

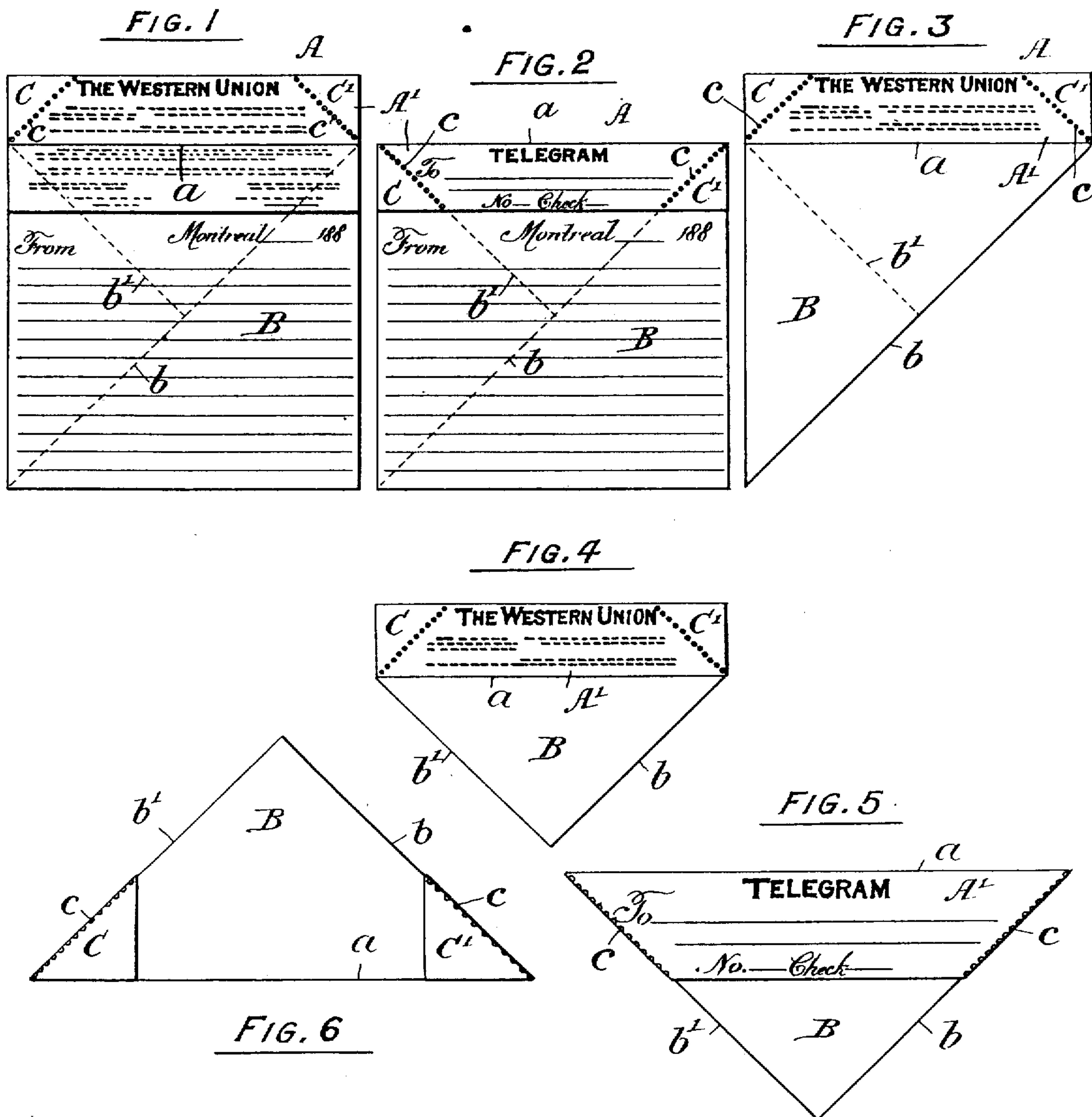
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN KEITH REID, of the city of Montreal, in the district of Montreal and Province of Quebec, Canada, have
5 invented a certain new and useful Improved Combined Envelope and Letter-Sheet; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention, although having special reference to the "infolds" for telegraphic messages delivered from any telegraph-station, is applicable in all cases in which the saving of envelopes is to be effected, and has for its object to produce a sheet for the reception of a
15 telegraphic message, note, circular, &c., which shall be complete in itself, requiring no separate seal, can be folded over in four simple and natural movements and secured, leaving the address on the back and the body of the message sealed up inside.
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I propose to make my sheet somewhat longer than a square, the excess in length being folded over and the angles on the reverse side of such fold being tipped or covered for some little distance with adhesive material. The address is
25 first written on the back of the part folded over and the message on the remaining part of the sheet. The square part on which the message is written is then folded over diagonally, so that one side is brought to the line of the fold and under the flap on which the address is written. The other side is then folded inwardly under the flap on a line bisecting the triangle already formed, and the two ears or
35 angles of the fold turned over and secured on the body of the message, thus leaving the address outside and completely inclosing the body of the message or note. To open this, all that is required is to run the finger under the fold on which the address is written, so as to
40 tear off the ears or angles, which are preferably perforated along the lines on which they are folded.

For full comprehension of the invention reference must be had to the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the blank; Fig. 2, a like view with the flap folded over; Fig. 3, the first fold; Fig. 4, the second fold; and Figs. 5 and 6, front and back views of the infold complete.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

A is the letter-sheet, composed of a square part, B, on which the message is written, and a flap, A', on the front of which the necessary
55 directions are printed and on the back the address written, folded over on the line *a*. C C' are the extreme angles of this flap, preferably separated from it by lines of perforations *c c*.
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The flap being turned over, as in Fig. 2, and the address written on it, and the note or message on the part B, this latter is folded over on the line *b*, so as to bring its side on the line *a*, as in Fig. 3. The triangle thus made is then
65 bisected by folding it on the line *b'* and bringing it into the shape shown in Fig. 4. The ears C C' are then dampened and turned over, securing the infold in the shape shown in Figs. 5 and 6.
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To open the infold, all that is required is to pass the finger under the fold A'.

Having thus described my invention, I beg to state that what I claim is as follows:

A combined envelope and letter-sheet of length exceeding its breadth, such excess of length forming a flap to be folded over, the sheet proper being folded over twice diagonally on the line of the transverse fold and sealed by turning over the ears or corners of
75 such fold, all substantially as herein set forth.
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