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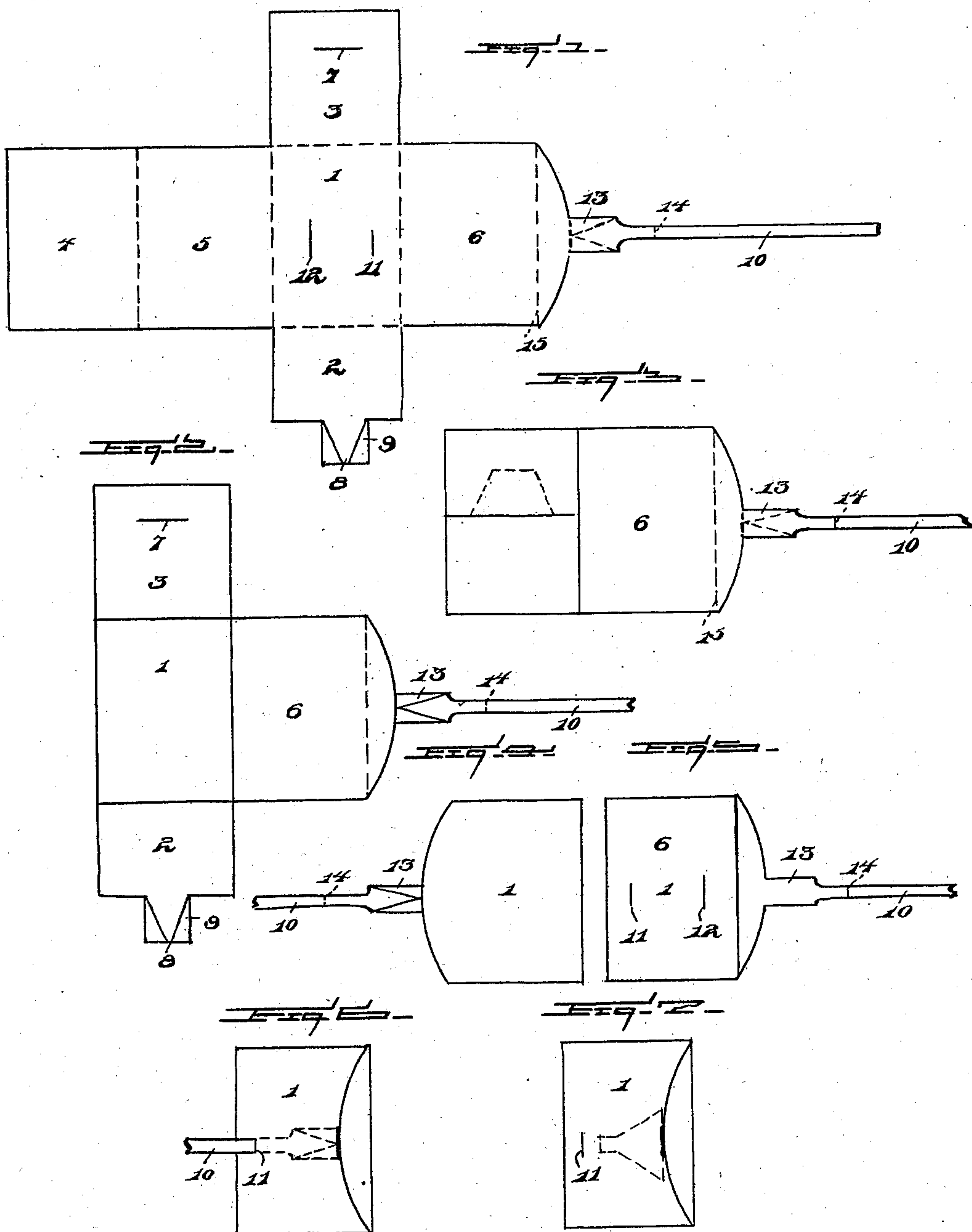
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## ENVELOP AND WRITING-SHEET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, ALBERT H. LEWIS, JAMES C. SHIELDS, and ALBERT G. QUIMBY, citizens of the United States of America, residing at Uhrichsville, in the county of Tuscarawas and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops and Writing-Sheets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in combined envelopes and writing-sheets, and the primary object thereof is to provide a device of this type which is simple in construction and inexpensive to manufacture.

A further object of the invention is to provide novel means for securely fastening the several flaps in their folded positions.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described.

In describing the invention in detail reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and wherein like numerals of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the blank constituting the present invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view showing two of the side flaps in a folded position. Fig. 3 is a similar view of the end flaps secured in position upon the side flaps. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the front side of the invention, showing the securing-tongue secured thereto. Fig. 5 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 6 is a view similar to Fig. 5 with the securing-tongue inserted in position. Fig. 7 is a similar view of the complete article.

1 indicates the body or envelop portion of the present invention, 2 and 3 the end flaps, and 4, 5, and 6 the side flaps. By reference to Fig. 1 it will be observed that the side flaps 4, 5, and 6 and body portion 1 constitute the letter-sheet and that after the letter has been written thereon the flaps 4 and 5 are folded upon the body portion 1, as indicated in Fig. 2. The end flap 3 is then folded upon the side flaps 4 and 5, which end flap is provided with a transversely-arranged slit 7 to

receive the tongue 8 of the opposite end flap 2, which is folded upon the end flap 3, as indicated in Fig. 3 of the drawings. The tongue 8 is provided at its opposite sides with triangular flaps 9, which when the tongue 8 is inserted through the slit 7 are unfolded by any desired means, whereupon they will form a wedge-shaped extension, as shown in Fig. 3, preventing the withdrawal of the tongue 8. After the end flaps 2 and 3 have been folded upon the side flaps 4 and 5 and secured, as heretofore described, the other side flap, 6, which constitutes the other side of the envelop portion of the blank, is then folded over the end flaps, as indicated in Figs. 4 and 5, and the extension 10 thereof inserted through the slits 11 and 12 of the body portion 1. This extension 10 is also provided with triangular flaps 13, which after having been inserted through the slot 12 are unfolded, as shown in Fig. 7, and the extension severed from the line 14.

In view of the foregoing description it will be apparent that the tongue 8 and extension 10 will be securely held in position by means of the triangular flaps, and when it is desired to open the combined envelop and letter-sheet the said flaps can be readily folded into their original position by means of a hair-pin or other small article, thereby permitting the withdrawal of the tongue 8 and extension 10, respectively, without mutilating the same. On the other hand, if it is not desired to further use the device the latter can be readily opened by severing the flap 6 from the line 15.

It will be obvious that various changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the general spirit of our invention.

Having fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a combined letter-sheet and envelop, a body portion having a pair of slits therein, a pair of end flaps secured to the said body portion, one of said end flaps having a slit formed therein, a securing-tongue carried by the other end flap, triangular flaps carried by the sides of said tongue, said flaps secured to the said body portion, and an extension



carried by one of the said side flaps and received in the slits in the said body portion, substantially as described.

2. In a combined letter-sheet and envelop  
5 a body portion having a pair of slits therein, said slits being spaced apart, end flaps, one of said end flaps having formed therein a slit, a securing-tongue carried by the other end flap, triangular flaps carried by the said se-  
10 curing-tongue, side flaps, an extension secured to one of said side flaps and received

in slits in said body portion, and triangular flaps carried by said extension, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in the presence of two witnesses. 15

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