

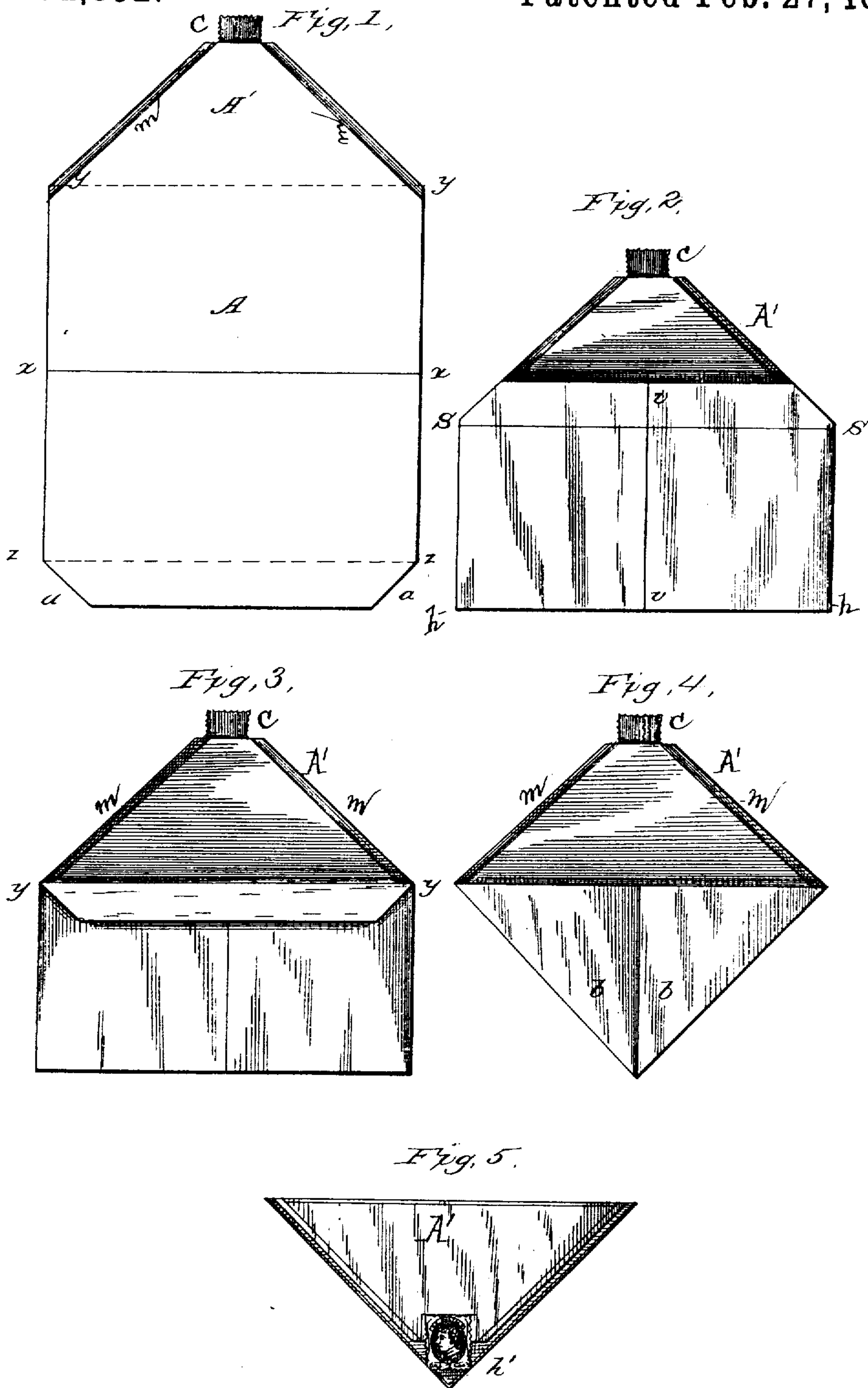
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS BREEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Knowlton, in the county of Chester and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Letter Sheet and Envelope, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to an improved combined letter sheet and envelope; and it consists in the manner of forming and folding the sheet, as hereinafter more fully shown and described.

In the drawings, Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4 are detail views, and Fig. 5 is a plan view.

A represents a sheet of letter-paper, having the pointed letter-head A', and clipped corners a a at the bottom of the sheet.

On the margin of the pointed letter-head A' mucilage m is provided for pasting it closely to the lapels b b. It is also provided, at a point intermediate between the dotted lines y y and z z, with a line, x x, and on the reverse side of the sheet with lines v v and s s.

The line x x, Fig. 1, indicates the line where the letter should be first folded, and when folded the clipped foot of the sheet is then turned down on the line s s, as shown in Fig. 3. The line v v then serves as a guide in folding the lapels of the letter.

The date and the residence of the writer may be conveniently written or printed at the head of the sheet, and when the front of the sheet is written over the sheet may be turned over, as shown in Fig. 2, and that part thereof above the fold may be written on.

In folding the sheet into an envelope it is

folded at the line x x, and presents the appearance as shown in Fig. 2, and then the corners h h, Fig. 2, are folded to meet at the intersection of the lines v v and s s, and they form the lapels b b, as shown in Fig. 4. The head of the sheet is then lapped over and the stamp placed thereon, as shown in Fig. 5.

When the stamp is made separate from the letter, and then affixed thereto, it is fastened on the outside of the point of the cover A' and to the inner adjoining point of the letter, h', formed by the folds of the lapels, and thus affixed it is impossible to open the letter without tearing the stamp.

When preferable the postage-stamp may be printed on, as a part of the sheet of paper, by the Government, the projection c forming one-half of the stamp, being continuous with and a part of the sheet of paper, one-half of the postage-stamp in sealing the letter being pasted to the point of the lapels, which renders certain the destruction of the stamp in opening the letter.

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

The process of folding a letter-sheet by folding first at the line x x, then folding corners h h to meet at the intersection of lines v v and s s, and then folding the sheet at line s s, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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