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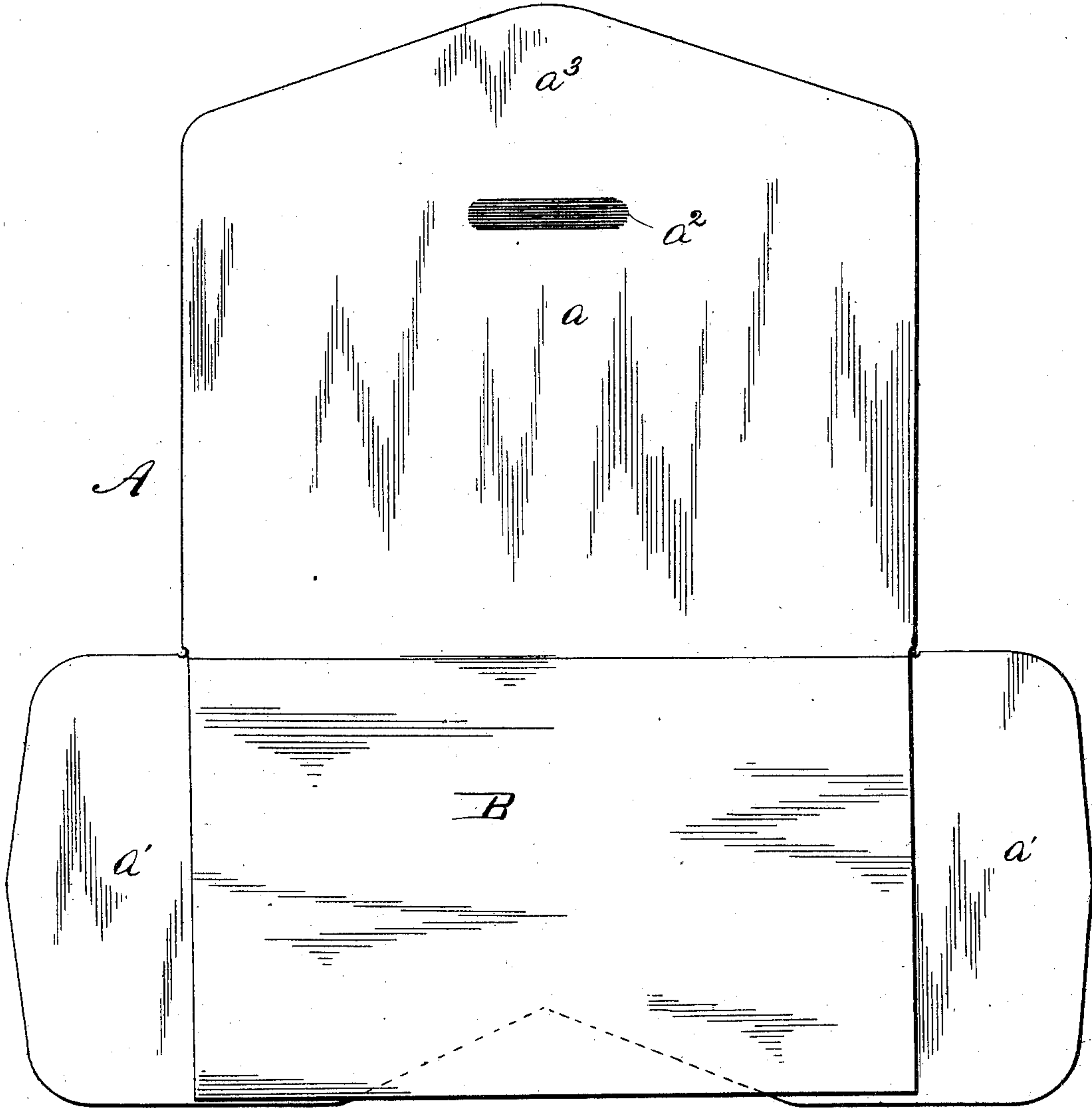


