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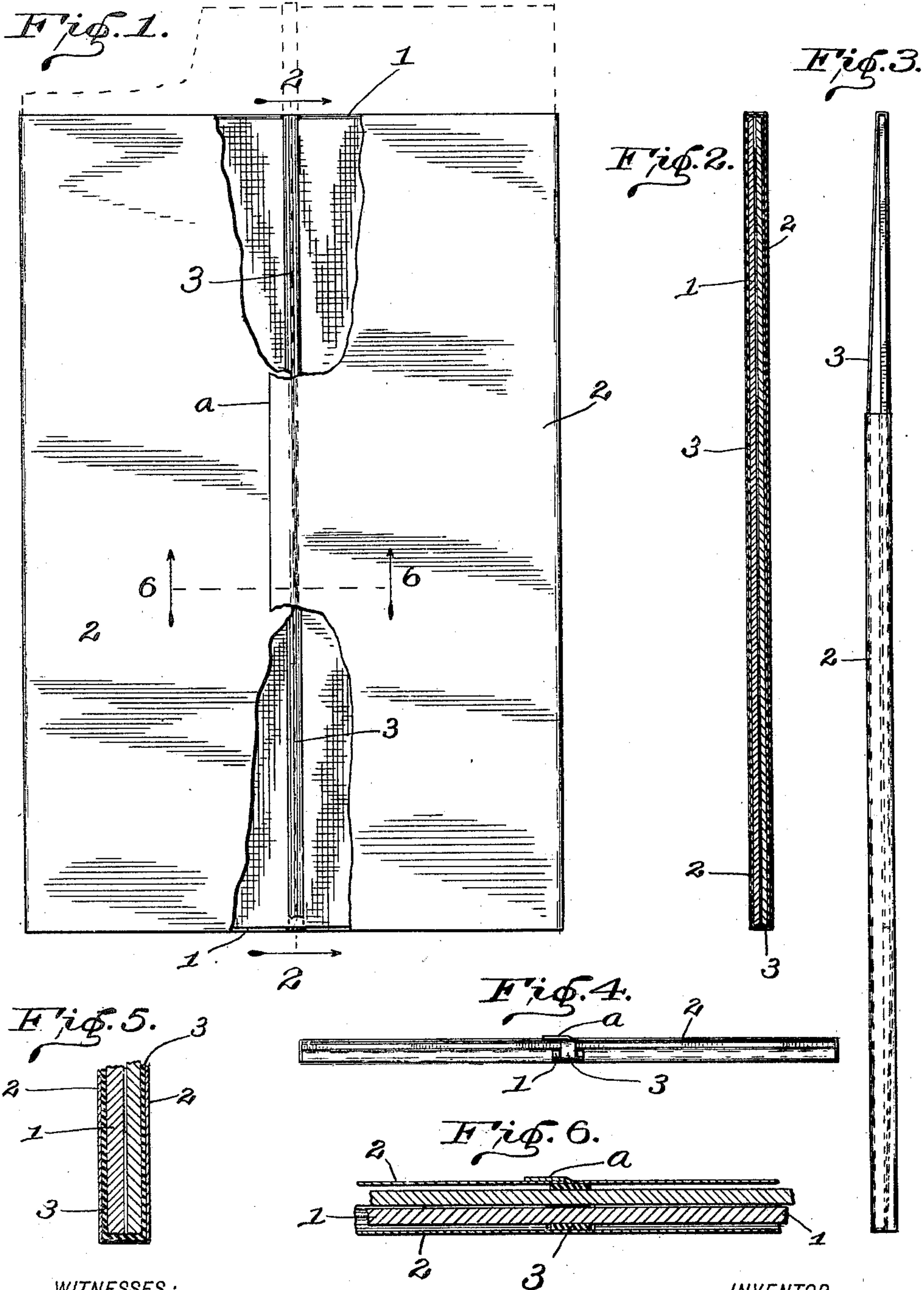
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## MAILING-ENVELOP FOR PHOTOGRAPHS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN BURTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Anderson, in the county of Madison and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mailing-Envelops for Photographs, of which the following is a specification.

As is well known, photographs and such like articles should be so enveloped as to be readily examinable by post-office officials while passing through the mails, and at the same time it is desirable that they be retained securely within their envelops, and thus be protected and loss prevented. An envelop embodying characteristics by which these desirable results are attained is the subject of my invention, and the same will now be fully described, after which the novel features will be pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part hereof and on which similar reference characters indicate similar parts, Figure 1 is a side elevation of such an envelop containing a photograph, portions of the outer shell of the envelop being broken away to illustrate the interior more fully and the edge of the photograph being, by means of dotted lines, shown as pulled out slightly; Fig. 2, a central sectional view of the envelop and photograph; Fig. 3, an edge elevation with the photograph pulled out to a position suitable for inspection; Fig. 4, a view of the lower edge; Fig. 5, a fragmentary view, on an enlarged scale, similar to the lower portion of Fig. 2; and Fig. 6, a detail sectional view on the same scale as Fig. 5 as seen from the dotted line 6 6 in Fig. 1.

The envelop is composed of a stiff portion 1 of suitable size, commonly and preferably formed from cardboard, and a sheet 2 of paper properly secured thereto and forming the outer shell of the envelop, with a rubber band 3 passing around the cardboard 1 inside the paper shell 2.

The cardboard 1 may, if desired, be made slightly longer than the photograph to be held in the envelop and the ends of said cardboard notched where the rubber band passes around, thus forming a protection also for the rubber band, whereby the danger of cutting or breaking the same as it is handled in the mails is diminished.

In using this envelop the photograph is slipped sidewise under the rubber band 3 before the flaps of the paper shell are brought together. Said flaps are then brought together and sealed or pasted one upon the other, as at *a*, and the photograph, as will be readily understood, is safely inclosed. Any post-office official desiring to inspect the contents of the envelop may by inserting his finger and thumb in one of the open envelop ends seize the end of the photograph and draw it out endwise, the elastic band 3 yielding sufficiently for the purpose, as illustrated in Fig. 3 and by the dotted lines in Fig. 1. Upon releasing the photograph it will be immediately thrown back into place and there held by the rubber band, as will be readily understood.

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

1. An envelop composed of a stiff central portion, an elastic band passing around the same, and a paper shell covering said central portion and said band, and protecting the same, substantially as set forth.

2. An envelop composed of a stiff portion, an elastic band passing around said stiff portion, a paper cover or shell secured to said stiff portion and the edges of which are adapted to fold together and be secured to each other after the contents of the envelop are inserted, leaving the ends of the envelop open for purposes of inspection, substantially as set forth.

3. An envelop composed of a stiff central portion, a straight elastic band passing around the same beneath which the article to be carried by the envelop may be placed, and a paper cover secured to the base and adapted to fold over and cover the article and the band, leaving the ends open, and enabling the article to be inspected by pulling the same endwise and stretching the band, which, when released, returns the article to position, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Anderson, Indiana, this 24th day of January, A. D. 1900.

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