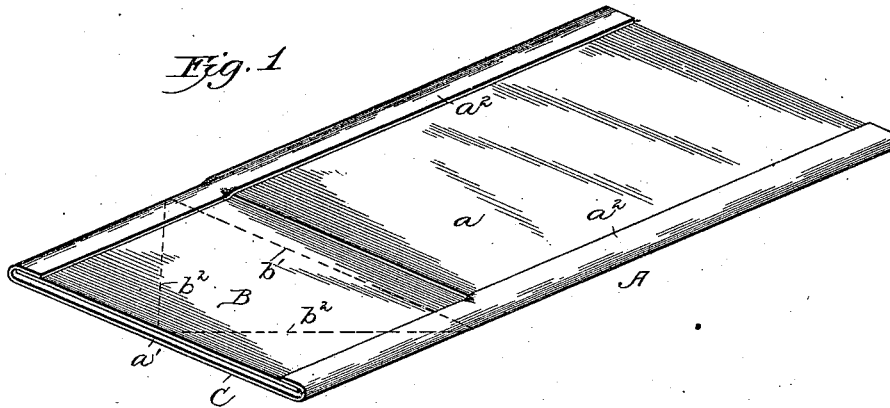


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANSON R. SPEAR, of Devil's Lake, in the county of Ramsey and State of North Dakota, have invented certain  
5 new and useful Improvements in Envelopes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use  
10 the same.

This invention relates to a new and improved envelope designed for the safe and convenient transportation of samples of merchandise, cards, photographs, and the like,  
15 and grain or flour, and it is especially designed as an improvement over the envelope shown and described in Letters Patent No. 433,052, granted to me July 29, 1890.

The object of my invention is to provide  
20 an improved envelope in which such articles can be safely transported, and which can be securely closed by folding the parts together, all danger of such parts pulling out or separating being avoided.

The invention consists in providing an envelope composed of two parts, one of which  
25 parts is bent or folded to form a pocket which is held by the overlapping longitudinal edges of the other part, the extended ends or flaps of said parts being bent or folded together  
30 diagonally, and then bent down into said pocket, substantially as hereinafter fully set forth and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1  
35 is a view in perspective of my improved envelope. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view thereof. Fig. 3 is a plan view showing the first fold given the flaps. Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view on the line  $x-x$ , Fig. 3,  
40 showing the pocket secured by the overlapping longitudinal edges. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view showing the envelope closed.

Referring to the drawings, A designates  
45 the body of the envelope which is composed of two parts or sections  $a, a'$ , the longitudinal edges  $a^2$  of the latter being bent down over and secured to the corresponding edges  
50 of the former. This envelope may be of any preferred size or shape and of any suitable material. The part  $a$  of the envelope is bent

back upon itself to form a pocket  $b$ . This pocket is held firmly in place by the overlapping edges  $a^2$  of the part  $a'$ . At the open end  
55 of the envelope are the flaps B, C, which are elongations of the part  $a, a'$ , respectively. These flaps are provided with transverse scores or creases  $b'$ , which extend parallel with the pocket and the ends of the flaps,  
60 and also with two diagonal scores or creases  $b^2$ , which extend from the outer ends of the scores or creases  $b'$  convergently to near a meeting point at the center of the outer edges of said flaps.

When it is designed to close the envelope, the ends or corners of the flaps are folded inwardly on the scores or creases  $b^2$ , and then again folded on the scores or creases  $b'$  and then extended into pocket  $b$ . The envelope  
65 is thus securely closed, and will not accidentally open no matter how bulky its contents. By forming the pocket in the manner stated and securely fastening the same by the overlapping edges of one of the two parts com-  
70 posing the envelope there is a great saving in labor and a stronger and better fastening is secured.

I claim as my invention—

1. An envelope composed of two parts, one  
80 of which has its longitudinal edges overlapping those of the other, said latter part being bent to form a pocket which is fastened by said overlapping edges, both of said parts being provided with flaps which are designed  
85 to be folded down into said pocket, substantially as set forth.

2. The herein-described improved envelope, comprising the body composed of two parts  
90  $a, a'$ , the longitudinal edges of the latter overlapping those of the former, said part  $a$  being bent to form a pocket which is secured by said overlapping edges, and the corresponding flaps which are provided with a longitudinal score or crease parallel with the edge  
95 of said pocket, and with two diagonal scores or creases, substantially as set forth.

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

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