

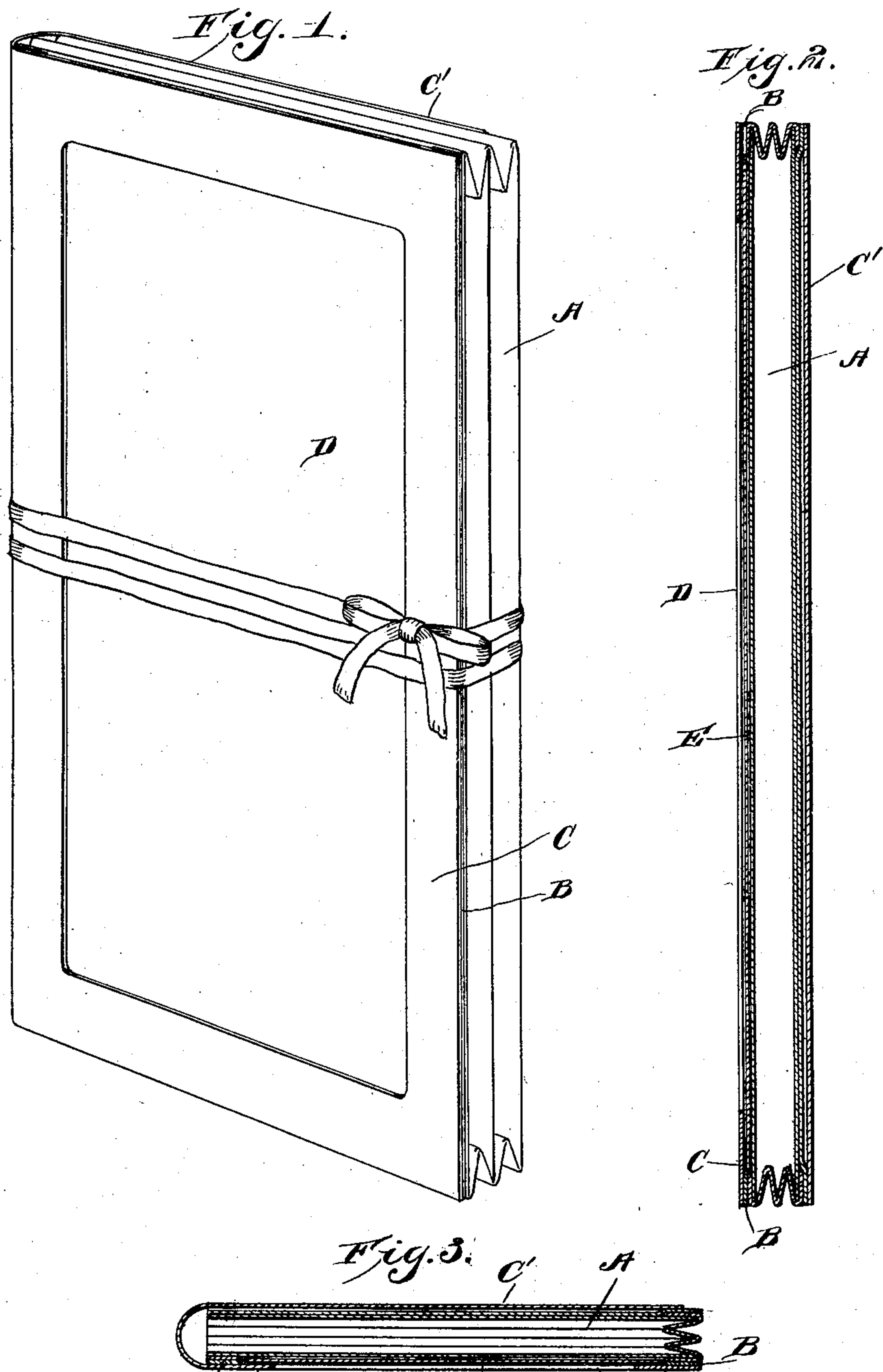
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALVAH BUSHNELL, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Card-Holders for Envelops or Wallets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in envelops and expanding wallets, and has for its object to provide an envelop or wallet with a false back having an opening cut therethrough and a removable card or slip of paper which can be inserted between the false back and the real back and be exposed to view through the opening; and a further object is to so construct this envelop that the card may be easily inserted and withdrawn.

With these ends in view this invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then specifically designated by the claim.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same, the construction and operation will now be described in detail, referring to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an expanding wallet having my improvement applied thereto; Fig. 2, a vertical section through the same; Fig. 3, a cross-section.

A class of wallets or envelops is now being manufactured which are made of very strong and tough material for the purpose of filing away documents and other valuable papers, and on account of the comparative indestructibility of the material of which these wallets or envelops are made they may be used over and over again; but of course said wallets or envelops must be tagged, labeled, or written upon in some manner to indicate their contents, for should the contents of the envelop or wallet be written upon the back of the same they could not be used again without erasing the writing or crossing the same out, and this would not be practical or present a neat appearance. Therefore I provide a removable card, which may be carried by the envelop or wallet and the contents of the envelop and other data written upon the card, and when it is desired to use the envelop for

other documents the card may be removed or turned over or a new card inserted in its place.

The manner in which I prefer to construct the envelop or wallet is as follows: The pocket A of the envelop or wallet is first made, and this may be made in any well-known manner either in the shape of an ordinary envelop, a box-envelop, or with a bellows, giving it an expansion. To the back of the pocket, along each side and across one end, are glued narrow strips B, and to these strips is then glued the false back C, which has an opening D formed therethrough. This false back is about twice the width of the envelop or wallet, and the free end C' will be bent around over the mouth of the pocket and serve as the flap of the envelop or wallet for closing the same. The strips B thus will hold the false back C at a slight distance, according to the thickness of the strips, away from the real back of the envelop or wallet, and in this space so formed the card E may be inserted from one end of the envelop or wallet—that end not having a strip B across the same. The opening D through the false back may not necessarily be as large as shown in the drawings. In some cases it may only be necessary to have a small card, and the card may be inserted from the sides of the envelop instead of from the end. The strips then would run across each end and down one side.

Of course I do not wish to be limited to the exact construction here shown, as slight modifications could be made without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful is—

In a new article of manufacture an envelop or wallet having strips secured to the three sides thereof, a false back secured to the strips having an aperture for exposing to view a card inserted between the back and strips and a flap extending over the mouth of the envelop or wallet formed with the false back as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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