Fig. 2



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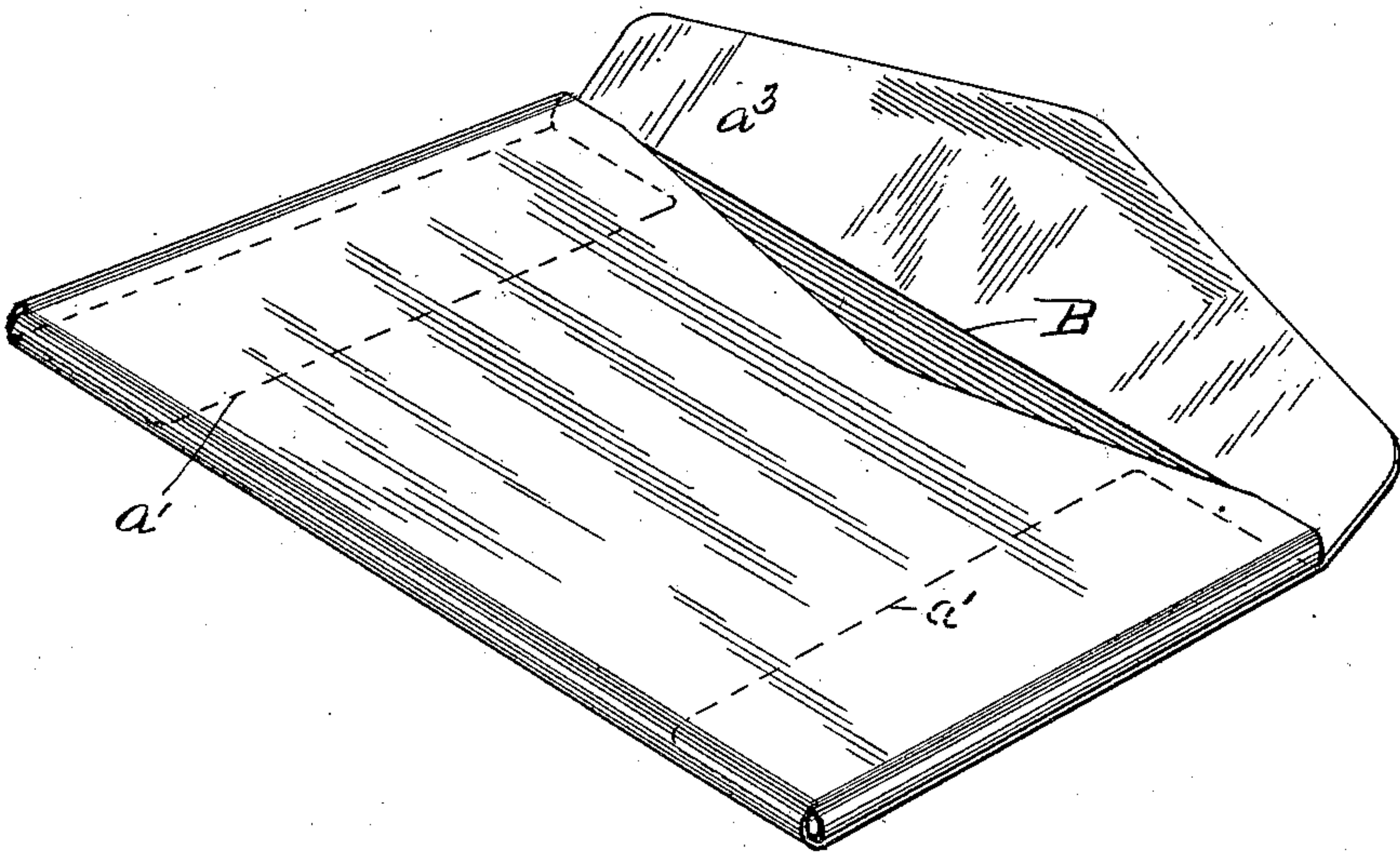
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## ENVELOP.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM G. CHAPIN, of New York, (Brooklyn,) in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Envelops, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the drawings accompanying the same.

My invention relates to envelops, and especially that class of envelops which are designed to inclose and carry second-class mail-matter, and has for its object to provide an envelop which shall be capable of securely retaining the contents and at the same time permit inspection thereof.

In the drawings I have illustrated an envelop embodying my invention, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the blank from which the envelop is made and showing the stiffening-board about which the blank is folded to form the envelop. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section of the folded envelop, and Fig. 3 is a view in perspective of the finished envelop.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts throughout the drawings.

Referring to the drawings in detail, A represents the blank, and B a stiffening or strengthening board, which is preferably made of "cellular board"—that is, a composite board made up of two sheets of pasteboard, having an intervening corrugated piece of strong paper. The blank A is provided with a flap  $a$  and two end flaps  $a'$ . In making the envelop, I first cut out the blank A in substantially the shape shown in Fig. 1 and then

place the board B in position, as shown in said figure. I then fold over the end flaps  $a'$  onto the board B and then fold the flap  $a$  onto the board B and over the already turned-in end flaps  $a'$  and secure the flap  $a$  to the board B by a touch of adhesive material  $a^2$ , applied to the central upper portion of the flap  $a$ . This makes an envelop which is very strong and may be used for carrying photographs or similar cards in a safe condition through the mails, and while the envelop is just as secure as a sealed envelop, the turned-in end flaps  $a'$  permit the ready inspection of the contents, and when said flaps are in position tucked in over the ends of the board, between said board and the flap  $a$ , which is secured to the board B, and the flap  $a^3$  is sealed down to close the envelop the contents are effectually inclosed.

What I claim as new is—

An envelop formed from a single blank and a stiffening-piece adapted to be inclosed by the blank; said blank being folded to form the front and back of the envelop and provided with an end-sealing flap and two side flaps, and to have said stiffening-piece secured intermediate the edges of one of the sides of the blank so as to form pockets for the end flaps, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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