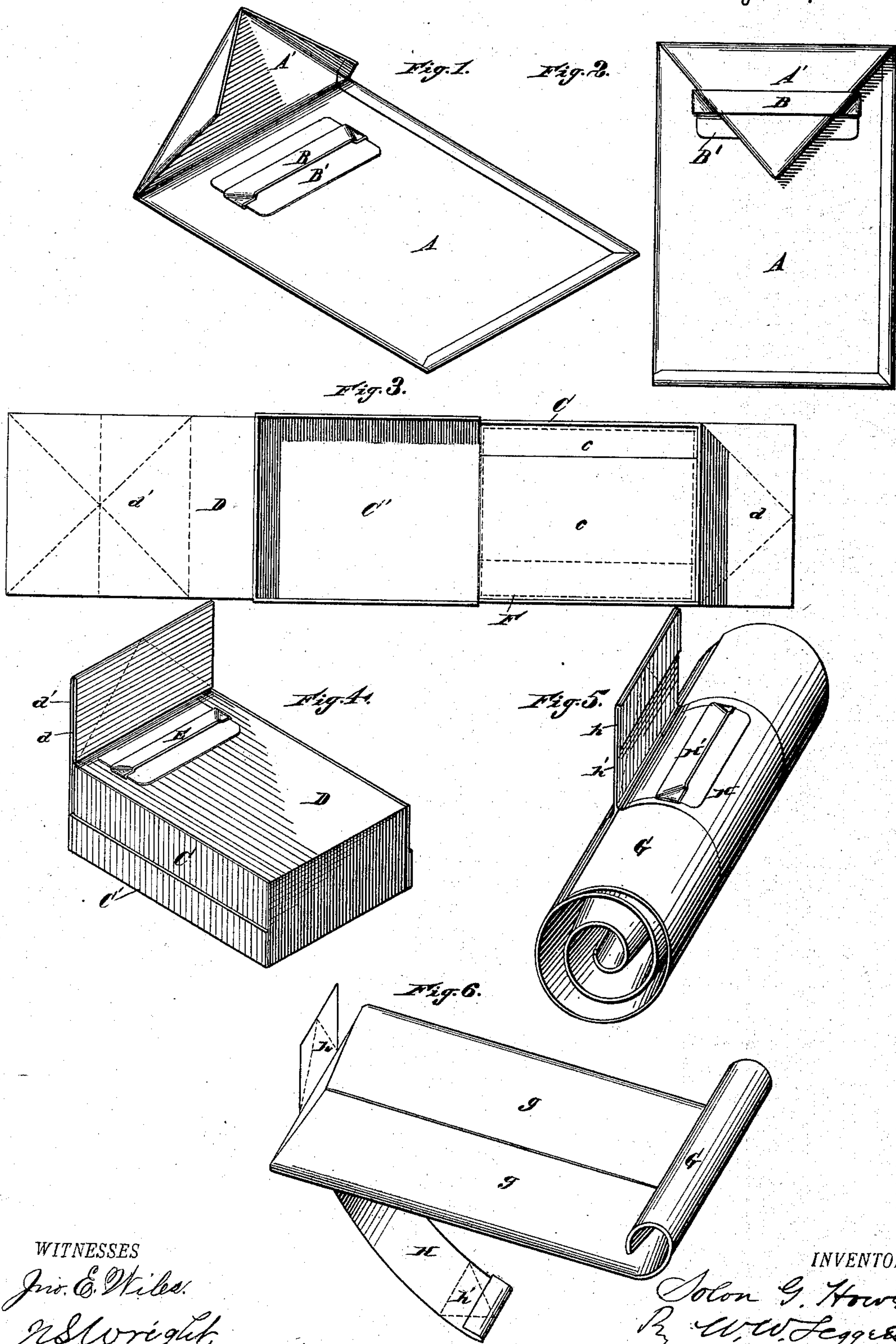


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SOLON G. HOWE, of Detroit, county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Sample-Package Wrappers; and I 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 pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention consists in the combination of devices and appliances hereinafter specified, and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an envelope, illustrating my invention, showing how the upper edges are folded. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, showing the folded end in place under the loop. Fig. 3 is a plan view of a box embodying the same invention. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the same, showing the cover in place and the flaps or bands in position for folding. Fig. 5 is a perspective view illustrating the same invention applied to a parcel. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the same partially unfolded.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved fastening for envelopes, boxes, parcels and analogous packages, as well as the envelopes, boxes, parcel-wrappers, &c., themselves, embodying said means of fastening the same.

