

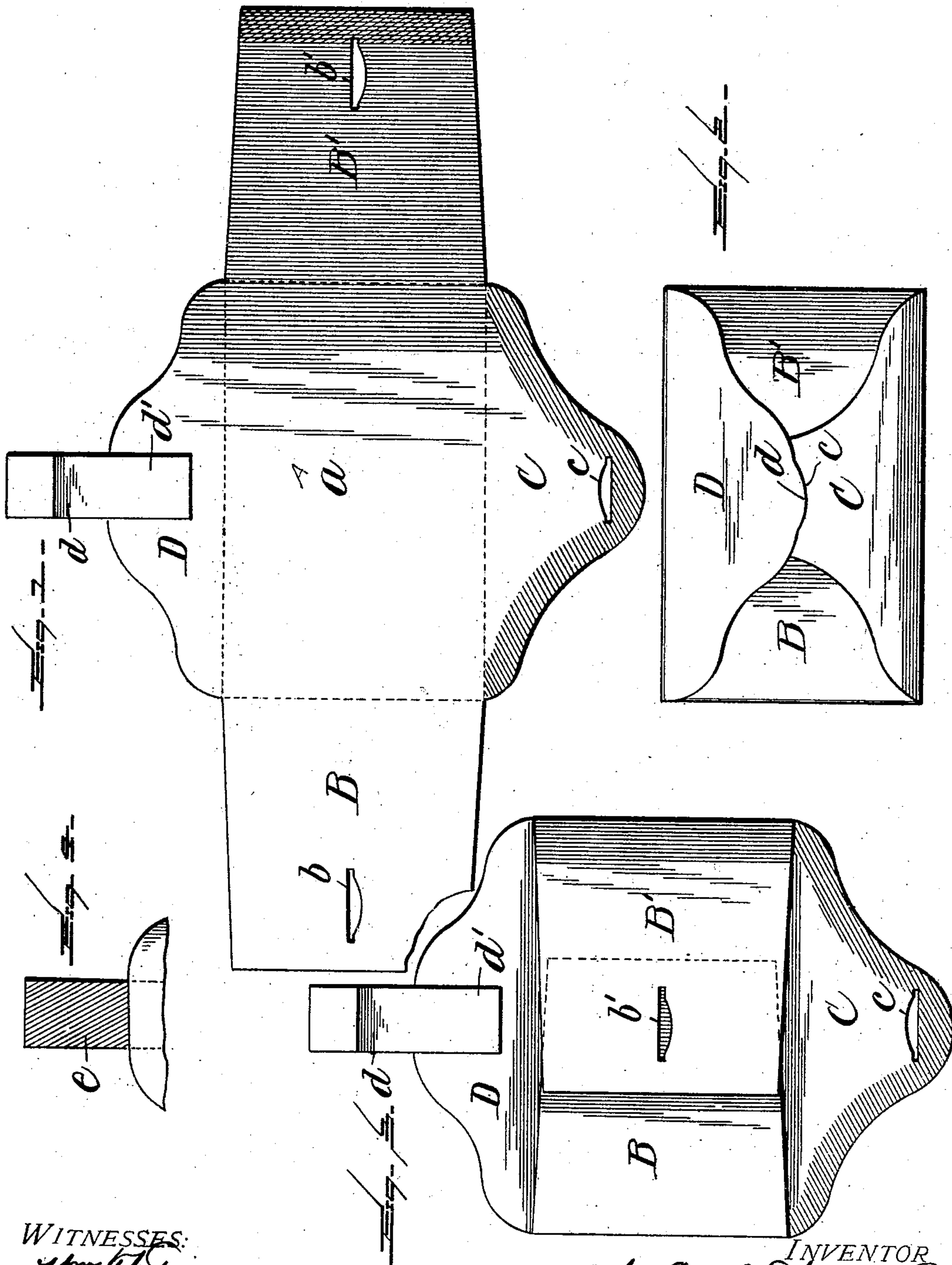
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN EDWARD FITZGERALD, a citizen of the United States, residing at 46 Lambert avenue, Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has relation to envelops; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of its parts, as hereinafter described.

The object of my invention is to provide such an envelop that after once being sealed it will be impossible to open the same without destroying or defacing it in some manner, thereby making it possible to detect an attempt to tamper with its contents.

The further object of my invention is to provide an envelop having registering slits or openings in the side and bottom flaps, having its upper or sealing flap provided with an elongation or tongue gummed on the outer side, said tongue or extension after having its gummed side moistened being adapted to be inserted between the slits of the aforesaid flaps and the gum-moistened tongue being brought in contact with the inside of one of the side flaps of the envelop, adhering thereto, securely holding the flaps together.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a top plan view of the envelop-blank. Fig. 2 shows the envelop when folded and fastened. Fig. 3 is a plan view showing the side flaps overlapping and the slits registering; and Fig. 4 is a reverse view of the tongue, showing the adhesive substance located thereon.

A is the body portion of the envelop.

B B' are the side flaps, which have near their outer ends incisions or slits *b b'*, said slits registering with one another when the flaps are folded over, as in Fig. 3. The lower flap C is also provided with a slit or incision *c*, which registers with the aforesaid slits in the flaps B B'. The upper flap D is provided with an elongation or tongue *d*, said tongue *d* being reinforced at its back by a strip *d'*, making a more substantial fastening, said tongue being gummed on its upper side and being adapted to pass through the slits in the

said flaps and adhere to the inner side of one of the side flaps. The slits *b b'* are of such construction as to permit the tongue *d* to slip easily therethrough after the adhesive substance carried by the tongue has been moistened without scraping the said substance off against the edges of the said slits. The upper edges of the said slits are straight, and against the said straight edges of the slits the clean side of the tongue passes. The lower edges of the said slits at intermediate points are bowed or recessed. Thus it will be seen that the edges of the tongue *d* will be retained in the slits by the narrow ends thereof, while the greater portion of the tongue containing the adhesive substance will pass under the recessed or bowed edges of the said slits. Thus the said adhesive substance while in its moistened condition will not be scraped off along the edges of the slits when the tongue is inserted.

In preparing an envelop for use after it has been cut out of the blank first apply some adhesive substance to the outer end of the flap B', the edges of the flap C, and the upper side of the elongation *d*. Then fold over the flap B, then the flap B', and moisten the adhesive and see that the slits-band *b'* register. Then fold up the flap C and adhere its edges to the aforesaid flaps, with the slit *c* registering with the slits *b b'*. The flap D is now folded down and the adhesive on the outer side of the tongue moistened and the tongue inserted through the aforesaid slits, the adhesive on the said tongue causing it to adhere to the inside of the back of the envelop.

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

An envelop consisting of a body portion, having side flaps and a bottom flap adapted to be folded over and secured together, each of said flaps having a slit, all of the slits registering when the flaps are folded, said body portion having a top flap provided with a tongue, said tongue adapted to carry adhesive substance, said slits being of similar shape and having straight upper edges and their lower edges at an intermediate point being recessed whereby the tongue may be

passed through the registering slits, the clean
side of the tongue passing along the straight
upper edges of the slits, the parallel ends of
the slits holding the tongue in position and
5 the concaved lower edges of the slits permit-
ting the adhesive substance to pass within
the envelop without being scraped off.

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

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