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## ENVELOP.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES A. WALSH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Helena, in the county of Lewis and Clarke and State of Montana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in envelops.

The objects and purposes are to provide an envelop for social and business correspondence whereby the name and address of the writer will not be exposed while the letter is going forward and if not called for the name and address of the person to whom it was sent will be removed and the name and address of the writer revealed, so that the letter may be returned. When the letter is going forward or being returned, only one name and address will be exposed.

I use two envelops, one placed within the other. The name and address of the writer is written or printed on the envelop in which the letter is inclosed. The latter is inclosed and sealed and a stamp placed on the upper right-hand corner or such other place on the inner envelop as will correspond with the aperture in the outer envelop. This envelop and letter are then inclosed in the outer envelop. The outer envelop has an aperture therein through which the stamp on the inner envelop is visible and through which it may be canceled. The name and address of the person to whom the letter is to be sent are written on the outer envelop.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a face view of the outer envelop, showing the aperture and flap. Fig. 2 is a face view of the outer envelop with the inner envelop, having the writer's address and a stamp thereon, placed therein. The inner envelop and the writer's name and address are shown by dotted lines and the stamp through the aperture in the outer envelop.

Like numerals refer to like parts in both views.

The envelops may be made of any desired size, style, or cut. In the outer envelop 4 is made an aperture 7 by cutting out of one corner a piece about the size of a postage-

stamp. The aperture may, however, be made in any other part of the envelop and of any desired shape. The inner envelop is made of such size that it will fit inside of the outer envelop.

The letter is inclosed and sealed in the inner envelop 5 (shown by dotted lines, Fig. 2) and the name and address of the writer written thereon, as shown by dotted lines, Fig. 2. A stamp is placed on the inner envelop in such position that it will correspond with the aperture in the outer envelop. The envelop 5, with the letter inclosed and sealed therein, is placed in the outer envelop 4 and the flap 6 sealed down. The part of the envelop 5 bearing the stamp is exposed through the aperture 7 in the outer envelop 4, as shown at Fig. 2.

The name and address of the person to whom the letter is to be sent are written on the outer envelop 4, as shown at Fig. 1. "If not called for in five days, remove this cover and return" or any other desired instruction is written or printed on the outer envelop.

If the letter is not called for within the time stated or within the time prescribed by the rules of the Post-Office Department if no instructions are written on the envelop, the postmaster tears off the outer envelop, and thus reveals the name and address of the writer, to whom it may be returned. The stamp on the inner envelop, which was exposed to view and canceled through the aperture in the outer envelop, remains on the inner envelop, and that envelop may then be properly marked by the postmaster and returned to the writer.

The aperture in the outer envelop facilitates the removal of that envelop. A finger or an instrument may be inserted in the aperture and the envelop torn off.

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

1. The combination of two envelops, one placed within the other, the outer envelop having an aperture therein through which the stamp on the inner envelop is exposed to view and canceled.

2. The combination of two envelops, one placed within the other, the outer envelop hav-

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