I will now proceed to describe my invention as applied to an envelope, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, in which—

A represents the envelope proper, constructed with an extended flap, A', the two faces of the envelope preferably being extended for this purpose, and the envelope being open upon its extended end for filling.

B is a loop, of any suitable material, secured upon one face of the envelope. I do not limit myself to the construction and method of attaching this loop, but it may conveniently be done by engaging the two ends of a strip of metal or other suitable material under a strip of paper or other fabric, B', and pasting said fabric upon the envelope. The loop may, however, be attached in any other manner preferred.

When it is desired to fasten the envelope, the corners of the extended flap are folded, as illustrated in Fig. 1, making a pointed end, which is then brought down and inserted under the loop, as shown in Fig. 2. It is obvious that when the corners are thus folded together and secured under the loop there is no liability whatever of the disengagement of the flap, while the contents of the envelope are securely prevented from escaping therefrom.

As illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4, C is a box with its cover C'. D is the flap or band, which may be secured to one end of the bottom of the box, one end of the band being extended beyond the bottom of the box, as indicated at d, the opposite end being extended, as shown at d'. A loop, E, is secured, also, upon the band.

When it is desired to fasten the box after the cover is located in place, the end d', which is preferably made longer than the end d, is folded over the latter, as shown in Fig. 4, when the corners are folded, as illustrated in the envelope, and indicated in Fig. 4 in dotted lines, when the pointed end may be secured under the loop, in the manner illustrated in Fig. 2. These bands may be addressed so that the address will come upon the cover. They may be manufactured and put upon the market separate from the boxes themselves, the loop being secured thereon, as shown in Fig. 4, and may be gummed for ready attachment to the boxes when used.

I would have it understood that my invention contemplates both the construction of the band itself as a separate article of manufacture and its combination with the boxes or wrapper. In the case of its employment with a box it will be desirable for certain purposes to secure one or more flaps, c, upon the inner sides of the box, to be folded over and upon the contents, before the cover is in place. So, also, for certain purposes it may be desired to locate a metallic box, F, within the outer box.

As illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6, G is a parcel-wrapper, which may be constructed of any desired form. I prefer to construct it with longitudinal folding edges g and g', to be folded over the contents of the wrapper, so as to protect the edges of the same.

H is a flap or band similar in construction to the flap already described as applied to the box shown in Figs. 3 and 4, the band being provided, as already described, with a loop, 5 H', one end of the band being extended beyond the wrapper, as shown at h, the band itself being of sufficient length to pass around the wrapper, leaving an extended end, h', which may be folded over the end h when the 10 corners are folded over, as already illustrated and described, the point being then inserted under the loop. It will be seen that the essential feature of the invention is the same in all these illustrations.

15 I would have it understood that in the following claims I use the word "wrapper" in its broadest sense, as including, as above described, an envelope, parcel-wrapper, box, and other analogous devices.

20 The advantage of the employment of a loop is evident in that it enables the user to readily and directly engage the end of the folded flap when he wishes to disengage it.

What I claim is—

25 1. A sample-packet provided with a me-

tallic loop secured thereto by a fabric engaging the ends of the loop upon the packet, said packet having extended end flaps, the construction being such that the flaps may lie 30 upon each other and the corners thereof folded inward under the loop, substantially as described.

2. The fastening-band, provided with a loop near one end, the construction being such that the band may be attached to a package passed 35 round the same, its ends folded together and inserted under the loop, substantially as described.

3. The herein-described sample-package wrapping, consisting of a box with its cover, a 40 wrapping-band, and a loop secured thereto, said band adapted to be passed round the box, its ends folded together, and inserted under the loop, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification 45 in the presence of two witnesses.

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